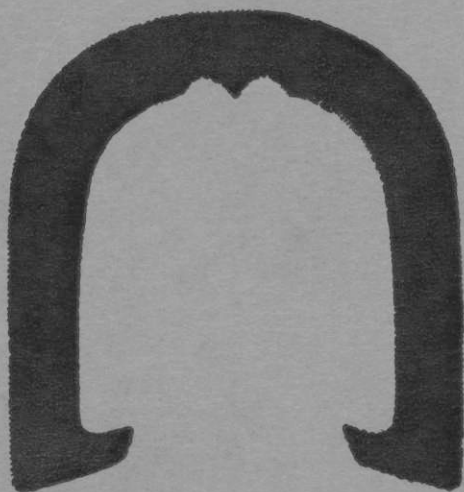


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EDITORIAL

When sending in results of tournaments to be published in The Horseshoe Pitcher please bear in mind that the readers are mostly interested in the percentages made by the individual pitcher. During past seasons many good tournaments have reached me omitting these figures with the result of many inquiries as to the cause. From my own experience I know that sometimes it is impossible to get enough score keepers and when this occurs both pitchers have to keep their own scores in their minds. This same thing happened to me at our last tournament held in New York. How about you non-pitchers volunteering as scorekeepers?

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

I am appointing the following members on the auditing committee: Ray Ohms, Roy Getchell and Ralph Dykes. The following will be on the tournament committee: A. S. Stokes, Chairman, Elmer Beller and Al McNeil. The dates for our Worlds Tournament is fast approaching and we hope there will be a large turnout. Please remember that all those who desire to participate—be sure you have your name and the name of the city from which you come on your shirt as the convention voted last year. This is a necessity! All of us here in Salt Lake County are anxiously awaiting your arrival and we will do everything possible to make it pleasant for you. The committee for revising the constitution and By-Laws have failed to function; two or three have cooperated but the others, due to sickness and other unforeseen difficulties have been unable to devote the time they felt was necessary to so serious a task. We can try again this coming year. The main change that seems to be desired is the method of qualifying. Personally, I feel that it can be improved upon.

ARCH STOKES

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TOURNAMENT DATA

By ARCHIE J. GREGSON, National Secretary

Only two months until tournament time. Wonder who will be there this year? Who will be the high qualifier? Who will beat Isais? Will he be able to defend his title? Will Sarah Byers be able to retain her title? What new changes will the Convention bring? Will we get another bid to return to Salt Lake? And a number of other questions come to our minds.

One of the faces we will miss will be that of Col. Adams, who has been a permanent fixture since we started making our trips to Salt Lake. He passed away December 19, 1952.

It has been interesting to read the article of the past months in which the method of qualifying has been taking an honest to goodness beating. I have read all of the articles printed and Katie and I have

discussed them pro and con. I, too, would like to see another method tried, and the method suggested by Mr. Beller is the one I would like to see given a chance.

However, there is another side of the picture and that is to sell the idea to two factions: First, the delegates at convention. The idea must be presented clearly so that the delegates assembled can be convinced. Second, the sponsor must be considered and sold on the method.

As for a change in the method of play for our 1953 tournament in July, that is out! A motion was made in convention for the Recreation Commission to meet with a committee appointed by the National President in order to decide on the method of play to be used for 1953. Their decision was to use the same method as used in 1952. Changing the method of play has been discussed in every convention which I have attended since 1940. For a number of years it was the "count-all system." Now it seems that the big question is the method of qualifying and another method of play. One of these years someone will present a plan and sell the delegation on it, but until that time we will continue with our present method.

In checking 1952 results, I find that the 36th man in the A Class should have been in Class B, and that the Class B winner would have finished 36th in Class A (according to percentage). So, I think we had them pretty nearly in their right class. I pity the guy who tries to place pitchers from all over the country in classes and seed them. Seeding players according to the percentage of pitching over the years in the local tournaments can be accomplished to a good advantage, but fellows it will not work in a National. You cannot seed a person until he has had a chance to prove himself. That 200 shoe pitch just about places him where he belongs in the list of contenders. So much for qualifying.

Now as for tournament play, if and when classes are set up for elimination play, those players landing in B, C, D, etc., groups would never have the opportunity of playing the champion. There is a certain amount of thrill that comes to the lower group of players who have the opportunity of trying their luck with the champ and other top men.

Someone has suggested to send the champion of each state to the National and they would not be required to qualify. This would not be fair to states that have a number of good players.

Everyone has had their say on this issue, so I just wanted to get a few words in, too. Don't get me wrong, I'm not criticising, I am only trying to mention a few points which, I think, are worth considering. It is good to get these articles in to Jake because it gives the readers who are potential delegates a chance to read your views before convention time and there is where your issue will be settled.

Up to now I have had no word from the committee formulating the changes in the constitution, but I'm sure they will have something for us by convention time.

State Secretaries must turn in their membership list along with their money in order to get the proper number of delegates. I would like to call to the attention of all players who plan to take part in the National this year that they **MUST** have their name and Post Office address (also title, if they hold one) on their shirts this year. Let's dress the game up and we hope to see you all at Murray.

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CALIFORNIA

ONTARIO CALIF., MAY 10, 1953 — CLASS "A" OPEN

	W.	L.	%
1. A. Nottingham, Redlands	7	2	69.7
2. Lowel Gray, San Gabriel	7	2	72.7
3. Louis Dean, Pomona	6	3	71.1
4. John Frizzell, Long Beach	5	4	64.4
5. Henry Harper, Los Angeles	5	4	64.0
6. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach	5	4	63.8
7. Geo. Sechrist, Huntington Park	4	5	65.6
8. James Brown, Long Beach	3	6	55.5
9. Jay Byrns, Alhambra	2	7	59.6
10. Archie Gregson, Crestline	1	8	49.1

Mr. Nottingham won the play-off, with a percentage of 73.3.

RESULTS OF OPEN CLASS "C" — HEMET CALIF., MAY 16, 1953

	W.	L.	%
1. Roy Reed, Paramount	7	0	54.0
2. Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	6	1	50.0
3. Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	5	2	52.5
4. Nick Port, Santa Monica	4	3	39.9
5. Ralph George, Hemet	3	4	45.0
6. Eugene Davis, Hemet	2	5	33.2
7. Dennis Holton, Venice	1	6	28.8
8. George Lowe, Los Angeles	0	7	22.0

ONTARIO CALIF., MAY 24, 1953 — 60 YEARS OR OLDER

	W.	L.	%
1. Harry Dolan, Fontana	5	0	69.5
2. Jay Byrns, Alhambra	3	2	58.3
3. Henry Harper, Los Angeles	3	2	58.1
4. Elmer Beller, Redondo Beach	2	3	53.0
5. Henry Wendt, Rosemead	1	4	56.8
6. Ray Arnold, Goleta	1	4	55.7

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IOWA

By LELAND MORTENSON

We, of the constitutional committee, have decided not to present a proposed new constitution to the convention this year. We are considerably scattered over the country and three of the seven members have found themselves too busy and occupied with their own problems to take any part in the writing of a new document. It is our opinion that President Stokes should appoint a new committee at the time of the 1953 convention. The committee did receive several suggestions for changes from some of the members but it did not find any particularly large group favoring any one change. If we did write a new document at this time, it would mostly be to correct a few grammatical errors. We believe that cost of printing would be reduced by waiting until there is a more evident certainty of what kind of changes we need and want.

The 1953 horseshoe season has been smoldering all winter in Iowa. Putt Mossman returned to Iowa from California early in April and put on a convincing exhibition of pitching at the Des Moines Sport Show. Later, he appeared at the Marshalltown Sports Show and has been doing many exhibitions at High Schools. During the summer he will do his show at horseshoe clubs and small town celebrations. In Dale Dixon's opinion, Putt has become the number one informal speaker and public address man in the history of horseshoes.

My son Lynn, aged 14, helped Putt at the sports shows and High School exhibitions.

Harold Shaw, of What Cheer, captured two honors on May 10 at the Spring Tournament of the Hawkeye H. P. A. held at the Fair Grounds in Des Moines. He won the tournament and was named association vice president. Walt Downs, of Kelley was elected President and M. Zimmerman of Grinnell was made secretary-treasurer.

A tournament was held in Ottumwa on May 24 with the contest ending in this order: H. Darnold, Shaw, Hopkins, Page, Paxton, F. Rogers and H. Rogers and Danielson. The entry fees were divided between the four top men.

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KANSAS

By A. DAHLENE

As far as I know at this time—these Tournaments will be held in Kansas:

July 4—Ottawa Invitational at Ottawa, Kansas, Forest Park

August 16—American Legion State Championship, Gage Park, Topeka

(Tentative)—Kansas State Meet, September 6-7, Gage Park, Topeka

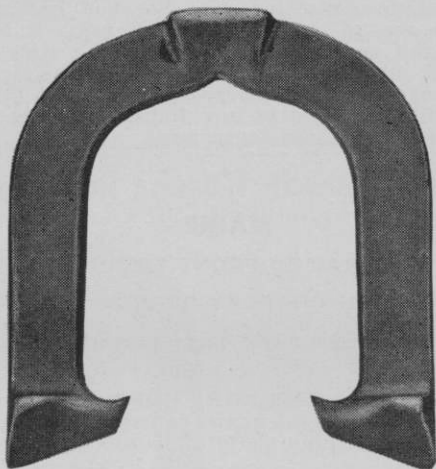
There has been practically no pitching in Kansas thus far due to a very backward spring. We have had nothing but cold weather and rain here all spring. Kraft and I will not be in Murray this year. Reason? It is being held much too early in the season. Holding a National in July brings the climax to a season even before it gets well started. With the National only about 9 weeks away—and the weather being as it is here in the Middle West and other northern states, the players simply can't expect to get into proper shape for a meet.

Murray is a wonderful place to have the meet, but I would like to see some other section of the country have it if it were possible. Of course I know the pitchers have to go where the money is and it is nice to have a BANANZA like Murray, Utah, to fall back on. Just the same all the best pitchers can't get there and compete. Steinfeldt for instance is a wonderful pitcher and I for one would like to see him in the National just once anyway. I saw him in Clearfield last July and August and you can take it from me—he is one fine pitcher. Having been an interested pitcher and enthusiast for around 30 years, I know good horseshoe flesh when I see it. Without a doubt he is one of the better pitchers east of the Mississippi river. I never hear from Tamboer so I do not know whether he will be in Murray or not. Gandy will no doubt be there.

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• DES MOINES, IOWA

In looking the situation over—I do not think it will be very long until Kansas will be void of good pitchers capable of pitching in the National. WHY? The reason is simply this. There are no new pitchers with talent coming up in Kansas that can cut the MUSTARD. I will be 47 years old June 2. Tamboer is around 50. Kraft is 40 and Gandy is close to 40. Last year at our state meet there was not one fellow outside of us 4 who could even come close to getting into a National meet. Most of our players are in their thirties and forties—and you simply do not get fine talent out of these sort of men. They are fine sports and like to pitch but are merely point pitchers content to get a ringer once in a while. As you know Jake it takes a long time to develop a fine pitcher. It is no fly by night stuff at all. Listen to this and you will see what I mean. I started pitching in Kansas Meets in 1929 and have been in every legitimate state meet since. Kraft started in 1931 and has missed only once in all these years. Gandy started in 1931 and has missed only 4 time—3 of those being war years when he was in the army. Tamboer has been competing ever since 1934. In all these years I have not seen one other pitcher in Kansas worthy of being called NATIONAL CALIBER. Of course a few of them thought they were but have been sadly disappointed when they went out to qualify. Ralph Kampschroeder is a fine fellow but learned the game to late in life. He was past thirty when he started pitching. Kraft, Gandy and I were all in our Teens when we started pitching shoes. For the past 18 years or so we have completely ruled Kansas pitching. The Big 4 of Kansas has just been too much for the rest of the pitchers in Kansas. It is a funny thing but every time Kraft and I meet a youngster in a state meet—they fold up completely and quit. The 5th best man in Kansas at this time is Ben Ridgeway of Topeka and he is 55 years old. Yes I think by 1960 the National meet will be devoid of any Kansas pitchers. These modern youngsters have no GUTS in a tournament.

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MAINE

THE RAISED FRONT FOUL LINE

By CHARLEY GERRISH

The title of this theme might more properly read: The Unraised Foul Lines.

From Rule 4 (pg. 19 in 1950 NHPA Blue Book of Rules, etc.): "The foul lines are to be 2 inches thick, and extend up approximately an inch above the level of the pitching platform on which the pitcher stands."

This is a good Rule which has been too much disregarded. It is obvious that some limit ought to be made on the step one may make in front of the stake. This limit has been three feet, for so long a time that its origin is before the memory of any of us.

Without the boxed stake some pitchers have tended to step 4 or 5 feet instead of three. At times one wonders if his opponent isn't striding a full six feet in front of the peg. With the pitching boxes and platforms there are still a great many players who commonly practice stepping beyond the proper 3-foot limit. Even "top players" may thus infringe, and they don't get "called" for it. Tournament committees do not seem to have the courage to enforce such a rule.

A player who does keep his step to conform to the 3-foot limit, is actually being cheated by an opponent who does not. A pitcher who wins

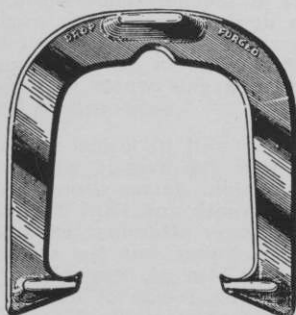
a game by continual fouling with a step or toe beyond the 3-foot bound is making an unfair win. Of course unfair playing or wilful non-conformity to Rules is not good sportsmanship.

Since the three-foot limit is needed, since striders step over, since referees are too timid to enforce, and since . . . among other things, the added Rule was made several years ago that the 3-foot foul lines are to be raised an inch above the platform level. It is certainly a most reasonable and needed ruling. The very fact of the tooo prevalent violators of the 3-foot step makes the raised foul line a necessity.

Yet the raised foul line is almost non-existent, at least in the eastern United States. This is a lamentable fact, so we write this lament. It seems odd to think that one should have to advocate or even plead for such an evident need as the raised foul board.

The scriber of these words has not only verbally urged installation of such raised foul lines, but has a number of times made his exhortation or appeal in writing. But to what avail? Deaf ears would not hear. Not more than once was there response on the part of tourney management to obey this Rule. Realizing such stubborn muleishness on the part of such tournament committees, one might well wonder if they won't grow some great long ears. The writer has gone so far as to personally nail on such foul line cleats on some courts, only to find them removed before the meet was begun. If some meet manager would really attend to this little function in the near future, we don't know but he should receive a citation and be decorated.

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We think it is time, long past due, that this raised foul line Rule be fully recognized and honored. It has been in the rule book these many years. Some of the greatest shouters on obedience to Rules, ignore this one, or even wilfully disobey it when called to their attention. One may wonder if an inch is enough to stop some players. Well, let's try the inch for the present, then we can find out if a higher guard is needed. We again lament that dutiful compliance to this rule is the crying need of the hour. So we've let our hair down with the above result. Let's have no tournaments in 1953 without the required raised foul edges.

Gerrish Gjotting: What about the committee on revamp of NHPA Constitution and By-Laws giving its recommendations in The Horseshoe Pitcher? We heard last fall this was to be ready by February. After the report on their recommendations is published, The Horseshoe Pitcher readers can pass on with their opinions and suggestions, so a well set-up brochure could be presented by the committee for vote in convention. There is not much time left for this procedure before the 1953 national tournament and convention.

Another G.G.: Comments on May issue: That Dahlene Leg Collapse of oldsters on page 3 is pretty good. But we 65-ers know that young players get tired and have leg bother too, we've been young also. The New Jersey "Parade of First" page 4 may be something to crow about. Starting this year on Ringer Average to qualify is hardly a First, however. Maine has been doing this in State Meets for some time past. The list of 70 percenters by Jake on page 10 is a swell idea. Hope that 30 in the nation can grow. What an honor to get into such a small group.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

By CHARLEY GERRISH

The first "Open" event in this part of the horseshoe world proved to be a real success. It was open to any pitcher in the world, and players came from widely separated parts. The New England kingpin Ed Landry of Fall River, Mass., won first prize in the tournament, on May 24th at the Dover Point courts. Strong gale winds were not conducive of good ringer percentages.

Five pitchers from the local area did well in a fast company of ten ringer experts. Charley Gerrish won the second place trophy. Howard White was in a tie for third position. James Guyett was in a fifth place tie. Herman Hanson landed seventh and Paul Tobey eighth in the rankings. Hanson suffered a split finger after four wins and two losses, so he had to forfeit three games. Tobey was the only pitcher to win a game over Landry. Guyatt was well on the way with a 20 to 0 lead against Landry but Ed laid on an extra tempo of double ringers and managed to reach 50 points just ahead of Jim. The Hanson forfeit to Donovan was the latter's only credit for a game. Tobey was the cause of the other loss suffered by Gerrish beside that to Landry. White lost only to Landry, Gerrish and Heroux.

The won and lost results worked out as follows: Landry 8—1, Gerrish 7—2, White 6—3, Joe Comeau of Lynn, Mass., also 6—3, Guyett 5—4, Pete Heroux of Providence also 5—4, Hanson 4—5, Tobey 3—6, George J. Domey of Worcester, Mass., 2—7 and Ed Donovan of Portland, Maine, 1—8.

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By POP RYAN

New England Horseshoe Pitchers Council Hold First Meeting

The first meeting of the newly organized NEW ENGLAND Horseshoe Pitcher Council was held at the home of Pop Ryan with chairman Ryan presiding.

The format of this council was to be and is, one representative from each of the New England States and one more acts as chairman.

The purpose of this council is to promote bigger and better tournaments in New England States, the council stands ready to help any club or tournament committee at any time.

We have already planned three tournaments—the first one to be held at Dover, N. H. To be known as the New Hampshire Spring Open, this is sponsored by the Ryan Horseshoe Club and to be played off May 24th, if rained out to be played June 7th.

The New England is to be held in Westfield, Mass. More dope on this one later, the New England Open will be held in Rhode Island, or in some city in Maine. It has not been decided yet, will give out the information as soon as possible.

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NEW JERSEY

By DOUG FOGAL, President, NJSHPA

In the eastern season's inaugural at Branch Brook Park, Newark, Sunday May 17, Carlisle's John Fulton, winning as easily as he pitches, swept all his games to romp over a select field in the Jersey Invitation and carry home first leg on the Rheingold trophy. The "Extra-Dry" field was divided into two groups by listing all entries in descending order of last season's ringer average and assigning the "odds" to one division and the "evens" to the other. Division winners Zichella and Fulton then played a 2 out of 3 contest for the title with "Easy-swinging" John dropping Joe in two straight by scores of 50—21, 50—34. After a round robin play-off of the second place tie in group 1, Fenicchia, won a crowd pleasing play-off for third place from home towner and Jersey champion Bill Kolb in a 50—41 thriller. This gave the Rochester pitcher his first trophy in 20 years of competition and the crowd, knowing this, thrilled as his final double gave him the last needed points to win.

Other highlights in this Jersey Swan-Song to qualifying were the 23 ringers Fenicchia pitched with his first 24 shoes against Dale Carson, only to lose the game; the 29 consecutive ringers Joe Zichella rang up on his way to the division crown; and the highest R.A. game ever pitched in New Jersey tourney history, John Fulton's 93.4 per cent beauty that swamped a good Gene Durham by 50—1. Fulton and Zichella in their second play-off game averaged 80.2 and 73.9 and had the most "four-deads" of the tourney with 20. The highest score made against Fulton was 37 points.

This was the first tourney of its kind ever held in New Jersey and much credit is due to Tourney Director Paul Puglise and his experienced assistants, Jim Plum and Al Ford for the excellent and comprehensive way they handled the unfamiliar set-up and the loose ends that always crop up at a previously untested affair. Several aims were proved, most

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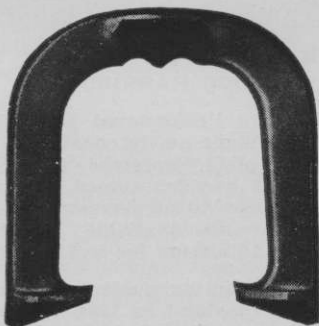
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important being that it is not necessary to struggle through meaningless qualifying rounds to present interesting and fair competition. The pitchers were heard to make many favorable comments commending this move.

GROUP 1

	W.	L.	%
1. Zichella, J., New York City	7	0	73.3
2. Fenicchia, S., Rochester, N. Y.	5	2	71.5
3. Carson, D., Baltimore, Md.	5	2	67.9
4. Di Stefano, T., New York City	5	2	64.5
5. Fileccia, V., New York City	3	4	62.8
6. Hardwick, J., New York City	2	5	64.4
7. Davis, L., Ridgefield, N. J.	1	6	58.1
8. Brumek, F., New York City	0	7	33.3

GROUP 2

	W.	L.	%
1. Fulton, J., Carlisle, Pa.	7	0	73.5
2. Kolb, W., Newark, N. J.	5	2	66.9
3. Stines, L., Maspeth, L. I.	4	3	67.1
4. Cope, A., Rochester, N. Y.	4	3	66.5
5. Durham, E., Baltimore, Md.	4	3	58.4
6. Berman, S., Elizabeth, N. J.	3	4	59.8
7. Waltz, J., Newark, N. J.	1	6	54.1
8. Seacord, C., New York City	0	7	33.5

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NEW YORK

By DOC HARRISON

The 1953 New York State Professional Horseshoe Pitching Championship will be held on the eight newly constructed clay courts on the lawn of the Hoosick Falls K. of C., September 5-7th, Labor Day weekend.

The Knights of Columbus has guaranteed \$500 in prize money, and will also have beds for 25 out-of-town players in their ballroom on the second floor, where showers are also available. Bleachers will be installed to accommodate 500 people. Admission fee is \$1.00 per day.

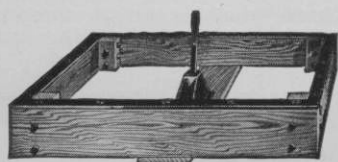
Tommy Brownell is constructing public scoreboards for each court similar to those we had at Playland in 1938-39. The scorekeepers and scoreboards will be located approximately 10 feet behind each court where a low fence will be erected to protect scorekeeper and spectator.

This tournament will consist of a semi-final 16-mad round robin on the first two afternoons and a final 4-man double round robin Labor Day afternoon. The starting times will be 1:00 P.M.

The qualification 100 shoe pitch will be Saturday, September 5th at 9:00 A.M. The starting time deadline will be 11:30 A.M. There will be no qualification started after that time.

In the event of a tie for fourth place in the semi-final, ringer percentage will decide this position. In the event of a tie for the championship, the players concerned will decide the method to determine the champion.

All entries with entrance fee and state dues should be forwarded to me by August 15th as we are publishing a tournament magazine and



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would like the complete entry list so it can be published and we can make up signs for the individual and master scoreboards. The entrance fee will be \$5.00 and the state dues are \$1.50. The committee requests that if at all possible, players should dress in white shirt and pants or reasonable facsimile, to present a neat appearance.

If you want to sleep at the K. of C. where valuables can be stored in the safe, kindly let me know. If you need accommodations for your families, I will try to arrange them for you.

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NEW YORK CITY MEMORIAL DAY OPEN TOURNAMENT

By JAKE

Our Memorial Day Open tournament was called off due to bad weather. Top pitchers from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Upper New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland were on hand to participate. After waiting in vain for the weather to break, most of them went home. A few of the "die hards" decided to stay over so the next day we held an eight and six man round robin. Here are the results:

	W.	L.	%
1. Steinfeldt, C., Rochester, N. Y.....	6	1	82.1
2. Zichella, J., Bronx, N. Y.....	6	1	74.8
3. Fileccia, V., New York City.....	5	2	72.3
4. Fulton, J., Carlisle, Pa.....	5	2	72.1
5. Fenicchia, S., Rochester, N. Y.....	3	4	64.9
6. Hardwick, J., New York City.....	2	5	59.1
7. Bagley, W., Bridgeport, Conn.....	1	6	48.5
8. Stines, L., Maspeth, L. I.....	0	7	57.6

Steinfeldt and Zichella had a play off and in those two games Steinfeldt had 83.6 and 83.7 per cent.

In the six man affair the winner was F. Lutter of New Freedom, Pa., with five wins followed by F. Brumek, R. O'Connell, T. Kirk, G. Voorhees and B. McDonald.

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OHIO

By C. A. BENEDICT

Our Ohio program is moving along fairly good considering everything at this stage. We will have more complete details after the first of June to send to all who will send to me for the information and the July issue

will contain more in detail also though that may be out a little late for some who wish to make plans earlier. But our Plans call for our regular State tournament to start on Friday August 28 to qualify then the State Finals on Sat. and Sun. August 29 and 30.

Then starting on Monday we will qualify the entrants for the Ses-Quicentennial Open which will run in the evening as late as possible so schedule can be made up ready for the finals to start Tuesday through Thursday the 3rd which is Governors Day.

There will be 20 to 26 in the finals depending on entries with cash prize list of \$150.00 and trophy for first graduated down to last place of \$25.00 which requires more than \$800.00 for this event alone but this will be guaranteed. There will be an entry fee of not too much to qualify and then the finalists will pay an additional fee to play in the finals who desire to do so. All who anticipate coming to Ohio to help us celebrate our Ses-Quicentennial and also participate in the biggest event ever staged in this part of the country as to horseshoe pitching please write C. A. Benedict, Johnstown, Ohio for more complete details including hotels and motels, etc., around Columbus as it will be well for those who are coming to get your bids in early for housing, and too, if we know well in advance we will arrange for passes for all contestants to enter the Fair grounds. However, if that is not possible for all to do you may secure a receipt from the gate for admittance paid and refund will be made to those entering the tournament. Write C. A. Benedict, Johnstown, Ohio for details, entry blanks, etc. will be mailed to you.

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RHODE ISLAND

By C. A. BASSETT

There have been a number of articles about doing away with the qualifying 100 or 200 shoes. Most players do not like it, so here is my three cents worth.

For the National Tournament with 18 courts.

If there were 50 to 100 entries, have all pitch 10, 8 or 6 games of 50 shoes each, against any players entered, good, medium or poor in ability. Some play a better game with the better players some with the poorer players. They pick their own opponents that makes either five hundred, four hundred or three hundred shoes pitched, ringer percentage only to count. The first sixteen high percentage players to play in the "A" Class or Championship flight, the next ten high ringer percentage to play in the "B" Class, the next ten to play in the "C" class.

The "A" Class to play a round robin to consist of seventy or seventy-five shoes or fifty points, whichever comes first; that is, whichever is selected, seventy or seventy-five shoes pitched, as decided by tournament committee. Then, if they get fifty points before they have pitched the seventy or seventy-five shoes that ends that game. This will make shorter games, more intense game and more interest to spectators.

The "B" Class of ten players play a round robin of 60 shoes or 50 points whichever comes first.

The "C" Class play a round robin of 50 shoes each game or 50 points, whichever comes first.

The "B" and "C" classes should finish sooner than the "A" Class which would give them an opportunity to see some of the last games of the Championship class.

This would make the tournament a shorter, hard, fought, interesting tournament and less an endurance contest.

State tournaments could cut down the number in each class according to the number of courts available.

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UTAH

WORLD'S YOUTH TOURNAMENT

This year's Youth Horseshoe Tournament should be the largest ever, with the Murray Kiwanis Club sponsoring the event. Some 2,000 bulletins will be sent to that many clubs throughout U. S. and Canada inviting the various Kiwanis Clubs to sponsor a boy or two, to take part in this big tournament.

Briefly here is how the tournament stacks up: The highest 24 boys under 18 years of age after qualifying with 100 shoes will start pitching their 50 point game, July 22 and July 23, then skip the morning of the 24th and again on the morning of the 25th and the last round July 27th. All of the games will be in the morning beginning at 9:00 A.M. In other words each boy will pitch 6 games each of the following days; July 22, 23, 25 and 5 games on July 27th.

As you know, there will be no entry fee for the youths to pay, and the Murray Kiwanis Clubs plan to award a large first place trophy and a runner-up trophy, with place medals going to the 3rd, 4th and 5th place finishers. Some merchandise awards will also be available for others placing. There will be NO cash awards of any kind, for we do not want to mar their amateur standing.

You will note that on the morning of July 24th no round has been scheduled due to the fact that here in Utah this is the BIG day for on that day all of the pitchers will have a chance to see one of the best parades that they have ever had a chance to witness. It is called "The Days of '47 Parade." This parade winds up a full week of festivities commemorating the arriving of the Mormon Pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley back in 1847. I think that they will all like this feature. The night session of the Class "A" Tourney should be one of the highest attendance nights of the meet for this day is a State Holiday.

There is just a chance that one or two of the local flour mills in conjunction with a nationally known syrup company and also a local dairy will be on hand a few mornings frying pancakes for the whole gang.

Through the courtesy of the Nicholzen File Company, each person who qualifies will be presented a file as a gift. We think that almost everyone of the boys who pitch at all can use a file and without a doubt, Nicholzen has the best file for the job.

Each member who receives this book can do a lot towards making this year's Youth Tourney rally click, by taking the time to contact their local Kiwanis Club and help them in conducting a local tournament to determine what boy or boys could represent their club at this tournament. Being a Kiwanian myself, I know that every club throughout the country needs some activity in their "Boys and Girls" work to obtain some credit for their club, on an International basis. This program is made to order from the standpoint of supporting the youth of our country.

Should anyone want further information on this venture, they can contact me direct; I will be more than happy to oblige.

Thanks fellows and keep them pitching instead of "pinching" for the Lord knows prison and jails are full enough of boys who just haven't had the interest each of us can and should give them before they jump off the "deep end."

Ray H. Ohms, 1510 South 14th East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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COMING EVENTS

- June 14 or 21—Elizabeth, N. J., Warinanco Park, Rosselet Memorial
- June 21—Huntington Park, Cal., Class "B"
- June 21—Hartford, Conn., Northern Conn. Tournament
- June 21—Bridgeport, Conn., Fairfield County Tournament
- June 21—New Freedom, Pa., Open Tournament
- June 28—New York, N. Y., Hilltop Open
- July 4—New York, N. Y.—St. Mary's Open
- July 3-4—Clearfield, Pa., Pennsylvania State Championship
- July 4—Wheeling, W. Va.—Ohio Valley Open
- July 11-12—South Gate, Cal., Championship (16 man R. R.)
- July 11-12—Portland, Ore., City Championship
- July 12—Newark, N. J., Branch Brook Park, Jersey Open
- July 19—New York, N. Y., Inwood Open
- July 19—Bridgeport, Conn., Beardsley Park, Conn. Open
- July 21-27—Murray, Utah, Fair Grounds, World's Championship
- Aug. 5-8—Clearfield, Pa., Eastern National Tournament
- Aug. 9—Ontario, Cal., Class "B" Championship
- Aug. 16—New York, N. Y., Fort George Open
- Aug. 16—Bridgeport, Conn., State Tournament
- Aug. 16—Topeka, Kan., American Legion State Championship
- Aug. 23—Long Beach, Cal., Class "C" Championship
- Aug. 23—Newark, N. J., Branch Brook Park, N. J. State Championship
- Aug. 28 to 30—Wash. Co. Fair, Hillsboro, Ore., State Championship
- Aug. 28 to Sept. 4—Columbus, Ohio—State Tournament
- August 30—South Gate, Cal., Class "A"
- Aug. 30—New York, N. Y., Hilltop Open
- Aug. 30—Newark, N. J., Branch Brook Park, N. J. State Doubles
- Sept. 5-7—Hoosick Falls, N. Y., New York State Championship
- Sept. 12-13—Dunbar, W. Va., Fair Grounds, W. Va. State Tournament
- Sept. 13—New York, N. Y., Woodlawn Open
- Sept. 13—Huntington Park, Cal., Boys 18 or under
- Sept. 27—Ontario, Cal., Class "C"
- Oct. 3-4—Long Beach, Cal., So. Cal. Open

WHERE TO PLAY WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

- 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 View Park, Rock Island.
- INDIANA**—Brookside Park, Indianapolis; Dornier Park, Frankfort; Columbia Park, Lafayette; Forest Park, Noblesville; 3rd Street Park, Bloomington; Greendale Park, Lawrenceburg.
- IOWA**—Birdland Park, Des Moines; Riverside Park, Ottumwa; Crapo Park, Burlington; Island Park, Cedar Falls; Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids; LeClaire Park, Davenport; Byrnes Park, Waterloo.
- 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; St. Joseph, Noyes Blvd. at Edmond.
- NEBRASKA**—Harmon Park, Kearney; Dewey Park, Omaha.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**—South Playground, Portsmouth; Ryan H. S. Club, Dover Point; Pop Ryans, 14 Central Ave., Portsmouth; White's Courts, 942 Woodberry 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; Wheeling Island, Wheeling.
- WISCONSIN**—Washington Park, Milwaukee.
- WYOMING**—Union Park, Cheyenne.

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