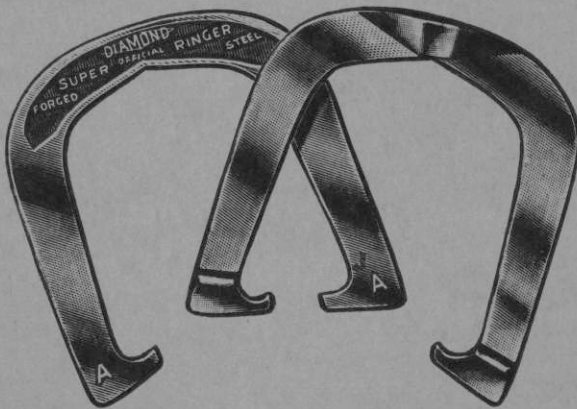


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EDITORIAL

After having attended every convention and World's tournament since 1946 (eight of them in all) I have decided that I will not go to them any more. Nevertheless, since the last one I have given much thought to trying to solve some of the reasons for the slow progress, if any, that the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has had since its inception. Having reached my conclusions I recently wrote to our President setting forth some things which I believe would tend to bring in many more converts to the game and the N.H.P.A. Below, you will find a copy of the reply I received from Mr. Dale Dixon regarding some of my suggestion, viz: items numbered 3, 6 and 7 and a few not mentioned.

Since I will not attend the conventions any more I want all the wonderful people I have met over the past eight years to know that I derived a great deal of pleasure in meeting them and cordially invite them to get in personal touch with me should they ever come to my section of the country, good old New York.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Jake:

Sorry I have been so long answering your letter of August 24th. I just got back from Salt Lake City where I accepted the Salt Lake County Recreation Department's bid for \$4,000 for the 1954 Worlds Tournament. The tentative dates are from July 22 to July 29 inclusive. The banquet will be donated by some business men in Murray. I hope we can bring it back east but we have to go where the money is.

Now for the gripes mentioned in your letter.

The National exists only for the purpose of holding World's Tournaments. Jake I belong to several national organizations and none of them do very much for the rank and file of their members. I do not approve of this practice and I hope we can make the members of the N.H.P.A. see that we have something for them. Here are some of the things I hope to do this year.

1. Give an N.H.P.A. monogram to each state champion.
2. Furnish each state secretary with a list of all the people who have belonged to the N.H.P.A. in his state in the last 3 years.
3. Keep each secretary posted on results at Worlds Tournaments.
4. Give an N.H.P.A. plaque to the state having the largest membership.
5. Furnish state secretaries with scheduals for tournaments.
6. Publish a lost of all state champions in The Horseshoe Pitcher at the close of each pitching season and furnish each state secretary with same.

7. Furnish each state secretary with a financial report and a membership report at the close of each National Convention.
8. Try to get each state to elect a Miss Ringer Queen and sponsor her to the Worlds Tournament to compete for the Miss Ringer Queen of the World.

You may print these as some of the things we are going to try to accomplish this year.

I hope there are many other things that can be done and suggestions will be very welcome.

Thanks for your suggestions.

DALE E. DIXON, President, N.H.P.A.

CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIF. OPEN—16 MAN ROUND ROBIN

	W.	L.	%
1. F. Isais, Los Angeles	15	0	79.8
2. L. Gray, San Gabriel	13	2	75.8
3. G. Sechrist, Huntington Pk.	13	2	69.6
4. L. Dean, Pomona	12	3	69.8
5. H. Moefield, Long Beach	11	4	68.8
6. J. Weeks, Norwalk	9	6	65.4
7. H. Harper, Los Angeles	9	6	64.4
8. F. Burkhart, San Gabriel	7	8	57.8
9. N. Smith, Culver City	7	8	56.5
10. G. Rust, Santa Anna	7	8	56.3
11. E. Beller, Redondo Beach	6	9	55.1
12. J. Frizzell, Long Beach	4	11	58.9
13. C. Beach, Ontario	3	12	52.2
14. W. Shoemaker, Monrovia	2	13	48.0
15. Ray Arnold, Santa Barbara—Forfeited al games			
16. W. Meader, Los Angeles—Forfeited all games.			

Ray Arnold became ill, and was unable to go through with tournament. Mr. Meader did not return for second days play.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASS "C" OPEN

By ELMER O. BELLER

	W.	L.	%
1. R. Metcalfe, Ontario	8	1	53.6
2. Wm. Meader, Los Angeles	7	2	51.4
3. W. Hagy, Long Beach	7	2	50.0
4. A. Gregson, Crestline	6	3	45.8
5. E. Keith, Cucamonga	5	4	45.8
6. L. Geer, San Gabriel	4	5	45.4
7. W. Goodrick, Santa Monica	4	5	40.2

8. Fabre, Los Angeles	3	6	40.3
9. E. Gaston, South Gate	1	8	39.2
10. G. Lowe, Santa Monica	0	9	23.6

A short note of appreciation from Elmer O. Beller. Through the medium of this magazine I wish to state my appreciation to my many friends, who presented me with such a fine gift. The degree of our success is measured by the labors of all.

ELMER O BELLER, Pres. So. Calif H. P. A.

By DON TITCOMB

There are questions that have entered my mind many times about this game of horseshoes. The main questions are these: What are we doing? Where are we going and how are we operating from year to year?

The game of horseshoes operates solely from interest derived from within its own. In doing so it has built itself a structure whose operation depends on those participants and their associations. This form of operation can only grow as big as the capabilities of those active members. This means that any furtherance of the sport must be done by those same said members, as horseshoes includes all states. These meetings are relegated to national tournaments or by correspondence, which in itself, limits the operation of the sport.

Now, with these factors in mind:

1. The interest the public has shown the National tournaments.
2. The effort of players and families to succeed with tournaments and their own enjoyment.
3. The knowledge that the game cannot operate without greater capital.
4. The need for closer cooperation between states.
5. The need for an attraction to the youth of the country to our sport.

Which means promotion of the game in order to reach those not acquainted with its potentials. As a means to illustrate these factors we must propose an allotment of funds from our treasury that said money be put in the hands of a capable promoter, who with his facilities of staff and knowledge could derive a workable plan of organization and publicity for talent within our ranks, because this cannot be carried out on a local scale and it cannot be done with local talent.

We need a plan of publicity, money making publicity, and it must be done commercially. We have the talented players but we do not have the time or conception that can only be achieved from the outside.

Remember, it's easier to sell a house that has been painted. Our structure is sound but up to now we have had no way of making it attractive.

In closing, I want to make this clear, I'm not writing this for any selfish motives on my own part. Only because I've seen men like Guy Zimmerman, Ted Allen, Fernando Isais and a host of others who in a

different sport and equal ability would not be plumbing or selling for a living. This in turn means the kids of today would have a greater interest in a sport they now know little about.

There is only one way to play horseshoes and that is to put one foot forward.

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INDIANA

INDIANA STATE HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIP

CLASS "A"

	W.	L.	%
1. Curtis Day, Frankfort	15	0	77.1
2. Ed Sharp, Frankfort	12	3	71.6
3. Graydon McFatrige, Rushville	12	3	71.2
4. Peyton Printz, Indianapolis	12	3	69.5
5. Harrison Maitlen, Berne	10	5	70.6
6. George Johnson, Jr., Indianapolis	9	6	65.0
7. Gene Brumfield, Pendleton	9	6	63.3
8. Marion Morris, Pendleton	8	7	64.1
9. James Kemple, Rushville	7	8	66.3
10. Floyd Fowler, Greencastle	6	9	63.9
11. Thomas Wetnight, Brazil	5	10	61.2
12. Nelson Brown, Mulberry	5	10	59.5
13. Steve Raymond, Lafayette	5	10	57.5
14. William Ferguson, Brazil	4	11	57.2
15. Lora Overholser, South Bend	1	14	47.3
16. Wayne Nelson, Eaton	Forfeited		

CLASS "B"

1. Lowel Edmondson, Danville	8	1	65.0
2. Ray England, Crawfordsville	8	1	68.0
3. Harold McFatrige, Arlington	7	2	66.7
4. James Cox, State Line	5	4	59.2
5. Virgil Holloway, Fairmont	4	5	59.3
6. Earl Billingsley, Lafayette	4	5	56.8
7. Robert Behr, Frankfort	3	6	54.7
8. Clarence Childers, Lafayette	3	6	48.2
9. William Sanders, Lawrenceburg	3	6	47.2
10. Raymond Meredith, Noblesville	Forfeited		

CLASS "C"

1. Paul VanSickle, Indianapolis	8	1	60.7
2. Lester Crask, Noblesville	7	2	58.5
3. Marvin Chrisman, Connersville	7	2	52.3
4. Paul Thistlewaite, Sheridan	6	3	53.4
5. Eugene Mendenhall, Noblesville	5	4	52.4
6. David Craven, Moores Hill	5	4	50.4
7. Clifford Landis, Monroe	4	5	48.2
8. Virgil Huffman, Poneto	2	7	46.2
9. Paul Cross, Fortville	1	8	40.0
10. Leslie Swank, Crawfordsville	0	9	41.1

CLASS "D"

1. Chas. Cummings, Sheridan	8	1	65.8
2. Earl Green, Indianapolis	8	1	61.0
3. Edwin Jamison, Fairmont	6	3	49.8
4. Fay Emery, Mulberry	5	4	49.8
5. Ray Billingsley, Crawfordsville	5	4	49.3
6. Myron Crane, Zionsville	4	5	49.6
7. George Johnson, Sr., Indianapolis	4	5	46.4
8. Lester Craven, Moores Hill	4	5	46.0
9. Burl Taylor, Greencastle	1	8	41.6
10. Pete Smock, Indianapolis	Forfeited		

CLASS "E"

1. Bryant Hodgin, Indianapolis	8	1	57.4
2. Emanuel Roth, Indianapolis	8	1	55.6
3. Virgil Taylor, Greencastle	7	2	51.7
4. Robert Pence, Gary	6	3	54.2
5. John Kolaiser, Hammond	5	4	45.3
6. Morris Briney, Frankfort	3	6	41.0
7. Oris Harshman, Frankfort	3	6	39.1
8. Pete Davis, Lebanon	2	7	46.5
9. Phil Peterson, Colfax	2	7	36.8
10. Elvin Cast, Frankfort	1	8	40.6

Average percentage ringers per game:

Class A 64.7

Class B 58.5

Class C 50.3

Class D 50.9

Class E 47.0

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Curtis Day of Frankfort was crowned the 1953 State Champion. He replaces Wayne Nelson of Eaton, winner in 1952.

To qualify, each pitcher was required to pitch 150 shoes. There were 93 qualifiers, representing almost all sections of the state.

The highest qualifying score was 393 (possible 450). It was made by Curtis Day of Frankfort.

The winner of each tournament was decided on games won and lost.

The cancellation method was used for all classes—50 points per game.

The best single ringer percentage game was played by Curtis Day of Frankfort with 86.3%.

A trophy was awarded to the winner of each of the five classes and also to the winner of the Consolation Tournament.

The Sportsmanship Trophy was won by Nelson Brown of Mulberry.

Total Cash Awards to the tournament players was \$540.00

Dale Salisbury of Sharpsville was the winner of the Consolation Tournament which was held for the first time with 25 entrants.

By JOHN PENNOCK

The game of horseshoes has 'risen from the dead' in Indiana's steel city of Gary.

The game died completely in 1947 when industrial expansion destroyed the only clay courts the city had, but this year, led by Bob Pence and John Pennock, Gary players persuaded the Park Board to build a battery of four courts in Jackson Park and a promise of a lighting system for next season.

The courts were completed the first of September and a steel mill tournament was quickly organized. This was tantamount to a city championship for Gary is a one industry city of 150,000 with four United States Steel plants employing 50,000 men.

A total of 46 players competed in the singles which were divided into three classes on the basis of a 50 shoe qualifying round, while 18 pairs played in a doubles tourney. Trophies were awarded to the winners and runners up in each division. A great amount of interest was aroused and during the two weeks the tournament was in progress a total of 99 column inches with liberal headlines appeared in the sports pages of the Gary Post-Tribune.

Bob Pence won the eight man Class A round robin with a clean sweep of his seven games. He also won a trophy for posting the highest single game ringer percentage when he rang up a mark of 67.6% Earl Miller was runner up in Class A.

A complete list of trophy winners follows:

CLASS A SINGLES

Winner—Bob Pence; Runner up—Earl Miller

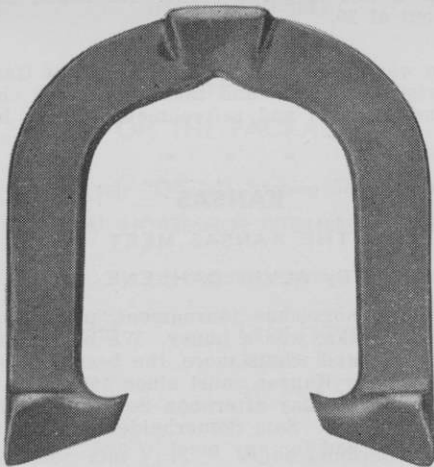
CLASS B SINGLES

Winner—Jabez Dailey; Runner up—John Pennock

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CLASS C SINGLES

Winner—Jim Ricard; Runner up—Sam Pullara

DOUBLES

Winners—Joe Beai and Herb Sherrow; Runners up—John Pennock and Frank Wojtanek

HIGH SINGLE GAME RINGER PERCENTAGE

Winner—Bob Pence, 67.6%.

John Lindmeier, well known Illinois pitcher who placed fourth in this year's National, Met Utley, number one pitcher in Chicago, and Ralph Dykes of Chicago who is President of the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, crossed state lines to boost the game when they gave an exhibition during the intermission of the Class A round robin in the Gary tournament. Gary pitchers, many of whom were beginners and had never seen any expert ringer tossers in action, greatly appreciated the exhibition.

Lindmeier threw exactly 100 ringers out of 140 shoes pitched in his two games for a 71.4 ringer average. He ended his second game with a run of 19 out of 20.

The exhibition was arranged by Bob Pence of the Gary group. Afterwards the three visiting players and their wives and children gathered at the Pence home for eats and refreshments and a lot of horseshoe chit-chat.

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KANSAS

THE KANSAS MEET

By ALVIN DAHLENE

This years Kansas horseshoe tournament, played on the courts at Gage Park in West Topeka, was a honey. We had good weather—good courts—fine supervision and whats more, the best bunch of shoe tossers that ever assembled on a Kansas court since 1937. Qualifying with the 100 shoe pitch started Saturday afternoon September 5th and continued Sunday morning until 11:30. Sam Somerhalder and Alvin Gandy tied at 245 points which is not bad for any meet.

The 16 man round robin event got under way at 2 o'clock and play continued until 7 rounds were finished. Will not bore you with a lot of tourney palaver, but will try to bring out some of the high lights of the meet as they appeared to me, as a pitcher. Marines Tamboer the wiry built farmer from the Arkansas Valley near Wichita repeated as champion—and in doing so won his 4th consecutive title, thus setting a new all time Kansas record. Kraft and Gandy along with Tamboer had previously won 3 straight crowns. Tamboer was not without his tense moments though. He faltered on Sam Somerhalder in the first round and had trouble with Kraft in the second, but had the necessary punch to come through with ringers when he needed them. That is the mark of a champion—being able to toss those two and one-half pound irons around the peg, when you really have to. He lost to Gandy and incidentally this was his first defeat in State play since 1950 when Gandy turned the trick. After losing to Gandy he was somewhat over eager on Dahlene and gave the Lawrence tosser numerous opportunities to

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score but the latter could not take advantage of those wonderful chances.

Kraft showed his great comeback ability, for after losing his first two games to Dahlene and Tamboer he got down to business and won 13 straight to gain a tie with Gandy for runner-up spot. In the play-off he defeated Gandy rather handily in 2 straight games. The giant killer of the meet (and you always have one) was Drum of Ottawa—for by defeating Gandy he put a definite crimp in the latter's title chances. Drum while not a sensational pitcher is like a volcano and is liable to erupt any time and do considerable damage to a top notcher. This year it just happened to be Alvin Gandy. In closing I might say that my friend Tamboer, is a good solid pitcher—he slips now and then but he always puts the brakes on just in time to avoid a loss. Maybe we can unseat him next year and until that time I bid adieu to the grand old game of horseshoes.

	W.	L.	%
1. Tamboer, Wichita	14	1	73
2. Kraft, Lawrence	13	2	69
3. Gandy, Topeka	13	2	68
4. Ridgway, Topeka	11	4	63
5. Dahlene, Lawrence	11	4	62
6. Somerhalder, Republic	9	6	62
7. Nanniga, Clay Center	9	6	61
8. Drum, Ottawa	9	6	54
9. Lee, Wichita	8	7	59
10. Hausermann, Topeka	7	8	56.
11. Kampschroeder, Ottawa	4	11	56
12. Potts, Leonardville	3	12	48
13. Mogus, Manhattan	3	12	43
14. Hutchinson, Topeka	3	12	41
15. Fleagle, Abeline	2	13	41
16. Walker, Topeka	1	14	43

The winner of Class B was Williams of Manhattan. He received the Perl Pepple trophy for his fine effort.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT

Tamboer received forty dollars and the Senator Capper Memorial Trophy—the donors being the Capper Publications of Topeka. Kraft received thirty-five dollars and the Posey Department store trophy. The rest of the pitchers received cash awards and beautiful silk ribbons.

Longest string of doubles—Somerhalder on Dahlene, 10. Longest string of doubles—Drum on Gandy, 10. Highest percentage game—Lee, 87.7. Longest game—Dahlene and Lee—100 shoes. Dahlene won 50—49.

C. G. Collett for many years our master score keeper and hard worker received a trophy from Pep Pepple in recognition of his work for the game.

Dahlene pitched in his 25th consecutive Kansas Class A Meet. His ringer percentage record set in Wichita of 76.1 withstood another year of ringer onslaught.

A meeting was held after the tournament and various discussions

took place. Pepple was re-elected President for 1954 and Dahlene Secretary and Treasurer. Ed Noyes of Clay Center a long time booster for the game was elected vice president. Ed missed the pitching this year—as there was sickness in the family.

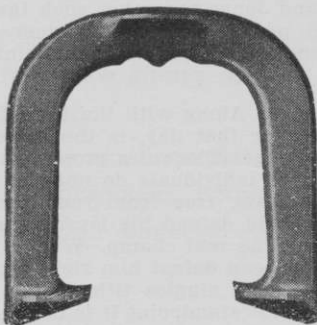
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

While it is a nice thrill to win a championship and a beautiful trophy—let us not lose sight of this fact; tournament promotion is the most important aspect of the shoe game today. Without a lot of hard work behind the scenes there would be no money—no trophies—no courts to toss on, and no far reaching advertising of the game we love so well.

Mr. Pepple, our president worked hard, very hard as did Mr. Collett, Mr. Reed and a host of other Topekans. They tramped the streets many miles and hours seeking out doners, so that the pitchers would have something worth while to play for. Marvin Phillips a TV engineer furnished the P A system and a hearty thanks to him. A speaking system is a very important item in modern sports.

The season is over now and the shoes have been hung up on the nail in the barn—the trophy is resting on the mantle—you have had a good time (I hope). Now here is a thought for the days to come. Are you going to pitch next year? Of more importance are you going to help OUR GAME to survive and give your officers some realistic support. Or are you just going to sit back on your FANNY and let “George” do it all? Remember you pitchers are the ones who have to build up the sport. Do not let a few do all the work for the MANY.

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MAINE

Tournament titles are colorful and climactic in their way, but in reality they determine the champion for that day. Hold the same event with the same players the next month (or even in 24 hours, maybe) and very often a different winner would emerge. The man who is at the top of his game on the day of the meet is always the winner. At least he is the one on top over the rest of the players. Next day, or the day before, some debility might upset his ability.

The key to being a Better Player or a champion in any game—the key to excelling in a sport is to practice and play at your game More Than Anyone Else. The better player between two men is the one who consistently wins more games in 50, 100, 200 contests—or some such sizable number of games played over many different days and weeks.

This reminds of a little occurrence in my memory. A few years ago a state horseshoe tournament had worked down to a last game between two players, each of whom had so far lost none. The one was very youthful, the other quite elderly. The tussle was won by the young man. Some 3,000 watched the contest, and heard it described blow by blow through microphone and loud speaker. After the dust had settled an old lady went up from the crowd to the loser in a rather sympathetic way and remarked, "Well, it's too bad but I think it's always fine to have youth come along and take away from the old." The philosophy may have had some good in it. But she said it with a tone to indicate that the "old fellow" was done. Retired from competition like, by one game. If the dear lady could have kept informed of the days and years that followed, she would have learned that the elder chap won back the state title a number of times afterwards, and that he regularly defeated the youth some four games to one in hundreds of contests.

So we wonder how a hundred games would come out between Allen and Isais. Zimmerman and Jones are other such famed names on which to wonder. Who would prove the better winner among such in 200 games? Wouldn't an outstanding predominant winner be a real champion?

Challenging the Champ: Along with the logic that an event winner may be only a champion for that day, is the basic reason that a title ought to be open to Challenge. The rules properly recognize this, and it seems surprising that more individuals do not rise up to challenge the champions in singles combats, free from round robin grinds and distractions. A champion should defend his laurels, and should be able to defend them—else he isn't the real champ. What kind of a champion is a man, if another or others can defeat him right along after he has won a title on a particular day. A singles title match is something pretty to watch. From the spectator standpoint it is of far more advantage and interest to view one game in action, than to skip around through a round robin of many games at once. And what a thing this challenge match procedure is to keep The Game agitated and active. What a way to keep the champion on his toes. He must be ever-ready. What a way to stir up public attention, and to keep public interest in Our Sport. Why isn't there more of the Challenge Match? It would obviously be a boost to The Game. Champion challenging should be a common event. Did you ever hear of one? For a challenger to take away a title, he should not be able to settle in one game, nor one match. That would be an unfair, one day condition, when the champ might have a bad headache or some affliction. There should be at least two out of three



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matches, one or more weeks apart, each match being regulation best six of eleven 50-point games. As to places and conditions, the champ's agreements should be favored.

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MISSOURI

By EARL WINSTON

Our State Meet was held under very nice weather conditions on Sept. 25th and 26th at Neosho. Before tournament play the pitchers held their annual meeting and elected the following officers for the coming year: Earl Winston, President, Frank Baker, Vice President and John Elkins as Secretary-Treasurer. Tournament results follow:

	W.	L.	%
1. John Elkins	6	1	67.2
2. D. E. Wommack	6	1	64.1
3. Frank Baker	4	3	59.6
4. L. Greenlee	4	3	59.2
5. Earl Winston	3	4	62.2
6. Claude Long	3	4	56.5
7. John Terrell	2	5	56.5
8. T. K. Hubbs	0	7	42.4

All players are in favor of more team matches between towns within the State and other surrounding States. Decided also that all future State Meets should include a "B" tournament.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

By CHARLES GERRISH

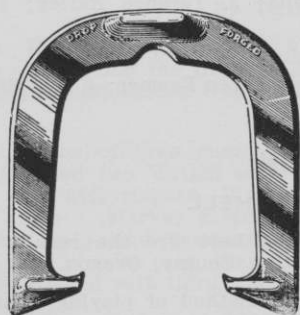
James Guyett of Dover proved his mettle and ringer ability by winning the New Hampshire State horseshoe championship in a hard long eleven-game match against Howard White of Portsmouth, on September 20 at the Mackey courts located in Dover Point. Jim earned this honor after many years of effort in the game. It was agreed by the two pitchers to play for the title in a best 6 of 11 games, while some nine other players fought out a round robin set for a B Class trophy. The past two years champion Charles Gerrish did not participate this year. Guyett got to 50 ringers in two games while White did it once. White had the most notable ringer run of nine straight double ringers in the fourth game. Jim won out with a ringer average of 58.4 per cent for the eleven games. Each did over 70 per cent ringers in two games. A handsome trophy went to the new New Hampshire champion.

Oliver Leveux of Dover championed in the B Group, losing but one game. And that Art Fernald of Portsmouth was runner-up, with 6 wins and 2 losses. An unadvertised set of games was played by a number of junior agers, the winner proving to be 16 year-old Jimmy Wood of Dover.

The Guys and Guyetts—Three guys and a Guyett journey from Portsmouth, N. H., to Portland, Maine, on Sept. 13, where they met a 4-man team of hoofwear heavers at Deering Oaks Park, and when the ringer dust had settled it was found that there was only one loss by the Guys and Guyetts team. Arrangements were made for a match of the Auburn Four with the Guys and Guyetts to be played at the Dover Point courts for September 27.

Those raised foul lines again—The row of ten courts at Portland and the 8 in Auburn at least for a year or two have had the raised foul lines as specifically required in the rules, these many years. Maybe this is a "dirigo" for Maine again. We don't see those other places. We specially lament this lack in our New Hampshire locality where we have urged for them so many times. There has been an ugly rumor around New England that the elevated front has been ruled out by the N.H.P.A., and this has doubtless been a help for the contrary minded to keep the raised edges out of use. If this rumor is a myth, then someone is setting a bad example, because the story has been spread about a good bit. The writer has not been able to believe the reported word, and has sent to the secretary for verification of what is the fact. On the other hand, if it is true that the raised edges have been voided, then this is a sad case in my opinion. Something is emphatically needed to keep the toes and feet back of the 3-foot step limit. Such pitchers are usually angered if attention is called to an illegal toe or step. The raised edge is a mute barrier to stop the pitcher with the unfair stride. It takes away the worry any conscientious pitcher has of stepping too far. Some have said that pitchers fall over such a raised edge. An answer to this is that in over a half dozen 50-point games at Portland the writer did not trip once. On another set of courts where he pitched over 14 games on an extremely hot day this summer he made slight stumbles perhaps two or three times over the upped fronts. But I think this was partly due to some rather loose platform boards, and possibly my age of sixty-five years was a factor toward not enough care or alertness. Anyway the harm done was negligible, and was more my fault than that of the

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foul edge. Surely the sturdy athletes with 20-20 vision for ringers can soon learn to avoid tripping over raised foul lines. There is so much reasonableness and justification in favor of the high edges that we don't see why any one is asking! Let's have! To remove the rule would be a backward step. The game must make progress and go forward.

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NEW YORK

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Manhattan's Vito Fileccia and 18-year-old Alvin Winter of the Bronx successfully defended their Greater New York horseshoe pitching titles Sunday in the rain at Heckscher's courts, Central Park, where the city-wide finals climaxed the Mirror-Park Department's record fifth annual tourney.

Fileccia retained the men's diadem by edging former titlist Joseph Zichella of the Bronx. Winter held on to his Junior division crown.

Eight contenders, four in each division, qualified for the final round. Competition began at 11 a.m.

Fileccia vanquished Louis Stines, Queens borough champ, and Terence Earley of Manhattan, 51-16 and 51-30, respectively. Winter, a City College freshman and coach of the school's horseshoe club, downed runner-up Ron Mugavin of Queens, 50-41, and Ron Steinberg, Manhattan, 51-25.

Meanwhile, the rain eventually postponed play, with one game in each division remaining to complete the schedule round-robin. The players then agreed to stand on the results.

MEN'S DIVISION

1. Vito Fileccia; 2. Joseph Zichella; 3. Terence Earley; 4. Louis Stines.

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Alvin Winter;; 2. Ron Mugavin; 3. Owen Farmer; 4. Ron Steinberg

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OREGON

By ROY A. GETCHELL

Our State Tournament is over and here are the results of the tournament held at Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon.

This year we went back to the old method of playing, that is we qualified each player by pitching fifty shoes two different times, and then we took the score of their best fifty shoes pitched. After all contestants had qualified we placed the players in three separate groups.

In the A group we played a straight round robin of the top ten qualifiers. From this group we took the two top players for the final contest, which consisted of playing the two best games out of three for the Championship and the trophy.

Groups two and three were played the same way except that the man that won the most games from these flights was declared the champion of that group.

Group two was won by Mr. Floyd Bayes of Salem winning all of his games. Group three was won by Mr. Ted Zwickl of Corvallis.

Group A players did it a little different, that is they played the round robin and then we took the two top men from this group and they played three games to decide the Championship. In picking the man that was to meet the last years Champion, was difficult as we had three men tied for second place. As time was getting short we decided to let them play one three handed game. Mr. Cletus Chapelle come out victorious in this match and Leonard Millspaugh, of Portland came in second with Hower Peterson also of Portland taking third. In this match after Chapelle won his position, Peterson was leading Millspaugh, but near the finish Peterson lost several of his ringers and Millspaugh went on to take second place in this three handed game.

Mr. Chapelle and Getchell (last years champion) met about seven in the evening under good lights for the Championship and trophy.

In the first game the lead kept changing back and forth, finally Getchell got the range and won out.

The second game Getchell came out strong and was never in any trouble.

This year the Fair Board at Hillsboro furnished all of the trophies. One for each group in the mens division and one for the boys.

In the Boys group Barry Chapelle (son of Cletus Chapell and a cousin of his opponent Jerry Chapelle) of woodburn, Oregon, came down to the wire for the final games. Jerry was just too good for Barry and won the first 2 games and the Championship. Even though Jerry won, Barry was in there and giving his cousin a lot of worry all the way.

By TED HUFF

Eldon Harvey, Canby, made a grand slam in Clackamas County horseshoes by adding the Oregon City Open Championship to his Clackamas County championship trophy. Sunday at Atkinson Park Horseshoe Courts.

In a two-out-of-three game match to break a tie for first place, Harvey defeated Lee Wright of Molalla 55 to 34 with 67% ringers and 51 to 39 with 64% ringers. Wright made a creditable showing with 58 and 59% ringers. Harvey gained one leg on the Chamber of Commerce Perpetual Trophy and permanent possession of the Bernie Herrmann Trophy; Lee Wright took the second place trophy; Arnold Pedersen had to be satisfied with third; and Otto Johnson of Wichia placed fourth.

Ted Huff came from behind to beat out Fred Alexander for the George Heltzer Trophy in the second flight. Curtis Nelson from Hubbard followed in seventh place; Hugh Granquist eighth; and William Harvey ninth.

Herman Buse, West Linn, beat out Nick Kathrein in a play-off for tenth spot and the trophy in the third flight. Fred Matteson, Lloyd Bare, Floyd Morris, and James Farrens followed in that order.

The Oregon City Recreation Department sponsored the tournament and director Jess Deetz thanked everyone, especially the scorekeepers, for their help and co-operation.

PENNSYLVANIA

By JOHN FULTON

Here are the results of the Cumberland County horseshoe tournament held at the Carlisle courts on Friday evening, September 18th. Sixteen pitchers qualified. The eight high men pitched in a round robin with the following results.

	W.	L.	%
1. J. Fulton	7	0	78.6
2. H. Clippinger	6	1	59.8
3. P. Rhodes	5	2	61.5
4. C. Nickel	4	3	57.8
5. S. Nickel	3	4	38.2
6. H. Nickel	2	5	34.9
7. J. Brownawell	1	6	27.3
8. C. Zook	0	7	12.4

As in the past, the two top men played it off like this:

J. Fulton	2	0	82.4
H. Clippinger	0	2	67.5

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VERMONT

VERMONT STATE HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIP

	W.	L.	%
1. Brown, Brattleboro	10	1	67.8
2. Parkhurst, Windsor	10	1	53.4
3. R. Fisher, Brattleboro	8	4	48.2
4. Sausville, Bennington	7	5	51.0
5. Grover, Brattleboro	6	5	45.5
6. Emmons, Springfield	6	5	45.2
7. J. Fisher, Brattleboro	5	6	40.0
8. Church, Burlington	4	7	39.7
9. Tatro, Brattleboro	4	7	39.7
10. Lapan, Burlington	3	8	39.7
11. Cote, Brattleboro	2	9	44.7
12. Graziola, Brattleboro	2	9	37.1

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- CANADA—Dieppe Park, East York.
- COLORADO—City Park and Washington Park, Denver; City Park, Greeley.
- CONNECTICUT—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Commerce Courts, Washington.
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- 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; Forest Park, St. Louis; Liberty Park, Sedalia; Memorial Park, Sweet Springs.
- 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; Recreation Park, Port Chester; Edgerton Park, Rochester; K of C Courts Hoosick Falls.
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- PENNSYLVANIA—District Courts, Pittsburgh; Pt. Marion, Frank Murphy's Courts; Joe Mett's Courts, Revere; Oakhurst Courts, Johnstown; Playground Cts., New Freedom.
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- SOUTH DAKOTA—McKenna Park, Sioux Falls.
- 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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