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## EDITORIAL

Another year has rolled around and we have seen many things happen during 1956. There have been a tremendous number of tournaments held throughout the country. Looking over the last year's accomplishments in the horseshoe sport, it is gratifying to note the added interest that was shown. The horseshoe sport attracted the eye of an outstanding TV producer, Mr. Matt Niesen of Chicago, who now has endeared himself to countless horseshoe fans through his undying efforts to produce a show called "Championship Horseshoe" which is now being televised from Chicago as a regular Wednesday night feature. The officers and members of the National Association are grateful to him and his staff. Another accomplishment was the adoption, at the convention at Murray, Utah, of publishing a magazine each month. It will contain articles by some of the prominent pitchers throughout the country of interest to the experienced player and also for those that are just starting to play. Each month some pitcher will be featured in a personality story, news items, tournament listings, results, TV show standings. All in all we are looking forward with great anticipation for things to come during 1957, so let us all resolve to work a little harder and make 1957 the best year we have ever had.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those nice people for the Christmas greetings sent to me. I appreciate the fine support that I have received. To all of you I extend greetings for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. — Ellis Cobb, Editor

## GREETINGS FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this the Holiday Season will be over, but I do want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year and may it be the most successful year the horseshoe pitching fraternity has ever enjoyed. I have great hopes for 1957 especially since the National Association will be publishing a monthly magazine. Also that the horseshoe sport has loomed into the television spotlight with a show being telecast weekly from the NBC studios in Chicago, called "Championship Horseshoes." With the cooperation of every one it will be a wonderful year.

Arch Stokes, President

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

HELP! Your National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association needs YOU and your cooperation NOW. We are undertaking a new enterprise whose future depends entirely upon the horseshoe pitchers themselves. This enterprise is the one thing that can and will solidify the organization. Moreover, it is the strongest weapon at our command to assist in enlarging our association. Prudence should dictate that we use the magazine to its fullest extent. To do that, we must have subscribers.

I hope many of you pitchers made a New Years resolution to really get behind the N. P. H. A. this year. If you did you can help us by cooperating with your State secretary and purchase your 1957 card immediately. However, don't forget to add your own state association dues to that of the National. Then go one step further and interest another player to do likewise. You would then feel that you had a part in building the organization. An interested and active member does not have time to criticize negatively his own organization. So do your part and join NOW, if you haven't and help make this year the one that saw the N. H. P. A. really advance to the top. Then you can truthfully say, "I HELPED BUILD IT." — Cletus Chappelle, Chairman



# Introducing . . . the Personality of the Month

By HAROLD BLACKMAN

## DEAN McLAUGHLIN — CANADIAN CHAMPION

Dean McLaughlin, our amiable fellow pitcher from up Canada way, is our first horseshoe pitching personality to appear in this first issue of "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest." His pleasing personality is spontaneous and is well liked by all who know him. However, his most important attribute is his wonderful spirit of sportsmanship at all times. The Canadian Association is proud to have a player of Dean's ability and accomplishments as one of its members. But even more so a representative of our sport who has throughout the years shown perfect sportsmanship.

Dean is without question the top player in Canada and has proved himself many times. Few pitchers in Canada have the distinction of having defeated him. He is at present the Ontario Champion, at the great exposition "The Royal Winter Fair" Dean also took home the "bacon." But no doubt he holds one other honor above all the rest and that would be his Canadian Champion title. In competition in the U. S. A. he has fared very well, having finished in eighth place in the World's tournament at Murray, Utah, with 26 wins and 9 losses and an average of 75 per cent ringers. In the Canadian championship he lost only one game and that was by one point.

It can be said that Dean lives up to this slogan "Win modestly and lose gracefully."

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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

By EARL DAVIS

This article will start by wishing the greatest of success to our new magazine, May it grow and prosper along with our national sport.

Our Northern Assn. has completed a very successful season and look forward to an even greater one in 1957. We here in the northern part of the state are very fortunate in having a president that donates so much time and effort for the welfare of all our clubs. We all hope Czar Marceovich will continue in that capacity for a good many years to come.

Harvey Clear, our tournament manager and former National secretary, has also done a remarkable job. May the day never come that we will have to do without his services.

The highlight of our season was Don Titcomb's remarkable performance in the national tournament. That final match for the world's championship will be a topic of conversation for a great many years to come.

We also have such top notch players as Paul Mori, Czar Marceovich, Bill Blexrude, Les Anderson, Bert Zumwalt, Leonard Bridges, Bill Fraser, and George Callas.

There have been rumors that Guy Zimmerman will be back in action during the coming season. We all hope so, as he is without a doubt one of the all time greats in the art of pitching horseshoes. Guy was injured in an auto accident shortly after winning the world's title in '54. Bob Stevenson of the golden gate club will also be back on the courts now that he has recovered from a back injury.

Tommy Brownell, one of the nation's top pitchers, has joined our Northern Assn. and we are looking forward to see him in action.

Dr. Palmer Fallgren of Alameda has done a remarkable job in organizing a club in that city. We are sure to hear a lot more from him in the near future.

Each month WE will see that an article concerning our Northern clubs will be forwarded and we hope you will see fit to publish it.

We all know with the help of our national President Arch Stokes, who has done such a marvelous job and our very capable secretary Elmer Beller that our national is going forward in leaps and bounds in '57.

Let's hear from all the secretaries throughout the nation as we all like to know what is happening around the country.

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### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MEMBERS' PERCENTAGE IN ALL GAMES PLAYED IN 1956

	T.	G.	R.	SP.	%
1. Titcomb .....	5	51	2285	2950	77.4
2. Mori .....	7	73	3067	4434	69.4
3. Blexrude .....	3	33	1404	2134	65.7
4. Marcevich .....	7	73	2884	4658	61.7
5. Zumwalt .....	5	55	2048	3344	59.4
6. Bridges .....	4	44	1802	3044	59.4
7. Fraser .....	7	73	2673	4598	57.9
8. Callas .....	6	62	2308	4016	57.4
9. Anderson .....	2	22	881	1534	57.4
10. Franklin .....	1	11	414	764	55.6
11. Hoxmeier .....	5	55	1874	3452	54.4
12. L. Martin .....	4	40	1375	2568	53.5
13. Rickards .....	1	9	295	552	53.4
14. Henderson .....	4	40	1219	2394	50.9
15. H. Martin .....	1	11	340	674	50.4
16. Almeida .....	4	44	1342	2674	50.2
17. Costa .....	2	20	608	1210	50.2
18. Moskalik .....	3	25	743	1500	49.5
19. Peters .....	1	11	310	626	49.5
20. Hagerman .....	2	20	577	1200	48.9
21. O'Hara .....	1	11	297	642	46.3
22. Rasmussen .....	1	9	255	554	46.0
23. Davis .....	4	42	1127	2609	43.2
24. Lyon .....	1	9	229	586	39.1
25. Fischer .....	2	14	342	920	37.2
26. Cochran .....	1	5	111	332	33.4
27. Kim .....	3	25	572	1464	32.3
28. Matson .....	1	9	158	522	30.0
29. Squires .....	1	5	106	354	30.0

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### 1957 WORLD'S TOURNAMENT — MURRAY, UTAH, JULY 18-25

Mr. Arch Stokes, NHPA president, has announced that the 1957 World's tournament will be held at the Salt Lake County fairgrounds at Murray, Utah, beginning July 18th thru July 25th. Qualifying will start on the morning of July 16th thru the 17th closing at midnight on the 17th. The convention will be held on the morning of July 18th.

A cordial invitation is extended by the Salt Lake County Recreation Department and the National Association to all players throughout the country to be in attendance. To all those that have been there before it will be an opportunity to renew friendships in a friendly competitive spirit. To those that have never been there, but may be planning a trip through the west, it will be a new and pleasant experience.

The setting for this tourney is really beautiful. Eighteen perfect courts with a background of the colorful Rockies presents a splendid picture. Plan now to spend five wonderful days of your western vacation at Murray, Utah, you will be glad you did.

## "OPEN TOURNAMENT," VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

A high wind during the first day, which blew down all the scoring machines, loud speaking systems, and actually blew a few shoes right off the stake, brought everyone's percentage down. After the first day there were three men over 60% and only two men over 50%, so they really had to pitch high games the next day.

	W.	L.	R.	SP.	%
1. Fernando Isais, Los Angeles .....	9	0	382	524	72.9
2. Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	7	2	399	582	68.6
3. Louis Dean, Pomona .....	6	3	372	562	66.2
4. George Hook, Ontario .....	5	4	367	610	60.2
5. Gerald Schneider, Montebello .....	5	4	390	656	59.5
6. Amos Nottingham, Redlands .....	4	5	345	588	58.7
7. George Sechrist, Riverside .....	4	5	338	610	55.4
8. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach.....	3	6	346	576	60.1
9. Fred Bonaly, Los Angeles .....	1	8	298	588	50.4
10. Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	1	8	227	496	45.8

## HARVARD PARK, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "D" TOURNAMENT

	W.	L.	R.	SP.	%
1. Elmer Draben, Norwalk .....	7	0	172	382	45.0
2. Ed Grangruth, West Los Angeles ...	5	2	156	418	37.3
3. Adolopho Chavez, Rivera .....	4	3	132	382	34.1
4. Lewie Shell, West Los Angeles .....	4	3	116	442	26.2
5. Howard Marjama, West Los Angeles 3	4	4	99	436	22.7
6. Royal Schuck, Ontario .....	2	5	114	448	25.5
7. Ferdie Grangruth, West Los Angeles 2	2	5	97	428	22.7
8. Edwin Carl, Pasadena .....	1	6	115	488	23.6

## HARVARD PARK, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "C"

	W.	L.	R.	SP.	%
1. Tony Wise, Santa Monica .....	8	1	262	506	51.8
2. Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	8	1	268	494	54.3
3. Wally Haugland, West Los Angeles 7	7	2	225	454	49.6
4. Ralph Navarro, South Gate .....	6	3	221	492	44.9
5. Elmer Draben, Norwalk .....	5	4	235	550	42.7
6. Ralph Boldra, Huntington Park .....	4	5	226	534	42.3
7. Bob Schneider, Rivera .....	3	6	190	474	40.1
8. Larry Greer, So. San Gabriel .....	3	6	191	480	39.3
9. Willis Jorstad, Long Beach .....	1	8	236	554	42.6
10. George Lowe, Culver City .....	0	9	166	508	32.7

There was a play-off for first place between Wise and Hansen.

Tony Wise .....	50	37	70	52.9
Gunnar Hansen .....	47	37	70	52.9

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, CLASS A SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA

	W.	L.	R.	SP.	%
1. Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	8	1	340	466	72.9
2. Homer Moeffeld, Long Beach .....	7	2	349	546	63.9
3. George Hook, Ontario .....	7	2	339	532	63.7
4. Gerald Schneider, Montebello .....	5	4	352	558	63.1
5. Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	5	4	338	544	62.1
6. Henry Harper, Monterey Park .....	4	5	303	576	52.6
7. Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	3	6	372	634	58.7
8. Billy Crick, Los Angeles .....	3	6	282	526	53.6
9. Bill Goodrick, West Los Angeles ...	2	7	289	568	50.9
10. Fred Bonaly, Los Angeles .....	1	8	288	536	53.7

# Want To Improve Your Pitching?

. . . . *Ted Allen, World's Champ, Tells You How*

The question asked of me most often is how I hold my shoe.

The better pitchers, amateurs, and just as many of the people who do not pitch have puzzled me sometimes as to why this should be the most important thing to them. Since you want to start right this is the first important thing. But don't get the idea it is necessary to copy after me. But the way I hope to tell it will be very close to my grip, and what I believe is a correct way. Demonstrations are for right handers. Left handers can change some of it *visa versa*.

Naturally you must grip the shoe on one side or the other for the shoe to turn either  $1\frac{1}{4}$  or  $1\frac{3}{4}$  times, whichever desired, with caulks down. When holding the shoe for the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  turn the opening of the shoe should be on the left. The  $1\frac{3}{4}$  puts it on your right. Do not curve your index finger (fore-finger) over the end of the shoe around the heel caulk. That was grandpa's style. You cannot get the balance of the shoe nor proper turn that way.

Before working out in detail the position of the fingers you probably wonder whether to grip it close to the heel or close to the toe. It is a matter of gripping where the shoe balances best to start out with. I suggest holding about half way between toe and heel. After several days' practice or less it is easier to tell whether you should shift a little either way in order for the shoe to land better at the peg. By try-outs you can take your choice but you will get good balance and control if gripping it from the middle or towards the toe. It depends partly on what kind of a swing you take and how much twist in the wrist is used. The amount of wrist control and the grip are connected together.

As formerly told the grip is something like handing a shoe to someone. The index and middle fingers should go underneath and the first joints curved up over the edge of the inner circle of the shoe. There is a little question about the third finger. Personally I think it best to place it underneath of the shoe where the little finger is so as to help balance the shoe. The thumb should be straight across the top and pointed between the middle and index fingers.

The little finger is placed so that the tip is resting on the flat under-surface to balance that part of the shoe. Now that you have a good firm grip place it where the shoe feels evenly balanced and can be controlled best.

Some fellows like to point the thumb to the right of the index finger, but I believe most people find it more natural as I described. For instance, you can shift the weight from the first joint of the index to the main joint. So that would force the shoe further back in the palm. I believe in pointing it at right angles straight across. By changing the pointing of the thumb also points the shoe differently. For the  $1\frac{3}{4}$  turn most of us find it best to hold down nearer the toe for balance. The closer to the heel you grip, the quicker the shoe turns open to the peg. So it might turn too much. Shift back and forth to experiment.

It isn't exactly that the shoe turns faster but if you hold the shoe closer to the heel you can see that it is already partly turned and the opening more to your right. But by holding it close to the toe the opening is pointed half way between your right and to the front. So in reality you would be pitching  $1\frac{3}{8}$  turn. But the name is  $1\frac{3}{4}$ .

By gripping nearer the heel for the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  turn it is possible to be really pitching  $1\frac{3}{8}$  turn, especially if the thumb is parallel on top of the shoe as I explained. If holding nearer the heel in a certain manner, you would be pitching a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  turn. But these, too, are known only as  $1\frac{1}{4}$  turns.

Hardly any of the champions hold the shoe exactly alike. Yet, the way these fellows hold their shoe is suited for their particular type of delivery.

Next month's "News Digest" will feature another interesting article by Ted Allen, the World's Champion.

## THIRD ANNUAL QUINCY OPEN TOURNAMENT

The third annual Quincy Open Horseshoe Tournament was held at Quincy, Ill. The score boards designed by O. C. Brown and built by club members were used. The name of each pitcher and the score of each pitch was visible to the audience on all 12 courts, and was greatly appreciated by them.

	Qual.	W.	L.
1. Ellis Griggs .....	250	7	0
2. Earl Winston .....	221	6	1
3. Joe Hightower .....	198	4	3
4. Russell Moore .....	205	3	4
5. Clarence Hess .....	211	3	4
6. John Markey .....	208	2	5
7. Fred Hart .....	202	2	5
8. Harold Scott .....	202	1	6

### GROUP B

1. W. Winston .....	178	6	1
2. L. Atwood .....	195	5	2
3. K. Irvin .....	196	4	3
4. H. Tooley .....	183	4	3
5. L. Junk .....	180	4	3
6. R. Slater .....	184	3	4
7. E. Henning .....	177	1	6
8. W. Favrhov .....	172	1	6

### GROUP C

1. A. Mayfield .....	166	7	0
2. E. Osterman .....	170	4	3
3. G. Wright .....	147	4	3
4. J. Larson .....	143	3	4
5. F. Torbeck .....	154	3	4
6. O. Flack .....	150	3	4
7. R. Morris .....	138	3	4
8. A. Whitmore .....	146	1	6

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## 1956 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIANA DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

GENE "RED" BRUMFIELD, tall, husky, 27 year old red head from Markleville, is the 1956 INDIANA STATE CHAMPION. Consistent pitching, his lowest game being 69.7%, and stamina brought "RED" victory in the State Tournament at Heekin Park Muncie on Labor Day. He won his first 11 games, but dropped the final one to ED SHARP, making a playoff necessary between the two. SHARP won the first playoff game, but BRUMFIELD took the next two to win the title.

THE PLAYOFF lasted until after ten o'clock, making 13 consecutive hours of gruelling competition for the two finalists. As a result the quality of play suffered, both men being dead tired. Next year's tourney will have more men in CLASS A, but some of the games will be played on Sunday, making Labor Day competition less strenuous.

ED SHARP became the uncrowned king of Indiana pitchers by finishing 2nd for the fourth time in five years. He also had the high ringer percentage for the tourney, 78.8%, and the high single game in Class A when he tossed 50 ringers in 58 shoes for 86.2%.

CURTIS DAY, the 1955 champion, finished in a three way tie for 4th with eight wins and five losses, but he equaled the tournament record of 20 consecutive double ringers, 40 straight ringers!

GRAYDON McFATRIDGE established a new qualifying round record with 131 ringers and 406 points in his 150 shoes. He finished 3rd in the tournament.

HARRISON MAITLEN and BILL NEILSON also established new records in their 136 shoe game, MAITLEN hitting 114 ringers for 83.8% and NEILSON 112 for 82.3%.

ORIS HARSHMAN, retiring President of the Association, was awarded the annual SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY.

LOWELL EDMONDSON won CLASS B honors with nine straight wins and 74.9% ringers. He also had the high single game of the entire tourney with 47 ringers in 54 shoes for 87% ringers.

TOM HINKLE, 16 year old Bloomington boy, won the JUNIOR DIVISION after a play-off with JERRY KEYES of Winchester and BOB HARROLD of Converse. He averaged 51.9% ringers.

CHARLIE CUMMINGS defeated DAVE CRAVEN in another playoff, this for CLASS D.

169 MEMBERS and 100 TOURNAMENT ENTRIES plus nine Juniors, slightly lower than last year, but still the best record of any state in National Association, was Indiana's record for the year.

THE HIGH SINGLE GAME individual ringer records for each Class follows:

CLASS A — Ed Sharp, Mulberry .....	50	ringers,	58	shoes —	86.2%
"    B — Lowell Edmondson, Danville....	47	"	54	" —	87.0%
"    C — Clint Moore, Crawfordsville ....	44	"	60	" —	73.3%
"    D — Steve Raymond, Lafayette .....	50	"	64	" —	78.1%
"    E — Cliff Landis, Monroe .....	33	"	44	" —	75.0%
"    F — Jim Shively, Gas City .....	33	"	42	" —	76.2%
"    G — Bob Harrold, Converse .....	32	"	46	" —	69.6%
"    H — Joe Schilling, Lafayette .....	31	"	48	" —	64.6%
CONSOLATION — Carl Moore, Farmland ....	31	"	44	" —	70.4%
BOOSTER — Bob Neaderhouser, Berne .....	23	"	32	" —	71.9%
JUNIOR — Tom Hinkle, Bloomington .....	31	"	50	" —	62.0%

The 1956 STATE LEAGUE had 15 teams, seven men to a team, competing in two Classes.



MUNCIE won the All Star Division with a clean sweep with the following players: JIM FINCHUM, HAROLD RENNER, WAYNE NELSON, BEN FARMER, TOM CLARK, CLIFF GREEN, CLYDE GREEN, BILL HOBBS and HENRY FOWLER.

GENEVA defeated INDIANAPOLIS in the Booster Division playoff with the following players: JIM JOHNSON, EARL VAN NATTER, HARLEY CAMPBELL, BOB NEADERHOUSER, HAROLD WALKER, KENNETH HAFFNER, BILL SHEPHERD, NOAH SCHWARTZ, LEE LYBARGER and PETE BRUBAKER.

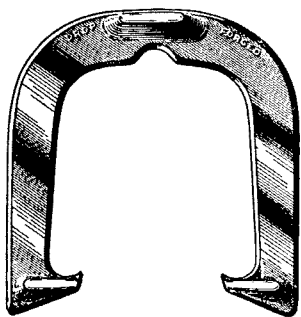
NEXT YEAR THE STATE TEAM LEAGUE will be divided into three divisions. Players will be divided into three groups on the basis of their performances in tournament play. The top third will be eligible for Class A play only, the middle one third will be eligible for Class B and as alternates in Class A, while the lower one third of the players will make up the teams in Class C and act as alternates in Class B.

TEAMS will consist of five players plus alternates in all three Divisions. Class C teams will meet at four centers, whichever is the nearest (Muncie, Frankfort, Indianapolis and another yet to be chosen) on the first week end in June. The winning team at each center will meet for the title at Frankfort the last week end in June.

Class B teams will meet at two centers, Muncie and Frankfort, whichever is the closest, the second week end in June with the two winning teams meeting at Muncie for Championship the fourth week end in June.

Class A, or the All Stars, will meet at two centers, Muncie and Frankfort, the third week end in June and the winning teams will meet for the championship on a neutral court the first week end in July. THE MUNCIE CLUB, and especially JIM FINCHUM, HAROLD RENNER and CHUCK SCHWARTZ, deserve a world of credit for their work making the 1956 State Tournament such a success. The lighting system was the best ever.

. . . **1957** . . .



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## ROCK RIVER VALLEY OPEN TOURNEY

The first annual Rock River Valley Open was won by Glenn Anderson of Moline, Illinois, on the Lawrence park courts in Rock Falls, Illinois. Even though the courts were muddy, Ellis Cobb of Aurora managed to score 240 for top qualifying honors. Milton Tate of Peoria won the Class A division. In the playoff for Class B, Roger Vogel of Manito emerged victorious over Frank Palka of Chicago. Louis Burkhalter of Melrose Park won Class C and Russell Spencer of Rock Falls won Class D.

For the tournament championship the two highest in Class A and the highest in Class B played a 3-game round robin for the title. Vogel defeated Tate in the first game 50-47 then Anderson won over Vogel for the championship 50-19. He was awarded a beautiful trophy.

It was announced by the promoter of the tournament, Leslie Long, that the meet would be held there in 1957.

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## CORN BELT OPEN WON BY INDIANA STAR

By HAROLD DARNOLD

The annual Corn Belt Open Tournament championship was won by Harrison Maitlen of Berne, Indiana, with an average of 80.4 for the meet. This tourney was held at Crapo Park in Burlington, Iowa. Paul Focht from Dayton, Ohio, was the runner-up averaging 78.3 for the course. Wells Taylor of Grand River, Iowa, was the defending champion but was unable to stem the tide of ringers thrown at him all afternoon so had to be content with 4th position. Truman Standard of Canton, Illinois, piled up the most points in the qualifying round scoring 271 points. Most consecutive double ringer honors went to Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Truman Standard of Canton, Illinois, with 10 and 9 straight doubles respectively. Final Standings are as follows: 1st. Harrison Maitlen, Indiana; 2nd. Paul Focht, Ohio; 3rd. Roger Vogel, Illinois; 4th. Wells Taylor, Iowa; 5th. Milton Tate, Illinois; 6th. Ellis Cobb, Illinois; 7th. Truman Standard, Illinois; 8th. Hugh Rogers, Iowa; 9th. Glenn Anderson, Illinois.

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## *National Dues Clarified*

The \$3.50, sent to your State secretary for State and National membership card and subscription to the magazine combination, is not sufficient to cover all.

Nearly all States, if not all, have an added charge for use in their own State. This extra charge is voted, by the members of your own State, to defray State expenses and promote horseshoe activities in that State. If you do not know what this charge is, write your State secretary or inquire of your fellow members.

The \$3.50, per member, is the amount all State secretaries must send in to the National. Beyond that the charges vary in the different States because the members set this amount themselves. Usually it is a small amount.

Your State secretary has a supply of membership cards.

Cletus Chapelle, 7018 N. Greenwich, Portland, Oregon, is your membership Chairman. Please cooperate with him to build up a good membership for 1957. Just a very little from a great many will work wonders and build up a strong organization for the benefit of everyone.

Elmer O. Beller  
National Sec.-Treas., NHPA

## NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION NEWS

Omaha's City Tournament was won by Darrold Earleywine with a ringer percentage of 64.4. The Omaha & Council Bluffs Tournament was won by Willard James of Council Bluffs, with a ringer percentage of 68.8.

The results of the Nebraska State Horseshoe Tournament of 1956 held at Dewey Park, Omaha, Nebraska, are as follows:

### CLASS A

	W	L	Pct.
Howard Robinson, Nebr. City .....	6	1	72.
Don McCance, Cozad, Nebr. ....	5	2	67.
Merl Denning, Elm Creek .....	5	2	60.4
Sid Harris, Shelton .....	5	2	59.2
Sam Somerhauler, Ruskin .....	2	5	67.6
Darrold Earleywine, Omaha .....	2	5	59.9
Joe Foster, Omaha .....	1	6	57.
K. C. Yoke, Falls City .....	1	6	45.6

### CLASS B

Jack Niebaum, Fremont .....	6	1	45.
Emil Mach, Pawnee City .....	4	3	47.6
Ellis Thopson, Pawnee City .....	4	3	37.1
Ralf Fleharty, Cozad .....	3	4	36.3
Emil Popelka, Pawnee City .....	3	4	35.7
Harrold Hardnock, Omaha .....	3	4	34.7
Donald Koso, Falls City .....	2	5	35.4

### CLASS C

Clinton Burns, Falls City .....	6	0	39.6
Alvin E. Strasil, Falls City .....	4	2	32.2
Steven Stasny, Pawnee City .....	3	3	25.4
Jesse Schulenberg, Falls City .....	2	4	25.
Raymond Robinson, Nebr. City .....	2	4	23.7
Clyde Burns, Falls City .....	2	4	24.
Hebert Nelson, Oakland .....	2	4	29.3

Class B & C played 25 point games.

## 1956 HAY DAYS HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### CLASS A

	W.	L.	R.	SP.	%
Don McCance, Cozad, Nebr. ....	5	0	161	286	60.6
Merl Denning, Elmcreek, Nebr. ....	4	1	165	342	47.5
Richard Herrick, Curtis, Nebr. ....	3	2	151	316	47.8
R. E. Whitehead, Gothenburg, Nebr. ....	2	3	144	222	47.4
Jerald Harvey, Tryon, Nebr. ....	1	4	115	294	37.6
Chas. McCance, Cozad, Nebr. ....	0	5	66	258	24.8

### CLASS B

Harold Neal, Tryon, Nebr. ....	5	0	137	326	42.6
David Fisher, Curtis, Nebr. ....	4	1	110	312	34.2
L. E. Whitehead, Cozad, Nebr. ....	3	2	116	332	37.2
Alfred Regelen, Holdredge, Nebr. ....	1	3	90	268	33.6
Earl Fenstermacher, Cozad, Nebr. ....	0	4	52	216	24.8
Wayn Koch, Cozad, Nebr. ....	1	2	forfeit		

The Irishman had been having a great argument and meant to finish off his opponent once and for all.

"The sooner I never see your face again," he said, "the better it will be for both of us when we meet."

Elmer's Mother—Doctor, I suppose you will be getting a good fee for attending little James Robey — the family are so rich?

Doctor — Why do you ask?

Elmer's Mother, — Well, I hope when you send us your bill you'll bear in mind that it was our Elmer what throwed the brick that hit James.

"I can't marry him, mother; he's an atheist, and doesn't believe there is a hell."

"Marry him, my dear, and between us we'll convince him he's wrong."

## FROM MAINE

By CHARLES GERRISH

There has been a dearth of horseshoe tournaments in our section this year. The first one the writer could get into was the Maine non-NHPA state session on Aug. 19. It was a repeat win for Porter Clark, the steadfast slinger of Auburn. Gerrish, who came out runner-up, has stayed out of these unsanctioned (by Natl. Assn.) state tournaments in the three years or so his State has been unwilling to join the NHPA, until this year. So we have another sorry circumstance that comes of a State Assn. not being affiliated with the NHPA; That Clark cannot be recognized by the NHPA, and that Gerrish remains the Certified (by NHPA) Champion of the State until another Sanctioned Tourney is held — even tho' the latter was a loser in the State's meet.

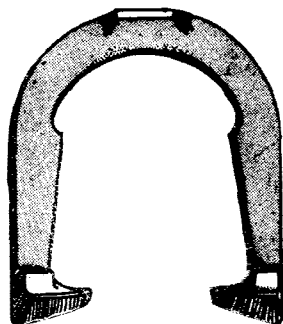
Another regrettable loss to the State, because of the Maine Assn. not being joined with the NHPA, was the opportunity it could have had in holding the New England tournament within its borders in 1957. The State's turn came to hold the N.E. next year, but the matter now goes by the board, since non-NHPA Maine is not eligible to hold such sanctioned tournament.

Clark lost his one game to Gerrish in the Maine round robin of 8 A-Class pitchers, 20-50. But Gerrish, with two others, Barnes of Bangor and Boudreault of Lewiston, stumbled into two losses, Gerrish losing his two to both Barnes and Bangor. These three being tied, a playoff was held and Gerrish won that, doing a bright 82% burst against former state champ Barnes.

Maine stood out well in the New England A-Class championship which was held Sept. 3 at Portsmouth, N.H., when that city was official host to the N.E. for the third time. Gerrish got a second place tie with 9 wins and 2 losses. Roland Boudreault got in a 4th place tie with a 7-4 game record. And Clark won over half his games, 6-5, for 7th position among the 12 men. In these N.E. games Champ Clark was overcome by Champ Charley with a score of 50-15. But in this 6-state set-to, Maine's Clark beat the New Hampshire champion White by a tight score of 50-49 — a game which had a very exciting finish. (Howard White had made highest "qualifying" percentum with 41R out of 50S for 82%.) The story of Ed Landry from Fall River, Mass., masterfully retaining his N.E. title with an 80 per cent performance will doubtless be related in full by R D coverage on another page of this copy.

It is earnestly hoped that our Portsmouth star, Donald G. Craig, may be sent to the Utah world championship in 1957 when he would be age 15.

Congratulations are in order to the new Regl. Dir. members for 1956-57, as well as to the former RD's who remain in office. Four out of the seven seem to have been dropped. It was a surprise that the new ones were appointed this year, instead of being elected as they were in 1955. We hope the new ones do a notable job on publicity and information. Further congrats are due the News Digest for its neat newsy September number. We look forward to the next coming issue, booked for January 1957.



## TED ALLEN HORSESHOE COMPANY

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## EDGAR LANDRY RETAINS NEW ENGLAND CROWN

Edgar Landry of Fall River, Mass., retained his title as the New England champion. The bleachers were filled to capacity with avid fans. A public address system kept a running account of the tournament as it progressed. The New England pitchers voted to hold the 1957 championship in New Hampshire. This great event was staged on the Portsmouth, N. H. courts. Results of the tourney are as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
<b>Class A</b>			
1. Edgar Landry, Fall River, Mass. ....	11	0	74.5
2. Joe Comeau, Lynn, Mass. ....	9	2	69.6
3. Charles Gerrish, Kittery Point, Maine .....	9	2	61.3
4. Al Burgeois, Esmond, R. I. ....	7	4	63.6
5. Peter Heroux, Providence, R. I. ....	7	4	61.8
6. Roland Boudreault, Lewiston, Me. ....	7	4	50.7
7. Porter Clark, Auburn, Me. ....	6	5	58.1
8. Howard White, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	3	8	56.6
9. Charles Wood, Lisbon Falls, Me. ....	2	9	43.6
10. James Guyette, Dover, N. H. ....	2	9	41.3
11. Frank Wagner, Darrien, Conn. ....	2	9	39.2
12. Howard Stowell, New Bedford, Mass. ....	1	10	34.7
<b>Class B</b>			
1. Paul Tobey, Kittery Point, Me. ....	4	0	51.2
2. Ralph Dow, Canaan, N. H. ....	3	1	39.8
3. Arthur Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	2	2	36.1
4. Clyde Robinson, Derry, N. H. ....	1	3	35.5
5. Blaine Turner, Biddeford, Me. ....	0	4	24.5
<b>Class C</b>			
1. Earl Webber, Bangor, Me. ....	3	0	44.3
2. Calvin Davis, Rochester, N. H. ....	2	1	40.0
3. Herman Babbie, Dover, N. H. ....	1	2	14.7
4. Phillip Drew, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	0	3	16.3

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## MISSOURI INAUGURATES OZARK OPEN

From down Missouri way comes news that they have inaugurated a new tournament called the Ozark Open. The weather being fine, they proceeded to throw a lot of ringers. John Elkins, of Stella, the defending champ, was not required to qualify, so he watched what he had to contend with later on in the day. Davy Baker threw 80 ringers out of 100 shoes for 253 points, followed by Earl Winston with 78 for 248 points. Not to be outdone was Loy Ross with 76 for 248, Bill Young with 74 for 247, L. Greenlee with 71 for 233, D. Wommack with 68 for 233 and 8th highest qualifier was C. Long with 74 for 231. Final winner and new champion was Davy Baker of Wentworth with a ringer average of 73.2 for the day. The class B division was about as tough as the top class with W. Winston taking the top position with 7 wins and no losses and posting a 63 per cent average.

The best game of the meet was turned in by Dave Baker with a 78.8 average in a win over Long who had 78.1. A new Missouri record was set when Earl Winston and Dave Baker threw 116 shoes and averaged 75.9 and 76.7 respectively.

Government Officer — Are you married or single?

Applicant—Married.

Officer—Where were you married?

Applicant—I don't know.

Officer—You don't know where you were married?

Applicant—Oh, I thought you said "why."

### PLEASE NOTE

WE NEED A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF MATERIAL TO MAKE OUR NEW MAGAZINE INTERESTING, SO KEEP IT COMING.

## JAMES OHLER WINS PENNSYLVANIA STATE TITLE

The 1956 Pennsylvania State Horseshoe Pitching Championship was held at the Clearfield Driving Park Courts at Clearfield, Pa.

All in all, there were 33 who qualified for berths either in Class A or B with the final 10 highest being in Class A and the remaining 8 in Class B.

James Ohler of Scottsdale, Pa., won the 1956 Pennsylvania State Championship over the 17 other contestants. Ohler, who had been runner-up to the State Champ, John Fulton of Carlisle, Pa., in 1955 posted a 9-0 record in clinching the championship.

Fulton, the defending champ, came in second place losing twice in the 10 man round robin play. Fulton was beaten by Ohler and also by Over of Altoona, Pa.

George Curry of Belle Vernon, Pa., who is also an ex-champion had the same record as Fulton in the won and lost department. However, because of the higher percentages Fulton had, he was awarded second place with Curry finishing in third place. Curry's two loses were by Ohler and Fulton.

Below is the final standing and won and lost record in the Class A Championship Round.

James Ohler, Scottsdale, Pa. ....9-0	Fred Lutter, New Freedom, Pa. ...3-6
John Fulton, Carlisle, Pa. ....7-2	Al Zadroga, Elizabeth, Pa. ....3-6
George Curry, Belle Vernon, Pa. ....7-2	Wesley Kuchcinski, Erie, Pa. ....2-7
Milton Kuhn, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. ...5-4	Jack Potter, Erie, Pa. ....2-7
Dean Mayes, Pine Grove Mills, Pa. ....4-5	G. C. Over, Altoona, Pa. ....1-8

Kenneth Burris of Bellefonte, Pa., won the Class B title over 7 other contestants with a 7-0 record. Below is the final standing of the Class B group.

Kenneth Burris, Bellefonte, Pa. ...7-0	Roy Carson, Clearfield, Pa. ....2-5
Donald Smith, Red Lion, Pa. ....5-2	Franklin Bieniesz, Erie, Pa. ....2-5
Nevin Bailey, Madisonburg, Pa. ...5-2	William Cahill, Sr., Pittsburgh, Pa. ....2-5
John Clingan, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....3-4	Joe Ehrlick, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....2-5

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## WEST VIRGINIA TITLE WON BY LINDQUIST

By virtue of going through the entire tournament without losing a game, Arner Lindquist of Morgantown laid claim to the 1956 West Virginia state championship. The annual meet was held at Middlebury Island, W. Va. The annual election of officers was held and the following officers were elected for the 1957 season: Tom Davis, president; Marvin Dial, vice-president; Anna Lindquist, secretary-treasurer.

Results of the tourney are as follows:

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
1. Arner Lindquist	8	0	66.5	1. H. G. Broyles	9	0	45.7
2. Ralph Maddox	7	1	62.5	2. Charles Marshall	7	2	48.0
3. Ralph Cook	5	3	51.6	3. Jim Lowe	7	2	46.1
4. Jr. Scarberry	5	3	46.5	4. Marvin Dial	7	2	37.1
5. Jim Boggess	4	4	46.0	5. Jim Jones	5	4	33.4
6. Troy Harrison	3	5	41.2	6. Ray Spaulding	3	6	29.7
7. Howard Barnett	2	6	49.4	7. Paul Zigmond	3	6	29.8
8. Tom Davis	2	6	36.5	8. Roland Barnett	2	7	29.9
9. William Bodnar	0	8	33.7	9. Dr. Ralph Frazier	1	8	25.7
10. A. J. Jividen	Defaulted			10. Tommy Evans	1	8	18.2

# *The Story Behind*

## *"Championship Horseshoes"*

By ELLIS COBB

Thursday is generally only an ordinary day leading up to the week-end when we have a rest from our daily tasks. Thursday, October 4, 1956, was no exception until lunch time arrived. I was enjoying my dinner when I was called to the telephone. Upon my answering it I found out it was Mr. Matt Niesen, television producer of "Championship Bowling." Being the current city bowling champion I thought it was some kind of a gag being played on me. However, on listening further to my unseen speaker he disclosed that he was interested in producing a "Championship Horseshoes" program fashioned after his bowling show. His desire was to have correct information as to official regulations, etc. In order to talk more at length on the subject he invited my wife and me to have dinner with him that same evening.

At dinner that evening with him and his wife we were joined by his son and another associate on his staff. It was at this dinner meeting that some of the ground work for this TV program was formulated. Immediately afterwards we were guests at his "Championship Bowling" show.

Within a few days I received a letter to be present with Truman Standard of Canton, Illinois, and Arthur Dugle of Chicago to start rehearsal for the contemplated program. After much confusion that always evolves around a new TV program, the final rehearsal began with Truman Standard and myself doing the pitching which was being filmed in color for future viewing by tentative sponsors. Soon we were dismissed to await further developments.

Time passed and finally on Thanksgiving Day, while visiting the Standards and also for practice, Mr. Niesen called and informed us that the first show of "Championship Horseshoes" would go on the air on Wednesday evening, November 28th at 10:30 P. M. We were to be in the studios at 2 P. M. of that day. What a wonderful Thanksgiving it turned out to be!

On the night of the show Standard and Dugle played the first match. The final outcome was that Standard was defeated.

The playing procedure is completely different from outside playing conditions which accounts for some of the results of the matches that have followed. Each match consists of 50 shoes thrown by each man using the Count-All system. That is, all points made by each player are totaled. All official rules are adhered to in all respects. All points and measurements are ruled on by a referee and then posted on the scoreboard visible to the viewers. Norm Barry, NBC sportscaster is the commentator. Prize money is based on double ringers and total points scored. Each double ringer wins \$5.00. Every double ringer thrown consecutively after 10 straight ringers scores an additional \$5.00. These bonuses are for each man regardless if he wins or loses. The winner receives \$1.00 a point plus his bonuses, and a gold plated horseshoe as an extra award for being on the show. The loser receives a consolation prize of \$50.00 plus his bonus money and also a gold plated horseshoe.

To date the following have appeared on the show: Truman Standard, Arthur Dugle, Ellis Cobb, John Lindmeier, Milton Tate and Curtis Day. Milton Tate is the current champion having successfully defended his title for 3 weeks in a row. His next opponent will be Harrison Maitlen.

Thus has the story of "Championship Horseshoes" unfolded.

