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## **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY**

I have been toying with many ideas as to how the expiration date could best be handled, on subscriptions to our "News Digest", that would be fair to all.

I think we all realize the most absolutely fair way is to send 12 issues to a subscriber from the time he sends in his money. This entails a little extra work on the part of a National secretary, but in checking my records I find I have them clearly recorded anyway to cover each individual from the time his money is received at this office. I believe all publishers, taking subscriptions on a yearly basis, send out their publications on that basis so there would be no difficulty there.

I think the membership should remain just as it now is. That is for the calendar year, January 1st to January 1st. Altho his membership runs out at end of year he would still receive the magazine until it's expiration date. His magazine would then stop unless he paid the combined price of magazine and membership. I don't think a thing is gained by changing start of membership to middle of year as some advocate.

Elmer O. Beller, Secretary

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## **MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

The ground work has been prepared for another Worlds Tournament at Murray, Utah. The success of this event depends entirely upon the horseshoe pitchers themselves. The sponsors have always been more than fair with us and if we wish to continue to take advantage of their cooperation, then we must make this coming tournament better than ever.

The good people of Utah have always made the players feel at home. Such kindness and generosity on their part tends to bring a feeling of regret when the tournament ends and we depart for home. But looking forward towards the next tournament brings a feeling of pleasure and anticipation that is hard to describe. There is always fun when good fellows get together. This is made possible by the cooperation of the sponsor and the N.H.P.A. To assure the future of this event, the N.H.P.A. desires and solicits the cooperation of all horseshoe pitchers.

You members who have ideas to expand and strengthen our organization should be at the Convention to present them. If unable to attend, send them to the Resolutions Committee so that they may study them beforehand. In any event, please remember that this is an organization of horseshoe pitchers, run by horseshoe pitchers and for horseshoe pitchers. If you have the best interest of the game at heart, then we sincerely hope you will lend a helping hand by getting ONE NEW MEMBER.

Cletus Chapelle, Chairman

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## **SEND IN THOSE BITS OF NEWS**

To all of our readers who have any news such as might be of interest to members of the association please send it to the editor. Items such as weddings, births, special celebrations, personality stories, etc. Season's schedules listing tournaments also results of matches, are also requested as soon as they are completed.

## 1957 WORLD TOURNAMENT PRIZE LIST ANNOUNCED

Elois Standard, World Tournament Manager, has released the following prize list for the 1957 World's Tournament to be held July 15th through July 24th on the Murray, Utah courts at the Salt Lake County Fairgrounds courts at Murray, Utah. The following companies have donated trophies for the tournament: Dixon Horseshoe Company; Gordon Horseshoe Company and Ted Allen Horseshoe is furnishing the trophy for the Boy's Tournament. Total prize money for this great tournament is \$4,411.00. The tournament is sponsored by the Salt Lake County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

### Class "A" — Total Prizes \$3,924

1.—\$450	7.—\$152	13.—\$92	19.—\$65	25.—\$57	31.—\$51
2.—\$350	8.—\$142	14.—\$82	20.—\$63	26.—\$56	32.—\$50
3.—\$300	9.—\$132	15.—\$77	21.—\$61	27.—\$55	33.—\$49
4.—\$250	10.—\$122	16.—\$72	22.—\$60	28.—\$54	34.—\$48
5.—\$197	11.—\$112	17.—\$69	23.—\$59	29.—\$53	35.—\$47
6.—\$172	12.—\$102	18.—\$67	24.—\$58	30.—\$52	36.—\$46

### Class "B" — Total Prizes \$391

1.—\$30	6.—\$24	11.—\$19	16.—\$14
2.—\$28	7.—\$23	12.—\$18	17.—\$13
3.—\$27	8.—\$22	13.—\$17	18.—\$12
4.—\$26	9.—\$21	14.—\$16	19.—\$11
5.—\$25	10.—\$20	15.—\$15	20.—\$10

### Ladies Tournament — Total Prizes \$96

1.—\$25.00	5.—\$8.00
2.—\$20.00	6.—\$7.00
3.—\$15.00	7.—\$6.00
4.—\$10.00	8.—\$5.00

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SCOREKEEPERS FOR WORLD'S TOURNAMENT

If possible would be glad to have score-keeper to continue thru' the five nights of play, or arrange for a substitute when unable to be present.

To reduce the chance of error and expedite the work of checkers in the tent, please mark all score-sheets according to the symbols given at top of your score-sheets.

Thus:

- 0 live ringer, 3 points
- 00 two live ringers, 6 points
- X dead ringer, no count
- xx two dead ringers, no count
- 0X one live ringer, one dead ringer, three points
- dash no ringers

Your score-sheets are all labeled for proper court and round number. If your game should go over 100 shoes, use extra sheet from back of your pad.

If you should get off your proper round, make correction as quickly as possible, by adding a sheet or eliminating a sheet as the cause might require.

We will not make it mandatory, but believe the following, the best method of operating the scoring devices:

First crank up the score immediately, when it is called by the pitcher; then enter on your score-sheet. Thus the pitcher calling the score, will know you understood it right. The pitcher will soon learn to watch for that figure to go up on his call.

Also those figures on your machine tape will aid you in keeping your sheet correctly. It is particularly important to immediately turn up the tape on the last pitch of a game. If the score is close on this last pitch, the spectators many times do not know who won the game.

Always allow the judges to make decisions on close counts, if they are at all available. They are equipped for this and it is their job.

Turn in score-sheet as quickly as possible after it is signed. Turn your machine back, so as to be ready for next round.

## **RULES FOR PLAY-WORLD'S TOURNAMENT — 1957**

1. All contestants are to have their name, town, and state lettered on their shirts, to be readable at a distance of fifty feet. These are to be worn in qualifying as well as in tournament play. Players are urged to wear a neat and colorful uniform (a state insignia, or sponsors name etc.) this will tend to make a more attractive tourney.
2. In order to keep qualifying moving on schedule, courts will be limited to one player per court during hours of qualifying. Qualifiers must pitch 200 consecutive shoes.
3. Qualifying dates are July 15, 16, and 17. Qualifying will close at 12:00 midnight Wednesday July 17. Tournament play will be July 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24.
4. Shoes must conform to weight and measurement before being used in qualifying and tournament games.
5. In order to keep all games moving on schedule, a player shall not stall or take unnecessary time in playing a game, any player guilty of this offence will be warned by the tournament officials. If the offence is repeated he must forfeit the game.
6. If a player is absent or unable to participate in a game (15 minutes after the particular round starts) he must forfeit that game. More than one forfeit automatically disqualifies a player for the tournament and all of his games are forfeited.
7. In the finals a round robin schedule allowing the best players to meet in the final games will be used. The best players will be ranked according to their performance in the 18 man semi-final round robin. A players ranking number in the finals will be determined by the number of games won in the semi-finals. Except for 14th man in group 1 and 12th man in group 2, a flip of a coin will break ties for ranking numbers in the finals. Players involved shall throw 50 shoes to break the tie in the following cases:
  - In case of a tie in qualifying score for last place in class A.
  - In case of a tie in qualifying score for last place in class B.
  - If tied in equal number of games won for 14th man group 1.
  - If tied in equal number of games won for 12th man group 2.
8. In case of a tie in qualifying scores, (except for last place) a players ranking number will be decided by a flip of a coin.
9. Final place of a player, except a tie for first, (world's champion only) will be decided as follows (1) by games won, (2) by points accumulated, and (3) if still tied, by ringer percentage.
10. In case two players tie for first the world's championship will be decided by a best 2 out of 3 game playoff.
11. Any other unforeseen problems will be settled by tournament committee.

## **MONASMITH, WASHINGTON ACE, CAPTURES OREGON TOURNAMENT**

**By CLETUS CHAPELLE**

In two opening tournaments of the season held in Portland, Oregon on May 25 and 26, John Monasmith of Yakima, Washington, emerged victorious in both.

There were pitchers from three states Idaho, Washington and Oregon competing. In the first contest there were thirty players who played an elimination round, on Saturday, May 25th. Monasmith and Chapelle of Oregon were the finalists and in the play-off Monasmith came out on top.

On Sunday, May 26th the Bryant Memorial Tournament got under way with players divided into three brackets. John Monasmith of Yakima, Washington and Roy Getchell of Portland, Oregon finished in a tie for the championship in the top bracket. Monasmith won the playoff. Getchell being second and Ed Fishel the defending champion drew third place honors. Class "B" was won by Bob West of McMinnville, Oregon, when he defeated Barney Hampton of Portland, Oregon in the playoff. Class "C" honors went to Ray Weller also of Portland.

## 2nd ANNUAL "ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPEN" — JULY 13-15th

### BOULDER, COLORADO

By TED ALLEN

In a setting duplicating the background scenery of the Murray, Utah courts. Except that we here think it even more beautiful, tho we cannot beat the hospitality of Utah. If we were to take a picture of our courts and show it to those who have been at Murray, at the first look they often would think it to be the World's tournament site. Except for certain details they look exactly the same, the props being located alike with our Flagstaff Mountain only a few blocks away. A halfway house on the east slope of the Mountain furnishes shelter and picnic grounds, which overlook the city. The entire auto trip to the top, about 7 miles, is as beautiful a short drive as you will find in the state. From there you can look directly down on the beautiful city and surrounding country-side and in the distance, Denver and other cities. Another block or two from that view-point, you get a view across the lower mountain ranges to the highest ramparts which are the backbone of the Rockies and North America, the Continental Divide.

The tourney setup will be the same as 1956. Prizes to come from the gate receipts and entree fees. 100-shoe qualifying on Saturday, July 13th, and until noon on the 14th. Entry fee, \$3.00. You may mail in a certified score in advance. The purpose is to accommodate those a long distance from Boulder and their vacation time does not permit them to arrive in time to qualify. We had 100% cooperation and honesty last year.

Class B to play Sunday afternoon and night. Class A, Monday and night. For further information write to either Ted Allen or Bill Leuthauser, City Recreation, Boulder, Colorado.

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# “This Is The Place”

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I have attended world and sectional tournaments in many cities all over the nation and none compare with the nine world tournaments held at Murray, Utah. Each year they become more interesting to spectators and more enjoyable to all who participate in them.

Every person interested in horseshoe pitching owes a great deal of gratitude and appreciation to the people of Salt Lake Valley, and the best way to show them is to be there on July 16-25 to witness or participate in what I believe to be the greatest world tournament ever held.

Our beloved president, Arch Stokes of Salt Lake City, who has been our tireless working prompter for the past ten years, is in ill health. He has appointed our 4th vice-president, Mrs. Truman Standard to take over his responsibilities in connection with the tournament. He could not have selected a more able and conscientious person for this appointment.

The responsibility placed in Mrs. Standard's hands is tremendous. It behooves us all to pitch in and HELP her wherever and whenever she needs assistance.

The method of play adopted for the tournament is interesting. It may not be perfect, but it shows that a lot of thought and effort on the part of the officers to please as many people as possible was put forth. Let's all support it for this year and decide at the convention what method to adopt in 1958 and not leave the decision up to our officers as we have done in the past.

Many of us have heard the saying “Now is the time” so here is the place, Murray, Utah, and the time is July 16 to 25. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and get the things done that will keep the game moving forward in the years to come.

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## HORSESHOES ONE OF FEATURES ON "SPORTS CAMERA" TV SHOW

“Mickey” Vecchitto, of Middletown, Conn. was one of the emissaries of horseshoe pitching when he appeared on Dave Scott's program, “Sports Camera” on May 17th. Unfortunately, he was only on the air for a short period which was not long enough for him to show some specially drawn illustrations that he had made up. One illustration was of the two most popular turns, (1¼ and 1¾) which was to show the viewers what the shoe was doing while in flight for making ringers. Also the layout of a regulation court, clay soil and etc. Also shown was a “Non-Slip” horseshoe and then the regulation shoe. At the conclusion of the show he was presented a beautiful wrist watch for being on the show.

Also on Saturday, May 25th, “Mickey” appeared again on another program televised from WNBC, Channel 30 from New Britain, Conn. This program is called “Focus” and is a 90 minute show and has a variety of entertainment, sports being one of them. The show opened with a short interview by Phil Corvo and “Mickey”. After the interview “Mickey” engaged in a 10 minute doubles match with three other Conn. ringer artists, Ralph Hillbrun of Meridan, present state champion; Dwight Smith of Southington, former state champion and John Dudek of Hartford, who is an outstanding pitcher. Following the game all four men were interviewed by Mr. Corvo in which many highlights of the game were stressed for the interest of the audience. The show lasted 15 minutes. Both Dave Scott and Phil Corvo were presented a pair of horseshoes as a token of appreciation from the Conn. Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

## MIDWEST RINGER ROUND UP "TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS"

By ROBERT PENCE

The second annual Midwest Ringer Round Up, Tournament of Champions, will be held at Dorner Park in Frankfort, Indiana on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 5, 6 and 7.

Last year the event drew 60 entries from seven different states. This year's meet is expected to do even better and it is hoped all the top ringer artists in the Midwest will be on hand. It will be an officially sanctioned tournament with the winners in all six classes receiving Certificates of Champion from the N.H.P.A. All entrants must be N.H.P.A. members from their home state. Membership cards will be available at the Tournament site.

There will be a 150 shoe qualifying round between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 P. M. on Friday, July 5 and from 9:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. Saturday, July 6. Finals in the four lower classes, C, D, E and F, Saturday evening beginning at 7:30. Finals in the top Classes, A and B, will be held on Sunday starting at 9:00 A. M.

Cash prizes and trophies will total \$600.00. Frankfort merchants and business firms will supply the cash money to add to the entry fee money, while both the Clinton County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and the Indiana State Association will add to the amount of money available for prizes. Following the same plan as used in last year's tournament, the players will receive a specified amount of money for each game they win in the round robin schedules of their class.

Tom Moon and Harold Conner, officers in the local club, will be Co-Chairmen of the Tournament Committee and will be assisted by officers of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A. and Nelson Pickering, who was Tournament Chairman last year.

It would be appreciated if players who intend to enter the tournament would drop a postcard to Harold Conner, 1260 South First Street, Frankfort, Ind., in order that the Tournament Committee may get an idea of how many entries to expect.

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# Introducing . . . *the PERSONALITY* *of the Month*

By HARVEY W. CLEAR

## GUY ZIMMERMAN

It is a pleasure for me to give you, as brief as possible, this horseshoe personality of the Month. With my knowledge, experience and personal friendship of all of the top pitchers, I will say that, if there was a horseshoe pitchers hall of fame, the name Guy Zimmerman would just about top the list. — Harvey W. Clear.

Born on a farm near Sac City, Iowa, Guy first became interested in horseshoe pitching at the age of eleven, being of championship caliber right from the start he was forced to play with men much older than himself. The following year, at the age of twelve, he won the Sac County Championship, which he held for several years. His first big tournament was at the age of thirteen, for the Iowa State Championship, at the Fair Grounds in Des Moines. Competing with the top players including Frank Jackson, at that time the National Champion, with sixty five players competing, Guy won tenth place. In 1925 he won the Inter State Championship of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, which he held to the time the tournaments were discontinued in 1927. In those days he was competing with such players as, Frank Jackson, Putt Mossman, Lyle Brown, Cecil Freel, Elza Ray, Vyril Jackson, Hansford Jackson, Caroll Jackson, Hill Bros. and the Garry Bros. Guy won the Iowa State Championship in 1934 and held that title until 1940 at which time he came to California to make his home. In 1931 he teamed up with Caroll Jackson, they came to Southern California and did exhibitions that Winter, the next Spring they put on exhibitions in Northern California, Oregon and Washington. In July of that year Guy went on an extensive tour of the United States putting on exhibitions for the next nine years. In the fall of 1932 there was a contest at Des Moines of rick and fancy pitching for the Worlds Championship, Guy won that title there and as far as he knows, there has never been another contest of that kind. Guy was not able to attend the 1933 tournament at Chicago, but in 1935 he entered at Moline, Ill., finishing in third place against such players as, Ted Allen defending champion, Frank Jackson, C. C. Davis, Jimmy Risk, Casey Jones, Jimmy O'Shay, Larry Mahony, Dean Brown and many more of the top players of that time. At the Iowa State Fair in 1940, a tournament which will always be remembered as there were records made there, some of which have never been broken, the three way tie between Allen, Zimmerman, and Isais, eventually going to Allen, after one of the hardest fought games ever recorded, most of you can recall that game, Guy finished in second place.

Early in 1941 Guy settled in Benicia, California going to work at the plumbing trade, which he had served his time before he became too involved in horseshoes. This was during the second War era and there was very little doing in horseshoes. In the Spring of 1941 he heard that there was to be a State Championship tournament at Santa Cruz, on July 3-4. After a long lay off he got out his horseshoes and began to practice. At this tournament there was thirty qualifiers, eliminating down to twelve men round-robin tournament. In qualifying for this tournament of one hundred shoes, Guy made the amazing score of ninety four ringers, a record which still stands for one hundred shoes qualifying. He won all of his games giving him his first California Championship title, having held that title from 1941 to 1951, defending that title every year against the best pitchers in California. Losing



that title in 1951 but regaining it in 1954 at which time having the misfortune of injuring his legs in a car accident he has not defended that title since that time.

Most of you will recall the tournament at Murray in 1954 at which time he won the Worlds Championship, going thru that tournament undefeated and in the final playoff between he and Fernando Isais in a three out of five game match for the title, Guy took three straight games and the title, as follows: 50-36, 50-39, 50-40, 88.6% 90.5% 88.0% for an average of, 89.0%.

Following are some of the records which he has made in his horseshoe career, Co-holder with Ted Allen, longest game, 164 shoes, Des Moines, Iowa, 1940, 145 ringers each, with 50 times 4 dead, they had 4 dead 11 consecutive times.

100 shoes in qualifying, 94 ringers, Santa Cruz, California, 1941.

The only 100% game in State or National tournament, Milwaukee, Wis., 1948, 44 shoes pitched, 44 ringers.

Records in exhibition:

Two perfect 25 point games, pitched over a blanket. Aberdeen, Washington, 1932 and Rock Island, Illinois, 1948. 82 consecutive ringers, Santa Cruz, California, 1941. 98 ringers in 100 shoes pitched, Sarasota, Florida.

Guy Zimmerman, a father of three children by his first wife, Gene, first son was killed in Korea, second World War, Bobby, second son is in the Navy, and Joice, his only daughter is married and living in Oraville, Calif. Guy was married the second time in 1947 to Miss Grace Mindenhall. She was born and raised also in Sac City, Iowa, but has lived in California many years. They have a lovely home, and a wonderful plumbing business in Danville, California, which is about twenty-five miles from Oakland, Calif.

Having been out of the game for more than two years, due to his injuries, he has recovered sufficiently so that we are all hoping to see him back on the courts this year.

## "LID LIFTER" OPEN HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

By Leslie Long

A warm-up tournament known as the "Lid Lifter" Open was held on the Lawrence Park courts on Memorial Day, in Rock Falls, Illinois. Qualifying started at 9 A. M. and closed at noon with Milton Eggemeier of Rockford, Illinois taking top qualifying position with 226 points. Glen Anderson of Moline, Illinois came away with the blue ribbon for the afternoon with seven straight wins. Barney Creve of Clinton, Iowa won Class "B".

Results of the meet are as follows:

### CLASS "A"

	W	L
1. Glenn Anderson, Moline, Illinois .....	7	0
2. Leslie Long, Sterling, Illinois .....	5	2
3. Hilmer Magnuson, Rockford, Illinois .....	5	2
4. Frank Palka, Chicago, Illinois .....	4	3
5. Milton Eggemier, Rockford, Illinois .....	2	5
6. Herbert Plautz, Rock Falls, Illinois .....	2	5
7. Willard Warfield, Princeton, Illinois .....	2	5
8. Joe Sisson, Sterling, Illinois .....	1	6

### CLASS "B"

	W	L
1. Allen Holmquist, Sterling, Illinois .....	6	1
2. Bill Portner, Sterling .....	6	1
3. Barney Greve, Clinton, Iowa .....	5	2
4. Ralph Thompson, Princeton, Illinois .....	3	4
5. Norbert Laws, Arboy, Illinois .....	3	4
6. Ray Wuebben, Sterling, Illinois .....	2	5
7. Lester Carlson, Princeton, Illinois .....	2	5
8. Ray Orlowski, Sterling, Illinois .....	1	6

## ART DUGLE, NEWCOMER TO PRO RANKS, CAPTURES DES MOINES MID-WEST OPEN TITLE

Arthur Dugle, a newcomer to pro ranks, made the other top ranking pitchers set up and take stock of themselves when he took all the honors in the Des Moines Mid-West Open Tournament held on the Birdland Park courts, Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, May 26. In winning this tournament, Dugle defeated such players as Truman Standard, Illinois state champion, Willard James, Iowa state champion and Dale Dixon, former Iowa state champion, who was staging a comeback after a years absence due to a serious back injury. Twenty-four finalists made up the tournament being divided into four groups. Following are the statistics:

### Group 1

	W	L
1. Arthur Dugle, Chicago, Ill. ....	5	0
2. Truman Standard, Canton, Ill. ....	4	1
3. Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Ia. ....	3	2
4. Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Ia. ....	1	4
5. John Paxton, Ottumwa, Ia. ....	1	4
6. Willard James, Council Bluffs, Ia. ....	1	4

### Group 2

1. Francis Rogers, Waverly, Ia. ....	4	1
2. Harold Shaw, What Cheer, Ia. ....	3	2
3. Ernie Danielson, Middletown, Ia. ....	3	2
4. Marion Lange, Bondurant, Ia. ....	2	3
5. Carl Bennett, Des Moines, Ia. ....	2	3
6. Harry Page, Waterloo, Ia. ....	1	4

### Group 3

1. Jim Wilkinson, Peru, Ia. ....	5	0
2. Otho Casey, Des Moines, Ia. ....	4	1
3. Art Brown, Patterson, Ia. ....	3	2
4. Harry Savage, Des Moines, Ia. ....	1	4
5. Charles Boston, Des Moines, Ia. ....	1	4
6. Francis Thomas, Davenport, Ia. ....	1	4

### Group 4

1. Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa, Ia. ....	5	0
2. Charles Beaner, Des Moines, Ia. ....	4	1
3. Tom Johnson, Des Moines, Ia. ....	3	2
4. Harold Darnold, Burlington, Ia. ....	2	3
5. Richard Hardy, Des Moines, Ia. ....	1	4
6. Jess Hill, Des Moines, Ia. ....	0	5

### Play-off

Arthur Dugle .....	50	Jim Wilkinson .....	50
Francis Rogers .....	25	Charley Hopkins .....	25
Winner .....		Arthur Dugle 50	
		Jim Wilkinson 38	

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# INDIANA ASSOCIATION NEWS

By BOB PENCE

The State Wide Special Newcomers Tournament at Highland Park in Kokomo drew an entry of 52 players despite the inclement weather and provided highly successful in boosting the membership of the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A., and at the same time providing competition for new members and the average players. The 100 shoe qualifying round was held May 25 and 26 with the finals in six classes of eight men each scheduled for June 1 and 2.

Rod Hatton, a 20 year old redhead from Indianapolis and Walt Horner of Farmersburg tied for high qualifying honors with 203 points. Hatton tossed 59 ringers and Horner 58. John Coble of Peru was close behind with a score of 202. Red Davis with 195 points was the top local player, while Jerry Keyes, 18 year old Winchester boy scored 188. Others who qualified for Class A were John Allen of Kokomo, left handed John Schuck of Forest, and Grady James of Lafayette.

The Kokomo club in co-operation with the State Association did a fine job in promoting and staging the tournament.

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**Northern Indiana** at City Park, Wabash. Qualifying round, Sat., July 27 and Sun., July 28. Finals, Sat., Aug. 3 and Sun., Aug. 4.

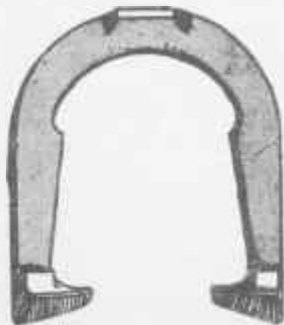
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Postponement of the Wabash Invitational until June 9 forced a revision in the dates of the Southern Indiana Tournament, which is now scheduled to be held at Brookside Park in Indianapolis. Qualifying dates are June 15 and 16 with the finals scheduled for the following week end.

So far no definite tournament site or dates have been set for the Central Indiana Tournament tentatively announced to be held at Anderson the last part of June. This uncertainty has been caused by the uncertain status of the Anderson courts.

Gene "Red" Brumfield of Markleville, 1956 Indiana champion and Curt Day of Frankfort, a former state champion played an exhibition match on June 2, at the spring picnic and outing of the Delco-Remy Corporation in Anderson, Indiana, at Killbuck Park. The Delco-Remy Employees Recreation Association sponsored the match.

It is a pleasure to report that Ray England of Crawfordsville is once again tossing shoes. It was previously reported that Ray would be unable to compete this summer due to illness and advised by his doctor to abstain from pitching. However, the latest word is that he is now back in the "pink", and is raring to go.



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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION

By JIM WEEKS

The Southern California Added Class "A" held at South Gate Park was played in bad weather. It rained before the tournament and the players had to pitch into a heavy cold wind. This hurt their percentages but they were out to win rain or wind. This made the playoff a toss up, but the old war horse Dean came through in great style to beat Schneider and Weeks, Dean lost to Weeks in the regular play but got even in the playoff.

## HARVARD, MAY 5, 1957 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN CLASS "D"

	W	L	R.	SP.	%
Bob Schneider, Rivera .....	4	1	167	354	47.2
Ed. Gaston, Downey .....	3	2	136	302	45.0
Larry Geer, So. San Gabriel .....	3	2	149	342	43.6
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	2	3	162	308	52.6
Melvin Lingenfelter, Fontana .....	2	3	118	312	38.1
Wally Haugland, W. Los Angeles .....	1	4	143	350	40.9

## HARVARD, MAY 5, 1957 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN CLASS "E"

	W	L	R.	SP.	%
George Lowe, Culver City .....	5	0	133	284	46.8
Adolfo Chavez, Rivera .....	4	1	123	332	37.0
Ernie Anderson, Hawthorne .....	3	2	127	310	41.0
Lewie Shell, W. Los Angeles .....	1	4	113	346	32.7
Claude Scoble, Hawthorne .....	1	4	95	310	30.6
Richard McFadden, Torrance .....	1	4	105	354	29.7

## ADDED CLASS "A" — SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA MAY 19, 1957

	W	L	R.	SP.	%
L. Dean, Pomona .....	6	1	261	446	58.5
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	6	1	271	406	66.7
Jerry Schneider, Montebello .....	6	1	295	478	61.9
Henry Harper, Monterey Park .....	4	3	225	420	53.6
Homer Moefield, Long Beach .....	2	5	229	414	55.3
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	2	5	218	418	52.1
Walter Krowel, Manhattan Beach .....	2	5	199	406	49.0
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	0	7	183	400	45.8

## MAINE NEWS

By CHARLES GERRISH

"Barnyard Golf" as a joke term for the Horseshoe game isn't anything original or new on the part of a user of this expression, and it is not likely to evoke a gust of laughter from the ringer pitching devotee.

While it is true that the horseshoes first used in the game came from horses, yet the game has hardly been of the barnyard type for many years. For over a generation at least, the horseshoe game has moved into a vast number of urban and suburban dooryards, including some front lawns. Nearly every recreation park has courts set up ready for pitching, many with boxed pits, and some with clay kept to a pleasant putty-like condition.

The pitching shoes themselves have evolved a considerable evolution since the days when the doffed footwear of old dobbie was used. From about 1920, smooth forged steel shoes have been required by the sport's finicky flingers. No row of holes around the mules pumps now, and no ragged bent nails to interfere with the fingers. A new model shoe is put out each year by a number of companies.

# Looking Into The "Hall Of Fame"

## Accomplishments of "Casey" Jones

Charles ("Casey") Jones evidenced his coming ability as a great horse-shoe pitcher first in 1934 when he took third place in the "Mid-West" meet in a field of 24 men. He was only a boy in his middle teens at that time.

In 1935, again, Casey showed great strength in a 24 man round-robin. At the end of 2nd day he and Allen had only lost one game each out of 12 games played. Casey weakened somewhat on the 4th day of the match, winding up in 5th spot.

In 1939 Casey participated in the Mid-West tourney at Des Moines in a 16 man round-robin, finishing in 3rd position and a ringer percentage of almost 81%.

In 1946 at Des Moines Casey took 2nd place, winning 21 out of 23 games. He was short just six points each of winning the other two. He won one game in this tournament by pitching only 28 shoes. This is one of two of the shortest games found on record. He pitched 11 doubles and two single ringers in this game.

In 1947, at Murray, Utah, he defeated both Allen and Zimmerman but lost to Isais and Nelson, taking 2nd place. In this tournament he had one game, 31 ringers out of 32 shoes pitched, another 32 out of 34 pitched.

Casey's most outstanding year in World Tournament play was at Milwaukee in 1948. Yet he finished in a three way tie for 2nd place with Allen and Zimmerman, each losing three games. He stacked up a surprising ringer percentage of 87.5% for the complete 31 games. This still stands as all time high in World tournament play. This is more astounding when you consider he pitched almost an average of 80 shoes per game for entire tournament. His consistency is indicated by the fact he had only two games below 80% and only one game as much as 95%.

In 1950 at Murray, Utah, he again took 2nd place after a tie play-off with Allen for that position. In 1952 Jones again tied with Allen for 2nd place. In 1954 he took 3rd place at Murray.

Casey did not compete in World tournament in 1955 or 56. He is still a young man and his many friends all hope he will return to combat and haul down that Championship he so richly deserves.

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## **RICHMOND HILL SPRING FAIR — ONTARIO, CANADA**

By far the largest number of pitchers in recent years, turned out to try their skill at throwing ringers in the tournament sponsored by the Richmond Hill Fair Board, Saturday, May 25, at Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

Two contests were featured: a local and an open event. The Richmond Hill Fair put up the cash prizes and a trophy for the locals while the Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association gave a trophy to the Open winner and conducted the Tournament. Secretary, Ted Burrows of Port Credit and Treas. Ralph Littleton of Toronto were in charge.

The local event produced the following results:

- 1st and trophy winner—Bruce Murray, R.R.2, Woodbridge
- 2nd—Elmer Orr, Richmond Hill
- 3rd—J. Dilworth, Richmond Hill
- 4th—W. Groves, Stouffville
- 5th—Harvey Glendenning, Stouffville
- 6th—A. Braun
- 7th—Don Reynolds, Richmond Hill
- 8th—Dan Reynolds, Richmond Hill

The Open Event involved two groups of 12 players with the top 6 from each group going into a 12 man final beginning at 6 p.m.

Winners were as follows:

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| 1st and Trophy—Elmer Hohl, Wellesley | 4th—Lorne Gould, Woodbridge  |
| 2nd—Al Snow, Islington               | 5th—Elmer Orr, Richmond Hill |
| 3rd—Joe Jeffries, Toronto            | 6th—L. Cruise, Midland       |

# OPEN LETTER

## TO CLETUS CHAPELLE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Cletus:

State Secretaries in whom rests the responsibility recruiting and increasing the membership of the both their own respective State organizations and the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association would do well to study the policies of the Indiana State Association, which for the past six years or more has the largest membership in the N.H.P.A.

This year the Indiana group staged a State Wide Special Newcomers Tournament for the purpose of giving prospective new members a place in the program without their having to compete against the top notchers and to also give the average player and those in the lower ringer percentage brackets a tournament of their own to play in.

The only player eligible were new members, and old members who had not played in the State tournament, and players who had averaged under 50% ringers during the last two State Tournaments. To stimulate players to join up at the start of the year anyone who joined the Association before the first issue of the "News Digest" came out in January was allowed in the tourney for a 50 cent entry fee providing they were otherwise eligible.

The result was Indiana had over a 100 members by the first of the year. This total of course included many regular members who would have joined anyhow, but the number was increased substantially by those who desired to take part in the Newcomers Tourney and take advantage of the 50 cent entry fee.

Despite inclement weather we had 52 qualifiers for the tournament, the great bulk of whom had never before had a State or National card. Twenty of the players were eligible for the 50 cent entry fee.

The Indiana State Tournament annually attracts in excess of 100 entries, and the reason is everybody competes in a round robin division. Last year we had eleven divisions in the State Tournament with trophies and prizes in all eleven divisions.

In other words in our state tournament no one pitches his qualifying shoes and then sits on the sidelines and watches the more successful qualifiers play in the finals. Our Consolation and Booster Divisions provides competition for all players who fail to qualify for one of the Classes A through H. This plan was started by Nelson Pickering when he was State Secretary a number of years ago and has been highly successful.

What I'm trying to point out is that the Indiana Association does not exist solely for the top notch players and more or less ignore the average player and the newcomer. In checking over the membership figures of the various states it appears that too many of them only provide a place for the outstanding players. The other players are there and available if a place is made for them, and once that is done it will be found that many of them are good horseshoe pitchers. I don't believe Indiana has anymore horseshoe players then other states. The Hoosier state is not one of our more populous states, but every year we uncover new players we never heard of who are really tough horseshoe players.

In conclusion I would like to point out a fact you are already familiar with and have commented on to me — namely that Indiana membership is a big percentage of the national membership. If our 34 State Associations would do the job the Indiana Association has done in the past six years our National membership would soar to an all-time high. As it is Indiana is bearing the burden in maintaining our N.H.P.A. membership, while our members are proud of the fact that we have the biggest State group, enough of them are aware of the disproportionate load Indiana is carrying and are beginning to ask questions.

"Why shouldn't more state organizations do a similar job?"

Sincerely yours,

Bob Pence

Secretary, Indiana Association



## *"From Out Of The Mail Bag"*

May 24, 1957

The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
1307 Solfisburg Ave.  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

First I want to say that I for one think that the "News Digest" has made a wonderful beginning and I know that it will continue. I am glad when I receive my issue each month.

I have been a member of the association since 1940. Altho I am not a high percentage pitcher I love to play horseshoes. I am a good friend of Curt Day as we both work at the Allison plant in Indianapolis. He is a great pitcher.

Getting back to the "Digest," I am trying to get all the subscriptions that I can get. I read all the articles and sure get a lot out of them. I think that my pitching will improve along with my interest and by that I will get more men interested in this wonderful sport.

Yours very truly,  
Lewis F. Bollinger  
16 Digby Court  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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61 Forest Ave.  
Port Credit, Ont., Canada  
May 31, 1957

Mr. Ellis Cobb,  
Editor, News Digest,  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

The Horseshoe Digest is certainly a fine magazine and quite a number of the fellows up here in Canada look forward eagerly to each publication. As you know we received our Charter and are now affiliated with the National Association. We are glad that you have been able to publish the results of Canadian Tournaments and will keep you posted on future events.

The articles by Ted Allen, and "Championship Horseshoes" by yourself and the many other articles, results of tournaments, etc., make very interesting reading for horseshoe enthusiasts.

Sorry Utah and the World Tourney is so far away, as many Canadians would like to go more often.

However, we thoroughly enjoy the trip, the contest and the hospitality of everyone and look forward to more of the same.

In the meantime au revoir, and the best of luck.

Sincerely,  
Ted Burrows  
Sec. Treas., Canadian H. P. A.

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