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## **A REMINDER ABOUT THOSE SANCTIONS**

When applying for tournament sanctions be sure to state the following as we have stubs to fill out requiring each and everyone of these items listed below to keep records in shape.

1. Name of your sponsor. (your club, Horseshoe Association or other sponsor.)
2. Name of tournament. (State, County, City, Open or whatever.)
3. Date to be held.
4. The location to be held.
5. If more than one group. (Such as "A", "B", "C" or League.)
6. For Championship of (State, City, County or something else.)

Sign your sanction after tournament is completed in place indicated.

Place the name and address of winners of each division on the back of sanction and return to the National secretary for certificates of award. The names on the back of sanction itself are the only ones to be recognized. So be sure to retain these sanctions.

If you have tournament programs made up in advance for a complete season you can order all sanctions at one time if you wish. Just send in a copy of your program if it contains all the necessary data.

Elmer O. Beller

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## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Horseshoe pitchers have awakened from their long period of winter inactivity and are now flexing those throwing arms again. This creates a surge of interest that all club officials are glad to see, especially the secretaries. It makes for new members, new enthusiasm and new finances, which are the backbone of any organization. Your own N.H.P.A. is no exception.

Tournaments have been held or soon will be held in all parts of the nation. What a wonderful thing it would be if all those tournaments could be sanctioned by the N.H.P.A. The game would experience a growth that would take it out of the small time class. More pitchers would join the N.H.P.A. if we present members would encourage them to do so. It is now about ten weeks until the National Tournament at Murray and our present membership should double in number in that time if each of us will do a little promoting. All of us would rather be part of a large organization than a small one. Which it shall be depends entirely on the actions of the members.

Most club officials are active horseshoe pitchers. By getting the necessary organizational work done early in the season, they then will have more time to pitch. Do your part to help them enjoy the game that you also enjoy. If they have to do ALL THE WORK all of the time, they never get to play and eventually lose interest themselves. Remember that the best member is the one that helps the officers that he helps elect.

Cletus Chapelle, Chairman

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN CLASS "A" ONTARIO — APRIL 7, 1957

By JAMES WEEKS

Bill Goodrick is one of Southern California's up and coming horseshoe players. Last year he won the award for the most improved player of the year, and the way he won this tournament, Bill is on his way to the top.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
L. Dean, Pomona .....	7	0	294	400	73.5
J. Weeks, Norwalk .....	5	2	354	514	68.9
G. Schneider, Montebello .....	4	3	301	452	66.6
H. Harper, Monterey Park .....	3	4	351	550	63.8
A. Nottingham, Redlands .....	3	4	294	468	62.8
F. Esperanza, Oxnard .....	3	4	235	426	55.2
H. Moefield, Long Beach .....	2	5	275	460	60.0
Geo. Hook, Ontario .....	1	6	303	500	60.6

## SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA OPEN CLASS "B" APRIL 14, 1957

### GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Henry Wendt, Rosemead .....	4	1	194	330	58.8
Bill Goodrick, West Los Angeles.....	3	2	174	336	51.8
Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia .....	3	2	151	308	49.0
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	3	2	157	348	45.1
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario .....	2	3	157	310	50.6
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	0	5	176	384	46.1

### GROUP TWO

Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	5	0	187	316	59.2
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	3	2	182	322	56.5
Henry Harper, Monterey Park .....	3	2	170	330	51.2
Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	2	3	158	334	47.3
Tom Nichols, Bell .....	2	3	150	324	46.3
Archie Gregson, Crestline .....	0	5	107	288	37.2

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OPEN CLASS "C" BALDWIN PARK, CALIF. — APRIL 28, 1957

### GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Fernand Fabre, Baldwin Park.....	4	1	118	284	41.5
Tony Wise, Santa Monica.....	3	2	126	254	49.6
George Easterling, W. Los Angeles.....	3	2	158	332	47.6
Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park.....	3	2	136	290	46.9
Larry Geer, San Gabriel.....	2	3	134	352	38.1
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park.....	0	5	100	292	34.2

### GROUP TWO

Bill Goodrick, W. Los Angeles.....	5	0	152	298	51.0
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario .....	4	1	143	290	49.3
Wm. Shoemaker, Monrovia .....	3	2	163	326	50.0
George Lowe, Culver City .....	2	3	129	298	43.3
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	1	4	118	314	37.6
Melvin Lingenfelter, Fontana .....	0	5	95	274	34.7

The first two from each group played a four man round-robin.

Bill Goodrick .....	3	0	105	186	56.5
Tony Wise .....	2	1	99	158	62.7
Ralph Metcalfe .....	1	2	72	160	45.0
Fernand Fabre .....	0	4	72	172	41.9

The top two from each group played a four man round robin to decide the top four positions.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Frank Esperanza .....	2	1	116	192	60.6
Elmer Beller .....	2	1	91	178	51.1
Henry Wendt .....	1	2	119	206	57.8
Bill Goodrick .....	1	2	114	196	58.2

Esperanza defeated Beller in playoff for first place.

## 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.

I do not believe anyone had time to go up last year, so the Boulder Horseshoe Club is going to offer you time to get up there this year. On the morning of Monday the 15th we will serve breakfast free, from 7:00 to 8:00 A. M. to all the contestants and their wives and families picnic style in a setting you will never forget. A man's qualifying trial is all he and family needs.

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.

Arrangements have been made with the management of the Mid-West "Ringer Round Up" tourney to have the first 100 shoes of their 150 shoe qualifying round count as an official qualifying score for the Rocky Mountain Open for those players who desire to take advantage of the mailing options. Any qualifying score sent in by mail will be final and such players will not be allowed a second trial on the grounds.

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.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Francis Winetrout, Seattle, Washington, who has relatives in Ontario, California, was visiting there recently and took in the Southern California Open Class "A." He attempted to qualify to participate but fell just short of making the first 8 qualifiers. He kept score for us throughout the match. He said this was the first time he had operated our type scoring devices but thought they were great. He has been a Washington member in the NHPA for many years. We enjoyed Winetrout's visit and hope he returns again.

## ACTIVITIES FOR 1957 SEASON IN CONNECTICUT

By WILLIAM KAMSIK

May 19, Connecticut Closed, Fred's Place, Southington, Conn. May 26, rain date.

June 7, Northern and Southern Connecticut Team Match, Fred's Place, Southington, Conn. (8:00 P. M. Friday night).

June 23, Connecticut Open Tournament at Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn. June 30, rain date.

July 14, Connecticut Association vs. Deep River Team, Municipal Field, Middletown, Conn.

July 21, Fairfield County Tournament, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn. July 28, rain date.

July 21, Northern Counties Tournament, Fred's Place, Southington, Conn. July 28, rain date.

August 4, Connecticut State Tournament, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn. August 11, rain date.

August 18, Northern and Southern Connecticut Team Match, Pope Park, Hartford, Conn.

September 15, Dwight Smith Day, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn.

## 1957 CALENDAR OF EVENTS INDIANA DIVISION, N. H. P. A.

**Newcomers' Tournament** at Highland Park, Kokomo. Qualifying round, Sat., May 25 and Sun., May 26. Finals, Sat., June 1 and Sun., June 2.

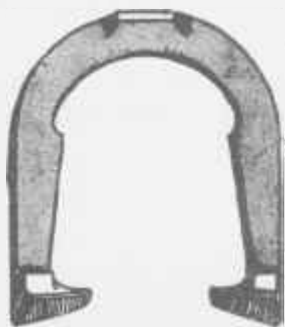
**Southern Indiana** at Garfield Park, Indianapolis. Qualifying round, Sat., June 8 and Sun., June 9. Finals Sat., June 15 and Sun., June 16.

**Central Indiana**—Tournament site to be selected later. Qualifying round Sat., June 22 and Sun., June 23. Finals, Sat., June 29 and Sun., June 30.

**Mid West "Ringer Round Up" Open** at Dorner Park, Frankfort. Qualifying round, Fri., July 5 and Sat., July 6. Finals, Sat., July 6 and Sun., July 7.

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

**INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT** at Heekin Park, Muncie. Qualifying round last two week ends in August. Championship finals, Labor Day week end.



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## MIDWEST RINGER ROUND UP "TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS"

By ROBERT PENCE

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

A recent meeting of the Clinton County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association drew up final plans for the event and voted to make it an annual undertaking of the club. The local club will be assisted officially by the Indiana Division of the N.H.P.A. in staging the tournament.

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.

Classes A and B will be comprised of 12 players each, while the other four classes will contain six players each, making a total of 48 finalists. Each class will play a round robin schedule of games. Trophies will go to the winners in each class in addition to the Certificates of Championship.

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.

Last year's Champion, Curtis Day of Frankfort, qualifies automatically for Class A. Other champions last year were W. O. Maxwell of Hicksville, Ohio (Class B); the Fouse brothers, Leo and Ed (Classes C and E) and Paul Van Sickle of Indianapolis (Class D). Ernie Danielson, Jr. of Burlington, Iowa won the Juniors last year, but that division has been dropped this year in favor of another six man class in the regular tournament.

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### 1957 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS NEW JERSEY STATE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION

May 19th, Union County Open, Class A, B, and C at Warinaco Park, Elizabeth, N. J. Rain date May 26th.

June 9th, Rheingold Invitation, at Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date June 16th.

June 23rd, 10th Annual John Rosselet Memorial, sponsored by the Union County Park Commission. Rain date June 30th. Classes A, B, and C at Warinaco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.

July 7th, New Jersey Open, for players with a ringer percentage under 50%. Classes B, C and Novice, at Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date July 14th.

July 21st, Essex County Open, Classes A, B, and C. Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date July 28th.

August 4th, New Jersey Open, Classes AA, and A, for players with a ringer percentage of 50% and over. At Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date August 11th.

August 18th, New Jersey residents only. Classes C and D, ringer percentage under 40%. Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date August 25th.

September 1st, New Jersey State, Classes A, and B. Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. The top four Class A players will meet again for the finals at Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, N. J., September 8th. These dates may be changed, depending on weather and conditions.

September 22nd, New Jersey State Doubles, Classes A, B, C, and D. At Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. Rain date September 29th.

All entries for all of the above tournaments must be in by 12:00 o'clock noon. Starting time 1:00 P. M.

## UTAH STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

We are heading straight into another great horseshoe pitching year. Last year was tops in the quality of the pitching here in Utah and the wonderful tournaments held, due to the fine cooperation of all concerned whenever a tournament came to their locality. Also to the generous help of those kind people who sponsored our trophies and prizes.

We all agree that horseshoe pitching is the greatest sport in the world! We therefore present to you the 1957 tournaments sponsored by your state association:

Utah State Class A at Library Park in Salt Lake, August 23rd and 24th.

Utah State Class B at Ogden, Utah, August 9th and 10th.

Utah State Class C at West Jordan, July 26th and 27th.

### Utah's Nationally Sanctioned Open Tournaments

May 19th and May 26th: 2nd Annual Prison Open.

May 30th: 4th Annual Memorial Day Open, at Murray Park.

June 1st: 3rd Annual Vernal Open.

June 7th and 8th: 3rd Annual American Fork Open.

June 14th, 15th: 3rd Annual Ogden Open.

June 21st and 22nd: 3rd Annual Payson Open.

June 28th and 29th: 3rd Annual Murray Open.

July 5th and 6th: 3rd Annual Tooele Open.

July 12th and 13th: 3rd Annual West Jordan Open.

August 3rd: 2nd Annual Logan Open.

August 16th and 17th: 3rd Annual Salt Lake Open.

September 6th and 7th: Salt Lake County Championships.

September 13th and 14th: First Annual Riverton Open.

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### **Example of the Handicap**

If a 90 point average player plays a 30 point average player, there is 60 points difference. The 30 point player would receive 80% of the 60 point difference, which would be 48 points handicap. If this player shoots his average of 30 points he will make a score of 78 points total with the 48 point handicap he receives.

1/5 of the handicap will be given every five innings of the 25 inning game. **EXAMPLE**, 48 points handicap. This player will receive 10 points in the first inning, 10 points in the sixth inning, 10 points in the eleventh inning, and nine points in the sixteenth and twenty-first innings for his total of 48 points of handicap. This will tend to keep the score even throughout the 25 innings of the game.

### **Determining a Players Average**

On the first session of league play, the players will throw 150 shoes to determine their average, (four men to a court). A players average will be figured after each session of play.

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# Introducing . . . the Personality of the Month

By THOMAS NOVACEK

## Sam Somerhalder, National Association Vice-President

As a qualified authority on the science of pitching horseshoes, Sam Somerhalder of Ruskin, Nebraska, is presented for this month's personality.

This genial gentleman is an all-around athlete as will be noted as our story unfolds. He won fourth place in the Nebraska tournament when he was 12 years old. At the age of 16 Sam captured his first state title. From that day on he was a player not to be dealt with lightly. He still loves the game and places high in both Nebraska tournaments and also the National. He is at the present the Vice-President of the National Association.

His athletic career in college was divided between Cotner College at Lincoln, Nebraska and Nebraska Wesleyan. He won his letter in four years of football, two being as a halfback and two as fullback. Sam was selected all-conference captain during his last two years of college football. He also won his letter two years in basketball and three years in track.

As might be expected from such a brilliant athlete, Sam took up coaching as a career and he has spent three years at Guide Rock, Nebraska, four years at Bloomfield, Nebraska, two years at Auburn, Nebraska. He is coaching at Ruskin, Nebraska where he is in his fourth year. His football team brought home the championship being undefeated and scoring 485 points and allowing their opponents 105 points. His basketball team finished the season with 13 wins and 2 losses. His coaching record is as follows: Football, 88 wins and 5 ties and 23 losses. Basketball, 158 wins and 66 losses. Baseball, 31 wins and 6 losses. This speaks well of his coaching ability.

Sam is married and has a son Sam, Jr. 14 years old. Like his father Sam, Jr. is following in his footsteps in athletics.

The National Association is proud to have Sam Somerhalder as one of its guiding forces and such fine sportsman.

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## CANADIAN ROYAL WINTER FAIR TOURNAMENT

### Event No. 1 — 4-man Teams — Outside Metro

Stouffville .....	6th	Oshawa .....	1st
Maryhill .....	5th	Niagara "A" .....	7th
Galt .....	4th	Niagara "B" .....	2nd
Windeboune .....	3rd		

The 4 members of winning team each received a trophy. 5 cash prizes.

### Event No. 2 — Novice Singles — Trophy to winner — 10 entries

1st .....	Wm. Larkin	3rd .....	Glen MacKenzie
2nd .....	Wray Faint	4th .....	Jack Wells

### Event No. 3 — Draw Doubles — 8 Teams

The winning pair each received a trophy.

1st.....	Burrows and Boswell	3rd.....	Wells and Pascoe
2nd.....	Blackman and Wells	4th.....	Mawson and Harris

### Event No. 4 — 4-man Teams — Metro Teams

The 4 members of winning team each received a trophy. 3 cash prizes.

Fairmount "A" .....	1st	The 4 members of winning team each
Fairmount "B" .....	3rd	received a trophy. 3 cash prizes.
East York .....	2nd	

### Event No. 5 — Open Singles

"A" Class	Qual. Score	"B" Class	Qual. Score
Dean McLaughlin .....	245	Jack Boa .....	213
Elmer Hohl .....	245	Walt Pascoe .....	213
Norm Black .....	239	Harold Blackman .....	211
Graham Mawson .....	239	Len Nichols .....	210
Doug Vann .....	226	Geo. Edwards .....	210
Fern Ladouceur .....	223	Ted Burrows .....	208
Stan Fritz .....	216	Chas. Lentz .....	196
Merv. Buckingham .....	215	Garnet Banks .....	192

"C" Class	Qual. Score
Ab Horsley .....	187
John Boswell .....	184
E. Schneider .....	182
Ed. Willis .....	179
W. Schuett .....	177
Roy Hore .....	174
Vern Matthews .....	172
Bill Stewart .....	170

## WEST VIRGINIAN URGES NEW RULE BE ADOPTED

By J. B. Lowe

I have been director of the Logan County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, Logan, West Virginia for the past fifteen years. I feel that this year will be a big year for us and I am convinced that horseshoe pitching is gaining popularity all over the country. Our new magazine, "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest" with all its splendid articles and especially those by Ted Allen, the World's champion, are most helpful.

I am appealing to the thousands of horseshoe pitchers for their suggestions for a new rule which I want to introduce or offer at the National convention at Murray, Utah, for their consideration. A rule is needed to counteract the rule that prohibits a pitcher bothering his opponent while the opponent is pitching.

The rule that I am interested in is one for "Stalling." For the benefit of the younger pitchers, "stalling" is a term used to describe a pitcher who is "self-centered or domineering." He always disregards his opponents rights as a pitcher. He is one who stays on the platform too long while pitching. He will go from one side to the the other like he was on a hot-rock. Then he will get in pitching position and aim awhile, then drop his arm and scrape the platform with his foot or with his shoe. He will then get into position again, then drops his arm and turns around and inquires about the score.

"Stalling" has a tendency to unnerve an opponent so that when his turn comes to pitch or goes to the opposite stake he is unable to pitch normally. There are many other unsportsman like tactics used by the "Staller."

Some pitchers are slow to pitch by nature and are not to be considered in the above mentioned category. He does not act such as the deliberate "staller."

If any player has a suggestion for this new rule please send it to J. B. Lowe, Box 1857, Logan, West Virginia, and if your idea is selected and I get the Convention to pass it, I will pay the person who submitted the rule \$100.00 cash.



Shown at left are members of the Aurora, Illinois, "Winter Time Birdhouse League." Through the efforts of Lloyd Bowen and James Halkyard, association members, one court was installed in December and has had constant use since. The building that houses the court is now used for a shelter house and was formerly used for a park attraction, housing small birds, foxes, monkeys and also had an aquarium in the center of the building. Since spring weather has arrived the fellows are using the outdoor courts.



# *“From Out Of The Mail Bag”*

March 15, 1957

Mr. Ellis Cobb  
The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
Dear Ellis:

Just a few lines to say congratulations to you folks there in Illinois on the accomplishments you have made in promoting horseshoes. I have just finished reading the "Digest" and enjoyed every page of it.

We here in the western part of Iowa are making quite a little progress with the game and are planning on organizing a league as soon as the weather opens up. I have already lined up 20 players and I am sure that I can get at least that many more.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at some of the tournaments during the coming summer.

Sincerely  
Willard James  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

March 19, 1957

"The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest"  
Ellis Cobb, Editor  
Dear Mr. Cobb:

I enjoy reading about the different pitchers around your great country. There has been a lull in horseshoe pitching in this area with only a few fellows taking part. I am trying to get them interested enough to organize a club. Some of them are pretty fair pitchers. We generally play a few games on Sundays during the spring and summer.

I am enclosing my new address so that I will not miss any issues of the "Digest."

Respectfully  
Frank Corbin  
195 King William St.  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

March 20, 1957

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor  
1307 Solfisburg Ave.  
Aurora, Illinois  
Dear Sir:

I surely enjoy reading "The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest" each month. Keep the good news coming.

I enjoy looking over the results of the tournaments held in other states and to see what other associations are doing in creating interest in the fine game of horseshoes.

I am helping to organize a new club in our county and at a recent meeting held for that purpose we had 16 pitchers present. They were all very enthusiastic and were looking forward to the coming season.

Again I say, keep the good news of our game coming. Will be looking forward for the "Digest" each month.

Yours truly  
Zachariah Campbell  
Lebanon, Ohio

April 20, 1957

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb, Editor  
The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest  
1307 Solfisburg Ave.  
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of the "New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitcher's Associations" schedule of tournaments for the coming season.

We would appreciate it very much if you would kindly print it in an early copy of the "Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest," so that all players that might be interested may be thus informed.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you my personal congratulations for a job well done as editor of our magazine. We certainly missed the magazine during the months we were without it.

Sincerely,

Walter N. Haring  
Sec.-Treas.

### 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.

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## Ted "Bowler" Allen Ties Bowling Record

While the cold winter weather of Colorado keeps the horseshoe courts blanketed with ice and snow, our World's Champion Ted Allen keeps himself busy in another popular sport. Bowling seems to be his winter pastime and he does it well.

While bowling with the Starr Clothiers in the Boulder, Colorado Major League on March 27th, our Ted hammered the maples for a 682 series establishing the second highest league series. In that high count he burned up the alleys with a 279 game which equalled the all-time high game for the league.

Ted started the season in September with a 163 average and at the present writing he is the number two man on the totem pole with a cool 180 pin average over a 124 game season. His team also holds down second position in the league.

It can now be said that "to stay sharp" in order "to be sharp" you had better try your hand at bowling during the winter months.

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### DOUBLE QUALIFYING EXPLAINED

Since the convention at the national last year, there has been considerable discussion on the double qualifying for the national tournament. Last year, the delegates voted against a motion for double qualifying. However, a full set of rules and method for using the double qualifying were not presented with this motion, which would be necessary for this type of qualifying to work. In order that all members and delegates might study this method, here are a set of rules.

#### Rules For Double Qualifying

Qualify by 200 shoe pitch. When a player enters the tournament he will be assigned a court and time to qualify. A player may have a second chance if he makes known his intentions 15 minutes after he finishes his first 200 shoes and pays his second \$10.00 entry fee. He will then be assigned a later time and court to throw his second score and the higher score will count. During nights of qualifying, courts will be limited to one player per court, with the intention of warming up and qualifying. Players who are present Monday or Tuesday will be urged to enter and qualify then. If there are too many late entries or more entries than the courts will accommodate, then the second chance for qualifying will not be allowed to any player.

#### Comments

A player can take 25 minutes to warm up and throw 200 shoes in 1 hour and 20 minutes. At this rate 12 or more can qualify on 18 courts per hour. 96 can qualify in an 8 hour day. The three days open for qualifying should give sufficient time for 100 or more entries plus 50 requalifiers.

There is no point to a player in delaying his time of entering and qualifying, for if too many do this, it will crowd the courts and everybody will lose their second chance. Also, if a player knows he has a second chance, he is going to be ready to throw sooner, his first qualifying score. The fact that two chances are better than one, should increase the entries. The second chance for qualifying gives every player an opportunity to do his best, by allowing him to try again in case he had an interruption from score keepers, bad weather conditions, a faulty court, slight illness, or various other interferences the first time. The additional entry fees should go toward improving the tournament. Scheduling of the qualifying will help keep the qualifying moving at a smooth pace. This should avoid a last minute rush on the courts.

Horseshoe players, write me your comments and ideas on this. Truman Standard, Locust Lane Road, Route No. 2, Canton, Illinois.

# Looking Into The "Hall Of Fame"

## Ted Allen's Accomplishments

Ted Allen set a record of 29 consecutive double ringers at Milwaukee in 1948. In 1955 he topped this record by pitching 36 consecutive doubles. In this game he pitched 92 shoes and had 89 ringers, missing with only 3 shoes. He finished up this game with 72 consecutive ringers and the astounding percentage of 96.7.

Ted Allen and Guy Zimmerman pitched 164 shoes each in a game at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1940. This game held the record for the longest game in World tournament play until last year (1956) at Murray, Utah, when Allen and Isais pitched 168 shoes.

Naturally this game set other records also. Each man had 133 dead ringers. Ted had 145 ringers, tying his 1940 record. They had 51 4-deads. This was one more than Ted's record in the game at Des Moines. Ted and Tommy Brownell also had 50 4-deads in their 1955 game at Murray.

Allen and Stan DeLeary hold the record of 12 consecutive 4-deads, established at Murray, Utah in 1951.

Ted held the highest qualifying record of 556 points in the 200 shoe pitch attained at Murray in 1953. In 1955 he raised this to 570 points, pitching 187 ringers out of 200 shoes.

## Some of Ted's Other Outstanding Games

- 158 shoe games against Casey Jones in 1946 at Des Moines, Iowa—87.9%
- 95 ringers in a 100 shoe game with DeLeary in 1947 at Murray.
- 62 out of 64 with Harris at Milwaukee, 1948—96.9%
- 41 out of 42 with Ralph Dykes at Murray, 1952—97.6%
- 95 out of 106 with Titcomb at Murray that same year—89.6%
- 34 out of 36 with Harry Dolan, same year—94.4%
- 53 out of 56 with Arner Lindquist in 1953 at Murray—94.6%
- 101 out of 112 with Louis Dean at Murray, 1954—90.1%

1955 was Ted's superb year when he won all games pitched. His average for all games pitched (38) was 86.6%. His lowest games was 82%. Eight games above 90%. In 1956 he had only 5 games above 90% and two of these were in the play-offs.

Ted has held the World Championship many times. He does a great deal of exhibition pitching in many parts of the country during the time between tournaments.

These are only some of the highlights of his great pitching career. It would take a book to contain all Ted's outstanding records.

Elmer Beller

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## MAINE NEWS

By CHARLES GERRISH

Windy March departs and Maine and the New England are in the drums as far as horseshoes are concerned. But as dawn ditches the night, so April must spring forth with Spring. Maine and its neighbor state, New Hampshire, have been exhorted to bud early this year and bloom out for the horseshoes in this section. So we hope for the best in 1957 activity and we shall see the proof later.

Again we humbly submit that the pleasant atmosphere of Portsmouth, New Hampshire is a preferable place to hold the New England horseshoe tournament because of various reasons considerably and fairly mentioned in previous articles. While we are on the subject of New England being a preferable spot to have a tournament, why not try and hold the Eastern National tournament in these parts at some future date?

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