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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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### "COUNT ALL" AND THE N. H. P. A.

A misconception has developed in some quarters regarding the attitude of the N. H. P. A. towards the "count all" method of scoring.

Our rules specifically recognize the Ohio or "count all" system and our constitution states further in Article III, Section 1; The points System is to be optional in any and all pitching activities . . .

Thus the facts are clear — the N.H.P.A. will accept in its membership any group or association which desires to use the "count all" system and will sanction tournaments using that system.

The N.H.P.A. can not and has no desire to dictate to any local affiliate or State Chapter what method of scoring to use anymore than it can specify the method of qualifying, how many players to use in a class or what entry fee to charge. These and similar items are questions for the local clubs to decide in accordance with local conditions and the wishes of the local membership.

An association which desires to use and promote the "count all" system could further its cause much more effectively within the framework of the N.H.P.A. than it can on the outside looking in.

An example might be cited in the case of the adherents of the "no-qualifying" type of tournament used so successfully and extensively in the east. They have argued their case and demonstrated its use inside the framework of the N.H.P.A. and have advanced their cause much more effectively than they would have otherwise.

In all probability the big Midwest "Ringer Round Up" will operate under the "no-qualifying" type of play next summer which is a departure from past practices in this area.

Clubs and associations which stay outside the N.H.P.A. because they believe the N.H.P.A. is hostile to the "count all" system are laboring under a false premise. The "count all" method was originally devised and developed within the framework of the N.H.P.A. and it is well to remember that the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America has been in existence for more than 40 years and is THE ONLY NATION-WIDE HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION IN THE COUNTRY.

Clubs and associations which splinter off from the N.H.P.A. or remain outside the fold for any reason is like the Biblical seed described in the fourth chapter of Mark; "And some fell on stoney ground, where there was not much earth; and immediately sprang up because it had no depth of earth . . . and because it had no root it soon withered away."

Once the initial impetus is lost and the original leaders become inactive, history shows that these clubs wither away because they do not have the roots to perpetuate themselves.

To conclude the N.H.P.A. welcomes any and all such groups within its ranks.

*BOB PENCE, National Secretary*

**VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA — OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 1958****VICTORVILLE OPEN***By JAMES WEEKS*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	9	0	364	528	68.9
Amos Nottingham, Redlands .....	7	2	329	512	64.3
Homer Moefield, Long Beach .....	7	2	383	592	64.7
Charlie Merrell, Covina .....	7	2	292	484	60.3
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park .....	3	6	286	548	52.2
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach .....	3	6	293	568	51.6
Fred Bonaly, Los Angeles .....	3	6	262	540	48.5
C. Beach, Ontario .....	3	6	254	530	47.9
Fred Burkhart, San Gabriel .....	3	6	241	524	45.9
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	0	9	205	490	41.8

**SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA — OCTOBER 12, 1958****CHAMPIONSHIP "A"***By JAMES WEEKS***GROUP ONE**

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Homer Moefield, Long Beach .....	4	1	205	328	62.5
Harry Morse, South Gate .....	3	2	201	328	61.3
Ned Shaver, Whittier .....	3	2	185	322	57.5
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park .....	2	3	150	278	53.9
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	2	3	162	324	50.0
Wally Shipley, Covina .....	1	4	179	338	53.0

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	5	0	175	232	75.4
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	4	1	168	262	64.1
Henry Fisher, Compton .....	3	2	135	246	54.9
Ralph Navarro, South Gate .....	2	3	150	250	60.0
Elmer Beller, Bellflower .....	1	4	99	214	46.3
Louie Dean, Pomona .....	0	5	Forfeited all games		

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

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Jim Weeks .....	3	0	154	192	80.2
Homer Moefield .....	2	1	130	192	67.7
Harry Morse .....	1	2	156	220	70.9
Henry Fisher .....	0	3	102	164	62.2

**Ted Allen Horseshoe Co., Boulder, Colorado**

Once again Allen's topped the World's tournament individual ringer average for 1958. An increasing number of contestants used it there and in other contests. More and more records and tourney titles are being dominated by Allens. There's a reason . . .

Watch this space for future announcements. Before another season we will be back in production, following the shop fire. Contact us for other supplies.

## LANDRY IN SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF NEW ENGLAND TITLE



By HOWARD J. WHITE

*Pictured at left are some of the dignitaries at the 1958 New England Championship. Standing, front row, left to right are Porter Clark Mayor Jarvis and Edgar Landry, New England Champion. Back row, Howard White, Al Bourgeois and Leon (Speedy) West, scorer and announcer.*

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
1. Edgar Landry, Fall River, Mass. ....	14	1	76.2
2. Porter Clark, Auburn, Maine .....	12	3	61.2
3. Al Bourgeois, Smithfield, R. I. ....	12	3	63.1
4. Fred Butler, Bennington, Vermont .....	11	4	58.2
5. Joe Comeau, Lynn, Mass. ....	10	5	62.7
6. Peter Heroux, Providence, R. I. ....	10	5	58.4
7. Willie Paradis, Bristol, Conn. ....	8	7	55.6
8. Basil Blackburn, Fairhaven, Mass. ....	7	8	53.5
9. Roland Boudreault, East Poland, Me. ....	7	8	52.8
10. Howard White, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	6	9	51.4
11. Lloyd Welch, Providence, R. L. ....	5	10	48.1
12. Amos Whitaker, Orange, Mass. ....	5	10	54.0
13. Jake Kirluk, Forrestville, Conn. ....	5	10	50.8
14. Clyde Robinson, Derry, N. H. ....	5	10	48.4
15. Alfred Robillard, No. Westport, Mass. ....	3	12	41.5
16. Francis McDonald, Bangor, Maine .....			

### FORFEIT

Richard Thompson became ill, so F. McDonald drove him home. Total points decided ties. High game, Landry — 86.4%.

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
1. Ralph Forsstrom, Springfield, Mass. ....	6	1	45.8
2. Paul Tobey, Kittery Point, Maine .....	5	2	46.8
3. Eddie Paquin, Pelham, N. H. ....	5	2	53.7
4. Hank Stowell, New Bedford, Mass. ....	4	3	44.8
5. Melvin Merritt, Athol, Mass. ....	3	4	45.8
6. Jerry Lee, Amesbury, Mass. ....	3	4	39.1
7. Joseph Fairbanks, Willimansett, Mass. ....	2	5	31.9
8. Clarence Gill, Bridgewater, Mass. ....	0	7	29.6

High Game — Paquin 62%.

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
1. Ralph Dow, Canaan, N. H. ....	5	2	43.4
2. Gerard Dufault, Fall River, Mass. ....	5	2	39.7
3. Frank Wagner, Darien, Conn. ....	5	2	37.3
4. Phillip Smith, Oxford, Maine ....	4	3	41.8
5. Charles Sokolowski, Middletown, Conn. ....	4	3	47.0
6. Joe Auge, Coventry Center, R. I. ....	3	4	35.2
7. Calvin Davis, Rochester, N. H. ....	1	6	32.4
8. Charles Richardson, Orange, Mass. ....	1	6	33.1

Dow defeated Dufault and Wagner in play-off 50-38 50-39. Dufault defeated Wagner 50-20 for 3rd place. High Game Dow 56.9%.

**NEW ENGLAND OPEN — Continued***CLASS D**GROUP ONE*

	W	L	%
Eugene Larsen, Pease Air Force Base, N. H. ....	6	1	33.3
Frank Smith, Amesbury, Mass. ....	5	2	33.8
Ralph Barnes, Orange, Mass. ....	5	2	26.9
Normand Durand, Hudson, N. H. ....	5	2	29.0
Robert Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	4	3	28.1
Walter Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	1	6	26.5
Peter White, Hinsdale, Mass. ....	1	6	11.9
David Durgin, Dover Pt., N. H. ....	1	6	11.8

*GROUP TWO*

	W	L	%
Arthur Fernald, Portsmouth, N. H. ....	6	0	36.8
Pat Gallant, Livermore Falls, Maine ....	4	2	34.0
Blaine Turner, Bidderford, Maine ....	3	3	32.5
Clarence Modery, Bangor, Maine ....	3	3	16.7
Dave Bourgeois, Smithfield, R. I. ....	2	4	12.0
Mildred Bowman, Hebron, Maine ....	1	5	13.0
Richard Thompson, Bangor, Maine ....	Forfeit due to illness.		

Top two from each group in play-off. Larsen defeated Fernald 50-19 for 1st place, Fernald placed 2nd. Gallant defeated Smith 50-30 for 3rd place. High game — Larsen 51.8%.

Landry's lone loss was to that ever popular Bay Stater Joe Comeau of Lynn, Mass. 51-36. It was the first suffered by the champ in his four year string. Some of Landry's records set during the meet were his highest ringer average of 76.2%. A run of 19 consecutive ringers in his game with Comeau. Never going under 70% for his first ten games and hitting 85% and 86.4% for the two high games of the meet.

Landry says now that he is planning on making the World's championship next year. He will be the first one from New England since high swinging Gerald L'Abbe made it in 1948 at Milwaukee. Nice to see that L'Abbe, originally from Salem, Mass. and now living in Denver, Colorado did so well to place second to the great Ted Allen in the Tri-State Meet at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The New England event this year drew 47 entries, the largest in tournament history.

Ralph Forsstrom, newly elected Massachusetts State Secretary, of 88 Harmon Ave., Springfield, writes that the New England Championship will be held at the Westfield Horseshoe Club over the Labor Day week-end next year with a 16 man round robin in class A, 8 in B and C and the rest in class D. So all you Massachusetts pitchers please mail your State and National dues to Ralph for 1959. Remember dues run for the year January 1, 1958 to January 1, 1959.

I would like to comment on the nice job Editor Cobb did in getting out the October issue of the News Digest. Due to the limited space and great overflow of tournament standings, he increased the magazine from 16 to 24 pages which made a great deal of extra work for our editor. So let's all show our appreciation by everyone signing up for our 1959 combination state and national membership card well in advance of January 1, 1959.

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

Incidentally, Bob West of McMinnville, Oregon, the present Oregon State Champ and also State Secretary, is a former North Dakota State Champion, having originally come from Minot, North Dakota.

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Claude A. Benedict, a well known horseshoe enthusiast, from Johnstown, Ohio, underwent surgery on his left leg for relief of a blocked artery, November 13th, at University hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Because of this ailment, Mr. Benedict has not been an active pitcher during the last three years. We extend our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

## INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Indiana State Association held its annual business meeting and election of officers at the indoor courts of the Clinton County Association in Frankfort on Sunday, November 16.

The meeting was well attended with representatives from 13 of the 15 State League clubs being present plus a number of other players.

The film of the 1958 World Tournament was shown prior to the meeting with National Secretary, Bob Pence, acting as narrator.

Plans for the coming year included a revamping of the State Tournament setup. Class A will be extended to 20 players and will be played at the State Fair over a two day period, Labor Day and the day before.

Classes B, C, and D will contain 24 players each who will be divided into groups with the top players in each group round robin playing off for the Class titles. These classes will play the week end prior to the Labor Day week end at Frankfort, Muncie and Kokomo, the specific class assignments to be made later. Class E will contain all the remaining qualifiers and will probably be played at Frankfort the week end following Labor Day.

The qualifying round for the State Tournament will be held in four locations two weeks previous to the finals. The qualifying sites will be Dorner Park in Frankfort, Heekin Park in Muncie, City Park in Wabash, and at the Dugger courts in Southern Indiana.

It was decided that the four regional Vice Presidents be charged with the responsibility for forming and organizing the 1959 State Team League.

Earle Wilmore of Gary was elected Secretary-Treasurer to succeed Bob Pence, who was forced to resign his post because of his duties as National Secretary-Treasurer.

Marvin Chrisman of Connersville was elected President. The Vice-Presidents, chosen on a regional basis, were Art Moore of Wabash, Clinton Moore of Crawfordsville, Marvin Craig of Parker and Bill Neilson of Dugger.

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## INDIANA ASSOCIATION HONORS FOUR MEMBERS

Four members of the Indiana Association were given special honors at the Association's annual meeting.

Mrs. John Shuck of Forest, Earle Wilmore of Gary and Nelson Pickering of Frankfort were given beautiful onyx desk sets engraved with the inscription "For Outstanding Services." These three, none of whom are horseshoe players, have contributed much to the success of the organization by their efficient work behind the scenes at all the tournaments and activities in Indiana during the past few years. Bob Pence, who resigned his State job as Secretary-Treasurer in favor of the same post in the National, was given a special award of \$50.00 for his work during the past five years.

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## INDIANA NOTES

Jim Johnson of Decatur has prevailed upon the City Council to appropriate funds for the construction of 12 courts in the city park. He plans to dedicate the new courts with a big Open Tournament over the Memorial Day week end next Spring. Decatur is located in northeastern Indiana. A local handicap league will use the courts during the course of the season.

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Another Open Tournament is being scheduled at City Park in Wabash according to Art Moore, head of the Wabash club. It will be known as the Wabash Classic and will be an N.H.P.A. sanctioned event. The tournament will be held early in the season, the actual dates to be announced in the "News Digest" later on.

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Buck Lake Ranch, a widely known recreational and entertainment spot near Angola, Indiana is planning on building courts and conducting some horseshoe tournaments next summer. The Angola Kiwanis Club plans on sponsoring a local league on the new courts.

## WINTER OPEN TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN FLORIDA

*By R. A. MIDDLETON*

The Bradenton, Florida Horseshoe Club will hold its first open tournament March 2 and 3 under sponsorship of the Bradenton Trailer Park of that city. Pitchers from anywhere in the U.S.A. are cordially invited to come to sunny Florida and participate in this tournament, which it is hoped will become an annual event.

The Bradenton clay courts are well known to many out of state horseshoe pitchers and are considered the best in the area. At this time it is understood that the St. Petersburg, Fla. Club will hold their open tournament on February 27 and 28. This will afford out of state pitchers an opportunity to participate in two good tournaments in the same area and dated closely together.

Further details and schedule will be published in a later edition of the Horseshoe Pitchers Digest.

## FORT GEORGE CLUB OBSERVES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

*By T. P. O'GARA*

The Fort George Horseshoe Club observed their twenty-fifth anniversary with a social and dance at their club rooms, 1672 St. Nicholas Avenue, Manhattan, on Saturday evening, November 15.

Prior to 1933, the "Boys" played their games of horseshoes on the courts maintained by them at their own expense, on the property of the George Washington High School. It was in 1933 that the club was organized, with Thomas P. O'Gara setting the stage for the election of officers, membership and dues.

On behalf of the members of the club, President Patrick Murray commemorated that event by presenting Tom O'Gara with a plaque, inlaid with twenty-five silver dollars, as a token of their esteem.

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## 1958 LAFAYETTE, INDIANA CITY AND VICINITY TOURNAMENT

By JOSEPH SCHILLING

Following are the results of the second annual LaFayette, Indiana, City and Vicinity tournament. From the \$1.25 entry fee that was charged, the tournament committee was able to present 6 beautiful trophies. Each man also received a graded prize donated by local merchants. This proved very successful and created a lot of interest.

## CLASS A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
E. Billingsley .....	7	0	209	372	53
S. Minniear .....	5	2	194	390	47
S. Raymond .....	4	3	225	416	54
W. Everett .....	4	3	192	376	51
G. Kingma .....	4	3	195	390	50
A. Sharp .....	2	5	150	354	42
J. Schilling .....	2	5	134	370	36
W. Merkel .....	0	7		Withdraw	

## CLASS B

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
S. Kingma .....	5	1	148	350	42
C. Snapp .....	5	1	167	376	44
A. Lafon .....	5	1	118	314	34
P. Reeves .....	3	3	43	152	28
P. Snapp .....				Withdraw	
C. Anderson .....					
E. McMIndes .....					

## CLASS C

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
C. Landes .....	6	1	292	494	51
J. Woolf .....	6	1	188	530	35
E. Hollis .....	4	3	161	432	37
L. Landrum .....	4	3	163	454	35
D. Reeves .....	4	3	162	496	32
R. McKinniss .....	3	4	152	452	33
J. Overman .....	1	6	138	450	30
M. Sharp .....	0	7	119	436	27

## CLASS D

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
W. Reed .....	7	0	143	366	39
H. Hendricks .....	5	2	119	438	27
C. Merkel .....	4	3	132	458	28
C. Callaway .....	4	3	183	484	27
T. Dawson Jr. ....	3	4	118	480	24
A. Hockema .....	2	5	119	466	25
C. Underwood Sr. ....	2	5	89	490	17
G. Lane .....	1	6	95	506	18

## CONSOLATION

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
D. Mikels .....	7	0	57	170	33
H. Fuller .....	6	1	62	198	31
T. Dawson Jr. ....	5	2	36	178	30
C. Thayer .....	4	3	46	206	22
F. Hobaugh .....				Withdraw	
J. Walker .....					
W. Schrader .....					
J. Johnston .....					

Steve Kingma won the trophy in Class B, defeating C. Snapp and Al Lafon. In Class C division, Landes won over Woolf in the play-off.

## TO HOLD FLORIDA STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT, FEBRUARY 26-28

By R. B. WOODROW

While the wintry blasts are ravaging through the northern half of our horseshoe pitching vineyards, why not enjoy a winter vacation under that warm Florida sun? Keep that pitching arm in shape by attending the annual Florida State Open tournament at St. Petersburg, to be held February 26 thru the 28th. Qualifying will start earlier in the week closing on February 26th. There will be two classes, A and B. Class B will start playing on February 27th with Class A pitchers following on Saturday, February 28th.

This is the second tournament, having been revived last year after being in a dormant stage for several seasons. Anyone residing or visiting in Florida at that time is cordially invited to take part. With last years' tournament being a success, most all of the participating players expressed a desire for its continuance in 1959. For any further information of those interested, contact R. B. Woodrow, 919-48th Avenue, North, — St. Petersburg, Florida.

## DE LEARY REGAINS ARIZONA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By WALTER B. STEARNS

Stan DeLeary of Phoenix, Arizona, took the Arizona state championship for the ninth time in ten years, losing only to Art Kamman of Mesa in 1957. The tournament was held at Rendvous Park in Mesa, on Saturday, November 15th and continuing on the following Saturday, November 22nd. DeLeary averaged 72.7 for the tournament. Art Kamman, defending champion, was runnerup, losing only to DeLeary. Class B honors went to Guy Smith of Glendale while in runnerup spot was Walter Stearns, Arizona state secretary.

The doubles tournament was played on Saturday, November 22 under warm sunny skies in 80 degree temperature. DeLeary, teamed with Whitey Leaver of Mesa, emerged the winners. In runnerup position were Bill Adair and Walter Stearns.

### CLASS A

	W	L
DeLeary, Phoenix .....	7	0
Kamman, Mesa .....	6	1
Shaffer Scottsdale .....	5	2
Adair, Scottsdale .....	4	3
Thompson, Tempe .....	4	3
Phillips, Tempe .....	3	4
Teigland, Mesa .....	1	6
Null, Tempe .....	Forfeit	

### CLASS B

	W	L
Smith, Glendale .....	7	1
Stearns, Mesa .....	6	2
Danielson, Phoenix .....	5	3
Anderson, Phoenix .....	4	4
Leaver, Mesa .....	4	4
Webb, Mesa .....	4	4
Darrough, Scottsdale .....	3	5
Patschke, Tempe .....	2	6
Wykoff, Tempe .....	2	6

## EDGAR LANDRY, NEW ENGLAND CHAMP, IN EXHIBITION

A crowd of a hundred or more enthusiastic horseshoe fans were on hand at the Marvin Recreational field in Deep River, Mass. on Sunday, September 28th, to watch an outstanding performance of horseshoe pitching by Edgar Landry, New England champion.

Landry, who appeared as guest of the Deep River Horseshoe league, thrilled his audience with the accurate precision of his ringer shots, and with the assistance of his two sons, Roger and Paul, amazed the crowd as he performed difficult trick shots.

These trick shots included ringing the stake as his son straddled over the pin, throwing over the boy's body as he lay in front of the box, knocking a paper bag from the boys' head and ringing the stake, shooting over his younger son's head as he sat in front of the court, lighting matches as he rung the stake, ringing two horse shoes locked against the stake, and ringing the stake, with a blindfold in front. As a special finale, Landry rung the stake four times in succession through two hoola-hoops held by his sons.

The crowd, which included many women, was well pleased with the performance and Landry received a rousing round of applause.

## DON TITCOMB RETAINS CALIFORNIA STATE CROWN

At the 13th annual California State tournament held at the Santa Clara Fair, San Jose, September 13-14, Don Titcomb swept the field with 11 wins and no losses to retain his California State title. He averaged 76.8 for the tournament. It was slightly under the pace that he set at Murray, Utah in July where he qualified with 566 points and averaged 83.7 in the 14 man finals. Tommy Brownell was high qualifier with 264 points. Harvey W. Clear, former National secretary, was tournament manager.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Titcomb .....	11	0	541	704	76.8
Allen .....	9	2	408	588	69.4
Blexrude .....	9	2	442	682	64.8
Brownell .....	8	3	521	750	70.0
Moefield .....	6	5	451	732	61.5
Marceovich .....	5	6	434	708	61.7
Anderson .....	5	6	363	642	56.5
Seymour .....	4	7	411	682	60.3
Hegy .....	4	7	364	670	54.3
Loucks .....	3	8	330	644	51.2
Moskalik .....	2	9	417	766	54.4
Zumwalt .....	0	11	410	756	54.2

## FRANKFORT, INDIANA WINTER CLUB

By JOE SCHILLING

This year Indiana sold Nat'l. and State cards. The State cards sold for \$2.00. Being a member of the Frankfort, Ind. winter club and using their handicap system, I decided to sell State and Nat'l. cards by forming a handicap league and using only members that bought either one. To my amazement the membership increased from 13 card holders to 28. Of course, I realize the \$2.00 State cards made the difference, but I hope that next year these same fellows will also buy Nat'l. cards.

I believe that any town could increase their membership if they would adopt the handicap system. We had 22 members in our league and the Lafayette Eagles also adopted the system with 20 men in their league. I believe all were satisfied.

Here are the final standings of our card holders.

	W	L	Ave.	H'cap
A. Lafon .....	9½	14½	83	38
C. Snapp .....	15½	8½	92	30
W. Merkel .....	13	11	89	33
P. Reeves .....	16	8	82	38
C. Anderson .....	12	12	89	33
P. Snapp .....	15	9	90	32
G. Kingma .....	14	10	83	38
J. Schilling .....	16	8	74	45
D. Reeves .....	14	10	78	42
E. McMinds .....	15	9	75	44
C. Merkel .....	9	15	69	49
R. McKinniss .....	13½	10½	65	52
D. Lawson .....	7	17	54	61
J. Woolf .....	14	10	68	50
H. Fuller .....	7	17	63	54
J. Shoaf .....	6	18	53	62
W. Reed .....	14½	9½	68	50
J. Walker .....	16½	7½	73	46
G. Harris .....	5	19	60	56
H. Hendricks .....	9	15	67	50
C. Underwood Sr. ....	6½	17½	50	64

Subs

E. Billingsley .....	102	22
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**INDIANA — Continued**

W. Everett .....	81	39
C. Ghere .....	48	66
S. Raymond .....	79	41

The men are listed according to their initial qualifications on opening night and the highest qualifier was placed 1st and then on down. The average of their actual 3 games of 50 shoes minus 130 times 80% established their handicap. Tie games resulted in 1/2 game for each player.

I thought these results might be interesting to the subscribers of the magazine in showing that a fairly good club can be made to grow by developing a lot of new talent. The writer has fallen from 7th to 14th place, but if we want to see horseshoe grow and are not afraid to get beat here is a good solution.

**DAVE BAKER NEW MISSOURI STATE CHAMPION**

Youthful Dave Baker of Wentworth, Missouri captured the 1958 Missouri state championship with a 69.8 ringer percentage. This annual event was conducted over the Labor Day week-end at Sedalia, Missouri. Class B ended in a three-way tie with Red Wommack, Frank Baker and W. J. Lilly. In a play-off Lilly was the winner.

	W	L	%
D. Baker .....	10	1	69.8
Elkins .....	9	2	65.8
Greenlee .....	7	4	61.1
Kempfe .....	7	4	64.8
Long .....	6	5	62.8
Bales .....	6	5	62.3
Stockwell .....	5	6	64.4
Lattray .....	5	6	67.3
Young .....	5	6	57.5
E. Winston .....	3	8	63.5
Snelson .....	3	8	58.7
Banes .....	0	11	53.6

**BUCKEYE PITCHER WINS NATIONAL A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIP**

In going through the letters and material that comes into the Digest, a very interesting report came into view. On looking at the report, which was that of the National A. A. U. Senior Horseshoe Pitching championship held at Winston-Salem, North Carolina this past summer, a very well known Ohio pitcher was noted.

It was very gratifying to see Glenn Riffle of Dayton, Ohio taking home the 1958 National A. A. U. title. Also from Dayton, Ohio was Charles Sipple who finished in fourth place. When these two teamed together for the doubles tournament they emerged with the championship for 1958.

*May the Joys of the*

*Holiday Season*

*be with you all*

*F. Ellis Cobb, Editor*

## STEINFELDT CAPTURES NEW YORK STATE WITH 21 STRAIGHT

By JOSEPH A. POLLOCK

Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, New York, again showed what a great pitcher he really is, when under pressure, by sweeping through the New York state tournament with 21 straight wins and no losses, to take home the title for the second year in a row. Owen Farmer of New York City, took Class B honors with 14 wins and 2 losses. Orchids to Frank Michalek, tournament chairman, and his fine crew of fellows for putting on such a fine and well conducted tournament. George Hart, Sr., of 559 W. 191st St., New York City 40, N. Y., will be the new secretary for the ensuing year. All 1959 dues should be remitted to him. Results of this fine tournament held over Labor Day weekend at Johnson City, New York are as follows:

CLASS A PRELIMINARIES	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Steinfeldt .....	15	0	684	898	76.1
Fellicia .....	13	2	692	964	71.7
Natale .....	12	3	753	1062	70.9
Sauro .....	11	4	702	1012	69.3
T. Earley .....	11	4	632	976	64.7
Zichella .....	10	5	642	950	67.5
Michalek .....	9	6	660	986	68.9
Fenicchia .....	8	7	579	934	61.9
O'Connell .....	6	9	561	996	56.3
Lashier .....	5	10	589	1012	58.2
Hart .....	5	10	585	1018	57.4
C. Mertens .....	5	10	531	954	55.6
Spence .....	5	10	543	986	55
Herman .....	2	13	483	934	51.7
Wahl .....	2	13	447	898	49.6
Wunch .....	1	14	453	936	48.3

CLASS A FINALS	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Steinfeldt .....	6	0	377	518	72.7
Natale .....	4	2	348	474	73.4
Fellicia .....	1	5	267	412	64.8
Sauro .....	1	5	278	444	62.6

CLASS B PRELIMINARIES	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Packard .....	11	2	389	686	56.7
Farmer .....	11	2	399	810	49.2
Parker .....	11	2	414	862	48
Mozalf .....	10	3	367	764	48
La Fleur .....	9	4	376	778	48.3
Ruffo .....	8	5	365	822	44.3
Pollock .....	7	6	348	800	43.5
La Rose .....	6	7	333	816	40.8
Patrick .....	5	8	300	772	38.8
Brennan .....	5	8	305	858	35.5
Mertens Jr. ....	3	10	212	742	28.5
Findle .....	3	10	142	660	21.5
Ed Earley .....	2	11	232	804	28.8
Warner .....	0	13	160	730	21.9

CLASS B FINALS	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Farmer .....	3	0	106	218	48.6
Packard .....	2	1	86	170	50.5
Parker .....	1	2	78	182	42.8
Mozolf .....	0	3	80	210	38

## SOUTH DAKOTA CROWN REGAINED BY LEIGH DUNKER

To prove that a state secretary can do other things besides keeping records of association happenings was demonstrated when Leigh Dunker, South Dakota state scribe, swept the entire field by winning 10 straight games to regain the title that was his previous to 1957. Lloyd Swartwout defending champion was runnerup in this annual affair which was held over the Labor Day week-end, at Aberdeen, South Dakota. The membership re-elected Swartwout as president and Dunker as their secretary.

### CLASS A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
L. Dunker .....	10	0	332	506	65.0
L. Swartwout .....	8	2	316	568	54.0
W. Fickbohn .....	7	3	326	610	53.0
C. Peterson .....	7	3	280	600	47.0
E. Hassinger .....	6	4	261	580	45.0
L. Buntrock .....	6	4	295	642	46.0
E. Schaumann .....	4	6	263	594	44.0
L. Fickbohn .....	4	6	193	516	37.0
H. Schaumann .....	2	8	238	638	37.0
H. Gilmore .....	1	9	195	608	32.0
M. Lungman .....	1	9	160	578	30.0

### CLASS B

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
R. Karlen .....	8	2	232	642	36.0
T. Bradbury .....	7	3	225	718	31.0
A. Rasmussen .....	7	3	222	644	33.0
M. Rasmussen .....	6	4	207	702	29.0
M. Starig .....	5	5	183	644	28.0
J. West .....	5	5	181	650	28.0
R. Bennett .....	5	5	167	590	28.0
F. Mardian .....	4	6	210	648	32.0
L. Karen .....	4	6	176	646	27.0
E. Ehresman .....	2	9	190	672	28.0
W. Schliefe .....	2	9	152	638	24.0

### CLASS C

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
A. Schmidt .....	6	1	151	454	33.0
G. Struck .....	5	2	131	460	30.0
C. Enze .....	4	3	128	514	25.0
J. Fiscuss .....	4	3	79	504	16.0
A. Bussian .....	4	3	98	478	21.0
V. Collins .....	3	4	94	472	20.0
R. Enze .....	2	5	79	476	17.0
C. Hatfield .....	0	7	87	462	20.0

### CLASS D

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
L. Karlen .....	6	0	85	396	21.0
K. Schultz .....	4	2	82	420	20.0
C. Tschappart .....	4	2	89	474	20.0
O. Dahme .....	3	3	85	498	20.0
L. Harrington .....	3	3	81	442	20.0
L. Grote .....	1	5	57	502	11.0
N. Grote .....	0	6	24	392	6.0

**L A T E N E W S — Valley of the Sun, Class A, Open Tourney  
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## GENE DAVIS WINS FRESNO CITY OPEN TOURNAMENT

By MAJOR DALTON

The Roeding Park Horseshoe Association which is sponsored by the City of Fresno Recreation department and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9814, has just concluded the second annual Fresno City Open tournament. In a ten man round robin schedule over two day period, Gene Davis emerged victorious. It was necessary for him to play Murle Preo one game in a play-off for the title, in which he defeated Preo by a score of 50 to 34.

The first five players received trophies which were donated by Fresno business men all of whom are honorary members of the Roeding Park club. The remaining five players received cash awards. The method of giving every entry a prize was used in 1957 and proved to be very successful attraction to many of the lower percentage pitchers.

The 1958 season closed with the annual battle between Northern California and Southern California associations in October. Bearing the banner of the Southern association was Fernando Isais, world's champion together with a score of other Southern Cal players. Carrying the torch for the Northern association was Don Titcomb, state titleholder backed up by a similar group from the northern area. As we go to press, no report has come in as to the outcome of this annual "ringerama."

The Roeding Park club will be under the leadership of the new president, J. W. Wilfong during the next year. As in past years, members of Roeding park are looking forward to another successful season in 1959.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Gene Davis .....	7	2	267	572	46.7
Murle Preo .....	7	2	237	466	50.8
Carlos E. Reed .....	6	3	238	522	45.6
Ray Lambeth .....	6	3	202	460	43.9
Jim Fulton .....	6	3	206	472	43.6
Jimmy Wilfong .....	6	3	208	538	38.7
Kim Ludlow .....	4	5	194	466	41.6
Marion Hicks .....	1	8	108	458	23.5
Charles Fawshier .....	1	7	82	414	19.8
Conrad Helmuth .....	0	9	24	60	40.0

Helmuth Played only one game

Trophies were presented by Pamela Stewart, the 10 year old "little queen."

## A REPORT FROM DARKE COUNTY OHIO CLUB

By L. F. BRUMBAUGH

This club was started four years ago and has been steadily increasing its membership each year. We now have forty-two members. Several times during our second year we had thirty-two men playing at one time. We did this by playing and doubling on four courts and with the addition of eight new courts. In 1957 we had the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers' association hold their annual contest here. With the addition of four more courts this year (1958) the same tournament was held here. There were sixty-two registrants who qualified for the tournament. Harold Reno of Sabina was the winner of both meets.

This year we held a club tournament, September 21 at the City Park courts in Greenville, Ohio. We had twenty-two entries. In Class, trophies were given to the winner and runnerup. In Class B and C, cash prizes were awarded.

### Class A

	%		%
1. M. Craig .....	68.7	5. H. Fowler .....	65.5
2. W. Kabel .....	72.5	6. E. Custar .....	53.4
3. B. Farmer .....	63.9	7. C. Coppess .....	59.0
4. C. Green .....	60.5	8. R. Parent .....	47.3

In Class B the average was 30 to 50 percent, while in Class C the average was 25 to 40 percent. A big year is expected with more new members anticipated for 1959.

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