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NATIONAL HANDICAP COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT AND RECOMMENDS THE STOKES HANDICAP SYSTEM

By DON TITCOMB, Chairman

To all Players and Fans:

This project of percentage system was not an easy one and this proposal is not necessarily a final one.

There are many factors involved:

1. I have tried to keep the lower average player in mind in this system.
2. Convenience of use was important.
3. Length of game was important.

This system will be adaptable for either 100 shoe games or 50 shoe. In case of tie games they can be continued ten shoes or more without advantage toward the higher percentage player. There will, of course, be opposition. There was, of course, opportunity for idea contribution.

I recommend this system be tried in tournament play and then be discussed at National Convention for final adoption.

I and my committee want to thank all those responsible for contributions. All were considered seriously and many aspects of each have been included. Following is the Stokes system as worked out:

Player Ave. Diff.	Points Given 100 S. P.	Points Given 50 S. P.	Points Given 10 S. P.
80	240	120	24
79	237	119	23
78	234	117	23
77	231	116	23
76	228	114	22
75	225	113	22
74	222	111	21
73	219	110	21
72	216	108	20
71	213	107	20
70	210	106	20
69	207	104	20
68	204	102	20
67	201	101	20
66	198	99	19
65	195	98	19
64	192	96	18
63	189	95	18
62	186	93	18
61	183	92	18
60	180	90	18
59	177	89	17
58	174	87	17

Player Ave. Diff.	Points Given 100 S. P.	Points Given 50 S. P.	10 S. P. Points Given
57	171	86	17
56	168	84	16
55	165	83	16
54	162	81	16
53	159	80	16
52	156	78	15
51	153	77	15
50	150	75	15
49	147	74	14
48	144	72	14
47	141	71	14
46	138	69	13
45	135	68	13
44	132	66	13
43	129	65	13
42	126	63	12
41	123	62	12
40	120	60	12
39	117	59	11
38	114	57	11
37	111	56	11
36	108	54	10
35	105	53	10
34	102	51	10
33	99	50	10
32	96	48	9
31	93	47	9
30	90	45	9
29	87	44	8
28	84	42	8
27	81	41	8
26	78	39	7
25	75	38	7
24	72	36	6
23	69	35	6
22	66	33	6
21	63	32	6
20	60	30	6
19	57	29	5
18	54	27	5
17	51	26	5
16	48	24	4
15	45	23	4
14	42	21	4
13	39	20	4
12	36	18	3
11	33	17	3
10	30	15	3
9	27	14	3
8	24	12	2
7	21	10	2
6	18	9	2
5	15	8	2
4	12	6	1
3	9	5	1
2	6	3	-
1	3	2	-

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

We are now well embarked on the second year of publication of our own magazine. It has been well received and each month is eagerly awaited by we members. To insure sufficient items of interest, please keep the material on the way to the "News Digest." News is always welcome, regardless of whether it comes from the East, West, North or South.

Mr. Beller, our National secretary, gave us a very informative article last month. You now know the date and playing method of the next National Tournament. As you read this it will be less than five months away. Start planning now to join us at Murray, Utah and enjoy that wonderful Utah sunshine and hospitality.

One development that we all should appreciate is in the making. Last month I notified you that the Ohio shoe was no longer accepted by the NHPA. On January 15th I received a telegram from Mr. Manker, our regional director in Ohio, informing me that the Ohio Horseshoe Company had reconsidered and would purchase the NHPA stamps. At this writing I have not had any direct communication from the Ohio company.

On Thursday evening, January 30th, I received a long distance telephone call from Ellis Cobb, Digest editor, informing me that Mr. Joseph S. King, president of the Ohio Horseshoe Company, called him from Columbus, Ohio that same evening and told him that he had signed the contract and had given a check for stamps to Mr. Manker. As soon as I receive confirmation of the above proceedings, I will officially announce it in the "News Digest." Until then negotiations are still in the process of being completed.

Let's keep our committees busy. The Resolutions Committee under the able direction of Paul Focht, 1051 West Dorothy Lane, Dayton 9, Ohio would like to get its teeth into some concrete and beneficial suggestions and resolutions that could be incorporated into our association program.

The colored film of the 1957 World Tournament taken at Murray was shown twice in Oregon during the month of January and it is a vast improvement over what we have ever had in the past. Mr. Hall and Mr. Siebanaler are to be congratulated on the splendid job of photography, as did Mrs. Elois Standard in the arranging and editing it. All three deserve plaudits of our members. Horseshoe pitchers everywhere will enjoy the slow motion shots of Ted Allen and Fernando Isais, plus those of the two "backward" boys, Day and Reno. These films are your property and we want you to use them.

Cletus Chapelle, President

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NOTICE TO ALL NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

By JOSEPH A. POLLOCK, Secretary

In order to avoid any further confusion as to where and to whom to send New York State memberships, I want you to know that I am the new secretary and all memberships and other correspondence should be sent to me at the following address: Joseph A. Pollock, 35 Hazel Street, Binghamton, New York. The New York state membership fee is \$5.00 of which \$3.50 goes to the National Association and the other \$1.50 is retained by the New York Association. Send in for your 1958 cards NOW. I will be glad to take care of you as quickly as possible. For any information that you may want, do not hesitate to write and I will be very happy to lend you any assistance that I can.

We can supply you with score-sheets at \$7.50 per thousand, post-paid. Reduced rates in larger quantities. Send your order to National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, California.

WORLD TOURNAMENT MOVIES NOW AVAILABLE

The movies taken of the 1957 World's Tournament at Murray, Utah are now available through the national secretary, Mr. Elmer O. Beller, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, California. These movies show many of the thrilling scenes that provided the crowds with that tenseness that make a world tournament so exciting to watch. Why not give your club members that same thrill by sending in your request now. The only charge will be for postage and insurance which is very nominal.

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JUST A REMINDER FOR ALL HORSESHOE PLAYERS

By PAUL FOCHT, Dayton, Ohio

Be sure and get your new 1958 Combined National and State Horse-shoe Cards Now, so you don't miss any of your issues to the magazine. It only cost once and when Tournament Time comes, all it will cost then is your entry fee. Send your Name, complete address and the State and National Dues to your State Secretary, he in turn will send you your new 1958 card and turn your name in to the National Secretary for the Magazine.

I don't know all the addresses of the State Secretary and Treas. but each player will know from his own State. The one I am interested in is Ohio's. Send \$5.50 to Sam Goodlander, 5 Roth Ave., Reading, Ohio. He will see that you get your 1958 Horseshoe Card. Let's see if we can get all our members signed up in the next several months. If each one will appoint himself, and sees that he is a member and then try and sign up one more we can make this our best year. We in Ohio have a good program signed up so far and hope to do more.

I intended to write ever since my wife and I came back from The National Horseshoe Tournament. We both enjoyed our vacation very much. Also in meeting so many nice people from other States.

So sorry to hear about Arch Stokes, our sincere sympathy to the family. We enjoyed talking to him very much. It seems when we find a good Horse-shoe promoter and things goes along real nice something always happens. I guess that is life, all we can say is Thanks for the wonderful things he did and try to carry on from there.

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NEWS DIGEST TO LIST ALL TOURNAMENTS

There have been numerous requests by our readers that the tournaments and other activities be listed each month in the "Digest". In order to accomplish this it will be necessary for all state secretaries and other tournament promoters to send their dates to the editor. It is earnestly suggested that as soon as schedules have been completed that this be done. By doing so, various players throughout the country will be informed ahead of time as to when and where tournaments are to be conducted in their areas. Also vacation travelers can include tournament stops in their itineary. Following are several dates that have come in:

July 4-6 — "Ringer Round-Up", Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.

July 23-30 — World Tournament, Salt Lake County Fairgrounds, Murray, Utah.

August 3-9 — Eastern National Tournament, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

August 12-13 — Illinois State Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 13 — Illinois Boy's Tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

August 17 — Indiana State Tournament Qualifying at Frankfort, Muncie, Wabash and Bethel, Indiana.

"Horseshoes Hall of Fame"

By **HAROLD BLACKMAN**, CHPA Publicity Director

Ted Allen — the greatest horseshoe player there is.
Year after year plays steady and is a whiz.
And always when the pressure is "49" all
Ted comes thro, and his opponent does fall.

I read about that game with Curt Day
Certainly the greatest one ever, all will say
Watching Curt's shoe go in reverse and the three-quarter way
That alone beats some good ones, and makes them sway.

But I can see Ted when he touches his hat,
Adjusts his belt and with a deep breath and a snap,
The ringers go on and the doubles mount up.
That's why he is the Champ and goes home with the cup.

Ted has even put on the market a perfect shoe.
At promotion he's great — so let's give him his due.
There never was another who does so much
He even instructs you and shows you the touch.

Now what is the answer to all of this?
Why is it that the peg he seldom does miss?
"A good life and always in top form
Playing horseshoes — all can weather Life's storms."

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INDIANA DIVISION NEWS

By Robert Pence

NEW YEAR'S DAY INDOOR TOURNEY

1958 was ushered in by a tournament held New Year's Day on the Indoor Courts of the Clinton County Horseshoe Pitchers Association in Frankfort, Indiana.

Oris Harshman, George Popejoy and Gilbert Sharpe won trophies in Classes A, B and C respectively. A qualifying round of 100 shoes placed 18 entrants in three classes. Elvin Cast took top qualifying honors with a score of 208.

Harshman averaged 62.7 in sweeping all five games in Class A. Morris Briney took the runner up spot. Others in Class A were Carl Atwell, Elvin Cast, John Shuck and Harold Scott, the latter a promising young newcomer to the club.

George Popejoy tossed 62.1% ringers in winning the Class B playoff from Fay Emery. Others in Class B were Kenneth Achors, William Hickson, Al Quebe and Tom Horn.

Gil Sharpe won all five games in Class C from the following field of players; Earl Dick, Ernest Potts, Lloyd Beauchamp, Everett Unroe and Don Ricker.

Frankfort's Indoor Courts are busy every night with organized League play every Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Now that the club has indoor courts it matters little if the groundhog sees his shadow or not on Feb. 3 in forecasting the coming of spring, nevertheless a Groundhog's Day Tournament is being planned.

HOOSIER N.H.P.A. MEMBER INJURED

Howard Wilkins, 1958 N.H.P.A. member from Frankfort, Indiana sustained an injury that will probably end his horseshoe pitching activities when he lost the two middle fingers of his right hand while operating a corn picker last December.

Wilkins was a new member of the Clinton County and Indiana Associations who was rapidly becoming a top notch pitcher at the close of the 1957 season. He also carried a good average in bowling.

Members of his local club in Frankfort collected a cash gift for Howard during the Holiday Season, and everyone hopes he will overcome handicap and be back on the horseshoe courts sometime in the future.

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KANSAS PITCHER, EXPERT PENMAN

Perl P. Pepple of Topeka, Kansas, one of the few remaining artistic penman in the world today. He is a graduate of two schools of penmanship, the last one being Zanerian College of Penmanship of Columbus, Ohio. He has received three awards for his ability with the pen. One of those he cherishes is from the U. S. government.

Why not send your next certificate to "Pep" to have that name, date inscribed by an expert. He will render you this service for a very nominal fee of 50¢ each, return postage to be included which also includes Canadian clubs. Send your orders to Mr. Perl P. Pepple, 1006 East 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

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.



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

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**Mr. Ken Nicholson and Mr. Phil Meyer of the Topeka Daily Capital,
reveal some interesting events in the life of . . .**

Perl "Pep" Pepple — "Mr. Horseshoes of Kansas"

If you have good, artistic handwriting, the chances are you could do pretty well at pitching horseshoes, too.

At least, this is the case with Perl P. "Pep" Pepple, the 65-year-old "Mr. Horseshoes of Kansas," who finds that a well coordinated right arm is necessary for both. A man who attributes his success to steady nerves, he has won certificates, awards, and diplomas for his penmanship, as well as ribbons, medals, and trophies for his horseshoe pitching.

Pepple first studied ornamental penmanship under the late George F. Richardson, an Englishman who offered a private course at Washington, Kan., high school in 1910. Richardson, according to Pepple was "considered at that time to be one of the world's finest ornamental penmen."

However, Pepple added, "I can write far better now than that old boy ever did. He'd be overjoyed if he could see me now."

Penman Pepple comes from a family which "happened to be born with a very fine set of nerves. None of my people were any more than average writers. But I have been a serious student—anything I tackle, I master."

It obviously pains Pepple to say this. "I do not wish to be considered egotistical or of the bragging type," he explained. Yet his skill cannot be denied and a rare sort of skill it is, for the number of professional penmen is diminishing rapidly.

"It's a lost art," he said sadly. "Perhaps there are no more than 200 good writers left on earth. The commercial world has crowded out the beautiful writers, as speed is required in all things today. Shaded writing cannot be done rapidly."

However, a good deal of demand for ornamental penmanship still remains and Pepple is kept busy writing for diplomas, wedding certificates, Bibles, personal name cards, dinner place cards, and the like.

One of his recent jobs was to write in the names on 49 invitations to President Eisenhower's inaugural ball sent to Kansans. He practices constantly and his desk at the Veterans' Employment Service office, where his regular job is, always contains recent samples of his work.

Pepple practiced professional penmanship for more than 30 years before pitching his first horseshoe. Here again he became a serious student.

"Every undertaking has its obstacles to overcome," he said. In penmanship it was learning to make proper use of the muscle of the forearm which rests on the writing table. In horseshoe pitching it is learning how to relax the muscles of the hand at just the right moment so the horseshoe slides out smoothly.

While winning his ribbons, medals, trophies, Pepple was a chief promoter behind the building of horseshoe courts at Gage Park in 1949, at the Free Fair Grounds in 1951, at Lake Shawnee in 1950, and at East Lawn Lake in 1954. He has promoted and directed all American Legion state tournaments since 1949 as well as the Kansas Professional Championships. In 1955 he was undefeated in the Legion tourney.

"I know it sounds kind of funny for an expert penman to take up the game of pitching horseshoes," says Pepple, "but that's exactly what I did. I wouldn't say the game hurts my penmanship but at the same time it doesn't help it any."

"I guess I'd been practicing penmanship 30 years before I began pitching horseshoes in 1943. I was working at the Air Base and there was a fellow out there who was a professional horseshoe pitcher. I got interested and started playing him. I suppose I only beat him about twice before he left the base but I was interested enough and determined enough to become a good player," explains Pepple.

Pepple says that he tries to be a perfectionist at any thing he attempts. It didn't take long for Pepple to become a good horseshoe pitcher. After getting his indoctrination at the Air Base he began playing some of the better players in the Topeka area, such as several-times state champion Alvin Gandy.

He entered the Class B division of the State American Legion tournament in 1948 and won the championship. He came back and successfully defended his title in 1949 and 1950. He didn't enter the meet again until 1955. This time he won the Class A division to remain undefeated in Legion competition.

Pepple has never entered a state professional tourney. However, he has been tourney director for both the state professional meet and the State Legion meet since 1949.

Pepple probably knows more about the state horseshoe picture than any one. "I'll tell you one thing," says Pepple, "and that is that we've got some of the world's best pitchers here in Kansas."

Roland Kraft, defending state champion from Lawrence, and Gandy are two of the best, according to Pepple. Most of the good pitchers in Kansas come from Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan and Wichita.

Pepple is unruffled by that fact that he is getting old as horseshoe pitchers go. "I'm still going pretty strong," says Pepple.

Pepple may be inspired by a story he recalls concerning an old gentleman from Bronson named Frank Jackson. "This Jackson was three-times state champion and I think he was 80 when he quit," says Pepple.

There is yet another side to Pepple's amazing career. Since 1926 he has been timekeeper for Topeka prize fights. Before that he was a fighter himself. His last bout was for the lightweight championship of the Santa Fe Railroad on January 2, 1926.

SINCE THEN he has been timekeeper in fights featuring a lot of names which were well known or later became famous, including Jack Johnson, Fred Fulton, Gus Lesnovich, and Jack Dempsey. Keeping time is an exacting business, reports Pepple, but, "I've never had anybody in 31 years ever question a count, not even one time."

Pepple figures that 31 years as timekeeper in one place must be some sort of record, but has no thought of leaving it yet. Now 65, he figures on keeping right on with his penmanship and horseshoe pitching. Right now he is busy organizing the state professional and Legion horseshoe tournaments which will be held here later in the summer.

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COMES THIS THOUGHT FROM MAINE . . .

The nations need lots of blacksmiths

To beat all the swords into plowshares,

To turn all our tanks into tractors

And to hammer holster contents into . . .

HORSESHOES

—Henry Horsworth Shufellow
"Charley Gerrish"

DAVID BAKER WINS MISSOURI OPEN

Young Dave Baker posted the highest average for an 8 man round robin for Missouri since Bob Bales won the state championship in 1940 with a 76.4. Baker's mark was 74.7. While doing this he laid on 54 ringers in 56 shoes in second game for a 96.4, opening with 12 consecutive doubles. His opponent had 68% to get 3 points.

Baker lost 50-49 to Snelson and E. Winston lost to Baker resulting in a 3 game play-off. Winston posted 77.4% to win the 1st game 50-47, Baker won second game 54-47 and Baker won the third game 50-31 with 78.7. Baker had 75.0 and E. Winston 73.1 for the play-off games.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
1. D. Baker, Wentworth	6	1	74.7
2. E. Winston, La Monte	6	1	72.4
3. J. Elkins, Stella	4	3	68.5
4. L. Greenlee, Springfield	4	3	65.5
5. J. Lilly, Lamar	3	4	60.2
6. W. Winston, La Monte	2	5	60.7
7. N. Snelson, Springfield	2	5	59.5
8. C. Banes, Irwin	1	6	58.8

Greenlee set a state record in qualifying 100 shoes by having 82 ringers, 262 points. Less than 30 minutes later, Elkins broke it for an all time high having 83 ringers, 266 points, which still stands in Missouri.

CLASS B

	Qual.	W	L	%
1. C. Long, Carthage	216	7	0	61.9
2. K. Henson, Richland	217	5	2	60.2
3. F. Baker, Wentworth	214	5	2	59.0
4. J. Brons, Lamar	198	4	3	53.6
5. R. Carver, Wentworth	213	4	3	51.1
6. W. Cobb, Marshfield	202	2	5	51.8
7. T. K. Hubbs, Springfield	221	1	6	40.3
8. H. Kenny, Springfield	168	0	7	32.8

TED ALLEN HORSESHOE CO. — BOULDER, COLO.

Again winning the World's Championship, 1957. Almost yearly, now, Allen's have made new World's records, including several of 1957. Of the 18 major world's records now standing, all but three are currently held, or having had a hand in, by Allen's.

Several factors are involved in winning a title but the advantages of the Allen's played a major part.

1. Twice, in establishing world's qualifying records — 1953, of 556 pts. or 90.5% ringers; 1955, of 570 pts., 187 ringers for 93.5% it requires ringers to stay on. Not a single ringer came off. And, too, to make 36 consecutive doubles, and to win close games.
2. Hardened points on soft shoes have a tremendous advantage over battered points. They get many ringers out of near misses.
3. Time and again Allen's were "on" in a close measure, on account of good points.
4. Hard points save ringer averages, money in winnings and longer life effectiveness. Makes the shoes good as long as the body lasts. In old days I used 2 pair for each tourney to have good points. But the past two tourneys were won by only one pair of shoes, and good for more, lasting many times longer for top playing.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

By EARL DAVIS

The N. C. H. P. A. held their annual Christmas party at the Mosswood recreation center. Over 100 horseshoe pitchers and their families and friends had a very enjoyable evening. Turkey and ham with all the trimmings were served. All in attendance brought a gift and placed it under the huge Christmas tree. The gifts were distributed by Santa Claus in the person of R. Willingham who incidentally, didn't need any pillows to play the part. At one time he worked as a regular Santa Claus in a large department store but they had to let him go as he insisted on a two weeks vacation every year which was alright with the management except that he wanted to take it the last two weeks in December.

Mr. C. Lindhout played the piano, assisted by Mr. C. Anderson on the accordion with yours truly acting as master of ceremonies.

Colored motion pictures of the 1957 world's championship held at Murray, Utah, were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Ittel. They were wonderful and we wish everyone could see and enjoy them. A special gift was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ittel to show our appreciation for all the pictures taken during the past several years.

Everyone turned out to help make this party a success but special thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vodovich, Czar Marceovich, our Northern President, his mother and his sister Olga, Elmer Bradt, Al Almeida, Les Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Callas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mori, Harry Nielson, Vail Rasmussen, Joe Decker and 'Tibby' Davis.

At our recent Northern meeting all officers were reelected without opposition for 1958.

Czar Marceovich, President, Don Titcomb, Vice President, George Callas, 2nd Vice President and Earl Davis, Secretary-Treasurer.

Twenty-five members of our association have already joined the National for 1958; as a rule most of them join later in the year, but all are anxious to make sure they keep receiving the News Digest which is a feather in the cap of our National officers, the editor and his staff.

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"SALUTE TO A GREAT CHAMPION"

By ARTHUR LIEDES

Reminiscing back over past records of the Washington state horseshoe pitcher's association, three champions stand out — among them are Floyd Sayres, title holder in 25, 26, 27, 31 and 32. Another Tacoma gent Lewis Getchell still very much in the picture, king pin in 36, 45, 46, 48, 50 and 51.

Finally our present and greatest champion, we salute John Monasmith from the great apple district of Yakima. John can toss ringers like William Tell split apples.

Before summarizing his magnificent record, let's take a look at his family. John is a hodge carrier by trade, has two sons Gary and Philip and a daughter Diane. His wonderful wife Irma also is very active in the promotion of the game, holding down the secretary job in the Northwest association very efficiently. Oh! yes — two brothers Lloyd and Dale handle the gray mare shoes with consistent accuracy also.

Monasmith started pitching just 10 years ago. He made it a grand slam in 1957, winning the Portland Bryant Memorial, Seattle Seafair, Washington State and Northwest titles averaging 76.5 in the four events.

He took in the nationals in 50, 51, 53 averaging 72.3, placing 11, 13 and 6th. His other records include: Yakima county — 4 trips, 4 titles; State — 10 trips, 7 titles, 2 runner-up, average 72.2; Northwest — 9 trips, 6 titles, 2 runner-up, average 73.4; Bryant Memorial — 5 trips, 2 titles, 2 thirds, average 73.0; Seafair 1957 champion, average 77.5.

Again we salute a great champion and wonderful guy.



"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Ellis Cobb, Editor
The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Ellis:

Frank Cotton of Decatur, Ill. had some very complementary comments about me in the article entitled "Three of a Kind" in the December issue.

It is always nice to receive public recognition, but I would like to acknowledge that when I became Secretary of the Indiana Association five years ago I inherited a vigorous organization that already had more than 100 N.H.P.A. members, 90 entries in the State Tourney, and a healthy State Team League in operation. This had been built up from scratch mainly by the efforts of Nelson Pickering, Curt Day, Oris Harshman and others in the Frankfort, Indiana club.

The progress and growth of our organization since I became Secretary, the additions of the "Old Timers," Junior and Booster Classes to the State Tourney, the establishment of such tournaments as the Northern Indiana, the Newcomers, and the Mid-West "Ringer Round Up", the building of new courts in Muncie, Kokomo, Wabash, Lafayette, etc., has only been accomplished fine work and co-operation of numerous key individuals. There are too many of them to mention by name in this letter, but the Indiana boys know who they are, and I want to publicly thank all of them.

Sincerely,

Bob Pence

Secretary, Ind. Div. N.H.P.A.

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F. Ellis Cobb, Editor
The Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Just a line to let you know about horseshoes in Minnesota. I am sorry to say we do not have many national members in Minnesota, but we do have a few. Ron Cherrier is the top player here and he goes to the world tournament every year.

We had our state tournament at Westbrook, Minnesota and a successful one too. We had 5 divisions, A to E with 44 men playing. We were rained out on Sunday night, but later on the rain stopped and about 9:00 o'clock all the players helped to dry the courts and we started play about 9:30. After four rounds were played a vote was taken to find out if the players wanted to continue and only one player voted not to play. But he was a good sport and they continued play and finished at 2:30 A. M. That's what I call loyalty.

We also have a Northwest tourney which includes 5 states, including Minnesota. In this tourney we had 4 divisions with 32 men playing. This was played during the Ramsey County fair.

Well, this letter is getting too long, so will close with best wishes for you and your swell magazine. I read every copy a couple of times and also save all the copies.

Sincerely,

Ben Trollen, President

Minnesota State H. S. P. A.

December 7, 1957

The Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest,
1307 Solfisburg Avenue,
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Congratulations on a very fine job with the "News Digest" which marks its first anniversary as the official publication for the horseshoe pitchers. May the anniversaries continue with everlasting success.

Enclosed is an article entitled, "Salute to a Great Champion" starts the ball rolling for the Regional Director's Program in the Northwest portion of our country.

Sincerely,

Art Lienes
1111 E. Market Street
Aberdeen, Washington
Sec. (W.S.H.P.A.)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 1957 SEASON PERCENTAGES

"A" DIVISION

	Games	%		Games	%
Titcomb, Don	86	80.9	Musalik, Carl	109	60.1
Zimmerman, Guy	16	77.4	Zumwalt, Bert	119	58.8
Brownell, Tom	84	73.2	MacCarty, Stan	85	58.7
Mori, Paul	97	72.1	Bridges, Leonard	36	58.5
Allen, Ira	66	71.3	Anderson, Les	62	57.5
Blexrude, Wm.	76	67.9	Peters, A.	32	57.1
Marcevich, Czar	76	64.3	Stevenson, R.	6	56.3
Fraser, Wm.	111	62.5	Costa, L.	6	56.2
Franklin, Ben	3	60.7	Hagerman, J.	57	55.1

"B" DIVISION

	Games	%		Games	%
Callas, Geo.	48	54.8	Fairchild, Ernie	34	48.5
Lindhout, C.	30	54.3	Martin, H.	37	47.9
Martin, Les	57	54.0	Reed, Carlos E.	7	47.9
Davis, Earl	120	53.2	Engel, R.	26	47.8
Seymour, Jack	17	52.1	French, D.	75	47.6
Rasmussen, Vail	84	51.6	Santos, Marty	6	47.5
Toole, Paul	3	51.2	Cima, O.	20	47.1
Alemeida, Al	92	51.0	Lyon, Bruce	48	46.6
Henderson, E. C.	15	50.9	Adams, Jim	28	46.0
Bullock, D.	6	50.0	Matson, H.	18	45.9
Wilson	5	48.7	Davis, E. E.	18	45.2
Lambeth, R.	18	48.6			

"C" DIVISION

	Games	%		Games	%
Peterson, W.	22	44.6	Ludlow, K. W.	11	40.3
Costa, Joe	41	44.6	Wilfong, J. W.	18	40.2
Craig, J.	21	44.1	Baer, Les	40	40.0
Hatsme	23	44.0	Dovel, Paul	28	40.0
Wilson, L. (S.F.)	4	43.3	Griffin, Ed	20	39.7
Martin, C. E.	21	42.9	Kim, Ernie	16	39.1
Peterson, K.	6	42.9	Meyer, Fred	38	39.1
Braun, L.	4	42.8	Baker, B.	12	39.0

Games %

Fullwider, W.	43	42.4
Fisher, F.	7	41.9
Templeton, Jim	17	41.4
Galli, R.	48	41.0
Quintana, Pete	36	41.0
Hosmeir, Geo.	4	40.9
Gonzales, (A.V.)	2	40.9
Malik, I.	21	40.7
O'Hara, Dave	51	40.4
Barclay, J.	37	40.4

Games %

Tart	1	39.0
Terlicker, Val	52	38.7
Lindhout, Jon	10	38.7
Cord, H.	15	38.5
Zippe, E.	6	37.6
Preo, M. A.	7	37.5
Hazen-Dughman	13	37.1
Freitas, John	29	36.2
Foley, Pat	14	35.1

"D" DIVISION

Games %

Jarman, Bob	26	34.7
Squires, R.	40	33.9
Oien, J. G.	12	33.8
Baldwin, Leonard	6	33.6
Neilson, Harry	19	33.5
Bradt, E.	15	32.7
Kohler, John	26	32.4
Davis, Abe	22	32.1
Sage, L. L.	16	31.8
Ashton, L.	10	31.5
Engel, V.	10	31.3
Conrad, E.	9	31.1
Acker, Roy	16	30.9
Jerome, Wm.	29	30.9
Chivers	5	30.6
Cochran, Tom	50	30.6
Westbrook, Frank	51	30.3
Rice, T.	4	30.1
Rickard, Dave	4	30.0
Hicks, M.	4	29.9

Games %

Zumwalt, L.	2	29.5
Bulowski, (S.F.)	3	29.3
Willingham, R. L.	27	29.2
Freitas, R. A.	18	29.2
Allen, Lyle	11	29.0
Abbas, D.	27	28.1
Schafer, D.	1	28.0
Hill, Les	29	27.7
Bornda, W.	4	27.6
Porter, Vic	6	27.4
Ray, Frank	19	27.4
MacConnell, Ed	21	26.9
Hosley, H.	8	26.9
Fann, Peter	2	26.9
Osborne, Ross	6	26.7
Field, H.	5	26.6
Cagno, Pete	3	25.8
Smith, Jack	3	25.3
Long, J.	3	25.2
Cunningham (F)	5	25.2

"E" DIVISION

Games %

Dunn, Marty	10	24.7
Alameda, Geo.	3	24.0
Davenport, Dave	10	23.7
Petree, C. W.	9	23.7
Fatooh, Wm.	3	23.3
Debenham	6	23.2
Gale, W.	6	23.0
Fisher, Geo.	6	22.7
Young, R.	1	22.0
Beywater, Jess	16	21.7
Dehart, Charles	9	20.9
Castro, Joe	8	20.4
Tackness, F.	5	20.3
Valdez, J.	20	19.6
Allen, Leon	11	19.0
Frisch, J.	10	18.5
Hollender, R.	12	18.2

Games %

Bigelow, Austin	11	18.2
Martin, Geo.	9	18.0
Peterson, C.	3	17.2
Beywater, Bill	5	17.1
Walraven, F.	2	16.9
Biagi, J.	6	16.3
Juarez, J.	1	16.0
Barnes, Ed.	4	15.8
Wilfong, J.	5	13.8
Decker, Joe	8	11.4
White, C.	5	10.2
McCray, J.	7	9.8
Langrell, John	2	9.5
Alexander, Bud	2	7.1
Wilfong, J.	5	7.0
Dalton, Major	6	6.6

. . . "TOP THIS ONE" . . .

By J. B. LOWE

One day, some years ago, a fellow caught all of our pitchers away from the courts, and he took four expensive pitching shoes home with him. They were standard shoes, and we left them out for those who came through the day to pitch with. One day a fellow pitcher and I were invited by this same fellow to his courts to pitch. After being at his courts a few minutes we discovered our four good shoes there. The fellow readily noticed that we saw the shoes and recognized them as ours that were thought to be lost.

He began to apologize for taking them, claiming that he wanted to try them out and that he was going to return them in a few days. We told him that was O. K. and he let us have four shoes of an inferior brand to use on our courts until he returned the good shoes. We took them and by the way, believe it or not, a man called one evening to borrow four shoes to take on a picnic the next day. The same fellow who let us have the four inferior brand shoes happened to be at our courts when the man phoned to borrow the shoes, and it so happened that this fellow was going to a Bar-B-Q which was near where the fellow lived that wanted to borrow the shoes. I sent the shoes with him and the fellow picked them up at the Bar-B-Q. Believe it or not, while this fellow was on his way with the shoes he exchanged the four he let us have in the place of the good shoes to four still more inferior and badly worn and rusty and left the four very bad shoes at the Bar-B-Q for the fellow. On Monday the fellow returned the shoes and they were old, worn out, rusty, inferior brand shoes and not the shoes I had sent him. I was about to get on to him but a thought struck me that the four old shoes belonged to the fellow who took them as I recognized them easily for I had seen them in the fellow's auto before.

Believe it or not, that fellow never returned those four good shoes and, I got the four rusty, worn-out, poor brand shoes instead of the inferior brand that he first let me have. You have heard of hoss-swopping. This is shoe-swopping — believe me and, it was swopping on the other fellow's shoes.

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ART DUGLE WINS CANTON LEDGER-FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

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Art Dugle of Chicago, Illinois captured the Canton Ledger-Festival Open Tournament which featured 36 pitchers from three states, Illinois, Iowa and Indiana.

The tourney was a two-level meet being for residents of Fulton county of which Truman Standard won first in the local division. The other division being open to all other pitchers. Dugle taking first being followed by Slen Anderson for second position and Leroy Clewell of Canton pulling up in third place.

Others in Class A were Ed Sharp, Mulberry, Ind.; Floyd Fowler, Green Castle, Ind; Standard; Jim Hart, Winchester, Ill.; Lowell Edmonson, Danville, Ind.; Virgil Taylor, Green Castle, Ind.; Oris Harshman, Frankfort, Ind.; Chet Hefner, East Peoria; and Nelson Vogel, Manito.

Ernest Danielson of West Burlington, Iowa, won the Class B title, followed by Fred Hart, Jacksonville; Frank Polka, Chicago; I. Eilers, Chandlerville; M. Lovetre, Chicago and Joe Martin, Pekin.

In Class C, Virgil Ioerger, Minonk, won the title. He was followed by Ernest Danielson, West Burlington, Iowa; A. White, Peoria; Roger Brush, Canton; E. Biddle, Pittsfield and C. Chrisman, Peoria.

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