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LOCKPORT (N. Y.) CLUB MAKES GREAT STRIDES DURING 1959

By N. W. SINCLAIR

Our city of Lockport, New York is about 28,000 in population and located 25 miles north of Buffalo, just a few miles short of Lake Ontario. Until a few years ago interest in horseshoe pitching had been at a standstill save for the few regulars who refused to give up the ghost. Joe Dean, who has been pitching longer than I have been breathing was the "old pro" who tried to keep the flame alive.

We started the gradual movement forward quite by chance. The team captains thought it would be a good idea if the wives were invited to our annual banquet. A few new officers with added interest completed the cycle and we were underway. There is still a lot to be desired, but we can't help but be proud of the small gain we have made.

Our league consists of about fifty men distributed among six teams. We have divided the season into two halves with a playoff between the two winners to decide the team championship. At the conclusion of the league, which runs for ten weeks, we hold our annual city singles tournament which is open to all horseshoe pitchers, even though they are not members of the league. The Tool Design Team won the team championship for 1959 and Sam Ritz, considered one of the finest pitchers in Western New York regained the Singles Championship, dethroning League President, Don Gam-mack, who had won the event two years in a row. Mr. Ritz is our new President for the coming season.

This season marked the start of a six team women's league that really stirred up a lot of excitement. Whether it was the shorts and pedal pushers or just the novelty of watching women pitching horseshoes, the male personnel suddenly showed great interest. We fashioned the girls league after the men and in the singles tournament, the winner, the first Women's Individual City Champion, shot a remarkable 41%. The winner was Ann La Fountain.

We all agreed to have a joint banquet and attendance reached 85. The banquet was held at the CIO Hall and everyone enjoyed a delicious steak dinner. Honored guests included Park Commissioner Elmer McCloy and wife. Mr. McCloy awarded the trophies to each of the winners. Local newspaper coverage complete with picture was excellent.

When we first became affiliated with the National Association, I noticed that films of the National Tournament were available to all of the members. I made arrangements with Mr. Pence and on the night of the banquet the film was shown as a surprise to everyone. Most everyone suggested that we make reservations for the films on this year's tournament so that we would be sure to have them.

As a direct result of the enthusiasm displayed this year, President Sam Ritz, veteran Joe Dean, and myself as Secretary-Treasurer were requested to attend a meeting in the city building on the Park Board. Plans for a complete new lighting system and new pitching platform for the women were presented to the meeting. Present plans call for an installation costing \$2,000.00 and we can't wait for old man winter to make his yearly visit and leave. Already there is a suggestion for a mixed couples league for next year.

All of us here in Lockport sincerely trust that before too long we can foster enough interest to produce a few entrees for a few tournaments, even if they are in the 25 to 30% classifications.

1904

Ray M. Jauch

1959

"I am the resurrection and the life," sayeth the Lord, "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the sudden passing of Ray M. Jauch of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He passed away from an apparent heart attack at his home in Bartlesville on Sunday, November 15th.

He was a charter member of the Bartlesville Horseshoe club and was one of the first two members of that club to enter into state tournament competition, J. M. Copenhagen being the other member. He was a very active member in both the local and state association activities. He also was vice-president of the Bartlesville club last year.

He was a wonderful person and well liked by all and was always a good sport and a tough competitor. All who knew him have lost a real friend and he will be missed by all. He was 55 years of age and was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company for many years. He is survived by his wife Vera, one son, Ray, Jr., and three grandchildren.

The sympathy of the Bartlesville club and the Oklahoma state association together with the National Association and staff of the News Digest is extended to the bereaved family.

BALDWIN PARK-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "B"

By JAMES WEEKS

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ed McFarland, Covina	5	0	188	296	63.5
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	4	1	167	304	54.9
Clark Bell, Covina	3	2	158	302	52.3
Jiggs Gasaway, Covina	3	2	150	318	47.2
George Lowe, Culver City	1	4	111	264	42.0
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park	0	5	108	280	38.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Harry Morse, South Gate	4	1	179	334	53.9
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	3	2	169	302	56.0
Don Peterson, Downey	3	2	154	298	51.7
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	3	2	163	316	51.6
Norm Smith, Culver City	1	4	140	306	45.8
Larry Hahn, Glendora	1	4	122	288	42.4

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

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ed McFarland	2	1	120	216	55.6
Waldo Hagy	2	1	109	184	59.2
Harry Morse	1	2	145	244	59.4
Gunnar Hansen	1	2	114	216	52.8

Play-off game was won by McFarland 51 to 16 with a ringer percentage of 76.6 against 55.0 percent for Hagy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

By MICKEY VECCHITTO

As you know that I have been appointed by the National Assn. as the New England Regional Director for 1960. Naturally, I am deeply honored and it was a surprise to me. I shall do the best that I can for the sport, which has been in my blood since I first took an interest in horseshoe pitching, back in 1935.

I hope that I can fit into Howard White's shoes, who is doing a great job in promoting the game. The sport is picking up more interest in the New England states. One example was New England Championship held at Westfield, Mass. A record of 72 contestants entered, almost double of last year's tournament.

Maine and Vermont are the only two states that are not represented in the National Association. Hopes are high that they will join within a year or two.

Each year, in West Springfield, Mass., the Eastern States is held. This annual fair draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from all parts of the east. I was there with my family and stopped to watch Joe Zichella and Edgar Landry, two top pitchers in the east, give an exhibition of horseshoe pitching. The crowd watching was amazed at the steady stream of ringers the two pitchers were throwing. After their performance, the Massachusetts Grange sponsored a tournament. Ralph Forsstrom, secretary for Mass. was one of the officers in charge. I came across an idea and in turn passed it on to Mr. Forsstrom, who thought that it was something to bear in mind. Here's what came to my mind. With thousands of visitors watching the sport, wouldn't it be possible to get some of those spectators to join the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. Signs could be made to attract their attention. It may sound silly, but while at the Eastern States Exhibition, I noticed countless exhibits to try, buy, enroll, subscribe and so on for the various products. We have to try all the ways and means, if we want more members for the N.H.P.A.

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EARL BILLINGSLEY WINNER OF LA FAYETTE, INDIANA CITY MEET*By JOSEPH SCHILLING*

In the third annual LaFayette, Indiana city tournament, Earl Billingsley successfully defended his title by winning 7 straight games. Everett defeated Raymond for second position. W. Merkel forfeited 4 games. In the B section Snapp was the winner in a double round robin with Swanson and Kingma. Coffman defeated Schilling 50 to 49 for Class C honors. Reeves and Gellenbeck both won their respective divisions with 7 wins and no losses.

CLASS A

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
E. Billingsley	7	0	366	224	61.2
W. Everett	5	2	374	209	55.9
S. Raymond	5	2	398	209	52.5
A. Lafon	4	3	358	183	51.1
C. Anderson	2	5	424	186	43.8
S. Minniear	2	5	430	186	43.2
C. Landes	0	7	352	133	37.7
W. Merkel	3	0	170	86	50.5

CLASS B

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
C. Snapp	6	1	500	236	52.6
M. Swanson	6	1	384	195	50.7
S. Kingma	6	1	436	209	43.3
W. Reed	4	3	468	184	39.3
P. Snapp	3	4	438	206	47.0
G. Kingma	2	5	426	194	45.5
P. Reeves	1	6	338	109	32.2
R. McKinniss	0	7	432	151	34.9

CLASS C

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
H. Coffman	6	1	428	185	43.2
J. Schilling	6	1	449	174	38.3
C. Merkel	4	3	448	175	39.0
E. McMinds	4	3	440	164	37.2
C. Callaway	4	3	403	158	39.2
H. Hendricks	3	4	438	163	34.9
J. Overman	1	6	466	173	37.1
J. Walker	1	6	398	118	29.6

CLASS D

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
D. Reeves	7	0	428	179	41.8
T. Dawson	6	1	432	161	37.2
R. Ledford	5	2	406	162	37.4
J. Klinger	4	3	422	121	28.6
L. Pettit	3	4	404	123	30.4
W. Turner	2	5	388	65	16.9
C. Thayer	1	6	430	117	27.2
W. Welch	0	7	446	106	23.7

CONSOLATION

	W	L	S.P.	R	%
H. Gellenbeck	7	0	386	100	25.9
G. Beard	5	2	376	94	25.0
F. Tinkle	4	3	446	110	24.6
H. Cook	4	3	454	74	16.3
T. Flood	3	4	422	74	17.5
O. Kirts	3	4	452	73	16.1
F. Kingma	2	5	334	54	16.1
R. Johnson	0	7	Forfeit		

TED ALLEN GUEST OF HONOR AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER

Ted Allen, World's champion, was pleasantly surprised recently when he was given an invitation to the Boulder, Colorado Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held in the city of Boulder. He sat at the speakers' table with other guests among whom was Elmer F. Bennet, Under-Secretary of the Interior, who was the main speaker.

The Chamber in a letter to Allen, nine times holder of the world's title, said in part, "that they had long known of the favorable publicity and service given to the city and wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate him."

MARV CHRISMAN TO CITY COUNCIL

Marvin Chrisman, president of the Indiana division of the N.H.P.A. was elected to the city council of his home city of Connersville in the November 3 elections.

He is the only one of the seven-man council who has previously been a councilman. Marv has been active for many years in labor, political and horseshoe circles.

Connersville's gain will be horseshoe's loss, however, for he has indicated he will be too pressed for time in his new duties to carry on as president of the Indiana Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

He will continue to be active as a player and will again direct the championship Connersville club in the Indiana state team league. Marvin won Class E in the 1959 state tournament with an average of 64.2 percent ringers.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT HORSESHOE FOLKS

Reinhard Backer, N.H.P.A. President, took time off recently for an extended deer hunt. No word has been received as to his degree of success.

It is physically impossible for me to send personal Holiday Greetings to my many friends in the N.H.P.A. without neglecting my official duties, therefore I am using this method of wishing everyone within our association a most sincere



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and

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Robert H. Pence

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New York Success Story

By LARRY PROUDMAN

Local horseshoe clubs which experience difficulty in forming an effective organization with proper playing facilities might find a solution to their problems in the story of the Chautauqua County players in New York State.

Organized in 1950 with ten members the club conducted its activities on a single court located at a fire station. The city tournament was a ten man round robin that year with one round played each night for nine consecutive nights until the schedule was completed.

Attempting to remedy this inadequate situation the club moved the following year to an industrial site where six courts were available. This too proved unsatisfactory for the employes played on the courts during the noon hour until the very last minute and then left them uncovered at the mercy of the weather. When the club members arrived in the evening for their activities, the courts were baked dry by the sun or flooded by rain.

This is a familiar pattern found also in public parks where the general public ruin the courts during the daytime either by neglect or lack of the proper tools and equipment to keep the clay and courts in shape. Most park departments fail to make provision for the maintenance of horseshoe courts on the scale that they do for tennis courts and other recreational facilities. Seemingly they expect the horseshoe pitchers to do the work that is properly park department responsibility. It is not logical to expect club members to maintain public property for the use of the general public at their own expense.

Consequently the Chautauqua County boys looked around for a plot of ground at the edge of town where they could install privately owned and operated courts but the expense of running water and electrical lines and providing other facilities was too great for a dozen or so pitchers to bear.

Finally I was delegated to approach the Falconer Rod and Gun Club, a conservation club with 36 beautiful wooded acres at the edge of town. I outlined the needs and desires of our club at a regular meeting of the Rod and Gun Club which voted to allow us to become a regular division of the organization and to build four courts on the lower end of the club's picnic grounds. We also agreed to furnish the club with at least 20 additional members at the \$2.00 membership fee.

We built the courts ourselves, mixing the concrete, digging the clay, building the forms, etc. for a total of \$60. Since the four courts were exclusively for our own use it was easy to obtain work crews to perform the work.

We charged each member 50 cents per week during the season and from this assessment we paid for the construction of the courts, each player's membership in the Rod and Gun Club, and turned in a balance of \$20 into the treasury of the Rod and Gun Club.

We continued the 50 cent assessment the next year and had organized competition two nights each week. We added a fifth court and after deducting the cost of the court, paying our individual Rod and Gun Club memberships, and paying for trophies and prizes given out during the year we had a balance of \$80.00 which was turned over to the Rod and Gun Club.

This past year we built three more courts and installed lights and staged the New York State Tournament. We raised money by staging dances and social events in the club house of the Rod and Gun Club and from the concessions sold during the State Tournament. The Rod and Gun Club assisted us financially in the building of the additional courts and the installing of a lighting system.

Our club now has eight beautiful floodlighted courts under the trees in the picnic area next to the plush clubhouse of the Rod and Gun Club. We have use of the clubhouse and its facilities for our own social events and we participate in the affairs of the Rod and Gun Club as regular members and enjoy the privileges that go with it. The clubhouse itself is very plush, having a dining room that will seat more than 100 for a dinner, a kitchen and rest rooms.

On the nights of our formal competition we take care of the 400 pheasants the club raises. This takes two men about fifteen minutes to feed and water them. We

NEW YORK SUCCESS STORY — (Continued)

furnish our share of the manpower needed by the club to maintain the grounds and clubhouse and we maintain our own horseshoe courts.

The beauty of this setup is that we not only are solvent financially and have first class courts and facilities, but most important we never have any trouble in obtaining the necessary work details to maintain and improve the courts. Unlike the work done on courts in a public park or industrial setup the results are rewarding and permanent.

I am sure that there are many horseshoe clubs in the United State who could effectively make similar arrangements.

MAINE STATE TOURNAMENT

Porter Clark of Auburn defeated last year's champ, Joe Davis in the final game to make a clean sweep and avoid a three way tie for first place. Merrill Barnes finished second and Davis third. All three of the leaders were former titleholders. Clark had the highest single game, 76%.

	W	L	%
Porter Clark, Auburn	11	0	63.5
Merrill Barnes, Orono	10	1	56.6
Joe Davis, Westbrook	9	2	56.0
Clifford Commeau, Milford	7	4	51.3
Roland Boudreault, East Poland	6	5	49.3
Bob Golightly, Bangor	5	6	48.0
Francis McDonald, Bangor	4	7	42.0
Harland Spiller, Jay	4	7	40.5
Lester LaCrosse, Bangor	3	8	46.1
Leonard Herrick, South Paris	3	8	41.2
Del Madore, Oldtown	3	8	46.7
Ben Sibly, Oldtown	1	10	39.5

Class B was won by Cecil Davis of Jay with an average of 47.0%.

Class C was won by Weldon Lord of Hermon.

Class D was won by Otto Whitney of Farmington.

FORMER NATIONAL SECRETARY HOLDS HIGH OFFICE IN OHIO

By ROBERT PENCE

NHPA members and players who were active in the game prior to World War II will be interested to learn of the whereabouts of R. B. Howard, publisher of The Horseshoe World for many years and a former Secretary-Treasurer of the NHPA.

Mr. Howard sends his best wishes and greeting to the NHPA and especially to those members and players who were connected with the game when he was an active organizer and promoter.

Mr. Howard is now the Executive Secretary to the State of Ohio's Secretary of State. Although he works at the statehouse in Columbus his home is still in London, Ohio. He sold his publishing company and his newspapers some years ago.

Mr. Howard began publishing The Horseshoe World in 1921 and for many years it was the official organ of the NHPA. The magazine became a casualty of World War II in 1943 when it ceased publication.

Taking over the post of Secretary-Treasurer of the NHPA during the World Tournament at the Century of Progress World Fair in Chicago in 1933, Mr. Howard served in that capacity until 1939. He attended many tournaments all over the U. S. including World Tourneys in Chicago, Moline, Des Moines, and Florida.

His only son is athletic coach at Lakewood High School in Ohio and he has three grandchildren, the youngest, his only granddaughter, being born in October of this year.

N.H.P.A. TO PUBLISH HORSESHOE GUIDE

Plans are underway for the N.H.P.A. to publish a book to be called *The Horsehoe Guide* sometime next spring or early summer.

Ellis Cobb and Bob Pence will be the co-editors, but others in the N.H.P.A. will contribute articles. The book is expected to be approximately 100 pages in size and will be copyrighted. Ottie Reno, N.H.P.A. Vice-President, is attending to that detail.

The book will contain three sections. A historical section will contain a history of the game, the N.H.P.A. and the World Tournament along with official records and statistics. A "How To Do It" section will include instructions on how to conduct tournaments, league and team matches, how to construct courts, how to score properly, and will explain handicap systems, also round robin master schedules and other pertinent articles.

A third section will contain the official playing rules and the N.H.P.A. constitution and by-laws. There will also be numerous special articles of interest and pictures.

Work has already been started on the book and some parts are ready for the typesetters.

Secretary Bob Pence needs information of a specific nature on the 1929 World Tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla. in order to complete the historical section. Anyone possessing the official summary of this tourney is requested to get in touch with him at 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana.

Through the efforts of Ben Trollen of St. Paul and the Minneapolis Public Library results of the 1921 World Tournament have been located. These were previously missing from N.H.P.A. files.

LONG BEACH-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "C"

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Clark Bell, Covina	5	0	159	290	54.8
Adolph Hernesmaa, Los Angeles	3	2	146	286	51.0
George Lowe, Culver City	3	2	146	328	44.5
Gil Calkins, Azusa	3	2	123	300	41.0
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	1	4	131	300	43.7
Jiggs Gasaway, Covina	0	5	107	304	35.3

GROUP TWO

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Archie Gregson, Crestline	4	1	134	314	42.7
Ed Lopez, San Pedro	3	2	145	338	42.9
Rolla Baker, Bell	2	3	126	318	39.6
Wally Haughland, Los Angeles	2	3	107	292	36.7
Larry Geer, South San Gabriel	0	5	124	342	36.3

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Clark Bell	2	1	98	186	52.7
Adolph Hernesmaa	2	1	94	196	48.0
Nick Port	2	1	93	208	44.2
Archie Gregson	0	3	66	174	37.9

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Nick Port	2	0	80	142	56.3
Clark Bell	1	1	72	144	50.0
Adolph Hernesmaa	0	2	70	146	47.9

"DUDEK FAMILY DAY" IN CONNECTICUT

By MICKEY VECCHITTO

It was the "Dudek Family Day" held at Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Sunday, September 20, 1959 during the annual family picnic and climaxed another busy horse-shoe pitching season for the Conn. H. P. A.

John Dudek of Hartford was presented a handsome trophy in his honor for the best sportsman's award and of the many years devoted to the grand old game. In over 25 years, Mr. Dudek holds many championship trophies.

For the first time in Connecticut, the Conn. Association held a junior state championship, during the family picnic affair. Richard Dudek, son of John Dudek, won top honors, by defeating Gary Dunleavy in the playoffs. Both were tied in the regular round robin, with a 6 and 1 mark. Dudek's only loss came from my son, Michael Vecchitto. Games were 25 points and the cancellation was in effect. Spectators watching these youngsters perform, were surprised in tossing ringers and their form. Being in charge of this event, I noticed that most of these boys had the same style as their fathers, which impressed me very much.

DENNING HAS "HAY-DAY" TO WIN COZAD HAY-DAYS' MEET

By RALPH FLEHARTY

Merle Denning of Elmcreek, Nebraska, had himself a "hay-day" by streaking through the top bracket in the annual Cozad Jaycee Hay-Days tournament held at Cozad, Nebraska. Joe Foster was runner-up in this tourney which was his 76th in a span of 27 years. The meet was held on September 25. High winds were prevalent which kept any high ringer marks from being made.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Merle Denning, Elmcreek, Nebraska	7	0	51.8
Joe Foster, Omaha, Nebraska	5	2	53.3
Jerald Harvey, Tryon, Nebraska	5	2	48.4
Dave Fisher, Curtis, Nebraska	4	3	52.4
Ralph Fleharty, Cozad, Nebraska	4	3	46.2
Gene Stauffer, Cozad, Nebraska	2	5	37.4
Harlan Jensen, Cozad, Nebraska	1	6	32.9
Charles McCance, Cozad, Nebraska	0	7	29.4

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Alfred Regelyn, Holdredge, Nebraska	7	0	
L. E. Whitehead, Cozad, Nebraska	5	2	
Larry Maack, Cozad, Nebraska	5	2	
Wayne Koch, Cozad, Nebraska	3	4	
Edward McSpeldon, Cozad, Nebraska	3	4	
Clarence Ostendorf, Gothenburg, Nebraska	2	5	
Roy Maack, Cozad, Nebraska	2	5	
Dale Malcolm, Cozad, Nebraska	1	6	

CONNEERSVILLE WINS INDIANA TEAM TITLE

The Connersville club won the Indiana State Team title for the second straight year, defeating Wabash in the playoff 15 games to 10.

Graydon McFatridge led the winners with five consecutive wins and a ringer average of 73.2. Jim Kemple won four of five and averaged 67.7, Dave Craven averaged 62.7 and Marv Chrisman 58.4 and Harold McFatridge 56.0 and each won 2 while losing three. The Connersville club averaged 67.5% ringers in the entire match.

For Wabash Charlie Cummings averaged 63.7 while winning three of five, Bellman 62.6 while winning 2 and losing three. Other members of the Wabash team were Dale Solsbery, John Coble and Rich Konieczny. Wabash averaged 64.7 for the entire match.

SUNSHINE PLEASURE CLUB TO SPONSOR FLORIDA OPEN

By R. B. Woodrow

The third annual Florida Open winter tournament will be held on the Sunshine Pleasure Club courts in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 25-27, 1960.

Anyone planning a short trip to Florida should include a few days to enjoy the summer pastime under the warm Florida sun. What could give a horseshoe pitcher more pleasure?

INCORPORATION CERTIFICATE AMENDED

The N.H.P.A. which is incorporated in the State of Ohio, has taken the necessary steps to have its certificate as a non-profit corporation brought up to date to confirm with the recently passed laws in that state.

The papers are being handled by Ottie Reno, N.H.P.A. Vice-President who has been appointed N.H.P.A. Statutory Agent as the law calls for an Ohio resident to act in that capacity.

The N.H.P.A. was originally incorporated as a non-profit group in Ohio in 1921.

IOWA STATE FAIR TOURNAMENTS

OPEN DIVISION

	W	L	%
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Burlington, Iowa (Trophy)	11	1	63.3
Harold Hughes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	10	2	62.9
Francis Rogers, Waverly, Iowa	9	2	67.7
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa	7	4	57.8
Lewis B. Jeter, Afton, Iowa	7	4	57.3
Harold Shaw, Fairfield, Iowa	6	5	58.1
Clarence Spier, Waverly, Iowa	6	5	53.6
Marshall Johnson, Radcliffe, Iowa	4	7	51.2
Bert Rogers, Cedar Falls, Iowa	3	8	55.0
Carl Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa	2	9	44.7
Guy Hinman, Boone, Iowa	1	10	37.7
Lynn Mortenson, Des Moines, Iowa	0	11	35.1

FARMERS' DIVISION

	W	L	%
Leand Wiges, Exira, Iowa, (Trophy)	10	2	56.1
Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe, Iowa	9	3	60.9
Creighton Vandegriff, Selma, Iowa	8	3	48.5
Arthur Olson, Jewell, Iowa	7	4	48.1
Arlo Williams, Lineville, Iowa	7	4	46.9
Maurice Clark, Osceola, Iowa	6	5	53.8
Guy Spitler, Adair, Iowa	6	5	44.8
Warren Hartley, Palmer, Iowa	5	6	40.9
Walter Ross, Boone, Iowa	4	7	47.9
Jim Wilkinson, Winterset, Iowa	4	7	46.5
Melvin Bricker, Earlham, Iowa	1	10	33.5
Ernest Gideon, Selma, Iowa	0	11	24.0

The highest percentage game in the Open Division was by Francis Rogers, 81.3%.

The highest percentage game in Farmers Division was by Waldo Lepper of 74%.

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ARIZONA VALLEY OF THE SUN HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Mesa, Arizona, will be the site of the Open 16 man round robin to be held in Rendezvous Park on Saturday, February 20 and Sunday February 21, for the class "A" Division. The Class "B" Pitchers will compete the preceding week, Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14.

All participants must have 1960 N.H.P.A. cards.

Those desiring to enter may qualify on the courts in Mesa, any time during the month of January, 100 shoes. You may be placed in this contest on your finger percentage for the year 1959 or previous percentage if necessary. If your state secretary has your record, have him send in your name and address with your percentage. You must have this information to the Secretary in Mesa by Jan. 20, you need not send any money at this time. The B Class will be made up of 50% and under. The Class "A" will be those over 50%.

You will be notified by Feb. 1, if you are qualified for this tournament. Then to secure your entry you must send your entry fee to the Arizona State Secretary by Feb. 10. This way you will know where you stand before coming and no one will be disappointed. The Fee for the Class "A" will be \$5.00 and for Class "B" will be \$3.00.

The highest 15 men with the defending champion will make up the Class "A" and likewise for the "B" Class. If you are eliminated by too low a score or percentage, your fee will be returned. However, if you qualify and fail to come or pitch it will not be returned.

First prize will be \$50.00, 2nd will be \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00 and fourth \$10.00 for Class "A". Class "B" winner will receive \$10.00 and runner up \$5.00. Trophies will also be given to the winners and runners. For further information contact Walter B. Stearns, Assist. Sec y., 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona — Tel. WO 4-6887.

1960 WORLD TOURNAMENT NEWS

N.H.P.A. officers are endeavoring by every possible means to determine the location of the 1960 World Tournament and efforts are being made to bring negotiations to a successful conclusion in a number of likely sites.

Muncie, Indiana seems to have progressed the furthest towards qualifying at this time. Construction has started on six additional courts in Heekin Park to add to the battery of 12 floodlighted courts which make up the existing facilities. Officers of the Muncie club working on the project of obtaining the World Tournament are Charles Baker, Harold and Marvin Craig, Bob Whitaker and Vollie Floyd.

Another possibility is Kokomo, Indiana where construction work has already started on the job of increasing the number of courts from 12 to 18. Activity in industrial leagues has made this expansion necessary. Officers of the Kokomo club are Earl Van Natter, Bill Dunn and Dick Speroff.

Larry Proudman, president of the New York State Association, is attempting to interest the Jamestown Jaycees in sponsoring the tournament on the courts of the Falconer, N. Y. Rod and Gun Club where the 1959 New York state tournament was held.

Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, New York reports that he has made considerable progress towards gaining financial support towards holding the World Tournament indoors in Rochester. He expects to have definite information in the next few weeks.

BEST WISHES FOR A

Joyous Holiday Season

F. ELLIS COBB, Editor

COVER PICTURE . . . Although these two fine gentlemen may by outward appearances seem to be twins they are not . . . the one on the right is Ted Allen, 1959 World's champion, while the one on the left is Stanley Manker of Martinsville, Ohio and winner of the Sportsmanship Award at the 1959 World's tournament at Murray, Utah.

LAVERS, CONNECTICUT CHAMP, GRABS BRIDGEPORT CITY TITLE

By WALTER BAGLEY

In the Bridgeport, Connecticut city tournament held at Beardsley Park on September 27, C. Lavers, the 1959 Connecticut state champion came out on top. He now is the holder of three titles having won the Fairfield county tournament also.

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
C. Lavers	8	0	279	476	58.6
W. Kamszik	6	2	235	522	45.0
J. Rose	6	2	207	508	40.9
B. Kenderski	5	3	243	478	50.8
J. Blomquist	5	3	214	556	38.4
F. Wagner	2	6	215	546	39.3
S. Barkiel	2	6	145	422	34.3
A. Arsenaull	1	7	173	498	34.7
R. Barrows	0	8	181	468	38.6

VIRGINIA FORMS N.H.P.A. CHAPTER

Horseshoe pitchers of the Old Dominion State of Virginia now have an official state chapter in the N.H.P.A. as the result of activities in Lynchburg and the personal efforts of Marvin Craig of that city who is the temporary Secretary-Treasurer and N.H.P.A. representative of the new group.

Horseshoe activity has been on the upswing the past few years as the result of the work of the Lynchburg Department of Parks and Recreation headed by Myrtle F. Patterson, and the efforts of the players themselves. Richmond also has an active group of players headed by C. O. Jones, a veteran of the game.

The Lynchburg group sponsored a state A.A.U. tournament last summer with 36 entries which was won by Warren Flaherty of Golansville with Bob Toney the defending champ from Lynchburg taking third place behind Walt Merricks.

Marvin May won the Lynchburg city title with Bob Toney edging Fred Childress for second place.

The new N.H.P.A. chapter will hold a sanctioned state tournament next year as well as other tournaments and activities.

STATE TOURNAMENT

LYNCHBURG CITY

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Warren Flaherty	11	1	52.2	Marvin May	10	0	56.5
Walt Merricks	10	2	55.4	Bob Toney	9	2	44.6
Bob Toney	8	3	52.2	Fred Childress	8	3	40.5
W. M. Owen	8	3	49.9	J. W. Page	7	3	43.5
Marvin May	7	4	54.7	Jim Wilkerson	7	3	33.0
C. O. Monday	7	4	44.9	Tom Ballowe	6	4	41.0
Clay McGhee	6	5	45.1	Ellis Greer	5	5	34.8
W. W. Harris	4	7	42.2	L. J. Dove	5	5	34.2
Buck Evans	3	8	39.5	W. H. Landrum	2	8	27.8
H. R. Harrison	2	9	37.1	R. E. Williams	1	9	30.5
C. O. Jones	1	10	29.3	C. W. Nash	1	9	20.6
A. M. Clark	0	11	23.5	Rodney Schmitt	1	9	17.1



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