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PRES. GREGSON OUTLINES RULES GOVERNING 1959 WORLD TOURNAMENT

1. All contestants are to have their name, town, and state lettered on their shirts to be readable at a distance of fifty feet. These are to be worn in qualifying as well as in tournament play.
2. Qualifying day is July 22. Early qualifying will be permitted on July 20 and 21, if officials are present.
3. Qualifiers will pitch 200 consecutive shoes for total points. Second try not permitted this year.
4. Qualifiers will pay \$10.00 entry fee and present 1959 National card.
5. Qualifying will close 12:00 midnight, July 22.
6. Only sanctioned shoes will be used.
7. If necessary to break a tie in qualifying score, an additional 50 shoes will be pitched by those involved in the tie.
8. 35 high qualifiers, plus defending champion, will play a 36-man round robin, July 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, for the championship. Winner of most games will be declared champion.
 - a. All ties in this group (except for first place) will be broken by:
 - (1) total points, (2) ringer percentage.
 This is for placement. Money will be divided among those tied.
9. Qualifiers 36 through 59 will be split in two groups and play a 12-man round robin in each group. Two from each group winning the most games will play a 4-man round robin for the 1st four places.
 - If necessary to break a tie in selecting the top two from each group, 50 shoes will be pitched by those tied.
 - All other places in this group will be decided by:
 - (1) Games Won, (2) Total Points, (3) Ringer percentage.

DON TITCOMB APPOINTED RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Don Titcomb of California has been appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for the 1959 National convention to be held in Murray, Utah, July 22-29. If you have anything that you wish to have introduced in convention, please get in touch with him as soon as possible. His address is as follows: Donald Titcomb, 224 Highland Oaks Drive, Los Gatos, California.

R E M I N D E R S

The *WORLD TOURNAMENT* at the Salt Lake County Fairgrounds, July 22-29, will be a straight 36 man round robin this year with 24 men in Class being divided into two groups of 12 each.

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MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP" entries at Dornier Park, Frankfort, Indiana, must be registered by 10:30 Saturday morning, July 4. Players wishing to send in their entries by mail may do so by mailing the \$5.00 entry fee to Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana. They must be on hand ready to play by 12 noon, July 4.

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LAKE SIDE OPEN entrants must be registered by 9:00 A.M. Saturday, June 26.

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EASTERN NATIONAL will be held at the Clearfield, Pa. Fairgrounds, August 5, 6, 7 and 8.

MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

With tournament play now getting underway throughout the country the next few weeks should see a big increase in membership. Up until now only two of last year's active State Chapters have equaled or exceeded their 1958 totals.

Here is the Membership Roll as of May 25 listing the leading State Chapters and their Secretaries in three categories.

1959 MEMBERSHIP TOTAL TO DATE

INDIANA, Earle Wilmore, 80 members.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Jim Weeks, 76 members.

OHIO BUCKEYE, Sam Goodlander, 40 members.

IOWA HAWKEYE, Mrs. Charley Hopkins, 39 members.

PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

FLORIDA, R. B. Woodrow, 150%

ARIZONA, Chas. Carson, 103.3%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 95%

SOUTH DAKOTA, Leigh Dunker, 92.9%

MOST NEW MEMBERS

NORTH CAROLINA, Randall Jones, 30.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Jim Weeks, 21.

MONTANA-DAKOTA, Roger Barnaby, 16.

NORTH DAKOTA, Rudy Lykkens, 16.

MINNESOTA, Ben Trolen, 11.

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COMING EVENTS

- June 13-14 — Sixth Annual Ozark Open, Neosho, Missouri.
June 13-14 — Portland Rose Festival Centennial Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
June 14 — Connecticut Open Tournament, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn.
June 14 — Class C Added Tournament, Ontario, California.
June 13-14 — Ozark Open Tournament, Neosho, Missouri.
June 20 — Logan Open, Logan, Utah.
June 21 — Northern California Class C, Arroyo Viejo, California.
June 21 — Indiana Newcomers Finals, Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
June 26-27 — Sixth Annual Lakeside Open Tournament, Lakeside, Ohio.
June 27 — Payson Open, Payson, Utah.
June 27-28 — St. Joseph Open Tournament, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.
June 28 — Class D Added Tournament, South Gate, California.
June 28 — Richardson County Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.
July 4 — Quint County Tournament, Sterling, Illinois.
July 4 — Riverton Open, Riverton, Utah.
July 4-5 — Red River Valley Open, Fargo, North Dakota.
July 4-5 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up", Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
July 5 — Semna Nautica Open, Santa Barbara, California.
July 11 — Durham Open, Durham, North Carolina.
July 11 — American Forks Open, American Forks, Utah.
July 11-12 — Four State Open (Kan., Ia., Neb., Mo.), Falls City, Nebraska.
July 12 — Special Class A Open Tournament, Ontario, California.
July 18 — Murray Open, Murray Fairgrounds, Murray, Utah.
July 22-29 — World Tournament, Salt Lake County Fairgrounds, Murray, Utah.
July 26 — Northern Indiana Qualifying, City Park, Wabash, Indiana.
July 26 — Central Indiana Qualifying, Heekin Park, Muncie, Indiana.
August 1 — West Jordon Open, West Jordon, Utah.
August 2 — Amateur Tournament, Baldwin Park, California.
August 1-2 — Northwest Open Horseshoe Tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota.
August 1-2 — Northern Indiana Finals, City Park, Wabash, Indiana.
August 1-2 — Central Indiana Finals, Heekin Park, Muncie, Indiana.
August 5-6-7-8 — Eastern National Open, Fairgrounds, Clearfield, Penn.
August 7-8 — Utah State Class A, Murray, Utah.
August 8 — Class E Added Tournament, Harvard, California.
August 15 — Tooele Open, Tooele, Utah.
August 16 — Inter-City, St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minnesota.
August 16 — South Gate Open Tournament, South Gate, California.
Aug. 18-19 — Illinois State Tournament, State Fair Grounds, Springfield, Ill.
Aug. 19 — Illinois State Boy's Tournament, State Fair Grounds, Springfield, Illinois.
August 22 — North Carolina State Tournament, Winston-Salem, No. Car.
August 21-22 — Utah State Class C, Ogden, Utah.
August 22 — 60 Years and over Tournament, Long Beach, California.
August 22-23 — Massachusetts State Tournament, Moxie's Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
Aug. 22-23 — Connecticut State Tournament, Beardsley Park, Bridgeport, Conn.
Aug. 22-23 — New Hampshire State Tournament, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
Aug. 22-23 — Indiana State Tournament Qualifying, Four regionals.
August 27-28-29 — Missouri State Tournament, Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Mo.
August 28-29 — Utah State Class B, West Jordon, Utah.
August 29 — Winston-Salem Open, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
Sept. 4-5 — Iowa State Tournament, Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
Sept. 5 — Junior Boy's Tournament, Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
Sept. 5-6-7 — Missouri Open, Phelps Grove, Springfield, Missouri.
Sept. 5-6-7 — New England States Tournament, Westfield, Massachusetts.
Sept. 5-6-7 — Nebraska State Tournament, Panhandle Club, Kimball, Neb.
Sept. 5-6-7 — Ohio State Tournament, Location to be announced later.
Sept. 5-6-7 — Indiana State Tournament, Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
Sept. 5-6-7 — Michigan State Tournament, Location to be announced later.
Sept. 6 — Iowa Farmers and Open Tournament, Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
Sept. 6-7 — Minnesota State Tournament, Hibbing, Minn.

IOWA HAWKEYE SEASON OPENING TOURNAMENT

WON BY PAXTON

By LUCILLE HOPKINS

Although Wellington Taylor of Grand River, Iowa set the pace with the highest qualifying score of 248 points, it was John Paxton, Iowa veteran pitcher, who took home the trophy after going thru Class A section without a defeat, to win the Iowa Hawkeye Season Opening tournament held at Birdland Park, Des Moines on Sunday, May 17th. Trophies were awarded to the winners of each of the other divisions, they being Francis Rogers, Class B; Art Brown, Class C; and Marvel Bean, Class D.

CLASS A

	Qual.	W	L
John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa, Trophy.....	233	5	0
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa.....	228	4	1
John Weakland, Osceola, Iowa.....	224	2	3
Wellington Taylor, Grand River, Iowa.....	248	2	3
Leo Hamand, Peru, Iowa.....	222	2	3
Clarence Spier, Waverly, Iowa.....	222	0	5

CLASS B

Francis Rogers, Waverly, Iowa, Trophy.....	222	4	1
Harold Shaw, Fairfield, Iowa.....	203	3	2
Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa.....	211	3	2
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa.....	213	2	3
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Burlington, Iowa.....	207	2	3
Harry Savage, Des Moines, Iowa.....	205	1	4

CLASS C

Art Brown, Patterson, Iowa, Trophy.....	194	5	0
Charles Cook, Corydon, Iowa.....	189	3	2
Charley Hopkins, Ottumwa, Iowa.....	198	3	2
Maurice Cook, Osceola, Iowa.....	188	2	3
Otho Casey, Des Moines, Iowa.....	189	2	3
Otis Lacy, Webster City, Iowa.....	166	0	5

CLASS D

Marvel Bean, Des Moines, Iowa, Trophy.....	164	5	0
John Roberts, Ankeny, Iowa.....	163	4	1
Ralph Elings, Des Moines, Iowa.....	137	2	2
Jack Draper, Des Moines, Iowa.....	157	1	3
Dean Draper, Des Moines, Iowa.....	119	0	4

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AN OLD TIMER SPEAKS — Continued from last issue

By CLAUDE A. BENEDICT

As always — in everything we do, there are those who think that, regardless of how good a job is being done, to them it is never good enough, and of course there are always causes for this sort of reasoning which perhaps are legitimate in many instances in the eyes of those on the outside looking in. However, as one who for several years has faced this sort of reasoning from within and without our great National Ass'n from Pitchers, Businessmen, Promoters, Organization Officials and others, to the extent that the writer feels there are some things that should be told, that have had, and will have a decided influence on our great game if continued as in the past in the estimation of many and also the writer.

That the horseshoe game is controlled by the professionals with little or no thought given to the little man, the forgotten man, of whom there are thousands of potential members, it has been said that the prof. pitchers are even selfish from that standpoint in legislative matters, which perhaps is natural under our present methods, where it is a known fact that from 35 to 50 men do control the game over these United States. Some have even gone so far as to say that the Horseshoe Pitchers cannot, do not, or will not promote the Horseshoe game as it should be and is necessary whereby it operates from the lower level on up thru all stages to the top thru properly organized channels.

Someone has said recently in our digest — that seemingly the main interest of most is the fact of the next tournament, state or national, little interest or effort being shown toward the overall picture of promotion of the game for the masses.

Yes, there are many other matters that could be said from actual experiences that have and are retarding the progress of our game, but will reserve some for later. We need more togetherness from the high to the low class pitchers *IF* it is our real desire for the game to advance for all and not just a small empire for a few. Yes, that is what they're saying and have been saying for years. Are we going to let it continue? Or will we do something about it at Murray in July? Perhaps some won't like this — the truth won't hurt anyone — Here it is. (Continued next issue.)

INDIANA TOURNAMENTS

In addition to the annual Northern Indiana Tournament at Wabash, Hoosier players will have another event of a like nature, the Central Indiana Tournament to be held at Heekin Park in Muncie under the direction of Marvin Chrisman, President of the Indiana Association.

The Northern Indiana Tournament at Wabash will again be under the direction of Art Moore at City Park in Wabash.

Both tournaments will have a 100 shoe qualifying round on Sunday, July 26 with the finals on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2. All qualifying for the Central Indiana tournament will be at Heekin Park in Muncie, but the Northern Indiana entrants will have their choice of qualifying at City Park in Wabash, Kingma Courts in Lafayette or City Park in Geneva.

State Road 26 in Indiana will be the dividing line for these two tournaments geographically.

Of course the big event in Indiana horseshoe in July will be the Midwest "Ringer Round Up" at Frankfort's Dorner Park over the Fourth of July weekend.

The N.H.P.A. wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation of the following manufacturers of horseshoes who are Associate and Contributing members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America and whose horseshoes are fully approved for use in any sanctioned tournament:

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UTAH STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

By REINHARD H. BACKER, *Pres.*

'Cherry' Bennett yelling his head off while 'Andy' is up to his neck in qualifying sheets. — A wide brimmed hat strolling up and down the courts with Ammon Throckmorton under it. — Edmondson pacing the endless '40' with a can of beer at each end. — 'Walt' Wahlin measuring a couple of close ones. — Hugh Galpin and Oscar Funk 'silently' going over some rules and regulations. — Clive Wahlin putting on a double with that 'I'm sorry' look in his big, blue eyes. — These scenes will soon come to life again for the stage is all set for another fine season. I want to welcome you and wish you more 'ringers' than last season, but should you end the season without trophies or prizes you will still have gained a great deal in the fine competition and fellowship enjoyed in our Utah organization.

A word of thanks is in order for Wilford Andelin for his time and effort in preparing these forms so they may be presented to you. It is our only contact with the membership prior to tournament time. As you will note our type of tournaments will keep in mind foremost the need of all classes of player participation. The participation of the beginner is as vital as the competition among the champions. The champions must reach for perfection but at a pace that allows them to help and encourage the beginners. The strength of our organization will depend greatly on an increased membership able to enjoy tournaments and awards on a fairly equal basis with our 'A' class players. From the financial point of view this is even more important. Horseshoes as a sport must find financial support from its own members. The average golfer will spend \$100.00 a season on equipment and fees and a bowler will also part with that much to enjoy his sport without a beef but in the sport of horseshoe pitching a ten dollar bill will see the average contestant through the season. Outside financial help

IMPORTANT: The Utah horseshoe players and Association itself must help promote the coming World's Tournament to be held at the Fairgrounds in Murray, Utah in July. Your Association accepted this responsibility. Whether the tournament comes back next year will depend upon our success this year. So, if you are called upon to help, please accept it willingly. We had 53 members last year. If you all do your share the burden will not be so hard on a few. You will be notified later of the task ahead.

for horseshoe pitching is limited. It is not a 'fee' sport and sporting goods manufacturers cannot support a sport that needs practically no equipment. It is a spectator sport when and if it is actively promoted with proper showmanship and court machinery. Until that time arrives only the participation and financial help of the members themselves will keep the game going and growing. This is a man's sport. Therefore I intend to discourage all begging for prizes. I intend to solicit solid support for our organization but first it must be created by its members. Join your local State and National Organization and support them — then sign up one new member and next year we'll need more courts to take care of all the members.

I believe that nothing is more detrimental to an organization than inability to try and accept new ideas and methods. New ideas will be experimented with this season. At the tournament on May 2 a new scoring device, worked out by Mr. Wahlin, will be tried out. Much work and effort has gone into this machine but only its use on the courts will prove its practicability and I'm certain any constructive criticism to perfect it will be welcomed by 'Walt'. The need for a better spectator scoring device is vital for this sport and I know that 'Walt' has our heartfelt thanks for effort in this direction. — A new scoring system will also be used during this tournament. The play will be 'Round-Robin' and the usual cancellation system used. However, the scores will then be turned into points. One point for a win and an additional point for each ten scored. Assume as an example that a game between Strom and Wahlin ended in a 52-21 score in favor of Strom. Strom would receive 6.2 points while Wahlin would be credited with 2.1 points. It would place upon a contestant the desire to win in order to gain the extra point for a victory but it would not allow the loser of a game to relax because the total points at the end of 'Round-Robin' play would decide the victor — not necessarily the standing of wins and losses. It would all but eliminate tie games and thus end the playing off of tie games until the following day's sunrise, for the possibility of a tie standing would be 1 in better than

UTAH (Continued) —

1000. By placing a point factor between classes of play it would be possible to qualify a contestant only once in the season and his standing in tournament play would then be determined by his own performance. A 'C' player could not end up in Class 'A' because he had a 'lucky streak' and by the same token it would prevent an 'A' player from placing himself in a 'C' Class by 'under-throwing' during qualifying. There are other benefits but they are theory. I've given it a lot of thought but until it can be tested on the courts it will remain guess work. Judge it on the basis of merit when we try it, but please don't oppose it simply because it is new and untried. It must have the possibility of being better than what we have after a fair trial to iron out the flaws or I'll forget it.

With a sincere word of thanks to men like 'Arch' Stokes, Oscar Funk, Ray Ohms, Arville Jennings and the many others who paved the way.

**HARVEY BLAZES NEW "OREGON TRAIL" TO CAPTURE
OREGON TERRITORY TOURNAMENT**

By TED L. HUFF

Eldon Harvey of Canby, Oregon blazed a new "Oregon Trail" thru his opponents with an 87.5 game as part of his victory run. Arnold Pederson was the unfortunate victim of this onslaught of ringers being subdued by a 50 to 3 count and Harvey tossing 28 ringers out of 32 shoes. However, before he could lay claim to the title Harvey defeated Bob West of McMinnville, the present state champion, 51 to 34. All this took place on the Atkinson park courts. Tuesday, May 10th in Oregon City as part of the Oregon Military Centennial celebration.

Harvey pitched a steady 70 percent ringers for 7 games, losing only 1 game to Roy Getchell of Portland, 50 to 48. Both players shot 70 percent ringers, but Getchell picked up two extra points in the 96 shoe game. Barney Hampton of Portland was third in the Class A division.

Bill Hulshoff of Portland was first in Class B and Lowell Davis of Corvallis came in second on a playoff for championship honors. John Pickett of Damascus was first and Ted Christensen of Hillsboro was second in Class C. Peter Brackman of Canby swept the field in Class D with no losses and Lloyd Day came in second after a three-way play-off.

Altho the Oregon City pitchers were somewhat overcome by the expert ringer slinging of the visitors they were very content with the fact that the event was attended and was also an outstanding spectator event of the Oregon Military Centennial.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS

The North Carolina Division of the N.H.P.A. plans a busy season under the direction of Randall Jones, State Secretary and among the many events on the horseshoe courts this summer will be four N.H.P.A. sanctioned tournaments.

The first will be the Durham Open at Durham, North Carolina on July 11, and it is hoped North Carolina's roster of N.H.P.A. members will be substantially increased at this time.

An official North Carolina State Tournament will be held on Winston-Salem's fine battery of 12 lighted courts on August 22.

The annual Winston-Salem Open will be held on the same courts one week later and an effort is being made to get players from other states to compete. It is hoped to eventually make this tournament into a big South Atlantic States Open.

September 19 at Durham an Invitational Tournament of Champions will be held. Details will be announced in a later issue.

All four of these tournaments were held last year, but this year they will be under N.H.P.A. sanction and the winners of each class in all four will be issued "Certificates of Championship" by the National in addition to the regular tournament awards.

NOTICE

N.H.P.A. members who correspond with National Secretary, Bob Pence, are advised that he will leave on a vacation trip west on Monday, July 6 and will arrive in Murray, Utah for the World Tournament on Saturday, July 18.

Letters to anyone at the World Tournament in Murray should be addressed to the WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, GENERAL DELIVERY, MURRAY, UTAH.

JOHN PAXTON WINS SOUTHEASTERN IOWA TOURNAMENT

By LUCILLE HOPKINS

John Paxton of Ottumwa, Iowa was supreme on his own stamping grounds by winning the Southeastern Iowa tournament, on the Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, on Sunday, May 24. He went the entire route in Class A without losing a game. Wellington Taylor of Grand River was high qualifier with 246 points. Harry Page of Waterloo was the defending champion. Both first and second place players in both classes were awarded trophies. Following are the standings:

CLASS A

		Qual.	W	L
John Paxton, Ottumwa, Iowa	Trophy	231	5	0
Wellington Taylor, Grand River, Iowa	Trophy	246	3	3
Harry Page, Waterloo, Iowa		D.C.	2	4
Francis Rogers, Waverly, Iowa		229	2	3
Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa		222	2	3
Harold Shaw, Fairfield, Iowa		221	2	3

CLASS B

Hugh Rogers, Cedar Falls, Iowa	Trophy	212	5	0
Arthur Brown, Patterson, Iowa	Trophy	183	3	2
Charles Cook, Corydon, Iowa		209	3	2
Ernie Danielson, Sr., Burlington, Iowa		208	2	3
Clarence Spier, Waverly, Iowa		202	2	3
Arthur Reed, Creston, Iowa		170	0	5

The rule that prevails in case of a tie for first place is that it should be pitched off, but if you have as many as five tied for first, some tournament committees decide with points while others decide by pitching 50 shoes; also below first place where a trophy is involved, should the above rules apply? I would like comments on what different ones do in the above cases at their tournaments. My address is: Lucille Hopkins, 912 E. 2nd St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

BEN TROLLEN REPORTS FROM MINNESOTA ON NORTHWEST OPEN

The Northwest Open Tournament will be held at the Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota on Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2. It will be open to all horseshoe pitchers. It will be sponsored by the St. Paul Municipal and Ramsey County Horseshoe Association and promoted by the Minnesota State Association. Qualifying round for this great event will close at 12 o'clock noon on August 1st.

St. Paul-Minneapolis club fills up a 16 court layout with a graded league play four nights of every week, all of which adds up to a lot of ringer tossing involving a lot of players. The Park Recreation Department and officers are to be commended on their excellent work.

The South West Minnesota League under the direction of Archie Anderson of Westbrook and Dayel Olson of Storden is underway with some 44 teams engaged in competition.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota club has 12 courts and is active under the direction of Elmer Stanhelle.

ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1959 — OPEN CLASS "B"*GROUP ONE*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ralph Metcalfe, Ontario	5	0	185	286	64.7
Henry Durr, Baldwin Park	3	2	188	318	59.1
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	3	2	160	304	52.6
Bill Shoemaker, Monrovia	2	3	177	328	54.0
Norman Smith, Culver City	1	4	174	328	53.0
Ron Long, Santa Paula	1	4	161	320	50.3

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	4	1	180	298	60.4
Clark Bell, Covina	4	1	193	344	56.1
Henry Fisher, Compton	3	2	191	324	59.0
Elmer Beller, Bellflower	3	2	131	274	47.8
Harry Morse, South Gate	1	4	149	304	49.0
Eddie Lopez, San Pedro	0	5	133	296	44.9

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

GROUP THREE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Frank Esperanza	2	1	134	208	64.4
Ralph Metcalfe	2	1	139	230	60.4
Henry Durr	1	2	143	230	62.2
Clark Bell	1	2	122	208	58.7

Frank Esperanza won the playoff from Ralph Metcalfe 50-47 to win the Class "B" Open.

BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE GETS UNDERWAY

By HERMAN BOYER

The following teams will play in the Beaver County League this season: the Aliquippa Elks, East Rochester; Center Township V.F.W., Zelienople, and Valley View.

League play opened May 2 and the first half schedule will extend to July 9. The second half of the season will be from July 17 until September 19. Each team will play 12 match games per week.

The Beaver County Tournament will be held July 18 and 19 and a doubles tourney will be staged August 1 and 2.

Herman Boyer of Beaver is the president and an N.H.P.A. member. Other officers are Loyal Brown of Aliquippa and Fred Shue of Center Township. The league gets excellent coverage on the sports page of the Beaver Valley Times.

League standings as of May 9th are as follows:

	W	L
Zelienople	20	4
Valley View	18	6
V.F.W. Center Township	4	8
East Rochester	2	10
Aliquippa Elks	4	20

Ted Allen Horseshoe Co., Boulder, Colorado

GOOD NEWS. You can again get the shoe that owns the records. Write for prices. It was a long and sometimes discouraging process to get it back in production. 'Tis a happy thought to enjoy the game with your favorite shoe. Man! What a feelin', to get on the court and once more see that well balanced shoe floating to yonder peg. It's turning just right and you can see the ringer all the way.

SPRINGFIELD'S TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Good weather made possible what was undoubtedly Missouri Horseshoe Pitching at its best. F. C. Toole won the Springfield, Missouri Tournament of Champions, taking the honors to Arkansas. Earl Winston pitched the high percentage game with 86.5 and one 80.3; Baker 85.7, 82.8 and 80.0; Wommack one 82.7, Toole an 82.1 and 80.8. There were 8 games of 75% or better. Higginbottom in Class "C" had an 82.5 game. Almost everyone had at least one good game and all had a lot of good, clean sport. Six states were represented.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
F. Toole, Pine Bluff, Ark.	9	0	75.2
D. Baker, Wentworth, Mo.	8	1	76.2
D. Wommack, Springfield, Mo.	7	2	65.9
J. Elkins, Neosho, Mo.	5	4	65.3
E. Winston, LaMonte, Mo.	4	5	70.1
B. Young, St. Louis, Mo.	4	5	62.9
K. Henson, Richland, Mo.	3	6	63.4
L. Greenlee, Springfield, Mo.	2	7	61.1
N. Snelson, Springfield, Mo.	2	7	60.5
C. Adams, Oldfield, Mo.	1	8	63.9

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lilly, Lamar, Mo.	7	0	67.8
Rehies, Douglas, Kans.	5	2	63.1
Schroeder, Creve coeur, Mo.	4	3	58.7
Nixon, Elkland, Mo.	4	3	57.9
W. Winston, LaMonte, Mo.	3	4	59.0
Hart, Jacksonville, Ill.	3	4	57.7
VanSant, Terre Haute, Ind.	2	5	56.4
Esch, Wichita, Kans.	0	7	46.4

CLASS C

	W	L	%
Higginbottom, Jacksonville, Ark.	5	0	64.5
Bayless, Springfield, Mo.	3	2	53.6
Killgore, Stewartville, Mo.	3	2	47.5
Yeoman, Springfield, Mo.	2	3	40.0
Hubbard, Baker, Mont.	1	4	50.0
Carver, Wentworth, Mo.	1	4	42.1

FROM HERE AND THERE

More than 400 attended the Chicken Barbeque Dinner given by the Clinton County Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Frankfort, Indiana on Saturday evening, May 9. Sam Goodlander, Secretary of the Ohio Buckeye Association, traveled all the way from Cincinnati for the event. The affair was a fund raising project for the Midwest "Ringer Round Up" to be held over the Fourth of July Week End.

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We are sorry to hear that the wife of Randall Jones of Winston-Salem, N. C., Secretary of the Tarheel State Association, had an attack of polio recently. Latest word is that Mrs. Jones is showing good recovery and all N.H.P.A. members hope it is speedy and complete.

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Reports from Pennsylvania indicate considerable horseshoe activity in York County and the Beaver Valley.

Milton Beck of Wrightsville heads a team league in York County and hopes to give the N.H.P.A. a membership boost in that area.

Herman Boyer of Beaver heads the Beaver Valley League.

CONNECTICUT STATE CLOSED MEET WON BY KENDERSKI

By FRANK WAGNER

Bruno Kenderski of Bridgeport with 6 victories and 1 loss emerged the winner in the recent Connecticut State Closed tournament held on Sunday, May 17th. R. Barrows swept thru Class B unscathed with 5 straight wins, while down in Class C Frank Wagner dropped 1 game to capture that section, after a playoff with Skolowski. L. Lang went the distance in Class D undefeated.

CLASS A

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
B. Kenderski	6	1	208	438	474
D. Smith	5	2	233	448	520
W. Paradis	4	3	268	484	553
W. Schustek	4	3	217	476	455
J. Kurlick	3	4	207	414	500
D. Dunleavy	3	4	209	448	466
C. Lavers	2	5	200	458	436
A. Turbie	0	7	143	378	378

CLASS B

R. Barrows	5	0	159	320	496
J. Blomquist	3	2	128	276	463
D. Majewski	3	2	129	298	432
F. Smith	2	3	133	338	396
J. Sergent	2	3	103	296	347
R. Hoyt	0	5	85	276	308

CLASS C

F. Wagner	4	1	124	294	421
C. Skolowski	4	1	134	314	426
E. Van Dine	3	2	115	346	332
J. Golba	2	3	113	312	362
H. Wrisley	2	3	92	276	333
L. Martineau	0	5	98	318	308

Playoff won by F. Wagner

CLASS D

L. Lang	4	0	92	254	361
C. Criffin	3	1	88	294	299
J. Welch	2	2	78	304	256
E. Freve	1	3	68	278	244
U. Andelin	0	4	38	274	138

FROM HERE AND THERE

Latest reports place the whereabouts of Virgil Taylor, youthful Indiana player, at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is serving his stint with the armed services.

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The "News Digest" is sorry to hear that the wife of Wilbur Kabel, one of Ohio's top players, suffered a broken arm in a home accident and was hospitalized for some time.

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After undergoing surgery, Aden Swinehamer, former Illinois state champion, and former Illinois state scribe, has returned to his home where he is now convalescing. Aden has attended many National tournaments, where, by his ringer-making ability has always put him close to the top. Why not drop him a card. His address is: Aden Swinehamer, 1036 North Randall Road, Aurora, Illinois.

... "TOP THIS ONE" ...

A utilities company safety inspector was making his usual inspection of one of the company's suburban subsidiaries, when he came upon a ladder that seemed to be in need of replacement.

Intent upon seeing that the ladder would be replaced, he asked the negro custodian who was nearby, to bring him a saw. Complying with the request, the custodian brought him the saw.

Taking the saw, the inspector proceeded to cut the rungs of the ladder. Then handing the saw back to the custodian, he said, "You tell your boss to get you a new ladder." With a surprised look on his face, the custodian replied, "Ah can't, that ladder ain't ours, it belongs to the contractor repairing the building."

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A batch of incoming mail to the office of the National Secretary, Bob Pence, was extremely heavy and contained a number of old horseshoe publications donated by various members for the purpose of completing the official files.

Nestled among these old publications was an envelope containing \$120.00 in the form of two fifties and two tens. Fortunately the envelope and its other contents identified the owner who now has his money safely returned.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR MAKES VISIT TO MISSOURI

By PERL PEPPLER, West Central Director

Regional Director for the West Central States, Perl "Pep" Pepple, and Mrs. Pepple visited St. Louis, Missouri, from May 5th to 19th. During that time as many of the Missouri pitchers as possible were contacted. One of the places visited was at the home of Arthur "Art" Schroeder of Creve Couer, in the greater St. Louis area. William "Bill" Young and Mrs. Young were also present. My son-in-law, George Dresner, of Affton, Missouri, accompanied me on this visit. After talking "horseshoe" awhile we went to Mr. Schroeder's court in the back yard, and I was surprised to see what a fine one it was — It is a regulation court, perfectly level, cement slab construction, and all around was well-sodded blue grass. The court is electrically-light for night pitching. Bill and Art are really two fine pitchers and they gave us a demonstration of some fancy ringer throwing. They also explained a unique scoring system they use, from which the ringer percentages can be figured in a few seconds after pitching a game. Mr. Schroeder won the Missouri State Championship in 1954 but he had his hands full beating Bill, who seemed to be in rare form. This visit was very enjoyable because we all learned something about how pitchers live and perform outside our own localities. They were much interested when the writer showed them the forms used in pitching by the various Kansas Champions, and others, and the information given them on the records of National pitchers, State and National tournaments, seemed to please them very much. They also gave me a lot of fine points. All in all, I feel great good was accomplished by the visit. The ladies served cold refreshments and had a fine supper planned for us but we had to decline as arrangements had already been made previously for Dr. Dresner and I to participate in an outdoor barbeque at his home. The writer gave everyone some personal-name cards written in ornamental penmanship before leaving, as a little memento of our visit. The Youngs and the Schroeders are gracious people and their "going out of their way" to entertain us is deeply appreciated, I assure you. I have thought how nice it would be if other horseshoe pitchers and their families could get together, and as a result create new and lasting friendships. I think many horseshoe pitchers fail in this one point. These fine people had tried hard to get the films of the world tournament held at Murray, Utah, last year, to show us when we arrived, but the films did not arrive in time. I express my sincere thanks to the Youngs and the Schroeders for their gracious hospitality, and newly created friendship.

LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN TOURNAMENT, JUNE 26-27

By W. J. WOODS, Publicity Director

The Ohio Buckeye State Association has set Friday June 26 and Saturday June 27 for the Sixth Annual Open at Lakeside, Ohio.

One important change is planned to conserve time, and make it possible for *all who come* to pitch in the round-robin which will begin as soon as possible after 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. (*No pitching* on the Methodist Church grounds on Sunday). The change is that the usual form of qualifying will be *dispensed* with and instead the most recent past year sanctioned tournament ringer percent experience will be used to classify the entrants. When such a record is not immediately available, the Tournament Committee will make special arrangements to classify the player.

All who expect to enter must be signed up and ready to go at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. As many as can possibly do so are urged to arrive on Friday June 26, especially those players whose tournament records are not immediately available. Also, those who arrive on Friday can get in some practice during the day, or under the lights, the time for which is not to be had on Saturday. Overnight accommodations are very inexpensive and it's a great time to get-together anyhow.

The classes will be divided A-10, B-6 or 8, all other 6 men. Last year there were 46 entries in 7 classes. More are expected this year under the plan of assured participation by *every entry*. Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio, is the defending champion with Arthur Dugle of Chicago the runner-up.

The Lakeside Management again cordially invites all the players to their beautiful grounds on the lake shore, and the Ohio Buckeye State Ass'n in turn welcomes all NHPA members to enjoy this event. Both trophies and cash prizes will be distributed. Entry fee \$5.50. Itt would be appreciated if players who intend to enter would drop a post-card to Sam Goodlander, No. 5 Roth Avenue, Reading, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP"

The fourth annual Midwest "Ringer Round Up" will be held at Dorner Park in Frankfort, Indiana over the Fourth of July week end using the "no qualifying" plan as outlined in the March issue of the News Digest.

Players must be registered and have their entry fee paid by 10:30 A.M. Saturday morning, July 4, unless they have previously sent their entry fee in by mail in which case they must be on hand by 12:00 noon.

ALL STATE CHAMPIONS WHO ENTER AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR CLASS A ALONG WITH DEFENDING CHAMPION, CURT DAY.

Since the "no qualifying" system is new to most entries several points have been brought up which need clarifying. Entries on whom we have no data on which to rate them will be asked to pitch 50 shoes to gain a rating. However, of the 91 entries in 1958 there were only two completely unknowns in the field.

Players who feel they have been under rated will have the privilege of pitching 50 shoes to gain a higher rating.

Prize money will be paid under the "Pickering Plan" which gives a specified amount for each game won in all classes in both the group play and the finals.

All entries will be placed in a class and take part in round robin play. Anyone with any questions should address inquiries to Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana.

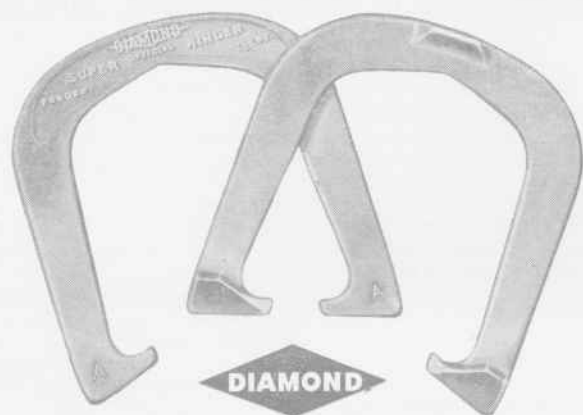
MONTANA-DAKOTA TOURNAMENT

By Roger Barnaby

The Wibaux County Horseshoe Club of Wibaux, Montana will stage an NHPA sanctioned tournament for members of the Montana-Dakota Division, June 20 and 21. in Wibaux.

There will be two groups of eight players each which will play round robins with the two top men in each group playing off in a round robin for the title.

Roger Barnaby, secretary of the Montana-Dakota division also announces that there will be a sanctioned Montana State tournament to be held in Wibaux sometime the latter part of August.



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