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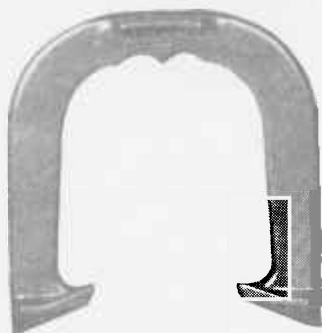
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MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

A Membership Honor Roll will be printed in the "Digest" each month listing the State Chapters and their Secretaries who have the best record to date in three categories of membership.

Normally about 20% of the year's total comes in during the winter months, another 25% when the season opens in the spring, about 20% more straggles in during the summer and the remainder signs up during State Tournament time in the fall. This year we are slightly ahead of this pattern of former years. The improvement has been in new State Chapters and those states where we have been weak in the past.

Here is the Membership Honor Roll as of February 23, 1959.

1959 MEMBERSHIP TOTAL TO DATE

INDIANA, Earle Wilmore, 66 members.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Jim Weeks, 50 members.

OHIO BUCKEYE, Sam Goodlander, 32 members.

PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

FLORIDA, R. B. Woodrow, 125%

ARIZONA, Charles Carson, 96.7%

SOUTH DAKOTA, Leigh Dunker, 92.9%

MOST NEW MEMBERS

NORTH DAKOTA, Rudy Lykken, 16.

MONTANA-DAKOTA, Roger Barnaby, 14.

SOUTH DAKOTA, Leigh Dunker, 9.

Florida deserves special credit as many of its pitchers hold membership in other states.

HELP GET YOUR STATE ON THIS HONOR ROLL.

OUR APOLOGY TO IOWA HAWKEYE ASSOCIATION

In our listing of the 1958 champions in the January issue of the "Digest," Mr. Earl Wiges was listed as the Farmers Iowa State Fair tournament champ. It was his son Leland who was the winner. In the Iowa State Fair Open tournament, it was Francis Rogers of Waverly, Iowa who won that division together with the Grand Trophy.

We are sorry that there was confusion in the listing but sometimes the material that is sent in for publication is not clearly written or typed.

EARL MORRIS PASSES AWAY IN CALIFORNIA

Since the last issue of the "Digest" word has come in that Mr. Earl Morris of Long Beach, California, has passed away. Mr. Morris was an ardent pitcher and follower of the game in the California area. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

LET'S FACE IT!

By *BOB PENCE, National Secretary*

All good things must come to an end sometime and when they do they must be replaced with something as good or better.

For the past 12 years the N.H.P.A. has been provided with an excellent home for its World and National Tournament by the Salt Lake County (Utah) Department of Recreation. That is a long time for the event to be staged in one location and we must realize that it won't last forever. 1959 may well be the last year in Murray.

Each year we have all sat back complacently, confident that the next tournament would again be held in Murray, feeling that we couldn't equal the Utah accommodations if we tried.

If each State Association will search out, survey and develop the prospective sites in its area we should come up with a fine new home. But WE will have to do it. No mythical "George" will do it for us.

One fact should be remembered in all approaches, the World and National Tournament has a real value to the sponsoring city. The fact that the Salt Lake County Recreation Department supplied courts and between \$5,000.00 and \$4,000.00 for 12 years plus the fringe benefits given by various Salt Lake City and Murray civic clubs is ample proof of that fact.

CHICAGO'S GARFIELD PARK INDOOR COURTS

Chicago's Garfield Park Indoor Horseshoe courts was the scene of an affair attended by nearly 100 Windy City players recently at which the films of the 1958 World Tournament were shown and the trophy winners of an indoor tournament were honored.

Tony Whittle, manager of the club presided at the affair. Coffee, cake and sandwiches were served. National Secretary Bob Pence came from Indiana to narrate the films. Ralph Dykes, President of the Illinois State Association and Ellis Cobb of Aurora, editor of the "Digest" and Secretary of the Illinois Association gave short talks.

The following first and second place winners were presented with trophies: Class A. Art Dugle and Frank Palka; Class B. Bill Danhauer Jr. and Steve Brentner; Class C. Tom Jilek and Charley Williams; Class D. Duke Tiess and Flory Novak. Danhauer and Williams are 15 and 80 years of age respectively. Five of the trophy winners hailed from Garfield Park and three from Lincoln Park.

Bob Pence and Ellis Cobb both agree the Garfield Park indoor courts are the best they have ever seen. The courts are located in a modern brick building in Garfield Park and have ample spectator room on all four sides. The stakes are anchored like outdoor courts, the lights are excellent, and the building contains a large lobby, storeroom and rest room. It is maintained by the Chicago Park District and is open on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evening.

Officials to whom credit must be given for these courts include Andrew Kovack, Garfield Park supervisor; V. F. Hernlund, Chicago Park District Recreation Director; and George T. Donoghue, Chicago Park District General Supt.

Horseshoe interest is growing by leaps and bounds in Chicago and the prospects of future activities looks bright.

FRANKFORT, INDIANA, CLUB EXPANDS

The already fine battery of 12 courts in Dorner Park has been expanded to 16 courts by the Clinton County Association.

These are one of the finest sets of courts in the country and the scene of the annual Midwest "Ringer Round Up." Numerous Indiana State Tournaments have been held here in the past.

Last year this wide awake club built its own spacious clubhouse beside the courts, and last winter the club built three indoor courts.

A weekly handicap league makes use of both the indoor and outdoor courts. Kenneth Achors is President and Ernest Potts Secretary-Treasurer of the club.

The club is planning a big chicken barbeque early in the spring to raise money for the 1959 Midwest "Ringer Round Up" and other events.

GALLUP POLL RECREATION SURVEY

Below is a copy of a letter sent to the Gallup Poll by National Secretary, Bob Pence, regarding the recently published survey on adult recreation activities.

February 22, 1959

George Gallup, Director
American Institute of Public Opinion
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America wishes to protest the methods used and the resulting inaccuracies and injustices in your organization's survey of adult recreation activities published recently.

Whoever compiled the prior list of 15 recreations submitted to those questioned was guilty either of ignorance or bias. To omit horseshoe pitching while including such pastimes as skiing, volleyball and skating, worthy though they are, is ridiculous. Inclusion on the list makes sure of correct listing by those questioned while omission makes inaccuracy certain.

There can be no doubt four or five of the sports listed have far fewer participants than horseshoe pitching. According to a 1950 survey by the National Recreation Association horseshoe ranked third in municipal park activities. Since that time the game has increased in popularity and being almost exclusively an adult recreation it certainly should have been included on your list.

Your listing will work an injustice on our local clubs attempting to improve present facilities or to obtain new ones, for undoubtedly it will be taken into consideration by park boards and the like in making their budgets for the coming year.

Space in our monthly magazine, which goes to members in forty-four states and Canada, will be reserved for this letter and your answer.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Pence
Secretary, N.H.P.A.

NEWS AND NOTES OF HORSESHOE FOLKS

Clyde Green of Portland, former president of the Indiana Division, wintering in Florida was recently put on foot when his car caught fire and burned up.

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Ralph Forsstrom, Massachusetts State Secretary, also held the post back in the 1930's when the Bay State had the second largest membership in the N.H.P.A.

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George May, the former Akron, Ohio, fireman, who won the World title in both 1920 and 1923, is presently living in Frostproof, Florida.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORING A WORLD TOURNAMENT

By ELMER O. BELLER — 1st Vice Pres., N.H.P.A.

Some of our past officials, as well as other prominent members, have felt a need in the past for a list of requirements to present to prospective sponsors who might be interested in sponsoring a World Championship Tournament so that these prospective sponsors will know exactly what our requirements are as to facilities these sponsors must provide when they make a bid for World Championship Tourney to be played in their city.

The following list includes what we must have before we can consider a tournament at any location. Also, some conditions to be desired altho' not entirely essential. We must state in positive terms just what we need before we can expect to interest a sponsor.

These are essential requirements.

1. A sponsor must provide not less than 16 first class, well lighted, courts (18 is better). Pitching platforms must be of concrete or black-top, (concrete preferred), with 1" or 1½" raised foul-line at front of pitching platform. Back stops, preferably of heavy link wire, at least 5 feet to rear of stakes. Stakes to protrude 14" above pitching platform and incline 3" toward each other at the top. The 16 or more courts must be all at one location, preferably in one continuous line. Other precise specifications of courts will be given on application.
2. Proper toilet facilities nearby. It is also important to have motels or other housing facilities in vicinity at reasonable prices, as well as eating establishments.
3. It should be important to have raised seating capacity for at least 2 or 3 thousand and spectators to accommodate your local people, as well as, for our own following, consisting of many of our own membership, families and friends of the participants.
4. We should have a fair sized hall in which to hold our convention, show movie films and other entertainment events. Also, a banquet hall here or in other suitable place.
5. Arrangements can be made to hold tournament any month in the year to take advantage of best weather conditions for that particular locality. Also day or evening pitching — whichever insures best conditions in that locality.
6. We will require a public address system with at least 150 feet of extension cord for roving microphone.
7. We will need a place for officials to compile records and conduct tournament, while in progress. A small building, about 8 x 10 or 12, will best serve this purpose — a movable office such as building contractors use on their job. If this is not available a tent or trailer-house will suffice if placed in shade if weather is hot. We will need telephone installed.
8. We will need several ground-keepers to keep courts, lights, etc. in shape. These we can provide ourselves if purse is sufficient.
9. We think it quite important to have visible scoring devices to indicate to both the audience, and the pitchers themselves, the running score as the games progress on each individual court. We would like to work out details on this matter with sponsors in advance of tournament. We also need a large black-board, about 4 x 20 feet in view of spectators and pitchers.
It will require about 7 or 8 days, including qualifying time to complete a tournament.

The incumbent officials will fill you in on any other details.

VIRGINIA MEETING

Horseshoe pitchers of the Old Dominion state of Virginia held an organizational meeting at Lynchburg February 23 at which N.H.P.A. World Tournament films were shown.

Prospects are good for an active N.H.P.A. Chapter to be formed. Jack Tyner, manager of the Coca Cola Bottling Works in Lynchburg and State A.A.U. Champion, Bob Toney, organized the meeting.

MID-WEST "RINGER ROUND UP" PROPOSAL

Facilities are being expanded and plans being considered for the staging of the 1959 Mid West "Ringer Round Up" at Dorner Park in Frankfort, Indiana.

Last year the event drew more entries than could be accommodated. This year the club plans a chicken barbeque dinner early this spring to raise funds it is hoped will equal the \$600.00 list of 1958. Four more courts have been added, making a total of 16.

To conserve time and enable all entrants to participate in round robin play a "no qualifying" plan is being considered.

Prospective entrants are asked to study the plan outlined here and send their opinions to Kenneth Anchors, 1101 W. Paris St., Frankfort, Ind.

The tournament will be held over the Fourth of July week end, and all entries must be registered and have their entry fee paid by 10:30, Saturday morning, July 4th.

Players who fear they can not reach the site by 10:30, but can be on hand by 12 noon will be accepted by mail if the entry is accompanied by the entry fee.

A committee headed by National Secretary, Bob Pence, and aided by a representative from Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, will rate the entries received by the 10:30 deadline into classes on the basis of past records as follows:

Class A — top 30 entries; Class B — next 32 entries; Class C — next 32 entries; Class D — all remaining entries.

Class B players will be divided into four groups of eight each and will take the courts at 12 noon, each group playing a round robin, the winner in each group to advance to a championship playoff Sunday afternoon, July 5th.

Class A players will be divided into three groups of ten players each and take the courts at the end of the Class B group round robins Saturday afternoon and play three rounds of a nine game round robin schedule. They will return Sunday morning, July 5th and complete their round robin schedules. The top two in each group will advance to a championship playoff Sunday afternoon.

Class C will be divided into four groups of eight players each and take the courts Saturday evening at the conclusion of the three rounds of Class A play. Each group will play a round robin schedule and the group winners will advance to a playoff Sunday afternoon, July 5th.

Class D, if the entry list is sufficiently big, will be divided into groups for round robin play at the Lafayette courts, 15 miles away. Group winners will advance to a playoff Sunday afternoon, July 5th.

This plan is based on the approximate number of entries in last year's tourney but is flexible in that it can be adjusted to the actual number of entries by shifting the number of players in each class or group and changing the number of groups.

This plan will place six Class A, four Class B, four Class C and possibly four Class D players in championship playoffs Sunday afternoon, July 5th.

Prizes in all classes and groups will be under the "Pickering Plan", based on the number of games won.

ED SHARP SERIOUSLY ILL

The horseshoe career of Ed Sharp, 1959 Indiana State Champion, may come to an end as a result of the serious illness he is presently experiencing.

A heart attack complicated by two blood clots has put the lanky Hoosier ringer artist on a schedule of complete bedrest for an indefinite period and caused his doctor to order the edict "no more horseshoe."

Ed ranks as one of the nation's best. He placed third in the 1957 World Tourney, his last appearance in Murray. Last fall he won the tough Indiana State Tournament after being in the runner up slot seven times in eight years. He also annexed the 1957 Midwest "Ringer Round Up" crown in addition to many other honors. He holds the record of 40 consecutive ringers in the Indiana State Tournament.

Ed will always be remembered for his victory over Isias and his 50-48 loss to Ted Allen in the 1955 World Tournament.

Friends wishing to drop him a card should address it to Edward Sharp, Rte. No. 1, Mulberry, Indiana.



"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Feb. 10, 1959

The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

It is encouraging to note that in the past few years Minnesota has enjoyed a steady growth in horseshoe pitching.

Many towns have installed new courts and along with innovations like auto-scoring machines the game has become more interesting from a spectator's point of view.

The Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitcher's Ass'n, sponsored or promoted 4 major events in 1958, topped by the State meet in Hibbing which attracted 80 players.

Officers elected for 1959 were: Ben Trollen, President; Archie Anderson, Vice-President; John Yernberg, Secretary. Hibbing was again selected for the 1959 Tourney site.

I have read with interest the many accounts of horseshoe activity in the News Digest (borrowed from Ben Trollen) and now that I've become a member of the NHPA, am looking forward to future issues.

Sincerely,

JOHN YERNBERG

Sec., Minnesota State
Horseshoe Pitcher's Ass'n.

Feb. 12, 1959

The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I recently read the article in your MAIL BAG written by Alfred O. Smith. I wholeheartedly agree with his basic assertion: that membership in the NHPA could be increased by "sub-leasing" membership cards to others who are interested for twenty-five or fifty cents.

The reason that I agree with him is this: I became a member of the NHPA in 1949, belonging to the Hilltop Club in New York City. At that time there was plenty of activity in horseshoes in and around New York. With the death of Byron (Jake) Jaskulek a few years ago the activity in this area died down considerably. The State tournament was taken upstate, and, since very few went to participate, membership in the City dropped. This is perhaps the picture in many other areas throughout the country.

Mr. Smith's suggestion would be well considered and accepted if we in the NHPA would take into account that there are plenty of horseshoe pitchers who may never have heard of the NHPA, but who would be glad to contribute twenty-five or fifty cents to belong to it. (Every year in New York city one of the daily papers sponsors a horseshoe tournament. One year the total number of entries was close to 2,800. And this is in one city only!)

I was always under the impression that these people could be induced to join the

NHPA if they were occasionally given a news-sheet of important happenings in the horseshoe world. This could easily be shipped to one person in a given area, who would be responsible to and for the others of distributing the leaflets. They would feel that they belong.

I do hope that Mr. Smith's suggestion is taken into consideration and a solution sought for bringing into the NHPA these countless thousands of horseshoe pitchers so that horseshoes can take a greater part in the sport's life of America.

Yours in sports,

TONY BRENNAN

MARVIN CHRISMAN STATES VIEWS ON SCORING PROCEDURES

In reviewing several hundreds of scoresheets of horseshoe games pitched during the 1958 season of State Tournament, League, and regional tournaments, this writer noticed the different methods used in the recording of ringers and points. In attending many tournaments and matches throughout the state, notice was also taken in the different manners in which the scores were called. Having assisted in the compiling and recording of scores at the State Tournament and other locations, this writer was in a position to see first-hand the confusion occasioned by these diverse methods. It therefore seems in order; that one specific method should be adopted for use to eliminate such difficulties as have occurred in the past. Under such a procedure any pitcher or scorekeeper in any tournament or match game could readily record, and read, a scoresheet of any game. It goes without saying that any pitcher should be able to keep score, except where prevented by physical impairment.

In keeping score of cancellation games, the six possible scoring situations should be well known and recognized by all pitchers and scorekeepers. These are: six points, two ringers counting; four points, one ringer and one single point counting; three points, one ringer counting, either alone, or with another ringer which is cancelled; two single points; one point, either with or without a cancelled ringer, or remaining shoe tying opponent's point shoe; and no score, which could happen in one of four ways: no shoes within six inches of peg, opposing points even, cancelled ringers, or cancelled doubles.

Now that the basis for the scoring is clearly understood, two other important parts of the picture are ready to be fitted into place. These are the calling of the scores, and the recording of the calls on the scoresheets. It is regarding these two phases of scorekeeping that the writer proposes for adoption by the Indiana N.H.P.A. a method which has been used successfully by the Connersville Horseshoe Club for the past thirty years.

First, the manner of calling: Scores should be called by the pitcher making them or, if a tie, by the pitcher who pitched last in the previous inning. The calling of the points should be preceded, or followed, by the name of the pitcher making them, as, in a game between Smith and Jones the calls would be Smith 6, Jones 4, Smith 2. No mention of ringers and/or single points is necessary as the score in each of these three instances clearly shows by what manner only they could have been made. Where Smith and Jones each have doubles, there is one nationally accepted manner of calling, "Four dead." Where Smith has two ringers and Jones one, a call of, "Smith, three ringers", tells the whole story. Where cancelled ringers are accompanied by a single point for Jones, the call of, "Cancel, Jones 1," is sufficient. Where only a single point without ringers is scored, "Smith, 1 point," would be called. Where no point is made on a cancelled ringer, the call would be, "Cancel, no score." If no points or ringers are made the call is, "No score."

In recording the scores, scoring ringers are indicated by a circle (O), cancelled ringers by an X, in the ringer box of the inning. Points made by both ringers and single shoes are marked in the point box of the inning and are added to the last preceding total of each pitcher as they are made. When a pitcher does not score points, a horizontal dash (—) is made in the point box of the inning. Where no ringer is made, a horizontal dash (—) is made in the ringer box of the inning. Single points are symbolized by vertical dashes in the ringer box of the inning. When the game is finished, the totals of each pitcher in points, ringers, and shoes pitched should be filled in by the scorekeeper.

JACK POTTER WINS ERIE COUNTY, PENN. TITLE*By JOE PETERS**CLASS A*

| | W | L | % |
|----------------------|---|---|------|
| Jack Potter | 9 | 0 | .653 |
| Wes Kuchinski | 8 | 1 | .648 |
| Joe Peters | 5 | 4 | .575 |
| Glen Sebring | 4 | 5 | .627 |
| Joe Kuchinski | 4 | 5 | .480 |
| Frank Simon | 4 | 5 | .478 |
| Paul McQueeney | 3 | 6 | .511 |
| Francis White | 3 | 6 | .479 |
| Frank Bienaisz | 3 | 6 | .464 |
| Bob Pollock | 1 | 8 | .390 |

CLASS B

| | | |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Fred Roth | 8 | 1 |
| Al Sebring | 7 | 2 |
| Bob Kader | 7 | 2 |
| Geo. Bauman | 6 | 3 |
| Ralph Johnson | 4 | 5 |
| Bill Rettger | 4 | 5 |
| Ed Kuchinski | 4 | 5 |
| Bruce Disher | 4 | 5 |
| Art Adams | 4 | 5 |
| Tom McQueeney | 2 | 7 |

Class C division was won by Fred St. John

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BALDWIN PARK OPEN

By JAMES WEEKS

Southern California's Baldwin Park Open got off to a good start on January 25th. The courts were in top condition which resulted in Dale Dixon, Iowa State champion, taking top qualifying honors with a score of 252 points. We were glad that he could take part in one of our open tournaments here in sunny California, and hope to see him back again next year. We extend a cordial welcome to all pitchers to participate in any of our open tournaments.

Three beautiful trophies were awarded to the top three, with the fourth place man receiving a pair of horseshoes.

The Baldwin Park club served coffee and rolls to everyone attending the tournament. The results are as follows:

GROUP ONE

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|------|
| Louie Dean, Pomona | 4 | 1 | 248 | 334 | 74.2 |
| Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa | 4 | 1 | 231 | 330 | 70.5 |
| Ned Shaver, Whittier | 3 | 2 | 208 | 330 | 63.0 |
| Henry Fisher, Compton | 2 | 3 | 187 | 308 | 60.7 |
| Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park | 1 | 4 | 185 | 318 | 58.1 |
| Harry Morse, South Gate | 1 | 4 | 174 | 316 | 55.0 |

GROUP TWO

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|------|
| James Weeks, Norwalk | 5 | 0 | 226 | 316 | 71.2 |
| Wally Shipley, West Covina | 4 | 1 | 208 | 330 | 63.0 |
| Charles Merrill, Covina | 3 | 2 | 251 | 396 | 63.4 |
| Henry Durr, Baldwin Park | 2 | 3 | 198 | 326 | 60.7 |
| Frank Derby, Inglewood | 1 | 4 | 208 | 334 | 62.4 |
| Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park | 0 | 5 | 105 | 105 | 41.3 |

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

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|------|------|
| James Weeks | 3 | 0 | 146 | 190 | 76.8 |
| Dale Dixon | 2 | 1 | 141 | 206 | 68.4 |
| Louie Dean | 1 | 2 | 153 | 224 | 68.3 |
| Wally Shipley | 0 | 3 | 100 | 180 | 55.6 |

MINNESOTA STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR 1958

CLASS A

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| J. Yernberg, St. Paul | 9 | 2 | 364 | 686 | 56 |
| R. Cherrier, Hopkins | 8 | 3 | 420 | 700 | 64 |
| A. Pagliarini, Hibbing | 7 | 4 | 367 | 704 | 54 |
| C. West, St. Paul | 6 | 5 | 383 | 702 | 51 |
| R. Lundberg, St. Paul | 6 | 5 | 298 | 702 | 55 |
| B. Trollden, St. Paul | 6 | 5 | 419 | 788 | 55 |
| F. Stinson, Minneapolis | 5 | 6 | 309 | 770 | 61 |
| L. Larson, N. Mankato | 5 | 6 | 301 | 682 | 48 |
| S. Olson, Windom | 5 | 6 | 259 | 686 | 50 |
| W. Andrusko, Minneapolis | 5 | 6 | 356 | 726 | 60 |
| A. Maki, Hibbing | 2 | 9 | 270 | 672 | 41 |
| A. Holter, Minneapolis | 2 | 9 | 304 | 732 | 47 |

CLASS B

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| A. Anderson, Westbrook | 7 | 0 | 182 | 343 | 54 |
| W. Zieska, New Ulm | 6 | 1 | 153 | 328 | 45 |
| V. Maki, Hibbing | 4 | 3 | 148 | 368 | 41 |

MINNESOTA — (Continued)

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| J. Johnson, Minneapolis | 3 | 4 | 149 | 358 | 48 |
| A. Peters, Westbrook | 3 | 4 | 121 | 386 | 37 |
| C. Hollum, Heron Lake | ? | 5 | 157 | 308 | 43 |
| C. Maki, Hibbing | 2 | 5 | 144 | 358 | 41 |
| R. Graff, Hibbing | 1 | 6 | 133 | 350 | 37 |

CLASS C

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| A. Kiefhoefer, St. Paul | 5 | 2 | 172 | 380 | 48 |
| G. Nelson, Lynd | 5 | 2 | 153 | 346 | 44 |
| R. Maki, Hibbing | 5 | 2 | 157 | 342 | 46 |
| C. Barkis, Hibbing | 4 | 3 | 160 | 390 | 40 |
| L. Nordstrom, Hibbing | 3 | 4 | 150 | 354 | 38 |
| L. Reinhart, St. Paul | 3 | 4 | 146 | 344 | 44 |
| J. Maras, Hibbing | 2 | 5 | 136 | 380 | 37 |
| W. Rohling, St. Paul | 1 | 6 | 113 | 356 | 30 |

CLASS D

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| D. Olson, Storden | 6 | 1 | 150 | 314 | 55 |
| H. Smith, St. Paul | 6 | 1 | 173 | 358 | 47 |
| M. Holt, Windom | 5 | 2 | 152 | 352 | 45 |
| C. Lofgren, Minneapolis | 4 | 3 | 141 | 332 | 42 |
| J. Bressler, Hibbing | 3 | 4 | 130 | 328 | 32 |
| H. Filzen, Minneapolis | 2 | 5 | 152 | 370 | 40 |
| W. Bumgert, Minneapolis | ? | 5 | 93 | 324 | 28 |
| F. Mlaker, Hibbing | 1 | 6 | 87 | 308 | 27 |

CLASS E

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| H. Rachuy, Westbrook | 6 | 1 | 137 | 338 | 41 |
| R. Peterson, Russell | 4 | 3 | 150 | 310 | 49 |
| D. Zuehlsdorf, Belview | 4 | 3 | 128 | 372 | 32 |
| R. Grossman, Hibbing | 4 | 3 | 143 | 360 | 42 |
| J. West, St. Paul | 3 | 4 | 149 | 368 | 38 |
| H. Swenson, Chisholm | 3 | 4 | 126 | 330 | 41 |
| P. Houman, Grand Rapids | ? | 5 | 100 | 336 | 28 |
| R. Basarich, Hibbing | 1 | 6 | 70 | 304 | 21 |

CLASS F

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|------|----|
| J. Anzaldi, St. Paul | 7 | 0 | 148 | 314 | 47 |
| N. Lanes, Minneapolis | 5 | 2 | 134 | 376 | 43 |
| J. Joswick, St. Paul | 4 | 3 | 151 | 390 | 43 |
| L. Ashpole, Minneapolis | 4 | 3 | 164 | 384 | 41 |
| E. Berg, Belview | 3 | 4 | 159 | 390 | 41 |
| L. Kausenbach, Westbrook | 3 | 4 | 127 | 352 | 35 |
| H. Benson, Hibbing | ? | 5 | 135 | 360 | 43 |
| L. Lamprecht, Hibbing | 1 | 6 | 79 | 336 | 26 |

NEBRASKA CLUB SETS TWO TOURNAMENT DATES*By MILTON HARMON*

The Falls City, Nebraska club announces the dates for two tournaments to be held this coming season. The Richardson County meet will be held on Sunday, June 28th, place to be announced later. Also the annual Four-State tournament which includes Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska will take place on Sunday, July 12th. Time and place to be announced later. Nebraska pitchers and those pitchers living in the surrounding states mentioned cordially invited to take part.

2000 YEARS OF HORSESHOE PITCHING

By C. J. PAPARA

Sent in by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz,

Honorary Member of Mosswood, Calif. Club

Horseshoe pitching started when Julius Caesar and his Roman GI's were raising hob with European boundaries. Discus throwing was popular at that time too. But the discus was made to order and was, therefore, quite costly. Athletes among Caesar's troops had to settle for old horseshoes. With much effort, they could close the ends, making a crude discus that was better than nothing.

However, closing an open shoe often proved too strenuous. Many discus lovers began flipping the shoes as they were. In time, accuracy, instead of distance, became the object of the game. The soldiers set up stakes for targets, and horseshoe tossing was born. The sport spread to nation after nation in the wake of Caesar's invasions. The game caught on in most of Europe at the start, and is still popular there today.

The pioneers of the sport were not as spectacular with the shoes as are their modern counterparts. The shoes then were heavy and unwieldy, lacking the trim, streamlined shape of the present show. Today, the rules set a weight limit of two and one-half pounds. Shoes tossed twenty centuries ago were perhaps twice that heavy.

The Romans threw the shoes 50 to 60 feet, according to the best available records. The standard horseshoe court today is 50 feet long and 10 feet wide, although the pitching distance is only 40 feet for men and 30 feet for women.

Perhaps the Joe DiMaggio of shoe pitching is Frank Jackson, a topnotcher for more than 25 years. Jackson, an Iowa farmer, won the first international horseshoe contest, held in 1909, and he kept on winning until he retired in 1935.

Two other greats revolutionized the game from a haphazard bit of throwing to skilled sharpshooting. Their contributions were to shoe pitching what the introduction of the forward pass was to football. They spurred new interest in the sport and brought it to a point where much greater skill was required.

The first major discovery came in 1909. Several winter residents were having a match in St. Petersburg, Fla. Frank Elliott, a Rochester, N. Y., man was digging shoes out of the sand around a stake. "Say," he said to Dr. F. M. Robinson, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "every one of your shoes comes at the stake fork end to. How do you do that?" "I'm not too sure myself," the physician replied, "let's see." He threw a shoe, then another and another. His friends noticed that he held his forefinger around the calk end and that the shoe turned one-and-three-quarters times before it landed open end toward the stake.

That was the start of open-shoe pitching and of the one-and-three quarter turn, still the most popular throw. Robinson's discovery caused a sensation among followers of the sport, and it brought about the first efforts to inject skill into the competitions.

The other man to help advance the game was George May, an Akron, Ohio, fireman who developed a scientific one-and-one-quarter-turn throw. May aimed at becoming an expert in ringers. By experimenting with various grips on the shoe, he learned to regulate the revolutions of the shoe in the air. He was soon ringing the stake with amazing regularity.

May entered the national tournament in 1920 as a dark horse, and gave onlookers the most astonishing exhibition seen up to that time. He won 24 games in a row, and the title with it. During the contests he throw 430 ringers!

The best tournament ringer percentage ever recorded was by Guy Zimmerman of Oakland, Calif. In the 1940 national he posted an .891 mark. Zimmerman also set a world's record during the national tournament in Milwaukee in 1948. He flung 44 ringers in 44 shots, the best single game ever recorded.

Women have their own tournaments every year. One champion is Miss Caroline Schultz of Harvey, Ill., who once tossed 211 ringers in 286 throws. Another is Mrs. Esther James of Hastings, Mich., who scored 86 ringers and made 260 points qualifying in 1935.

Horseshoe pitching is a simple game that is governed by few rules. Anyone, with some practice, can develop fair accuracy. But to be a star performer, the thrower must have an excellent eye for distance, fine coordination, perfect rhythm, and no nerves.

JAMES WEEKS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCRIBE, CAPTURES ARIZONA VALLEY OF THE SUN TOURNAMENT, FEBRUARY 21-22

By Charles Carson

From sunny Southern California to Mesa, Arizona in the Valley of the Sun came genial Jim Weeks of Norwalk, California, with a strong desire to do his bit in upholding his recent laurels from the Baldwin Park Open. Continuing the blazing pace he set in that meet he went on to win the Valley of the Sun Open tournament without losing a game averaging 73.5 for the course. Stan DeLeary of Phoenix, Arizona won the play-off over Art Kamman of Mesa, Arizona to take second place honors. He averaged 73.7 for the meet. M. Reheis of Douglas, Kansas won the B class. Elmer Beller of Bellflower, California, former National secretary won second in the "B" division after a play-off with Willard Phillips of Tempe, Arizona. The tournament was highly successful and was very well attended, having players from nine states represented.

CLASS A

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|--|----|----|-----|------|------|
| James Weeks, Norwalk, California | 13 | 0 | 526 | 716 | 73.5 |
| Stanley DeLeary, Phoenix, Arizona | 11 | 2 | 576 | 782 | 73.7 |
| Arthur Kamman, Mesa, Arizona | 11 | 2 | 472 | 758 | 62.3 |
| Elmer Beller, Bellflower, California | 8 | 5 | 433 | 776 | 55.8 |
| Frank Cotton, Decatur, Illinois | 8 | 5 | 456 | 824 | 55.3 |
| Jeff Thompson, Tempe, Arizona | 8 | 5 | 450 | 828 | 54.3 |
| Russell Shafer, Scottsdale, Arizona | 7 | 6 | 438 | 782 | 56.0 |
| Rodger Parsons, Midvale, Utah | 6 | 7 | 441 | 792 | 55.6 |
| Alfred DeVries, Sacramento, California | 6 | 7 | 437 | 798 | 54.8 |
| William Adair, Phoenix, Arizona | 5 | 8 | 404 | 830 | 48.7 |
| Willard Phillips, Tempe, Arizona | 3 | 10 | 382 | 792 | 48.1 |
| Charles Palm, Albin, Wyoming | 3 | 10 | 304 | 740 | 41.1 |
| Alfred Teigland, Elmore, Minnesota | 1 | 12 | 352 | 804 | 43.8 |
| Frank Dykes, Phoenix, Arizona | 1 | 12 | 300 | 724 | 41.4 |

CLASS B

| | W | L | R | S.P. | % |
|--|----|----|-----|------|------|
| Marvin Rehis, Douglas, Kansas | 15 | 0 | 461 | 794 | 58.0 |
| Elmer Beller, Bellflower, California | 12 | 3 | 400 | 766 | 52.2 |
| Willard Phillips, Tempe, Arizona | 12 | 3 | 393 | 810 | 48.5 |
| Archie Martin, Vinton, Iowa | 10 | 5 | 387 | 892 | 43.4 |
| Charles Carson, Mesa, Arizona | 10 | 5 | 334 | 784 | 42.6 |
| Charles Palm, Albin, Wyoming | 10 | 5 | 380 | 858 | 43.0 |
| Alfred Teigland, Elmore, Minnesota | 8 | 7 | 388 | 860 | 45.1 |
| Eldred Robinson, Fillmore, Utah | 8 | 7 | 341 | 816 | 41.8 |
| Walter Stearns, Mesa, Arizona | 8 | 7 | 355 | 856 | 41.5 |
| Si Warrington, Chester, Montana | 7 | 8 | 410 | 926 | 44.3 |
| Fred Brown, Chester, Montana | 7 | 8 | 317 | 826 | 38.4 |
| Wayne Webb, Mesa, Arizona | 6 | 9 | 323 | 896 | 36.1 |
| Guy Smith, Glendale, Arizona | 3 | 12 | 294 | 818 | 35.9 |
| Tom Darrough, Scottsdale, Arizona | 3 | 12 | 210 | 768 | 27.5 |

John Byrnes forfeited all his games

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

By MICKEY VECCHITTO

The Connecticut State association held its annual spring meeting at the Garibaldi building in Middletown, Conn., March 8, 1959. Election of officers and plans for the coming season were formulated. Movies of last year's tournament were shown including the New England championship meet held at Portsmouth, N. H. The Connecticut association is looking forward to a banner year in horseshoe this season.

DAHLENE STRESSES FACTS ON KANSAS ASSOCIATION PROBLEMS

By ALVIN DAHLENE

This message will be of most interest to Kansas pitchers for the most part. What I am about to say is the understatement of the year, but the fact remains that Kansas horseshoe pitching is "dying on the vine." The main reason for this is probably due to the fact that there is no young blood being injected into the Kansas association. The youngest pitchers seen around a Kansas State meet in recent years are 35 to 40 years of age and are not youngsters by any means. If Kansas pitchers are to have a State meet in 1959 the time to start formulating plans for such a meet is NOW. The genesis of a tourney cannot be put off until the last 10 days of August, as has been the rule for the past few years, and expect to have very many players show up for play.

As of the present time there is no active club in Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan, Abilene or Wichita. Last year a fine group of men in the Topeka area tried in vain to get the State meet back at the Kansas Free Fair, an event that is held annually the second week in the city of Topeka. The following men worked on that detail, Perl Pepple, Rudy Eldien, Alvin Gandy and Paul Hauserman. They were practically at the courts but at the last minute the "promise" failed to materialize.

This writer has known a lot of fellows in Kansas who have worked hard for the game. C. G. Collett of Topeka is one of them having held the office of state secretary for a stretch of many years. Ed Noyes has been a good booster and Roland Kraft and Harold Pontius have been very active officers. I have performed the same duties in the past. Perl Pepple has been a veritable "workhorse". I know of a pitcher who has grabbed the "lion's" share of the purse for many years and has never held an office or lifted a hand to really help the game. It is fellows like this that I am trying to wake up to the fact that they have certain responsibilities to the game and association, besides just pitching.

We did not have a meet in 1958, but I am sure that Roland Kraft can accommodate any Kansas pitcher who is of the opinion he can take the "one armed wizard." So I repeat again, if you want a State meet in Kansas in 1959, NOW is the time to start the ball rolling and produce a tournament worthy of being called a State meet. I myself will not be available to work for a state meet, but will financially support one if plans are formulated early enough in the summer to get a good meet. I will not be a party to an eleventh hour tournament.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES BOOSTS HORSESHOES

The game of horseshoe was given a real boost in a very fine article in the February issue of the Eagle, official publication of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

It was a two page spread with several nice pictures including a very good one of Tommy Brownell, former New York and present California star.

Bob Pence, National Secretary, wrote the magazine a letter of thanks and requests N.H.P.A. members who are Eagles to do likewise.

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THOMAS P. O'GARA, GREAT GRANDFATHER

Shortly after the stroke of midnight of Friday, January 30, 1959, a new chapter in the life of Thomas P. O'Gara was opened. It was a time that he will long remember because he became a great grandfather, an honor that does not happen to too many men.

It was at that hour that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bodeman of Astoria, New York were blessed with a son at the Woman's Hospital in Manhattan. His vital statistics being 8 pounds and 9 ounces. The proud mother of the latest descendant of the O'Gara clan is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Mullarkey of Astoria, New York. The new father is the son of Mrs. Rita Branigan who is the daughter of Thomas O'Gara, secretary of the Fort George club.



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