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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

By *ELMER BELLER*

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its regular Annual meeting at South Gate Park Auditorium, December 6th. In most respects it was quite successful and an interesting meeting. There were about 100 in attendance.

Most of the same officials were re-elected, Clark Bell, Baldwin Park, was the only new official to take office.

Aside from regular routine business, National Secretary Pence's suggested plan for raising funds for National Tournament purse was read and discussed. No action was taken on this at this time.

Preparations have been under way for some time to bring California State Championship Tournament to Southern California for 1960. The assembly definitely decided this could and would be accomplished. As there are several plans and locations under consideration no final plans could be completed at this time. The President appointed Gunner Hansen, Baldwin Park, Chairman of Finance Committee and we are assured of the tournament some time next fall.

The assembly voted to hold quarterly meeting of the So. California Association. The next meeting will be held some time in March at Baldwin Park.

Fifteen or more certificates of awards were presented by Secretary. Jim Weeks, to those winning tournaments during 1959 season. A nice trophy was presented Wally Shipley, Baldwin Park, for being the most improved pitcher during past year and one to Clark Bell for runner-up position. These were presented by Vice Pres., Ralph Navarro, South Gate. The big surprise, as far as Jim Weeks was concerned, was an elegant trophy presented to Jim for winning the State Championship last September at San Jose. Money to purchase this fine trophy was raised through donations from members of the Southern Association. Larry Geer, San Gabriel, made the presentation.

R. A. Long, Santa Paula, showed his 8 mm. motion pictures taken at Murray last July of National Tourney. He did a fine job and they were much appreciated.

Light refreshments and coffee were served. Joe McNamara was given a big ovation for donating a big supply of pies and muffins.

We were all very happy to see Bill Shoemaker out to this meeting. This is the first time Bill has been able to be out in public since he suffered a heart attack last August, during a tournament, while trying to defend his championship in that division. Our Association presented him with a 1960 membership card. We all sincerely hope Bill will improve in health so he can pitch again. We know it will be an up-hill pull.

We have started off with close to 40 members for 1960. We hope this will be a banner year for Southern California Association.

COVER PICTURE . . . Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Illinois receives The Governor Stratton Trophy and The Illinois State Association Trophy as winner of 1959 Illinois State Title. Griggs is the first man to win state title five times. Making the presentations are Ralph Dykes, Illinois Association President, and Ellis Cobb, Illinois Secretary.

The Year 1959 Reviewed

By ROBERT PENCE, N.H.P.A. Sec'y-Treas.

The end of one year and the beginning of the next is the logical time to review the past in order to judge present and future prospects. Progress can only be measured in comparison with the immediate past and future plans must start from where we are now.

By almost any yardstick 1959 was a successful year for horseshoe pitching and the N.H.P.A.

Membership is one item that can be definitely measured with figures and on that level the N.H.P.A. showed an increase of more than 200 members in 1959 compared with the 1958 totals. Membership gains were registered in 28 states and some of these were substantial gains. Only eight states showed losses in total membership and all of them were small. Eight states duplicated their 1958 record exactly.

The geographical distribution of the membership was more widespread than in any other previous year. The N.H.P.A. now has members in 45 states and provinces of the U.S. and Canada.

These figures all indicate that overall interest in the game is on the increase and that we are on the right path. It also indicates there are blank spots that need filling in. The states of Delaware, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, Nevada, Hawaii and Alaska and the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick are not on the membership roster and average knowing of players in these

1959 REVIEW — (Continued)*MOST NEW MEMBERS*

- INDIANA, Earle Wilmore, 42.
 OHIO BUCKEYE, Sam Goodlander, 42.
 NORTH CAROLINA, Randall Jones, 40.
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Jim Weeks, 35.

Thus it can be seen that once again Indiana is the top state and is again closely followed by Ohio and Southern California. It is noteworthy that all three of these states are also on the list with the most new members in 1959.

Indiana sustained the largest single loss of members dropping from 175 in 1958 to 164 this year, but if one considers the players in their Junior State Tournament they actually showed an increase.

Both Ohio and Southern California increased their membership in 1959 although they were high on the list in 1958.

Ralph Forsstrom and his Massachusetts group did an excellent job as their percentage of increase indicates. The New England State Tournament staged at Westfield, Mass. was instrumental in this increase. Forsstrom was also the Massachusetts secretary back in 1936 when the Bay State led the N.H.P.A. in membership.

New York's record was made possible by the work of the Falconer club and the efforts of Larry Proudman and Joe Cuoco, who are the officers of the state association for the coming year.

Special credit should be given to the Florida and Arizona chapters for many of their players are already members in other states who spend winter vacations there. Consequently their membership potential is not as great as it might be.

The reorganization of the Michigan Chapter under the leadership of Irwin Carlberg where a number of sanctioned tournaments are scheduled for 1960 should be an aid in that area.

Likewise the holding of the New England State Tournament in Vermont should be a boost in that state and the addition of the strong Keene, New Hampshire club should boost the membership of Howard White's home state.

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 ringer 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 runnerups. For further information contact Walter B. Stearns, Assist. Sec'y., 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona — Tel. WO 4-6887.

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?

STAN DE LEARY STILL ARIZONA TITLEHOLDER

By *WALTER STEARNS*

Stan DeLeary of Phoenix successfully defended his Arizona State Championship for the tenth time. The round robin tournament was held at beautiful Encanto Park in Phoenix on November 28, 1959. The final round of the tournament brought together DeLeary and Art Kamman of Mesa, both with perfect records and DeLeary emerged the victor, with Kamman taking the runner up trophy. DeLeary has now held the State championship for ten out of the last eleven years, having lost only to Kamman in 1957. Stan with Ted Allen still holds the world's record for throwing the most consecutive four dead pitches — twelve.

The 1959 "B" championship in Arizona went to Carl Morken, of Mesa and the runner up, Fred Brown, was also from Mesa.

Charles Carson of Mesa, Arizona State Secretary, is recovering from a siege of illness that has been coupled with an accident to his wife who broke her hip in a fall.

Walter Stearns, 332 West 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona, is handling the duties of Arizona Secretary-Treasurer temporarily.

All N.H.P.A. members wish the Carson family a speedy recovery.

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ACTIVITIES

Another measure of progress is the activities of the various state chapters. In this respect it should be noted that more than 300 "Certificates of Championship" were awarded by the N.H.P.A. this past year to the winners of various classes in sanctioned tournaments.

These certificates are of diploma size suitable for framing and make very attractive mementos of a day well spent in competition. The penmanship on these certificates were the work of Perl Peple of Kansas, Art Dugle of Chicago and George Domokos of Indiana.

There is no better way to attract members than the staging of sanctioned tournaments. Indiana, Ohio and California all hold a number of sanctioned tournaments during the season and it is reflected in their membership totals.

The great bulk of our membership was signed up at sanctioned tournaments. There is no use talking membership to a horseshoe player unless there are sanctioned tournaments for him to participate in.

On this score the Iowa Hawkeye, Missouri and Utah state chapters deserve to be included on the N.H.P.A. Honor Roll for they all held a great number of sanctioned events. Iowa Hawkeye under Mrs. Lucille Hopkins and Missouri under Al Smith both showed a membership increase.

The Eastern National at Clearfield, Pa., the Mid West "Ringer Round Up" in Indiana, the Norwood and Lakeside Opens in Ohio, the winter meets in Florida and Arizona and the New England States Tournament were all sanctioned tournaments which attracted a large entry list.

1914

James W. Wilfong

1959

. . . In the land beyond the horizon where there is eternal rest and peace and happiness "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death and sorrow." There shall be beauty for his eyes, sweet sounds for his ears, and he shall be wrapped in eternal sunshine, and dwell in the house of the Lord forever. . . .

The horseshoe world has again been saddened by the sudden passing of J. W. Wilfong, president of the Roeding Park Club of Fresno, California.

"Jimmy," as he was affectionately known, was stricken with a fatal heart attack on Friday, December 18, 1959. He was a charter member of the Roeding Park association and had held many club offices. He was a staunch worker and gave much of his time to the good of the game. He won many trophies in various horseshoe tournaments which proved his ability as a pitcher. He was 45 years of age and had lived in Fresno for the past 22 years after having lived in Iowa. He operated a cafe and lunch room in the little town of Five Points, California.

He is survived by his wife, Vera, one daughter, Mrs. Vivian White, two sons, Jack W. serving in the Coast Guard, and Kenneth, his mother, Mrs. Nell Wilfong, one brother Max, all of Fresno, one sister Mrs. Vivian Brawch of Easton and one grandchild.

To all those who knew "Jim," his warm friendship and close fellowship will be missed by everyone.

The sympathy of the Roeding Park club, the state and national associations and the staff of the News Digest is extended to the bereaved family.

NEW JERSEY HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR CANCELLATION SCORING

By LEE DAVIS

Eastern States Regional Director

The backbone of any local horseshoe club is a good handicap system for both league and individual play in order to attract and hold the interest of average players and beginners and enable them to compete on even terms with the experts and better players.

Handicap systems are easily devised for the "count all" scoring method for it lends itself to handicap play, but many players do not like the "count all" method, preferring the "cancellation" method and its greater emphasis on man to man competition. However the "cancellation" scoring method presents a number of problems in the devising of a workable handicap system because the length of the game varies.

The New Jersey State Association has formulated a handicap system that works successfully in cancellation games. It has been tested for two years in both league and tournament play during which time it has had several "bugs" worked out of it until it seems to be the best answer for a handicap system in cancellation games.

The two main architects of the system are Doug Fogal and Paul Puglise, veteran players and promoters in the New Jersey State Association.

The system is based on the difference in ringer percentage of the two players over a total of 100 shoes. All that is needed is to know the ringer percentage of the players involved and then apply the difference to the two charts listed at the end of this article. This difference in ringer percentage is converted into points, three points for each percentage of difference.

Since in cancellation games one never knows the length of the game in advance it is impractical to apply the full handicap at one time. Therefore the handicap is applied gradually—one tenth of it every ten shoes or five frames.

For example if the difference in ringer percentage between two players is 10% that figures to a difference of 30 points in 100 shoes. Since it is impractical to give the lower percentage player 30 points at one time because one does not know the eventual length of the game one tenth or three points of the handicap is applied every ten shoes or five frames. These three points are distributed one each in the first, third and fifth frames. This process continues each ten shoes as long as the game lasts.

Here is a chart on how to figure the number of handicap points for each ten shoes followed by a chart showing how to distribute those points in each ten shoes of each game.

CHART FOR FIGURING HANDICAP

<i>Difference in ringer percentage</i>	<i>Difference in ringers 100 shoes</i>	<i>Difference in points 100 shoes</i>	<i>Handicap for each 10 shoes</i>
1%	1	3	none
2%	2	6	none
3%	3	9	1
4%	4	12	1
5%	5	15	1
6%	6	18	2
7%	7	21	2
8%	8	24	2
9%	9	27	3
10%	10	30	3
11%	11	33	3
12%	12	36	4
13%	13	39	4
14%	14	42	4
15%	15	45	5
16%	16	48	5

HANDICAP SYSTEM — (Continued)

17%	17	51	5
18%	18	54	5
19%	19	57	6
20%	20	60	6
21%	21	63	6
22%	22	66	7
23%	23	69	7
24%	24	72	7
25%	25	75	8
26%	26	78	8
27%	27	81	8
28%	28	84	8
29%	29	87	9
30%	30	90	9
31%	31	93	9
32%	32	96	10
33%	33	99	10
34%	34	102	10

SIMPLIFIED FORM

<i>Percentage Difference</i>	<i>Handicap each 10 shoes</i>	<i>Percentage Difference</i>	<i>Handicap each 10 shoes</i>
1 to 2%	none	15 to 18%	5
3 to 5%	1	19 to 21%	6
6 to 8%	2	22 to 24%	7
9 to 11%	3	25 to 28%	8
12 to 14%	4	29 to 31%	9

CHART TO APPLY HANDICAP EACH 5 FRAMES (10 SHOES)

- 1 point handicap in each third frame.
- 2 point handicap—1 point in 2nd and 4th frames.
- 3 point handicap—1 point in 1st, 3rd and 5th frames.
- 4 point handicap—1 point in the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th frames.
- 5 point handicap—1 point in each frame.
- 6 point handicap—2 points in the 1st, 3rd and 5th frames.
- 7 point handicap—2 points in 1st and 5th frames, 1 point in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th frames.
- 8 point handicap—2 points in the 1st, 3rd and 5th frames, 1 point in the 2nd and 4th frames.
- 9 point handicap—2 points in the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th frames, 1 point in the 3rd frame.
- 10 point handicap—2 points in each frame.

In order for a player to receive his handicap in any given frame he must have one shoe within counting distance.

With this system a tie game is possible and in that case the game is extended to five additional points until the tie is broken.

Prior to tournament or league play scoresheets are made up in advance for each possible handicap situation with the handicap points being marked in the designated frames in red pencil. Then only the name of the players need be added to the proper scoresheet at the start of each game.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING AND THIS CANCELLATION HANDICAP SYSTEM HAS WORKED IN ACTUAL PRACTICE.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The 1960 officers for the Eastern Iowa Association are as follows: Charles Bellings, president, 2925 Johnson St., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Fred Keiper, Palo, Iowa, secretary-treasurer.

BOB WEST RETAINS OREGON CROWNBy *GLEN MORRIS**CLASS A*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Bob West, McMinnville	7	0	324	428	75.7
Eldon Harvey, Canby	6	1	343	474	72.3
Barney Hampton, Portland	5	2	310	442	70.1
Roy Getchell, Portland	4	3	306	454	67.4
Ivan Lowe, Lebanon	3	4	273	434	62.9
Howard Peterson, Portland	2	5	241	416	57.9
Clyde Riley, Sr., Canby	1	6	181	382	47.3
Bill Boetger, Portland	0	7	202	402	50.2

CLASS B

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Francis Hampton, Lebanon	6	1	285	500	57.0
Glen Morris, Portland*	6	2	283	484	58.5
Cletus Chapelle, Portland*	5	3	258	476	54.2
Arnold Pedersen, Canby	4	3	268	490	54.7
Otto Johnson, Milwaukie	3	4	231	452	51.1
Alvin Richardson, Corvallis	3	4	245	490	50.0
Lloyd Bays, Salem	1	6	166	362	45.8
C. J. Schaumberg, Vernonia	1	6	225	478	47.1

*Playoff for 2nd and 3rd

CLASS C

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Alfred Kraft, Canby	7	0	219	432	50.7
Roland Anderson, Salem	6	1	224	428	52.3
Lauren Hill, Boring	5	2	196	394	49.7
Oscar Myhre, Salem	4	3	154	344	44.8
Howard Gilbert, Turner	2	5	89	232	38.4
W. A. Samuelson, Portland	2	5	149	440	33.9
Ted Christiansen, Hillsboro	1	6	166	454	36.6
Bill Hulshof, Portland	1	6	137	420	32.6

CLASS D

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Roger Bowman, Eugene	5	0	165	332	49.7
Lowell Davis, Corvallis	3	2	142	296	47.9
Ted Zwickl, Corvallis	2	3	143	324	44.1
Ray Schieldler, Mt. Angel	2	3	132	316	41.7
Jake Kraus, Portland	2	3	123	302	40.7
Mark Butler, Roseburg	1	4	127	314	40.4

CLASS E

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Pete Brachmann, Canby	5	0	162	330	49.1
Alva Steinbrook, Salem	3	2	121	292	41.1
Eugene Lowe, Portland	2	3	122	286	42.6
Leonard Holland, Woodbunrn	2	3	138	364	37.9
Ed Solberg, Salem	2	3	113	308	36.7
Tom Williams, Philomath	1	4	125	328	38.1

CLASS F

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Frank Johnson, Salem*	4	2	122	386	31.6
Albert Erickson, Beaverton*	4	3	136	456	29.8
Lloyd Day, Portland*	3	3	124	406	30.5
Claude Case, Jr.	2	3	111	326	34.0
Mel Lien, Salem	2	3	111	342	32.5
Larry Schaumberg, Portland	2	3	95	328	28.9

*Playoff for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

OREGON — (Continued)*CLASS G*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ray Thies, Salem	5	1	131	364	36.0
Jess Edwards, Portland	4	2	125	376	33.2
G. A. Samuelson, Lebanon	3	2	99	310	31.9
Ray Mitchell, West Linn	2	3	86	294	29.2
Orville Pettichord, Portland	2	3	83	284	29.2
Henry Engelke, Portland	0	5	30	236	12.7

*CLASS H**(Single Elimination)*

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Charles Remington, Sweete Home	2	0	58	162	35.8
Fred Rauch, Corvallis	1	1			
Charles Griffith, Lebanon	0	1			
Gilbert Hamman, Salem	0	1			

SOUTH GATE-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**SOUTH GATE OPEN—45% AND UNDER**

By JAMES WEEKS

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	5	0	126	302	41.7
Harry Platt, Maywood	4	1	115	310	37.1
Bill Rathbone, Lynwood	3	2	123	318	38.7
Edwin Carl, Pasadena	2	3	113	318	35.5
Larry Hahn, Glendora	1	4	94	308	30.5
Joe McNamara, Los Angeles	0	5	28	244	11.5

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park	4	1	146	324	45.1
Billy Crick, Los Angeles	4	1	146	348	42.0
Russ Hudgens, Lynwood	3	2	143	342	41.8
George Lowe, Culver City	2	3	124	314	39.5
Glen Brown, South Gate	1	4	137	338	40.6
Roll Baker, Bell	1	4	135	338	39.9

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

	W	L	R	S.P.	%
Ross Faulkner, South Gate	2	1	99	218	45.4
Clem Birkenbach, Baldwin Park	2	1	73	164	44.5
Harry Platt, Maywood	1	2	82	214	38.3
Billy Crick, Los Angeles	1	2	76	216	35.2

PLAYOFF

	Pts	R	S.P.	%
Ross Faulkner	50	30	78	38.6
Clem Birkenbach	49	30	78	38.6

Ralph Navarro and Elmer Beller deserve much credit for getting this tournament together. There was a good turn out of players for the month of December, so maybe in the future the Association can hold more tournaments.

I want to thank all the members of the Southern Association for presenting me with one of the best trophies I ever had the honor of owning. This trophy will be treasured for many years to come. So again, fellows, thanks, and hope to see you all out this coming year. Also, let's buy our membership cards early and make this coming year the best.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

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

Dear Editor:

Through the medium of the N.H.P.A.'s official magazine I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all the beautiful Christmas card and Holiday Greetings I received from so many of my friends and members of the N.H.P.A.

It has been impossible for me to acknowledge these wonderful messages individually but that in no way decreases my appreciation. Following the end of the steel strike I have had to work so much overtime and this coupled with my duties as Secretary-Treasurer has forced me to curtail some things much against my will.

The greatest pleasure I have derived from the game of horseshoe pitching is the many wonderful friends I have made throughout the country. This Holiday Season has certainly emphasized that fact.

Sincerely,

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

N.H.P.A. PROBLEMS

The biggest problem confronting the N.H.P.A. is the relationships with the average club players who feel that they are not good enough players to make membership in the N.H.P.A. necessary.

In this connection it might be noted that the volume of mail coming to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer is far bigger than ever before. It has increased tremendously since this time last year and has grown to such proportions it is almost a physical impossibility to keep up with it.

This in itself is a good sign pointing to the continued interest and popularity of the game. These letters range from inquiries concerning N.H.P.A. membership to questions on how to build courts and conduct tournaments and league play along with requests for official rules and information concerning handicap systems.

The publishing of *The Horseshoe Pitcher's Guide* in the near future and the work of the special committee composed of Don Titcomb, Ray Ohms, Alfred Smith and Claude Benedict, who are putting together an information kit, should be of immense value in this work.

Another major problem is the financing of the annual World and National Tournament. We have coasted along for many years now on the accommodations provided at Murray, Utah, and now that this has come to a halt the N.H.P.A. is faced with a real problem.

The task of finding financial support for a National Tournament in any one locality is a gigantic one and almost impossible. It takes not only a great amount of promotional ability but also a prohibitive amount of time and effort by some individual or individuals.

To face this same problem year after year will result in failure more often than success. What the N.H.P.A. needs is an orderly, simple and effective plan for raising the needed funds each year without placing a hardship on any individual or group.

A National Tournament is needed within the framework of the N.H.P.A. to create and stimulate interest and provide incentive for the future development of players. At the same time it must be attractive enough financially to attract a top notch field of competitors.

Interesting the recreation departments of public parks is the easiest way to get a local horseshoe program underway. The results obtained in such places as Muncie and Kokomo, Indiana; Winston-Salem, N.C.; Minneapolis, Minn., and many other places is proof of that. It is also the best way to develop younger players, a phase of the game

1959 WAS YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR NEWS DIGEST AND NHPA

With this issue we begin our fourth year publishing a national magazine. Only a short time ago it was profound wish and desire of the late Arch Stokes to have an N.H.P.A. publication and now we are entering our fourth year.

The year 1959 showed great progress over the preceding year in total circulation and our aim is to hold that which we have gained and strive to increase it in 1960 by even a larger percentage than that of 1959.

Our magazine was filled to capacity every month and on three successive months was increased by eight pages in order to take care of all the news. This shows a decided increase in tournament activities throughout the nation and the Dominion of Canada. Many pictures were used during the year to add to the interest of the readers. With the idea of making the magazine still more inviting and attractive, the use of a picture on the front cover was instituted starting with the October issue.

Our National association welcomed new chapters into its membership during the year. This was accomplished primarily through the efforts of our National secretary, Robert Pence.

I know that 1960 will be another wonderful year and with everyone making an earnest effort to promote our game our membership should continue to go up. To all those who have not sent in their 1960 dues, please do so at once so that we may keep up the good work that we have started. Remember that this is your game and deserves its rightful spot in the sun and only through the combined efforts of everyone can we put it there.

I want to take this opportunity of saying thank you to all the nice greetings that I received from all you nice people. I am grateful for so many wonderful friends. Also to the National association for the pleasant surprise that I received a few days before Christmas in the form of a monetary gift for which I am very happy and say thank you for being able to serve in my own small way for an organization of national scope.

ELLIS COBB, *Editor*

WASHINGTON STATE CROWN GOES TO ED. FISHEL

By *CHUCK DAMM*

CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. Fishel, Neilton	15	0	78.2
J. Monasmith, Yakima	14	1	78.9
H. Knauft, Spokane	13	2	70.9
H. Criss, Bremerton	10	5	64.1
C. Cummings, Ephrata	10	5	59.0
F. Winetrou, Seattle	8	7	61.1
E. Elkins, Aberdeen	8	7	58.9
G. Patrick, Toppenish	8	7	58.6
L. Monasmith, Kennewick	6	9	60.3
J. Ringrose, Tacoma	5	10	57.7
R. Morris, Seattle	5	10	56.2
R. Allones, Bremerton	5	10	53.5
R. Warthen, Hoquiam	4	11	59.0
J. Malvern, Seattle	4	11	54.2
H. Pidde, Everett	4	11	54.1
V. Bertoldi, Seattle	1	14	51.9

CLASS B

	W	L	%
N. Ranka, Aberdeen	11	0	58.2
H. Robbins, Lilliwaup	8	3	59.9
F. Novak, Seattle	8	3	54.5
D. Reese, Bremerton	7	4	51.1

WASHINGTON — (Continued)

	W	L	%
E. Shidler, Seattle	7	4	49.8
L. Higgenbotham, Seattle	6	5	53.0
D. Hoover, Hoquiam	5	6	49.8
T. Bostwick, Seattle	5	6	45.8
W. Rehard, Spokane	4	7	52.8
H. Berglund, Aberdeen	3	8	40.4
A. Laine, Aberdeen	1	10	36.9
J. Nebenfuhr, Seattle	1	10	33.8

CLASS C

	W	L	%
P. Kaufman, Seattle	6	1	61.3
A. Miller, Yakima	6	1	50.0
B. White, Seattle	4	3	46.3
P. Lee, Seattle	4	3	42.6
B. Foss, Tacoma	3	4	37.8
A. Alexander, Seattle	3	4	36.1
P. Luoto, Seattle	1	6	37.1
D. Marcear, Bremerton	1	6	33.4

CLASS D

	W	L	%
C. Damm, Aberdeen	6	1	41.1
R. Taylor, Seattle	6	1	41.1
H. Johnson, Spokane	5	2	43.2
F. Lesh, Seattle	4	3	35.6
H. Girt, Alderwood Manor	3	4	43.5
B. Ertsgaard, Bremerton	2	5	35.2
L. Wagner, Bremerton	1	6	35.1
B. Matteson, Bremerton	1	6	30.6

CLASS E

	W	L	%
B. Dennis, Seattle	4	1	44.5
D. Tysver, Bremerton	4	1	31.8
L. Fishel, Seattle	4	1	40.3
R. Oard, Seattle	1	4	28.2
L. Wiegand, Seattle	1	4	23.0
R. Carroll, Aberdeen	1	4	20.5

AMERICAN RECREATION SOCIETY INVITES N.H.P.A.

The N.H.P.A. has been asked to send a representative to a national conference and work shop on leisure time and recreation problems. Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Pence, plans to attend as the official N.H.P.A. delegate.

The meeting is being held by the American Recreation Society which is a nationwide organization composed of professional recreation leaders in public parks, armed services, hospitals, industrial recreation groups and the like. The meeting will be held February 5 and 6 at the Hotel Morrison in Chicago.

Approximately 150 organizations have been asked to send representatives to the meeting. J. Earl Schlupp of the American Recreation Society from Denver, Colo. will be the chairman of the gathering. Following an organizing meeting on Friday afternoon there will be a fellowship hour and dinner at the Hotel Morrison. Saturday the representatives will be divided into groups to discuss specific problems and concerns in order to form a definite program of action by all recreation groups in the future.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has also been asked to contribute an article on the game to *The Recreation Annual* and for the spring issue of the quarterly publication of the American Recreation Society. The articles are being prepared by Bob Pence.

SECOND ANNUAL FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN

By CHARLES A. STEPHENS

The Bradenton Trailer Park will again be host to the second annual Florida Suncoast Open tournament, February 18-19-20, Bradenton, Florida. Qualifying rounds will be held thru the week and will close on February 18. A cash award will be given for the high qualifying score. Trophies will be awarded to the three top men in each of the three classes.

All indications point to a banner season in horseshoes in Florida this winter. A number of the good players from the "snow country" are already here and in action. February should find the weather fine and the vacation season at its height, so why don't the rest of you fellows plan your vacation to include this annual event. All players from out of the state and all Florida pitchers are cordially invited to take part.

We've got it here in Florida in the wintertime, so come down and help us enjoy it. Address inquiries to Ray Middleton, L-34, Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Florida.

1959 LIST OF CHAMPIONS

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Men's Division	Ted Allen, Boulder, Colorado
Class B Division	O. S. Plott, Shreveport, Louisiana
Women's Division	Vicki Chapelle, Portland, Oregon
Junior Division	Donnie Roberts, Lucasville, Ohio

STATE CHAMPIONS

Arizona	Stan De Leary	Nebraska	Don McCance
Arkansas	*Floyd Toole	New Hampshire	Howard White
California	Jim Weeks	New Jersey	Bill Kolb
Canada	Elmer Hohl	New York	Tony Natale
Colorado	Harvey Ochsner	North Carolina	Walter King
Connecticut	Clarence Lavers	North Dakota	Art Engebretzen
Florida	Marines Tamboer	Ohio	Harold Reno
Idaho	E. J. Wiley	Oklahoma	Charles Schrum
Illinois	Ellis Griggs	Oregon	Bob West
Indiana	Curt Day	Pennsylvania	James Ohler
Iowa	Dale Dixon	Rhode Island	Henry Bourgeois
Kansas	*Roland Kraft	South Dakota	Lloyd Swartwout
Kentucky	*Jim Johnson	Texas	Rev. Marvin Burgess
Louisiana	*O. S. Plott	Utah	Clive Wahlin
Maine	Porter Clark	Vermont	Fred Butler
Maryland	*Dale Carson	Virginia	Warren Flaherty
Massachusetts	Edgar Landry	Washington	Ed Fishel
Michigan	Kenneth Jensen	Wisconsin	Tommy Bartlen
Minnesota	Ron Cherrier	West Virginia	Ralph Maddox
Missouri	Bill Kempfe	Wyoming	Merle Palmer
Montana	Carl Horn		

*Indicates no official tournament held in 1959. Player named generally regarded as champion having won the last official tournament held.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Clinton A. Lofgren, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis club, although a University of Minnesota graduate, seldom speaks at club meetings. When presented with a trophy recently, which was in the form of a humidity register, Clint responded to requests for a speech by quickly remarking, "Now I know what's the matter with my game, it's the humidity!" Clint is a staunch supporter and NHPA promoter in Minneapolis.



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