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### WORLD TOURNAMENT DATE — JULY 18-26

July 18 to July 26 inclusive has been set as the official 1961 World Tournament dates by Reinhardt Backer, NHPA President.

This is earlier than last year's tourney and reverts back to the dates used at Murray, Utah for so many years. The NHPA would have preferred to stage the event slightly later in the month but a conflict with the Delaware County Fair in Muncie, Ind., made the above choice of dates necessary.

The tourney will, of course, again be held on the wonderful courts at Heekin Park in Muncie and the City Park Dept. has made plans for improving the lighting system, moving the scoreboard in order to make room for more bleachers and renovating the court facilities in general.

"We were caught short last year," Bob Abbuehl, City Recreation Director stated. "The tourney was a far greater attraction than our department had estimated, but arrangements are being made for ample bleacher accommodations for the 1961 meet and Muncie looks forward to being the hosts once more."

Succeeding issues of the "News Digest" will carry specific plans and regulations for the tournament. The dates include qualifying time. Under consideration is a new qualifying method advanced by the Director of Regional Directors, Lee Davis of New Jersey, and the addition of a Class "C." Otherwise the tourney will follow the 1960 format.

### HARD — COLD FACTS

Elsewhere in this issue are details concerning the NHPA auto add plates, windshield decals, T-shirts and horseshoe court registration plans.

Some may offer the criticism that these are money-making schemes, but these facts should be realized.

1. These plans are entirely voluntary, and no person profits from them.
2. No organization can function effectively without some means of revenue over and above the bare necessities.
3. Horseshoe and the NHPA have always suffered from a lack of adequate financing.
4. The game has never been able to obtain recognition or support from commercial, business or industrial sources.
5. The \$3.50 national membership dues is barely enough to publish the "News Digest" and pay our minimum expenses.
6. Therefore it is necessary for the NHPA to find some means of making itself self sufficient to a degree that permits it to establish the World Tournament on a firm basis and promote the game through every means possible. If this can be done both the NHPA and local clubs will find it much easier to promote and obtain backing for their activities.

IT IS UP TO OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND LOCAL CLUBS WHETHER THEY LOVE THE GAME WELL ENOUGH AND HAVE ENOUGH PRIDE IN IT TO FULLY SUPPORT THESE PLANS. IT IS UP TO YOU.

*COVER PICTURE . . . "To the victors belong the spoils" . . . Jim Falor, left, of Akron, Ohio, is shown being congratulated by "Dusty" Roads, right, department manager of the Engineering Shop at Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, Akron, Ohio, as he received the trophy for winning the second annual Goodyear Aircraft Corporation's horseshoe pitching championship. This annual banquet is sponsored by Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, a very ardent booster of the horseshoe game and other sports within the Goodyear Aircraft organization.*

## NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the meeting of the New Jersey State Association held in December, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Lee Davis, Pres., and Business Manager; William Kolb, Vice-Pres., and Tournament Director; Douglas Fogal, 2nd Vice-Pres., and Handicap Director; Paul Puglise, 3rd Vice-Pres., and Amateur Director; Wm. Stelzenmuller, 4th Vice-Pres., and Publicity Director and Wm. Fournier, Sec-Treas.

With the vigor that the new officers have attacked their different assignments, we are looking forward to a good year. Tournament schedules and club activities will be lined up at the February meeting. A get-together dinner will also be held during February.

The committees appointed to serve with the elected directors are as follows: **Tournament:** Wm. Kolb, Chairman; Don French, Joe McCrink, Jim O'Toole, Virginia Faulkner. **Handicap:** Doug Fogal, Chairman; Al Ward, John Dykstra, Paul Puglise, Ed Pietranski. **Amateur:** Paul Puglise, Chairman; Ed Pietranski, Dr. Sol Berman, H. Hoodiman. **Publicity:** Wm. Stelzenmuller, Sr., Wm. Stelzenmuller, Jr., Joe McCrink, H. Hoodiman, John Duetch, Dick Steel and Earl Faulkner.

## BALDWIN PARK OPEN

### BALDWIN PARK-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	5	0	222	274	81.0
Wally Shipley, W. Covina .....	4	1	215	316	68.0
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt .....	3	2	215	328	65.5
John Balzer, Santa Ana .....	2	3	159	264	60.2
Harry Morse, Beaumont .....	1	4	146	276	52.9
Jiggs Gasaway, Baldwin Park .....	0	5	121	258	46.9

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Montebello .....	5	0	233	322	72.4
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	4	1	244	356	68.5
Henry Harper, Monterey Park .....	3	2	251	386	65.0
Homer Moefield, Long Beach .....	2	3	196	322	60.9
Henry Durr, La Puente .....	1	4	175	294	59.5
Wald Hagy, Long Beach .....	0	5	153	288	53.1

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Montebello .....	3	0	178	240	74.2
Jim Weeks, Norwalk .....	2	1	196	270	72.6
Wally Shipley, W. Covina .....	1	2	167	242	69.0
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard .....	0	3	129	212	60.8

## In Memoriam



Mrs. Margaret Clear



*"Though from our chain this golden link  
Has fallen from our sight,  
Yet we are sure that He knows best,  
His will, not ours, is right."*



On October 22, 1960, in Santa Cruz, California, the hand of our Creator gently and tenderly took the hand of Mrs. Margaret Clear and guided her to that land beyond the sunset to be with Him, in that house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens; there to begin a celestial life free from all suffering and all pain. We shall miss her from our circle of friendship.

She worked untiringly together with her beloved husband, Harvey, in the promotion of the game and in handling tournament details. She will be remembered by those who attended the 1948-49-50 National tournaments, as the able assistant to her husband who was the NHPA secretary. Down through the years she was a staunch worker in the Northern California Association. The Northern association has suffered a great loss in her passing.

We in the horseshoe pitching fraternity extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in the loss of their loved one.

### FROM HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Arner Lindquist, secretary of the West Virginia State association reports the passing of Mr. Owen Mitchell of Harrisville, West Virginia on November 8, 1960. He was a member of that association and the NHPA for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

### COURT REGISTRATION OMISSIONS

The final list of horseshoe court registrations for 1960 which was carried in the December issue omitted three sets of courts which we wish to call to your attention.

Two courts in Fairview Park, Decatur, Ill., registered by Frank Cotton.  
Four courts of the Bartlesville, Okla., Club registered by A. D. Graham.  
Eight courts in Island Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa registered by Harry Page and Hugh Rogers.

## Report From New England Regional Director

By "MICKEY" VECCHITTO

Another major snowstorm hits Connecticut and the northeast. New snow is predicted. We are experiencing one of the coldest and snowiest winters on record, the "new" weather forecast, goes like this: Snow today, shovel tomorrow. This gives me the opportunity to take my mind off the elements of Mother Nature and think about more pleasant subjects, such as, our grand old game of horseshoe pitching.

Several thoughts come to my mind which I would like to pass along here. Before I do, first, Mr. Ellis Cobb, editor of this fine magazine, must be congratulated, both for his neat looking "News Digest," and also for the excellent pitcher that he is. How many readers have noticed his ringer averages in the past issues? I like the idea seeing the results of the 1960 World's Tournament used for the first time in the magazine. It should be printed each year so that all N.H.P.A. members can see for themselves those remarkable ringer percentages. Another fine feature are the pictures that are appearing each month on the front cover.

Come this April, I'm happy to say that the Middletown Savings Bank has offered their large window to display to the public about horseshoe pitching. The bank is noted for their display of various items, such as, art collection, hobbies, health information and many other worthwhile subjects of interest. I am gathering interesting articles that will help the average person to understand the game better. I have drawn charts on the construction and regulation of horseshoe courts, demonstrating the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  and the  $1\frac{3}{4}$  turns while the shoe is in flight. Also how to score, the regulation horseshoes, The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest magazine will be shown. Several photographs, including the new courts at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Some trophies won by Charles Sokolowski, Ken Chase and yours truly will be added. This certainly is going to help and boost the sport, the display is shown for one month to the public. Wouldn't it be great if other cities could do the same? I sure would like to see it happen.

In the January issue, I read about the NHPA emblems, decals and T-shirts that are available. This is wonderful and I urge all members to place their orders now for the coming season. This surely will advertise and promote horseshoes and help to get more new members into our organization.

My congratulations and best wishes to Don Titcomb, World's Horseshoe Champion, and Steve Fennicchia, New York standout horseshoe champion, for achieving a bowler's dream — hitting a PERFECT game, a great honor, indeed. Speaking of bowling, I have taken a survey of top horseshoe pitchers in the New England area that also bowl (duckpin bowling) during the winter season and the question put before them was, "Which sport is the more skillful, horseshoes or bowling?" They all agreed that tossing the shoes requires more skill. I hope I'm not misleading any bowler or fan, but my curiosity got the best of me. Yet, there is no comparison at all of the closely related sports. Millions of people go bowling throughout the country and many of the top bowlers earned a good living at it. Not so in horseshoes. What is wrong? Perhaps the game needs to be revised; made more eye-appealing to the general public. I was studying the B. R. Seifert Count-All "300" Horseshoes in the January issue, which is similar to the bowling scoring system. I really think this different type of playing deserves some serious thought. This new method of scoring could speed up many large tournaments. This experiment should be tested to see how the players feel about it. In the 25 years that I have been associated with horseshoes, in my opinion, the sport hasn't made too much forward progress.

In closing, I would like to mention here that I have sent to the United Nations Building a drawing showing the map of the world and the handshake for peace and the letters, "u" "n" in the form of two horseshoes. The drawing was received and acknowledged.

## *"I Don't Believe It"*

By WALTER N. HARING

We have often heard of famous last words spoken by someone, under certain conditions, such as the last words which might have been spoken by General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. He might have said, "Look at all the (censored) Indians." Or consider the last words which may have been spoken by Abraham Lincoln to his wife in Fords Theater on the night of April 15, 1865. He might have said, "You and your (censored) theater tickets."

However, the words which make up the title of this article are not the famous last words of anyone. They are, rather, the first words spoken by our new state champ just after the last shoe was tossed in the New Jersey State Championship tournament last summer. In that tournament, Lee Davis won the state championship for the first time in twenty-five years of competition. During those years Lee has often finished in second place. This year, however, Lee was not to be denied, and swept through the entire tournament without a single loss with a ringer percentage of 68. This has been one of the best years in sports for the new champ, both in horseshoe pitching and in bowling, and I am sure that his many friends in the National Horseshoe Pitching Association, join me in offering him our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

### **QUEBEC MAY JOIN THE N.H.P.A.**

Inquiries concerning the N.H.P.A. have been received from a group of 200 horseshoe pitchers in the province of Quebec in Canada who are divided into five regional clubs, and the N.H.P.A. is hopeful of adding to its Canadian membership. Contacts have also been made in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada

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## TAR HEELS ARE FASCINATED AS RENO WINS THIRD ANNUAL WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

By RANDALL JONES

More than 1,000 spectators turned out to see the most spectacular horse-shoe performance ever seen in North Carolina. The performance of Harold Reno of Sabina, Ohio, will be the main subject of discussion when the Tar Heel enthusiasts get together for many years to come. In the qualifying round Reno hit the peg for 92 ringers out of 100 shoes for 281 points. His 82.7 ringer average carried him through a field of 8 finalists with ease. He suffered his only loss over the two-day span to his fellow Ohioan, Harold Wolfe, in the first round.

Jesse Durham of Baltimore, Maryland, finished second with an excellent record of 72.7 per cent. Darrell Eller of High Point, North Carolina, finished in fifth place behind teammate, Melvin Howard. We believe that both Howard and Durham are two of the most promising young pitchers in the country.

Rodney Luck took Class B honors by defeating Roy Hooker 52-46 in a play-off game, while Waylen Stinson, Jr., was defeating Conrad Murphy 50-21 in a play-off for the Class C title.

There was a field of 42 players from four states, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina. The success of this tournament indicated to us that in the years to come the Winston-Salem Open will be the top attraction in the southeast and may even become one of the top tournaments nationally. We sincerely hope that more of the top players will find their way to Winston-Salem in 1961.

We extend a vote of thanks to the wives of the North Carolina players who prepared and served a most delicious fried chicken dinner to all the players and their families.

### CLASS "A"

GROUP ONE				GROUP TWO			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Eller (N.C.)	7	0	64.5	Reno (Ohio)	6	1	72.5
Durham (Md.)	6	1	74.3	Howard (N.C.)	6	1	63.6
Manker (Ohio)	5	2	63.2	Wolfe (Ohio)	5	2	66.5
May (Va.)	4	3	61.1	Thomas (N.C.)	4	3	63.0
King (N.C.)	2	5	64.2	Carson (Md.)	4	3	62.5
Moore (N.C.)	2	5	56.7	Stancik (N.C.)	2	5	57.7
Austin (N.C.)	1	6	52.7	Lunsford (N.C.)	1	6	48.2
Toney (Va.)	1	6	51.2	Corns (N.C.)	0	7	52.6

### FINALS CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Reno	7	0	348	422	82.7
Durham	4	3	352	484	72.7
Howard	4	3	294	452	65.0
Eller	4	3	283	456	62.0
Wolfe	3	4	296	440	67.3
Manker	3	4	313	488	64.1
Thomas	3	4	250	404	61.9
May	0	7	179	356	50.1

### CLASS "B"

GROUP ONE				GROUP TWO			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Luck (N. C.)	4	1	55.9	Owen (Va.)	5	1	55.9
Ballowe (Va.)	3	2	53.8	Hester (N.C.)	5	1	57.1
Coble (N.C.)	3	2	47.8	Hooker (N.C.)	4	2	50.3
Childress (Va.)	3	2	46.8	Merrick (Va.)	3	3	55.5
Burnette (Va.)	1	4	50.7	Manual (N.C.)	3	3	51.0
Worrell (N.C.)	1	4	39.4	Williams (Va.)	1	5	39.9
				Hine (N.C.)	0	6	38.6

**WINSTON-SALEM OPEN — (Continued)****FINALS CLASS "B"**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Luck .....	6	1	251	474	52.9
Hooker .....	6	1	273	460	59.4
Hester .....	5	2	242	460	52.7
Merricks .....	3	4	262	504	51.9
Owen .....	3	4	220	440	50.0
Coble .....	3	4	233	480	48.6
Childress .....	2	5	219	468	46.9
Ballowe .....	1	6	205	452	45.4

Luck won play-off game from Hooker 52 to 46.

**CLASS "C"****GROUP ONE**

	W	L	%
Murphy (N.C.) .....	4	1	45.1
Stinson (N.C.) .....	4	1	44.3
Pickett (N.C.) .....	3	2	37.5
Pyrtle (N.C.) .....	2	3	35.1
Harrison (N.C.) .....	2	3	34.7
Ratledge (N.C.) .....	0	5	25.4

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	%
Greer (Va.) .....	5	0	40.3
Southern (N.C.) .....	4	1	41.0
Woody (Va.) .....	2	3	30.4
Phelps (N.C.) .....	2	3	29.4
T. Jones (N.C.) .....	2	3	24.4
Mathis (N.C.) .....	0	5	23.1

**CLASS "C" FINALS**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Stinson .....	6	1	180	402	44.8
Murphy .....	6	1	209	432	48.4
Greer .....	5	2	166	440	37.7
Southern .....	4	3	148	396	37.4
Woody .....	4	3	104	370	27.1
Phelps .....	2	5	102	350	29.2
T. Jones .....	1	6	68	328	20.8
Pyrtle .....	0	7	113	312	36.2

Stinson won play-off game from Murphy 50 to 21.

**N.H.P.A. T-SHIRTS AND DECALS**

Very attractive white T-shirts bearing the NHPA insignia on the front are now available along with windshield decals.

The T-shirts come in small, medium, large and very large sizes and are 100% full combed cotton with a nylon neck band. The insignia is in the form of an 8"x8" red, white, and blue shield with the words, National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and a horseshoe insignia in blue.

The windshield decals are in the form of a shield similar to those on the T-shirts only smaller.

The T-shirts will cost \$2.00 each, or if ordered in quantities of six or more they will be \$1.75 each. The decals will be 50 cents each.

Also available are the simulated NHPA auto license plates with the words "National Horseshoe Pitchers Association" in blue on a white background, size 6"x12". These plates are \$1.25 each.

All of these items may be obtained by writing to Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn Street, Gary, Indiana, who is handling the sales for the NHPA. Earle is Sec'y-Treas. of the Indiana NHPA Division.

All members are urged to order now before the season gets underway and help boost the game and the NHPA. All profits will go into the NHPA treasury to help promote the game.

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

Art Brown of Patterson, Iowa is in the mink raising business. It is reported that he has a new litter. Looks like all the members of the Iowa group will all be blossoming out with mink-covered horseshoe cases.

## WHO'S WHO IN HORSESHOE PERSONALITIES

### WINTERING IN FLORIDA

By CHARLES STEPHENS

The top of the winter horseshoe season is nearing in Florida. The Bradenton Club with a present peak membership of 40, is a beehive of activity from early morning till dusk. Three classes of the winter league require six games of singles for each participant per week. Matched games on alternate Saturdays with the St. Petersburg and Orlando clubs, and intra-club informal round-robin games sandwiched between regularly scheduled events. It all adds up to a busy season in horseshoes, which has as its climax, The Annual Florida Suncoast Open Tournament, that will be history before this comes to print.

Out of state winter visitors who enjoy the horseshoe facilities provided by the Bradenton Trailer Park through the full season include Carl Lundgren, Joe Kelly, Jay Guernsey, Abe Berdan, from Michigan—. Clyde Green, Walt Horner, Howard Wells, Harry Gorman, John Crothers, from Indiana—. Harvey Gampher, Roy McClure, Walter Wedan, Milt Havens, Frank Straley, Rod Phillabaum, C. J. Clark, Ray Reidenbaugh, from Ohio—. Judd Pope, M. A. Bruce, Joe Hightower, from Illinois—. Dale Dixon from Iowa—. Roy Gravink, Hallie Ehmke, from New York State and Al Nowatscke, from Wisconsin. Other visitors who recently stopped in for limited activity include: Delmar Hallock, Benton Harbor, Mich., Paul Boyce, Detroit, Mich., Arthur and Edward Schroeder, Creve Coeur, Mo., Harvey Clear, Santa Cruz, Calif., Nelson (Doc) Vogel, Manito, Ill., Red Gross, Detroit, and Willard West, Miami, Fla.

A covered dish supper was laid for all horseshoe pitchers and their families, Jan. 23, at Kiwanis Hall. Trailer Park managers Nelson, Miller, and Les Hilliard, with their families, were also in attendance. Horseshoe and travel movies of the West were shown by Judd Pope, to round out the evening.

### SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA LEAGUE

The Southwest Minnesota League, organized in 1953, now has 42 teams from 40 different cities playing in five regional leagues scattered over a distance of 185 miles and probably the biggest league in the country and undoubtedly the best organized over such a diverse setup.

A team consists of eight players and each pitch 200 shoes in a single team match. Heading the leagues' officials are Archie Anderson of Westbrook and Dayel Olson of Storden, both NHPA members and also officials of the Minnesota State Association.

### INDIANA ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Indiana State Association will hold its annual spring organizational meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 18, at cabin number five in Muncie's Heekin Park. Movies and slides of the 1960 World Tournament which was held on the courts nearby will be shown following the business meeting.

### MONTANA-DAKOTA OPEN TOURNEY

Wes Riml, the publicity man of the Wibaux Co., Mont., club has announced plans to expand the annual Memorial Day tourney to include players from NHPA associations other than the Montana-Dakota chapter.

The tournament will be held on the lighted courts in the Wibaux city park and will be tailored to fit needs of the players traveling the longest distance. Players in Montana and the two Dakotas who are not members of the Montana-Dakota chapter and are interested in this event should write to Roger Barnaby, Box 111, Wibaux, Mont., May 28-30, the Memorial Day weekend, is the tentative date of the tourney.

## HORSESHOE MANUFACTURERS SUPPORT N.H.P.A.

Our horseshoe manufacturers have again paid their 1961 Associate membership dues in the NHPA and are supporting our organization by their ads and cooperation. The NHPA publicly gives its thanks and appreciation to the following manufacturers of officially recognized shoes and urge our members to in turn support them.

Diamond Tool and Horseshoe Co., Duluth, Minn.

Dixon Victory Shoe Co., Des Moines, Ia.

Gordon Horseshoe Co., Cincinnati, O.

Ohio Horseshoe Co., Columbus, O.

Ted Allen Horseshoe Co., Boulder, Colo.

These same firms have each year also given additional support to the World Tournament.

## SAM FOOR WINS SENIOR HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

By WALTER STEARNS

The younger pitchers and other horseshoe fans were treated to some interesting horseshoe games between Christmas and New Year's in a tournament held at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona.

To qualify for this meet, the pitcher had to have been born in the 1800's. The seven qualifiers totaled 504 years. The average age was 72 years.

At the end of regular round-robin play there was a tie for first place between 77-year-old Charlie "Kid" Carson of Mesa and 74-year-old Sam Foor of Indiana. Young Mr. Foor came off on top in the play-off 50-46. Foor averaged 47.5 for the tournament while Mr. Carson compiled at 45.4 average for the course. Fred Brown of Mesa finished in third position losing only two games.

## PLANS LAID FOR ANNUAL "ST. JOE OPEN"

The annual "St. Joe Open" tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25 at Noyes Field, 28th and Edmond Streets in St. Joseph, Missouri. Qualifying rounds will start at 1 p.m. on June 24th and continue until 11 a.m. June 25th. Round robin play will start at 12:30 p.m. June 25th. Entry fee will be \$3.00 per man. There will be 50 shoe qualifying with a chance of a second 50 if desired. Class A will consist of 12 pitchers divided into two groups of six men each. The top two winners of each group will pitch a four-man round robin for the championship. Points will decide the standings. Trophies will be awarded to the four finalists. Classes B and C will be six-man groups with 1st and 2nd place winners receiving trophies. Class D and on down will receive cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places.

This tournament is open to any and all pitchers and to save time on the day of the tournament, all pitchers who wish to enter but do not want to qualify on Sunday morning, may send their qualifying score by mail to be received not later than June 24th, to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. Do not send any entry fee as it will be payable on the day of the tournament. Be sure to print your name and address on your score sheet.

Last year's tournament drew pitchers from Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Roland Kraft of LeCompton, Kansas is the defending champion.

Another big tournament will be the Annual "Midland Empire" tournament which will be held on the same courts on September 9-10 under the same conditions and terms as the "St. Joe Open." Dale Dixon of Des Moines, Iowa, is the defending champion.

## Have Shoes — Will Travel

By W. J. WOODS

The Wilmington, Ohio, Club seems to thrive on traveling. Any one can but read their year 1960 itinerary and be convinced.

To begin with, the Club maintained a one-night per week league schedule for 16 weeks on their home courts, conducted their County Tournament, and entered the District Tournament at Lebanon, Ohio.

As a Club, they pitched inter-city matches with Waverly, Circleville, Crestline, and Greenville, driving some 900 miles.

On top of this, a number of their pitchers participated in various other Tournaments, several driving about 6,500 miles to:

Chillicothe, Ohio—Paint Valley  
Lakeside, Ohio—Open  
Greenville, Ohio—Mid-West "Ringer Round-Up"  
Greenville, Ohio—State  
Norwood, Ohio—Open  
Muncie, Ind.—National  
Galesburg, Ill.—Open  
Burlington, Iowa—Corn Belt  
Winston Salem, N. C.—Open  
Toronto, Canada—North American

(Stan Manker and Harold Wolfe made them all; Harold Reno, the State Champ, John Reno, Harold Bryant, William Sollar and Leonard Glass, were in many.)

Wolfe (Big Bad) admits sometimes it was farther going than coming back as some guys are always getting lost. Further, some sleep is lost when driving all Friday night to arrive in time to qualify and then driving all Sunday night to be back in time for work on Monday, not to mention the "balanced diet" stops at fruit stands for meals enroute.

The above is not intended as record breaking but none will question they are a pretty active group, and, while the "Hot-Stove" season is on, it would be rather interesting to hear from other Clubs and pitchers over the country as some of the regular tournament pitchers must put in lots of time and driving during the regular season.

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Southern California Association held their annual meeting in the South Gate Park auditorium on December 3, 1960. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Wally Shipley, Pres.; Larry Geer, Vice-Pres.; Ralph Navaaro, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Norman Smith, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Robert Pease, 4th Vice-Pres.; and Jim Weeks, Sec-Treas.

The association has completed one of the greatest seasons and the officers hope that the year 1961 will be even better than last season. The 1960 state meet was held in Southern California and the Northern Association is trying to make it for 1961. We hope it will rotate each year. By doing this it is hoped that it will become the outstanding tournament of California.

In the course of meeting the association presented Harry Platt with a beautiful trophy for being the most improved pitcher of the year. He was given a similar award by the South Gate club. Mrs. Navaaro was presented a gift for getting the trophies for the Southern Association, which without a doubt are the most beautiful trophies that can be won by a horseshoe pitcher.

The Southern Association has the tournament schedule completed and a copy will be sent to each member. Do not forget to get your 1961 NHPA card before the season opens up. See or write to any office of the Association for your membership card which is \$5.00. Let's make this a bigger and better year.

## 1960 MINNESOTA STATE TOURNEY — DELAYED REPORT

	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Ganz, Backus .....	10	1	67.9	J. Yernberg, St. Paul	5	6	59.7
R. Cherrier, Hopkins	10	1	64.8	H. Albrecht, Glencoe	5	6	57.5
G. Magnuson, Canby	8	3	58.7	N. Selke, St. James	4	7	56.9
S. Olson, Windom .....	6	5	56.9	C. West, St. Paul .....	4	7	52.7
R. Lundberg,				A. Peters, Westbrook	2	9	46.7
Minneapolis .....	6	5	57.3	Stinson, Minneapolis	0	11	46.9
A. Paglarini, Hibbing	6	5	61.5	Playoff won by Ganz.			

CLASS "B"—Three way tie between Archie Anderson of Westbrook (61.9% ringers), L. Reinhardt of St. Paul (54.3% ringers) and George Suess of Mankato (63.3% ringers). Playoff won by Anderson. CLASS "C"—Ben Trollen of St. Paul won playoff for first place with 60.4% ringers after a three way tie. CLASS "D"—Won by Dayl Olson of Storden with 56.6% ringers. CLASS "E"—Won by Isenberg of Fairmount with 58.9% ringers. CLASS "F"— Won by Bockes of Canby with 49.4% ringers.

This tournament was held at Westbrook with 107 entries. The 1961 tournament will again be held at Westbrook.

The following officers were elected by the Minnesota State Association for this year: Archie Anderson of Westbrook, President; Charles Strafaccia of Hibbing, Vice-President; Dayl Olson of Storden, Secretary-Treasurer.

## CLIFF THOMSEN WINNER OF ANNUAL CULBERTSON OPEN

Clifford Thomsen of Culbertson, Montana won his first championship by sweeping the field with seven straight wins to take top honors in the third annual Culbertson played last fall. Due to cool weather and a brisk wind the ringer percentages were kept down. However, Buster Jensen of McCabe, Montana won the Ringer Percentage trophy with 46.7. Trophies were awarded to the top two men in each class.

## CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Thomsen, Culbertson .....	7	0	198	468	42.3
I. Jensen, McCabe .....	6	1	201	430	46.7
McChesney, Jr., Sidney .....	5	2	182	408	43.8
McMorris, Sidney .....	3	4	137	402	34.1
Hubbard, Baker .....	3	4	142	394	33.2
Lunden, Poplar .....	2	5	115	366	31.4
Quilling, Sidney .....	2	5	146	424	34.4
Burgess, Lambert .....	0	7	108	412	26.2

## CLASS B

	W	L	R	SP	%
Burns, Fort Peck .....	6	1	157	496	31.7
Lawrence, Wibaux .....	5	2	156	536	29.1
A. Jensen, Great Falls .....	4	3	148	476	31.1
Keller, Sidney .....	4	3	126	454	27.8
A. Larsen, Culbertson .....	4	3	135	500	27.0
H. Larsen, Savage .....	3	4	123	460	26.8
Martin, Wolf Point .....	1	6	140	496	28.2
Estreem, Glasgow .....	1	6	137	502	27.3

## CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
Hansen, Culbertson .....	6	1	128	402	31.8
Neubauer, Wolf Point .....	5	2	137	518	26.5
Apple, Glendive .....	4	3	132	484	27.3
McChesney, Sr., Sidney .....	4	3	112	466	24.0
Zellar, Glendive .....	3	4	114	490	27.3
Wagner, Nashua .....	3	4	107	470	22.8
Wesen, Glasgow .....	2	5	92	492	18.7
Finnicum, Culbertson .....	1	6	103	494	20.9

## **DARKE COUNTY, OHIO CLUB ANNOUNCES SPRING OPEN TOURNAMENT**

Advance notice is given by the Ohio Buckeye State Assn. that the Darke County, Ohio Club will sponsor an Open Tournament at City Park, Greenville, Ohio, on June 2-3-4. As an experiment in bringing out new pitchers, the requirement of an NHPA membership card is being waived, therefore this will not bear the usual sanction. Qualifying (100 shoes) will be Friday night, June 2nd, and Saturday morning, June 3rd until 12:00 noon, with the round-robin following in the afternoon and evening and continuing on Sunday, June 4th. Trophies will be awarded the winners in all classes. Entry fee, \$3.00.

It is hoped that not only will many NHPA members enter but also it will attract many others who are sufficiently interested in the game and will experience the advantages of collective efforts being derived through a membership. All states welcome. These are the same fine 12 courts where Ohio holds their State Championship. Excellent facilities and overnight accommodations are available. For additional information write to Sam Goodlander No. 5 Roth Place, Reading, Ohio.

## **PERRYSBURG, OHIO CLUB ENJOYS WINTER PITCHING**

Through the tireless efforts of Pete Finch, John Sullivan and other officers and members of the Perrysburg, Ohio, Horseshoe Club, winter pitching has finally become a reality.

In one short week the club has signed 23 members with a goal of 40 in sight. Leagues are in the process of being organized to create more interest among the members. At present the membership list includes six NHPA members, but it is felt certain that with the improving of percentages and the spring and summer tournament tour coming up, NHPA membership will continue to increase.

With various parts of the country covered with a deep blanket of snow, this new 2-court indoor layout is a "Shangri-La" for these enthusiastic pitchers. NHPA members of this new group are as follows: George Whitehead, Dale Estep, Arthur Pringle, Pete Finch and George Stifel.

## **EARLY TOURNEYS PLANNED**

Both Greenville, O., and Grand Rapids, Mich., are planning open tournaments early in 1961.

Construction of 12 courts at Grand Rapids, Mich., is already underway with much of the work completed, and Irwin Carlberg, Secretary of the Wolverine State Association, reports that he plans a tourney for the Memorial Day weekend to initiate the new set up.

Greenville, Ohio, is planning a tournament for June 3-4. The Darke Co. Club with 12 fine courts in Greenville, where the 1960 Mid West "Ringer Round Up" was held, has elected Levi Brumbaugh, Charles Coppess and Cricket Coppock as officers for the coming year.

## **WE BEG YOUR PARDON**

Several office errors were contained in the 1960 World Tournament individual statistics in the September issue and those members who keep records should make the following corrections.

On page three — Curt Day's ringer total should read 2215, Ron Cherrier's ringer total should be increased by two, Frank Palka's ringer total increased by one. John Coble's ringer total increased by one, Ernie Recht's ringer total increased by 11 to 1495 and his ringer percentage to 63.7 and Marvin Craig's ringer total increased by three and his ringer percentage should read 67.9.

On page five the Brumfield-Taylor game should read 52-47 in favor of Brumfield, and Truman Standard's ringer percentage on both page three and page 16 should read 69.7.

## Whose Style Is This?

Your attention is directed to the new advertising copy of the Diamond Tool and Horseshoe Company whose ad appears on the back cover of this issue.

The drawing was made from a natural color photograph taken at the 1960 World's Tournament at Muncie, Indiana by Mr. Elmer Lueder, a salesman for the Diamond Tool organization.

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### AUDIE RICH WINS HAMILTON COUNTY (OHIO) TOURNNEY

By "POP" JOHNSON

Audie Rich, in a play-off with Cliff Mayne, won the Hamilton County, Ohio, championship. The tournament, played on the Norwood Courts, was scored under the count-all system, using 80 shoes per game. Mayne was handi-capped 20 points by the other "A" pitchers and it almost proved too much.

James Lane won the Class B section. Lane was  $\frac{3}{4}$  turn pitcher at Lake-side this year, he saw the light there and converted to a  $1\frac{3}{4}$  turn. He was very happy to take home his first trophy.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	%
Audie Rich .....	4	1	50.8
Cliff Mayne .....	4	1	34.3
Robert Duff .....	3	2	44.0
Harold Godfrey .....	3	2	42.8
Martin Murdock .....	1	4	42.3
Clyde Vance .....	0	5	41.3

#### CLASS B

	W	L	%
James Lane .....	5	1	27.9
Tippy Woods .....	4	2	23.9
Sam Goodlander .....	3	3	23.4
Elmer Besl .....	0	6	11.2

### DATE ANNOUNCED FOR GALESBURG, ILLINOIS OPEN

Mr. Andrew Horn of Galesburg, Illinois, announces that the annual Galesburg Open will be held on the Lincoln Park courts on Rte. No. 150, Galesburg, Illinois on August 13 just prior to the opening of the Illinois state tournament on August 15. Further details will be announced in a later issue of the News Digest.

### N.H.P.A. MEMBERS DOMINATE NATIONAL A.A.U. MEET

NHPA members completely dominated the 1960 National A.A.U. tourney at Dayton, O., last fall with Glenn Riffle winning the title for the fourth consecutive year. His toughest game was with Walter King, North Carolina NHPA player. Roger Ehlers of Illinois finished second and Sipple of Dayton, O., third.

Jack Stout and Roger Ehlers of Illinois teamed up to win the doubles title, establishing a new tourney record of 64.8% ringers. Other NHPA players who finished in top spots included Paul Helton and Mickey Broughton of Ohio and North Carolina players Darrell Eller, Ed Stancik, Woody Thomas, Randall Jones, Leo Jones, Mel Howard and Conrad Murphy.

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