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DON'T FORGET

1. To order your NHPA simulated auto license plates, window decals, NHPA T-shirts as listed in the February issue.
2. Renew your NHPA membership for 1961 if you haven't done so already.
3. List any tournaments scheduled for this summer by sending the information to the "News Digest."
4. Register your private or club horseshoe courts with the NHPA.
5. Support and boost ahe game of horseshoe through your local club, your state association and the NHPA.

HORSESHOE IN NEW ZEALAND

The NHPA has received a request for aid in the form of information from a group in Napier, New Zealand which is trying to establish the sport in that country.

The request came from R. A. Steel of the New Zealand Broadcasting Service and he has been placed on the mailing list of the "News Digest" and other NHPA printed material and officially enrolled as a member.

BOBBY HITT ON MILTON BERLE SHOW

Bobby Hitt, former State horseshoe pitching champion of Michigan and now a top notch professional bowler, recently appeared on the Milton Berle TV show "Make That Spare," which is televised weekly coast to coast. Hitt has been inactive in the game of horseshoe for a number of years, but he was formerly one of the top ringer artists in the country.

THE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S GUIDE

About a year ago it was announced that National Secretary Bob Pence and "News Digest" editor Ellis Cobb were starting work on a book to be entitled *The Horseshoe Pitcher's Guide* which would be a comprehensive, full sized book covering all aspects of the game.

Numerous questions have been received asking when this book would be ready for distribution. The facts are that neither Pence nor Cobb have been able to devote enough time to complete work on the publication. Routine business of the NHPA comes first and not enough time has been left over.

The book will contain pictures, a history of the game, results of all past World Tournaments, along with technical information on how to build courts, conduct tournaments, handicap systems, league and team match play, how to score and other aspects or organizational and promotional work connected with the game. All of this requires considerable research and final polishing.

Much of the editorial work has been completed but some still remains and complicating the situation is the loss of the manuscript by Ted Allen on how to improve pitching skills, which has been lost.

1961 HORSESHOE COURT REGISTRATIONS

The NHPA will again register horseshoe courts in 1961 on the basis of \$1.00 per court with batteries of 15 or more for a flat \$15.00.

This means to both compile a list of leading horseshoe courts and raise money for the World Tourney was used for the first time last year and slightly more than 900 courts were registered.

The number of courts registered by clubs was a big disappointment last year, but the number of single private courts registered was beyond expectations.

Courts may register by sending the money and information to NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind. The courts will be listed in the "News Digest" as they come in and at the end of the year the complete list will be printed.

Make sure the information gives the number of courts, location and whether they are equipped with lights.

ONE CHANGE IN THIS YEAR'S COURT REGISTRATION PLAN; EACH SET OF THREE OR MORE COURTS AT ONE LOCATION WHICH ARE REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE ONE OF THE NHPA SIMULATED AUTO LICENSE PLATES DESCRIBED ELSEWHERE AND PREVIOUSLY IN THE "NEWS DIGEST." THESE MAY BE POSTED AT COURTSIDE.

Individuals can both register their court and receive the NHPA plate for \$2.00 or they can simply register their court for \$1.00.

1961 MEMBERSHIP PICTURE

Spring is practically here in the east, midwest and plains states, the California tournament schedule is already underway and the winter tourneys in Arizona and Florida are now history. All of which means another season of NHPA activities is underway.

Last year we made a modest gain of some 200 members duplicating the gain we made the previous year. So far 1961 membership has been slightly better than it was at this time last year.

Credit for the performance to date is due largely to our old standbys, Indiana, Ohio and California and to the scene of winter tournaments, Arizona and Florida plus some of our most recently formed state chapters in Tennessee, Virginia, Montana, North and South Dakota.

The brand new chapter in Tennessee under the direction of Ben Raskopf and Chambliss Pierce is off to a good start and bids fair to become a live wire NHPA group. They urge NHPA members traveling in the area of Knoxville and the Great Smokies to look them up and get acquainted.

Virginia headed by the Lunchburg club under Marvin May was formed less than a year ago and has almost equalled its 1960 membership at this early date.

The same is true of the Montana-Dakota division under the guidance of Roger Barnaby and Wes Riml of the Wibaux Club. Despite the handicap of geographic isolation this chapter is extremely active and horseshoe interest in the area is growing as a result.

South Dakota has almost equaled its 1960 membership total and North Dakota has signed up a number of new players.

Charlie Stephens and Ray Woodrow in Florida and Walt Stearns in Arizona with the impetus of their winter tournaments have done a great job and more and more northern players are making appearances each year at the courts in the Phoenix-Mesa area and the Tampa Bay area.

California, with Jim Weeks at the helm in the Los Angeles area, has a heavy schedule of activities carded for the year and is fast approaching the 100 mark in membership. Indiana and Ohio are not far behind.

Memberships from Iowa, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Colorado, Washington, Michigan, Wisconsin and West Virginia have also contributed materially to the present total.

There is no need to wait until your "Digest" subscription expires. If you haven't already, send your 1961 membership in to your state secretary NOW.

COMING EVENTS

It is important that all tournaments be listed for the benefit of the membership. Please send listings to Ellis Cobb, Editor of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill., in order to keep this list up to date.

- March 19 — Class "C" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 April 9 — Class "D" Open, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 April 16 — Class "B" Open, Ontario, Calif.
 April 23 — Baldwin Park Doubles Tournament, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 April 30 — Class "A" Open, Ontario, Calif.
 May 7 — Class "E" Open, Pomona, Calif.
 May 21 — Class "F" Open, South Gate, Calif.
 May 27-30 — Chipwood Memorial, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 May 28 — South Gate Open, Class "B", South Gate, Calif.
 May 28-30 — Montana-Dakota Open, City Park, Wibaux, Mont.
 May 30 — Spring "Warm-Up" Open, Lawrence Park, Rock Falls, Ill.
 June 3 — 60 Years and over, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 June 3-4 — Greenville Open, City Park, Greenville, Ohio
 June 4 — Class "A" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 June 10 — South Gate Open Class "E", South Gate, Calif.
 June 11 — Class "B" added, Long Beach, Calif.
 June 11 — County Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 June 11 — Union County Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
 June 15-18 — Eastern National, Falconer (N.Y.) Rod and Gun Club.
 June 24-25 — St. Joe Open, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Mo.
 June 25 — Class "D" added, Pomona, Calif.
 June 25 — Rossolett Memorial, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
 June 30-July 1 — Lakeside Open, Lakeside, Ohio.
 July 1-2 — Semana Nautica Open, Santa Barbara, Calif.
 July 1-4 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up", Bradley Park, Peoria, Ill.
 July 3-4 — Grand Rapids Open, Chipwood Inn, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 July 9 — Class "F" added, Baldwin Park, Calif.
 July 9 — Essex County Open Handicap, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
 July 15 — South Gate Open Special Class "A", South Gate, Calif.
 July 16 — South Gate Open Class "C", South Gate, Calif.
 July 16 — New Jersey Open, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
 July 18-26 — WORLD TOURNAMENT. HEekin PARK, MUNCIE, INDIANA.
 July 23 — South Gate Open Class "F", South Gate, Calif.
 July 30 — Class "E" added, Pomona, Calif.
 July 30 — Annual 4-State Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 August 6 — Class "C" added, Long Beach, Calif.
 August 12-13 — Galesburg Annual Open, Lincoln Park, Galesburg, Ill.
 August 12-13 — Championship Class "A", Long Beach, Calif.
 August 12-13 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash, Ind.
 August 15-16 — Illinois Men's State, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
 August 16 — Illinois Boys' State, Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
 August 19-20 — California North-South Team Match, Fresno, Calif.
 August 20 — Massachusetts State, Moxie's Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
 August 20 — New Jersey State Tournament, Branch Brook Park, N. J.
 August 27 — All State Open Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
 August 27 — New Jersey State Doubles Tournament (to be determined).
 Sept. 2-3 — Western Open, South Gate, Calif.
 Sept. 2-4 — Michigan State, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Sept. 2-4 — New York State, Corning, N. Y.
 Sept. 2-4 — Indiana State, Heekin, Park, Muncie, Ind.
 Sept. 2-4 — Florida State, Bradenton, Fla.
 Sept. 3-4 — New England States, Moxie's Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
 Sept. 10 — Championship Class "F", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Sept. 9-10 — Midland Empire Open, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Mo.
 Sept. 16-17 — California State, Fairgrounds, San Jose, Calif.
 Sept. 17 — Championship Class "D", Ontario, Calif.
 Sept. 24 — Championship Class "C", Long Beach, Calif.
 Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate Calif.
 Oct. 7-8 — Victorville Open, Victorville, Calif.
 Oct. 15 — Championship Class "B", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Oct. 22 — Baldwin Park Open Class "D", Baldwin Park, Calif.
 Oct. 29 — Championship Class "E", South Gate, Calif.

TWO TENNESSEE TOURNAMENTS PLANNED

The newly formed Tennessee Chapter of the NHPA has announced plans are being formed for at least two big tournaments during 1961. One of these will be the annual singles and doubles meet at the Tennessee Valley Agricultural and Industrial Fair to be held in Knoxville's Chilhowee Park in mid-September according to Chambliss Pierce, Secretary of the Tennessee group. This has been an annual event for a number of years and drew 64 entries in 1960.

LOST EASTERN NATIONAL RECORDS FOUND

Records of the 1960 Eastern National Tournament last summer which were misplaced have recently been found.

The tournament was held over the Fourth of July weekend at the Falconer Rod & Gun Club in New York. The winner, Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, N. Y., set a new tournament record with a mark of 86.1 per cent of ringers for 15 games.

For the records of this very important tournament which has long been one of the most important events of each season here are the records of the leading players.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, N. Y.	15	0	86.1
Ginger Natale, Rochester, N. Y.	13	2	75.8
Terry Early, New York City	10	5	67.1
Joe Peters, Erie, Pa.	10	5	65.9
Lee Davis, Ridgefield, N. J.	10	5	61.5
Jack Reed, Jamestown, N. Y.	9	6	63.8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Al Zadroga, Elizabeth, Pa.	14	1	61.5
Joe Kelly, Detroit, Mich.	14	1	57.3
Lester Peary, Detroit, Mich.	11	4	50.1
Bill Delehanty, Rochester, N. Y.	11	4	46.8
Pete Scheira, Jamestown, N. Y.	10	5	46.3

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They brightened all the joy of life, they softened every frown.
But oh, 'tis good to think of them, When we are troubled sore;
Thanks be to God that such have been, tho' they are here no more.*

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Joseph Nichols

Joseph Nichols, Vice-President of the Muncie, Ind. Horseshoe Club, died early in February a few hours before he was scheduled for heart surgery in an Indianapolis hospital.

A comparative newcomer to the game, he was not a topnotch player, but was one of the hardest working members of the huge Muncie Club and those who attended the 1960 World Tournament in Muncie will remember that he and his wife had charge of the concession stand at courtside.

He is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and two girls. His wife has also been active in the affairs of the Muncie Club and officially succeeds him as Vice-President.

His unselfish work and spirit of co-operation was one of the factors which made the Muncie club the largest local group in the U. S. and the Muncie Club's loss is also the loss of the N. H. P. A.

Carl L. Herrington

The Denver Horseshoe Club and the Colorado State Association lost one of its most beloved and ardent members when Carl L. Herrington passed away during the month of February.

One of the top players in the Denver area and a long time NHPA member, he won the Class B division of the 1960 Colorado State Tournament last fall.

All members of the Colorado State Association and the Denver club extend their sympathy to the family.

Mr. Charles Riley

Mr. Charles Riley, father of Mrs. Marie Kampschroeder of Ottawa, Kansas, passed away on January 19th, following a long illness. He made his home in Ottawa.

Marie and her husband Ralph, operate the Ottawa Bowl, in Ottawa, Kansas and are members of the Kansas State association and also the National association. Marie is a former vice-president of the NHPA and they have attended many National tournaments.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in the loss of their loved one.

QUEBEC NHPA MEMBERS SIGNED

A start has been made towards forming an NHPA Chapter in the Canadian province of Quebec with the signing of three players.

Paul Barrette, Regional President of the Quebec Association, was the first to sign and was followed by Maurice Gingras, head of the Noranda-Rouyn Horseshoe Club, and Jeon-Luc Gosselin, Principal of the Noranda Catholic Schools.

The entire Quebec Association numbers some 200 pitchers who are divided into five regional groups. The Noranda group has some 60 players. The Quebec championships were held at Drummondville last fall.

Paul Barrette made an appearance at the recent Sun Coast Open in Florida where he was visiting and became acquainted with the U. S. players from some 14 states who took part in that tourney.

PIKE COUNTY, OHIO, CLUB HOLDS INDOOR TOURNAMENT

The Pike County (Ohio) Horseshoe Pitchers Association conducted an indoor open tournament at Waverly during February. Harold Reno of Sabina was the Class A winner, averaging 74.2% ringers. Reno's best game was an 82.5% effort.

The Pike County Club has had an indoor winter league for the last four years with around 40 local pitchers participating, but they had never tried an open tournament.

The response was great with a total of 50 pitchers from many counties getting in on the tournament. Altogether 42 men pitched in 7 classes and eight others qualified who did not pitch.

The Club has three regulation courts with excellent lighting and gas heat. They keep living room temperature inside while there is zero temperature and 18 inches of snow outside. The most unusual feature of their courts is that they are on the second floor above a restaurant, a clothing store, and a law office, in the business section of Waverly. Residents in the area are accustomed to the faint clink of iron in the evenings.

Courts are constructed by building a six inch platform on the floor and dropping a six inch metal box into it for the clay. The stakes have a welded base and are bolted to a 2 x 10.

The expense is small with volunteer labor and may be worth consideration by other clubs in the cold areas interested in winter pitching.

CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
Harold Reno, Sabina	5	0	248	184	74.2
Donnie Roberts, Lucasville	4	1	292	180	61.6
Stan Manker, Martinsville	3	2	312	179	57.7
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville	2	3	270	142	52.6
Gene Reno, Lucasville	1	4	368	218	59.2
Ottie Reno, Waverly	0	5	262	115	43.9

CLASS B

	W	L	SP	R	%
Kenny Dawes, Good Hope	4	1	260	155	59.7
Carl Merriman, Chillicothe	3	2	260	136	52.3
Harold Godfrey, Cincinnati	3	2	244	111	45.5
Gerald Wiseman, Chillicothe	3	2	326	131	40.2
Dick Rhymer, Circleville	2	3	326	146	44.7
Paul Hill, Circleville	0	5	274	85	31.0

CLASS C

	W	L	SP	R	%
Paul Roll, Chillicothe	4	1	270	125	46.3
Harold Wipert, Chillicothe	4	1	282	153	54.3
Glen Lyons, Waverly	3	2	334	147	44.0
Eli Reno, Lucasville	2	3	294	114	38.8
Junior Chrisman, Latham	1	4	328	120	36.6
Roy Jennings, Piketon	1	4	272	94	32.2

Roll defeated Wipert 51-45 in playoff.

CLASS D

	W	L	SP	R	%
Clyde Smallwood, Lucasville	4	1	352	162	46.0
Melvin Montgomery, Columbus	3	2	298	133	44.6
Ed Forbes, Lucasville	3	2	346	143	41.3
Ellis Brown, Waverly	2	3	328	133	40.5
Pete Turner, Chillicothe	2	3	346	117	33.8
Joe Brown, Waverly	1	4	314	110	35.0

PIKE COUNTY, OHIO INDOOR — (Continued)**CLASS E**

	W	L	SP	R	%
Victor Dixon, Waverly	5	0	304	135	44.4
Elijah Kohn, Chillicothe	4	1	338	141	41.8
Vernon Alexander, Piketon	3	2	326	107	32.8
Ralph Garrison, Clarksburg	2	3	314	113	35.9
Roy Jennings, Piketon	1	4	306	90	29.4
Dan Baker, Lucasville	0	5	304	74	24.3

CLASS F

	W	L	SP	R	%
Fred Bennett, Greenfield	4	1	304	136	44.7
Bud Christman, Waverly	4	1	264	114	43.2
John Turner, Chillicothe	3	2	308	120	39.0
Bob Christman, Waverly	2	3	316	110	34.8
Ralph Jennings, Piketon	4	1	290	77	26.5
Bruce Roberts, Lucasville	1	4	272	52	19.1

Bennett defeated Christman 52-33 in playoff.

CLASS G

	W	L	SP	R	%
Homer Skaggs, Waverly	5	0	282	89	31.5
Ralph Jennings, Piketon	4	1	290	77	26.5
Jim Christman, Waverly	2	3	358	72	20.1
Jim Lane, Cincinnati	2	3	314	56	17.9
Larry Skaggs, Waverly	1	4	388	62	16.0
Gene Leigh, Newton	1	4	290	33	11.3

Several pitchers qualified but could not compete because of conflicts in time or transportation. They were Bob Wilkinson, Circleville 107-56%; Tom Pearce, West Jefferson 101-58%; Johnny DeWeese, Washington Court House 88-48%; Leonard Glass, Xenia 80-36%; William Jones, Circleville 68-26%; Dick Robbins, Circleville 65-28%; Clinton Hodges, Columbus 56-28%; and Avery Pettit, Piketon 52-10%.

MUNCIE CLUB TO SPONSOR WORLD TOURNEY CLASS "C"

The Muncie Horseshoe Club will sponsor and conduct a Class "C" division at the 1961 World Tournament schedule for Heekin Park, July 18-26, if present plans materialize.

At a February meeting the Muncie Club officially took this action and has petitioned the NHPA officials for approval. Plans call for Class "C" to consist of 24 players and to be run off in the forenoons along with the Old Timers division. Class "B" would play in the afternoon and the championship division in the evenings as has been the custom in the past.

At the same meeting the club also made plans for improving the courts and facilities for the World Tournament in co-operation with the Muncie Park Dept. and the NHPA seems assured of another great World and National Tournament.

The Muncie Club now has in excess of 400 members, the largest local club in the U. S. Its officers are Cliff Tomlinson, President; Elree Bryant and Mrs. Joseph Nichols, Vice Presidents; and Virgil Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Mary Craig of the club is NHPA National Vice-President, and her husband, Harold, is President of the Indiana State Association.

A new organization is being organized next door in Randolph County where many players belong to the Muncie Club and where 92 players took part in a county tournament last fall. Six new courts are also being built at nearby Anderson where Don Owens and others are also affiliated with the Muncie Club.

WORLD TOURNAMENT FILMS AND SLIDES

Former NHPA Vice President, E. C. Swarigen of Springfield, Ill., has made available slides of the 1960, 1959 and 1958 World Tournaments. These are beautiful color slides size 120.

Local clubs can make arrangements for the use of these slides by writing to E. C. Swarigen, 2520 South 8th Street, Springfield, Ill. They must pay the postage both ways.

8mm movies of the 1960 World Tournament were taken by Jim Johnson of the Indiana Association and have been shown already at various clubs in Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Arizona and Wisconsin. At the present time they are booked through the middle of April. Arrangements for their use can be made through the NHPA Secretary, Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind.

1958 World Tournament films are considerably the worse for wear and have been taken out of circulation for awhile in order to have them renovated. There was no official films taken of the 1959 tourney.

PLANS LAID FOR CHIPWOOD MEMORIAL OPEN TOURNAMENT MAY 27-30 — GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Plans have been completed to hold the Chipwood Memorial Open tournament on May 27-30 (4 days) at Chipwood Inn courts, 1½ miles west of West Beltline, near Marne, Michigan. There will be TWO separate tournaments, first one May 27 and 28 for those unable to stay over due to having to return to work on May 29. The second one on May 29 and 30. Those competing in this one must have competed in the first meet to be eligible.

There will be \$500 in trophies and cash prizes. Entry fee will be \$5.50 for the first tournament only, with a fee of \$7.50 for the second tournament which entitles entrant to play in both tournaments. There will be a 50 shoe qualifying round starting May 27 with no one being allowed to start qualifying after 11:30 a.m.

The top 18 men will be divided into groups of 6 with top 2 players in each group advancing to the 6-man round-robin play-off. The next four classes will be grouped in the same manner with the remaining qualifiers being put into Class E.

Prize money for May 27-28 will be \$1.00 for each game won with a minimum of \$2.00, plus trophy for winner of final play-off in round-robin.

May 29 and 30

Players will be placed in a 16-man ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT based on their ringer percentage from the previous days tournament. Top 16 men in Class A, next 16 men in Class B and the balance in Class C. Schedules will be available upon payment of entry fee prior to qualifying. Balance of prize money will be divided as follows: Class A—40%. Class B—30% and Class C—30%.

Every effort will be made to close the tournament on Memorial Day, May 30 by 3 p.m. to enable everyone to start for their homes. Start planning NOW to attend this horseshoe pitching "extravaganza" over the Memorial Day holidays.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown displaying their trophies are the Goodyear Aircraft Champions of the second annual GAC tournament. Also pictured are the GAC Engineering Shop League champions. From left to right: Harry and Bob West of the Engineering Shop League champions; George Morrison, runner-up in Championship flight; Ed Carpenter, Class B champion; Jim Falor, GAC champion; Paul Bliss of the Engineering Shop League champions; Ed Burt, runner-up in Class B; Tommy Falor, pit-man and scorer, and son of Jim Falor; Dan Taton, Class C winner and Bill McLaughlin, Class D titlist.

LEE DAVIS SAYS "THANK YOU" FOR A GREAT NIGHT

Dear Friends:

Thank you may be a very small word, but as I find it impossible to find words to express my thoughts, all I can say is "THANK YOU." This thank you comes from the heart and I hope it conveys as much as if it were hundreds of words.

The feeling of grandeur I had when I received the beautiful book with all your flattering letters and telegrams is beyond explanation. When the letters were read at the dinner, I was speechless and still am.

My Dad always told me you are judged by the company you keep . . . association with fine men like you must be the reason I received so many nice letters — some of it must have rubbed off on me.

To be compared with some great men in other sports was flattering, but to be compared with the immortal Babe Ruth makes a lump come to my throat.

The climax came on Valentine's morning when my fifteen year old daughter gave me a letter she wrote for the book. She said many things in a few words. One of the things she said was — "I want to tell you that you are not only a champion horseshoe pitcher, but also a champion father." Needless to say, the lump got bigger and the eyes moist.

I only hope I can live up to all the nice things that were said.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Davis

"VALLEY OF THE SUN" CLASS "A" TOURNAMENT

By ELMER BELLER

Mr. Stearns requested that I send in the results on the "Valley of the Sun" meet after I had results completed, after returning home, and comment on a few of the highlights.

We had beautiful weather there in Mesa for the match. Mr. Allen and Mr. Tamboer battled right down to the wire. Neither had lost a game when they met in the latter part of the tournament. Allen won it by one extra ringer. This extra ringer he made by a trick shot on the last pitch. He had an almost impossible-looking shoe leaning on the peg. With his second shoe he pulled it on for a double.

The good horseshoe members and their wives put out a nice dinner for all there at the Park on Saturday. Mr. Stearns proved his ability as first class chef. He cooked up a 10-gallon combination pot of chili and beans and mulligan stew.

Willard Phillips acted as horseshoe judge in an efficient manner. Mr. Phillips also built their scoring machines among other services he has performed in interest of horseshoes in Arizona.

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ira Allen, Fresno, Calif.	15	0	675	924	73.1
Marine Tamboer, Wichita, Kans.	14	1	585	785	74.5
Jim Weeks, Norwalk, Calif.	12	3	595	914	65.1
Gerry Schneider, Montebella, Calif.	11	4	641	956	67.1
Homer Moefield, Long Beach, Calif.	10	5	601	914	65.8
Gifford Thompson, Tempe, Ariz.	9	6	483	856	56.4
Art Kamman, Mesa, Ariz.	8	7	525	926	56.7
Marvin Reheis, Douglas, Kans.	7	8	526	940	56.0
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt, Calif.	6	9	538	994	54.1
Ralph Navarro, South Gate, Calif.	6	9	534	1002	53.3
Waldo Hagy, Long Beach	5	10	510	952	53.6
Joe Robertson, Albuquerque, N. M.	5	10	441	876	50.3
Russ Shaffer, Scottsdale, Ariz.	5	10	462	938	49.3
P. D. Riley, Albuquerque, N. M.	4	11	429	878	48.9
R. A. Long, Santa Paula, Calif.	3	12	426	880	48.4
Bill Adair, Phoenix, Ariz.	0	15	420	872	48.2

CALIFORNIAN WINS VALLEY OF THE SUN CLASS B

By WALTER STEARNS

Mr. Elmer Beller from Bellflower, Calif., bore down when the going got rough and captured the Class B championship held in Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 18, 19. The weather man cooperated beautifully, and a grand time was had by all. In one of Mr. Beller's games against Charley Carson he was behind 31 to 48 and Carson apparently had the deciding ringer on for the win and Mr. Beller shook hands with him and congratulated him, but when they reached the stake they found the ringer short and Mr. Beller went on to win the game and eventually the first place trophy and \$15.00 prize money.

Mr. Oscar Funk from Salt Lake City came through to win the runnerup trophy and \$10.00 prize money and Willard Phillips from Tempe, Arizona took third place.

	W	L
Elmer Beller, California	15	0
Oscar Funk, Utah	13	2
Phillips, Arizona	11	4
Platt, California	10	5
Robison, Utah	9	6
Leaver, Arizona	9	6
Simmons, California	9	6
Mauthe, Arizona	8	7
Parry, Arizona	8	7
Martin, Iowa	6	9
Hunt, Arizona	4	11
Teigland, Minnesota	4	11
Callahan, South Dakota	4	11
Brown, California (became ill).....	Forfeit	

The Class C Valley of the Sun was held in Tempe, Arizona, at the same time the Class B was being played in Mesa on Saturday and the playoff was held on Sunday in Mesa along with the B's. Mr. Richards from Riverside, California emerged the winner in the playoff and Fred Brown of Chester, Montana, was the runnerup.

GROUP A

	W	L
Stearns, Arizona	5	0
Richards, California	4	1
Palm, Wyoming	3	2
Warrington, Montana	2	3
Patschke, Arizona	4	1
Darrough, Arizona	0	5

GROUP B

	W	L
Lingenfelter, California	5	0
Brown, Montana	3	2
Dunivan, Arizona	3	2
Elmes, California	3	2
Smith, Arizona	1	4
Miller, Arizona	5	0

PLAY-OFF

	W	L
Richards, California	3	0
Brown, Montana	2	1
Stearns, Arizona	1	2
Lingenfelter	0	3

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Edith Wise, mother of the NHPA Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Craig of Muncie, is seriously ill with cancer. She was hospitalized shortly after Thanksgiving.

THIRD ANNUAL FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN BRADENTON, FLORIDA — FEBRUARY 16-17-18

In what was probably the best horseshoe pitching tournament in the country other than the World Tournament at Muncie, Ind., and certainly the best in Florida since Blair Nunamaker, Ohio ace, won the national title at St. Petersburg in 1929, the Third Annual Florida Suncoast Open Horseshoe Tourney concluded its last game at 5:30 P. M., Saturday, February 18, 1961 on Bradenton Trailer Park courts. The weatherman smiled, and beautiful weather prevailed throughout the entire tournament. The field was large (44) and entries were registered from 14 states and one province in Canada. A prize list approximating \$575.00 acquired through contributions by the management of the Bradenton Trailer Park, local club dues, and a special contribution of \$100.00 by Willard West, Miami, Florida, a member of N. H. P. A. and also the Florida Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The tournament committee, chair-manned by Clyde Green, Portland, Ind., thanks everyone who helped in any manner whatsoever, to make this 1961 classic a successful sporting event.

Many new faces were in evidence this year along with those who year after year make this tournament a part of their annual vacation. These included: Roger Vogel, Ill., currently stationed at Key West Naval Submarine Service; Darrell Eller, Thomasboro, No. Car.; John Davis, Bradenton, Fla.; Ernie Danielson and Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa; O. D. Lebow, Knoxville, Tenn., a southpaw sharp; and Ben R. Raskopf, NHPA official of that same city; John and Dale Clingan, Apopka, Fla.; Mickey Broughton and A. J. Ball, Ohio; Willard West, Miami, Fla.; Lloyd Neal and Paul Pendry, Ind.; Lee Shanor, Jay Guernsey, Mich.; D. M. Hale and Wesley Crittenden from the Empire state, N. Y.; Henry Anderson, Mich.; and last but not least, Paul Barrette, Noranda, Prov. Quebec.

A pre-tournament dinner was held Wednesday evening at Kiwanis Hall, honoring and welcoming all visiting horseshoe pitchers and their families. At this dinner, TV receivers were installed at strategic spots for members and guests to view a program beamed from Tampa where Walter (Bud) Horner and Joe Hightower were interviewed by "Salty" Sol Fleischman on Pulse WTVT. Movie cameras were in evidence here and there all through the tournament, and WTVT cameramen took advantageous shots, which will be shown soon on WTVT's "Florida Fishing and Sports Slants" on Pulse. The Championship Class A seemed sure to end in a 1st place tie between Dale Dixon, defending champion, and Roger Vogel, until Charles Stephens, 1960 Florida State Champ, took Roger out in the next to the last game, 51 to 49.

A spectator gallery, estimated at 400, followed the tournament in its entirety and the awarding of trophies, cash awards, and U.S. Savings Bonds to class winners and all participants, by club officers Stephens and Bruce. The medalist trophy was awarded to Uncle Joe Wilkinson, Akron, Ohio, for his high qualifying score of 253 for 100 shoes pitched.

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Dale Dixon, Iowa	10	1	500	716	69.8
Roger Vogel, Ill.	9	2	467	740	63.1
Harold Wolfe, Ohio	8	3	444	716	62.8
Walt Horner, Ind.	6	5	452	720	62.8
Burrell Brobeck, Pa.	6	5	429	740	58.0
Darrell Eller, No. Car.	6	5	414	740	55.9
Joe Kelly, Mich.	5	6	424	746	56.8
John Davis, Fla.	4	7	412	750	54.9
Carl Lundgren, Mich.	4	7	394	724	54.4
Joe Wilkenson, Ohio	3	8	414	716	57.8
Charles Stephens, Fla.	3	8	409	728	56.2
Ben Farmer, Ind.	2	9	360	724	49.9

High percentage games 76.3, Harold Wolfe, Ohio, and 78.1 by Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa

FLORIDA SUNCOAST OPEN — (Continued)**CLASS B**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ernie Danielson, Ia.	10	1	409	750	54.5
Harry Page, Ia.	9	2	339	674	50.3
O. D. Lebow, Tenn.	8	3	352	640	55.0
Joe Foster, Nebr.	8	3	345	616	56.0
Lester Peary, Fla.	6	5	324	648	50.0
Joe Hightower, Ill.	6	5	324	692	46.8
Gene Reno, Ohio	5	6	348	690	50.4
Clyde Green, Ind.	5	6	308	652	47.2
Horace Kemp, Fla.	5	6	302	710	42.5
John Clingan, Fla.	1	10	299	660	43.3
Henry Spiess, Fla.	1	10	253	654	38.7
A. W. Nowatske, Wisc.	1	10	235	594	39.6

High percentage game 78.8 by Joe Foster, Omaha, Nebr. Pitchoff between Lebow and Foster for third place won by Lebow.

CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
Mickey Broughton, Ohio	6	1	214	462	46.3
Ottie Reno, Ohio	6	1	190	420	45.2
Willard West, Fla.	4	3	223	468	47.7
A. J. Ball, Ohio	3	4	192	430	44.7
Dale Clingan, Fla.	3	4	214	498	43.0
Lloyd Neal, Ind.	3	4	206	494	41.7
Roy Gravink, N. Y. State	2	5	186	468	39.7
Lee Shanor, Mich.	1	6	113	384	29.4

High percentage game 56.3 by Ottie Reno, Waverly, Ohio. Pitchoff between Broughton and Reno for first place, won by Broughton.

CLASS D

	W	L	R	SP	%
Paul Pendry, Ind.	5	0	129	298	43.3
Harold Darnold, Iowa	4	1	117	296	39.5
Jay Guernsey, Mich.	2	3	93	286	32.5
A. H. Berdan, Mich.	2	3	113	348	32.5
Wm. Costello, Mich.	2	3	93	348	26.7
Harvey P. Gamphor, Mich.			Forfeit		

High percentage game 54.8 by Paul Pendry, Ind.

CLASS E

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ben R. Raskopf, Tenn.	5	0	100	222	45.0
Henry Anderson, Mich.	4	1	85	356	23.9
M. D. Hale, N. Y. State	3	2	82	314	26.1
Wes Crittendon, N. Y. State	2	3	73	310	23.5
Roy McClure, Ohio	1	4	77	326	23.6
Paul Barrett, Quebec, Canada	0	5	40	264	14.1

High percentage game 57.9 by Ben Raskopf, Knoxville, Tenn.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The annual Lakeside Open at Lakeside, Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie will be staged by the Ohio Buckeye Association on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1. This is one of the largest open tournaments of the season and annually draws players from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Kentucky.

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The Eastern National dates have been tentatively been set for June 15, 16, 17 and 18. The tournament will again be held on the beautiful and spacious courts of the Falconer Rod & Gun Club near Jamestown in southwestern New York. For information write to Larry Proudman, Route 1, Falconer, N. Y.

DELAYED REPORT OF 1960 STATE TOURNAMENT OF WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION

By CHUCK DAMM

John Monasmith of Yakima, Washington with an average of 80.2 for all his games was declared the 1960 Washington state champion. Henry Knauft of Spokane was runner-up. Al Miller clamped onto the Class B title with Ralph Taylor of Seattle and Howard Shatto of Malaga taking first in Class C and D respectively. The Washington state secretary, Chuck Damm of Aberdeen wrapped up Class E without a loss. Earl Kettleison of Spokane took top honors in the Junior championship. In the play-off to decide the Class A champion, Monasmith threw 70 ringers against Knauft's 67 to win 50-36 for an average of 78.8 with Knauft averaging 75.5. For the records, there were 9409 ringers tossed in the Class A division for the tournament.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Monasmith, Yakima	14	2	80.2
H. Knauft, Spokane	14	1	72.7
E. Fishel, Neilton	13	2	72.6
V. Bertoldi, Seattle	11	4	65.9
P. Kaufman, Seattle	10	5	61.2
L. Monasmith, Kennewick	9	6	59.3
S. Pederson, Seattle	7	8	60.9
F. Novak, Seattle	7	8	60.1
H. Pidde, Everett	5	10	60.2
W. Rehard, Spokane	5	10	59.3
G. Patrick, Toppenish	5	10	54.3
F. Winetrout, Seattle	5	10	54.0
J. Ringrose, Tacoma	5	10	53.6
R. Warthen, Hoquiam	5	10	53.5
H. Criss, Bremerton	4	11	58.4
D. Reese, Bremerton	1	14	49.5

CLASS E

	W	L	%
C. Damm, Aberdeen	4	0	37.1
E. Hendricks, Tacoma	3	1	40.3
L. Fishel, Seattle	2	2	29.8
R. Bailey, Seattle	1	3	33.6
R. Oard, Seattle	0	4	26.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
A. Miller, Yakima	9	2	49.0
T. Bostwick, Seattle	9	2	45.1
E. Reedy, Aberdeen	9	2	49.0
B. Foss, Tacoma	8	4	48.9
T. Saari, Aberdeen	6	5	48.3
D. Tysver, Bremerton	5	6	43.9
E. Bartlett, Everett	5	6	43.7
H. Girt, Alderwood Manor	4	7	45.5
A. Alexander, Seattle	4	7	42.3
A. Hagen, Aberdeen	4	7	39.8
A. Laine, Aberdeen	2	9	45.2
B. Ertsgaard, Bremerton	1	10	36.9

CLASS C

	W	L	%
R. Taylor, Seattle	3	1	48.3
C. Swanson, Tacoma	3	1	41.2
G. Alexander, Seattle	3	1	39.7
L. Hughes, Seattle	1	3	36.6

CLASS D

	W	L	%
H. Shatto, Malaga	4	0	48.9
J. Lafferty, Omak	2	2	41.3
R. Gibson, Aberdeen	2	2	37.4
P. Luoto, Seattle	1	3	26.1
D. Marcear, Bremerton ..	1	3	29.7

GEORGE STIFEL HOSPITALIZED

George Stifel, N.H.P.A. member who has been a tireless promoter of the game and national activities in the Toledo area, has been hospitalized for a period of at least one year.

We hope George has a complete and speedy recovery and would like to suggest that members, especially Ohio players, write him a word of cheer. Address George Stifel, Room 4403-4A, Veterans Administration Hospital, 9543 Broadview Road, Brecksville, Ohio.

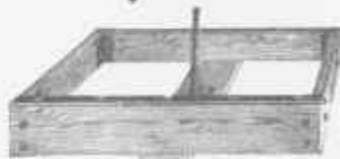
DATE CORRECTION ON MINNESOTA STATE TOURNAMENT

The 1961 and 1962 Minnesota State tournaments will be held over Labor Day weekends in both years. Tournament site will be in Minneapolis. Sometime during March or April the annual southwestern Minnesota meeting will be held.

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