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WORLD TOURNAMENT HOUSING FACILITIES

For the benefit of those who were not at Muncie last year and those who desire to make housing reservations in advance here are where your accommodations may be found.

Hotels

Hotel Roberts, 120 West Howard, Muncie, Air-conditioned. \$4.50 up.
 Hotel Delaware, 206 So. Mulberry, Muncie. Air-conditioning available. \$2.75 up.
 Huron Hotel, 225 E. Main St., Muncie. \$2.25 up.
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C C Cabins, State Road 28 North, Muncie. Rooms \$2 to \$5.
 Delinda Motel, State Road 67 South, Muncie. \$6 to \$9.
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Tourist Homes

Emma Johnson, 1607 So. Madison St., Muncie. Share bath. \$2 up.
 Floyd Empey, 1625 So. Madison St., Muncie.
 Frank Dibble, 2610 So. Madison St., Muncie. Private bath. \$2.50 up.
 Mrs. Bracken Reynolds, 2613 So. Madison St., Muncie.
 Rev. Orie Conn, 2912 So. Madison St., Muncie.

Trailer Parks

Whites Trailer Park, 3520 Kilgore, Muncie.
 YMCA, 225 East Adams St., Muncie.
 YWCA, 310 East Charles St., Muncie.
 Camping facilities are available.

COVER PICTURE . . . Marvin F. Phillips, on right, light suit, shakes hand with Kansas Governor John Anderson, dark suit, and presents him with an official Certificate of Participation in behalf of all horseshoe pitchers in the state of Kansas.

WORLD TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Junior Tournament. Tuesday, July 18. Deadline for entries 12 noon. There will be no entry fee. Players who have not yet reached their 17th birthday will be eligible. There will be no qualifying. Entrants will be divided into groups with the eight high players advancing to the championship finals to be held the morning of July 19. Trophies will be awarded. Harold Craig, President of the Indiana State Association, will be the tournament manager.

Ladies Tournament. Tuesday, July 18. Deadline for entries 6 p.m. \$5.00 entry fee and all entrants must be members of the N.H.P.A. There will be no qualifying round and the entire tournament will be played on the evening of July 18. There will be two trophies and eight cash prizes. Amounts of the cash prizes will be announced in the June issue. Stanley Manker, N.H.P.A. Regional Director from Ohio will be Tournament Manager.

Men's Divisions, Qualifying Round. Wednesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 20. Deadline for entries will be 10 p.m. Thursday evening, July 20. Entry fee will be \$10.00. All entrants must hold 1961 NHPA membership. The qualifying round will consist of 200 shoes each using the time and court assignment plan as outlined in the April issue of the News Digest.

Championship Round Robin. Will consist of the top 36 qualifiers. They will play five rounds following the conclusion of the opening ceremony Friday evening, July 21, and six rounds each of the succeeding nights through July 26.

Class "B" finals will consist of the next 36 qualifiers divided into three groups of 12 playing in the afternoon, July 22, 23 and 24. Six man finals will be played off Tuesday afternoon, July 25.

Class "C" will consist of the next 24 qualifiers playing in groups Saturday morning, July 22, with finals being played Monday morning, July 24. Class "C" is being sponsored by the Muncie, Ind., Horseshoe Club.

"Old Timers" for players who have or will reach their 60th birthday this year will consist of the 12 highest eligible qualifiers. "Old Timers" must indicate they are such when they enter. Those who qualify high enough for the other divisions will have their choice. The "Old Timers" playing schedule will be same as Class "C".

General rules. Successful qualifiers for the 36 man championship round robin will pay an extra \$10.00 entry fee, and Class "B" contestants will pay \$5.00. All players in the men's divisions must be attired neatly with some type of identification on their shirts both during the qualifying and the finals.

First place ties will be played off. Other ties involving trophies will be decided on a ringer percentage basis. Cash prizes involved in ties will be split evenly. Players must complete their schedules in order to be eligible for cash prizes except in the case of illness or injury.

Ties for the last qualifying spots in the various divisions will be decided by pitching additional shoes.

The Tournament committee appointed by NHPA President Reinhard Backer will decide all questions and disputes.

NHPA Convention, Business meeting and election of officers will be held Friday morning, July 21. If an extra session is necessary it will be held Tuesday morning, July 25. Each state should make an effort to be represented at this meeting in order to insure the proper and successful functioning of the NHPA.

NHPA Banquet and other social get-togethers for players and their families. Time has been allowed on Friday afternoon, July 21; Sunday forenoon and early afternoon, July 23; and Wednesday morning and afternoon, July 26. Definite plans will be formulated later.

Cash prizes. A complete list will be printed in the June issue.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaw of the Iowa Hawkeye association will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this month. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins of the Iowa Hawkeye association are making regular visits to their physician these days. Lucille has been troubled with a heart condition while Charley has a throat infection.

KINDRED, N. D. SECOND ANNUAL OPEN SLATED FOR JUNE 10-11

The second annual Kindred, North Dakota Open, will be held at Mill Site Park in Kindred, North Dakota, on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. Following a few weeks later will be the annual Red River tournament to be held at Oak Grove Park in Fargo, North Dakota on July 1st and 2nd. The month of May will see the eight team Kindred Horseshoe Club League get underway. Competition has always been keen in past seasons and 1961 will be no exception. The Kindred club has also organized a ladies' league with 28 members to date.

THE WELL DRESSED HORSESHOE PITCHER WILL —

Help finance the NHPA program by ordering NHPA T-shirts from Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn Street in Gary, Ind.

The windshield decals are 50 cents, and auto add plates \$1.25 and the T-shirts \$2.00 (\$1.75 if ordered in quantities of six or more).

The T-shirts in particular have been a popular item and there have been numerous repeat orders. The attractive red, white and blue NHPA insignia in the form of a shield can be on the back or the front of the shirt. They come in sizes small, medium, large and extra large.

All players wear some kind of a shirt when playing. Why not an NHPA T-shirt? The Lafayette, Ind., club has already sold 45 of them which should prove they are a desirable item.

HORSESHOE COURT REGISTRATIONS

The registering horseshoe courts for 1961 is progressing much more slowly than it did last year. This is a method of obtaining financial support for the NHPA program and at the same time compiling a list of the leading horseshoe courts in the U. S. and Canada.

Courts may be registered for \$1.00 each. The listing will be carried in the "News Digest" as they are received and next winter the complete list will be reprinted. When three or more courts are registered from the same location the club or group will receive an NHPA ad plate to post at courtside.

Last year almost 1,000 courts were registered. At the present pace we will fall far short of that mark. Club courts can easily be registered if the players who use them will each contribute 25 or 30 cents each.

April registrations.

ARKANSAS

Pine Bluff — Roberts Park, 2.
Pine Bluff — Floyd Toole, 1.

CALIFORNIA

Bellflower — Elmer Beller, 1 L.
Long Beach — 426 W. Seaside, 8 L.
San Leandro — Jim Templeton, 1.

INDIANA

Connersville — Roberts Park, 8 L.
Greencastle — Burl Taylor, R4, 2 L.
Hammond — 7021 Marshall St., 1.
Lafayette — George Kingma Sts., 8 L.
Lebanon — Walt Wilhoite, 1.
Lebanon — Boone Co. Fairgrounds,
6 L.
Noblesville — Gene Mendenhall, 1.
Peru — John Coble, R3, 2.
Portland — Clyde Green, 1 L.
Wabash — City Park, 8 L.
Zionsville — Jack Crane, 1.

MISSOURI

Sedalia — State Fairgrounds, 6.
Springfield — Al Smith, 2 L.

MINNESOTA

St. Paul — Ramsey Co. Fairgrounds,
12 L.

OHIO

Akron — Goodyear Indoor Courts
atop Goodyear Hall (Penthouse),
2 L.
Akron — L. J. Falor, 1.

TENNESSEE

Jefferson City — John Walker, 3 L.

WASHINGTON

Spokane — Wally Rehard, 1.

NEBRASKA

Falls City — Municipal Park, 12 L.

"HORSESHOE DIGEST TAKES FATAL TRIP"

The following excerpt is taken from a letter by William Griffin of Cloquet, Minnesota to Ben Trollden of St. Paul:

"The moment I received your letter and a copy of the 'Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest' I showed it to a lot of our players and told others about it. Our Master Mechanic who is over all mechanical personnel and a member of the Cloquet club, asked me if he could read it. I let him take it. After reading it, he marked all over the envelope to return it to me in the Machine Room and passed it on to other members of our club who were in the Soda Mill. I traced it through the pulp mills to the Beater Room, then to the Mechanical Department. One noon hour the fellows were reading it and a fellow got hold of it, who isn't a member and let it lay on the bench. I checked with the janitor and he had thrown it away even though it had been directed back to my attention. I had intended to put the article about our club in the local Pine Knot newspaper. Inasmuch as the 'Digest' took that fatal trip, will you please secure another copy for which I enclose the necessary cost. (Editor's Note: Another copy was sent to take the place of the one that went through the 'mill.')

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Marvin Chrisman, former Indiana State President, fell from a ladder last month breaking two ribs and sustaining a concussion.

Mrs. Truman Standard, former NHPA Vice-President from Canton, Ill., was hospitalized for six weeks and recently one of the Standard children has been seriously ill.

Burrell Brobeck, southpaw Pennsylvania player, has been in and out of the Pittsburgh Eye and Ear hospital twice since returning home from the Florida tournaments.

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GREENVILLE, OHIO, TOURNEY, JUNE 3-4

Greenville, O., will hold an open tournament June 3-4 at the City Park courts. A 100 shoe qualifying round will be held Friday evening, June 2 and Saturday forenoon with entries closing at noon. Round robin finals will be held in the lower classes Saturday afternoon and evening and the top classes will play on Sunday. Greenville has added four new courts to an already fine layout and now has a battery of 16. Tournament information can be obtained by writing E. J. Coppock, 117 Meadow Lane, Greenville, O.

EIGHTH ANNUAL LAKESIDE OPEN TOURNAMENT LAKESIDE, OHIO, JUNE 23-24

By W. J. WOODS

This always popular one-day tournament staged by the Ohio Buckeye State Association, for NHPA members, is set this year for Saturday, June 24th, on The Methodist Church Conference Grounds, at Lakeside, Ohio, bordering on Lake Erie, near Port Clinton, Ohio.

Last year there were 62 entrants representing 7 states, and Curt Day of Frankfort, Indiana was the winner in Class A. The entry fee will be nominal and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded.

All pitchers are requested to register in person by 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, but the courts will be open on Friday, June 23rd, and all who can sign in on Friday afternoon or evening are urged to do so. Again, the usual form of qualifying will not be used, but instead the pitchers will be classified according to their most recent past year sanctioned tournament ringer percentages. The time thus saved has permitted all who come to pitch in the round-robin which must start and finish on Saturday. (No Sunday pitching permitted.)

Accommodations on the grounds are inexpensive, the food excellent, and The Lakeside Management most cordial. The Ohio Association invites all NHPA members. For any additional information write Sam Goodlander, No. 5 Roth Avenue, Reading, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

LEBANON OHIO FAIR OPEN TOURNAMENT JULY 21, 22 AND 23, 1961

The Ohio Buckeye State Association announces an Open tournament at the Lebanon, Ohio Fair Grounds on the above mentioned dates. Although the World Tournament will be in progress at the same time, it is felt that there are sufficient pitchers, unable for one reason or another to make the trip to Muncie, at least on these dates, who would like to pitch at the Fair Grounds. Also the Fair Board and the men in and around Lebanon have been especially anxious for this attraction during their Fair Week.

Qualifying (100 shoes) will be on Friday night, July 21st, and on Saturday morning, July 22nd, until noon. The round-robin is scheduled to begin on Saturday afternoon, continue in the evening, and on Sunday, July 23rd, until completed. There will be nine sure and possibly 12 courts ready and well lighted.

This will be a regular sanctioned Open, the entry fee nominal, and both trophies and cash prizes awarded.

The Fair Grounds are located in Lebanon, Ohio on State Route 48. For any further information, write Sam Goodlander, 5 Roth Place, Reading, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HORSESHOE FOLKS

Leo McGrath, president of the Ohio Buckeye association underwent surgery on April 10th at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is reported doing very nicely. He has been listening for the "clink of horseshoes" out of his window and should return home shortly. Why not take a moment and send him a card. His address is Leo McGrath, 1937 Lawn Avenue, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. He is a grand fellow.

LINCOLN PARK OPEN — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

By MARTIN HENNEY

Due to popular demand, plans are being considered for another open tournament to be held on the Lincoln Park courts in Chicago, Illinois. The details as to the exact date, entry fees and classes have yet to be worked out. The initial tournament held in September of 1958 was a mild success, but before I can make it definite, I would like to be assured that there will be more participants. This way there will be far more excitement, better prizes and perhaps more top players will attend.

Therefore, I would like all those interested in competing in such a tournament to drop me a card or letter as soon as possible. As soon as it can be determined that there will be a sufficient number of contestants, further details as to dates and prizes will be announced in the "News Digest." Send your cards or letters to Martin Henney, 14 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Ill.

I am hoping to have at least 50 entries before definite plans are made to hold an Open Tournament.

STERLING-ROCK FALLS (ILL.) SPRING WARM-UP TOURNAMENT

By LESLIE LONG

The annual Spring Warm-Up tournament of the Sterling-Rock Falls club will be held Memorial Day, May 30 at the Lawrence Park courts in Rock Falls, Illinois. There will be 4 classes with 8 men in each class. Qualifying round will be in the morning beginning at 8 o'clock. Finals will start at 1:30 P. M. Entry fee will be \$1.00 with an additional fee for those playing among the top three out of each class in the finals. There will be a trophy awarded to the winner of each class. This is a wonderful park for everyone to come and have a good time, having playgrounds for the children and a swimming pool.

HAROLD RENO 1960 WARREN COUNTY (OHIO) TITLEHOLDER

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harold Reno, Sabina, Ohio	7	0	461	580	79.4
Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio	5	2	390	500	78.0
Harold Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio	4	3	345	492	70.1
Ray Miller, Springfield, Ohio	4	3	344	488	70.4
Stanley Manker, Martinsville, Ohio	3	4	362	532	68.0
Glenn Riffle, Dayton, Ohio	3	4	358	534	67.0
Howard Bryant, Washington C. H., Ohio	1	6	287	450	63.7
Ralph Brunner, Hamilton, Ohio	1	6	305	480	63.5

CLASS B

	W	L	R	SP	%
James Johnson, Covington, Ky.	6	1	321	460	69.7
Charles Sipple, Kettering, Ohio	6	1	297	450	66.0
William Sollar, Waynesville, Ohio	4	3	268	442	60.6
Paul Helton, Dayton, Ohio	4	3	271	458	59.1
Mickey Broughton, Kettering, Ohio	3	4	282	502	56.1
Zach Campbell, Lebanon, Ohio	2	5	219	406	53.9
Bill Skidmore, Franklin, Ohio	2	5	244	458	53.5
Kenneth Dawes, Good Hope, Ohio	1	6	279	518	53.8

CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
Donnie Roberts, Lucasville, Ohio	5	0	210	302	69.5
Fred Collins, Dayton, Ohio	3	2	180	296	60.8
Bill Campbell, Lebanon, Ohio	3	2	192	354	54.2
William Cart, Covington, Ky.	2	3	191	318	60.0
John Reno, Sabina, Ohio	1	4	185	332	55.7
Audie Rich, Cincinnati, Ohio	1	4	112	254	44.1

WARREN COUNTY — (Continued)**CLASS E**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Hobart Brunner, Hamilton, Ohio	5	0	160	310	51.6
Clark Johnson, Lyndon, Ohio	4	1	175	358	48.8
Frank Karacia, Dayton, Ohio	3	2	138	306	45.1
Harold Godfrey, Cincinnati, Ohio	2	3	140	346	40.4
Farrell Johnson, Bourneville, Ohio	1	4	104	288	36.1
James Forbes, Lucasville, Ohio	0	5	73	264	27.6

CLASS D

	W	L	R	SP	%
Charles Coppess, Greenville, Ohio	4	1	156	284	54.9
Richard Wisecup, Lyndon, Ohio	4	1	166	326	50.9
Gerald Wiseman, Chillicothe, Ohio	4	1	171	344	49.7
Ottie Reno, Lucasville, Ohio	2	3	159	340	46.7
John Arney, Dayton, Ohio	1	4	138	300	46.0
Elbert Hogan, Jr., Morrow, Ohio	0	5	122	302	40.3

CLASS F

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gary Roberts, Lucasville, Ohio	5	0	169	372	45.4
Floyd Coblentz, Greenville, Ohio	3	2	143	350	40.8
Ted Lackey, Lebanon, Ohio	2	3	142	332	42.7
Jack Slamer, Dayton, Ohio	2	3	133	324	41.0
Joe Brown, Waverly, Ohio	2	3	136	344	39.5
Robert Rung, Sr., Dayton, Ohio	1	4	120	306	39.2

CLASS G

	W	L	R	SP	%
Clyde Smallwood, Lucasville, Ohio	7	0	142	306	46.4
Roy Honeyman, Englewood, Ohio	6	1	139	340	40.8
Frank Sumpter, Martinsville, Ohio	5	2	120	410	29.2
Robert Duff, Cincinnati, Ohio	4	3	79	342	23.0
George Meek, Mason, Ohio	3	4	106	388	27.3
James Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio	2	5	106	406	26.1
Frank Goodpaster, Lebanon, Ohio	1	6	74	372	19.9

RAY CAVIN — A MAN WHO LIKES HIS HORSESHOE PITCHING

By ALVIN DAHLENE

Ray Cavin of St. Joseph, Missouri is one fellow who really likes his horse-shoe pitching, and while not the best pitcher in creation, he likewise is not the easiest man to beat by any means. Ray's outstanding ability is in the realm of shoe tourneys and the maker of beautiful trophies. If you get to the St. Joseph, Missouri Open in June and win one of his trophies you will know what I mean. Ray's handiwork is second to none. Ray takes care of the courts — tends to the newspaper work, runs the meets — pitches and what not. From experience I know his lot is a thankless job.

Sometime in September Ray will have another meet known as the Midland Empire Tournament and if you should chance to be up there and win one of his trophies — for GOODNESS SAKE drop him a line when you get back home and tell him how much you appreciate his efforts. It will only take a few minutes time to write and a 4-cent stamp—so do drop him a line and let him know you really appreciate his fine work.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Ernie Danielson and Harold Darnold spent a very enjoyable vacation in the south this winter. They stopped at the Mardi Gras and visited the winter quarters of Ringling Bros. circus. They also participated in the Bradenton, Florida Open Tourney.

REV. ANTHONY BRENNAN RECEIVES FOREIGN MISSION ASSIGNMENT

The Reverend Anthony Brennan of Brooklyn, New York who will be ordained a priest of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America on Saturday, June 10 at Maryknoll Major Seminary, Maryknoll, New York, has received final assignment to the foreign mission field. He will be stationed in Hong Kong, China for the first year. The Most Reverend John W. Comber, M.M., Superior General of Maryknoll, will be the ordaining prelate.

The following day, Sunday, June 11, he will take part in the annual Departure Ceremony. Officially assigned to the missions of Honk Kong, Father Brennan will receive his mission crucifix along with 41 others, who, in this, the society's 50th anniversary year, are departing for missions in nine foreign countries.



REV. BRENNAN

Rev. Brennan will celebrate his First Solemn High Mass on June 18 at Saints Simon and Jude Church in Brooklyn, New York at 12 o'clock noon. A reception will be held for him in the school auditorium at 3 p.m.

After studying Cantonese, the main dialect of the British colony, his duty may be in parish work or in direct relief work with the many refugees pouring into Hong Kong from the mainland of China.

Rev. Brennan has played in many horseshoe tournaments in New York, and is a member of the NHPA. He started pitching in 1949 and in the following years pitched in the New York state tournament. In 1951 he won the Junior Championship of the City of New York. Although Rev. Brennan will be in a far-off land, he will not be out of touch with the horseshoe pitching world because the "News Digest" will go to him regularly. He will no doubt find some leisure time to use his horseshoe pitching skill in bringing a little pleasure into the lives of those unfortunate folks to which he has dedicated his life to bring comfort to.

We in the NHPA extend to Rev. Brennan our sincere best wishes and may He who guides us all, bestow on him the Divine strength and courage to carry on his life's dedication.

ANNUAL ST. JOE OPEN TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD JUNE 24-25

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.

CANCELLATION

CHIPWOOD MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Dear Horseshoe Pitchers:

We regret to announce that due to circumstances over which our local Horseshoe Club has no control, that it is necessary to cancel the Chipwood Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, originally scheduled for May 27-30 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

E. B. Shooks, President
Grand Rapids Horseshoe Club

MONTANA-DAKOTA TOURNAMENT MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

The Montana-Dakota tournament will be held in Wibaux, Montana, on May 28th and 29th, Memorial weekend. Entrants will be required to pitch 100 shoes (all-count method) to qualify in order that players can be divided into classes for competition. Qualifying will take place on Saturday, the 27th, and early Sunday, before tournament play begins. Players will be divided into about four or five classes. Awards will be given for first and second place in each class. There will also be a large, impressive ringer trophy; and a sportsmanship trophy awarded.

MIDWEST "RINGER ROUND UP" — BRADLEY PARK, PEORIA, ILL.

SATURDAY, JULY 1; SUNDAY, JULY 2; TUESDAY, JULY 4

NHPA sanctioned tournament. All entrants must hold a 1961 NHPA membership card which will be available at the tournament site.

Entry fee will be \$5.00.

Prizes will consist of approximately \$750.00 plus some 15 trophies.

Deadline for entries will be 2 p.m., Saturday afternoon, July 1. Entry may be made by mail accompanied by the \$5.00 entry fee by writing to Peoria Horseshoe Club, 3012 N. Delaware Ave., Peoria, Ill.

There will be no general qualifying round. Players will be divided into four classes, A, B, C and D at deadline time. These classes will be sub-divided into groups with the winner of the round robin in each group playing off for the Class title.

Players will be placed in the classes on the basis of their known records as published in the "News Digest". Players without prior records, new members, and those who feel the records do reflect their true playing ability at the present time will pitch a 100 shoe qualifying round on Saturday prior to deadline time, July 1, to determine their rating.

Class "A" will start play at 10 a.m., Tuesday morning, July 4, with 30 players selected from the entries received by mail. They need not report until that day at the tournament site. Two top players from Class "B" play will be added to this list to fill out the field.

Class "B" will consist of 32 players and will be scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 2. Class "C" will also consist of 32 players and will play Sunday forenoon, July 2.

All remaining entries will be placed in Class "D" and they will play Saturday afternoon and evening, July 1.

A tournament for Junior players under 17 will be held Monday evening, July 3. There will be no entry fee for this tournament.

Officers of the Peoria Horseshoe Club, Warren Groome, Art White, John Jonas, Cleon Chrisman and William Crocker, assisted by Chet Heffner of the Peoria club, and NHPA officials will be in charge of the tournament.

KANSAS STATE AND CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

By PERL PEPPLER

On September 2-3-4 at Gage Park horseshoe courts in Topeka, Kansas, the largest and most representative state tournament ever conducted in Kansas, namely the Kansas State Centennial Championship which includes the State Professional Championship. The winner will be the State Professional champion as well as the State Centennial titleholder. The Centennial tournament is sponsored by the Topeka Association and the Kansas State Association.

Members of the Centennial Horseshoe Committee are as follows: Marvin Phillips, General Chairman; H. G. Collett, Tournament Chairman; Wesley Ridgway, Sales Manager; Perl Pepple, Publicity Director. This committee with the help of others, is collecting material for the publishing of what we think will be the finest horseshoe book or magazine ever published. It will be given to the printer very soon. It is a record of ancient and modern horseshoe pitching; record of promoters, and full of human-interest stories about horseshoe pitching in Kansas, and horseshoe pitchers. It is filled with pictures of great Kansas pitchers, promoters, and enthusiasts, including our Governor Anderson, American Legion State Official, the City Commission, our present State champion, and other champions, etc. In fact, any horseshoe pitcher in the U. S. would derive a world of fine reading from this book. The sale price is \$1.50, plus postage. Send orders to Marvin F. Phillips, 308 Scotland, Topeka, Kansas. Take it from me, you will never regret buying one of these books.

Winners of the various Regional Tournaments, plus those from other regions, through the process of elimination at the regional sites, will assemble in Topeka on Sept. 2-3-4 and play for the State title. Magnificent prizes, from the proceeds of the sale of the above-mentioned book, will be presented to various winners. The Topeka City Commission are building eight more courts alongside our present eight electrically-lighted courts for our tournaments, will blackout the entire 16 courts, build bleachers, and construct permanent seats for the pitchers and the public. At a recent meeting they voted unanimously to do everything possible to make our tournament a success. Kansas is really "booming" now with help and enthusiasm from responsible people in putting Kansas on "the map" again in horseshoe pitching. On April 7th at Wichita, Kansas, the home town of Maurines Tamboer, one of Kansas' greatest State Champions, a Hall of Fame for Horseshoe Pitchers (and other outstanding sportsmen) will be established.

EASTERN NATIONAL TO BE HELD JUNE 15-18

The Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament this year will be held at the Falconer Rod & Gun Club Courts, Falconer, N. Y. on June 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Qualifying rounds will be shot on the 15th, 16th, and up until 11 a.m. on June 17th. The high 16 qualifiers will make up Class "A" and the next 16 shooters will be in Class "B". Class pitching will start at 1 p.m. on Sat., June 17th and Class "B" will start at 7 p.m. the same date. The final round of Class "A" will start shooting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 18th and Class "B" at 2:30 p.m. This is being done so that all contestants will be able to leave as early as possible to return to their homes and Monday work.

The fee for Qualifying will be \$5.00; those comprising Class "A" will pay an additional \$5.00 for pitching. Class "B" will cost \$3.00 for pitching. All entrance fees and pitching fees will be returned 100 per cent in prize money.

We are constructing four more courts which will be ready by tournament time, and should the field be large enough to have a Class "C", they will shoot on the same schedule with Class "A".

Hope to see as many pitchers as possible, and we welcome you to Falconer, where we feel we have as fine a facility as you will find anywhere.

Anyone wishing further details may secure same by contacting Larry Proudman, R.D. 1, Falconer, N. Y.

Russell E. Bennington

Illinois members of the NHPA were saddened to learn of the untimely passing of one of its active pitchers, Russell E. Bennington, Lacon, Illinois on Sunday, April 16. Mr. Bennington had been in ill health for over a year. He is survived by his wife and four children. Also two brothers and two sisters.

He will be affectionately remembered in sporting circles in and around Lacon for his ability in the horseshoe sport. He competed in numerous contests and tournaments in that area. He always finished high in the annual Illinois state tournament. He encouraged the revival of the game in and around the Lacon community, giving much of his time to instructing the younger men in the skill of tossing ringers.

To all who knew him he will be remembered as a fine gentleman and a true sportsman. We in Illinois and the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

LOUIS DEAN TOPS IN POMONA CLASS A TOURNAMENT

By W. E. Pevehouse

In the recent Pomona, California Class A Tournament, Louis Dean of Pomona, a top ringer ace on the west coast, was the front runner in winning that annual event. He came through without a loss. Homer Moefield was second, John McFarland third with Henry Durr grabbing fourth. Ties were decided by percentage.

	W	L		W	L
Louis Dean, Pomona	9	0	Don Mahood, Santa Ana	4	5
Homer Moefield, Long Beach	6	3	D. Balzer, Fullerton	4	5
John McFarland, Puente	6	3	C. Cummins, Oxnard	3	6
Henry Durr, West			Jiggs Gassaway, Baldwin		
Los Angeles	5	4	Park	3	6
Ned Shaver, Whittier	5	4	Fred Percy, Anaheim	0	9

WINSTON-SALEM OPEN SET FOR JUNE 24 AND 25

By RANDALL JONES

The fourth Annual Winston-Salem Open Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 1961 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This is the earliest date that this tournament has ever been held. There are two reasons for this early date. First, Winston-Salem has been awarded the National A.A.U. Tournament for 1961 and it is scheduled for September 2 and 3. We felt that it would be best for both tournaments if we moved the Winston-Salem Open to an earlier date. Second, we believe the June 24 and 25 date will present an excellent opportunity for many of the top players in the country to get together and prepare for the Mid-West Ringer Roundup and the World Tournament.

All Tar Heels are looking forward, with great anticipation, to seeing defending Champion Harold Reno in action again along with Stan Manker and Harold Wolfe. We hope also that last year's runner-up Jene Durham along with Dale Carson of Baltimore will be able to make it.

We are expecting a good turn out from Virginia and Tennessee and we hope that many more of the top players throughout the country will make plans to come.

Anyone who is interested in attending this tournament please send a postal card to: Randall R. Jones, 2430 Queen Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. We need your name and address for our mailing list so that we can send you an announcement and details of the Tournament.

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.,

- May 20-21 — Spring Opener at Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind.
- May 20-21 — Spring Tournament, Roberts Park, Connorsville, Ind.
- May 20-21 — Spring Special at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.
- May 20-21 — Spring Tournament at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind.
- May 21 — Passaic County Invitational, Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, N. J.
- May 21 — Iowa Hawkeye Season Opener, Birdland Park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- May 21 — Class "F" Open, South Gate, Calif.
- May 27-28 — Bryant Memorial Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
- May 27-28 — Third Annual Tournament of Champions, Phelps Grove Park, Springfield, Mo.
- 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 10-11 — Lafayette Special at Lafayette, Ind.
- June 10-11 — Eighth Annual Ozark Open, Smith Park, Neosho, Missouri.
- 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 10-11 — Portland Festival Open, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon.
- June 10-11 — Second Annual Kindred Open, Mill Sit Park, Kindred, North Dakota.
- June 15-18 — Eastern National, Falconer (N.Y.) Rod and Gun Club.
- June 23-24 — Annual Lakeside Open Tournament, Lakeside, Ohio.
- June 24-25 — 4th Annual Winston-Salem Open Tournament, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- June 24-25 — St. Joe Open, Noyes Field, St. Joseph, Mo.
- June 24-25 — Western Indiana at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Ind. Qualify June 17-18.
- June 24-25 — Eastern Indiana at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind. Qualify June 17-18.
- June 25 — Massachusetts Open Tournament, Moxie's Grove, Hampden Ponds, Holyoke, Massachusetts.
- June 25 — Class "D" added, Pomona, Calif.
- June 25 — Rossolett Memorial, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- July 1-2 — Annual Red River Tournament, Oak Grove Park, Fargo, N. D.
- July 1-2 — Lamar Tournament, City Park, Lamar, Missouri.
- 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 4 — Greenville Open Tournament, City Park Courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- 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 15-16 — Southern Indiana at Roberts Park, Connorsville, Ind. Qualify July 8-9.
- July 15-16 — Central Indiana at Highland Park, Kokomo, Ind. Qualify July 8-9.
- 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 29-30 — Northwest Open Tournament, Ramsey County Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 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 6 — Iowa Hawkeye Members Trophy Tournament, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 12-13 — Galesburg Annual Open, Lincoln Park, Galesburg, Ill.
- August 12-13 — Northern Indiana at City Park, Wabash, Ind. Qualify August 5-6.
- 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 20 — Corn Belt Open, Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 26 — Indiana Women's Tournament, Roberts Park, Connorsville, Ind.
- August 27 — Indiana Lefthanders, Old Timers, Boys and Juniors, at Dorner Park, Frankfort, Indiana.
- August 27 — All-State Open Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 27 — All State Open Tournament, City Park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 27 — New Jersey State Doubles Tournament (to be determined).
- Sept. 1 — Farmers' Division, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 2 — Iowa State Tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 2 — Junior Boys Tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 2-3 — Western Open, South Gate, Calif.

COMING EVENTS — (Continued)

Sept. 2-3-4 — Indiana State Tournament at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind. Qualify August 19-20 at four centers.

Sept. 2-3-4 — Ohio State Tournament, Greenville, Ohio.

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. 3-4 — Third Annual State Tournament, Double Ringer Courts, Wibaux, Montana.

Sept. 3-4 — Minnesota State Tournament, Loring Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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. 16-17 — Indiana-Ohio Open at Heekin Park, Muncie, Ind.

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.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS LEADS OFF MISSOURI SEASON

The third annual Tournament of Champions will lead off the Missouri state season at Springfield, Missouri on May 27 and 28 at the Phelps Grove Park courts. Players will be classified by ringer percentage, 60 per cent and better. Class A, 45 to 60 per cent; Class B below 45 per cent. Class A will start at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 28; Class B at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27. Class C at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27. Entry fee will be \$3.00 with two trophies for each class.

This is an open sanctioned tournament. Notify Alfred Smith, Route 6, Box 608, Springfield, Missouri as far ahead as possible so as to be sure of a place in your class. Floyd Toole defending champion.

The Eighth Ozark Open tournament will be held in Neosho, Mo., at Smith Park on June 10th and 11th. This meet is open to any holder of a NHPA card. Missouri cards will be available at the court. Entry fee will be \$2.00 for 100 shoes pitched to qualify with a second hundred if needed, using the highest qualifying. Trophies will be awarded first and second place in each class. Qualifying will end at 12 noon Saturday, June 10th. Class A will start at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11th. Class B will start at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10th. David Baker defending champion. John Elkins is in charge.

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