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## 1961 In Review

By BOB PENCE, NHPA Secretary

A review of the past year and a study of official NHPA membership and financial figures makes three points stand out above all else.

1. The NHPA has shown a substantial gain in membership and activities for the fourth consecutive year, the membership gain for 1961 being close to 200 members.

2. Certain individuals, state associations and local clubs deserve special recognition and thanks for their services and hard work which has made this steady growth possible.

3. The NHPA is far from realizing its full potential and interest in the game is lagging badly in some states and areas.

With the birth of *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest* NHPA dues were raised from \$1.00 to \$3.50 in 1956. There was a small drop in membership the first year, but since that time there has been a steady increase and membership figures quickly rose above those of the previous years. The "Digest" has proven its worth as a means of communication and today there are far more tournaments and activities than ever before in the history of the game.

Lack of finances is the biggest handicap both on the national and the local levels. The NHPA is attempting to solve this problem by making itself more self sufficient through the sale of NHPA trophies, T-shirts, sport shirts, horseshoe carrying cases, add plates and decals. This program barely got started last year and will be in full swing in 1962. If the NHPA can improve its financial position substantially it will be able to promote and foster the game in such a manner as to benefit all local clubs and the game in general.

Substantial membership gains were registered by Florida, Kansas, Montana-Dakota, and Virginia during the past year. Smaller gains were turned in by Arizona, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon and Canada. Both Southern and Northern California, Missouri, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Idaho, North Carolina and Wisconsin all held their own.

The new Tennessee State Chapter made an excellent start from the standpoint of membership and there are prospects for additional chapters in Nevada and Georgia while New Mexico has made an actual start towards official status.

**Alabama:** Has no NHPA connections, but numerous requests for information from recreation directors have been received recently.

**Arizona:** Has a very active chapter which showed a small gain in NHPA membership during the past year. Activities are centered in Mesa where the Valley of Sun Open attracts many players from other states each winter and in Phoenix and Tempe.

**Arkansas:** Has no NHPA activity, but there are several members in the state including outstanding players Floyd Toole and Bill Higginbottom. There is hopes that an A.A.U. group will affiliate.

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**Southern California:** Ranks third in NHPA membership and held its own during the past year. This is probably the best organized and most active of all state chapters. Secretary Jim Weeks in addition to being an outstanding player does an excellent job. Other officers for the coming year are Glen Brown, President, and Vice Presidents, Gunnar Hansen, Fred Brown, Ralph Navarro, Marshall Oestereich and Al Cauchon. This association is planning on hosting the 1963 World Tournament and has a reputation for getting things done. Best courts are at South Gate, Baldwin Park, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, Pomona and Ontario.

**Northern California:** Equaled its previous year's NHPA membership in 1961, but is a far bigger association than its NHPA membership indicates. This chapter has a very active schedule of events with leading courts at the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and Arroyo Viejo Park in Oakland. The Mosswood club in Oakland is probably the largest local club. Major Dalton's group in Fresno, Calif., is also associated with the Northern California chapter.

**Colorado:** Has kept its NHPA membership at a steady level for a number of years. Loss of courts in Boulder hurt the association last year, but Ted Allen reports the courts are being rebuilt in a different location this coming spring.

**Connecticut:** Had a small loss in NHPA membership last year, but still has an active group. There are several local weekly handicap leagues with only a couple of NHPA members. Mickey Vecchitto, Ervin Van Dine and Frank Wagner are active NHPA boosters, and Sam Bertram, who helped organize the game in the state more than 30 years ago is still around, although he is inactive.

**Florida:** After doubling its membership of the previous year, Florida again showed a substantial increase due to the hard work and dedication of the secretary, Charlie Stephens. Florida receives a boost from many northern players who take winter vacations there. Players at the Sunshine Pleasure club in St. Petersburg are headed by Ray Woodrow and others are active at the Bradenton Trailer Park. A club with eight lighted courts at Sunshine Park in Orlando, Florida, headed by Frank Wise gives the association another active group along with those at Ft. Lauderdale. Willard West in Miami is another active booster.

**Georgia:** Two local clubs have recently been contacted by the NHPA and it is hoped a new state chapter will be developed.

**Hawaii:** Inquiries from municipal park recreation directors raise hopes that the NHPA will soon be represented in the 50th state.

**Idaho:** Has a small but active NHPA chapter headed by Jim Kosterman.

**Illinois:** Ranks 6th in NHPA membership. The state tournament held annually under a huge tent at the State Fair is one of the best in the country. National A.A.U. singles and doubles champs, Jack Stout and Roger Ehlers come from Illinois and both are NHPA members. Leading clubs are at Rock Falls headed by Les Long, Garfield Park and Lincoln Park in Chicago headed by Tony Whittle and Martin Heeney, Quincy led by O. C. Brown, Peoria guided by Warren Groome, John Jonas and Art White, and Andy Horn's Galesburg club.

**Indiana:** Went well over the 200 mark in NHPA membership for the 2nd consecutive year. Nevertheless there is still room for considerable NHPA growth in the Hoosier state. Secretary Earle Wilmore is fortunate in having a great number of active local clubs with excellent court facilities. Chief

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among these is the huge Muncie club, largest local group in the U. S. President Cliff Tomlinson and his wife, Elsie, gave their all in directing the Muncie club and cooperating with the state and national associations last year, thereby making both the World tournament and the Indiana State tournament a success. No one has worked harder than Cliff and Elsie.

But the Muncie club is not the only one in Indiana. Others include the Lafayette club headed by Joe Schilling and George Kingma; the Clinton Co. group headed by Ed Toney; Claude Fewell and Ernie Loveless who guide the Kokomo club; Paul Van Sickle and the Indianapolis association; Connersville and Marvin Chrisman; the Adams Co. league headed by Jim Johnson, the Boone Co. club guided by Walt Wilhoite; Art Moore's Wabash club; and the group at Goshen headed by Dean Chiddister.

A number of new clubs were organized in Indiana last summer and should add to the activities this coming year. Chief among these is the club at Winchester with eight beautiful courts in Goodrich park. Lemuel Leazotte heads the sizable group in Ft. Wayne which was, at one time, the leading horseshoe pitching spot in the state. Great things are expected of this group. Don Owens has a new group in Anderson. DeWayne Lusch heads a new group at Huntington and Oren Hollandback had more than 50 players in league play at Franklin. All of these individuals are NHPA members.

**Iowa:** The state has two chapters, the Iowa Hawkeye and the Eastern Iowa. Both held their own in membership last year, and there is a great amount of tournament activity in the state. Harold Darnold at Burlington conducted the annual Corn Belt Open with success again. Tribute should be paid here to the work of Mrs. Charlie Hopkins of Ottumwa who for years has been the Iowa Hawkeye Secretary and carried the administrative burden. The NHPA has always received full cooperation from Mrs. Hopkins and no one is more efficient.

**Kansas:** The birthplace of organized horseshoe had a great 1961 season and the game is on the comeback trail in the Jayhawker state. NHPA membership increased tremendously and the 16 new courts built in Gage Park in Topeka are among the best in the U. S. and is an excellent prospect for a future World Tournament. The Kansas Centennial tourney on these courts last fall conducted by Marvin Phillips, H. G. Collett, Wes Ridgway and Perl Pepple was an unqualified success.

**Kentucky:** Has no state association but players near the Ohio river are members of the Ohio Association.

**Louisiana:** The NHPA has no state chapter, but is represented by O. S. Plott, who has participated in the World Tournament for many years.

**Maine:** The NHPA has members but no official state chapter at this time. There is a state association which conducts an annual tournament. Clarence Modery and Leonard Herrick head the group. Porter Clark is state champ and participates in NHPA events in other New England states.

**Maryland:** No state chapter but the NHPA does have scattered members in the state and prospects for more.

**Massachusetts:** Headed by Ralph Forsstrom, who has been active in the NHPA for many years. the state has an excellent chapter and prospects for future growth. Percy Howe is President. Membership increased during the year. Major activities are centered at Holyoke, Orange, Springfield and Westfield.

**Michigan:** Membership dropped slightly last year after showing a big increase the previous year. There is enough interest in the Detroit area, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, that secretary Irwin Carlberg will probably increase membership in the coming year.

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**Minnesota:** One of the biggest horseshoe states in the country, the NHPA fails to realize its full potential here by a great deal, although membership did increase slightly last year. There is a great amount of activity at Loring park in Minneapolis, and at Hibbing, Mankato, Fergus Falls, Westbrook, and a new club has recently been organized at Duluth. The Southwest Minnesota league headed by Archie Anderson and Doyle Olson is one of the largest leagues in the country with teams from almost every city in that section of the state.

**Missouri:** Al Smith is one of the NHPA's hardest working secretaries and has maintained membership at a high level with a very busy schedule of activities at Springfield, Neosho, Sedalia, St. Joseph, Lamar, and other cities. Ray Cavin, John Elkins, Earl Winston and Bill Young give Al Smith valuable assistance.

**Montana-Dakota:** One of the NHPA's newest chapters, this is one of the fastest growing groups in the country despite the handicap of geographic distances. The chapter was started by the group at Wibaux headed by Roger Barnaby and Wes Riml. They have expanded and now have active groups affiliated in Sidney, Culbertson, Miles City, Baker, Ft. Peck and are gradually picking up members in other parts of the state and western North Dakota.

**Nebraska:** Lost a few in total membership last year but is handicapped by the distance between the leading clubs at Falls City and Omaha in the eastern end of the state and the Panhandle club at Kimball in the extreme western end. Other leading centers are at Cozad and Curtis. The new secretary, Don Koso of Falls City, is an enthusiastic worker and should bring the state's membership back up to par. The Panhandle group is really closer to the Wyoming players.

**Nevada:** Requests for information has revealed several groups in the Las Vegas area and the NHPA hopes to have a chapter in Nevada this summer.

**New Hampshire:** Prospects for the future of the game in New Hampshire are extremely bright. There are very strong local clubs at Keene and Manchester and the NHPA has a good state secretary in Howard White at Portsmouth.

The club at Keene has built 24 courts in one location and has a fine local program. This coming summer the club will host both the state and New England tournaments, and is looking forward to bidding for the World tournament sometime in the future. Don Pickering is secretary of this fine club.

Manchester likewise has a fine local club guided by an old time NHPA member, Lionel Cayer.

New Hampshire NHPA membership dropped slightly this past year after taking a huge jump the previous year.

**New Jersey:** This chapter compiled the most outstanding record of any group in the country last year, almost tripling its membership and now ranks 4th behind Indiana, Ohio, and Southern California.

A statewide handicap league operating weekly and with all players NHPA members. There is a spirit of unity and cooperation between the members which makes the work of the officers more efficient. Much credit for New Jersey's fine record must go to the officers, Lee Davis, Bill Kolb, Paul Pugisle, Doug Fogal and Bill Stelzmuller, but they function as they do because the committee members under them pitch in and help. Among these were Don French, Joe McCrink, Ed Pietranski, John Dykstra, Al Ward, Virginia and Earl Falkner, Dick Duetch, John Steel, Harry Hoodiman, Jim O'Toole, and Dr. Sol Berman.

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**New Mexico:** A new NHPA chapter is being formed in New Mexico under the leadership of P. D. Riley and Parker Burns at Albuquerque, and the first state tournament was held last fall. Lack of courts has kept this group from getting off the ground previously.

**New York:** The state had a large drop in membership this past year, but under the leadership of the Corning Club expects to make a comeback this year. The state has been severely handicapped by a falling off of interest in New York City, Buffalo, and Rochester. Nevertheless, the Corning Club, under the direction of Bill Hyland staged a fine state tournament last fall, and has been chosen to host this year's tourney.

The Falconer club at Jamestown staged the Eastern National last year and is planning another big tourney this summer under the direction of Larry Proudman and Joe Cuoco. A new club was organized at Dunkirk last year. Lockport also has an active group.

**North Carolina:** This is one of the NHPA's newest state chapters and is already one of the most active. State secretary Randall Jones of Winston-Salem is a hard working organizer who knows how to get things done. Leading courts are at Winston-Salem, Durham and Asheville. Although new to NHPA competition the state has far more really outstanding players than most of us are aware of. Walt King, Woody Thomas, Darrell Eller, Mel Howard, Glynden Moore, Roy Hooker and others will go in any kind of competition. The annual Winston-Salem Open should become one of the outstanding tournaments in the country attracting players from many different states.

**North Dakota:** The state increased its membership last year and should

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go even higher this year. The club at Kindred is the backbone of the NHPA in the state and has a fine local program, but there are also many players in the Fargo area.

**Ohio Buckeye:** 1961 was in many ways an "Ohio year" with Harold Reno winning the World title, Joe Wilkinson the "Old Timers," Gary Roberts the Juniors and Harold Wolfe the Class "C" at Muncie while the state association showed a big increase in membership hitting the 200 mark and pushing Indiana to a new record.

The administrative and promotional work of the "Ohio Gang" led by Leo McGrath, Sam Goodlander, W. J. Woods, and Paul and Emma Focht, is hard to equal, and they receive ample aid from their regional assistants.

Much will be heard in the next few months about the Darke Co. association and its officers at Greenville where the 1962 World Tournament will be held, but there are other outstanding local groups in Ohio including the Pike Co. Association, the Clinton Co. group and local clubs at Perrysburg in the Toledo area, Norwood near Cincinnati, Dayton, Bellfontaine, Crestline, Lebanon, Chillicothe, and LeRoy Falor's Goodyear group in Akron. The Columbus park department has a weekly horseshoe league operating. There are indoor courts at Perrysburg and in Pike Co., which operate regular leagues.

**Oklahoma:** This chapter is another which made big gains in NHPA membership and activity this past year. Credit must go to secretary Gerald Kahle, and future growth is assured. The Phillips Petroleum Co. donated the trophies at the annual state tournament held in Bartlesville.

**Oregon:** This is one of the NHPA's most dependable state chapters and showed a small increase in membership last year. Leading clubs and courts are at Laurelhurst Park in Portland, Salem, Hillsboro, Lebanon and Corvallis.

**Pennsylvania:** The Quaker state showed a big increase in membership and now ranks 5th in the NHPA. Most of the membership is concentrated in the western end of the state, and, like California, the state probably needs two chapters. If the eastern end of the state could become organized the state would probably displace Indiana, Ohio and California as the leading horseshoe state.

The leading club is at Erie where there is a fine battery of courts in Glenwood Park and an active club headed by Glen Sebring, Joe Peters and Francis White.

The Beaver Valley League is a huge group of more than 250 players headed by Herm Boyar, one of the most dedicated supporters of the game anywhere. This group will host the 1962 state tournament.

The Meadville club is one of the oldest in the U. S., Clyde Martz has reorganized the players in the Pittsburgh area and other fine groups operate at Uniontown under the direction of Jimmy Solomon, at Sharon guided by Herb Pinch, and at Mt. Pleasant. Activity has died down at Clearfield. In the eastern part of the state there is a fine league in York Co. directed by Milt Beck.

Inquiries and requests for information received by the NHPA indicate the entire state has a great amount of activity and interest outside the NHPA and only needs someone to weld them together into an effective organization.

**Rhode Island:** Has an active group in the Providence area and the NHPA should pickup membership here.

**South Dakota:** For years Leigh Dunker of Warner and Lloyd Swartwout of Aberdeen have kept the game going in this state. Most of the players are in the eastern end of the state and the addition of a group from Sioux Falls increased NHPA membership this year. There is a fine league operating in the S. E. corner of the state and a group at Rapid City in the western end.



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**Tennessee:** This is one of the newest of the NHPA's state chapters and they got off to a good start as far as membership is concerned, but they are under extreme handicaps due to a lack of suitable courts. The group is concentrated in the Knoxville area and headed by an old time player, Ben Ras-kopf, and a newspaper man, Chambliss Pierce. An annual tournament is held on temporary courts at the Tennessee Valley Agricultural and Industrial Fair which attracts a large entry list. O. D. Lebow, a southpaw, and George Fortenberry appear to be the leading players. John Walker has three fine courts at Jefferson City.

**Texas:** Interest in Texas is lagging badly and the game needs a shot in the arm in the Lone Star state. Ill health of B. E. Sipple, who was head of the association for many years, has been a big handicap. Distance is, of course, another factor. Rev. Marvin Burgess of Ballinger is the games most ardent booster at the present time.

**Utah:** Interest in the state has declined with the absence of the World Tournament, but the association's officers, Clarence Giles and Oscar Funk, are taking steps to bring activities back to their former level and chances are they will succeed. They have an excellent nucleus to work with.

**Vermont:** Activity and NHPA membership is concentrated in the Bennington-Battleboro area where Fred Butler makes an excellent representative. NHPA membership dropped slightly in 1961 and can only go upwards in 1962.

**Virginia:** This is another of the NHPA's newest chapters and one of the brightest spots in the entire picture. Fred Childress and Marvin May have done a great job for the game and the NHPA in Lynchburg and coupled with the Richmond group headed by Cecil Monday and a former Indiana player, Larry Templeton. Rev. John Brumley guides a new group in Louisa County.

Mention should be made here of Myrtle Patterson of the Lynchburg Park and Recreation Dept. She is an ardent booster of the game, is responsible for the fine courts at Lynchburg and is present at all tournaments and activities serving as recorder and statistician. The Lynchburg boys swear they couldn't operate without her.

**Washington:** NHPA membership has declined slightly over the past few years, but there is still plenty of activity. Leading courts are at Woodlawn Park in Seattle where Phil Luoto guided the club for many years, Wally Rehard and Henry Knauff boost the game and the NHPA in the Spokane area. Other centers of interest are Aberdeen, home of state secretary Chuck Damm, and Yakima, home of the state's ranking player, John Monasmith.

**West Virginia:** There are many fine players in West Virginia, but the NHPA has never realized its full potential, although Arner and Anna Lindquist have boosted the national for many years. The organization of a Wood Co. Association at Parkersburg where the State Tournament was held is a big boost to the game. The group is headed by Archie Pratt, Bernard Hull and Charles Kirkpatrick, Jr.

**Wisconsin:** For many, many years, two individuals, Art Klement of Ft. Atkinson and Art Neiman of Milwaukee, have kept the game alive in the Badger state. Art Klement has been with the NHPA as far back as the 1920's when he acted as recording secretary at the national conventions in Florida. With Art Neiman, head of the Washington Park club in Milwaukee, stage the state tournament at the State Fair.

Ben Leighton, President of the NHPA back in the 1920's, is now retired and living at Baraboo. He has recently organized a group of players in that city. Casey Jones returned to action last year. All in all, interest should pick up in the Badger state, especially if the two Arts get some promotional help and cooperation.

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**Wyoming:** Interest is down somewhat in Wyoming, but the Cheyenne club keeps the game alive. Other activity takes place at Wheatland and Saratoga. Casper is planning new courts and a club led by Hilmer Hansen, a long time NHPA booster. Art Rugg is another Wyoming booster of many years along with Charlie Palm and Merle Palmer.

**Canada:** Most NHPA members are concentrated in Ontario. The Canucks have had large delegations at the last two World Tournaments where Elmer Hohl has made a great record. Last year Clayton Neeb was in the Class "B" running and George Schummer qualified for "B" but withdrew because of illness. Ted Burrows, Harold Blackman and Carrie Boswell direct the Ontario association. There is also a strong local group in the Niagara area.

The NHPA has some members in Quebec, but the language barrier hurts there for most of the players speak French. There is a group in Saskatchewan whom the NHPA hopes to enroll and inquiries have recently been received from Alberta. A start has been made in British Columbia.

The Quebec players have asked for and received permission to translate NHPA written material into French.

## NEBRASKA SETS FOUR 1962 TOURNAMENT DATES

Don Koso, secretary of the Nebraska state association, has announced the dates of four big tournaments, all of which are to be held on the City park courts in Falls City, Nebraska. They are all to be one-day tournaments and it has been suggested that all planning to attend should try and arrive the evening before in order to speed up qualifying. Full details in later issues of the Digest.

June 17 — Annual County Tournament

July 15 — Annual 4-State Tournament

August 12 — Trade Territory Tournament

September 2 — Nebraska State Tournament

## INDOOR SEASON PLAY BEGINS IN PIKE COUNTY (OHIO)

Seventy-three men and women qualified for play in the Pike County (Ohio) Winter horseshoe league. This is the largest turnout for an indoor league in Pike County. This is the fifth consecutive year for the league and is played on well lighted courts in a gas heated building in Waverly, Ohio.

Number one spot goes to Donnie Roberts, defending league champion, who is not required to qualify. Highest qualifier was Bill Skidmore who hit 70 ringers out of 100 shoes and 234 points. Dick Rhymmer hit 56 percent and 208 points. Skidmore won the 1957 league championship and should give Roberts a real tussle.

Julia Jennings is the defending women's champion and draws the top spot in that division. Barbara Lowery, last winter's champion has been put in the second spot by agreement. Mary Vallery, the Pike County NHPA champion, was high qualifier with 32 percent ringers and 142 points. Only one point back at 141 was Margaret Cassady. With State Women's Champion Kitty Overman and fast-improving Dora Vance rounding out Class A, there should be plenty of fireworks.

There are three classes of newcomers, two in the men's division and one class of women. High qualifiers on the men's list were Pat Patterson with 125 and Larry Ervin with 110. High among the women were Verda Hickman with 101 and Rita Long with 80.

A new feature of the winter play will be a team league with a 70 percent handicap being tried for the first time. It will be played on the same order as the team bowling leagues with each team being composed of three regulars and one substitute.

## WORLD TOURNEY FACILITIES AT GREENVILLE, OHIO

The 1962 World Tournament will be held July 30 through August 8 at Greenville, Ohio, located in western Ohio 40 miles east of Muncie, Indiana, where the past two world tournaments have been held.

The Darke County Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be the hosts and their 18 courts are located in a beautiful city park which contains ideal facilities for the horseshoe players and their families. There are ample parking facilities, refreshment stands, rest rooms, far superior to those found in Muncie last year. The park has a huge and beautiful swimming pool close to the horseshoe courts which will be made available to the children of competing players. A huge picnic shelter is next door to the courts.

The park is a historical site having been the scene of the famous Greenville, Indiana Treaty in 1795 signed by General Anthony Wayne and the many Indian tribes of the old Northwest Territory.

Motel and hotel facilities will be listed in the March issue and players are urged to make reservations from this list at once.

## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

We are in receipt of word from Philip Louto of the Washington State association telling of the passing of Miss Gail Taylor, honorary secretary of that association. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Seattle. Ralph is the vice-president of the Washington association. The Washington association together with the NHPA membership extends their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Bob Pence, National Secretary-Treasurer, became a one eyed man recently when an accident at work deprived him of the use of his right eye temporarily. The injured optic is now fully recovered.

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## BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BRASS HAT CHAMPS IN SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF RINGER CHAMPIONSHIP

The following article contributed by Perl "Pep" Pepple

With the U. S. Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg as the ranking guest, the DLRA Annual Family picnic was held last fall and was a complete success. With all due respect to all the other fine features of an annual picnic one of the outstanding attractions at this annual affair was the horseshoe pitching contest.

The Bureau of Employment Service Brass Hat Horseshoe pitching champs of 1960 made good on their promise to "repeat" in 1961. In a hard-fought contest of the finals, Mr. Robert C. Goodwin, Director, Bureau of Employment Service, and Mr. Edward Omohundro, Chief, Veterans Employment Service, won out against their worthy opponents, Mr. W. Willard Wirtz, Under Secretary, and Mr. Jerry R. Holleman, Assistant Secretary, representing the Office of Secretary.

The competition developed slowly, but with considerable enthusiasm on the part of the following Bureaus and Divisions which participated: Office



*Left, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg congratulates Bureau of Employment Service Director, Robert C. Goodwin and Veterans Employment Service Chief, Edward Omohundro, 1961 Brass Hat horseshoe pitching champions.*

of the Secretary, ECAB, BES, LSB, BLS, BEC, PCEE0 and the D. C. Employment Service. A most impressive exhibition of good, consistent, close horseshoe pitching was demonstrated. It was a well aimed horseshoe pitched by Edward Omohundro which found the peg for a ringer and thereby "clinched" both the last game and the 1961 Brass Hat Horseshoe Pitching championship for the BES team.

*COVER PICTURE . . . W. O. Maxwell is shown with former NHPA president, Reinhard Backer at the 1961 World Tournament held at Muncie, Indiana. Mr. Maxwell finished in second position in the Old Timers' division with a ringer average of 69.1. Because there was not any pitching on the tournament courts on Sunday, Mr. Maxwell, who is 81 years old, was discovered doing a little practicing on the courts in Greenville, Ohio, 50 miles from Muncie. This fine gentleman is truly a credit to the game and we are very proud of him.*

## ARIZONA 1962 VALLEY OF THE SUN OPEN

The Valley of the Sun annual Class "A" Open horseshoe tournament will be held at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona, February 24 and 25. The sixteen man round robin will start promptly on Saturday at 12:01 P. M. Ira Allen of California is the defending champion.

## LAKESIDE, OHIO OPEN DATE SET FOR JUNE 29-30

W. J. Woods of Cincinnati, Ohio, publicity director for the Ohio Buckeye Association, announces the date for the annual Lakeside Open tournament which will be held on June 29 and 30 on the Methodist church grounds at Lakeside, Ohio. He states further that Ohio is expecting its biggest year with the World Tournament coming to Greenville, Ohio.

## DARKE COUNTY (OHIO) TO HOLD TWO TOURNAMENTS

The Darke County Ohio club has set June 2 and July 4th for two important pitching events during 1962. The first of these will be an Open tournament on June 2-3 to be held at the City Park courts in Greenville, Ohio. There will be a 50-shoe qualifying round on June 1 and 2, beginning at 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. and on Sunday morning until 11 o'clock. Round robin play starting at 12 noon. Prizes will be awarded.

The other meet will start on July 1st with qualifying round of 50 shoes continuing thru July 3rd in the evening from 6 till 9 p.m. and closing on July 4th at 11 a.m. Round robin play starting at 12 noon. There will be a fee of \$5.00. Prizes will be awarded.

## CARL LUNDGREN TOPS IN FLORIDA OPEN AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Uncle Joe Wilkenson the 1961 World Tournament (Old Timers) champion from Akron, Ohio, and Joe Kelly, Bradenton, Fla., came through their preliminary group roundrobin without a loss, 5-0, 5-0. Carl Lundgren, Detroit, Mich., and John Clingan, Apopka, Fla., with 4-1, and 3-2 respectively, won births in the 4 man championship finals. In this championship playoff, Lundgren and Kelly, tied at 2-1, 2-1 each, for 1st position, broke the tie in a one game match, Lundgren winning over Kelly 50 to 36, and emerged winner of the event, with Kelly his 2nd place runnerup. Clingan finished 3rd with 1-2, and Wilkenson 4th with 1-2 in the A Division. Other Class A pitchers in order of finish were Davis, Bradenton, 5th, 3-2, Spiess, Sarasota, 6th, 3-2, Stephens, Bradenton, 7th, 2-3, Noga, Orlando, 8th, 1-4, Backous, Ft. Lauderdale, 9th, 1-4, Green, Portland, Ind., 10th, 1-4, D. Clingan, Apopka, Fla., 11th, and Ridge, Orlando, 12th, 0-5.

Wilson Hubbard, Baker, Mont., won the 1st place trophy in Class B with 5 wins and no losses, while Bob Gibbs, Orange Park, Fla., garnered 2nd place trophy with 4-1. Radamacher, Plant City, Fla., 3rd, 3-2, E. Smith, Clearwater, Fla., 4th, 3-2, Corbett, Orlando, Fla., 5th, 1-4, and Shields, Clearwater, Fla., 6th, with 0-5, were the other finishers in Class B.

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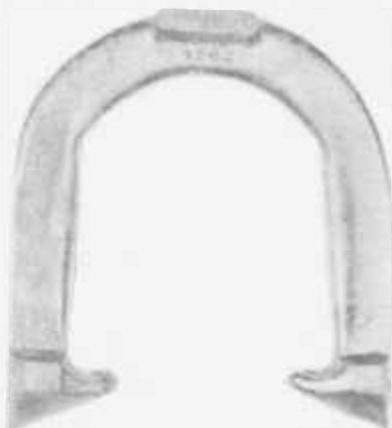
January	28	— Baldwin Park Open, Baldwin Park
March	18	— Long Beach Open, Long Beach
"	25	— Class "C" Open, South Gate
April	1	— Class "D" Open, Pomona
"	8	— Class "B" Open, Baldwin Park
"	15	— Doubles (24 Men), Baldwin Park
"	29	— Class "A" Open, Ontario

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**SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA****GROUP ONE**

	W	L	%
Ross Faulkner .....	5	0	44.9
Al Cauchon .....	4	1	39.0
Carl Dennis .....	2	3	36.0
M. Lingenfelter .....	2	3	33.6
Edwin Carl .....	2	3	23.6
C. Carrier .....	0	5	14.1

**GROUP TWO**

	W	L	%
N. Niederkorn .....	5	0	40.5
Glenn Vosler .....	4	1	45.2
Oscar Sandberg .....	3	2	44.8
Leo Percy .....	1	4	34.0
E. Carrier .....	1	4	33.3
M. Oestereich .....	1	4	27.8

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF**

	W	L	%
N. Niederkorn .....	3	1	45.5
Al Cauchon .....	2	2	38.9
Ross Faulkner .....	1	2	39.4
Glenn Vosler .....	1	2	38.9

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — CLASS "A"****GROUP A**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Fraser .....	5	0	215	292	73.7
Larry Morris .....	3	2	189	334	56.6
Bill Blexrude .....	3	2	213	328	65.0
Floyd Hopkins .....	2	3	169	306	55.2
Vail Rasmussen .....	2	3	167	308	54.3
Paul Dovell .....	0	5	113	260	43.5

**GROUP B**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Les Anderson .....	5	0	169	294	57.5
Czar Marceovich .....	3	2	165	292	56.5
John Martak .....	3	2	158	310	51.0
Ralph Forsman .....	2	3	144	286	50.3
George Hoxmier .....	2	3	130	284	45.8
Doc Thompson .....	0	5	124	306	40.6

**PLAYOFF**

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Fraser .....	3	0	140	204	68.6
Les Anderson .....	2	1	141	230	61.3
Larry Morris .....	1	2	117	198	59.1
Czar Marceovich .....	0	3	131	216	60.6

**SUNSHINE PLEASURE CLUB ST. PETERSBURG, OPEN**

The Sunshine Pleasure Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, has scheduled the annual St. Petersburg Open tournament for February 20th through 23rd. This will again make the tournament end on Friday, allowing any northern pitchers who must get home by Monday morning time enough to make the trip home without missing any work.

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