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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — CLASS "D"

ARROYO VIEJO PARK, OAKLAND

	W	L	R	SP	%
Doc Thompson	8	1	219	486	45.0
Ed McConnell	7	2	192	594	32.3
Pete Dovell	6	3	231	590	39.2
Saathoff	6	3	217	590	36.8
H. O. Hansen	5	4	176	604	29.2
Beardsley	4	5	191	530	36.0
Oien	4	5	172	482	35.7
Baker	3	6	110	492	22.4
John Koehler	2	7	189	620	30.5
Myers	0	9	124	486	25.5

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — CLASS "B"

GOLDEN GATE PARK, S. F.

GROUP A

	W	L	R	SP	%
Floyd Hopkins	4	1	160	280	57.2
Earl Davis	4	1	160	308	52.0
George Hoxmier	3	2	170	312	54.5
Al Shannon	2	3	156	330	47.3
Bill Fulwider	1	4	143	332	43.1
John Martak	1	4	118	286	41.2

GROUP B

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ralph Forsman	5	0	152	314	48.5
Doc Thompson	4	1	139	286	48.6
J. W. Beattie	2	3	137	306	44.8
Paul Dovell	2	3	133	302	44.0
Ashton	1	4	120	308	39.0
Ed McConnell	1	4	98	292	33.6

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ralph Forsman	3	0	134	248	54.0
Floyd Hopkins	2	1	124	218	56.8
Doc Thompson	1	2	117	236	49.6
Earl Davis	0	3	85	198	42.9

1962 WORLD TOURNAMENT AT GREENVILLE, OHIO

The 1962 World Tournament has been awarded to Greenville, Ohio, by the N.H.P.A. executive council. The dates selected are from Monday, July 30 thru Wednesday, August 8, with the first four days devoted to qualifying and preliminaries and the final six days to championship round robin play.

Specific details will be carried in later issues, but make arrangements now for your vacation during the dates listed.

SUNSHINE PLEASURE CLUB ANNOUNCES ST. PETERSBURG, OPEN DATES

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.

Last winter our club and the Bradenton club both held wonderful tournaments with good entry lists. Quite a number of northern pitchers made the trip down. As will be remembered, the winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Old Timers' event at the National were won by members of our club. Mr. Wilkinson, the champion, averaged 72.5 percent in ringers. Several Florida pitchers were in Class A.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Florida Suncoast Open Tourney is set for February 15, 16 and 17 at Bradenton. This N.H.P.A. sanction event will be held to the same general pattern as in previous years. Trophies to the winners and runners in each of five classes, and in addition, cash bonus for each game won in round robin play. Your 1962 N.H.P.A. card will be required for entry.

TOURNAMENT AIDS

Elmer Beller, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif., NHPA Vice-President and chairman of the rules committee, has various NHPA tournament aids available.

Official scoresheets in pads of 100. Price 75¢ per pad postpaid.

Ringer percentage books. Price 50¢ each postpaid. 3 or more 35¢ each.

Round Robin Master Schedules, 4 to 18 man round robins. 25¢ each.

Horseshoe court blueprints. Complete working blue prints for 2 to 8 courts. 75¢ postpaid.

Horseshoe Pitching Manual, a technical booklet containing the official rules, how to conduct tournaments and other types of competition, handicap play, team matches, how to construct and care for courts, how to score, etc. 50¢ each or three for \$1.00.

Science at the Stake, the well known booklet by Roy Smith with tips on how to improve your pitching ability. 50¢ each.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown in the center are Miss Myrtle Patterson of the Recreation Department of City Parks of Lynchburg, Virginia and National secretary, Robert Pence displaying one of the auto tags available through the NHPA. Looking on are Randall Jones of North Carolina, at Miss Patterson's left. On the left and right sides of the photo are Marvin May, secretary of the Virginia association and Ben Ruskopf of Tennessee.

NHPA T-SHIRTS AND SPORTS SHIRTS NAME AND PLACE LETTERING NOW AVAILABLE

NHPA T-shirts and sports shirts can now be ordered with identification in the form of your name and/or city and state sewn on the back in either one of two styles.

There has been a great demand for this service in connection with the T-shirts and sport shirts in the past, but until now the NHPA has had no satisfactory means of supplying it.

The lettering is blue-black in color, wash and fade proof and expertly sewed on. Script lettering is \$1.00 per shirt for the first 25 letters and 5 cents for each additional letter. The block style letters of tackle-twill material are \$1.50 per shirt for the first 25 letters and 5 cents for each additional letter. It is suggested that state names be abbreviated when used with the name of the city in order to save on the number of letters used.

The above prices are in addition to the regular price of the shirt without identification lettering. The price of the T-shirt without lettering is \$2.00 each or \$1.75 if ordered in quantities of six or more. These shirts come with a red, white and blue NHPA horseshoe insignia shield on the front.

The new NHPA sport shirt is \$3.00 per shirt without the lettering, or \$2.75 in quantities of six or more. These sport shirts are extremely attractive. White mesh, they have a pocket, a collar and a two-button neck. A small and attractive NHPA insignia is above the pocket in front. Without the identifying lettering on the back they make a very attractive casual sport shirt for street wear.

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Weighing four pounds the cases are constructed completely of metal including the handle. They have been converted from shell cases obtained from World War Two surplus. Practically indestructible they have been made attractive on the outside by a coat of paint and an NHPA horseshoe. The inside has been modified slightly to accommodate the desired equipment.

These cases supply a much needed item in the game's equipment and are the brainchild of Clark Bell, veteran player and NHPA member from Covina, Calif.

The cost of the carrying cases ordered by mail is \$4.00 postpaid. If purchased direct "over the counter" where mailing is not necessary they will be only \$3.50.

To make them readily available to NHPA members they are being distributed in quantity to a number of NHPA officials and can be ordered from the nearest one to you. They will be available for shipment by the end of January from anyone of the following sources:

Elmer Beller, 15316 Cabell Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.

Reinhard Backer, 165 North 2nd West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Earl Winston, Route 1, Lamonte, Missouri.

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Randall Jones, 2430 Queen Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Michael Vecchitto, 25 Howard Avenue, Middletown, Conn.

Ben Trolen, 2042 North Chatsworth Street, St. Paul 13, Minn.

FROM HERE AND THERE

In the Iowa State tournament story in the November issue it stated that Miss Janice Henton was "Miss Ringer of 1961" at the tournament, whereas it should have been Miss Janice Rogers daughter of Francis Rogers of Waverly, Iowa who was the queen of the tournament.

In the annual Pennsylvania state tournament John Fulton of Carlisle, Pennsylvania turned on the "heat" in several games. Against Wes Kuchinski he tossed 49 ringers out of 56 shoes for a percentage of 87.5. In the next game against R. Wilson he clamped 41 ringers out of 44 shoes on the stake for a batting average of 93.2%. Still keeping the "steam" on, he threw 40 ringers out of 50 shoes against Clyde Martz for an even 80 percent.

We are in receipt of word that Wellington Taylor's mother passed away in November. The sympathy of the Iowa Hawkeye association and the NHPA is extended to him and his family.

We have also learned of the tragic passing of the wife of William I. White of New Augusta, Indiana. She was injured fatally in an automobile accident while she and her husband were returning from the Indiana-Ohio tournament. Her enthusiasm will be sadly missed in the activities of the Indiana state association. The heartfelt sympathy of the Indiana association together with that of the NHPA is extended to her family in the loss of their loved one.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye association on the death of her mother in December in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was 86 years of age and had been in ailing health for some time.

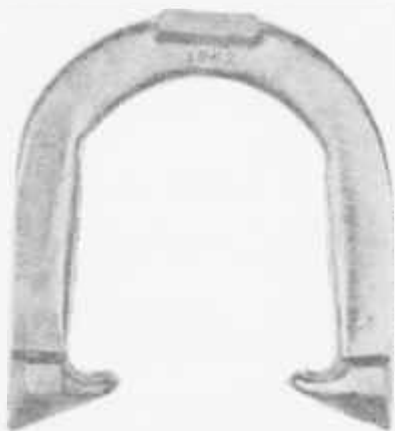
We extend our sympathy to John Weakland of the Iowa Hawkeye association on the loss of his mother. She passed away just before Christmas.

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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.

All pitchers desiring to enter should send their 1960 percentage average to the Arizona state secretary by January 20, 1962. He will then notify you of your qualifying position by February 1, at which time you should send your entry fee of \$5.00 to reach him by February 10.

Class "A" will be made up of pitchers over 50% averages. All entrants must have 1962 N.H.P.A. cards and must wear shirts lettered with name, city and state.

Class "A" winner will receive \$50.00; Runner-up, \$25.00; 3rd, \$15.00; 4th, \$10.00.

The Class "B" Open will be held the preceding week and will be made up of 20 players, divided into two ten-man groups, with the two top men in each group playing a round robin for the championship. Elmer Beller, of California is the defending champion. Class "B" date will be February 17 and 18. The regulations and procedure for entry are the same as Class "A". It will include pitchers with under 50% averages and the entry fee \$3.00. Class "B" winner will receive \$15.00; Runner-up \$10.00 and trophies for the top two in each group. For further information call or write, Walter B. Stearns, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona. WO 4-6887.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF NHPA ELECTS 1962 OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts state association held recently the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year. Percy Howe, Orange, Mass., president; Amos Whitaker, Orange, Mass., vice-president and Ralph Forsstrom, Springfield, Mass., secretary-treasurer.

The 1962 Massachusetts state tournament will be conducted by the Orange club at the Moxie Grove courts because there are more courts available for a major tournament.

FOREST PARK (MASS.) CLUB HOLDS BANQUET AND ELECTION

The Forest Park club closed its 1961 season with its annual banquet and election of officers for 1962. Regular club officers together with Handicap League officers were elected. Heading the club as president is John Dunleavy of Holyoke. Joseph Fairbanks of Willimansett, vice-president; Gilbert Brinkman of West Springfield, secretary-treasurer; Alfred Hamel, Indian Orchard, publicity; Ralph Forsstrom of Springfield and John Renfro of Holyoke as co-directors. Guiding the affairs of the Handicap League are John Renfro, president; Leo Broulette, vice president; Gilbert Brinkman, secretary and Herbert Hemenway, treasurer. The club is anticipating a very good season in 1962.

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The New Jersey State horseshoe pitchers association elected the following to office at the state meeting Sunday Nov. 12, 1961.

President — Dr. Sol Berman	Business Manager
1st Vice Pres. — Wm. Kolb	Tournament Director
2nd Vice Pres. — Harold Covert	Handicaps
3rd Vice Pres. — Paul Puglise	Amateur Activity
4th Vice Pres. — Wm. Stelzenmuller, Sr.	Publicity
5th Vice Pres. — Wm. Stelzenmuller, Jr.	Education
Sec.-Treas. — Wm. Fournier, 150 Central Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.	

LES LONG AND WIFE HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY BY STERLING-ROCK FALLS (ILLINOIS) MEMBERS

During one of the Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois league games played during this last season, play was interrupted by a big surprise in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Long on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Allen Holmquist, president of the club acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced Mr. and Mrs. Long to the many friends that were gathered. Mrs. Long was escorted out to the middle of the court by Mary Jo Spencer while Mr. Long was escorted by June Wuebben. Holmquist made an introductory speech and presented Mrs. Long with a beautiful corsage of red roses



Les Long has a big smile as he and his wife are honored on their 25th wedding anniversary by the Sterling-Rock Falls horseshoe pitchers. Watching the presentation of 25 silver dollars to the honorees in the above picture are veteran members and officers of the organizations. From left to right, Ray Wuebben, Myril Stewart, George Hinrichs, John Johnson, Mrs. Long, Allen Holmquist who acted as master of ceremonies for the affair, Long, Herb Plautz, and Glen Shaw.

and a gift of a silver anniversary book containing 25 silver dollars. Several others prominent in pitching circles, present and past, were introduced.

Les, as he is affectionately known began pitching in competition about 16 years ago altho he had pitched for several years before that but not competitively. He is rated as one of the top pitchers in Illinois and is very active in NHPA activities in that area. He is no doubt one of the busiest pitchers in the state in tournament promotion. He holds two sanctioned, open tournaments every year, besides three local tournaments. In the Quint Counties' tournament which covers 5 counties, he is the champion and has never been defeated. He is also in charge of a Handicap Count-All League held one night each week during the summer. Having a little time left he also manages a 16-man team which plays other teams in and around that area within a 150 mile radius.

His lovely wife is also very active in horseshoe activities being head scorekeeper at all the meets and travels with the team on out of town jaunts with her husband. She sees that all the trophies are ordered.

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Delivery of forgings will be made here in Boulder the last of January. New shoes can be mailed in February. For those who placed orders during 1961, please confirm and write for prices. Better write for prices now and get your order in before the spring rush.

INDIANA AND OHIO TOURNAMENT

HEEKIN PARK, MUNCIE, INDIANA

CLASS F	W	L	R	SP	%
Charles Maly, Muncie, Ind. — Trophy	6	1	258	388	63.9
Marion Hancock, Modoc, Ind.	6	1	215	368	58.4
Virgil Holloway, Fairmount, Ind.	5	2	234	416	56.3
Paul Helton, Dayton, Ohio	4	3	206	372	55.4
Lonnie Mullins, Muncie	4	3	219	410	53.4
Harold Keys, Winchester Ind.	2	5	205	380	53.9
Rex Walburn, Muncie, Ind.	1	6	160	362	44.2
Lawrence Meeks, Selma, Ind.	Forfeit				
CLASS G	W	L	R	SP	%
James Day, Frankfort, Ind., Trophy	6	1	182	388	46.6
Harold Craig, Muncie, Ind.	5	2	211	448	47.1
Kenneth Haffner, Portland, Ind.	4	3	255	478	53.3
Alvin Skinner, Fairmount, Ind.	4	3	210	434	48.4
Robert Brubaker, Greenville, Ohio	4	3	197	432	45.6
Ronald Downing, Parker, Ind.	2	5	184	440	41.8
Robert Gordon, Dayton, Ohio	2	5	156	436	35.8
Clinton Amyx, Connersville, Ind.	1	6	159	424	37.5
CLASS H	W	L	R	SP	%
Chad Mays, Kenton, Ohio, Trophy	4	1	173	328	52.7
Walter Briner, Muncie, Ind.	3	2	152	292	55.8
Lawrence Shafer, Bellefontain, Ohio	3	2	168	312	53.8
John Kolaiser, Hammond, Ind.	2	3	136	288	47.2
Walter Wilhoite, Lebanon, Ind.	2	3	167	342	48.8
Raymond Howell, Muncie, Ind.	0	5	81	246	32.1
CLASS I	W	L	R	SP	%
W. L. Siebold, Huntington, Ind.	5	0	130	284	45.8
Raymond Wood, Alpine, Ind.	3	2	140	348	40.2
Louis Williams, Dugger, Ind.	3	2	122	326	34.4
Frank Sumpter, Martinsville, Ohio	2	3	126	322	39.4
Paul Mitchner, Gaston, Ind.	1	4	89	290	30.7
Pascal Lancaster, Muncie, Ind.	1	4	59	242	24.3
CLASS J	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill McClay, Connersville, Ind. — Trophy	5	0	105	218	48.2
Charles Mengedoht, Connersville, Ind.	4	1	77	230	33.5
O. A. Ritchu, Indianapolis, Ind.	3	2	91	244	37.3
Gerald Mendenhole, Union City	2	3	62	226	26.3
Rod Gordnir, Muncie, Ind.	1	4	86	278	30.9
George Foster, Indianapolis, Ind.	Forfeit				
CLASS K	W	L	R	SP	%
Paul Cunningham, Marion, Ind. — Trophy	4	1	100	228	43.8
Otis Clay, Delgraph, Ohio.	4	1	101	252	40.1
Kenneth Mendenhall, Union City	3	2	95	260	36.5
Leonard Kooghr, Union City	2	3	88	242	36.4
Robert Reung, Dayton, Ohio	2	3	98	282	34.8
Roy McClure, Van Wert, Ohio	Forfeit				
CLASS L	W	L	R	SP	%
Thomas Jefferson, Muncie, Ind.	3	2	119	338	35.2
Duane Hudson, Connersville, Ind.	3	2	131	352	37.4
Bud Lacke, Muncie, Ind.	3	2	125	344	36.3
Harry Jefferson, Muncie, Ind.	3	2	101	320	31.6
William I. White, New Augusta, Ind.	2	3	119	362	32.9
Fred Black, Gaston, Ind.	1	4	120	360	33.3

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION FOR SETTLING MULTIPLE TIES FOR FIRST PLACE IN TOURNAMENTS?

By ELMER BELLER

Our Constitution & By-Laws — Sec. 6, Article III Page 15, states "In any tournament, ties between two contestants for first place shall be settled by play-off. Other ties will be settled by percentage and/or total points."

This leaves the matter of three-way ties, or even more contestants tied for first place with no solution offered unless you want to read between the lines and interpret in the section quoted above that other ties could include more than two tied for first place as well as other ties for lessor positions. I do not believe this the intent of the Article.

We should have some definite plan to use especially in ties for first place in World tournaments should the occasion arise. All participants should be aware of this plan before a tournament is started to avert any disagreement or doubt if such ties should occur. There is quite a spread in the amount of prize money in these top positions. Luckily we have had only two ties for first place in World Championships — at least in recent years — and these both only two way ties. Both were between Ted Allen and Don Titcomb at Salt Lake in 1956 and 1957. We played them off best two out of three games. One of these times postponed the play-off until next evening because of fatigued contestants and the lateness of the hour. This actually prolonged the tournament for another full day.

In 1953 when I was in charge of the "B" Championship at Murray, Utah, we had a four-way tie for first place. As there was no set rule to cover the situation and the hour was getting late we held play-off in this fashion — We paired the four contestants off in two pairs each and they each played a 50 point game. Then the two winners of these games pitched a 50 point game for the Championship. Naturally those receiving third and fourth places were not very happy. This all happened in a 16-man round-robin. There could easily be more tied for first place in a larger round-robin or even in a smaller group.

In 1955 here in Southern California we held an Amateur Championship — a sanctioned tournament — and we had a five way tie for first place in only an 8 man round-robin. It seems almost incredible but the five tied men each won four games and lost three. The number 6th and 7th men each won three and lost four and the 8th man won two. Figure it out. In this case they were willing for most any solution. We had the two top percentage men pitch one game for the championship and the other three settle for positions in their standings on their percentages. All were tired and satisfied with this solution and agreed to this procedure.

One year in So. California we had three top pitchers tied for the So. California State championship. They were all World Champ contestants many times. They indulged in a round-robin play off and wound up all tied up again. They returned the next week-end to play off with the same results — tied again. The following week-end they finally broke the tie. We have had many three way ties. Usually they are broken on the first go round.

All the above incidents are of no particular interest as just news. I relate them to point up these ties do happen and will often continue to happen. This matter should be given serious thought with the idea of placing a pattern in our rules and by-laws that is practical to follow in all tournaments especially in World Championships. The more minor tournaments where less is involved can be given more leniency to work out their own problems to fit their circumstances.

I can make some personal suggestions but they have no weight unless approved in convention. In World tournaments I think we should make fast and hard rules for procedure in case of ties for first place. We now have so many 80%, plus, pitchers they may come up any year with a number of them tied for first place. We should be prepared to cope with this situation. State and interstate sanctioned championships should perhaps follow the same course.

When a number of pitchers have all risen to brink of World Championship under equal competition they should break this tie under equal conditions.

MULTIPLE TIES — (Continued)

I do not think pitching a specified number of shoes is the solution. They should all have the opportunity to meet each of their rivals in a competition game even though it prolongs the tourney.

Our rules now say a play-off is required if two are tied. It should be changed to play off all ties for first place. Then it could be tempered with privileges in minor tournaments to meet circumstances by approval of those tied.

Here in California tournaments we always consider one thing proper. That is to try to satisfy all those tied. We call those together who are tied. If all can agree among themselves how they will settle it then all is well. But as the rules call for a play-off for first place, if any of those involved insist on a play-off then all must participate in the play-off to the bitter end or they must forfeit their position. That doesn't mean they forfeit all their games in the tournament but must take last place in the tie.

In a three way play-off to decide which two pitch first game each flip a coin. Odd man sits out. Then the winner of this match plays the other man who sat out. If he wins again he is the Champ. The two losers may play off for second position or take it on percentage. But if the winner of the 1st game loses his second game then the winner of this last game must face the first loser. If he wins this game he is the Champ. If he loses this game they are all tied up again and must start all over.

In more than three way tie a round-robin should be played to be fair to all.

In our tournaments in California where two contestants are tied for first place we always require a play-off.

MINNESOTA BOYS' TOURNAMENT

By JOHN YERNBERG

The following is the results of the 1st Boys State Tournament held since the early 20's, at the St. Paul Ramsey courts, Sept. 2, 1961.

	W	L
1. Dick Bussey, Hibbing, Minn.	9	0 Trophy Champ.
2. Allen Erickson, Hibbing, Minn.	8	1 Trophy Champ.
3. Steven Knutson, St. Paul, Minn.	6	3 Trophy Champ.
4. Frank Stinson Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.	5	4 Trophy Champ.

The balance of the 19 contestants participating received medals.

It was extremely gratifying to note the high interest shown at this 1st tournament, especially among the 12 and 13 year old boys, and proves that horseshoes will grow when helped by men with a dedicated purpose.

FINAL STANDINGS OF FARMERS TOURNAMENT,

DES MOINES, IOWA

	W	L
Wayde Soderstrum, Kelley, Trophy	10	1
Joe Hill, Radcliffe	8	3
Guy Spitler, Adair	8	3
Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe	7	4
Keith Baker, Allerton	7	4
Jim Wilkinson, Winterset	6	5
Maurice Clark, Osceola	6	5
Arlo Williams, Lineville	5	6
Laurel Hellyer, Promise City	3	8
Vernon Dettbarn, Hubbard	3	8
Warren Hartley, Palmer	3	8
Leo Neal, Lineville	0	11

1962 Membership Cards — Get Them NOW!

The 1962 combined state and NHPA membership cards are now in the hands of the various state secretaries and NHPA representatives, a list of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Everybody is urged to renew their membership as quickly as possible and make sure they do not miss any issues of the "Digest." Remember that membership is the life blood of both the game of horseshoe and the NHPA.

Membership should be obtained or renewed through the state secretaries and representatives. Going through the National Secretary, Bob Pence, or the "Digest" editor, Ellis Cobb, causes extra bookkeeping and paper work.

Make sure to give your full name and address correctly. Each month numerous copies of the magazine are returned by the U. S. mails due to faulty or incorrect addresses. Notify Ellis Cobb, the "Digest" editor, at once of any change of address. Anyone who misses his copy of the magazine any month should notify the editor at once in order that listing errors can be corrected.

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ELLIS GRIGGS, ILLINOIS RINGER VETERAN, REGAINS ILLINOIS TITLE

Ellis Griggs, the soft spoken little man from Plainville, Illinois, set a terrific pace in the championship finals of the Illinois state tournament averaging 77.6 for 11 games to cop the 1961 state title. Following close behind him was Ray Martin, a newcomer to the state competition, who hit 72.3% for the course. Due to illness in the family, Clinton Van Dusen of Galesburg, who won his class in the preliminaries, was called home so would have been in the top contenders had he been able to compete on the second day. Frank Polka of Chicago, the defending champion, was way off-stride and finished in 10th position. In the Boys' championship, Joseph Fordel of Pekin, Illinois, came out on top to win the trophy and the 1961 title. He averaged 60% ringers and lost one game out of seven.

	W	L	R	SP	%
Ellis Griggs, Plainville	10	1	652	840	77.6
Ray Martin, Philo	8	3	612	846	72.3
Harvey Kohlenberger, Millstadt	8	3	607	876	70.4
Melvin Utley, Chicago	7	4	572	854	66.9
John Lindmeier, Broadview	5	6	500	730	68.4
Arthur Dugle, Chicago	5	6	572	842	67.9
Jack Stout, Melrose Park	5	6	500	774	64.6
Truman Standard, Canton	4	7	575	856	67.1
Roger Ehlers, St. Charles	4	7	554	826	67.0
Frank Polka, Chicago	4	7	540	848	63.6
Earl Bomke, Springfield	3	8	481	790	60.8
James Hart, Winchester	3	8	446	762	58.5
Clinton Van Dusen, Galesburg	5	2	278	416	71.6
Roger Votel, Manito	3	4	292	454	64.3
Gilbert Bancroft, Greenup	3	4	302	470	64.2
Gene Lawver, Canton	3	4	304	496	61.2
Gary Farnsworth, Potomac	3	4	279	480	58.1
Leslie Long, Sterling	2	5	313	500	62.6
Merle Tirey, Shelbyville	2	5	282	466	60.5
Irving Eilers, Chandlerville	2	5	254	430	59.0
A. L. Austin, Hinsdale	2	5	228	404	56.3
Nelson Vogel, Manito	0	7	225	436	52.0
Ralph Dykes, Chicago	0	7	176	360	48.8
Robert Elliott, Peru	0	7	175	368	47.5

BOYS' TOURNAMENT FINALS

	W	L		W	L
Joe Fordel, Pekin	6	1	Dave Hamilton, Potomac	4	3
Allan Fordel, Pekin	5	2	Dave Jenkins, Pittsfield	3	4
Louis Williams, Pekin	5	2	Steve Hamilton, Potomac	1	6
Ronnie Bomke, Springfield	4	3	Ed Sternberger, Pekin	0	7

Much credit is given to Mr. George Hilst, a former Illinois state champion of past years who lives in Pekin, Illinois, and always brings a group of boys from Pekin to play in the annual Boys' Tournament. It is such interest in the future of the game as demonstrated by Mr. Hilst that will bring our champions of the future.

"Now what's the matter?" asked old Dusty Rhodes, the veteran tramp, one morning when Walker Long appeared with his right hand swathed in bandages.

"It's smokin'—I think I'll be forced to give up me after dinner cigar," explained Walker.

"How's that?"

"Too dangerous. This is the second time in a week that, in pickin' up me evenin' smoke I've had a guy step on me hand."

In Memoriam

The NHPA is saddened by the death of one of its long time Canadian members, Stanley Fritz of Waterloo, Ontario. Death came suddenly of a heart attack while Stan was bowling, another sport in which he excelled.

Stan was one of the very top pitchers in Canada and had been an active tournament player for many years. The Canadian association has not only lost a great player, but a fine sportsman as well, for Stan had a genial and pleasant personality, with the qualities of a true champion who won modestly and lost gracefully.

He was also well known in the United States for Stan has played in World Tournaments in Murray, Utah and Muncie, Ind. and in a number of Eastern Nationals at Clearfield, Pa.

The sympathy of the NHPA and the Canadian Association is extended to his family.

LOOKING FORWARD

With a fine year behind us we are looking forward to the activities of the coming year including the World Tournament at City Park in Greenville, Ohio, July 30 through August 8. Information about the city of Greenville, its housing facilities and World Tournament plans will be carried in the February and subsequent issues.

Meanwhile, looking even farther into the future, the Southern California Association is making a determined bid to hold the 1963 World Tournament. This is a live-wire group with a reputation for good organization under the leadership of Jim Weeks, a top ranking player who has sacrificed concentrating on his playing skill in order to promote and administer the game.

Lee Davis, Regional NHPA Director from New Jersey, has contacted officials of the 1964 World's Fair in New York City regarding the possibility of a World Tournament in connection with this event. Prospects look good and the emphasis is on obtaining suitable playing facilities.

A recent nationwide press story stated that World's Fair officials are planning a gigantic sports program which will include world championships in every possible sport including the minor sports such as horseshoe and archery as well as the big spectator games. The article specifically mentioned horseshoe and the NHPA is pleased especially in view of the cooperation and interest Lee Davis has received in his contacts with the World's Fair Sports Committee.

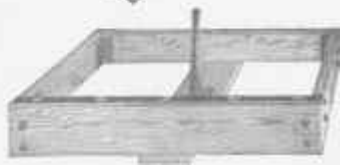
IOWA STATE FAIR OPEN TOURNAMENT — FINALS

	W	L
Clarence Spier	11	1
Harold Shaw	10	2
John Weakland	8	3
Harold Darnold	8	3
Harold Hughes	7	4
Bert Rogers	7	4
Carl Bennett	4	7
Paul McElroy	4	7
Charles Hopkins	3	8
Charles Cook	2	9
Harry Savage	2	9
George Brown	1	10

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