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Los Gatos, California Club Goes 100% N.H.P.A.

The Los Gatos Horseshoe Club of Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Ass'n, with 43 members in 1963, voted at the January meeting to go NHPA all the way. Prospects are also excellent that subscriptions to the Horseshoe Pitchers Digest will triple. The club was reorganized last year with a nucleus of 6 members from 1962 and membership was increased to 43 (including honorary member, Don Titcomb, 1960 World Champion). Officers for 1963 were: Verdan Zelmar, Pres.; Merle Timmons, V. Pres.; Tal Turner, Sec.-Treas.; and Bob Garcia, Publicity Director.

The large increase in membership was accomplished by planned publicity (including two TV interviews), and personal recruiting. Activities that attracted new members included a 3-man team handicap league, ladder competition (divided into 3 classes), 100-shoe competition, Northern California tournaments, match play with other local clubs, and a club tournament.

The team of Ernie Fairchild, Richard Gilbert, and Joe Sadowski won the handicap team championship, with Tal Turner coping the most improved league player award. Ladder play was fiercely contested with challenges tendered and accepted for the best 2 out of 3 50-point games. Cal Childress (a first year player) was awarded the 100-shoe trophy as the most improved player of the year, based on average monthly score. In matches with other clubs, we won 3 and lost 3. Stan MacCarty won the Club "A" championship held in October with a record of 8 and 0, and 65.4%. Connie Henderson placed second with 7-1 and 63.2%, Boyd Walker 3rd, and Verdan Zelmar 4th. Club Class "B" champ Bud Tryon averaged 43.7% to capture 1st with 7 straight wins, Floyd Holt was second, Joe Sadowski 3rd and Don Long, 4th. Participation in Northern California tourneys was excellent, and 3 members including Don Titcomb played in the World Tournament.

Four new courts were added to the original 6 in 1963 with the club members doing the work, backed financially by Town of Los Gatos. We now have 8 excellent clay courts and 2 sand courts.

New officers for 1964 are: Connie Henderson, Pres.; Richard Gilbert, V. Pres.; Bob Swenson, Sec.-Treas.; and Stan MacCarty, Publicity Director. Tentative plans for the new year include hosting an Open Tournament in June, a Class "B" Northern California tourney in October, club tournaments, club team competition to attract new players, match play with other clubs, Jr. player development, regular pitching instructions to new and inexperienced members, and Northern California tournaments.

News Digest To Feature Indoor Pitching Activities

The News Digest will devote a goodly part of the May issue to all clubs and associations who are conducting activities on indoor courts. All such groups are requested to send this information to the News Digest office, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora. All copy should be typewritten, if possible, or in good legible handwriting. Please use one side of the paper ONLY!

Winners Become Losers; Losers — Winners!

Fun, excitement and sportsmanship have been enjoyed at the indoor Youngstown Horseshoe Club, 3202 Youngstown-Hubbard Rd., on Rts. 7 & 62, Youngstown, Ohio.

On the weekends, Saturday and Sunday, two-man teams are chosen and then the teams play round robins. This way there are new champions each time!

The Youngstown Club has been in existence about five years. Open house is usually held late in the fall with such notable visitors as Herb Pinch, Al Zadroga, Jim Ohler, Jim Solomon and others enjoying the hospitality of the club.

The Club is open Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 P. M. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00. Come and join us if you are in the neighborhood. You will be warmly welcomed by Joe Naples, Harold Tuttle, John Curtis, Roy Lyons, Roy White, Albert Solomon, Duncan Monroe or Jerry Cunningham.

On Saturday, February 15th, 6 two-man teams were chosen with the following results:

	Won	Lost
C. Elder, New Wilmington, Pa. & Roy White, Youngstown, Ohio	1	4
C. Bruce, New Wilmington, Pa. & J. Burek, Youngstown, Ohio	4	1
W. Smith, Youngstown, Ohio & E. Winsper, Youngstown, Ohio	4	1
R. Miller, New Wilmington, Pa. & J. Baird, Youngstown, Ohio	0	5
T. Corbett, New Castle, Pa. & R. Henderson, New Castle, Pa.	2	3
O. Corbett, New Castle, Pa. & H. Tuttle, Youngstown, Ohio	4	1

Three-way play-off was won by H. Tuttle & O. Corbett

Sunday, Feb. 16th, 4 two-man teams were chosen with new champions.

	Won	Lost
C. Bruce, New Wilmington, Pa. & J. Naples, Youngstown, Ohio	3	0
O. Corbett, New Castle, Pa. & R. Pitzer, New Castle, Pa.	0	3
R. White, Youngstown, Ohio & S. Plano, New Castle, Pa.	1	2
R. Lyons, Youngstown, Ohio & T. Corbett, New Castle, Pa.	2	1

Winners were Clair Bruce and Joe Naples.

"13" Lucky Number As Moefield Wins Valley of the Sun

In a tournament that had the appearance of a world tournament (there being several who have been in one) Homer Moefield of Long Beach, Calif., proved that "13" can be a lucky number by winning thirteen straight games to cop the championship of the Valley of the Sun open tournament held at Rendezvous park in Mesa, Arizona. Ted Allen, former world champion, dropped his only loss to the Californian. Defending champion, Marines Tamboer of Wichita, Kansas, finished third. Harry Morse of California was best man in Class B, while in the Class C section Roscoe Squires proved his metal by taking seven in a row for top rung in that class.

	W	L	R	SP	%
Homer Moefield, Long Beach, Calif.	13	0	577	808	71.4
Ted Allen, Boulder, Colo.	12	1	562	766	73.4
Marines Tamboer, Wichita, Kan.	10	3	586	880	66.6
Dale Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa	9	4	584	888	65.8
Marvin Reheis, Douglas, Kan.	9	4	574	908	63.2
Art Kamman, Mesa, Ariz.	8	5	581	878	66.1
Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa	7	6	553	916	60.4
John Snyder, Chula Vista, Calif.	6	7	540	886	60.9
John Hagerman, Santa Rosa, Calif.	5	8	463	836	55.4
Pat Marino, Phoenix, Ariz.	4	9	452	819	55.2
Clarence Cummins, Orcutt, Calif.	3	10	489	848	57.7
Waldo Hagy, Las Vegas, Nev.	3	10	377	758	49.7
Allen Holmquist, Tempe, Ariz.	2	11	420	800	52.5
Bill Adair, Phoenix, Ariz.	0	13	272	648	42.0

Valley of the Sun — (Continued)

CLASS B

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harry Morse, Beaumont, Calif.	15	2	468	850	55.1
Al Couchon, Pasadena, Calif.	11	4	448	902	49.7
Ralph Fleharty, Cozad, Nebr.	11	4	453	922	49.1
Cy Warrington, Chester, Mont.	11	4	456	958	47.6
Fred Lavett, Seaside, Calif.	10	5	445	900	49.4
Clark Bell, Covina, Calif.	9	6	469	954	49.2
Eldred Robison, Filmore, Utah	9	6	453	972	46.6
Geo. Easterling, Los Angeles, Calif.	8	7	451	932	48.4
Russ Shaffer, Scottsdale, Ariz.	6	9	413	964	42.8
Maurice Clark, Ocala, Iowa	6	9	414	978	42.3
Bill Van Zanten, Tempe, Ariz.	5	10	422	984	42.9
Oscar Funk, Salt Lake City, Utah	5	10	366	944	38.8
Bill Adair, Phoenix, Ariz.	4	11	418	966	43.3
Charley Palm, Albin, Wyo.	4	11	408	948	43.3
Carl Eckhardt, Scottsdale, Ariz.	4	11	415	1003	41.4
Willard Phillips, Tempe, Ariz.	4	11	361	918	39.3

CLASS C

	W	L	R	SP	%
Roscoe Squires, Calif.	7	0	181	490	37.9
Fred Wermuth, Calif.	5	2	176	454	38.8
Eldon Carrier, Calif.	4	3	172	456	37.9
Ole Hanson, Calif.	4	3	166	486	34.1
Tommy Darrough, Ariz.	3	4	175	482	36.3
Vance Hosick, Nebr.	2	5	138	458	30.1
M. Keeley, Ariz.	2	5	98	426	22.9
Marvin Lingenfelter, Calif.	1	6	124	570	21.8

Iowa Hawkeye Association Announces Two Open Tournaments

Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye Association, announces the dates for two of that association's open tournaments. The Southwest Iowa Open meet will be held at McKinley park in Creston, Iowa, on Sunday, May 24th. All qualifying scores are to be sent to Art Reed, 604 West Mills, Creston, Iowa, on or before May 19th. Qualifying may be done on Saturday, May 18th. The lower classes will start Sunday morning with the other classes starting at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The Iowa Open tournament will be held at Birdland park courts in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 19th. Qualifying scores are to be sent to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa, or pitchers may qualify on the courts on Saturday afternoon, July 18th. Trophies will be awarded in each class plus other prizes. The lower classes will start at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with the higher groups beginning at 1 p.m.

COVER PICTURE . . . Gracing the cover of this month's News Digest is a picture of the 1964 NHPA trophy that will be furnished through the graciousness of the Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Every state tournament winner will receive one of these beautiful trophies. On the mother-of-pearl area below the Miller trademark will be inscribed "N.H.P.A. 1964" the name of the tournament and the name of the winner would be inscribed on the gold plate on the base of the trophy. Height of trophy is approximately 20 inches. The NHPA is again happy to be listed on the Miller Company's sports program.

MICHIGAN'S WATER WONDERLAND TOURNAMENT, JUNE 13-14

The 2nd Annual Water Wonderland Tournament will be held at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, Michigan on the 13th and 14th of June.

This will be a 100 shoe qualifier. Karl Van Sant of Indiana was the 1963 winner. Among his victims were Bill Pentilla and former World champion, Paul Focht, both of Ohio, plus Michigan's great champ, Roy Smith of Muskegon. For more information on this event please contact Vern Fuller, Secretary — 1305 E. Michigan, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Alabama Chapter Formed; First Tourney Held

Alabama has formed a new NHPA Chapter, elected its 1964 officers and held its first NHPA sanctioned state tournament.

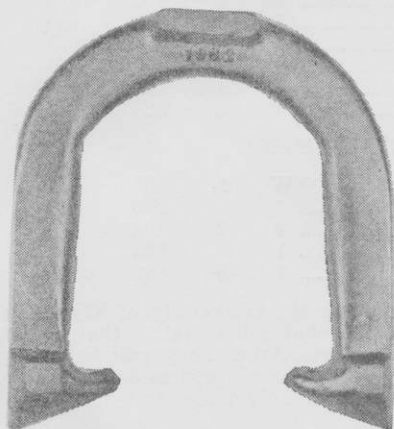
The organizational meeting in January elected W. C. Jones of Roberts-dale, President; Wendell Parrish of Selma, Vice President; and Ottie Reno, Elberta, as Secretary-Treasurer.

The new chapter was organized through the aid of the NHPA by Ottie Reno, author of "The Story of Horseshoes," and a long-time NHPA member from Ohio.

The first tournament held in Mobile was won by Reno with an excellent 62.7% ringers. Matt Laws finished 2nd, losing only one game. A number of the players averaged near the 50% mark.

There are a number of groups playing the game in Alabama and the goal of the officers is to locate key people in these groups and expand the activity with the help of the NHPA. Wendell Parrish who heads a youth group which plays on five courts in Selma will stress a junior program. W. C. Jones has an active group in Roberts-dale.

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Ted Chase In Great "Chase" To Win Mid-Winter Meet At Laramie, Wyoming

Amid lots of enthusiasm despite some real winter weather, Ted Chase of Laramie, Wyoming, led the "chase" to take the title of the Mid-Winter tournament held at the Half-Acre Gym at the University of Wyoming in Laramie racking up nine straight wins. Due to the existing weather conditions, many out-of-town players were unable to be on hand, among these was Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado, former World's Champion. In the Ladies tournament, Mrs. Dorothy Miller of Saratoga, took top honors with a clean slate of 6 victories. This was the first attempt at holding a women's meet and created much enthusiasm among the fairer sex. Bob Burns of the Top of the World Pitchers' Club handled the meet.

CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
Chase, Laramie	6	0	326	168	51.5
Arnold, Laramie	4	2	376	176	46.8
Bindschadler, Laramie	1	5	362	123	34.0
Mack Miller, Saratoga	1	5	358	116	32.4

CLASS B

	W	L	SP	R	%
Botkin, Laramie	5	1	396	125	31.6
Dungan, Casper	3	3	444	113	25.5
Lundberg, Laramie	3	3	454	108	23.8
Schutz, Laramie	1	5	406	86	21.0

CLASS C

	W	L	SP	R	%
Custer, Denver	7	4	750	188	25.1
McNaughton, Laramie	7	4	772	176	22.8
Burns, Laramie	7	4	800	186	23.3
Green, Laramie	6	5	786	178	22.5
Robb, Laramie	5	6	744	186	24.8
Seamonds, Laramie	0	11	722	60	8.3
Painter, Laramie	3	3	424	109	25.7

LADIES' TOURNAMENT

	W	L	SP	R	%
Dorothy Miller, Saratoga	6	0	286	89	31.1
Margaret Williams, Laramie	4	2	404	75	18.6
Shelly Miller, Saratoga	1	5	522	57	10.9
Agnes, Burns, Laramie	1	5	452	19	4.2

The Top of the World Club is furnishing the University of Wyoming the plans and soil information for the ten new horseshoe courts that are to be included in the University's new Minor Sports Area. They will be ready for use this summer. Also they are planning to include courts in the proposed new Gymnasium and field house. Many of the University students play regularly four times a week.

CORRECTION

In order to clear up a misinterpretation, Joseph Anzaldi of St. Paul, Minnesota, wishes it known that he is still the secretary of the Minnesota State Association. All matters pertaining to state association business should be sent to him, including all NHPA membership cards and News Digest subscriptions and renewals by Minnesota members.

Southern California — Pomona Valley Open

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	4	1	252	330	76.4
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	211	316	66.8
Glenn Brown, South Gate	4	1	187	314	59.6
Tom Wheeler, Fullerton	2	3	178	336	53.0
Leo Percy, Anaheim	1	4	120	266	45.1
Fred Percy, La Habra	0	5	107	270	39.6

GROUP TWO

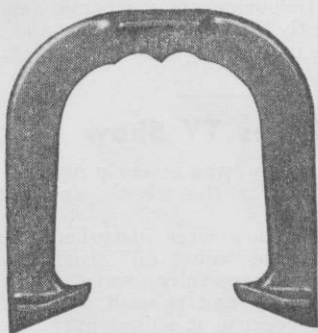
	W	L	R	SP	%
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	5	0	212	296	71.7
Oscar Percy, La Habra	4	1	215	340	63.3
Jesse Gonzales, San Louis Obispo	3	2	197	306	64.2
Harry Morse, Beaumont	2	3	189	316	59.8
Lumm, La Habra	1	4	108	242	44.6
Marshall Oesterick, Glendora	0	5	82	222	36.9

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	3	0	175	216	81.0
Oscar Percy, La Habra	1	2	149	224	66.5
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	1	2	139	212	65.6
Louie Dean, Pomona	1	2	122	192	63.5

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The Membership Front

1964 membership continues to roll in at a much higher rate than ever before in NHPA history.

Northern California leads the list where the new Secretary-Treasurer is Ray Williams of the newly formed Gilroy, Calif. club. Northern California has already far exceeded its 1963 membership totals.

Tennessee, New Jersey and Michigan are other states where 1964 NHPA membership has bettered last year's totals.

Ben Raskopf really has the Tennessee association on the move. Chiefly responsible for the Tennessee surge is the Jefferson City club headed by John Walker and George McDaniel, and the group at Rutledge, Tenn. This town should be called Greenlee for nine players by that name are NHPA members.

New Jersey membership has been given a big boost by the newly formed Middlesex club which has 41 active players, more than half of whom are NHPA members. Tom Czado is Secretary of the club.

Michigan where Ruth Hammond is the new Treasurer and Recording Secretary, has started a membership drive in co-operation with the NHPA and already has exceeded last year's totals.

Many local clubs and their members are taking advantage of the new \$1.00 membership provision which separates "Digest" subscription, making it optional. This has brought in many new members and very few old members have dropped their "Digest" subscription.

Australian Horseshoe Club

A horseshoe pitching club has been formed in Perth, Australia, as a result of information and aid furnished by the NHPA.

About a year ago the Transport Social Club of the Western Australia city decided to add horseshoe pitching to their list of sports and asked the U. S. Information Agency for help. Given the address of the NHPA the club secretary, H. J. Smallwood wrote to Bob Pence, who responded with the necessary information.

Lacking horseshoes the clubs manufactured eight pairs of their own from a blueprint furnished by the NHPA. Indoor courts are being constructed now and the NHPA received a card recently expressing thanks and stating that horseshoe is now a permanent feature of the club's activities. Mr. Smallwood is now an NHPA member.

Jerry Schneider Advises TV Show

Jerry Schneider, 1962 California state champ, was recently used as a technical adviser for the horseshoe pitching skit in the weekly and nationally known TV show "Petticoat Junction."

Many NHPA members who viewed the show were disturbed to see the horseshoe tournament portrayed in the skit use "count all" scoring with the players alternating first pitch. The producers were fully aware that this was not the traditional format for tournament play and is used mainly in local club play, but it was used in the TV skit because it suited purposes of the script better than the conventional type of tournament competition.

Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual Sales Are Brisk

Sale of the new NHPA Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual, the "How To Do It" booklet has been quite brisk. A detailed description of this illustrated 40-page booklet was carried in the January issue.

Get your Manual now. All horseshoe players, fans and NHPA members will find it very helpful and interesting. The price is 50¢ for NHPA members or 35¢ each for orders of five or more copies. Order from Bob Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Ind.

Southern California Association

South California Schedule

March 22 — Baldwin Park "D" Open, Baldwin Park, Calif.	July 12 — South Gate "G" Open, South Gate, Calif.
April 5 — Class "B" Open, South Gate, Calif.	July 18-19 — Western Open (16 Man R.R.), South Gate, Calif.
April 5 — Class "F" Open, South Gate, Calif.	July 26 — Baldwin Park Doubles, Baldwin Park, Calif.
April 12 — Class "C" Open, Fullerton, Calif.	Aug. 15 — South Gate "B" Open, South Gate, Calif.
April 19 — Class "A" Open, South Gate, Calif.	Aug. 22 — South Gate "E" Open, South Gate, Calif.
April 19 — Class "E" Open, South Gate, Calif.	Aug. 22 — Special "A" Open, South Gate, Calif.
April 26 — Long Beach Open, Long Beach, Calif.	Aug. 29-30 — State Championship - A, Boys & Jr., South Gate, Calif.
May 3 — Pomona Doubles, Pomona, Calif.	Sept. 5-6 — South Gate Ringer Round-up, South Gate, Calif.
May 9 — 60 Years & Over, Fullerton, Calif.	Sept. 12 — Class "D" Open, Pomona, Calif.
May 17 — Added Class "F", Fullerton, Calif.	Sept. 13 — Championship "F", Fullerton, Calif.
May 24 — Added Class "G", South Gate, Calif.	Sept. 20 — Championship "G", Pomona, Calif.
May 24 — Added Class "B", South Gate, Calif.	Sept. 27 — Championship "B", Baldwin Park, Calif.
May 31 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate, Calif.	Oct. 4 — Championship "A", Fullerton, Calif.
June 6 — Added Class "E", Baldwin park, Calif.	Oct. 11 — Championship "C", South Gate, Calif.
June 7 — Added Class "A", Baldwin Park, Calif.	Oct. 18 — Championship "AA", South Gate, Calif.
June 14 — Added Class "C", Long Beach, Calif.	Oct. 25 — Championship "E", Pomona, Calif.
June 21 — Added Class "D", Fullerton, Calif.	Nov. 1 — Championship "D", Baldwin Park, Calif.
June 28 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona, Calif.	Nov. 8 — Fullerton "G" Open, Fullerton, Calif.
July 5 — Special Tournaments.	Nov. 15 — Fullerton Doubles, Fullerton, Calif.
July 11 — Pomona "C" Open, Pomona, Calif.	

Athletic Institute Sports Survey

The game of horseshoe pitching ranked quite high on the list of recreations on the participation survey conducted recently by the Athletic Institute.

Horseshoe ranked 11th on the list with nine million participants and ahead of such well known sports as golf and tennis.

The recreational activities which showed more participants than horseshoe included Volleyball, Cycling, Boating, Fishing, Bowling, Roller Skating, Table Tennis, Billiards, Camping and Shuffleboard in that order.

The figures of this survey by a national organization should be of immense value to individuals and clubs attempting to obtain horseshoe facilities from city park departments and the like.

For a free copy of the survey write to Joseph H. Hill, Editor, Athletic Institute, Room 805, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois - 60654 and ask for a copy of the 1963 Sports Participation Survey.

Canal Zone On N.H.P.A. Roster

For the first time in its history the NHPA has members in the Canal Zone. H. C. Simpson and G. T. Fitzgerald of Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone are the holders of NHPA membership cards obtained after a request for information about the game.

The game is played on a neighborhood recreation basis only at present with all players strictly beginners, but the new members report an increase in interest.

Years ago Bill Moore, who won the 1938 Illinois title, lived in the Canal Zone for awhile, but this is the first time the NHPA has actually had members there. An interesting sidelight is that the week of the recent outbreak of trouble in the Zone the NHPA received three letters of inquiry from there.

New Mexico Progress And Plans

Officers of the New Mexico State Association and the Albuquerque club met at the home of State Secretary Fred Grey recently and made plans for the coming season.

The state tournament will be held at Los Altos Park in Albuquerque over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5, 6, 7, on the new floodlighted 12 court layout.

The Albuquerque club will hold its initial tournament of the season on the same courts May 23 and 24.

Interest is high in the area, and the NHPA should pick up many new members. The Rio Grande Club at Belen is headed by former State Secretary, Ralph Brandt and is always a very active group.

Marion Henson has organized the new Moriarity Club and will soon have another in action at Mountainair.

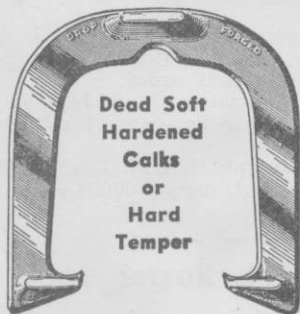
New Mexico officers besides Fred Grey are President, Tom Towne and Vice President, Lloyd Jones.

World Tournament News

Greenville, Ohio, is hard at work on plans for the World and National tournament to be held August 1-11, and expectations are the event will be even more successful than the 1962 tourney on the same courts.

The Darke County Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Greenville Park Department are installing a complete set of new stakes and new clay. Several major tournaments will be held there prior to the "big one" thus making sure that everything will be in tip top shape and all wrinkles ironed out.

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COMING EVENTS

- May 17 — Men and Junior Boys' tournament, (Iowa Hawkeye members only) Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- May 24 — Southwest Iowa Open tournament, McKinley park, Creston, Iowa.
- May 24 — Massachusetts State Kick-off Meet, Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 6-7 — Heart of America Tournament of Champions, Budd park, Kansas City, Missouri.
- June 13-14 — 5th Annual Kindred Open tournament, Kindred, North Dakota.
- June 13-14 — Michigan Water Wonderland Open Tournament, Bailey Park, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- June 14-15 — Minnehaha County Open, tournament, McKennan park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- June 14 — Massachusetts Open tournament, (first division) Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 21 — Massachusetts Open tournament, (second division) Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- June 24 — Iowa-Hawkeye Association Members Trophy-Picnic, Men and Junior Boys, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 28 — Annual St. Joe Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmund Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 4 — Atkins tournament, Atkins, Iowa.
- July 4-5 — Heart of Kansas Tournament, Gage park, Topeka. (Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri players only.)
- July 11-12 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 19 — Iowa Open tournament for all NHPA members, Men and Junior Boys, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- July 25-26 — Annual Northwest Open tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- August 13 — Afton County Fair Open tournament, Afton, Iowa.
- August 16 — Annual All-States Open tournament, City park, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 1-11 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, CITY PARK, GREENVILLE, OHIO.**
- August 18-19 — Annual Illinois State tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- August 19 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, State fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
- Aug. 23 — Annual Cornbelt Open tournament, Crapo park, Burlington, Iowa.
- Aug. 23 — Massachusetts State tournament, Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- August 28 — Farmers Division tournament, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 29 — Iowa State Junior Boys' tournament, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 29-30 — Iowa State tournament, Iowa State fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sept. 4-5 — Annual Minnesota State tournament, Ramsey County fairgrounds, 2000 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Sept. 5-6-7 — New England Championship, Moxies Grove, Holyoke, Mass.
- Sept. 7 — South Dakota State tournament, McKennan park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Sept. 13 — Annual Midland Empire Open tournament, Noyes Field, 28th and Edmund Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- Sept. 20 — Annual Afton Open tournament, County fairgrounds, Afton, Iowa.

Plans For "Heart of Kansas" Meet Rolling In High Gear

The big, new tournament "Heart of Kansas" tournament scheduled for July 4th and 5th on the beautiful Gage park courts in Topeka, Kansas is rolling in high gear. The meet takes in all players from the states of Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska. There will be 32 gold engraved trophies and a large number of special prize awards. Particular among these will be one for the highest ringer percentage, player coming the longest distance, oldest and the youngest pitcher and many others.

Plan now to take in this great tournament and also enjoy other features of beautiful Gage park which includes softball diamond, tennis courts, live animal zoo, shelter house, barbecue pits and picnic tables, etc. Plenty of parking space. Complete detailed information will be announced in a later issue of the News Digest. Perl "Pep" Pepple, publicity director.

Michigan Activity Increases

Interest in Michigan is increasing and already the Wolverine state's NHPA membership has exceeded last year's total with many more to come.

Ruth Hammond of Ada is the Recording Secretary & Treasurer who handles NHPA membership. She and her husband Earl are stimulating interest with a newsletter every so often to Michigan players.

Roy Smith of Muskegon is President and Vern Fuller of Battle Creek the Secretary. On the Board of Directors are Jim Ostrander of Lansing, Earl Grable of Dimondale and Bert Tyler of Whitehall.

The Michigan Association is making plans for a big Open tournament involving out of state entrants June 13-14 at Battle Creek, the annual Water Wonderland Open.

Mel Utley, New King of Rock River Valley (Illinois) Open

Melvin Utley of Chicago, Illinois, was crowned the new king of the Rock River Valley Open tournament held at Lawrence park in Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois. Statistics of this annual ringorama have just been received by the News Digest.

In the qualifying round, John Paxton, veteran ringerman from Ottumwa, Iowa, topped the field with 256 points out of his 100 shoes. Strong winds curtailed ringer percentages. In the title play-off, Glen "Red" Henton, Iowa state champion succumbed to Melvin Utley from the "Windy City," together with Ellis Griggs, 6-time winner of the Illinois state title and Clint Van Dusen also were victims of Utley's prowess at the stake. Marion Lange of Iowa was Class B winner. Bringing in the winner's baton in Class C was Ed Willich of Buffalo, Iowa.

Included in promotor Long's seasonal report on the club's activities was the roster of officers for the coming season: Don Grove, president; Tino Ramirez, vice-president; Frank Bressler, vice-president; Les Long, secretary and Ray Wuebben, treasurer.

Class A

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Griggs, Ill.	5	1	75.7
Henton, Iowa	4	1	69.7
Cobb, Ill.	3	2	60.3
W. Martin, Ill.	2	3	58.9
Stout, Ill.	1	4	60.8
Austin, Ill.	0	5	57.7

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Van Dusen, Ill.	5	0	75.2
Utley, Ill.	4	1	69.8
Paxton, Iowa	2	3	64.8
N. Vogel, Ill.	2	3	68.8
Danielson, Iowa	2	3	63.3
Darnold, Iowa	0	5	60.0

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CLASS B

GROUP ONE			GROUP TWO		
	W	L		W	L
Bettisworth, Ill.	5	0	Lange, Iowa	4	1
Anderson, Ill.	5	0	Magnuson, Ill.	4	1
Lester, Ill.	3	2	Drager, Ill.	3	2
Horn, Ill.	2	3	Law, Ill.	2	3
Ramirez, Ill.	1	7	Sornberger, Ill.	1	4
Grove, Ill.	1	4	Robinson, Ill.	1	4

CLASS C

	W	L		W	L
Willich, Iowa	6	1	McBride, Ill.	4	3
Taylor, Ill.	5	2	Christman, Ill.	2	3
Elliott, Ill.	5	2	Polka, Ill.	2	5
Carter, Iowa	4	3	Bressler, Ill.	0	5

In Memoriam

Matthew M. Mozolf

Delaware Park Horseshoe Club of Buffalo, N.Y. is saddened by the death, on January 7th, of one of their staunchest members — Matthew M. Mozolf, President of the club since 1953. Matt was a promoter of the game, tossing an NHPA approved shoe of his own design and manufacture. He held the class A singles championship in many regional tourneys, and just last August won the Niagara AAU championship. In all, Matt garnered some 25 trophies, was a good bowler. In 1925 he won the Eastern Amateur Bicycle Championship. When he was not busy with his favorite sport he liked to relax by playing his Lowrey Organ.

At the time of his passing, Matt was working with Glen Sebring of Erie, Pa., in an effort to revitalize activities in and around the Buffalo, N.Y. area.

We print the following poem by Art Baker that Matt always carried with him:

I have not mailed a Christmas card,
Nor have I pitched horseshoes,
Since my arteries have gotten hard.
I sure have got the blues.
When I die and go to Heaven
If I find no horseshoes there,
I'll leave my blues, pick up my 'shoes
And seek my fun elsewhere.

Somewhere I know I'll find my pals
Who always like to play.
I'll wander till I hear the thud
Of horseshoes in the clay.
Where'ere I go, I'll want to know
There must be horseshoes there.
For the boys that pitch,
I would not switch
For others anywhere.

To his bereaved family the sincere sympathy of the Delaware club, New York state association together with the NHPA officers and members.

Notice To All Subscribers and Members

There is an ever increasing amount of NHPA membership and News Digest renewals that are being sent to the News Digest office. This entails a tremendous amount of extra work being thrust on the editor, who has to forward all such mail to the NHPA secretary's office. It is therefore requested that all such matters pertaining to membership and Digest renewals be sent to the respective State Secretaries who in turn will issue the proper state card and send the dues for NHPA and News Digest renewals to the NHPA secretary, Robert Pence.

Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament

The Eastern National will be held once more at Glenwood Park Courts, Erie, Pa. on June 19, 20 and 21st. Qualifying will be Friday night, June 19 until midnight and Saturday until 11:00 A.M., 100 shoes, another 100 optional. Class A to be the 15 highest qualifiers and the defending champion, Elmer Hohl of Canada. Class B will be 16 men (2 groups) and class C and D as entries warrant.

Because of increased interest on the part of the women pitchers there will be two classes scheduled for them this year at the Eastern. In addition to the Class A, there will be a "novice" class intended to induce participation by many who have never before had the opportunity of pitching in a tournament.

The Erie club is planning on putting out a "year-book" of Eastern National pitchers and requests a picture, together with a short biography of any player who has pitched or intends to pitch in this tournament. Mail to Glen Sebring, 1431 W. 42nd St., Erie, Pa. Snapshots size is O.K. Fairly close-up shots preferred. Pictures will be returned to you or held for your pick-up at the tournament.

For motel or cottage reservations, please write to Joe Peters, 19 Eagle Point Blvd., Erie, Pa.

Jefferson City, Tennessee Club Activities Begin April 10

The Jefferson City, Tennessee club will start their activities for 1964 on April 10 with a tournament for club members that will continue for a period of several weeks ending on June 27.

There will be 3 groups playing 36 games each in weekly sessions. It is expected that a big increase in membership will be affected as a result of these weekly contests.

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Ken Jensen of Michigan Wins Annual Sun Coast Open

Despite strong winds that hampered the players and held ringer percentages down, Ken Jensen of St. Joseph, Michigan set a steady pace and compiled 9 straight wins to claim the Sun Coast Open title held at Bradenton, Florida recently. John Clingan was runner-up. Trophies were awarded to the first three men in Class A and B. Also the two top men in each of the last three classes received trophies plus cash awards in all classes. All players in Class A and B held NHPA cards. Clyde Green was the tournament manager assisted by Horace Kemp, club president and M. A. Bruce, secretary. Meet was played on the Bradenton, Florida Trailer Park courts.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
K. Jensen, Mich.	9	0	64.1
J. Clingan, Fla.	8	1	62.3
Karl Vansant, Ind.	7	2	59.3
E. Edwards, W.Va.	4	5	53.2
J. Foster, Neb.	4	5	52.4
H. McCoskey, Ind.	4	5	51.0
J. Rademacher, Fla.	3	6	56.7
W. Packard, Fla.	3	6	48.4
J. Ellis, Fla.	2	7	44.1
J. Kelly, Fla.	1	8	46.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
L. Neal, Ind.	8	1	54.8
J. Hightower, Ill.	8	1	50.5
H. Gross, Mich.	5	4	44.3
Askey, Mich.	5	4	42.0
C. Lundgren, Mich.	4	5	53.4
A. Hodgman, Mich.	4	5	42.2
L. Peary, Fla.	3	6	42.3
C. Green, Ind.	3	6	38.9
J. M. Dubie, Ga.	3	6	37.8
Wm. Figy, Ohio	2	7	41.3

CLASS C

	W	L	%
R. Gravink, N.Y.	4	1	48.7
H. Spiess, Fla.	4	1	48.2
R. McClure, Ohio	3	2	43.4
H. Ehmke, N.Y.	3	2	39.1
H. Wells, Ind.	1	4	33.5
E. Smith, Fla.	0	5	33.6

CLASS D

	W	L	%
R. Phillabaum, Ohio	5	0	31.7
H. Garman, Ind.	4	1	34.6
J. Guernsey, Mich.	2	3	31.4
J. Thonert, Fla.	2	3	31.2
J. Pope, Fla.	1	4	25.8
S. D. Rodgers, Mich.	1	4	25.4

CLASS E

	W	L	%
R. Reidenbaugh, Ohio	3	1	22.0
A. Berdan, Mich.	3	1	25.4
M. Hale, N.Y.	2	2	22.1
T. Summers, Pa.	2	2	18.4
H. Porter, Fla.	0	4	11.0

Massachusetts Open Championship Set For June 14

LOCATION: Moxie's Grove, Hampton Ponds, Holyoke, Mass. Off Route 202 between Holyoke and Westfield. Use exit 3 off Mass. Turnpike.

DATE: Sunday, June 14 and Sunday, June 21, 1964. Rain date if either division rained out will be June 28.

CLASSES: Class A will be a ten (10) man round robin. All other classes depending on number of entries will be eight (8).

CLASSES: Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 A.M. sharp. CC-D-DD-E-EE.

Sunday, June 14, at 1:30 P.M. A-B-BB-C.

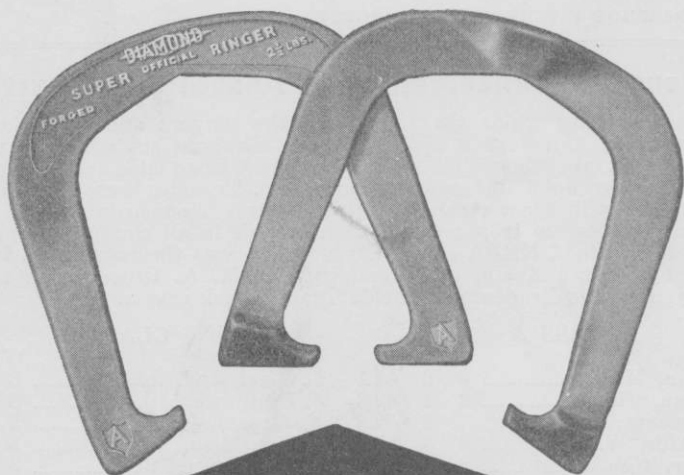
The remaining classes will play on Sunday, June 21, 1964.

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 to be sent with entry blank to Ralph Forsstrom, 88 Harmon Ave., Springfield, Mass. In case of accident or illness entry fee will be returned.

DEADLINE: Sunday, June 7, 1964. Please return entries early. Players will be notified of their date and starting time by Wednesday, June 10, 1964.

RULES: N.H.P.A. rules to prevail. If first place tie single game playoff will decide the winner. All other positions will be decided by total points. Players in top classes please plan to keep score in the morning.

The committee reserves the right to change method of play if necessary. Ralph Forsstrom and John Renfro are Tournament Directors.



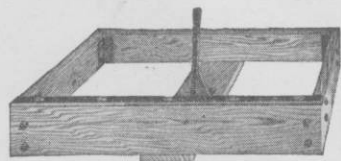
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