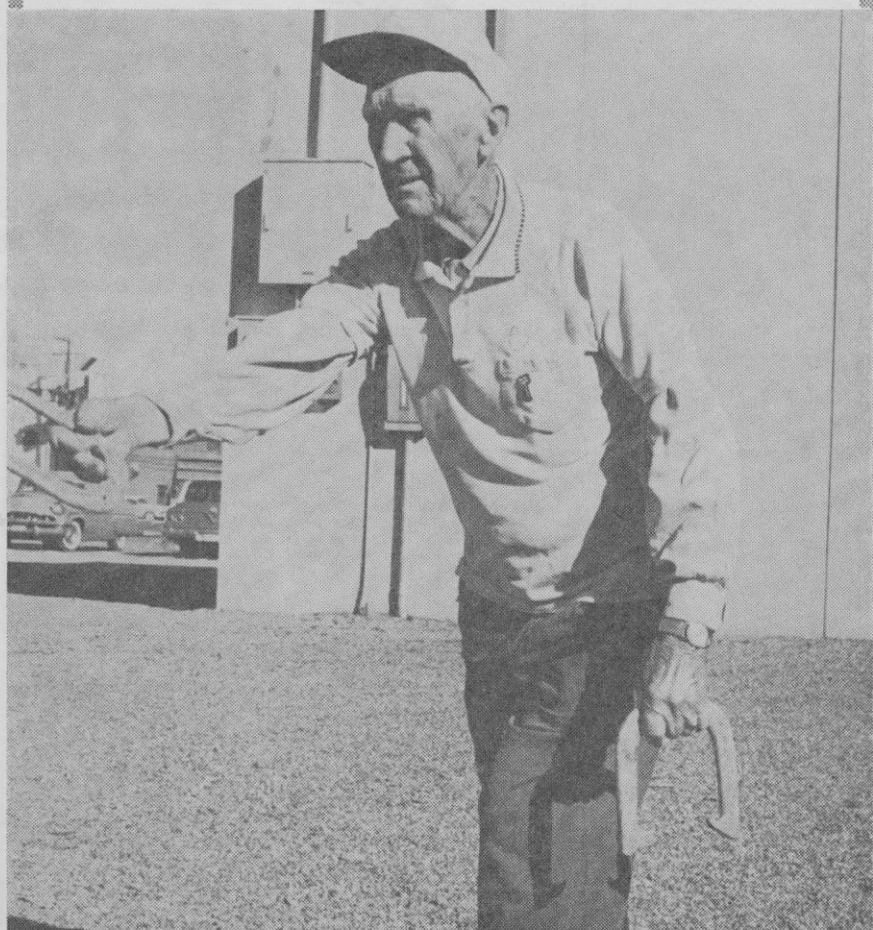


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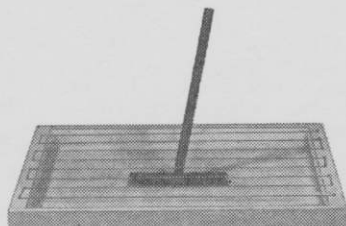
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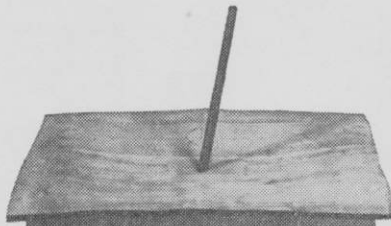
Dixon Portable Horseshoe Courts (Patent Pending) are now available. I have received many inquiries on these courts, but have not been able to present them at a price I felt would be attractive. I have been able to purchase the rubber pads in large quantities and can pass the savings on to you. The new nylon suspension system has eliminated some cost and improves the efficiency of the rubber pad greatly. The life of these pads should be at least ten years and are guaranteed for two years.

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## 1965 World Tournament Information

The 1965 World and National Tournament will be held July 31 through August 10th at Wheelock Park in Keene, New Hampshire, the first time the event has ever been held in New England or the eastern states.

Wheelock Park has a battery of 24 courts, the largest setup the tournament has ever been held on. Carl Steinfeldt who recently visited Keene reports that the entire setup, stakes, clay, lights and other physical facilities will be first class and that the Keene Club is "on the ball" in its preparations.

Keene is only a few hours drive from New York City and the World's Fair. A number of lakes in the vicinity are excellent fishing spots. White and Green Mountain scenic drives and historic Boston are also close to Keene.

The 1965 World Tournament prize list will be the largest in the history of the event. A complete list of the prize money awards will be published in the June or July issue, but the grand total will be in approximately \$6,600.00. The Keene Horseshoe Club placed a bid which was \$1,000.00 higher than previous bids in order to land the tourney and this money will all go into cash awards.

The NHPA convention to be held during the tournament and the delegates will have power to award the 1967 World Tournament. The 1966 World Tournament has been tentatively awarded to Murray, Utah, providing the Utah Association reaffirms its bid presented last year.

The schedule of events was published in the April issue. Special and specific tournament rules and regulations will be carried in either the June or July issue.

A feature of the 1965 convention will be the establishment of an official Horseshoe Hall Of Fame. Carl Steinfeldt is chairman of the committee working on this project.

The Keene Club is exceptionally busy in preparing for the tourney. Mal Georgina in charge of publicity already has a program underway and the tourney will receive better coverage and advance notice than ever before. Don Pickering, New Hampshire State Champ, is in charge of the official program brochure and it will be an unusual and outstanding one. Freddy Melvin, Route 8, Keene, N. H. is in charge of housing accommodations and concessions. Reggie Fish, President of the Keene Club, will be in charge of special events, including the opening and closing ceremonies.

## NOTICE

**Effective July 1, 1965 — the Post Office Department will require your Zip Code on all mail such as "The News Digest." In order to avoid any delay in your receiving your magazine, send in your Zip Code — now to — The News Digest Office, 1307 Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois 60505.**

*COVER PICTURE . . . During the recent Valley of the Sun Tournament held at Mesa, Arizona, Charles Carson of Mesa was honored by being named Tournament chairman on the occasion of his eighty-second birthday. Mr. Carson can still pitch over 50 percent ringers and plays 2 or 3 games each day. He attributes his good health to this fine sport which he has played for over 50 years.*

## 1965 World Tournament Prospects

What will the 1965 World Tournament be like. Will holding the event in New England and the northeastern section of the country for the first time make a difference? Will the entry list be a large one? What will the qualifying scores be like? What are the weather conditions likely to be?

These are questions NHPA officers have been asked ever since the 1965 tournament was awarded to Keene.

First of all the tournament will be an excellent one which will rank with the best of past years and may even surpass all of them. The facilities will be excellent, the prize list the largest in history. Holding the event in New England and the east for the first time will install new vigor and stimulate new interest.

Remembering the upsurge in interest in 1960 when the tourney was moved to Muncie, Ind. after so many years in Utah we confidently predict a great tournament.

The entry list will probably be approximately the same size as last year, but many of the faces will be new both in the qualifying round and in the round robin play.

The total may be slightly smaller than 1964 for geographic reasons, New England being a long ways from a central location, but the number will probably equal or exceed the 1963 tourney at South Gate, Calif.

The New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other eastern states have large NHPA membership lists and these players have long looked forward to having the tournament near at hand. They will contribute a large number of new faces to the tourney.

The general level of qualifying scores will probably be substantially lower than last year. Everything combined to send the scores sky high at Greenville in 1964. Class "A" scores may hold fairly close to 1964, but Class "B" and "C" scores are bound to be lower. Greenville was centrally located and in the hot bed of horseshoe, Indiana and Ohio, and was able to attract a very high percentage of those players a notch below the big name players.

New England and the east will provide many top ranking players such as Ed Landry, Joe Comeau, Bill Babinski and Don Kaddy of Mass., Dom Majewski of Conn., Porter Clark of Maine, All Bouregeois and George Collard of Rhode Island, and others from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

There are many other fine players in New England who will provide competition at Keene but it just isn't in the books that the outstanding players from the midwest and other states will show up in large enough numbers to boost the qualifying scores to the heights they went in 1964.

With Gary Roberts gone from the Junior scene that division will be wide open. In fact the only other "Class A" Junior who will be missing will be Gary Craig of Indiana. Classes "B" and "C" in the Juniors will really be wide open and will probably be dominated by New England Juniors.

Women's horseshoe gained a foothold in the New England States during the past few years. They will present some new faces among the Ladies, particularly in Classes "B" and "C".

There are a number of New England players who will make excellent showings in the Senior division which will be a wide open affair from top to bottom.

The weather? Reports indicate that the first two weeks of August are usually the best two weeks of the entire summer in New England both in regards to temperature and rain.

## World Tourney Housing Reservations

Those wishing to make reservations for rooms during the World tournament in Keene, N. H. July 31 through Augusta 10 may do so by writing to Freddie Melvin, West Chesterfield, New Hampshire 03466.

The city has been host to the finals of the Annual American Legion boys baseball World Series in the past years so it knows how to handle a large influx of visitors.

## Oklahoma Open Tournament — June 26-27

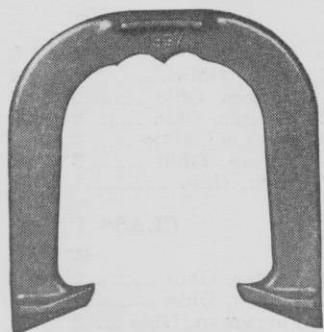
The Oklahoma Association announces that their Fourth Annual Open Tournament will be held at the new Sooner Park Courts in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27.

Four classes are tentatively planned and your percentage will constitute a qualifying score for class placement. An entry fee of \$2.00, together with your ringer percentage, must be in the hands of Frank S. Coleman, State Secretary, 1664 Maple Avenue, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, one week before the tournament (by June 19). All entrants must be NHPA members. You will be notified of your class by return mail.

Classes D and C will pitch at 9:00 A.M. and 1 P.M., Saturday, June 26; and Classes B and A will pitch at 9:00 A.M. and 1 P.M. Sunday, June 27. Two trophies will be awarded in each class.

A "non-sanctioned" Women's Open Tournament, one class event, will be held at 1:00 P.M. Sunday, June 27 as an added feature. The entry fee of \$2.00 must be in the hands of the State Secretary (Frank S. Coleman) by June 19.

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## Gary Roberts Claimant To Ohio Spring Indoor Title

Seventeen year old Gary Roberts of Lucasville, Ohio three times the National Junior Titlist, also claimed the crown at the New Rome, Ohio early spring indoor meet. Gary was undefeated, pitched a steady 72.9%. There were only 2 play-offs in the 12 classes, Robert Redding topping Harold Anthony in Class B and Stan Manker gaining the nod over John DeWeese in Class D.

### CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

	W	L	%
G. Roberts, Ohio .....	5	0	72.9
J. Solomon, Pa. ....	4	1	76.4
L. Linegar, Ohio .....	3	2	70.4
D. Roberts, Ohio .....	2	3	62.1
G. Reno, Ohio .....	1	4	30.9
L. Bennett, Ohio .....	Forfeit		

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
C. Young, Ohio .....	4	1	64.3
K. Dawes, Ohio .....	3	2	63.4
L. Rose, Ohio .....	3	2	56.9
J. Boesch, Ohio .....	2	3	53.9
M. Gardner, Ohio .....	2	3	51.8
F. Dougherty, Ohio ....	1	4	46.1

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
R. Redding, Ohio .....	5	1	65.2
H. Anthony, Ohio .....	4	2	66.6
J. Knisley, Ohio .....	3	2	55.6
T. Pearce, Ohio .....	2	3	58.1
C. Redding, Ohio .....	1	4	57.1
J. Leach, Ohio .....	1	4	55.6

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
J. Pillion, Ohio .....	4	1	57.9
J. Nicholl, Ohio .....	3	2	57.9
H. Franke, Illinois ....	3	2	54.4
H. May, Ohio .....	3	2	53.9
M. Montgomery, Ohio ..	2	3	53.6
L. Mathews, Ohio .....	0	5	48.3

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
S. Manker, Ohio .....	5	1	50.0
J. De Weese, Ohio .....	4	2	52.3
K. Wilson, Ohio .....	3	2	46.0
O. Blosser, Ohio .....	2	3	43.9
H. Witter, Ohio .....	1	4	45.4
V. Pyles, Ohio .....	1	4	41.5

### CLASS E

	W	L	%
F. Redding, Ohio .....	5	0	55.8
R. Bennett, Ohio .....	3	2	52.4
H. Roshon, Ohio .....	3	2	51.5
F. Bennett, Ohio .....	3	2	49.2
T. Harris, Ohio .....	1	4	34.2
C. Brickles, Ohio .....	Forfeit		

### CLASS F

	W	L	%
G. Hoddy, Ohio .....	5	0	51.9
A. Miller, Ohio .....	4	1	34.4
R. Moore, Ohio .....	3	2	35.4
G. Burns, Ohio .....	2	3	32.2
B. O'Brien, Ohio .....	Forfeit		
F. Dougherty, Ohio ..	Forfeit		

### CLASS G

	W	L	%
E. Pratt, Ohio .....	5	0	42.6
C. Hodges, Ohio .....	3	2	34.7
C. Mangus, Ohio .....	2	3	30.4
D. Peterson, Ohio .....	2	3	37.0
L. Yerian, Ohio .....	2	3	37.0
F. Park, Ohio .....	1	4	25.8

### CLASS H

	W	L	%
R. Hix, Ohio .....	4	1	40.6
D. Hoff, Ohio .....	3	2	39.5
L. Kunkler, Ohio .....	3	2	38.7
A. J. Ball, Ohio .....	3	2	34.9
P. Beach, Ohio .....	1	4	33.9
E. Lomax, Ohio .....	1	4	32.4

### CLASS I

	W	L	%
R. Butler, Ohio .....	5	0	48.8
E. Brown, Ohio .....	4	1	37.0
R. Ferryman, Ohio ....	2	3	30.9
R. Von Dach, Ohio ....	2	3	21.5
I. Butcher, Ohio .....	1	4	26.6
F. Boermer, Ohio .....	1	4	31.8

### CLASS J

	W	L	%
W. Grenell, Ohio .....	5	0	30.9
W. Church, Ohio .....	4	1	31.5
L. Butcher, Ohio .....	3	2	27.3
R. Self, Ohio .....	2	3	27.0
C. Hannah, Ohio .....	1	4	12.1
H. Jarrells, Ohio .....	Forfeit		

### CLASS K

	W	L	%
D. Oyer, Ohio .....	4	1	31.2
E. Woods, Ohio .....	3	2	32.6
E. Redding, Ohio .....	3	2	31.2
P. Van Atta, Ohio ....	3	2	27.9
J. Kunkler, Ohio .....	2	3	28.9
K. Suttener, Ohio .....	Forfeit		



## South Gate — Southern California Class "F" Open

	W	L	R	SP	%
Leo Dooley, Long Beach .....	8	0	147	360	40.8
Charles Lucas, Inglewood .....	7	1	140	398	35.1
Henry Thompson, San Gabriel .....	5	3	128	402	31.8
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park .....	5	3	122	422	28.9
Ron Morton, Los Angeles .....	4	4	113	366	30.8
Ron St. Thomas, Bell Gardens .....	3	5	136	430	31.6
Mel Lingenfelter, Canoga Park .....	2	6	96	360	27.2
Joe Holder, Pico Rivera .....	2	6	111	442	25.1
Beryl Wright, Long Beach .....	0	8	33	316	20.4

## Fullerton — Southern California Fullerton "G" Open

	W	L	R	SP	%
Harold Carden, Sr., Baldwin Park .....	7	1	156	364	40.1
Charles Siebert, Fullerton .....	6	2	155	398	38.9
Raymond Victor, Huntington Park .....	6	2	150	456	32.8
Charles Lucas, Inglewood .....	5	3	149	422	36.1
Billy Crick, Los Angeles .....	3	5	130	406	32.0
Ron St. Thomas, Bell Gardens .....	3	5	137	422	32.2
Joe Holder, Pico Rivera .....	3	5	108	402	26.8
Sam Davis, Downey .....	2	6	123	414	29.7
John Deyo, Pomona .....	1	7	101	398	25.3

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## Brown County Open Tournament, Mt. Sterling, Illinois

### Brown County Fairgrounds — August 6th

Sid Logsdon of Versailles, Illinois will be the promoter of the annual Brown County Open tournament when its gets under way at the Brown County fair on Friday, August 6th at the Brown County fairgrounds at Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

There will be four classes, using 12 courts, with the tournament starting at 10 A.M. sharp on Friday, August 6. Class C and D will begin play first with Classes A and B following in the afternoon.

Qualifying scores should be sent to Sid Logsdon, P. O. Box 55, Versailles, Illinois not later than August 2 accompanied by entry fee of \$3.00. Qualifying will be allowed previous to tournament time with all players finishing qualifying by 9:45 A.M. Courts will be open on August 5 for anyone who wants to qualify in the afternoon. Scorekeepers will be on hand to take your score.

There are motel and hotel accommodations in Mt. Sterling and other motels in the immediate vicinity.

First prize will be \$15.00 in Class A. and possibly more depending on funds available at tournament time. Pitchers from all around the midwest are invited to take part.

## De Soto Open Title Goes To Hoosier Ringerman

By HAL PORTER

Bud Horner, Hoosier Stake Charmer, tamed the iron like the champion he is in finals of the 1965 De Soto Open Championships. Bud breezed through seven tough rivals to win all his games and the A Class Title.

This gamester won his first few games with 51 points; as the day wore on, he increased this to 54 and 55 points. When you consider that out of 376 offerings he circled the stakes 247 times for a ringer average of 65.7 you realize how much power can be tied up in a small package!

Like his buddy, Stevie Brozovich of Detroit, Bud, soaking wet, tips the scales at not very much. But on the blacktop lanes of Horseshoe U he is a giant; jolly but not green. He was able, against one of the all-time greats of the game, Joe Wilkinson, everybody's favorite, to find the peg 30 times in 38 attempts while Joe was hanging on with 20 of his own. He shot a cool 60 per cent against Les Peary who was close to 50 per cent himself. But he was meanest of all to State President, Johnnie Rademacher of Plant City. John threw 20 dazzlers but against Bud's 34 in 74 shoes, he was helpless.

The largest gallery of the week watched as these finalists squared away under very unfavorable weather conditions. High wind and at times, actual rainfall, did the players no favors, but they asked none and put on a show that will long be remembered. Andy Anderson, imperturbable Parkersburg, W. Va., shoeman of many year's tourney experience wound up in a play-off with the above mentioned Steve Brozovich. After seven hard tournament games, the two battlers squared off in a fight that was something! Anderson won handily but even so the crowd cheered Steve's 23 ringers. They didn't stack up too well against the West Virginia's 31 but he was in there!

And so the day went. Old Hernando could well be proud that this joust was named in his honor for every man who played was truly a "Conquistadore."

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
W. Horner, Ind. ....	7	0	65.7
J. Rademacher, Fla. ..	6	1	58.0
G. Anderson, W. Va. .	4	3	54.3
S. Brozovich, Mich. ....	4	3	53.6
J. Wilkinson, Ohio ....	4	3	46.8
J. Foster, Neb. ....	2	5	51.1
Wm. Packard, Fla. ..	1	6	43.2
L. Peary, Fla. ....	0	7	34.4

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
S. Brozovich, Mich. ..	6	1	50.5
R. Hitchcock, Ohio ....	5	2	46.3
A. Hodgman, Mich. ....	5	2	46.6
Wm. Figy, Ohio ....	4	3	50.9
J. Ellis, Fla. ....	3	4	46.6
R. McClure, Ohio ....	3	4	37.4
R. Gravink, N. Y. ....	2	5	43.0
H. Spiess, Fla. ....	Forfeit		



**De Soto Open — (Continued)**

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L %		W	L %
B. Mulhern, Iowa ....	6	1 38.0	C. Arenth, Fla. ....	6	1 38.5
C. Lungren, Mich. ....	5	2 36.9	R. Phillabaum, Ohio ..	5	2 28.1
H. Kemp, Fla. ....	5	2 42.0	G. Burkland, N. Y. ....	5	2 30.9
H. Garman, Ind. ....	4	3 30.5	A. Berdan, Mich. ....	4	3 25.9
S. D. Rogers, Mich. ....	3	4 30.7	H. Gampher, Ohio ....	4	3 23.5
J. Kelly, Fla. ....	2	5 31.0	T. Summers, Pa. ....	3	4 25.2
J. Thonert, Fla. ....	2	5 28.8	H. Porter, Fla. ....	1	6 17.2
C. Green, Ind. ....	1	6 31.8	H. Hookway, Fla. ....	0	7 25.0

**Lenigar Tops Pike County (Ohio) Annual Indoor Meet**

The annual Pike County Ohio club held its annual Indoor Tournament at Waverly, Ohio during April. Lenard Lenigar of Union Furnace, Ohio hit a 75 percent ringer clip to win the title in the play-off game with Gary Roberts of Lucasville, Ohio. Lenigar averaged 68.8 percent ringers for the meet. Gary Roberts was high qualifier with 253 points out of 100 shoes. There were 45 entries which included 5 women. Trophies were awarded in all classes.

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L %		W	L %
Lenard Lenigar ....	4	1 68.8	Carl Young ....	5	0 56.8
Gary Roberts ....	4	1 65.4	Ken Dawes ....	4	1 58.6
Donnie Roberts ....	3	2 67.0	John Nicholl ....	3	2 52.1
Gene Reno ....	3	2 66.2	Clark Johnson ....	2	3 53.1
Jim Knisley ....	1	4 60.6	Ike Merriman ....	1	4 45.4
Lester Rose ....	0	5 55.9	Paul Roll ....	0	5 45.2

CLASS C			CLASS D		
	W	L %		W	L %
Harold Wipert ....	2	1 56.6	Howard Roshon ....	5	0 55.0
Bob Butler ....	2	1 48.3	Woody Lawson ....	3	2 44.7
John DeWeese ....	2	1 61.3	J. D. Rhymer ....	3	2 40.9
Fred Bennett ....	0	3 48.1	Bob Wilkinson ....	2	3 51.2
			Ellis Brown ....	2	3 35.7
			Stan Manker ....	0	5 44.0

CLASS E			CLASS F		
	W	L %		W	L %
Clint Hodges ....	4	1 47.5	Pete Turner ....	5	0 30.5
Ed Lomax ....	4	1 42.9	Allard Lawson ....	3	2 34.2
Jim Rhymer ....	3	2 37.2	Wayne Daily ....	3	2 29.5
Ray Lang ....	3	2 34.8	Herman Harris ....	2	3 24.8
Roy Jennings ....	1	4 26.5	Leroy Jennings ....	1	4 24.7
Cliff Hannah ....	0	5 14.0	Howard Jarrells ....	1	4 23.4

**Ladies' Class**

	W	L %		W	L %
Verda Hickman ....	5	0 56.8	Dora Vance ....	2	3 27.8
Margaret Cassady ....	4	1 41.2	Janet Reno ....	1	4 21.3
Avanelle Brown ....	3	2 36.9			

**Funny - Bone Ticklers**

The major looked up from his desk at the private first class and snapped: "Now really, I ask you, in civilian life would you come to me with a puny complaint like this?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "I'd send for you."

## Annual Suncoast Open Won By George Dilgard

George Dilgard, Crestline, Ohio's outstanding plasterer, plastered the opposition in the recent Bradenton Suncoaster winning the A Class title with a respectable ringer average of 69.7. This was no small assignment; he had to wade through shoers like Bill Hoover, Carl VanSant, Darrell Eller, John Rademacher, Bob Lavalleur, Joe Hightower and Waldo Hagy.

John Davis, Bradenton hotshot, copped the title in Class B with 7 wins based on a smooth 60.7 ringer average. John's offerings had the authority of a champion as he piled on the doubles and singles.

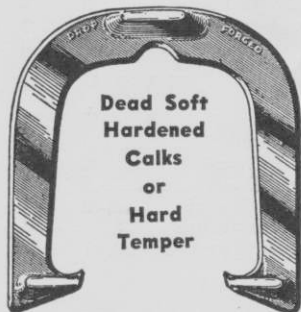
Competition was so sharp, play-offs were necessary in both groups. Carl Van Sant, Darrell Eller and John Rademacher, our State titleholder, were deadlocked for the third slot in Class A. Van Sant won the after-piece for the number three spot behind Champ Dilgard and Bulldog Bill Hoover. Bob Lavalleur, Joe Hightower and Waldo Hagy trailed Rademacher in that order. In Class B Hank Franke and Herb McCoskey had to break a deadlock for second. Steve Brosovich finished fourth.

Roy Gravink, New York's tumble-shoe artist; Willson Hubbard, Montana's gift to the piano business; Bob Pence N.H.P.A. indispensable, and old reliable Hub Gross finished with two wins and five losses. Bob Pence awarded the trophies, having flown down from Gary's snow fields for the event. His comments about fellowship, healthy recreation and good sportsmanship were heartwarming and well received.

Willard West of Miami won the nod in Class C; Al Thompson, after a little remonstrance from Art Peters — they had a play-off — won Class D's prize. The combined classes were made up of 16 men from 11 states. Except for a strong wind, the weather was right.

West was a steady ringerman winning six against rough opposition. He ran into a toughy in the shape of Al Hodgman, Michigan's eminent agricultur-

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## Suncoaster — (Continued)

ist. Al's last-frame double did the trick and earned second place for him.

Jack Ellis, Bill Figy and Les Peary wound up in a tie for third place which Ellis won. Jack had just finished a hard one with West, Les had lost a thriller to Ross Hitchcock, the Buckeye Belter. Hitch, Packard and Kelly finished in that order.

Class D went to a husky Hoosier, Al Thompson who wound up in a tie with Art Peters, Minnesota stob-circler. Chuck Bennet, another Hoosier, won third place, McClure and Wilkinson had 4-3 records, Spiess, Guernsey and "Mr. Horseshoes" himself — Clyde Green — wound up the day's play.

The Bradenton Bombers can be proud of their Class E entries. Harry Garman won the title going away while Carl Lundgren and Harvey Gampher took second and third. "Dan" Webster, Harve Hookway, Al Figy and Hal Porter wound up the procession.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
George Dilgard .....	6	1	69.7	J. Rademacher .....	4	3	57.0
Bill Hoover .....	5	2	61.8	Bob Lavalleur .....	3	4	56.5
Carl Van Sant .....	4	3	65.9	Joe Hightower .....	1	6	54.2
Darrell Eller .....	4	3	60.5	Waldo Hagy .....	1	6	52.1

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
John Davis .....	7	0	60.7
Henry Franke .....	5	2	52.6
Herb McCoskey .....	5	2	50.0
Steve Brozovich .....	3	4	45.8
Roy Gravink .....	2	5	49.8
Willson Hubbard .....	2	5	40.3
Bob Pence .....	2	5	45.3
Hubert Gross .....	2	5	48.8

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
Willard West .....	6	1	46.5
Al Hodgman .....	5	2	43.4
Jack Ellis .....	4	3	39.4
Les Peary .....	4	3	48.5
Bill Figy .....	4	3	44.5
Ross Hitchcock .....	2	5	35.4
Joe Kelly .....	1	6	33.1

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
Al Thompson .....	6	1	45.3
Art Peters .....	6	1	45.6
Charley Bennett .....	5	2	46.7
J. Wilkinson .....	4	3	42.6
Roy McClure .....	4	3	41.8
Henry Spiess .....	1	6	39.4
J. Guernsey .....	1	6	37.7
Clyde Green .....	1	6	35.2

### CLASS E

	W	L	%
Harry Garman .....	7	0	35.6
Carl Lundgren .....	6	1	34.1
Harve Gampher .....	4	3	21.7
Dan Webster .....	4	3	16.8
Harve Hookway .....	3	4	16.8
Al Figy .....	2	5	22.9
Hal Porter .....	2	5	13.9

## Greenville (Ohio) Ringer Classic, July 3-4-5

The Greenville Ringer Classic will be held on July 3-4-5. It will be sanctioned by the Ohio Buckeye Association. Qualifying from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, July 3rd and from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 4th. All entrants must be registered before 11 a.m. Sunday, July 4th. Tournament pitching will start at approximately 2 p.m. on July 4th and continue thru Monday, July 5th. Entry fee of \$5.00.

There will be a Ladies Tournament on July 4th. All entrants must be registered by 11 a.m. on the same day. No qualification. Entry fee of \$3.00.

The courts will be open Friday, July 2nd for anyone that wishes to practice.

## Greenville, Ohio Open Tournament June 4-5-6

The Greenville Open will be held on June 4, 5 & 6. Entry fee will be \$5.00 with qualifying from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 4th and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 5th. All entrants must be registered before noon on Saturday. Lower classes will pitch on Saturday afternoon and evening and the higher classes on Sunday, June 6th.



# SPOTLIGHT

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## Local Clubs

*Gardner, Massachusetts:* Horseshoe pitching is very popular but municipal assistance for a multi court layout is needed. Noon hour competitions at various factories and evening and weekend play at social clubs bring participation to an excellent figure. The Simplex Time Recorder Co. with four courts at the plant and two at its Country Club has dominated the sport locally. Singles and Doubles league play and cancellation scoring insures capacity use of the plant courts. Weekly dues of 25¢ finance banquet and trophies. Plant owner Mr. C. G. Watkins and the Country Club sponsor a top flight entry in the Twin County League and entries in area tournaments. Bent Bros., Bettez LaRoche, Heywood-Wakefield, Conant-Ball and Nichols & Stone are also active noon-times. Social Clubs are led by Hillcrest Aerie F. O. E. whose members have organized league play and a banquet. Gardner Fish & Gun Club has a Twin County League entry but no organized intra-club play. The Polish American Country Club holds open tournaments, singles and doubles each year as a feature of its annual outing. The Napoleon Club has been active for years and the Arcadien Social Club has built two courts for its members. Again this year we propose that the Recreation Department organize inter-factory and inter-club league play. City championships were dropped for two years. Perhaps with the great boost given the sport in this area by the coming World Championships in Keene we may realize our aims for better organized play.

*The Orlando, Florida Club* has about 30 members, 8 clay courts with cement walkways. Club competition consists of singles and doubles and team play. The Florida State Tourney was played on our courts last season. We have made several trips to Bradenton and Plant City. We have been having a doubles tourney on Saturday afternoons with different partners.

*New Castle, Pennsylvania* — Just about a year ago the wheels started turning so that the City of New Castle could have horse shoe courts.

July 1st Mayor Jordon was on hand to throw the first shoe and help celebrate. We have 6 clay courts with cement walkways.

We play doubles, singles and team participation. Cancellation method.

The Youngstown Horseshoe Club is a short distance away and have indoor courts where we are welcome in the winter time.

*The new Rome, Ohio,* Horseshoe Club conducts both winter and summer league play on their 9 courts — 3 of them in an abandoned schoolhouse. The possibilities for horseshoe in this building were first conceived by Waldo Ison and Edgar Sparks in the fall of 1961 and the conversion was directed by Waldo Ison, a New Rome builder. About 3 dozen members have enjoyed 4 years of pitching and several fine young talents have been developed including the Redding brothers, Bob, Charles and Francis. This trio averaged 65.2, 57.1, and 55.8% ringers in their most recent tournament. The initial fee to join the Club is \$5 and monthly dues are \$3. Serving as officers are Tom Pearce, President; Forest Dougherty, Treasurer; Carl Young, Rec. Secretary with Kenny Wilson statistician. The club has entered teams in the Central Ohio League the past 3 years and has won the championship twice. Last year's entry which included John Leach, Howard Anderson, Robert and Charles Redding, Les Rose, Forest Dougherty, Carl Young and Tom Pearce averaged 100.2 points per 50 shoe game and tossed 56.4% ringers in 300 games.

## Spotlight — (Continued).

*Ashland, Kentucky* — Our group has been together for 6 years; however this is our first venture with N.H.P.A. We have 3 additional players who reside in Ohio. We have 6 lighted courts located in Central Park, Ashland, Kentucky. Officers are as follows: President, O. L. Weaver; Vice President, John Stidham; Secretary-Treasurer, Arnold Hanners; Assistant Secretary, Ernie Chattin.

*Pike County, Ohio* — The club has grown from an 8 member club in 1956 to a 200 plus member club now, which is the second largest club in Ohio. We are incorporated, own an acre of land inside the city of Waverly, and plan to build a building big enough to house four courts, rest rooms, concession stand, and seating capacity.



D. Roberts

Our club conducts a winter and summer league for both the men and the women. We conduct about 10 tournaments annually. Our club cooperates fully with the State and National Associations, in that we conduct local sanctioned tournaments and participate in tournaments put on by these two associations.

We feel that our club has some claim to fame. Gary and Donnie Roberts have won 5 National Championships and one Runner-Up in the last 6 years. Another of our pitchers, Ottie Reno, won the Arch Stokes' Memorial Award in 1964 for his *The Story of Horseshoes* which has gained world wide acclaim. We have had the Ladies' and Junior's State Champions in Ohio. Our traveling team has won the Ohio State League.

*Baker, Montana* — Willson Hubbard of the Baker club reports that the held a very successful Baker Open tournament last season with 40 players taking part. He was assisted by T. V. Critchfield. North and South Dakota and Montana players made up the tournament. Ernest McChesney and Warren Hedman were the top men in the championship class. Baker Montana is located in Eastern Montana in the heart of the gas and oil fields. He also announces that the 1965 Baker Open tournament will be held again at the same site as last year. Exact date to be announced later.

## Newark (Ohio) Club To Hold Open Tournament At Hebron, Ohio, June 25, 26, 27

Due to the cancellation, by the Lakeside, Ohio, management, of part of its usual sports program, there will *not* be an open tournament there this year; however, instead, the Newark, Ohio Horseshoe Club will stage an Open Tournament on the above dates on their new courts at Hebron, Ohio, which are located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio.

The Newark Club has 10 fine well lighted courts, and there are motels and restaurants nearby. As an NHPA sanctioned meet, trophies and certificates will be awarded first place winners in each Class. Qualifying: Friday night, June 25, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday morning, June 26, up until 12 noon.

The tournament will be conducted by the Newark Club and The Ohio Buckeye State Association will assist. This being the first big open tournament for the Newark Club they cordially invite all NHPA players.

## CORRECTION

Mark Sebring, secretary of the Fulton County (Ohio) Club reports that the tournament that is to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the annual Thresher's convention, will be on June 25-26-27 instead of the July dates as announced in an earlier issue of the digest, please take notice and change your calendars.

## Northern Calif. Clubs To Inaugurate League Play In 3 Divisions

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association plans to inaugurate league play this season. In order to do so, tournament schedules must be revised. At least six class tournaments for individuals must be eliminated from the schedule. These have been lower class tournaments where players had to qualify in order to play and quite a few players lost out. Under a league set-up, a team member will be assured of steady play throughout the season.

**"A" LEAGUE** — To be composed of 4-man teams from each club that wishes to enter. Players should have 50 per cent or better average, but can be lower if necessary to complete a team. Each player will pitch against each member of the opposing team on the day of the match (16 games).

**"B" LEAGUE** — Same as "A" except 35 to 55 per cent averages.

**"C" LEAGUE** — Same as "A" but under 40 per cent averages.

If six clubs or less enter a league, then home-and-home matches will be scheduled approximately every other week during the season (April 4 to Oct. 3). No league play will be scheduled on weekends when major regular tournaments are held. In case 7 or 8 teams enter a league which is possible in the "B" division, then a different schedule will have to be worked out instead of home-and-home. Perhaps a north and south division and then a playoff for championship.

Trophies will be awarded to each member of championship team and a plaque with names of winning team members will be presented to the club.

## St. Joe Open Tournament June 27

The St. Joe Open will be held on June 27th, with the Midland Empire Open tournament being held on September 12. There will be 100 shoe qualifying with scores being mailed in to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, accompanied with an entry fee of \$3.00. There will not be any qualifying on the days of the tournaments. However, pitchers may qualify on the courts on the day before the tournaments. Round robin play will start promptly at 9 A.M. Central Standard Time on each tournament date. Providing the new courts are completed in time, Classes A, B and C will consist of 8-man classes and will start at 12:30 P.M. Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Missouri.

## Wabash, Indiana To Be Scene Of Mid-Continent All-Star Invitational Tournament

Plans for The Mid-Continent All-Star Tourney are well underway at Wabash, Indiana, June 6th. Present entries include Iowa's Red Henton, Pennsylvania's Jim Solomon, Roy Smith of Michigan and Curt Day, of Indiana. Ray Martin of Illinois and Paul Focht, Ohio, have been invited along with Carl Stienfeldt of New York. This will be either a 6 or 8 man class depending on entries. Strictly invitational. Harold Reno and Ralph Maddox have announced that they will be unable to participate. Ed Sharp has been invited to enter also.

## Oregon State Association

The Oregon state association held a meeting during April at which time plans were discussed for the 1965 season. Among the items brought up was that of a bid from the Tillamook County Fair from the 1965 Oregon state tournament to be held during the annual county fair. There are several details that have to be worked out before acceptance of the bid. Oregon enjoyed an increase in membership over the preceding year which included 5 ladies and 7 juniors. It is also reported that wedding bells will sound for Roy Getchel. Congratulations to the happy couple.



## Resume Of New Canaan, Connecticut Horseshoe Club

Back in 1963 Nick Cerretani wrote a letter to New Canaan's Town Park and Recreation Commission suggesting that they construct twelve (12) courts for horseshoe pitching in Mead Park. He pointed out in his letter that horseshoe pitching was far from a dead sport and that the President's physical fitness program and many health authorities have expressed the need for low cost exercise to stave off the growing heart disease problem, and horseshoe pitching supplies just this kind of activity.

It was not long before Nick got strong support from other people in New Canaan and the Town constructed 8 courts in Mead Park.

Plans for the organization were drafted at a meeting at New Canaan Country School attended by Ralph Jordan, William Orpet, Curley Morris, Frank Wagner, and Nick Cerretani, all past members of a former horseshoe pitching club.

As a membership drive, a blank application was printed in the Advertiser and all those interested were asked to mail them to Nick Cerretani. This drive resulted in a club membership of 60 members.

A later meeting was held at New Canaan Country School and the following officers were elected:

Nick Cerretani, President.

Dr. Leeman Haines, Vice President (Principal of South School).

William H. Orpet, Peter DeFranco, Secretaries.

George Morris, Treasurer.

From this small beginning, this local club was host for the first time to the Connecticut State Championship tournament. Sixteen top tossers throughout the state participated. This event was arranged by the New Canaan Horseshoe Pitchers Club and it's being held here was regarded as significant recognition of the local club's progress and standing in it's first year of organization.

Friendly matches were played with clubs from Port Chester, N. Y. and New Rochelle, N. Y. An "All Star" match was played in New Cannan. This consisted of top players from Connecticut and Westchester County, N. Y.

There were 6 teams competing in the local league and there developed keen competition and comradeship amongst them.

## Baldwin Park — Southern California

### Baldwin Park "D" Open

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
George Farrell, South Gate .....	3	2	162	348	46.5
Mike Valarde, So. San Gabriel .....	3	2	137	336	41.0
Eldon Carrier, Downey .....	3	2	133	340	39.1
Harold Carden, Sr., Baldwin Park .....	3	2	137	354	38.8
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park .....	2	3	103	318	32.3
Oscar Sandberg, Covina .....	1	4	86	284	30.2

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Sam White, Azusa .....	5	0	147	318	46.2
Carl Dennis, Lynwood .....	4	1	135	304	44.4
Henry Thompson, San Gabriel .....	2	3	119	306	38.8
Ken Mapes, Fullerton .....	2	3	98	264	37.1
Ray Faulkner, Fullerton .....	2	3	128	346	36.9
Ross Faulkner, Huntington Park .....	0	5	72	256	28.1

#### PLAYOFF

Sam White, Azusa .....	3	1	122	272	44.8
Mike Valarde, So. San Gabriel .....	2	2	114	254	44.8
George Farrell, South Gate .....	1	2	85	194	43.8
Carl Dennis, Lynwood .....	1	2	73	170	42.8

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## In Memoriam

John W. Lane, of Newark, Ohio, Vice President of The Licking County, Ohio Club and formerly Vice President of The Ohio Association, passed away April 14, 1965, at age 53, after an illness of several months. As an active tournament and league pitcher, John was an ardent supporter of the game, and leadership in his club. Our sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife and family.

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The Cheyenne Wyoming horseshoe club lost one of it's charter members during February with the death of A. L. McNeil. "Mac" as he was called by all was "state sect." for many years and was the push behind the new courts installed a few years ago at Cheyenne. He represented Wyoming at a number of world meets at Murray, Utah. He had been in ill health for a couple of years prior to his death. A grand old man of horseshoes, a good sport and a stickler for all rules and regulations. He will be sorely missed by all. The sympathy of the Wyoming Association and that of the NHPA is extended to the bereaved family.

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## Michigan State Association News

Six or seven new clubs are being organized in Michigan this late winter and spring. Burr Oak, in the Sturgis, Coldwater Area have organized under the presidency of Jack Gillian. Frank Borgert is their secretary. Clem Flynn of Morrice is organizing a small club in the Owosso-Corunna area. Several clubs are in the incubation stages in the Grand Rapids, Holland, Muskegon and Grandville Communities.

The Shepard boys are going so far as to use our Dimondale Club ideas and procedures even to putting a column of News items or results in their weekly "Shepard Argus" their local paper.

The Dimondale boys are only too happy to have been instrumental in a small way in the rapid development of horseshoe pitching in the Wolverine State.

The W. S. H. P. A. association officials, Roy Smiths and Earl and Ruth Hammond have been circulating around the State most of the winter talking with and encouraging these small town clubs to organize. Earl Grable of Dimondale, Al Mitchel of Greenville, Carl Wood, Vern Fuller and Jim Davis of Battle Creek, the Cereal City, Otis Seater, Lee Jacobs and Joe Leonard of Detroit, Belleville, Ann Arbor Areas, Red Ryder of Jackson, are working hard at getting organizations in their vicinities. Dean Wolfe in the Hillsdale Communities is another horseshoe plugger and recent addition to the W.S. H.P.A.

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## New Rome, Ohio Club To Sponsor Open Tournament

Members of the New Rome, Ohio club will sponsor an Open Tournament at their 6 court layout at Moore's Drive-Inn located on Norton Road, 2 miles south of Route 40 in New Rome, Ohio. Wilbur Kabel of New Madison is the defending champion.

Qualifying dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6 from 1 P.M. until 10 P.M. Qualifying scores for 100 shoes should be sent to Tom Pearce, Rt. #1, West Jefferson, Ohio accompanied by a \$3.00 entry fee. The finals will be played on June 12 and 13.

All classes will have 6 men, with trophies awarded to the top 2 in each class. Also a prize for the highest qualifier at the courts, and a prize for the pitchers coming the longest distance.

## Notes From The Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association

The first bulletin issued by the Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for the ensuing year, reveals that the annual Canadian National Championships will have a prize list of \$500 plus trophies. Further details will be announced later as the time approaches.

It also states that the CNE directors have approved the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS for 1967 and have pledged a very substantial sum in cash prizes. The Canadian association has already made its desire known in a communication to the NHPA for their cooperation hoping that it will be finalized at the next convention of the NHPA.

Negotiations are now in progress in Vancouver, British Columbia for a tournament of major status to be held here in 1967. Prize money under consideration is also of a very substantial amount and only formalities remain to be settled.

Horseshoe pitching may be resumed at the Royal Winter Fair this year. There are a few details that need to be finalized. Also the Royal Military College at Kingston is considering adding horseshoe pitching to its sports program if a demonstration of the game proves successful.

"EXPO 1967" the Canadian edition of the World's Fair, has shown a great interest in obtaining an International Horseshoe Pitching Tournament for 1967. Prizes and cash awards have yet to be worked out.

Information and instruction material have been sent to a group in England who have expressed a desire to learn more about the game of horseshoes. Perhaps someday a pitcher with a London address may become champion of this continent.



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## To Announce Red River Valley Open Dates Soon

Plans are in the mill for one of the most successful Red River Valley Open horseshoe tournaments here in July. Definite dates will be set soon.

Tourney officials assure area pitchers they will play on some of the finest conditioned courts in the midwest at Oak Grove Park, Fargo, North Dakota.

New clay is being brought here which is expected to cure the problems of recent years at the courts. Revived interest in conducting the tourney has been indicated.

The tourney committee includes officers of the Red River Valley League — Doug Classon, president; Hank Wisness, vice president; Will Gullickson, secretary, and Helmer Jallen, treasurer. Others on the committee are Bob and Lyle Olson of West Fargo, H. O. McDonald of Moorhead and Gus Magnuson.

The Red River Valley league season will open in mid-May with a 90 per cent system to be employed.

Kindred will hold its annual invitational tourney June 13. Kindred is located 25 miles southwest of here.

## South Gate — Southern California

### Class "B" Open

#### GROUP ONE

John Hagerman, Santa Rosa .....	5	0	157	260	60.3
Don Shubert, Los Angeles .....	4	1	147	276	53.2
John Walker, Chula Vista .....	3	2	164	284	58.5
Wally Shipley, W. Covina .....	2	3	128	262	48.8
Fred Brown, Huntington Park .....	4	4	93	244	38.1
Sam Puopulo, Baldwin Park .....	0	5	82	242	33.9

#### GROUP TWO

Fred Lavett, Seaside .....	5	0	200	356	56.1
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	4	1	139	256	54.2
Waldo Hagy, Las Vegas .....	3	2	166	306	54.2
Eldon Carrier, Downey .....	2	3	134	318	42.1
W. Jones, Long Beach .....	1	4	165	360	45.8
Norman Smith, Culver City .....	0	5	147	332	44.2

#### PLAYOFF

Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park .....	3	0	125	204	61.2
Fred Lavett, Seaside .....	2	1	109	192	56.7
John Hagerman, Santa Rosa .....	1	2	97	168	57.7
Don Shubert, Los Angeles .....	0	3	94	200	47.0

## Tournament Schedule For Indiana State Association

- May 23 — Indiana - Illinois Open, City Park, Cayuga, Ind. Entry fee \$2.00; Deadline for entries 9:30 A.M., Sunday, May 23.
- May 29-30 — Joe Schilling Memorial Open, Kingma Courts, Lafayette. Entry fee \$2.00; Deadline for entries 1:00 P.M., Saturday, May 29.
- June 5-6 — Northwest Indiana, High School Courts, Kouts, Ind. Entry fee \$2.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 5.
- June 5-6 — Northeast Indiana, High School Courts, Columbia City, Ind. Entry fee \$2.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 5.
- June 12-13 — Muncie Spring Open, Heekin Park, Muncie. Entry fee \$2.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 12.
- June 19-20 — Eastern Indiana, Clear Creek Park, Richmond. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 19.
- June 26-27 — Western Indiana, Dornier Park, Frankfort. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 26.
- July 4 — Boone County Open, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Ind.
- July 10-11 — Northern Indiana, City Park, Wabash. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 12:30 P.M., Saturday, July 10.
- July 17-18 — Midwest "Ringer Round Up," Roberts Park, Connersville. Entry fee \$5.00; Deadline for entries 12:30 P.M., Saturday, July 17.
- July 24-25 — Central Indiana, Fairview Park, Anderson. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 12:30 P.M., Saturday, July 24.
- July 31 — Vermillion County Fair Open, City Park, Cayuga, Indiana.
- July 31 - August 10 — World & National Tournament, Keene, New Hampshire.
- August 21-22 — Southern Indiana, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, August 21.
- August 21-22 — Hobbs Open, Highland Park, Kokomo. Entry fee \$3.00; Deadline for entries 6:30 P.M., Saturday, August 21.
- September 4-5-6 — INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT, Heekin Park, Muncie. Entry fee \$5.00; Deadline for entries to be announced later.
- September 11-12 — Family Week end picnic tournaments, Highland Park, Kokomo. Women, Juniors, Seniors & Lefthanders Tournaments plus special games for Father-Son & Husband-Wife combinations.
- September 18-19 — Indiana-Ohio Open, Heekin Park, Muncie. Entry fee \$5.00; Deadline for entries 12:30 P.M., Saturday, September 18.

## COMING EVENTS

- May 23 — Annual Spring Warm-Up Open tournament, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.
- May 23 — Hillsboro Open tournament, Hillsboro, Oregon.
- May 23 — Open tournament, McKinley park courts, Creston, Iowa.
- May 23 — Indiana-Open tournament, City park courts, Cayuga, Indiana.
- May 23 — Open tournament, McKinley park courts, Creston, Iowa. Mail scores and \$2 fee to Art Reed, 604 W. Mills, Creston, Iowa by May 21st.
- May 29-30 — Joe Schilling Memorial Open, Kingma Courts, Lafayette, Indiana.
- June 4-5-6 — Greenville Open tournament, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 5 — Cobb County championships, singles only, Sweetwater courts, Austell, Georgia.
- June 5-6 — Northeast Indiana High School courts, Columbia City, Indiana.
- June 5-6 — Northwest Indiana, High School courts, Kouts, Indiana.
- June 6 — Tournament for Iowa pitchers
- June 6 — Virginia State Invitational, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- ONLY, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- June 12 — Tulsa Okla. Band C Open tournament, Central park courts, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- June 12 — Annual Strawberry Festival Open tournament, Lebanon, Oregon.
- June 12-13 — Bryant Memorial Open tournament, Portland, Oregon.
- June 12-13 — Third Annual Waterland Open tournament, Bailey Park on North Capitol Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.
- June 12-13 — Muncie Spring Open tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.
- June 12-13-14 — Northwest Ohio District tournament, Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio.
- June 18-19-20 — Eastern National Open tournament, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- June 19-20 — Three division tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY, Birdland park courts, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 19-20 — Eastern Indiana, Clear Creek park courts, Richmond, Indiana.
- June 19-20 — State N. H. P. A. Championship, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- June 20 — Massachusetts Open tournament (first division) Aschenbach farm courts, Rte. 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- June 20 — Father's Day Open tournament, sanctioned, Salem Oregon.
- June 20 — Annual Baker Open tournament, Baker Park Courts, Baker, Montana.
- June 25-26-27 — Newark, Ohio Open tournament (replaces Lakeside Open) Hebron, Ohio. (on Rte 440—25 mi. east of Columbus, Ohio)
- June 26-27 — Oklahoma Open tournament, Sooner park courts, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
- June 26-27 — Western Indiana tournament, Dorner park courts, Frankfort, Indiana.
- June 27 — Massachusetts Open tournament (second division) Aschenbach farm courts, Rte. 20, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- June 27 — Three division tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY, Eastside park courts, Osceola, Iowa. Send scores to Maurice Clark, Rte. No. 2, Box 42, Osceola, Iowa, by June 21st.
- June 27 — Annual St. Joe Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- July 2-3-4 — Greenville Ringer Classic Open, City park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- July 3-4 — Boone County Open tournament, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana.
- July 4 — Atkins, Iowa tournament for Iowa pitchers ONLY.
- July 3-4 — New York state tournament, Lockport, New York.
- July 4 — Hillsboro Open tournament (A and B classes) sanctioned, Hillsboro, Oregon.
- July 10-11 — Northern Indiana tournament, City park courts, Wabash, Indiana.
- July 10-11 — Hill City Open tournament, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- July 11 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 11 — Eighth Annual Kansas, Illinois Open tournament, Kansas, Illinois.
- July 17-18 — Iowa Open tournament (open for ALL) Birdland park courts, Des Moines, Iowa. Send \$3.00 entry fee and scores to Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd St., Ottumwa, Iowa.
- July 17-18 — Annual Mid-West Ringer-Round-Up, Roberts park courts, Connersville, Indiana.
- July 18 — Corvallis Open tournament, Corvallis, Oregon.
- July 24-25 — Central Indiana tournament, Fairview park courts, Anderson, Indiana.
- July 31 - Aug. 10 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, Wheelock park courts, Keene, New Hampshire.
- July 31 — Vermillion County Fair Open tournament, City park, Cayuga, Indiana. Qualifying closes at noon.
- August 6 — Brown County Open tournament, Brown County fairgrounds, Mt. Sterling, Ill.
- August 8 — Valley Fair tournament, Davenport, Iowa. Details in later issue.
- August 15 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park courts, Galesburg, Illinois.
- August 15 — Falls City Open tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 15 — Afton Open tournament, Fairgrounds courts, Afton, Iowa.
- August 15 — New Hampshire State tournament, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- August 17-18 — Illinois state tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- August 18 — Illinois state Boys' tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 21-22 — Hobbs Open Tournament, Highland Park Courts, Kokomo, Ind.
- August 21-22 — Annual Cornbelt Open tournament, Crapo park courts, Burlington, Iowa.
- August 21-22 — Southern Indiana tournament, Fairgrounds, Franklin, Indiana.
- August 21-22 — Hobbs Open tournament, Highland park courts, Kokomo, Indiana.
- August 21-22 — Annual Oregon State tournament, (Oregon residents only) Hillsboro, Oregon.
- August 22 — Annual Massachusetts State tournament, Aschenbach courts, West Springfield, Mass.
- August 27 — Annual Farmers tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 28 — Georgia NHPA Doubles Championships, Sweetwater Inn courts, Austell, Georgia.
- August 28-29 — Annual Iowa State tournament, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, also Iowa State Boys' tournament and Ladies' tournament and Senior Men's tournament.
- August 28-29 — Annual New Mexico State tournament, Los Altos park, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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## COMING EVENTS

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August 28 — Georgia NHPA Championship Doubles meet, Sept. 4. Singles tournament, Austell, Ga.  
 Sept. 4-5 — Ottumwa Open tournament, Riverside park courts, Ottumwa, Iowa. Mail entry fee of \$3.00 and score to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.  
 Sept. 4-5-6 — Michigan State tournament, Dimondale, Michigan.  
 Sept. 4-5-6 — Annual Indiana State tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.  
 Sept. 4 — Georgia NHPA Singles Championships, Sweetwater Inn Courts, Austell, Georgia.

Sept. 4-5 — Nebraska State tournament, Crete, Nebraska.  
 Sept. 6 — Annual Rock River Valley Open tournament, Lawrence park courts, Rock Falls, Ill.  
 Sept. 11-12 — Valencia County Fair tournament, Fairgrounds, Belen, New Mexico.  
 Sept. 11-12 — Family Week-end, Highland park, Kokomo, Indiana.  
 Sept. 12 — Midland Empire Open tournament, Noyes Field courts, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Sept. 18-19 — Indiana-Ohio Open tournament, Heekin park courts, Muncie, Indiana.  
 Sept. 19 — Afton, Iowa Open tournament (open to ALL) Fairgrounds, Afton, Iowa.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

May 23 — Sacramento "B" Added, Sacramento.  
 May 30-31 — Golden Gate Memorial Classic Golden Gate.  
 June 12-13 — Los Gatos "Open", Los Gatos.  
 June 20 — Northern "D" Championship, Arroyo Viejo.  
 July 5 — Alameda County Fair "A", Pleasanton.  
 July 10 — Alameda County Fair "B", Pleasanton.  
 July 24-25 — Sonoma County Fair "Open", Santa Rosa.

August 1 — Northern "B" Championship, Mosswood.  
 August 29 — Northern "C" Championship, Seaside.  
 August 14-15 — Arroyo Viejo "Open", Arroyo Viejo.  
 Sept. 5-6 — Northern "A" Championship, Mosswood.  
 Sept. 12 — Los Gatos "D" Added, Los Gatos.  
 Sept. 18-19 — California State Championship, San Jose.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

Nay 23 — Pomona Open, Pomona  
 June 6 — Class "E" Added, South Gate  
 June 6 — Class "A" Added, South Gate  
 June 12 — Sat. Barstow Open, Barstow  
 June 20 — Class "C" Added, Fullerton  
 June 27 — Class "D" Added, Long Beach  
 July 3 — Sat. Semana Nautica, "B" Santa Barbara  
 July 4 — Sun. Semana Nautica, Santa Barbara  
 July 11 — Pomona "F" Open, Pomona  
 July 17-18 — Western Open, South Gate  
 July 24 — Sat. So. Gate "G" Open, South Gate  
 July 25 — Pomona "C" Open, Pomona  
 July 31 — Sat. Oxnard "B" Open, Oxnard  
 Aug. 1 — Oxnard Open, Oxnard  
 Aug. 8 — Oxnard "C" Open, Oxnard

Aug. 14 — Sat. Baldwin Pk. Doubles, Baldwin Pk.  
 Aug. 15 — South Gate "B" Open, South Gate  
 Aug. 15 — South Gate "G" Open, South Gate  
 Aug. 21 — Special Open, Baldwin Park  
 Aug. 22 — Class "D" Open, Fullerton  
 Aug. 29 — Championship "F", Pomona  
 Sept. 5-6 — Ringer Round Up, South Gate  
 Sept. 12 — Championship "G", South Gate  
 Sept. 19 — Championship "E", Fullerton  
 Sept. 26 — Championship "C", Pomona  
 Oct. 3 — Championship "AA", South Gate  
 Oct. 10 — Championship "B", Pomona  
 Oct. 17 — Championship "A", Baldwin Park  
 Oct. 24 — Championship "D", Baldwin Park  
 Oct. 31 — South Gate Open, South Gate  
 Nov. 7 — Fullerton Doubles, Fullerton

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## “From Out Of The Mail Bag”

Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest  
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Dear Mr. Cobb

With the February 1965 issue of the News Digest I have at long last been given a little insight to the results of the new NHPA membership policy.

I was very pleased to read of the substantial gain in membership during 1964. I was particularly interested and personally satisfied to see that Northern California ranked number one among State Chapters with an increase sevenfold. Unfortunately, until reading it in the News Digest, I had no idea how well things had progressed.

Earl Davis and Czar Marcevic certainly have done a great deal for horseshoes in Northern California but they were not directly responsible for the new NHPA membership plan. This writer while serving my fourth year as Secretary-Treasurer of Northern Calif. presented the plan to the delegates and members at the Convention in Los Angeles. I explained and argued the merits of the plan from the floor of the convention as it was solely my idea. After gaining support from the floor, the plan was put into the form of a motion by Earl Davis who was a delegate from our Chapter. Further, I made the statement that “Northern California would increase their National Membership 100% if the plan were adopted.”

As you know, I am no longer in office and am now unable to keep completely abreast of things. I therefore find my monthly issue of News Digest to be most interesting and enlightening.

Sincerely,

David A. Loucks

## Heart of America Open Tournament and Tournament of Champions Tournament

The Heart of America Open and Tournament of Champions held last year was attended by pitchers from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas. The 1964 Tournament of Champions winner was M. Tamboer of Wichita, Kansas. Timboer averaged 78.4% in regular play and 86.8 in playoffs. This was our first major tournament on our new courts. We now have lights and hope to have runways by tournament time this year.

This tournament will again be held this year on June 12 and 13. Plans call for 16 pitchers in Tournament of Champions bracket (16 man round robin) to be pitched Saturday evening and the remainder on Sunday.

Plans call for Classes “C” and “D” on Saturday afternoon and Class “B” on Saturday evening. Class “A” will pitch on Sunday.

For those desiring to pitch in Tournament of Champions (Tournament winners) should notify Harry Strohm by the end of May. All others are to send in qualifying score of 100 shoes by same time. Entry fees \$4.00. Trophies to all. Send all entries and fees to Harry J. Strohm, 419 South White, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Eastern National Tournament To Be Held at Washington, Pa. June 18-19-20

The Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament will be held near Washington, Pa. at "Scotty's Store" located approximately 2 miles south on route 18 from the business section of Washington. The owner has installed eight perfectly level lighted courts. For promotional aspects, he has also installed a ladies court. Washington has an abundance of facilities for the pitcher and his family. Tourist homes, motels, and hotels are generously located throughout this historic town. Excellent dining facilities are also available in and around Washington. Of particular interest, the proprietor that has constructed the horseshoe courts has a small restaurant adjacent to the courts (no alcoholic beverages) such that small lunches and rest rooms are readily available.

### QUALIFYING

Qualifying will be conducted on site all day Friday, June 18 until 11:00 A. M., June 19. To qualify, 100 shoes will be thrown. A maximum of two attempts will be allowed. The fee for the first attempt will be \$6.00 and \$4.00 for the second. Since there are only eight courts, it may be necessary to qualify 2 men at a time on each court.

### TIME SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, June 19

Afternoon: Class A, 1:00 - 6:00, 8 games - 8 courts.

Evening: Class B, 6:00 - 10:00, 7 games - 2 groups - 8 courts

#### Sunday, June 20

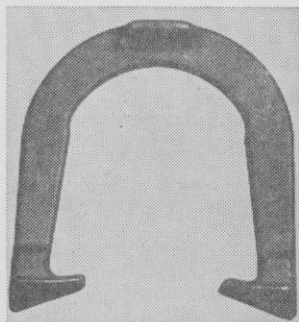
Morning: Class B Playoff, 9:00 - 12:00, 2 games - 2 courts.

Class C, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.

Class D, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.

Afternoon: Class A, 12:00 to finish, 7 games - 8 courts.

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## **Annual Waterland Open Tournament — Battle Creek, Michigan**

The third annual Waterland Open tournament will be held at Bailey park in Battle Creek, Michigan on June 12th and 13th. This is Michigan's premier NHPA event. Roger Vogel of Springfield, Illinois is the defending champion.

The championship class will be composed of the 15 highest qualifiers plus the defending champion. It will be divided into two groups with the top two in each group playing a final 4-man round robin for the championship. A 100 shoe qualifying round is mandatory for those desiring to make championship flight. Latest NHPA or Michigan state book percentage may be used in lieu of qualifying round in all EXCEPT the championship group. Qualifying will begin at 6 p.m., Friday, June 11, and will end at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 12. Play in the Boys' meet will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Lower classes will start at NOON on Saturday. Ladies will begin play at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Championship flight will start play at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 13. Class B will begin at 11 a.m. also on Sunday.

Bailey Park is located on M-78 (Capitol Ave.) in the northern part of Battle Creek, Michigan. For further information contact the tournament chairman, Mr. Carl Wood, 67 East Grand Circle, Battle Creek, Michigan.

## **New Qualifying Plan Adopted by Indiana Association**

The 1965 annual meeting of the Indiana State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association voted to adopt a New Method of placing players in "Classes" and to do away with the qualifying round used in the past.

Players will be placed in "Classes" at each tournament on the basis of their actual ringer percentage as recorded in previous tournaments.

Ringer percentages of all players have been figured on the basis of their last three tournaments (one or two tournaments if they did not play in three tournaments during 1964).

This list of individual ringer percentage records will be brought up to date immediately after each tournament.

The plan will operate in this manner: A "Deadline Time" for entries will be established and announced for each tournament. Entries must be made and entry fees paid by "Deadline Time" for each tournament.

All entrants will be placed in "Classes" on the basis of their ringer percentage records and the tournament playing schedule posted as soon as "Deadline Time" is reached. Play will start at once.

A player will raise or lower his rating by his actual performance in actual tournament games. Thus he may be in a higher or a lower "Class" in the next tournament depending on his proven ability.

New members and players without a previous record will be required to pitch 100 shoes at the tournament site sometime before "Deadline Time" in order to establish their initial ringer percentage record.

Players who feel they have improved or their previous record is too low will be permitted to pitch 100 shoes sometime before "Deadline Time" by paying an additional \$1.00 fee (\$2.00 in the State Tournament and Midwest "Ringer Round Up"). The results of these 100 shoes can raise their ringer percentage, but can not lower it.

It shall be each player's responsibility to be on hand and ready to play when his "Class" is scheduled. Normally the lower "Classes" will be the first to play after "Deadline Time." Any drastic change in this policy for a given tournament will be announced well ahead of the tournament date.

We suggest that those players whose ringer percentage records will place them in one of the higher "Classes" either mail their entry in ahead of time or send it in with someone else and arrange to have a friend notify them by phone as soon as the actual playing schedule is posted.

Entries to any tournament may be mailed in ahead of time to State Secretary-Treasurer, Earle Wilmore, 1350 Dearborn St., Gary, Ind. Entry Fee money must accompany all such entries.



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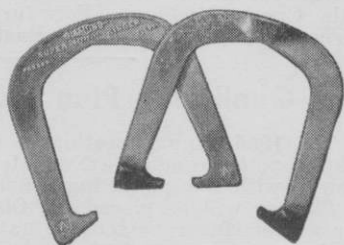
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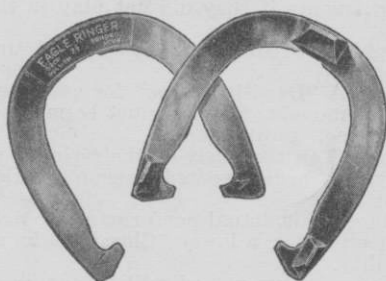
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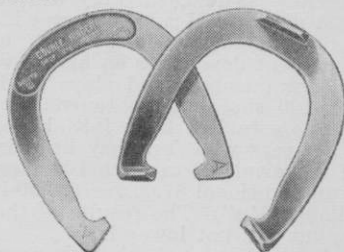


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