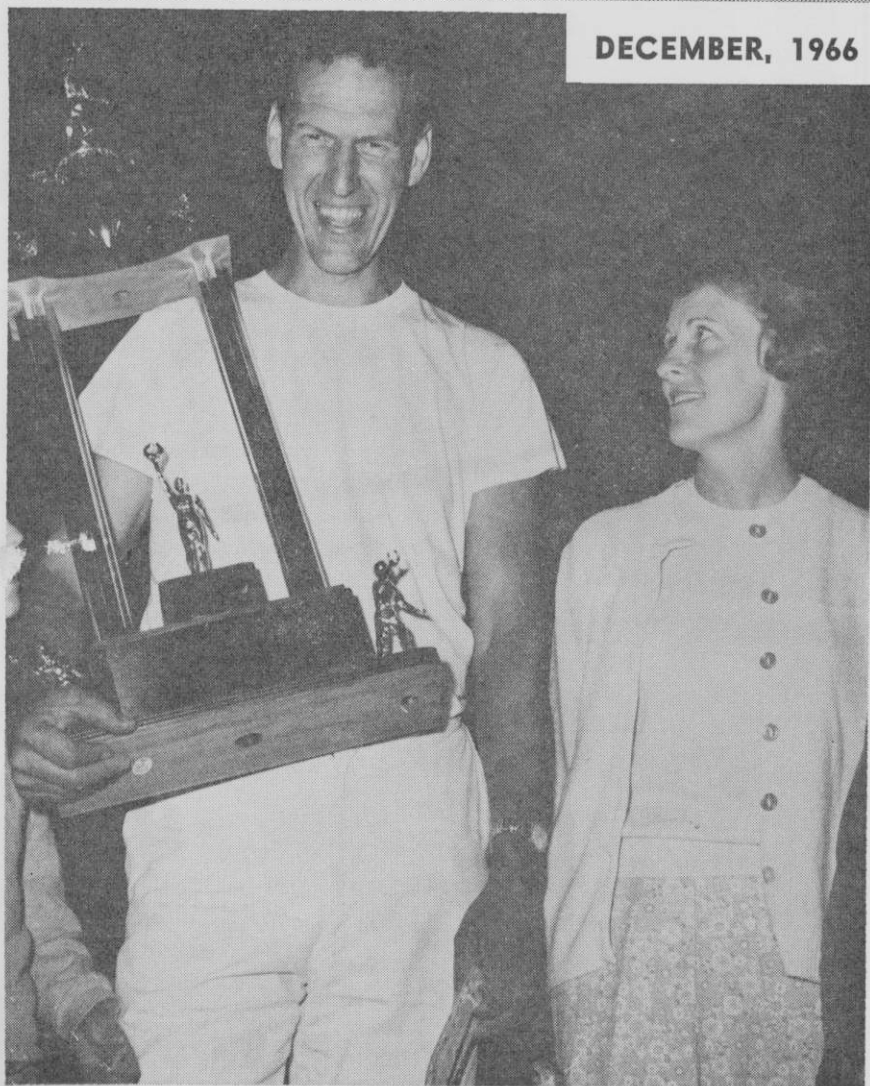


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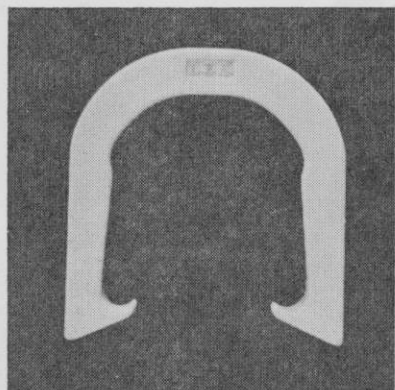
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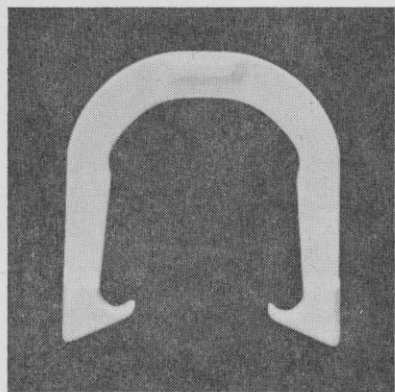
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## 1966 Florida State Tournament Regained By Rademacher

John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida regained the state title he lost last year to George Schummer who was unable to attend and defend. The tournament was held at the Bradenton Trailer Parks new 8 court layout on Nov. 12 and 13th. Excellent weather prevailed with the temperature in the 80's and a record field of entries competing. William Keegan of Hollywood took second in the championship division, with John Hinkson of Melbourne taking third by virtue of a playoff victory over Chris Hansen of Sarasota.

Lester Peary of Bradenton swept by all comers in Class B, Horace Kemp taking the second place trophy. Bernie Mulhern of Bradenton won all of his games in Class C with Phil Callahan of Lakeland placing second. Harvey Hookway of Bradenton won Class D with Bob Sommers of Gainesville placing second after a playoff victory over Barclay Webster of Orlando. Asa Drinkwater of Bradenton won Class E with 5 straight, Hal Porter as the runnerup. Frankie Statzer took the Junior title winning all his games with Wayne Warner, 1965 Junior champion placing second. The tournament was kept running smoothly by veterans M. A. "Lefty" Bruce and John Davis of the Bradenton host club.

During the annual meeting it was decided to hold the 1967 tournament at Orlando, Florida around the middle of November when the weather seems to be most ideal. Willard West was retained as President of the State Ass'n., with John Rademacher re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Bruce Johnson was elected as asst. secretary-treasurer. Other officers retained were: Horace Kemp, William Packard, Dale Clingan, Albert Pawella and Paul Backous. Newcomer Glenn Robeson of Dunnellon was elected as a vice president.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher Plant City..	7	0	64.2
W. Keegan, Hollywood .....	6	1	56.2
J. Hinkson, Melbourne .....	4	3	50.9
C. Hanson, Sarasota .....	4	3	54.7
G. Rademacher, Plant City	3	4	52.1
B. Lavalleur, Bradenton ..	2	5	47.3
W. Hoover, Orlando .....	1	6	47.5
W. West, Miami .....	1	6	43.7

#### CLASS B

	W	L	%
L. Peary, Bradenton .....	5	0	42.5
H. Kemp, Bradenton .....	4	1	44.0
J. Ellis, Bradenton .....	3	2	42.1
J. Thonert, Plant City .....	2	3	34.1
S. McKinnery, Pompano ....	1	4	27.8
H. Spiess, Sarasota .....			Forfeit

#### CLASS C

	W	L	%
B. Mulhern, Bradenton .....	5	0	36.7
P. Callahan, Lakeland .....	4	1	40.8
W. Packard, Venice .....	3	2	34.2
P. Backous, Ft. Lauderdale	2	3	26.9
J. Lukenech, Miami .....	1	4	26.0
G. Robeson, Dunnellon .....	0	5	15.2

#### CLASS D

	W	L	%
H. Hookway, Bradenton ....	4	1	19.6
B. Sommers, Gainesville ..	3	2	25.3
B. Webster, Orlando .....	3	2	20.6
H. Cook, Seminole .....	2	3	19.3
J. Kelly, Bradenton .....	2	3	17.6
F. Statzer, Plant City .....	1	4	14.9

**Florida State — (Continued)**

CLASS E				JUNIORS			
	W	L	%		W	L	
A. Drinkwater, Bradenton	5	0	18.3	F. Statner, Plant City .....	5	0	
H. Porter, Bradenton .....	4	1	13.7	W. Warner, Plant City .....	4	1	
W. Minner, Dunnellon .....	3	2	9.7	S. Warner, Plant City .....	3	2	
C. Howland, Dunnellon ...	2	3	4.1	C. Blanton, Plant City .....	2	3	
D. Toney, Plant City .....	1	4	6.4	B. Blanton, Plant City .....	1	4	
C. Danielson, Dunnellon ...	0	5	4.5	J. Rademacher, Plant City .....	0	5	

**Florida Fall and Winter Tournament Schedule 1966-67**

- Manatee County Fair Open** — January 24-28, 1967 at Palmetto Fairgrounds.  
**Deadline** — January 23rd — Write M. A. Bruce, N-52, Bradenton Trailer park, Bradenton, Florida.
- Orlando Open** — February 4, 1967 — **Deadline** January 30th. Write Bill Hoover, 907 Iron Oak Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Plant City Open** — February 11, 1967 at Sansone Park. Write John Rademacher — (See address above).
- Strawberry Festival Open** — March 10-11, 1967 at Plant City Fairgrounds. Write John Rademacher at the above address. **Deadline March 3rd.**
- DeSoto Open** — March 15-18, 1967 at Bradenton Trailer Park. **Deadline March 14th.** Write M. A. Bruce at above address.
- Suncoast Open** — March 21-25, 1967 at Bradenton Trailer Park — **Deadline March 20th.** Write M. A. Bruce at above address.
- Orlando Open** — April 11, 1967 at Sunshine Park, Orlando, Florida. **Deadline** — March 27th Write Bill Hoover, 907 Iron Oak Drive, Orlando, Florida.

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## Lloyd Swartwout Winner Of Quint City Open

The Quint City Open Tournament was held September 17 and 18 with beautiful 75 degree weather. Forty-six pitchers representing fourteen towns and four states were present for five classes of round-robin competition.

Lloyd Swartwout of Aberdeen walked off with the championship trophy with 8-1 record, defeated only by Wally Rislov, North Dakota State Champion. However, Leigh Dunker of Warner, Tom Case of Mitchell, and Merlin Enderson of Aberdeen made him earn his title with scores of 48 and 49 before Lloyd threw the winning ringers.

Don Dunham, Sr. of Elk Point, with an unscarred record of seven wins and an average of 56.1% took Class B over Ray Simon of Eau Claire, who came in second with a 53% average.

The Class C title went to Gene Ehresman of Aberdeen, who pitched 44.2% and lost only one of his seven games.

Alvin Neuharth of Sioux Falls won the playoff against Forest Gaetze of Mitchell for first place in Class D. Both Al and Forest had a 6-1 record and an average of 39.8%.

Clarence Dettman of Hutchinson claimed the Class E first place trophy with a no-loss record and 38% average.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
L. Swartwout, Aberdeen ..	8	1	60.1
L. Dunker, Warner .....	6	3	65.1
W. Rislov, Cooperstown ....	6	3	60.0
H. Peterson, Havana .....	6	3	57.8
D. Schaunaman, Aberdeen ..	6	3	61.1
M. Enderson, Aberdeen ....	4	5	58.2
F. Stinson, Minn. ....	3	6	61.6
T. Case, Mitchell .....	3	6	54.7
C. Bestul, Eau Claire .....	2	7	53.4
W. Gullickson, Moorhead ..	1	8	50.6

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
D. Dunham, Sr., Elk Point	7	0	56.1
R. Simon, Eau Claire .....	5	2	53.0
F. McEntee, Mitchell .....	4	3	51.8
W. Zeal, Mitchell .....	3	4	50.9
O. Loseth, Havana .....	3	4	40.5
W. Wiger, Fargo .....	2	5	42.7
H. Wiseness, Fargo .....	2	5	40.7
J. Kanaly, Westport .....	2	5	43.2

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
G. Ehresman, Aberdeen ....	6	1	44.2
K. Jevne, Eau Claire .....	5	2	50.4
S. Andrews, Montivideo ....	4	3	41.8
D. Hoines, Aberdeen .....	4	3	45.6
H. Jallen, Fargo .....	3	4	42.4
H. Schaunaman, Aberdeen ..	3	4	43.1
L. Dobson, Sioux Falls ....	2	5	38.2
E. Erickson, Moorhead .....	1	6	31.6

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
A. Neuharth, Sioux Falls..	6	1	39.8
F. Gaetze, Mitchell .....	6	1	39.8
C. Snell, Mitchell .....	5	2	35.2
W. Arndt, Fargo .....	3	4	32.4
G. Helgeson, Aberdeen .....	3	4	28.1
W. Schliebe, Aberdeen ....	2	5	28.6
A. Knacke, Hutchinson .....	2	5	26.6
A. Kolterman, Aberdeen ..	1	6	25.0

### CLASS E

	W	L	%		W	L	%
C. Dettman, Hutchinson ..	7	0	38.0	B. Walker, Aberdeen .....	4	3	27.7
Dunham, Jr., Sioux Falls	5	2	34.7	L. Rowland, Sioux Falls ....	2	5	25.5
D. Lane, Aberdeen .....	5	2	28.7	L. Graham, Aberdeen .....	1	6	19.3
R. Yoder, Aberdeen .....	4	3	34.7	M. Neuberger, Sioux Falls	0	7	24.8

**COVER PICTURE** — Don Pickering of Keene, N. H., gets an admiring look from his wife, Olive, after winning his third straight Class A men's state championship. He was also elected president of the New Hampshire association at the tournament held at Keene's Wheelock Park. —Tom Blake Photo.

## Valley of the Sun Open Set for February 25-26

To all those planning to spend some time under the Arizona sun, attention is called to the annual Valley of the Sun Open tournament to be played on the Rendezvous park courts in Mesa, Arizona on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 1967.

### Northern California Association

#### TOURNAMENT NO. 23 — LOS

##### GATOS CLASS C

##### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
L. Melton, Gilroy .....	3	2	41.4
R. Fortman, Gilroy .....	3	2	35.7
B. Tryon, Los Gatos .....	3	2	40.8
A. Gates, Seaside .....	2	3	39.5
J. Sadowski, Los Gatos ....	2	3	39.4
R. Pilon, Seaside .....	2	3	35.7

##### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
H. Hansen, Seaside .....	4	1	38.3
A. Crossman, Vallejo .....	4	1	40.9
L. Philbrick, San Jose .....	3	2	35.3
J. Hodson, Modesto .....	2	3	40.2
L. Keller, Vallejo .....	1	4	34.2
W. East, Arroyo Viejo ....	1	4	36.7

##### GROUP THREE

	W	L	%
L. Philbrick, San Jose .....	4	1	37.1
P. Zahn, Seaside .....	3	2	42.1
S. Hatsme, Vallejo .....	3	2	34.1
F. Jozovich, San Jose .....	2	3	35.9
J. Westbrook, Vallejo .....	2	3	30.7
V. Olafson, Seaside .....	1	4	29.3

##### GROUP FOUR

	W	L	%
B. Henry, Gilroy .....	4	1	35.3
R. Gray, Seaside .....	4	1	32.5
C. Childress, Los Gatos ....	3	2	32.0
M. Turner, Los Gatos .....	3	2	27.0
C. Sampson, San Jose .....	1	4	24.2
J. Hernandez, Los Gatos ....	0	5	22.4

#### TOURNAMENT NO. 24 — SEASIDE

##### CLASS D

##### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
A. Crabtree, Modesto .....	4	1	36.1
V. Olfson, Seaside .....	4	1	30.6
J. Jozovich, San Jose .....	2	3	27.6
C. Childress, Los Gatos ....	2	3	26.4
B. Henry, Gilroy .....	2	3	28.3
R. Gray, Seaside .....	1	4	26.2

##### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
F. Kilburn, Modesto .....	4	1	27.3
J. Pamplin, Salinas .....	4	1	27.2
D. Carr, Modesto .....	3	2	24.1
C. Sampson, San Jose .....	2	3	18.6
G. Owens, Modesto .....	2	3	25.9
G. Whitney, Seaside .....	0	5	13.6

##### GROUP THREE

	W	L	%		W	L	%
R. Hascall, Salinas .....	6	0	26.6	R. Cain, Salinas .....	2	4	18.3
T. Yudacufski, Seaside ....	2	4	20.5	A. Hauge, Seaside .....	2	4	14.6

## Brown Winner Over Cavin To Win Creston, Iowa Open

With cool and windy conditions existing throughout the day, Art Brown of Patterson, Iowa defeated Ray Cavin, of St. Joe, Missouri in the play-off for the Creston, Iowa Open tournament held on the Legion park courts in Red Oak, Iowa in early October. Earl Kaiser won Class B with Madelo Blake in the runner-up slot.

##### CLASS A

	W	L
A. Brown, Patterson, Iowa .....	5	1
R. Cavin, St Joe., Mo. ....	4	2
W. James, Underwood, Ia. ....	3	2
W. Uhlig, Anita, Ia. ....	3	2
D. Carter, Council Bluffs, Ia. ....	1	4
B. Ricker, Afton, Ia. ....	0	5

##### CLASS B

	W	L
E. Kaiser, Anita, Ia. ....	5	0
M. Blake, Letts, Ia. ....	4	1
G. Nielsen, Omaha, Neb. ....	3	2
J. Foster, Omaha Neb. ....	1	4
L. Jeter, Afton, Ia. ....	1	4
L. Cain, King City, Mo. ....	1	4

## Scotty's Open Tournament Won By Frank Kilinsky

In the first of Scotty's Open Tournaments held in Washington, Pennsylvania, Frank Kilinsky, Matt Voithofer and Glenn Sebring finished in a three way tie for first place in Class A. In the first game of the playoff, Voithofer pitched a 70% game against Sebring, winning 52 to 25. In the final game, Kilinsky won over Voithofer, pitching 67% for a score of 50 to 31. The top game of the tournament was an 81.2% pitched by Voithofer over Oliverio.

Class B finals included a tie for first place between Andy Ponick and Pete Sowa, with Ponick winning the playoff. Clyde Sprowls, who pitched in Class B also, was awarded a trophy for being the most improved pitcher in Washington County. In Class C, Nick Wohar, Charles Sowa and John Barnhart each won 6 and lost 1 in regular play, with Wohar winning the playoff. A four way tie occurred in Class D, between John Beck, Mike Churley, Jim Schneider and John Wright. The playoff was won by John Beck, a newcomer to the game. Class E was won by R. Martincic with J. Fields second. In the Ladies Division, Mary Cherup won with Mary Ann Kilinsky runner-up.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
F. Kilinsky .....	5	2	67.2	A. Ponick .....	6	1	58.8
M. Voithofer .....	5	2	65.6	P. Sowa .....	6	1	56.1
G. Sebring .....	5	2	62.6	J. Ruskin .....	5	2	59.4
C. Martz .....	4	3	64.0	A. Booth .....	5	2	52.9
H. Boyer .....	4	3	63.8	C. Nagode .....	2	5	44.7
F. Oliverio .....	3	4	57.4	J. Frazier .....	2	5	42.7
J. Wohar .....	2	5	61.8	M. Cherup .....	1	6	50.2
T. Board .....	0	7	56.7	C. Sprowls .....	1	6	43.7
CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
N. Wohar .....	6	1	47.3	J. Beck .....	5	2	34.3
C. Sowa .....	6	1	46.3	M. Churley .....	5	2	34.0
J. Barnhart .....	6	1	42.9	J. Schneider .....	5	2	35.8
G. Combs .....	3	4	38.8	J. Wright .....	5	2	28.7
R. Bradford .....	3	4	33.8	G. Allison .....	4	3	29.1
M. Comstock .....	2	5	35.1	C. Ealy .....	3	4	31.6
R. Wagner .....	1	6	33.7	J. Faiella .....	1	6	21.7
J. Wagner .....	1	6	33.6	C. Wright .....	0	7	26.9

## Ottie Reno And Avanelle Brown Win Horseshoe Titles

Ottie Reno won the 1966 Summer Horseshoe League conducted by the Pike County Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' Association posting an 18-6 won lost record. Roy Jennings was the runner-up. In the women's division the new champion was Avanelle Brown with a 13-11 record. Gary Roberts posted the high single game of the league with a 129 and the high single series with 355.

A broken leg prevented Donnie Roberts, the defending champ from competing for the crown.

## Ricker In Clean Sweep Of Afton, Iowa Open

CLASS A			CLASS B		
	W	L		W	L
B. Ricker, Afton, Ia. ....	5	0	E. Kaiser, Anita, Ia. ....	5	1
R. Cavin, St Joe., Mo. ....	3	2	P. Robertson, Garden Grove, Ia. ....	4	2
W. Uhlig, Anita, Ia. ....	2	3	D. Wells, Mercer, Mo. ....	3	2
A. Brown, Patterson, Ia. ....	2	3	M. Woollums, Mt. Ayr, Ia. ....	2	3
H. Darnold, Burlington, Ia. ....	2	3	G. Spitler, Adair, Ia. ....	2	3
E. Danielson, Burlington, Ia. ....	1	4	C. Cook, Corydon, Ia. ....	0	5

## Paxton Winner Of 3rd Annual Iowa Open Championship

Using his vast knowledge of ringer tactics, John Paxton of Ottumwa, Iowa picked up the title in the 3rd annual running of the Iowa Open tournament held on the Riverside park courts in the early fall. Hugh Rogers of Cedar Falls, Iowa was runner-up. Byron Haffner of Letts, Iowa was Class B winner followed by Ron Miller of Portland, Oregon. There were 53 entries in the tournament making it the biggest Iowa Open on record. Players were hampered by a high wind throughout the day. In the Junior division, Jimmy Burgess of Ottumwa won three straight for top honors while Karen Jackson of West Burlington, Iowa was busy wrapping up the title in the Ladies class.

### CLASS A

	W	L
J. Paxton, Iowa .....	5	0
H. Rogers, Iowa .....	4	1
R. Cavin, Mo. ....	3	2
F. Rogers, Iowa .....	1	4
H. Darnold, Iowa .....	1	4
C. Vandegriff, Iowa .....	1	4

### CLASS B

	W	L
B. Haffner, Iowa .....	5	1
R. Miller, Oregon .....	4	2
E. Danielson, Iowa .....	3	2
P. Robertson, Iowa .....	2	3
L. Jeter, Iowa .....	2	3
C. Cook, Iowa .....	0	5

### CLASS C

	W	L
A. Brown, Iowa .....	5	0
R. Rubison, Ill. ....	4	1
H. Gilpin, Iowa .....	3	2
L. Cain, Iowa .....	1	4
A. Jackson, Iowa .....	1	4
J. Waddle, Iowa .....	1	4

### CLASS D

	W	L
E. Willich, Iowa .....	3	1
C. Hopkins, Iowa .....	2	2
C. Bennett, Iowa .....	1	2
R. Gale, Iowa .....	1	2

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## Massachusetts Program Director Setting Up Schedule

All active clubs in the central and eastern division of the Massachusetts association desiring home and home games for opening of the season in the early spring, are requested to write Emile Lareau, 10 Cedar Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts, so that he can start scheduling games to be played in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Send in name of club and location along with telephone number as soon as possible.

## Farnsworth Tops Vermillion County Fair Open

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
G. Farnsworth, Ill. ....	7	0	84.0	G. Bancroft, Ill. ....	6	1	68.0
R. Martin, Ill. ....	6	1	80.5	L. Long, Ill. ....	5	2	63.8
K. Van Sant, Ind. ....	4	3	71.8	D. Claypool, Ind. ....	5	2	56.0
C. Rhoades, Ill. ....	3	4	70.9	D. Maroon, Ill. ....	4	3	65.7
J. Wilson, Ill. ....	3	4	67.5	M. Tirey, Ill. ....	4	3	60.0
F. Fowler, Ind. ....	2	5	71.3	P. Stetler, Ind. ....	3	4	55.4
S. Logsdon, Ill. ....	2	5	68.1	H. Cook, Ill. ....	1	6	49.7
V. Taylor, Ind. ....	1	6	62.3	F. Hart, Ill. ....	0	7	48.9
CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
D. Peters, Ill. ....	6	1	59.9	T. Minnick, Ind. ....	7	0	62.3
R. Maroon, Ill. ....	5	2	47.7	R. Hess, Ind. ....	6	1	66.1
D. Groves, Ill. ....	5	2	51.6	L. Miller, Ill. ....	5	2	56.5
R. Bever, Ind. ....	4	3	48.1	R. Galbreath, Ill. ....	4	3	54.7
L. Hamilton, Ill. ....	4	3	47.8	H. Berry, Ill. ....	3	4	47.1
S. Brooks, Ill. ....	3	4	43.0	D. Sigmon, Ill. ....	2	5	48.6
B. Walker, Ill. ....	1	6	37.0	M. Randall, Ind. ....	1	6	42.0
L. Brown, Ind. ....	0	7	35.2	P. Luster, Ind. ....	0	7	44.2
CLASS E				CLASS F			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Hiltibidal, Ill. ....	7	0	56.1	H. Potter, Ill. ....	6	1	42.6
Bader, Ill. ....	4	3	47.3	P. Gibson, Ill. ....	5	2	37.2
E. Onley, Ind. ....	4	3	38.4	T. Sunkel, Ill. ....	5	2	47.1
H. McLain, Ind. ....	4	3	37.9	B. Van Vickie, Ill. ....	4	3	32.1
V. Cunningham, Ill. ....	3	4	44.7	J. Hammons, Ind. ....	4	3	39.0
G. Cartright, Ill. ....	2	5	35.5	B. Cline, Ill. ....	3	4	33.6
M. Bright, Ill. ....	2	5	35.2	L. Newman, Ind. ....	1	6	16.2
E. Rumble, Ill. ....	2	5	32.0				

## North Dakota Association Notes

The first Red River Valley Horseshoe League awards dinner was attended by 40 at the Silver Moon in Moorhead, Minnesota recently.

Plans for the 1967 World Tournament were discussed and a film was shown. Plans for indoor play were also discussed. Special thanks was given to scorekeepers who have spent many years at the Oak Grove courts helping with the scoring chores. Among those are Mrs Helmer Jallen, Mrs Einar Letness and Mrs. Art Engebretson.

Ken Newman was elected president of the Minot, North Dakota Horseshoe Club, succeeding Andy Mitzel.

Ernest Piquette was named vice president; Mel Reiersen, secretary and Chuck Simonson, treasurer. Sid Hohmann was picked to handle publicity.

William Fick, 62 of Mapleton, North Dakota former member of the Red River Valley League and a prominent bowler, passed away recently.

## 1967 World Tournament Souvenir Buttons Now Available

There's far-reaching interest in the 1967 World Horseshoe Tournament to be played at the Fargo-Moorhead courts July 30-Aug. 8, 1967.

Admittance and souvenir buttons have been sold to interested persons in eight states — North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and California. Those ordering buttons from the longest distance so far are Norman Smith of Culver City, Calif., and Pete Finch of Toledo, Ohio.

The colorful red, white and blue buttons are available for \$1. by writing Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Morehead, Minn. The button will permit the buyer to all tournament sessions and will serve as a booster button for the event. T-shirts carrying the tourney emblem and the buyer's name are also available for \$2.50.

## Jim Solomon Captures Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania Open

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Solomon .....	6	1	78.7
S. Sutton .....	6	1	75.2
A. Zadroga .....	5	2	72.6
O. Engle .....	4	3	74.3
D. Carson .....	3	4	68.7
M. Kuhn .....	2	5	65.7
J. Fulton .....	1	6	65.4
C. Martz .....	1	6	63.7

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
M. Voithofer .....	7	0	64.3
R. Maroni .....	6	1	62.9
B. Shever .....	4	3	56.3
H. Boyer .....	3	4	55.8
H. Caruso .....	3	4	54.8
L. Boyer .....	2	5	54.5
T. Board .....	2	5	46.6
A. Ponick .....	1	6	49.5

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
D. Marsh .....	5	0	57.8
P. Sowa .....	4	1	55.2
R. Myers .....	3	2	44.2
F. Osborne .....	2	3	37.6
R. Henry .....	1	4	45.2
S. Guster .....	0	5	20.0

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
M. Cherup .....	4	1	46.8
N. Wohar .....	4	1	43.8
C. Sowa .....	4	1	44.8
D. Peyinghaus .....	2	3	26.0
P. Silvis .....	1	4	30.5
M. Churley .....	0	5	26.5

## Carson Wins New Freedom, Pennsylvania Invitational

	W	L	%
D. Carson .....	7	0	75.3
G. Brown .....	6	1	63.6
R. Bechtel .....	4	3	60.5
J. Fulton .....	4	3	58.3

	W	L	%
J. Miller .....	3	4	52.6
C. Eppley .....	2	5	52.5
R. Anderson .....	2	5	43.9
C. Walker .....	0	7	48.2

## ATTENTION — Ted Allen Horseshoe Users

The best news in over a year on forgings. Promise has been made to forge and deliver forgings here, some time early in 1967, during the winter. Then, another amount of time is needed to do much work on them here. Grinding off the flare, hardening points, painting, etc. Orders will be filled as fast as shoes become ready for sale, weekly.

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## Paglarini In Close Decision Over Stinson To Win Hibbing Open

At the close of regular round robin play in the annual Hibbing, Minnesota Open tournament held in Hibbing, Minnesota this season, Andy Paglarini and Frank Stinson ended in a tie with 10 win and 1 loss each. In the play-off, Paglarini proved to be the stronger of the two, even though the final ring percentages proved otherwise. Paglarini was the high qualifier for the day ringing up 266 points out of a possible 300. Charles Strafaccia, Minnesota state association president, directed the tournament to a successful conclusion.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
A. Paglarini, Minn. ....	10	1	69.4
F. Stinson, Minn. ....	10	1	74.2
J. Anzaldi, Minn. ....	9	2	64.8
A. Kiekhoefer, Minn. ....	7	4	58.1
A. Holter, Minn. ....	6	5	53.8
W. Rislov, N. D. ....	5	6	58.7
H. Knutson, Minn. ....	5	6	57.5
A. Hauson, Minn. ....	5	6	54.3
H. Hard, Minn. ....	5	6	55.8
C. Bestul, Wis. ....	3	8	53.2
P. La Crosse, Minn. ....	1	10	52.9
J. Le Garde, Minn. ....	0	11	43.2

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
G. Moe, Minn. ....	9	2	47.7
C. Lofgren, Minn. ....	9	2	44.2
N. Morrison, Minn. ....	9	2	53.1
"Hots" Anderson, Minn. ..	7	4	43.8
C. Barkis, Minn. ....	5	6	44.6
R. Lundberg, Minn. ....	5	6	47.1
J. Jacobson, N. D. ....	5	6	40.5
F. Manske, Minn. ....	4	7	33.5
J. Johnson, Minn. ....	4	7	38.5
S. Johnson, Minn. ....	4	7	43.3
R. Simon, Wis. ....	3	8	41.9
C. Oswald, Minn. ....	2	9	38.9

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
I. Kjelman, Minn. ....	6	1	50.2
E. Larson, Minn. ....	5	2	51.0
V. Tissek, Minn. ....	5	2	45.5
L. LaBrosse, Minn. ....	4	3	49.5
B. Winterhalper, Minn. ....	4	3	52.6
V. Walker, Minn. ....	3	4	42.7
H. Garlie, Wis. ....	1	6	34.9
L. Lamprecht, Minn. ....	0	7	36.7

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
Salmons, Minn. ....	6	1	45.4
D. Johnson, Minn. ....	5	2	42.4
S. Andrews, Minn. ....	4	3	38.7
C. Maki, Minn. ....	4	3	33.8
S. Hill, Minn. ....	3	4	34.1
S. Albertson, Minn. ....	2	5	40.9
Bobena, Minn. ....	2	5	34.4
B. Johnson, Minn. ....	2	5	30.1

## Illinois Champion, Griggs Tops Pike County (Ill.) Open

Ellis Griggs, 1966 Illinois state champion added the Pike County Open title to his laurels as the closing event of his season's activities. He was undefeated. Chuck Rhoades was runner-up. Virgil Bunge of Gillespie, Illinois was winner in Class B. Bob Seeds of East Alton came through unscathed in Class C as did Fred Hart of Jacksonville in Class D. Lynn Lymen and Floyd Hammitt of Pittsfield, Illinois handled all the details.

## Montana Association Selects 1967 Open Tournament Dates

Herman Jensen, secretary of the Montana state association has announced the following Open Tournament dates for the 1967 season. It is being announced early so as not to have any conflicts of dates in the Montana and North Dakota area. June 12, Froid, Montana Open tournament; June 26, Wibaux, Montana Open tournament; July 2, Fort Peck, Montana, A.A.U. Open tournament; July 16, Culbertson, Montana Open tournament.

## Missouri Ringerman Cops Crete (Nebr.) Open Crown

Ray Cavin of St. Joseph, Missouri and promoter of the annual St. Joe Open, laid aside the duties of promoter and proved his ability in the ringer making art, by racking up 7 straight victories to lay claim to the Crete, Nebraska Open championship. Tournament was conducted by Elmer Grage on the Tuxedo park courts in Crete, Nebraska. Roland Kraft, Kansas state association secretary, was runner-up. Jerry Kahle, former scribe of the Oklahoma state association had a clear day in winning Class B with 7 in a row. Dale Seybert of Nebraska copped Class C with a 6-0 record. Class D went to Les Burch of Crete, with a fellow townsman, Elmer Grage, promoter of the tournament, clipping 4 straight to win Class E. Lorenz Wallenberg and Milton Harmon both had identical records of 5 wins and no losses to win Class F and G respectively. Class H went to Willis Seims of Nebraska.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
R. Cavin, Mo. ....	7	0	63.8
R. Kraft, Kan. ....	5	2	55.6
L. Heist, Neb. ....	4	3	55.0
H. Stanton, Mo. ....	4	3	53.1
V. Vol Dais, Kan. ....	3	4	57.8
J. Foster, Neb. ....	3	4	44.1
M. Reheis, Kan. ....	1	6	52.3
W. Webb, Neb. ....	1	6	46.7

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Kahle, Okla. ....	7	0	58.8
I. Long, Kan. ....	6	1	58.5
K. Custard, Neb. ....	4	3	47.7
R. Fleharty, Neb. ....	4	3	48.5
V. Nordgren, Neb. ....	3	4	45.5
P. Grotrian, Neb. ....	3	4	40.9
G. Nielsen, Neb. ....	1	5	42.0
W. Gay, Mo. ....	0	7	31.4

## Reheis Edges Faulkner To Win Butler County (Kansas) Title

Marvin Reheis of Douglass took the Butler County tourney. He won all seven of his games. He had close games with both E. C. Faulkner and Leo Dennett. They took second and third respectively. The percentages were held down by a gusting wind. The tourney was highlighted by 17 year old Randy Potter making the Class A. We hope this is an incentive to other young men to take up the game. Class B was taken by John Potter of El Dorado, but only after a close 50 to 46 play off game. Both El Dorado and Augusta have lighted courts and have been cooperative in furnishing necessary equipment as well as lights and water. This is appreciated very much.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
M. Reheis, Douglass ....	7	0	54.0
E. C. Faulkner, El Dorado	6	1	57.0
L. Dennett, Augusta ....	5	2	48.0
D. Booth, Augusta ....	3	4	40.0
D. Burns, Augusta ....	3	4	36.0
D. Huber, El Dorado ....	2	5	40.0
G. Long, El Dorado ....	1	6	40.0
R. Potter, El Dorado ....	1	6	38.0

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Potter, El Dorado ....	4	1	40.0
A. Jackson, Augusta ....	4	1	41.0
D. Tate, Augusta ....	3	2	27.0
J. Swisher, El Dorado ....	2	3	30.0
D. Walls, Augusta ....	2	3	29.0
J. Walls, Augusta ....	0	5	18.0

## Toledo Recreation Festival Title Won By Andy Wossilek

In the annual Toledo Recreation Festival Open tournament held in the early fall, under the direction of William Knepper and associates, Andy Wossilek of Elyria, Ohio came out on top having a clean slate of 5 wins and no losses. Dale Pringle and Clarence Espen were second and third respectively. Gary Wossilek had an 8 and 1 record to win the second division title.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
A. Wossilek .....	5	0	64.4
D. Pringle .....	4	1	67.7
C. Espen .....	3	2	58.8
G. Stifel .....	2	3	49.4
E. Stein .....	1	4	53.0
N. Ameling .....	0	5	48.3

### CLASS B

	W	L
G. Wossilek .....	8	1
G. Curley .....	7	2
C. Juergens .....	7	2
W. Fygy .....	6	3
W. Knepper .....	5	4
R. Thomas .....	4	5
A. Fygy .....	3	6
J. Buga .....	2	7
W. Curry .....	2	7
W. Henderson .....	1	8

## 4th Annual Bremen, Ohio Open Won By H. Reno

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

	W	L	R	SP	%
H. Rena, Sabina .....	7	0	446	520	85.7
W. Kabel, New Madison .....	5	2	445	556	80.0
H. Anthony, Arcanum .....	4	3	375	496	75.6
S. Manker, Martinsville .....	4	3	412	566	78.8
J. Knisley, Bremen .....	3	4	443	588	75.3
G. Riffle, Dayton .....	3	4	432	580	74.5
J. Pillion, Casstown .....	1	6	347	522	66.4
M. Gardner, Urbana .....	1	6	239	406	58.8

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
K. Dawes, Good Hope .....	7	0	68.5
G. Roberts, Lucasville .....	5	2	66.8
R. Miller, Springfield .....	5	2	65.2
H. Witter, Columbus .....	5	2	56.2
J. Boesch, Columbus .....	3	4	58.6
L. Mathews, Columbus .....	1	6	56.5
L. Rose, Columbus .....	1	6	55.8
T. Boesch, Columbus .....	1	6	49.5

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Witschger, Cincinnati ....	7	0	62.2
H. Godfrey, Cincinnati .....	6	1	56.6
F. Sumpter, Wilmington ..	5	2	56.3
H. Roshon, Baltimore .....	4	3	52.5
P. Swartz, Marion .....	3	4	55.2
L. Kunkler, Bremen .....	3	4	49.5
E. Prott, Columbus .....	1	6	47.0
T. Brichles, Columbus .....	0	7	44.3

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
M. Thomas, Bremen .....	6	1	45.5
C. Hannah, Columbus .....	6	1	43.2
G. Mitchell, Ostrander .....	4	3	43.5
R. Von Dach, Delaware .....	4	3	42.8
P. Beach, Junction City .....	3	4	40.0
N. Hageman, Ostrander .....	3	4	37.3
R. Foltz, Bremen .....	2	5	37.1
E. Waters, Columbus .....	0	7	32.5

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
B. Van Otto, Bremen .....	4	1	38.9
F. Park, Columbus .....	3	2	39.6
L. Frieiner, Bremen .....	3	2	36.0
W. Church, Bremen .....	2	3	32.3
J. Kunkle, Bremen .....	2	3	24.4
J. Howell, Bremen .....	1	4	25.3

## Funny-Bone Ticklers

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## Stifel In Straight Wins Takes Toledo City Title

### CLASS A

	W	L
George Stifel .....	7	0
George Whitehead .....	6	1
Wm. Knepper .....	5	2
Floyd Plumb .....	4	3
George Curley .....	3	4
Cornell Juergens .....	2	5
Jesse Brokaw .....	1	6
Guy Decker .....	0	7

### CLASS B

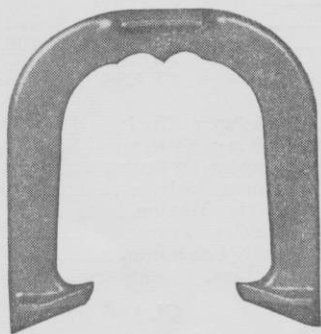
	W	L
Leonard Schultz .....	7	1
Preston Curry .....	6	2
Louis Flaczynski, Jr. ....	5	3
Wesley Hudgins .....	4	4
Thomas Bennett .....	4	3
Gerald Crandall .....	3	4
Alfred Saam .....	1	6
Larry Nearhood .....	0	7

## Paglarini Chosen Northwest's Outstanding Player

Andy Paglarini of Hibbing, Minn., winner of five tournament championships during the past season, was a unanimous choice as the No. 1 horseshoe pitcher in the three-state area of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

A panel of NHPA members named Paglarini in the final poll of the season. Others in the top 10 are Frank Stinson of Minneapolis, Joe Anzaldi of St. Paul, Leigh Dunker of Warner, S. D., Wally Rislov of Cooperstown, Gene Lykken of Kindred, Lloyd Swarthout of Aberdeen, S. D., Art Engebretson of Fargo, Arnold Christenson of Vermillion, S. D., and Don Schaunaman of Aberdeen, S. D.

Others receiving votes are John Yernberg of St. Paul, Jack O'Connor of Duluth and Gust Magnuson of Moorhead, Minn.



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### SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "F"

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Joe Fisher .....	3	1	42.2
Ray Victor .....	3	1	29.4
Wilford Andelin .....	2	2	38.5
Russell Hart .....	2	2	34.4
Larry Long .....	0	4	32.5

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Ed St Pierre .....	4	1	41.5
Harold Slagg .....	4	1	29.8
Walter Powe .....	3	2	34.5
Joe Holder .....	2	3	34.6
Bob Hupp .....	2	3	31.0
Ray Faulkner .....	0	5	22.8

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Joe Fisher .....	3	0	35.9
Harold Slagg .....	1	2	37.5
Ed St Pierre .....	1	2	36.3
Ray Victor .....	1	2	22.7

### SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RINGER ROUND-UP

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Joe Dawsey .....	7	1	71.6
Jonas Snyder .....	6	2	74.9
John Walker .....	5	2	70.8
Don Shubert .....	5	2	63.5
Waldo Hagy .....	3	4	59.6
Pat Brady .....	2	5	62.5
Bill Jones .....	1	6	53.6
Norman Smith .....	0	7	42.8

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Russ Hudgens .....	7	0	57.1
Henry Fisher .....	6	1	57.1
Howard Carey .....	5	2	50.8
Sotero Libatique .....	4	3	50.0
George Easterling .....	3	4	54.7
George Farrell .....	2	5	41.7
Fred Brown .....	1	6	40.6
Eldon Carrier .....	0	7	32.4

#### GROUP THREE

	W	L	%
Joe Fisher .....	6	1	45.1
Leroy Rusch .....	5	2	41.3
Larry Ford .....	5	2	40.0
Robert Hupp .....	4	3	37.1
Sam Davis .....	2	5	30.0
Walter Powe .....	2	5	28.8
Harold Slagg .....	2	5	27.6
Ray Victor .....	2	5	27.1

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POMONA "C" CLASS

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
James Paul .....	4	1	52.4
Fred Percy .....	4	1	51.7
Leo Dooley .....	4	1	47.2
Leroy Rusch .....	2	3	48.1
Willis Sims .....	1	4	42.2
Fred Dunn .....	0	5	41.7

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Ben Logg .....	4	1	52.7
Mike Velarde .....	3	2	48.4
Carl Dennis .....	3	2	48.2
Charles Bailey .....	2	3	46.1
Sam Puopulo .....	2	3	45.2
Al Cauchon .....	1	4	38.7

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
James Paul .....	3	0	51.1
Fred Percy .....	1	2	55.7
Ben Logg .....	1	2	44.1
Mike Velarde .....	1	2	40.4

### SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "A"

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Frank Esperanza .....	5	0	70.0
Harry Morse .....	4	1	60.5
Pat Brady .....	3	2	61.4
Bill Jones .....	1	4	51.0
James Paul .....	1	4	50.3
Fred Percy .....	1	4	46.9

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Don Shubert .....	4	1	63.5
Tom Wheeler .....	4	1	59.6
Russ Hudgens .....	4	1	55.2
Wally Shipley .....	2	3	47.5
Ward Berg .....	1	4	50.2
Sam Faulkner .....	0	5	46.1

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Frank Esperanza .....	3	0	64.5
Tom Wheeler .....	1	2	65.8
Harry Morse .....	1	2	63.6
Don Shubert .....	1	2	59.4

### CHAMPIONSHIP "G"

	W	L	%
Walter Powe .....	4	0	36.0
Ray Victor .....	3	1	26.2
Ray Faulkner .....	2	2	25.2
Joe Holder .....	1	3	21.5
Harold Slagg .....	0	4	19.5

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### SOUTH GATE— SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "B"

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Clarence Cummins .....	3	2	56.7
Sotero Libatique .....	3	2	52.8
Bill Jones .....	3	2	52.3
Norman Smith .....	2	3	57.6
James Paul .....	2	3	53.7
Leroy Rusch .....	2	3	53.7

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Harry Morse .....	5	0	64.8
Carl Dennis .....	3	2	54.7
Wally Shipley .....	3	2	53.2
Leo Dooley .....	2	3	49.2
Sam Faulkner .....	2	3	48.1
Ward Berg .....	0	5	40.7

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Harry Morse .....	4	1	62.3
Carl Dennis .....	2	2	52.9
Sotero Libatique .....	2	2	51.8
Clarence Cummins .....	0	3	47.1

### BALDWIN PARK — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BALDWIN PARK "D" OPEN

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Leroy Rusch .....	5	0	57.0
Charles Bailey .....	4	1	48.9
Stan Dobson .....	3	2	48.5
Larry Hahn .....	2	3	37.2
Ray Faulkner .....	1	4	30.1
George Farrell .....	0	5	28.8

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Carl Dennis .....	4	1	51.6
Willis Sims .....	4	1	48.6
Leo Dooley .....	4	1	46.5
Fred Brown .....	2	3	37.0
Harold Slagg .....	1	4	28.1
Sam Puopulo .....	2	3	45.2

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Carl Dennis .....	3	0	48.2
Leroy Rusch .....	2	1	48.3
Willis Sims .....	1	2	48.2
Charles Bailey .....	0	3	31.5

## Griggs 6-Time Titlist In Rock River Valley Open

Fresh from the ringer wars at the Illinois state tournament, where he won the 1966 Illinois state title, Ellis Griggs of Plainville, Illinois, annexed the championship of the 11th annual Rock River Valley Open tournament to his string of titles. It was his sixth triumphant title match in this annual ringer event that drew players from four states. Ben Trolen of Wisconsin defeated John Dover of Illinois for the Class B crown. Bob Anderson of Illinois won over Ed Willich of Iowa for the Class C title. Alex Klunick of Illinois edged Frank Polka a former Illinois state champion for Class D honors. In Class E, it was Myrl Stewart over the veteran Omer Potter for top spot. Ed Aleshire, a new comer, dropped John McDonough to second place to win Class F. In spite of high wind that prevailed all day, Melvin Utley of Illinois had the highest ringer percentage for the round robin series, 72.2 percent. A total of 56 players took part in this tournament which is rated as one of the major tournaments of the country. Class A and B were divided into two groups with the winner of each group playing for the title in his class.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. Griggs, Ill. ....	6	0	69.9
H. Magnuson, Ill. ....	4	2	61.5
M. Utley, Ill. ....	5	1	72.2
G. Henton, Iowa ....	4	2	64.9
E. Damarin, Ill. ....	4	2	62.6
W. Daunhauer, Ill. ....	2	4	58.1
W. Martin, Ill. ....	3	3	60.3
R. Vogel, Ill. ....	2	4	59.7
H. Darnold, Iowa ....	3	3	57.7
E. Danielson, Iowa ....	1	5	55.7
M. Tate, Ill. ....	1	5	44.4

#### CLASS B

	W	L
B. Trolen, Wis. ....	6	0
J. Taylor, Ill. ....	4	2
M. Schumann, Iowa ....	5	1
R. Phillips, Ill. ....	4	2
R. Miller, Oregon ....	4	2
P. Jensen, Ill. ....	2	4
H. Anderson, Ill. ....	3	3
A. Horn, Ill. ....	2	4
D. Grove, Ill. ....	3	3
L. Richman, Ill. ....	1	5
C. Neal, Ill. ....	2	4
C. Chrisman, Ill. ....	0	6

## Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association

### SOUTH GATE — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "E"

### BALDWIN PARK — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP "C"

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
C. Siebert .....	5	0	40.3
S. Puopulo .....	4	1	44.5
F. Brown .....	3	2	40.3
H. Slagg .....	2	3	29.7
R. Victor .....	1	4	27.9
R. Ambrose .....	0	5	21.2

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
W. Shipley .....	5	0	50.3
R. Hugdens .....	3	2	50.7
C. Bailey .....	3	2	50.6
C. Dennis .....	2	3	42.1
S. Faulkner .....	1	4	42.8
E. Carrier .....	1	4	32.7

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
L. Ford .....	4	0	40.6
W. Andelin .....	3	1	36.8
S. Davis .....	2	2	34.6
L. Long .....	1	3	27.9
M. Ambrose .....	0	4	26.7
W. Powe .....	Forfeit		

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
W. Berg .....	4	1	52.6
C. Birkenbach .....	3	2	53.6
L. Dooley .....	3	2	45.5
B. Logg .....	2	3	51.9
S. Puopulo .....	2	3	42.4
G. Hughey .....	1	4	50.0

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
S. Puopulo .....	4	1	42.9
C. Siebert .....	2	2	36.4
L. Ford .....	2	2	32.1
W. Andelin .....	0	3	31.3

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
R. Hugdens .....	3	0	57.9
C. Birkenbach .....	2	1	46.6
W. Berg .....	1	2	53.9
W. Shipley .....	0	3	45.4

## San Bernardino County Fair Tournament Title Retained By Randall

Ralph Randall, of Barstow, Calif, edged out defending Champion Jim Gregson of Crestline in an exciting contest at the 5th Annual County Fair Tourney at Victorville, Calif. A playoff game was required when Gregson defeated Randall in the final game of the 8 man round robin by a score of 55-44. Randall, however, bounced back with a 55-26 win in the play off.

In Class B, Joe Raykowski of Rialto was the winner with Roland Nimmo of San Bernardino winning second place. Defending Champ Fritz Adolphi, of Apple Valley, Calif., in spite of a recent heart attack, played a determined game to win the third place trophy.

Class C was captured by Virgil Dickey of San Bernardino, who lost his first game but swept the remaining six.

The Senior Citizens Tourney, played each year at the Fair by men over 60 years of age, was won by Roy Roush of Victorville, pitching a youthful 52%. Sam Haigh, age 76, pitched a sharp 33.1% taking second place.

#### CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
Ralph Randall, Barstow, Calif. ....	8	1	442	284	64.3
Jim Gregson, Crestline, Calif. ....	6	2	502	273	54.4
Ben Logg, Barstow, Calif. ....	5	2	416	213	51.2
Roy Roush, Victorville, Calif. ....	4	3	394	219	55.8
Russ Phillips, Barstow, Calif. ....	4	3	504	248	49.2
Sam Haigh, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	1	6	372	135	36.9
Earl Ellison, Barstow, Calif. ....	1	6	504	136	27.0
Errol Alborn, Fontana, Calif. ....	1	6	382	104	27.2

## San Bernardino County — (Continued)

### CLASS B

	W	L	SP	R	%
Joe Raykowski, Rialto, Calif. ....	6	1	450	168	37.3
Roland Nimmo, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	5	2	458	179	39.0
Fritz Adolphi, Apple Valley, Calif. ....	4	3	494	157	31.8
Jerry Lambert, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	3	4	476	163	34.2
Ken Ziemer, Barstow, Calif. ....	3	4	446	145	32.5
Carl Eggelston, Hesperina, Calif. ....	3	4	450	147	32.7
Nelson Draper, Barstow, Calif. ....	3	4	468	126	26.9
Elmer Miller, Bloomington, Calif. ....	1	6	482	143	29.7

### CLASS C

	W	L	SP	R	%
Virgil Dickey, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	6	1	484	137	28.3
Bob Benavidez, Barstow, Calif. ....	5	2	382	138	36.1
John Bitto, Bloomington, Calif. ....	5	2	440	131	29.8
Joe Raby, Rialto, Calif. ....	5	2	478	111	23.2
Lloyd Whitrock, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	4	3	478	119	24.9
Jim Thomas, Barstow, Calif. ....	2	5	496	108	21.8
Robert Warner, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	1	6	504	82	16.3
Mac Iles, Victorville, Calif. ....	0	7	492	71	14.4

### SENIOR CITIZENS

	W	L	SP	R	%
Roy Roush, Victorville, Calif. ....	6	0	146	76	52.0
Sam Haigh, Loma Linda, Calif. ....	4	2	214	71	33.1
Elmer Miller, Bloomington, Calif. ....	4	2	226	62	27.4
Lloyd Whitlock, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	3	3	236	63	26.7
Harry Morin, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	3	3	254	58	22.8
Larry Rowe, Barstow, Calif. ....	1	5	230	29	12.6
Earl Jensen, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	0	6	234	26	11.1

## Red River Valley League Closes Successful Season

The longest and most successful horseshoe season closed at the Fargo, North Dakota Park District's Oak Grove courts, with Grandin Garage capturing its second straight championship by defeating Sons of Norway, a Fargo entry, in the three-game playoff for the Red River Valley League title.

Members of the Grandin team are Harold Oien, Marvin Howard, Willis Wiger and Reidar Haakenson. Wiger was the most improved player in the league, hoisting his 50-shoe average from 49 last year to 83. Oien won the Class A title in the 100 per cent handicap tournament.

A record number of 20 league players increased their averages during the season which opened last May. Three players held the same averages and six dropped.

Gust Magnuson of the Black Co., led the averages for the fourth straight year with 104. Will Gullickson was runnerup with 87.

A total of 48 players took part in the 10-team league.

The RRV League team defeated Fergus Falls in team matches held here and at Fergus Falls. Twelve players participated for each team.

## Chicago Sun-Times Runs Feature Story On Horseshoes

A detailed story on the growth of horseshoe pitching was written by David Anderson of the Chicago Sun-Times and released to the paper's outlets across the nation.

The well-done dispatch was given an eight-column headline in The Forum, published in Fargo, N. D., and site of the 1967 World Tournament.



## "From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor  
Horseshoe Pitchers Digest  
Aurora, Illinois 60505

As I received the trophy for the most improved player of the year, 1966, I wish to thank Bob Pence, Elmer Beller, The Hal Leiber Trophy Shops and anyone else who helped to choose me for the award.

I want them all to know I was a very surprised and proud man to receive this award.

It is my most treasured trophy out of many.

Hoping to see all of you in Fargo next year.

Thanks again,

Harold Anthony  
Arcanum, Ohio

## John Paxton, Iowa Hawkeye Ace, Sweeps Warren County, Illinois Open

John Paxton, that "ageless" ringer artist from Ottumwa, Iowa and 1966 winner of the Senior division title at the World tournament, again proved to the field at the annual Warren County Open tournament held at Monmouth, Illinois this fall, that he is still very much a contender for any title that might be at stake, by sweeping the entire field of Class A competition, to win the coveted crown. He averaged 73.0 percent in the ringer bracket. Bryon Haffner of Muscatine, Iowa another Hawkeye ace, was runner-up, losing only to Paxton.

Mel Schunann, a newcomer to the tournament and hailing from Davenport, Iowa sneaked in to win Class B with a clean slate, followed by Bill Randall of Galesburg, Illinois and the genial promoter of the annual Galesburg Open, Andy Horn ran third. In Class C, it was Paul Jensen of Alexis, Ill. all the way with 6 and 1. Gary Jensen, the youngest player in the tournament copped Class D with a 6-1 record. Veteran Walt Williamson of Galesburg, Ill. came through with the Class E honors racking up 6 wins and 1 lose. Irving Benson of Colchester, Illinois closed off Class F with a clean record of 7 wins and no losses. Trophies were awarded to the first two in each class with cash awards to all other places. Much credit for the success of this fine tournament is due to Bob St. George and his associates together with sports editor, Jud Jones of the Monmouth newspaper, who publicized the event.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Paxton, Iowa .....	7	0	73.0	C. Van Dusen, Illinois .....	3	4	60.2
B. Haffner, Iowa .....	6	1	72.2	H. Darnold, Iowa .....	2	5	62.3
E. Damarin, Illinois .....	5	2	66.0	R. Sornberger, Illinois .....	1	6	53.7
C. Bettisworth, Illinois ....	3	4	63.4	E. Danielson, Iowa .....	1	6	57.6

## In Memoriam

The Indiana State Association and the Lafayette, Ind. club has lost a long time member and supporter with the death of Al LaFon after a lengthy illness.

Al who was an N.H.P.A. member for many years had been inactive the past two years because of illness, but previous to that was a familiar figure at all tournaments in the Hoosier state and has played in other events as far removed from his home as the St. Joe Open in Missouri.

The sympathy of the N.H.P.A. along with that of the Indiana Association and the Lafayette club is extended to his family and especially Mrs. LaFon who always accompanied her husband to tournaments no matter where they were held.

*"Over the hills of time to a valley of endless years,  
Over the roads of woe to a land without a tear,  
Up from the haunts of men to the place where angels are,  
This is the march of mortality, to a wonderful goal afar."*

## West Virginia Has New Secretary

The N.H.P.A. has lost an old and valued worker in West Virginia and has gained a new state secretary with years of experience in the game.

Anna Lindquist of Morgantown, W. Va., who has served as secretary for many years has been forced to give up the post. Anna has recently undergone surgery for detached retina and has been somewhat inactive during the past year as a result. However she and her husband Arner are planning on attending the World Tourney in Fargo, N. D. next summer.

Bernard Hull, 2703 - 14th Avenue, Vienna, W. Va., is the new State Secretary and brings years of experience and a wide acquaintance with the game in the state to his post. He has been active as a promoter in the Wood County and Parkersburg clubs for many years and also active in the state organization.

## "Dusty" Rhoades Winner Of Jerseyville, Illinois Open

Charles "Dusty" Rhodes of White Hall, Illinois edged V. Bunge of Gillespie, Illinois to win the first annual Jerseyville Open tournament held on the brand new park courts in Jerseyville, Illinois. Sid Logsdon of Versailles, Ill. was top man in Class B over Vic Long of East Alton. In Class C A. Seed won all his games to take that title, while in the Class C division, Joe Gerner had a 4 and 1 record for honors in that class. Lee Bader, promoter of this meet who ran fourth in the C division, is the man responsible for organizing the tournament and for getting the new courts constructed. He deserves the plaudits of all who took part in the meet. All in all it was a huge success.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

### CLASS B

	W	L		W	L
Charles Rhoades .....	6	1	S. Logsdon .....	7	0
V. Bunge .....	5	2	V. Long .....	6	1
Del Maroon .....	4	3	L. Miller .....	5	2
D. Peters .....	4	3	C. Hess .....	4	3
A. Barnett .....	3	4	E. Osterman .....	3	4
L. Pond .....	3	4	C. Ray .....	1	6
R. Maroon .....	2	5	G. Wear .....	1	6

## Kentucky Horseshoe a Go Go!

The N.H.P.A. is very hopeful that the coming year will see a big increase in horseshoe pitching interest in the state of Kentucky and the formation of a state wide association affiliated with the National.

There are a number of excellent clubs and groups in the Blue Grass state on a local basis, very active in their own area but entirely lacking in any relationship between groups.

To correct this situation and make it possible for all local groups to work together and build up interest to the benefit of all, the N.H.P.A. has appointed LaVern H. Hawkins, 280 Bullittsville Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005 as its official representative to form an official Kentucky N.H.P.A. chapter.

Mr. Hawkins plans on contacting as many Kentucky players and local clubs as possible during the winter months and holding a state wide meeting next March at some central location to lay the groundwork for a bonafide state wide association under N.H.P.A. affiliation. Needless to say each local club and group will continue to function as they have in the past in as far as local leagues and competition is concerned.

There is an excellent basis and foundation for a really strong state association according to Mr. Hawkins. He reports that there are two excellent local leagues in the Covington area where he lives, small but active local groups at London, Barbourville, Frankfort and Millville where players have indicated an interest in a state organization. There is also a league at Georgetown which plays two nights a week and there is an excellent club at Ashland which already has N.H.P.A. connections.

In addition the Lions Club of Lexington stages an annual tournament which attracted 72 entries last fall, and Clay City has a battery of nine courts. Another annual tournament is sponsored by the park and recreation dept. in Louisville and last fall this event was won by N.H.P.A. member Bob Rambo.

## "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

T'was the night before Christmas and the moon was bright.

There was no one around, everything was just right.

The clay was still soft and snug in its bed,  
While visions of ringers danced in my head  
I picked up my shoes that laid on the floor  
Grabbed my cowboy hat and headed for the door.

When out in the yard there arose such a clatter

All that noise! What could be the matter?  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of new fallen snow,  
Gave a luster of beauty to the horseshoe court below.

When beyond the court — and drawing near  
Came a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came

And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

Now Champ, now Ringer, now Single and Double

Up to the house roof without any trouble.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around

Down the chimney came St. Nick with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, his suit looked like felt,  
And a pair of horseshoes hung from his belt.

Despite my surprise, I was pleased as could be,

That old St. Nick would challenge me.

We spoke not a word and went straight to the court.

We pitched ringers for hours, than he turned with a jerk.

This match will have no end I fear,  
Looks like we will have to continue next year.

He ran to his sled, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like down on a thistle.

And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight.

"Merry Christmas" to all and to all Good Night.

by Gilbert Fridinger ("Gil")

## Wisconsin N.H.P.A. Reorganization

In hopes of generating more horseshoe interest and forming an effective N.H.P.A. chapter in Wisconsin the N.H.P.A. has appointed Ben Trolen of Fort Atkinson, Wis. as its official representative to handle memberships and N.H.P.A. relationships.

Wisconsin has an annual state tournament conducted at the state fair in West Allis each year under the direction of Bob Klement and this event will continue to be held as in the past. This is an excellent tourney under the existing conditions and Klement has made it a success each year despite poor court conditions at the fairgrounds.

The biggest drawback to an effective state association with a fall season of activities in Wisconsin is the lack of good horseshoe courts large enough in number to stage a big tournament.

Mr. Trolen reports that Green Bay has some excellent courts but not enough for a state tourney or anything larger than local type programs. The present state champion Carl Joppe is a member of this club.

Eau Claire has by far the strongest local club in the state with a large number of N.H.P.A. members, but it also lacks court facilities for big tournaments. This situation is being rectified by the Eau Claire club under the able direction of Curt Bestul assisted by other club officers Ray Simon, Paul Klawitter and Irvin Borton and city park director Glen Holzemer. The annual report issued by the club entitled "Four Dead" was a masterpiece of public relations.

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## New Jersey Has New Officers

The New Jersey State Association has a new set of officers and the N.H.P.A. will miss services of Bill Fournier who has served as State Secretary-Treasurer for the past eight years and always given fine co-operation.

The affairs of the association will be in excellent hands however. The new Secretary-Treasurer is Ronald Vogel, 298 Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, N. J. 08846. This is a well known name in the N.H.P.A. for his father Nelson and brother Roger have been top ranking players in World Tournament play for a number of years and among the top players in the home state of the Vogels, Illinois.

The new President is Hal Hanania, also from the Middlesex club of which he was one of the founders and organizers. The Middlesex club is a relatively new club but in only a couple of years has taken its place as the top club in the state and one of the outstanding organizations in the horseshoe community nationally.



*Seasons Greetings*

NHPA and News Digest Staff

## Farnsworth Play-off Victor Over Stimac For Paris Open Title

Gary Farnsworth of Bloomington, Illinois defeated John Stimac of Terre Haute, Indiana in a play-off match 40-34 to win the Paris, Illinois Open tournament held in Paris during the late fall. Lester Miller was class B winner. Class C title went to the Indiana veteran, Ed Sharp of Mulberry, Indiana, who is being seen on the courts again after an absence of several years due to a heart ailment. Don Peters of Monticello, Illinois had 5 in a row to win Class D. Class E went to Carl Welfer of Terre Haute, Indiana, while Tuck Compton of Hoopeston, Illinois latched on to Class F title. There were 44 qualifiers with 36 men making the tournament finals.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

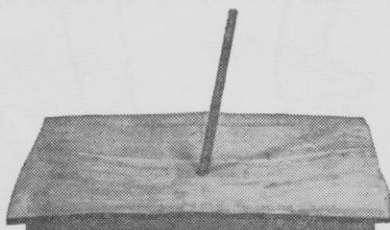
	W	L	%
G. Farnsworth, Ill. ....	3	2	75.4
J. Stimac, Ind. ....	3	2	72.5
R. Martin, Ill. ....	3	2	75.5
R. Vogel, Ill. ....	3	2	72.7
K. Van Sant, Ind. ....	2	3	72.6
F. Fowler, Ind. ....	1	4	69.7

### CLASS B

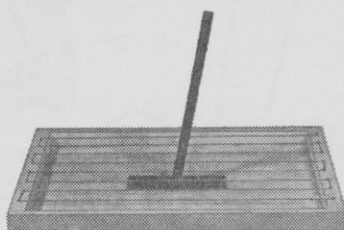
	W	L	%
L. Miller, Ill. ....	3	2	57.0
J. Wilson, Ill. ....	3	2	63.1
G. Bancroft, Ill. ....	3	2	59.0
P. Stelle, Ind. ....	3	2	54.6
M. Tirey, Ill. ....	2	3	51.8
D. Maroon, Ill. ....	1	4	55.0

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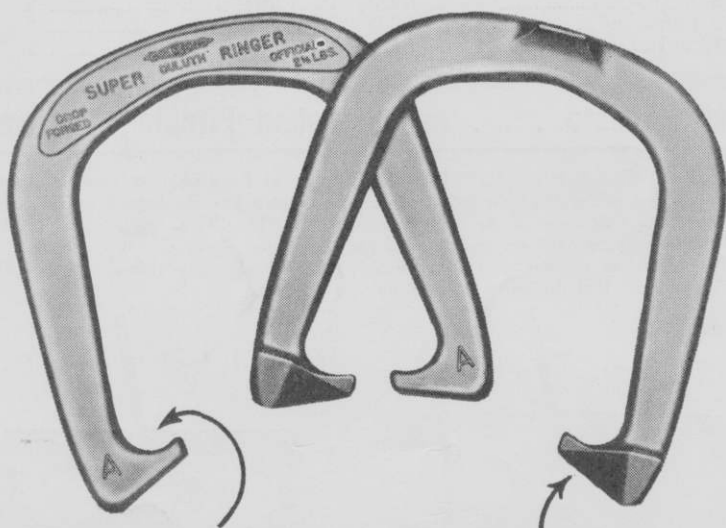
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