

The Horseshoe Pitcher's

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In Memoriam

Mr. Levi Brumbaugh of Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, passed away on January 7, 1966 at the age of 78 years. In his early life he was a schoolteacher. Later he entered the U.S. Mail service as a railway mail clerk and continued in the postal service until his retirement a few years ago.

At an early age Mr. Brumbaugh manifested an interest in horseshoe pitching and followed the sport as a participant, and later as a promoter and organizer, until his death. He was a charter member and past president of the Darke County, Ohio Horseshoe Club.

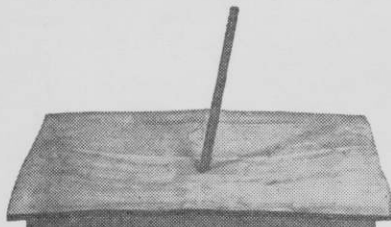
For many years he was very active in County, District and State Tournaments, and in 1962 was instrumental, to a large part, in securing the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament for Greenville, Ohio. In 1964 the World Tournament was again held in the beautiful City Park at Greenville, Ohio where 18 splendid courts were available for competition.

Mr. Brumbaugh had a host of friends not only in the area of his home but state and nationwide as well. His counsel and help was much sought and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone interested in the sport.

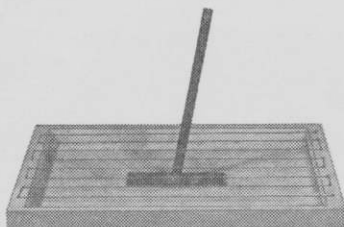
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1966 Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament

Date: June 18 & 19

Place: Washington, Pa. at Scotty's Restaurant. The restaurant is located on route 18, approximately 2 miles south of Washington.

Host: Red Mill Horseshoe Club

Qualifying: To qualify for this event the contestant will be required to submit ringer averages from two sanctioned tournaments he participated in since the last Eastern National (1965) that has been published in the Digest. The committee will average these two results and place the contestant. If the pitcher has not competed in two sanctioned events since the 1965 Eastern, he shall submit his last tournament average. Anyone that has not participated in a published sanctioned tournament in the past two years will not be eligible for this event.

Entry Procedure & Fee: Contestants are required to send in their two averages, stating from what tournament and where they can be found in the Digest, to Clyde W. Martz, 3233 Arapahoe Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15234, along with \$10.00 ((check or money order — no cash please) and their complete address, which includes your zip code, and phone number before June 4. The committee's decision on placement shall be final. Any pitcher not accepted for the competition will have his money refunded. All players will then be notified of their pitching classes and time so they can plan accordingly.

Tournament Schedule and Prize List: Class A will be made up of 16 men playing a round robin. Classes B, C, D, E, and F will have 8 men in each class. Total men in the tournament will be 56. Prizes in Class A will be as follows: First place, \$100, plus trophy; Second place, \$75, plus trophy; Third place, \$60, plus trophy; Fourth place, \$50, plus trophy; Fifth place, \$40; Sixth place, \$30. Classes B, C, D, E, and F; will have identical prizes for the first three places in each class. They are as follows: First place, \$30, plus trophy; Second place, \$15, plus trophy; Third place, \$10 only. Total prize money to be awarded, \$630.00.

Attention Indiana Members

The annual meeting of the Indiana State Association will be held on Sunday, March 27th, at the Community Center of the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana.

This will be a "Carry in Lunch" type of meeting with the members urged to bring their families and a "covered dish," to pass.

The time of the dinner will be 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. At the meeting, plans will be made for the coming season, including tournament dates. Primary concern will be the defining of the no qualifying tournament plan used last season, which will eliminate some of the defects which showed up.

A special film of interest to everyone will be shown during the course of the afternoon.

Jim Knisley Sweeps Path Thru "Snowball Open" in Annual Darke County (Ohio) Winter Classic

Jim Knisley of Bremen, Ohio literally "snowballed" his way thru the annual Darke County Ohio "Snowball Open" tournament held at the club's winter pitching courts, on February 13 and 20. He recorded a neat 76.5 ringer percentage. Wilber Kabel, the ringer-master from New Madison, Ohio was runner-up with a 4 and 1 record and a 72.3 ringer percentage. Special awards were made to the highest percentage game in each class, winners being, Lenigar, Class A, 84.5; Shores, Class B, 79.6; R. Brumbaugh, Class C, 58.7; and Cross, Class D, 61.1.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Knisley, Ohio	5	0	76.5	C. Young, Ohio	5	0	69.7
W. Kabel, Ohio	4	1	72.3	B. Shores, Ind.	4	1	72.6
L. Lenigar, Ohio	2	3	73.2	B. Scholl, Ohio	3	2	53.0
H. Anthony, Ohio	2	3	69.0	S. Manker, Ohio	2	3	54.0
R. Carpenter, Ind.	2	3	66.3	J. Boesch, Ohio	1	4	54.5
M. Gardner, Ohio	0	5	58.9	T. Boesch, Ohio	0	5	45.4

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
O. Crider, Ohio	4	1	47.9	B. Sampson, Ind.	5	0	53.1
T. Pearce, Ohio	4	1	51.9	R. Detrick, Ohio	3	2	45.1
R. Brooks, Ind.	2	3	42.3	C. Hannah, Ohio	3	2	43.1
W. Fender, Ohio	2	3	36.0	O. Cross, Ohio	2	3	40.3
R. Brumbaugh, Ohio	2	3	34.9	H. Cole, Ohio	2	3	32.3
I. Butcher, Ohio	1	5	37.1	D. Imhoff, Ohio	0	5	30.0

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Lavalleur Cops Annual Manatee County (Fla.) Open

Bob Lavalleur of Bradenton, Florida copped the annual Manatee County Open tournament held on January 24 and 29. Chuck Bennett took first in Class B with Al Hodgman coming in with the winners portion in Class C. Bill Packard had 4 and 1 to claim Class D, while Jay Huernsey and George Collins had identical 6 and 1 records to take Classes E and F respectively. Tournament was managed by the Bradenton club. Waldo Hagy, defending champion, was off stride and had to settle for sixth position.

CLASS A			W	L	%	CLASS B			W	L	%
B. Lavalleur	5	2	53.0	Charles Bennett	5	2	50.2	5	2	50.2	
Joe Morgan	5	2	50.2	Joe Foster	4	3	48.0	4	3	48.0	
John Clingan	4	3	53.7	Joe Wilkinson	4	3	42.0	4	3	42.0	
Christ Hansen	4	3	51.7	William Figy	4	3	42.5	4	3	42.5	
Herb McCoskey	4	3	50.1	Roy Gravink	3	4	41.1	3	4	41.1	
Waldo Hagy	2	5	54.3	Jack Ellis	2	5	40.0	2	5	40.0	
John Rademacher	2	5	50.1	John Davis	F	F		F	F		
Henry Franke	2	5	43.1								

CLASS C			W	L	%	CLASS D			W	L	%
Alton Hodgman	6	1	45.6	William Packard	4	1	35.0	4	1	35.0	
Ross Hitchcock	6	1	46.9	Henry Spiess	3	2	40.0	3	2	40.0	
Al Thompson	5	2	41.2	Joe Thonert	3	2	26.7	3	2	26.7	
Art Peters	4	3	40.2	Opal Corbett	2	5	32.0	2	5	32.0	
Lester Peary	3	4	48.6	Abe Berdan	2	5	30.0	2	5	30.0	
Roy McClure	3	4	33.0	Gene Rademacher	1	4	32.4	1	4	32.4	
Horace Kemp	1	6	34.0								
Joe Kelly	0	8	23.0								

CLASS E			W	L	%	CLASS F			W	L
Jay Guernsey	6	1	38.7	George Collins	6	1		6	1	
Carl Lundgren	6	1	32.6	Harry Garman	5	2		5	2	
Howard Wells	5	2	37.6	Harvey Hookway	5	2		5	2	
Ted Corbett	3	4	32.6	Hal Porter	5	2		5	2	
George Burkland	3	4	26.6	Hallie Ehmke	4	3		4	3	
Tom Summers	2	5	22.7	Asa Drinkwater	2	5		2	5	
Dee Rogers	2	5	27.2	Bob Littrell	1	6		1	6	
Harvey Gampher	1	6	22.4	Joe Carr	0	7		0	7	

Rademacher Wins First Annual Plant City, Florida Open

The First Annual Plant City, Florida Open Tournament was held at the Plant City Fairgrounds. Twenty-six pitchers turned out and three additional courts were hurriedly added to the existing facilities.

CLASS A					
	W	L	SP	R	%
John Rademacher, Plant City	5	2	448	243	54.2
William Hoover, Orlando	4	3	430	206	47.9
Allen Clingan, Orlando	4	3	398	192	48.2
Walter Horner, Indiana	3	4	368	208	56.5
Waldo Hagy, Las Vegas, Nev.	2	3	302	137	45.4
Marvin Richmond	1	4	294	139	47.3

CLASS B					
	W	L	SP	R	%
Ross Hitchcock, Ohio	5	0	328	144	43.9
Horace Kemp, Bradenton	3	2	362	109	30.1
Lester Peary, Bradenton	3	2	334	118	35.3
Steve Brozovich, Michigan	2	3	322	121	37.6
Jack Ellis, Bradenton	1	4	366	110	30.1
Gene Rademacher, Plant City	1	4	340	96	28.2

Plant City Open — (Continued)

CLASS C

	W	L	SP	R	%
Joe Wilkinson, Ohio	5	1	344	163	47.4
Frank Sumpter, Ohio	4	2	396	166	41.9
Wm. Figy, Ohio	3	2	320	141	44.1
Roy Gravink, New York	3	2	294	117	39.8
Joe Thonert, Plant City	1	4	310	111	35.8
Opal Corbett, Penna.	0	5	252	62	24.6

Joe Wilkinson won playoff for first place from Frank Sumpter 50-44.

CLASS D

	W	L	SP	R	%
Jay Gurnsey, Mich.	7	1	276	92	33.3
Abe Berdan	7	2	356	82	23.0
Geo. Kuhn, Orlando	6	2	368	80	21.7
Ted Corbett, Penna.	4	3	310	48	15.5
Dewey Toney, Plant City	3	4	322	45	14.0
Barclay Webster, Orlando	2	5	372	47	12.6
Joe Kelly, Bradenton	1	6	314	22	7.0
Harvey Hookway, Bradenton	0	7	386	54	14.0

Bud Horner Garners Suncoast (Florida) Open Crown

Bud Horner of Farmersburg, Indiana packed up 8 wins and suffered one loss to garner first spot in the annual Suncoast Florida Open tournament held at the Bradenton Trailer park courts in Bradenton, Florida on February 3rd and 4th. Karl Van Sant of Cayuga, Indiana was runner-up while Truman Standard of Canton, Illinois ran third. Other Class winners were Waldo Hagy, Class B; Horace Kemp, Class C; Al Thompson, Class D; Fletcher Dunlap, Class E and Carl Wood, Class F.

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Bud Horner	8	1	57.7	Waldo Hagy	7	0	50.3
Carl Van Sant	7	2	61.5	Roy Gravink	4	3	42.4
Truman Standard	6	3	56.0	Herbert Cook	4	3	42.7
Dale Eller	5	4	57.3	Joe Morgan	3	4	40.2
John Clingan	5	4	52.6	Henry Spiess	3	4	38.0
Willard West	4	5	50.4	Jack Ellis	3	4	39.1
Herb McCoskey	4	5	46.1	Joe Wilkinson	2	5	39.0
Christ Hansen	3	6	45.1	Joe Hinkson	2	5	38.4
Henry Franke	2	7	40.0				
John Rademacher	1	8	48.1				

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Horace Kemp	5	2	54.0	Al Thompson	7	0	41.4
Lester Peary	5	2	43.9	Joe Thonert	3	2	32.4
Joe Foster	4	3	50.0	Frank Sumpter	3	2	37.7
William Figy	4	3	38.6	Leslie Alban	2	3	27.3
Charles Bennett	4	3	43.6	Gene Rademacher	1	4	28.0
Ross Hitchcock	3	4	45.8	Carl Lundgren	1	4	22.0
Alton Hodgman	3	4	42.3				
Joe Kelly	0	7	17.0				

CLASS E				CLASS F			
	W	L			W	L	
Fletcher Dunlap	5	0		Carl Wood	5	0	
Howard Wells	4	1		Al Figy	4	1	
Harry Garman	3	2		George Collins	3	2	
Jay Guernsey	2	3		Hal Porter	2	3	
Harvey Gampher	1	4		Asa Drinkwater	1	4	
Harvey Hookway	0	5		Joe Carr	0	5	

Baldwin Park — Southern California Baldwin Park Open

GROUP ONE

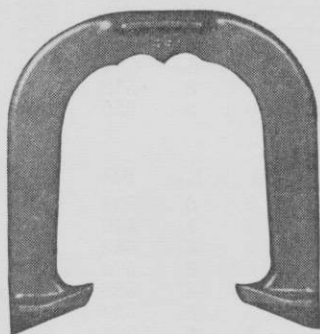
	W	L	R	SP	%
Don Titcomb, Crestline	4	1	310	432	71.7
Gerald Schneider, Bell	3	2	295	384	76.8
Jim Week, Norwalk	3	2	286	378	75.7
John Walker, Chula Vista	3	2	257	360	71.3
Joe Dawsey, Oxnard	2	3	241	358	65.5
Ward Berg, Pasadena	0	5	161	300	53.6

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Louie Dean, Pomona	4	1	251	350	71.7
Jim Gregson, Crestline	4	1	272	382	71.2
Jonas Snyder, Chula Vista	3	2	195	288	67.7
Ronnie Simmons, Downey	3	2	235	368	65.4
Ed McFarland, Hacienda Heights	1	4	240	388	61.8
Frank Esperanza, Oxnard	0	5	189	336	56.2

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	1	1	125	156	80.1
Don Titcomb, Crestline	1	1	156	198	78.7
Jim Gregson, Crestline	1	1	109	160	68.0
Louie Dean, Pomona	1	1	77	118	65.2



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Tamboer Wins Valley of the Sun Tournament

Marines Tamboer successfully defended his crown as top pitcher in the AA class at Rendezvous Park over the week-end. The last game of the day gave the title to him as he defeated Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado. The crowd saw five hours of interesting and exciting horseshoes. Tamboer finished with a 71.7% ringer average. Art Kamman of Mesa was the runner-up and received second place money and had a fine percentage of 71.7. Jim Weeks of Norwalk, Cal. finished third and Ted Allen fourth.

In the Class A contest it went to Ralph Randall of Barstow, Calif. who won all 9 games without a loss and finished with a 65.8. Oscar Pearcy also of California was runner-up. Waldo Hagy of Las Vegas, Nevada was third with Harold Darnold of Burlingame, Iowa in fourth place.

In Class B Clark Bell of Covina, California emerged the victor with Eldred Robison of Fillmore, Utah the defending champion taking the runnerup spot. Walter Stearns of Mesa was third and Joe Robertson of Clovis, New Mexico was fourth.

The Class C title was taken by Frank Cotton of Peoria, Illinois after he had defeated Al Noe of Phoenix in a play-off as they had both finished with an 8-1 record. Worth Phelps of Mesa won third place and Ole Hansen of Monterey, California was fourth.

CLASS AA

	W	L	SP	R	%
M. Tamboer, Kansas	7	2	610	444	72.1
Art Kamman, Mesa, Arizona	6	3	634	455	71.7
Jim Weeks, Norwalk, Cal.	6	3	672	472	70.2
Ted Allen, Boulder, Col.	6	3	698	481	68.9
John Snyder, Chula Vista	6	3	666	455	68.2
J. Walker, Chula Vista, Cal.	5	4	686	472	68.8
D. Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa	5	4	622	422	67.8
A. Holmquist, Mesa, Ariz.	3	6	584	372	63.7
G. Thompson, Tempe, Ariz.	1	8	518	270	52.1
G. Crandell, Mesa, Ariz.	0	9	650	397	61.1

CLASS A

	W	L	SP	R	%
R. Randall, Barstow, Cal.	9	0	538	354	65.8
O. Pearcy, Norwalk, Cal.	8	1	540	345	63.9
W. Hagy, Las Vegas, Nev.	6	3	658	393	59.7
H. Darnold, Burlington, Iowa	6	3	570	330	57.8
F. Lavett, Seaside, Cal.	6	3	558	321	57.5
C. Wold, Stark, N. Dakota	3	6	538	291	54.0
P. Marino, Phoenix, Ariz.	3	6	528	282	53.4
H. Morse, Beaumont, Cal.	2	7	558	292	52.3
L. Geer, South Gate, Cal.	1	8	566	288	50.8
W. Shipley, Arcadia, Cal.	1	8	506	236	46.6

CLASS B

	W	L	SP	R	%
C. Bell, Covina, Cal.	7	2	604	276	45.7
E. Robison, Utah	6	3	608	291	47.8
W. Stearns, Mesa, Arizona	5	4	560	270	48.2
J. Robertson, Clovis, N. M.	5	4	586	273	46.7
F. Brown, Huntington, Cal.	5	4	578	264	45.8
B. Hunt, Tolleson, Ariz.	5	4	632	288	45.5
C. Palm, Albin, Wyoming	5	4	540	236	43.7
B. Van Zanten, Tempe, Ariz.	3	6	600	249	41.5
C. Warrington, Chester, Mo.	3	6	588	236	40.0
W. Phillips, Tempe, Ariz.	1	8	548	214	39.2

Valley of the Sun — (Continued)**CLASS C**

	W	L	SP	R	%
F. Cotton, Peoria, Illinois	8	1	442	181	41.0
A. Noe, Phoenix, Arizona	8	1	608	201	33.6
W. Phelps, Mesa, Arizona	6	3	548	193	35.2
O. Hansen, Monterey, Cal.	5	4	578	174	30.1
T. Darrough, Scottsdale, Ariz.	4	5	576	173	30.0
G. Patschke, Tempe, Ariz.	4	5	520	184	35.4
G. Shaffer, Glendale, Ariz.	3	6	582	168	28.9
D. Crandell, Mesa, Ariz.	2	7	548	173	31.6
H. Moore, Sunnyslope, Ariz.	2	7	550	135	24.5
M. McCaffrey, Yuma, Colorado	Forfeit				

Nebraska Cornhuskers Set Tournament Dates

Don Koso, regional director for the West Central states has announced several tournament dates for the area around Falls City, Nebraska. The Crete, Nebraska club will hold its annual Open meet on June 19th at Crete. The annual 4-State tournament will be held on July 10th at Falls City, Nebraska. Following in the month of August, will be the annual Falls City Open tournament, on August 14. Closing out the season on September 3rd and 4th with the annual Nebraska state tournament to be held at Crete, Nebraska.

Other dates of nearby open tournaments are the annual St. Joseph Open at St. Joseph, Missouri on June 26th, directed by Ray Cavin. Also the annual Midland Empire Open meet at the Noyes Field courts in St. Joseph, Missouri, on September 10. Another great tournament conducted by Ray Cavin.

Kansas City, Mo. "Tournament of Champions" Dates Set

The annual "Tournament of Champions" will again be held in Kansas City, Missouri with the tentative dates being June 11th and June 12th. The championship class will pitch on Saturday and Sunday. Other classes will also begin on Saturday. Attendance of pitchers will determine whether two days will be necessary. Plans call for cash prizes and trophies. The tentative prize for first place in the championship flight may be \$75.00. Players wishing to take part are urged to write to Mr. Harry J. Strohm, 419 South White St., Kansas City, Missouri 64123. Other plans being formulated by the Kansas City group include a major AAU tournament. Further details will be announced in later issue of the Digest.

**St. Joseph, Mo. Club To Stage Two Open Tournaments
For Grand Opening of The New Noyes Field**

Ray Cavin, promoter of two fine Open tournaments, announces that the new Noyes Field facilities will be ready for the annual "St. Joe" Open tournament on June 26, followed later in the season by the "Midland Empire" Open tournament on September 11.

The 12 new, blacktopped horseshoe courts will be lighted by 16 powerful, 1500 watt floodlights, mounted on 40 foot poles. Adjoining them are 12 new, hard-surfaced tennis courts, lighted by 186 - 1500 watt floodlights. There will be a new field house equipped with lunch counter, rest room facilities, locker rooms, etc. Full details of forthcoming horseshoe events will be made in a later issue of the Digest.

Fulton County Ohio Club Plans Busy Season

The Fulton County club in Wauseon, Ohio have set several tournament dates, which indicate a full schedule of activity for the coming season.

The first tournament will be the Northwest Ohio District meet to be held on June 11 and 12. This meet will be limited to players from the district as laid out by the Ohio state association. As this is a sanctioned meet it will be necessary to have an NHPA card.

The second tournament will be held on June 24-25-26 in conjunction with the National Threshers convention. An Old Timers' tournament will be held on Friday evening, June 24. Players that are 65 and over are the only ones eligible. Tournament is open to any player over 65. Each man must be signed in by 6 p.m. as tournament will start at 7 p.m. The regular Open tournament will be for all players regardless of age. Players must be signed in or qualified by 12 noon on Friday, June 24th. This meet will be unsanctioned and an NHPA card will not be necessary.

Another non-sanctioned meet will be the annual Fulton County fair tournament at the fairgrounds. Date to be announced.

The grand finale for the season will be the annual Open tournament to be held at the fairgrounds on September 24 and 25. This will be a sanctioned tournament and NHPA cards will be required. Players must be signed in or qualified by 12 noon on Saturday, September 24.

It has been decided to do away with qualifying as much as possible, thereby saving a lot of time and effort. Except in the case of a player not knowing his ringer percentage, he will not be required to pitch 100 shoes, because in most cases his ringer percentage can be found in the list of players and percentages available.

Officers of the club for the year are as follows: Herman Schultz, president; John Lind, vice-president; Mark Sebring, secretary.

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The high point of Saturday evening events were the recognition of the state and local level, of the magnificent achievement of the Irwin Carlbergs. This was the Stokes award. They received this at the National and world's tournament at Keene, N. H. This world wide recognition of the Carlbergs' unselfish promotion of horseshoe pitching interest in Michigan, was so notable, that the W.S.H.P.A. was anxious to further impress the state and local people, of the importance of this tremendous honor that was bestowed on this enthusiastic and dedicated couple.

The W.S.H.P.A. also extended to Lee and Helen Jacobs of Belleville, Michigan, a special trophy award for the almost 40 years of dedicated effort and unswerving devotion to horseshoe promotional interest in the state of Michigan.

Michigan can certainly be justifiably proud of the honors that have come to these members of its' many outstanding people in the fast developing W.S.H.P.A. organization.

Sunday, September 5th was a beautiful sunny day and the tournament proceeded with unbelievable smoothness. We would like to digress a moment back to Saturday opening day. Channel 6, WJIM TV from Lansing, had a cameraman there at 10 a.m. to start some television shots of the opening festivities.

Sunday evening in an effort to get the schedules up to date, tournament-wise, the Class E finals were started at 10:00 p.m., this of course resulted in another midnight nocturnal pitching session. A newcomer to Michigan horseshoe pitching circles emerged the victor. Al Aspinson of Portland, Michigan wrapped up the class E State Championship about 1:30 a.m. Monday morning.

Monday morning September 6th, Labor Day, got under way as usual, with the flag raising by the Boy Scouts. The weather was very nice, but a few sleepy individuals were a little slow showing up, due to the nocturnal Class E competition of the previous night.

Channel 10 TV of Jackson, Michigan had Bill Backus there taking some TV pictures, which appeared on their Monday evening TV program. You will remember the Lansing Channel 6 TV cameraman had made two or three trips back and forth from Lansing to Dimondale until he got the shots to his satisfaction. These pictures appeared on Mark Ahmands' sports program at 11:15 p.m. on channel 6, on Saturday night.

Monday was a continual panorama of interesting events, many of which were transpiring for the first time.

At one o'clock Pat Smith prevailed upon Jim Compton, Vic Benson and Fred Smith to meet Dick Black the cameraman for Mort Neffs' "Michigan Outdoors" program.

Dick Black a tremendous workman in the TV field, flew into Lansing Municipal Airport at 1 p.m. on Monday afternoon. The plans for Channel 7's televising procedures were finalized on the previous Saturday evening in a conversation between Dick and Pat through long distance telephoning from Dick's residence in Newago, Michigan.

Ruth Hammond, who had won the world's Women's Class B Championship in Keene, N.H., was televised in an interview. Pat Smith also was involved in an introductory televised prelude on the development of the horseshoe pitching sport.

Several other prominent association people such as Roy Smith, present and four times State Champion and Earl Grable, Dimondale Horseshoe Club president and State Class B Champion of 1964, were involved in pitching competition and consequently were not available.

Roy Smith waded through the usual rugged Class A competition. He was definitely at his best. The last ringer Roy put on came off or he would have had a new record percentage of over 90% for a State Championship record.

Bob Sibson of Adrian had a very good final day and emerged the victor over Earl Grable the class B title holder.

Class C witnessed the triumphal culmination of a tremendous season for

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the popular Claude West of Sturgis. Claude started out the season rather slow and easy, but he kept picking up momentum. He certainly left a trail of wrecked hopes along the seasons way. Claude throws a complete reverse two turn shoe, no mean feat in itself to achieve.

Class D saw another new comer to State horseshoe circles in the person of Oscar Hape of Lansing. Oscar pitched serenely through the state tournament and wound up with the class D Trophy. Oscar incidentally is a Dimondale Horseshoe Club member.

Al Aspinson of Portland as previously stated, took the Class E title, his first year in organized competition.

Marge Buehler of Byron Center, Michigan, took home the ladies Class A championship. Marge was certainly deserving of this diadem, she prepared all last winter for it.

May we digress for a moment back to the week end preceding the state championships. An executive board meeting was held to classify the pitchers in the groups that their percentages dictated, tournament rules and procedures were discussed and finalized.

Pat Smith suggested to the board for consideration, his idea to film the highlights and interesting games which would merit recording. This idea was received with considerable approval by the group. The W.S.H.P.A. decided to furnish the 8 millimeter film and Irene Grable a photographer of considerable experience, was designated as official photographer for the three day tournament. This worked out exceptionally well and Mrs. Grable received numerous words of praise and commendation for her superior work. The films were showed by Earl Grable at the annual meeting of the W.S.-H.P.A. held in Dimondale on Saturday, November 6th. they undoubtedly will be shown many times at various subsequent meetings. The election of officers resulted in Earl Grable as the new President, Vic Benson as Vice-President, Marge Buehler was voted in as general Secretary and Irene Grable was elected Treasurer.

A word about Ray's Recreation indoor horseshoe pitching emporium. These extensive deluxe facilities make the Dimondale area the envy of the greater Michigan territory. It has pool tables, shuffleboard games, pinball machines, an excellent lunch counter in addition to the horseshoe courts. Pitchers from Detroit, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and other localities make frequent visits there to pitch in comfort. Tuesday night the Dimondale Club conducts its regular weekly tournament. This is games of 50 shoes, count all points. Friday night each week is termed Battle Creek night.

Special thank you acknowledgements regarding the 1965 Michigan State Horseshoe Tournaments.

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The American Legion Post for their \$50. donation for the same purpose. These organizations and people make Dimondale the lovely and exciting place to reside that it is.

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Pat Smith
Director of Publicity

Miniature Horseshoe Tournament

By ALLAN BERTSCHY

Conducting a miniature horseshoe tournament can be an interesting challenge. Occasionally, informal pitching tourneys are advertised or created spontaneously as part of the recreational activities at various social outings. For those who become involved with their planning, the degree of work, success and satisfaction is largely determined by the application of a well-organized playing schedule. Although basic information for conducting formal horseshoe tournaments exist, many of the time consuming small details remain for the difficult-to-find and hard working management group. By streamlining a playing schedule the director and all committee members can effectively participate in the tournament. This objective can be achieved when the managing, playing and scoring responsibilities are evenly distributed to all the contestants.

The miniature schedule shown was used for several planned and impromptu minor tournaments during the past summer. It is compact and was designed for immediate self regulating use by casual players in the Oxon Hill, Maryland area. Several variations in the playing methods in addition to enlargement possibilities are available depending on the desires of the pitching group. The availability of standardized schedule tournament guides may encourage group playing functions with the ultimate objective of boosting the game of horseshoes.

A general survey regarding the customs of how the game of horseshoe is commonly played in this locality is indicated by the following conditions:

- (1) A game is won by scoring 21 points. The methods and values used for counting points and ringers are numerous.
- (2) A comfortable workout would in all probability consist of playing 5 to 10 games or pitching 100 to 200 horseshoes.
- (3) Playing as doubles or 4 players to a court is the most desirable way because it minimizes physical taxation and is more social prone.
- (4) The recording of scores is seldom done. Very few players are familiar with the ringer percentage relationship. As this classification or goal minded feature becomes known, interest in the game appears to be more intense.
- (5) When a group of players assemble, two pitchers having the most skill quickly gain control of a single court. If a rapid elimination system is used, the losing and non-playing onlookers unfortunately, may not get to participate in many games.

In view of the foregoing information, a modified, yet simple, 6 player round robin horseshoe pitching schedule was developed to include some of these traditions. It is outlined on 2 charts that are designated as schedule 1 (for stake 1) and schedule 2 (for stake 2). The schedules remain near a stake, while the players move to their assigned posts. The tournament is basically limited to pitching 100 horseshoes or 20 shoes per game. Players can either walk between stakes or remain at one stake during the innings. The games are interspersed with several periods of score keeping or referee duties, so each player plays 5 games and referees 2 or 3 times. For score calling purposes and also for easier identification, the calks of the shoes were sprayed with a colored paint. A straight edge was used to measure close ringers. The width of the narrowest pair of shoes falling at a stake was used as a gauge for measuring shoes that were disqualified by being too far from the stake. The winner of a game was the player having highest point count or ringer percentage in case there was a tie. Similarly this rule held true for the tournament winner.

The non-walking more leisurely tournament appeared to be the most popular and will be described first. It requires the use of just 1 court and lasts about 2½ hours. Since the games are played with 4 players, 2 games are in progress simultaneously. The contestants are the 2 players at each stake.

Miniature Tournament — (Continued)

Players standing at the opposite stake return the horseshoes and play a game at the same time.

The tourney is initiated by assembling 6 players to a court where they are given a number from 1 to 6. A key position is player No. 5 which should be taken by the tournament director because of his experience or knowledge of the schedule. During the first game, No. 5 is a referee and is in the best position to start the playing activities. In the 8th or last game, No. 5 is free of assignment and can use this time to assist No. 2 (referee on duty) in tallying the FINALS. The referees are in charge of their respective games and sit near a stake that is opposite the 2 players they keep score for. Referees 5 & 6 start the tournament by attaching schedule sheets to clip boards and writing the players names beside a number at the top right and correspondingly to the left side of the schedules. Each referee and his 2 scheduled judges (players) go to their proper stake. Players 1, 4, 2 and 3 can start their practice pitching immediately. By mutual agreement or unless specified the players inform the referees when they are ready to start the game. During game 1, referee 5 and judges (players) 1 and 4 are located near stake 1. When players 2 and 3 pitch their shoes from stake 2 to stake 1, players 1 and 4 act as judges and call the score (in terms of color) to referee 5 for recording. To complete this inning players 1 and 4 pick up the shoes and play their game by pitching the shoes back to stake 2. Players 2 and 3 now act as judges and call the score to referee 6. At the conclusion of the game the referees summarize and transfer the scoring data to the proper right hand columns. The highest point score is circled to indicate the winner. By multiplying the total ringers by 5 the percent ringers per game are figured, while the sum of the FINAL ringers are in percent values. The FINALS is a section added to schedule 1. It shows an up-to-date summary of the tournament's progress. The referee who has charge of schedule 1 maintains the FINALS together with the assistance of schedule 2 referee after each game. The last duty of the referees is to position the group for the next game so the tournament can proceed smoothly.

The walking tournament uses the same schedule sheets, requires 2 courts and takes about $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours depending on the length of the practice session. By setting the number of practice shoes to be pitched, the time of the practice variable is eliminated which in turn improves the progress of the tournament. If 5 turns are permitted for practice before each game, the tournament would consist of pitching 150 horseshoes. Besides the timing benefit, this limiting factor may be of interest to casual players prior to entering a possible physical endurance contest.

Under the walking plan the referees generally sit together at one end and between adjacent court stakes. The referee and his players are now together as a playing group. For example, referee 5 with his schedule and players 2 and 3 go to stake 1 at court 1. They play a walking game with the players calling their own scores. Similarly, referee 6 and players 1 and 4 go to stake 1 at a second court and play their game using schedule 2. When the games are over, the referees are in a convenient location to figure the results and arrange the positions for the next games.

Although the schedules are based on 6 players performing a round robin tournament, multiple groups are able to participate. These would include both walking and non-walking groups playing at the same time but at different courts. The winners of each group would have a final play-off to determine the winner. In order to have all games terminate more uniformly (if mixed groups are used) an adjustment should be made for the walkers game time to equal that of the non-walkers. The number of practice shoes by the walkers accordingly, should be increased or their games expanded to 30 innings. Ringer percentages for 30 inning games are figured by dividing the number of ringers by 0.3 The FINAL ringer percentage is figured by multiplying the total number of ringers by $\frac{2}{3}$. Spaces are only available for 30 innings, however, there are also numerous enlargement provisions. If the SP column is extended, an unlimited number of innings can be added to each game for appealing to more active horseshoe pitchers who prefer longer games.

Southern California Schedule

Southern California members notice changes in schedule for 1966 — March 13 is Fullerton "F" open, July 10th is Baldwin Park "E" open, last, Sept. 11th S. C. Champ "A" & "G". Buy your National and State card early and let's have this be our greatest year.

March 20 — 12 Noon Class "B" & "E" Open, South Gate.
 March 27 — 12 Noon Class "A & D" Open, South Gate.
 April 3 — 12 Noon Pomona Open, Pomona.
 April 17 — 12 Noon Class "G" Open, Baldwin Park.
 April 24 — 12 Noon Class "C" Open, Pomona.
 May 1 — 12 Noon Added "E" & "B", South Gate.
 May 14-15 — 12 Noon May Round Up, South Gate.
 May 22 — 12 Noon Added "A" & "F", South Gate.
 May 28 — 12 Noon (Sat.) Pomona Doubles, Pomona.
 May 29 — 12 Noon Added "D" & "G", South Gate.
 June 5 — 12 Noon Long Beach Open, Long Beach.
 June 11 — 12 Noon Baldwin Park Doubles, Baldwin Park.
 June 12 — 12 Noon Added "C", Fullerton.
 June 25-26 — 12 Noon June Round Up, South Gate.
 July 2 — 10 a.m. Semana Nautica "B" Santa Barbara.
 July 3 — 10 a.m. Semana Nautica "A" Santa Barbara.
 July 9 — 5 p.m. (Sat.) Barstow Open, Barstow.

July 10 — 12 Noon Baldwin Park "E" Open, Baldwin Park.
 July 16-17 — 12 Noon Western Open, South Gate.
 July 24 — 12 Noon Oxnard "AA" & "C" Open, Oxnard.
 July 31 — 12 Noon Pomona "F" Open, Pomona.
 August 7 — 12 Noon Oxnard "B" & "F" Open, Oxnard.
 August 14 — 12 Noon Pomona "G" Open, Pomona.
 August 20 — 4 p.m. (Sat.) Special Open, Pomona.
 August 21 — 12 Noon Fullerton "B" Open, Fullerton.
 August 27-28 — 2 p.m. (Sat.) 12 Noon Sun. State Championship.
 Also "B" & "C" Women & Juniors State Champ. at South Gate.
 September 4-5 — 12 Noon Ringer Round Up, South Gate.
 September 11 — 12 Noon S. C. Champ "A" & "G", South Gate.
 September 18 — 12 Noon Baldwin Park "D" Open, Baldwin Park.
 September 25 — 12 Noon S. C. Champ "B" & "F", South Gate.
 October 2 — 12 Noon Pomona "C" Open, Pomona.
 October 16 — 12 Noon S. C. Champ "AA" & "E", South Gate.
 October 23 — 12 Noon S. C. Champ "C", Baldwin Park.
 October 30 — 12 Noon Fullerton "A" Open, Fullerton.
 November 6 — 12 Noon S. C. Champ "D", Pomona.
 November 13 — 12 Noon South Gate Open, South Gate. 60 Years Old & Juniors.

Pike County Ohio Indoor Event Draws 40 Pitchers

The Pike County Horseshoe Club conducted its annual Indoor Tournament on the indoor courts in Waverly, Ohio which attracted 40 pitchers.

Leonard Lenigar of Logan won the Class A Championship winning four of five games and averaging 66.3 percent ringers. The second place tie went to Jim Knisley of Bremen over Kenny Dawes of Good Hope.

In Class B Ike Merriman of Greenfield walked off with the crown downing Harold Wipert 53 to 20 in the playoff and averaging 48.2 percent ringers. Harold Wipert averaged 48.6.

Farrell Johnson of Chillicothe won Class C with Rollin Hakes of Greenfield taking second spot.

In Class D Paul Crabtree of Waverly was the winner and Ellis Brown of Waverly was the runner-up.

Jack Schuetz of Chillicothe and Homer Scaggs of Waverly tied for first place in Class E. In the play-off Jack defeated Homer 50 to 38.

In the ladies division, Verda Hickman won the championship hitting 61.8 percent ringers while Avanelle Brown captured the runner-up spot losing only to Hickman.

In Class B in the ladies division Rosemary Cool was the winner and Dolly Crabtree was the runner-up.

CLASS A	W	L	%	CLASS B	W	L	%
Leonard Lenigar	4	1	66.2	Ike Merriman	5	2	48.2
Jim Knisley	3	2	68.7	Harold Wipert	5	2	48.6
Clark Johnson	3	2	63.1	Jimmy Lowe	4	3	52.6
Stanley Manker	2	3	57.9	Howard Roshon	4	3	47.1
Kenny Dawes	2	3	57.6	John DeWeese	4	3	46.3
Donnie Roberts	1	4	55.3	Fred Bennett	3	4	48.5
				Paul Roel	3	4	48.1

Ohio Indoor — (Continued)

CLASS C				CLASS D			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Farrell Johnson	5	0	46.2	Paul Crabtree	5	0	41.0
Rollin Hakes	4	1	44.3	Ellis Brown	3	2	42.7
Bob Magill	2	3	34.4	Henry Bye	3	2	35.2
Paul Bond	2	3	30.3	Glen Mustark	3	2	42.3
John Turner	1	4	32.8	Wayne Daily	1	4	30.9
Pete Turner	1	4	25.8				

CLASS E				CLASS A WOMEN			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
Jack Schuetz	3	2	30.4	Verda Hickman	3	0	61.8
Homer Scaggs	3	2	28.7	Avanelle Brown	2	1	28.7
Larry Curtis	3	2	31.0	Dora Vance	1	2	17.5
Charles Sims	2	3	34.5				
Herman Harris	2	3	30.2	CLASS B WOMEN			
Roy Jennings	2	3	28.4	Rosemary Cool	3	0	23.8
				Dolly Crabtree	2	1	9.4
				Shirley Cool	1	2	9.5

Washington's "Winter Open Class" Tournament

Washington's third series took place Sunday Feb. 6, 1966 at the Seattle Woodland Park's 14 covered courts with 18 energetic horseshoe pitchers in 4 classes defying winter temperatures of which 4 ringer flingers proved their mastery over man as well as mother nature to win laurels.

Herb Pidde, Seattle's Class "A" Horseshoe Champion dethroned Wine-trout in the opening round to breeze through the 6 man round robin with ease. Bill Van Egdome, after missing the second series, traveled again over 100 miles to resume his winning ways to take home his second trophy only after some stiff competition from Ken Elvig in a play-off. Norman Hansen, found Class "C" competition to his liking by winning enough games to claim his first trophy in this winter tournament. For the first time, Class "D" got started thanks to Marion Smith; Les Alvord and his son Mark who played a double round robin with Smith winning from "Pop" Alvord in a play-off.

This "Winter Open Classic" tournament, which is to be State and National sanctioned will continue to be played every other Sunday, through May 15.

Other major tournaments in our state will be State and National sanctioned such as the Seattle Memorial held in Seattle, May 29 and 30th; The Omak Open, July 17; Monasmith Open; Washington's State Meet and The Northwest Open. More tournament details to be announced later.

Results of the Third series

Class "A"			Class "B"		
	W	L		W	L
H. Pidde, Seattle	5	0	B. Van Egdome, Lynden	5	1
V. Bertoldi, Seattle	3	2	K. Elvig, Bellingham	4	2
F. Winetrout, Lummi Island..	2	3	E. Bartlett, Everett	3	2
Ray Brumfield, Edmonds	2	3	Randall Oard, Seattle	3	2
John Reedy, Edmonds	2	3	B. Hansen, Lynnwood	1	4
E. Andersen, Lynden	1	4	Ralph Gilbo, Seattle	0	5

Class "C"			Class "D"		
	W	L		W	L
N. Hansen, Kirkland	3	1	M. Smith, Seattle	4	1
E. Shidler, Seattle	2	2	L. Alvord, Seattle	3	2
R. 'Pop' Hansen, Seattle	1	3	M. Alvord, Seattle	2	2

Washington's 4th series held Feb. 20, 1966

Glorious sunshine and a record high temperature for this date brought out a record number of pitchers including our State President, Howard Shatto who left his snow-bound country-side over 200 miles distant to play and bask in what appeared to be springtime weather.

Our new Class "A" Champion for this series was won by Paul Snow, a

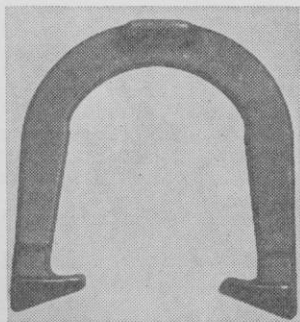
Washington Winter Tournament — (Continued)

West Seattle barber who clipped his familiar way to victory and trimmed everybody that dared to step into his class. Ken Elvig in Class "B" and Secretary of the Bellingham Horseshoe Club finally out-measured his closest rival Bill Van Egdome to win all his games and take home his first winter trophy. Norman Hansen who won Class "C" again, is improving steadily and may find himself being promoted to a higher bracket in the near future. John Edson from Vashon Island won Class "D" in a playoff with Mark Alvord, the youngest pitcher in this winter series to date.

Results of the 4th series held Feb. 20, 1966

CLASS "A"			CLASS "B"		
	W	L		W	L
Paul Snow, Seattle	6	0	Ken Elvig, Bellingham	5	0
John Reedy, Edmonds	4	2	Elmer Andersen, Lynden	4	1
F. Winetrout, Island	4	2	Bill Van Egdome, Lynden	3	2
Ray Brumfield, Edmonds	3	3	Bob Hansen, Lynnwood	2	3
Vic Bertoldi, Seattle	2	4	Ed Bartlett, Everett	1	4
Howard Shatto, Okanogan	2	4	Otto Selstad, Bellingham	0	5
Herb Pidde, Seattle	0	6			
CLASS "C"			CLASS "D"		
	W	L		W	L
Norman Hansen, Kirkland	7	0	*John Edson, Vashon	4	1
Ralph Taylor, Seattle	5	2	*Mark Alvord, Seattle	3	2
Al Alexander, Lynnwood	4	3	Marion Smith, Seattle	2	2
Don Shride, Vashon	3	4	Les Alvord, Seattle	2	2
"Pop" Hansen, Seattle	3	4	Frank Kuhn, Seattle	0	5
Randall Oard, Seattle	3	4	*Edson and M. Alvord tied; Edson		
George Schmidt, Vashon	2	5	won playoff.		
Ed Shidler, Seattle	1	6			

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Local Clubs

Brownstown, Illinois — We organized a club here in Brownstown last season, signing up 33 members, 30 of them being active. We held four open tournaments during the season. After our members learned how to keep score and how to help conduct a tournament, our last meet was a real success. We had several top notch players from Illinois, Indiana and Missouri which added very much to our success. It is hoped to hold at least four tournaments during this coming season.

Seaside, California — Jack Pipe of Salinas, California was recently elected president of this growing and enthusiastic club. Capt. H. O. Hanson was elected secretary-treasurer. They have a 7 court layout, with clay. Also scoring machines of the Greenville World tournament type made by Captain Hansen. He is also the president of the Northern California Association.

Los Gatos, Calif. Club—A Smooth Working Organization

The Los Gatos Club, ably led by President CAL CHILDRESS, surged forward in 1965 to significantly increase participation in Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Assn. (NCHPA) activities by 33% over 1964. Membership held close to 40, and 68% of the club members participated in No. Calif. Class tournaments, and in the new No. Calif. team leagues.

Highlights of the season included: The Spring Roundup Weekend to kick off the season; winning four No. Calif. Assn. (NCHPA) tournaments; the terrific job that STAN MAC CARTY did serving as Sec-Treas. for the NCHPA; the Second Annual Los Gatos Open; four club members qualifying for the California State Tourney; four Los Gatos juniors in State; the "A" team winning the NCHPA League Title; CONNIE HENDERSON'S consistent pitching; and the continued improvement of our pitchers due in part to the "FIGHT LIKE TIGERS" spirit carried into all contests, be it tournament or a "friendly" game at Oak Meadow Park.

Our Spring Horseshoe Roundup was held to promote interest in Horseshoes in the Santa Clara Valley. Several beginners turned out, a short tourney was held, and two trophies were awarded to the winner in each of two classes.

BOB GARCIA, Los Gatos southpaw, won the 1965 NCHPA Class "E" title May 9th, losing only once in eight games. This was the first of 3 straight tournament wins for the club. TAL TURNER won the Sacramento B "Added" May 23rd, winning 8 straight games. VERDAN ZELMAR compiled a 13 won 2 lost record to win the 16-man Golden Gate Memorial Classic "OPEN" at San Francisco May 30-31.

Our Second Annual Los Gatos Open, June 12-13, was again held in conjunction with the Los Gatos Lion's Club Annual Steak Barbecue. Extensive advance publicity brought out a large number of spectators, and all the Tournament Chairmen and committees worked hard to ensure a highly successful tourney. BILL BLEXRUDE of Mosswood (Oakland) repeated as OPEN winner defeating Los Gatan JESSE GONZALES in a playoff. Six club members qualified for the 16-man field.

DICK THOMAS took the Los Gatos D "Added" by defeating teammate MARTIN LASICH in the playoff winning 8 of 9 games in the 22-man field.

Los Gatos — (Continued)

The hard work of CAL CHILDRESS made this "Invitational" go, and 12 fledgling Los Gatons cut their eyeteeth in this tourney to gain valuable pitching experience under fire.

Hard working Los Gatan, STAN MAC CARTY, took over the NCHPA Sec.-Treas. chores in 1965 and did an outstanding job. He was instrumental in organizing the NCHPA Team League competition and worked long hours to keep ahead of the mountains of paper work. With STAN again at the reins for the 1966 season, the NCHPA can look forward to another banner year.

The Los Gatos 4-man team of CONNIE HENDERSON, JESSE GONZALES, VERDAN ZELMAR, and STAN MAC CARTY won the 1965 NCHPA Class A Team Championship with 6 match wins, no losses, and 1 tie, averaging 62.6% as a team. Sacramento was second and other league entrants were Arroyo Viejo (Oakland), Mosswood (Oakland), and Golden Gate (San Francisco). The Los Gatos B's wound up 3rd in their 6-team league. KIM LUDLOW, Joe Sadowski, MIKE SANITATE, and BOYD WALKER carried most of the load with substitute help from MARTIN LASICH, BILL FIDDLER, and others.

CONNIE HENDERSON was the club's outstanding pitcher of the year. His achievements included: placing second in the Northern Calif. A Championship; winning the NCHPA "A" team league's top pitcher award with 68.1% (winning 20 of 24 games); and repeating as Los Gatos Club Champion.

Four new club members (CONNIE HENDERSON, JESSE GONZALES, TAL TURNER, and VERDAN ZELMAR) pitched qualifying rounds of 70% or better to make the 14-man field for the California State Championship held September 18-19 at San Jose. HENDERSON placed 6th as BILL BLEXRUDE regained the State Championship lost to BILL FRASER of San Francisco in 1964. Four Los Gatos juniors pitched in the State Junior Division: MONTE and KEVIN TURNER, KEN JENSEN, and GREG ZELMAR. JENSEN won 4 of 5 games to place near the top.

In the hotly contested club tournament held in October, CONNIE HENDERSON pitched consistent 75.1% horseshoe to win 7 straight games and retain his Club Championship. JESSE GONZALES was second with 67.4%, STAN MAC CARTY 3rd, 65.2%, VERDAN ZELMAR 4th, 63.8%; TAL TURNER 5th, 62.9%; KIM LUDLOW 6th, MIKE SANITATE 7th, and BOYD WALKER 8th. WILLARD LAMPKIN won the Club "B" title, and the Class "C" went to BOB SWENSON.

New club officers for 1966 are: President, TAL TURNER; Vice Pres. MARTIN LASICH; Sec.-Treas., JOE SADOWSKI; and Publicity Director, VERDAN ZELMAR. With the terrific enthusiasm and fighting spirit of our new Prexy, TAL TURNER, to guide us, prospects are bright for the coming season.

Vanport, Penna. Spring Warmup Open Tournament

This event will be held at Vanport, Pa. (near Beaver) during May 28 and 29. The tournament is a sanctioned event and open to anyone belonging to the NHPA.

To qualify the pitcher is to use the home club "honor system". He is to throw 100 shoes under the auspices of a club official, have it signed by the official, and mail with \$3.00 to Herman Boyer, R. D. No. 2, Beaver, Pa. 15009, no later than May 17, 1966. The actual qualifying should take place on or near May 14 or 15. If a second chance is desired in the qualifying, an additional \$2.00 is to be sent in. Under no circumstances is there to be more than two qualifying attempts. All qualifying is to be done out of doors for uniformity reasons. Pitchers will then be notified of pitching time and classes. In case a pitcher does not make the competition his qualifying fee will not be refunded.

There will be 8 classes, 6 men in a class, resulting in a total of 48 contestants. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of all classes as prizes.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
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Dear Mr. Cobb:

It is the opinion of nearly every horseshoe pitcher that I have talked with, that the player having first pitch in every inning has a definite advantage. The rule which states that the player that scores in the inning, shall have first pitch in the next inning, was, I believe, intended to give both players equal advantage.

However, there are times when the rule seems to work a hardship on the player that is behind in the score. I am sure that anyone who has played in tournament competition, has had the experience of not being able to stop an opponents "hot streak" of ringers, until he, the player who is behind in the score, had finally gained first pitch again. The player who is ahead is usually a little more relaxed and quite often is able to put one or both shoes on the stake because of this fact. Immediately the player who is behind has the task of trying to cancel the ringers before he can hope to catch his opponent. Then of course, the player pitching last sometimes has the "golden opportunity" of pitching at an open stake, thereby gaining an advantage.

In almost all games or contests, on a man to man basis, such as bowling, archery, golf, etc., every effort is made to have each player compete under the same conditions as his opponent. However, because of the nature of horseshoes, this is not always possible. The first shoes on the stake will often cause the opponents shoes to either bounce or slide off, a condition that the first player does not have to contend with.

I believe, that if the player winning the points, was to pitch last in the next inning, the net results would be more evenly contested games. To put it a different way, let us assume that the primary gain to be made in an inning, is to increase a player's score. A secondary gain is the right to pitch first in the next inning. I think that giving the loser of the points, the opportunity to pitch first in the next inning, could result in smaller differences in the winner's and loser's ringer percentages.

I am not suggesting that the rule should be changed at this time, but I would be interested in reading other player's views on this subject in a future issue of the News Digest.

Yours sincerely,

Edward S. Partridge, Jr.
Connecticut Horseshoe Association

COVER PICTURE . . . From Dimondale, Michigan, "Horseshoe Capitol" of Michigan, comes this month's cover picture. This fine battery of nine courts are located in the rear of the Dimondale, Michigan fire station. It was the scene of the 1965 Michigan State tournament. Shown in the foreground is Bronson Gentry of Detroit, Michigan, in action during a mid-summer tournament. Photo is thru the courtesy of W. J. Duchaine of the State Journal and Pat Smith, publicity Director for the Dimondale club.

To Hold First Annual Burlington, Ia. Open — March 27

The first annual Burlington Open will be held at the National Guard Armory, across the street from the airport in Burlington, Iowa on Sunday, March 27. Qualifying round will start at 9 a.m. and close at 12 noon. Each contestant will pitch 50 shoes with 15 minutes allowed for a "warm-up." Tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be 4 classes with 2 trophies being awarded in each class. Entry fee will be \$2.00. Tournament will be played on the Dixon Portable courts.

Rome Recreation Center To Sponsor Spring Indoor Meet

An early spring indoor tournament will be sponsored by the Rome Recreation Center of New Rome, Ohio in their building on Pasadena Avenue, 1 block north of U. S. Route 40 in New Rome, Ohio on April 16 and 17. 100 shoe qualifying will be from noon until 9 p.m. on the dates mentioned. Also qualifying scores can be mailed together with an entry fee of \$3.00 before April 16 to Carl Young, 640 East Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207. The defending champion is Gary Roberts of Lucasville, Ohio. There will be six players in each class with the finals being played on the last two weekends in April.

DeSoto Open Tournament — March 21

March 21-26, 1966 — DESOTO WEEK OPEN — Walter "Bud" Horner, Def. Champion, Farmersburg, Indiana, BRADENTON TRAILER PARK, BRADENTON, FLA.

From Here And There

The West Side Horseshoe Club of Springfield, Mass. with brand new courts completed last summer and still being improved announce the election of the following officers for 1966; President Frank Wellspeak; Vice Pres. Leo Poulin; Secretary-Treasurer Gil Brinkman; Publicity Director Paul Menard and Tournament Director Charles Farnsworth.

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Athletic and Recreation Directors of more than 60 State and Federal Penitentiaries are planning to hold a nationwide Postal Horseshoe meet for their inmates. James Devero, Recreation Director of the Indiana State Prison, is in charge of the program and has called upon the N.H.P.A. for help in setting up the details of the program.

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Gilbert Fridinger of New Oxford, Penna. is busy reorganizing a horseshoe League in the eastern section of the state which spills over into Maryland. There is a great amount of renewed horseshoe activity in this section of the state. Fred Lutter has begun action in and around New Freedom, Penna., the Brown boys at Felton and Milt Beck and others are active at Wrightsville.

HOW TO CONDUCT LEAGUE AND TEAM MATCH PLAY

A horseshoe club to be successful should have some type of weekly or bi-weekly organized competition and the most satisfactory is a team league with the teams playing a round robin schedule of matches.

Smaller clubs or groups can organize their competition on an individual basis playing either doubles or singles, but larger clubs should organize the competition with teams represented by three or more players each.

When the number of courts available are insufficient to accommodate all the players in singles play, the competition should be built around doubles or partners play thereby doubling the number of players that can be accommodated at one time.

If doubles or partners play is used it simply means that two players act as a unit, one pitching to one stake and the partner pitching to the other stake. Scores of the partners are added together, but the records of shoes pitched and ringers thrown should be kept separate.

It is also possible to play two singles matches on one court at the same time with one pair of opponents pitching from one stake and the other pair of opponents pitching from the other.

The number of teams, players on a team, and games per match depend upon the number of courts and the amount of time available for play.

The type of play and other details should depend upon the wishes of the players. The officers of the club should be given power to plan a co-ordinated program taking all elements and wishes of the players into consideration. The final plan seldom meets with everyone's full approval because that is impossible, but the wishes of the majority should be followed as long as they are compatible with the conditions under which the league must operate.

Care must be taken that the average strength of the teams is fairly even in order to promote keen competition and sustain interest. When one or two teams are far superior to the others and if one or two teams are completely outclassed interest soon dwindles and the result is detrimental to the club.

This sometimes happens when teams come from different organizations as in the case of industrial, fraternal or church leagues. In this case it is well to use some type of handicap system to keep the league in balance. If there are a few unaffiliated players in the club they can be assigned to the various teams by the officers in such a way as to balance the strength of the teams.

The number of games in a match should be an odd number in order to eliminate the possibility of ties. All the players or doubles combinations on one team should play all the other players or doubles combinations on the other team in a match. Consequently it is best to employ an odd number of players or doubles combinations per team such as three, five or seven.

It is better to keep the number of players on a team to a minimum and thereby have more teams. The greater the number of players per team the harder it is for each captain to have his full strength available for each match due to unavoidable absences.

The league schedule should be drawn up at the start of the season and all rules and provisions of play listed. Once the rules and provisions are agreed upon they should be rigidly adhered to or the league will disintegrate in the bickering that follows when rules are not enforced properly and fairly.

The league schedule should designate a home team and a visiting team for each match. Arrangements should be made for having the groundskeeping chores taken care of and one way to do this is to make the home team responsible.

Substitute or alternate players of each team can act as scorekeepers and turn the results in to the league secretary at the end of each game. It is a good idea to mount a plywood blackboard at one end of each court with the blackboard lined to resemble a regulation scoresheet. Score can then be kept with chalk by the players.

At the start of each match the team captains will place their players on the courts and at the end of each game the visiting team players will hold their courts for the next game while the home team players will move over one court for their next game, all players moving in the same direction. This process is continued at the end of each game until the match is completed.

Games won and lost will determine the winner of the match and the league standings will be determined on the basis of matches won and lost.

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