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## Fund Raising For Publicity

The publicity program headed by the new NHPA Publicity Director Will Gullickson announced elsewhere in this issue will require financing in order to be successful and productive.

For many years it has been said by many with complete truth that the biggest need of the NHPA and the game of horseshoe was better press coverage and public relations. The problem has been discussed in every NHPA convention for years and each time the chief stumbling block has been a lack of funds.

Hiring a public relations firm or professional publicity director requires far more money than the NHPA has or can raise. Heretofore it has been left to the NHPA Secretary and President to do the best job they could in this field, but they are immersed in too many other details.

Now that we have in the person of Will Gullickson someone who is familiar with and dedicated to the game and is at the same time qualified to head a publicity drive we must take advantage of the situation.

Accordingly NHPA President Ralph Dykes announces the following two-pronged fund raising program.

1. Individual donations with each individual listed in the News Digest. Many persons have indicated their willingness to donate to such a fund with amounts ranging from \$50.00 down to one dollar.

2. A horseshoe court registration whereby both individuals and clubs re-register the courts in their area by means of a donation to the publicity fund. This listing of courts will also be carried in the News Digest each month giving the number, type and address of the courts. Horseshoe courts both private and those in public parks will be listed. There is no specified amount but it is suggested that \$1.00 per court be the standard.

All funds raised in this manner will be kept in a separate account handled by NHPA President Ralph Dykes and used exclusively for our Publicity Program.

SEND YOUR DONATIONS OR COURT REGISTRATIONS TO RALPH DYKES, 433 WEST NORTH AVENUE, LOMBARD, ILL. 60148. Make checks or money orders payable to NHPA Publicity Program.

## Darke County, Ohio, Club Enjoys Winter Pitching

The winter pitching program of the Darke County, Ohio, Horseshoe Club is off to the best start ever at their winter courts at the County Fairgrounds. For the fourth year three courts have been installed in the 4H Building and the Club has handicap leagues operating four nights a week. There are seven pitchers in each league and they follow the 8-man schedule with one man sitting out each game.

All points are counted in the 50 shoe games and each man is handicapped at 90% of the difference between his average (for 50 shoes) and 120. Handicaps change each night as in bowling. This type of pitching has proven very popular as it gives the lower class pitchers a chance to compete against the best and, with a chance of winning. Each league will have a winner determined by the best won-lost percentage for the sixteen week season.

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### The N.H.P.A. Financial Picture

The unexpected action of the delegates at annual NHPA convention in Fargo last summer which raised the membership dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 properly raises the question of why and also what is the financial picture of the N.H.P.A. HERE ARE THE FACTS:

1. The cost of playing horseshoe and the membership dues of the NHPA are far below that of all other sports and games.

2. There was no increase in the membership dues of the NHPA in the last 25 years or in the subscription price of the monthly magazine since it was established in 1956.

3. At the same time the costs of operating the NHPA and of publishing the magazine has increased tremendously. Postal rates have doubled and will increase again in a few months. The cost of printing and other items have gone up steadily.

4. Despite the increased publishing costs the size and content of our monthly magazine has doubled since 1956.

5. The revenue from membership dues and subscriptions is not enough to pay routine office expenses and the cost of printing and mailing the monthly magazine.

6. The revenue from entry fees and the bid of the local or host club is not enough to pay the expenses of the annual World Tournament.

7. The difference has been made up by the profits from the sale of game related items such as trophies, shirts, caps, horseshoes, scoresheets, etc. The sale of trophies has been the biggest single item, and these sales has enabled us to increase the size of the magazine, enlarge the World Tourney and pay the increased office expenses without raising dues or subscription rates.

8. The NHPA is solvent and has a policy of maintaining a reserve of approximately \$6,000.00 in order to meet any emergency which might arise during any given year. Except for this reserve fund all money the NHPA receives is put back into the organization's program.

9. The NHPA has no paid officials. The small amount allowed the editor of our magazine and the Secretary-Treasurer does not even begin to reimburse them for the travel and other expenses they incur.

10. There are two areas in which the NHPA needs more revenue in order to make it more effective. One is to increase the size and improve the content of our monthly magazine. The other is the need for a really effective publicity program which will improve the general image of the game.

11. The increase in dues and the new Booster Membership plan will be used to improve the magazine and at the same time mount an effective publicity program headed by Will Gullickson who is a NHPA officer, player and also a newspaper sports writer.

## From the desk of the president . . . Ralph E. Dykes

It is with deep regret that I pass on the sad news of the sudden passing of Marvin Chrisman on December 7, 1967. Marvin was chairman of the 1967 Hall of Fame committee and had done such a marvelous job that I had selected him to again serve as chairman, for the ensuing year. Anyone who had attended the Hall of Fame ceremonies in Fargo, North Dakota last summer, will vouch for the fine effort that Marvin had put forth.

I have since, appointed James "Pop" Johnson of 8370 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, as chairman to assume Marvin's duties. I know that "Pop" will do a very good job, having been associated with the game for many years. Marvin had sent me copies of all his correspondence, to date. I had copies made and sent them on to "Pop", which will make it easy for him to resume where Marvin left off.

All the members of the Committee were selected because of their many years of horseshoe pitching background, and can back to the earlier years as well as the present day participants. I also endeavored to select personnel that was either already in the Hall of Fame or one, to my own thinking, would not be likely to be a candidate to be elected this year.

Every NHPA member has the privilege of making his own selections. If you are going to make a selection, DO IT NOW. Your selection should be in the hands of one or more of the Committee members by March 1. There is a lot of work that has to be done between the time of the new electees to the Hall of Fame are elected and then inducted at the World Tournament at Keene, New Hampshire next August.

One of the next projects I have to tackle is to process the suggestions that were dropped in the box at Fargo and those that have been received in the mail since. Anyone submitting a suggestion (that signed their name to it) will receive a personal reply as to the action taken on it. Joe Abbott of Erie, Pennsylvania, Don Pickering of Keene, New Hampshire, Robert G. Pence of Gary, Indiana and myself will act on all of these suggestions.

I would like to thank everyone that sent me congratulatory messages on my election as NHPA president, also for the Christmas and New Year's greetings sent to us. We received many cards from people all over the country.

In closing, may I extend to each of you my very best wishes for the coming year and leave you with this thought . . .

Get our boys to indulge in SPORTS. —

Keep them ON — not — IN the COURTS.

### Third Annual "Snowball Open" — Greenville, Ohio

The third annual indoor "Snowball Open" tournament, sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club, will be held the weekends of February 17-18 and 24-25 in Greenville, Ohio. During the weekend of February 10-11 the courts will be open to those who wish to qualify for the tournament. Those not wishing to qualify will be placed in classes based on their results in the 1967 State Tournament in which they participated. Those who did not pitch in a State Tournament and who do not wish to come to Greenville to qualify may pitch shoes at their home courts. Their score, attested to by a Club Officer, should be sent in with their entry. The deadline for entries is February 11, 1968.

This will be a "trophy" tournament only with trophies awarded to the first and second place winners in each class. Lower classes will pitch the first weekend and all pitchers will be notified by mail when they are scheduled to pitch. The entry fee is \$3.00. Checks should be made payable to the Darke County Horseshoe Club and mailed to Harold Anthony, RR 2, Arcanum, Ohio.

The tournament will be held at the Darke County Fairgrounds on U. S. 127 and Ohio 49 South. There will be a lunchstand at the courts with motel and restaurant accommodations nearby.



## BOOSTER (non-playing) MEMBERSHIPS

Delegates at the NHPA Convention in Fargo last Aug. passed the following motion:

The NHPA will in 1968 on a one year trial basis issue an Honorary or **Booster (non-playing) Membership** card at \$1.00 each, the revenue to be divided equally between the state and National Associations, and the national share of this revenue shall be used by a Publicity Committee to promote and improve the public image of the game.

Therefore the NHPA will issue each State Secretary a supply of **BOOSTER (non-playing) MEMBERSHIP** cards which will be pink in color and not to be confused with the regular white membership cards.

These will be sold at \$1.00 each with the State Association retaining 50¢ in its treasury with the remaining 50¢ being sent to the National office. There are provisions on the Membership & Subscription forms for reporting these memberships.

Bear in mind that the holders of these **BOOSTER (non-playing) Membership** are boosters only and will not be eligible to play in sanctioned tournaments which require the regular (white) membership cards.

However a **Booster Membership** card may be turned in at anytime for a regular membership card by paying the difference in the dues.

This **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THE REVENUE OF YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION. Non-players, friends, fans and the general public will be willing to donate \$1.00 for this **Booster Membership**. These same individuals might not be willing to pay the price of a full membership.

The money the National Association receives will be used in a publicity effort headed by Will Gullickson, NHPA member, player and also a newspaper sports writer in Fargo, N. D.

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## Red Mill Pa., Horseshoe Club Winter Schedule

**Place** — North Main St. of Washington, Pa. opposite County Home and Trolley Museum.

**Dates** — Feb 17 & 18, March 16 & 17, April 20 & 21. Entries are to be in one week before tournament.

**Conduct** — Five man round robin classes. Each pitcher throws about 3 hours — four games. Prizes awarded to first three places in each class. Entry fee is \$4.00. Money will be refunded if not placed in tourney. To qualify use any average during 1967 season, or qualify at courts (will subtract 10 ringers). Send to: Clyde Martz, 3233 Arapahoe Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15234.

## Solomon Retains Title In New Rome, O., Fall Indoor Open

Jim Solomon, Union, Pa., again pitched superbly to come out on top. Sam Sutton forced Jim into playoff with Jim Knisley, Bremen, Ohio. Longest game 110 shoes, between Solomon and Knisley.

Ralph Bennett, London, Ohio, Class B, took top honors in high percentage game, 84%.

GROUP ONE				CLASS A	GROUP TWO			
	W	L	%			W	L	%
J. Knisley, Ohio .....	4	1	70.1	J. Solomon, Pa. ....	5	0	74.0	
D. Roberts, Ohio .....	4	1	66.9	S. Sutton, Pa. ....	4	1	72.8	
S. Manker, Ohio .....	3	2	66.1	H. Anthany, Ohio .....	3	2	65.6	
D. Knotts, Ohio .....	3	2	63.3	A. Copeland, Ohio .....	1	4	57.8	
K. Dawes, Ohio .....	1	4	50.6	J. DeWeese, Ohio .....	1	4	55.3	
C. Young, Ohio .....	0	5	59.3	J. Boesch, Ohio .....	1	4	52.6	

### CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
Solomon .....	4	1	73.9
Knisley .....	4	1	73.9
Sutton .....	3	2	74.2
Manker .....	2	3	70.3
D. Roberts .....	2	3	64.3
Anthony .....	0	5	62.6

**CLASS B, — Group 1** — H. Bryant, Wash., C. H., 5-0-65.8; R. Redding, Kiousville, 3-2-63.4; L. Rose, Columbus, 3-2-59.9; T. Pearce, W. Jeff., 3-2-55.3; T. Harris, London, 1-4-57.2; H. Witter, Columbus, 0-5-51.5.

**CLASS B, — Group 2** — M. Montgomery, Columbus, 4-1-67.2; R. Bennett, London, 4-1-64.1; R. Miller, Springfield, 3-2-66.3; M. Bannister, Thornville, 2-3-59.3; H. Chadwick, Columbus, 0-5-46.7.

**PLAY-OFF** — R. Miller, 4-1-63.1. R. Redding, 4-1-65.8; T. Harris, 2-3-64.1. R. Bennett, 2-3-59.3; L. Rose, 2-3-58.2; M. Montgomery, 1-4-56.4.

**CLASS C** — P. Swartz, Marion, 5-0-50.3; C. Hannah, Columbus, 3-2-50.3; G. Hill, Columbus, 3-2-45.1; S. Conley, Amlin, 2-3-50.3; D. Peterson, London, 1-4-44.3; G. Hoddy, Galloway, 1-4-39.4.

**CLASS D** — J. Hodges, Delaware, 4-1-44.9; E. Pratt, Columbus, 4-1-45.3; N. Hagerman, Ostrander, 3-2-40.4; H. Rutherford, London, 2-3-42.1; F. Griffeth, Columbus, 2-3-33.7; B. Leslein, Columbus, Forfeit.

**CLASS E** — J. Dunkerly, Lancaster, 4-1-41.2; H. Noland, Ostrander, 3-2-36.4; H. Strider, Hebron, 3-2-33.4; P. Jones, Springfield, 3-2-33.3; D. Stewart, Plain City, 1-4-29.2; F. Park, Columbus, 1-4-27.4.

**CLASS F** — F. Dougherty, New Rome, 4-2-45.9; I. Merriman, Greenfield, 4-2-45.8; O. Reno, Lucasville, 3-3-44.8; G. Mitchell, Delaware, 2-4-40.5.

## New Rome Indoor — (Continued)

CLASS G — J. Turner, Chillicothe, 4-1-33.9; N. Bennett, London, 4-1-37.5; L. Moore, Columbus, 3-2-37.6; J. Howell, Bremen, 3-2-29.3; E. Redding, Mt. Sterling, 1-4-23.4; C. Noland, Delaware, Forfeit.

CLASS H — D. Oyer, London, 4-1-32.0; W. Hannah, Columbus, 4-1-35.3; J. Clevenger, Ostrander, 4-1-26.4; J. Kohar, Columbus, 2-3-24.4; J. Lambert, Columbus, 1-4-18.8; J. Hutt, Columbus, 0-5-6.4.

## Pomona and Fullerton — Southern California

### POMONA CHAMPIONSHIP D

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Slagg, Ontario .....	4	0	43.0
Strauss, El Segundo .....	3	1	37.4
Stoddard, Los Angeles .....	2	2	37.2
Erickson, Valinda .....	1	3	37.8
Tarbell, Brea .....	0	4	29.7

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
St. Pierre, El Segundo ....	3	1	45.7
Erickson, Downey .....	3	1	37.5
Sandberg, Glendora .....	3	1	35.6
Brown, Exeter .....	1	3	34.4
Carrier, Downey .....	0	4	26.8

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
St. Pierre, El Segundo ....	3	0	51.8
Slagg, Ontario .....	2	1	47.2
Strauss, El Segundo .....	1	2	40.1
Erickson, Downey .....	0	3	30.4

### FULLERTON "A" OPEN

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Easterling, Hawthorne .....	4	1	56.5
McFarland, Sepulveda .....	3	2	56.0
Rusch, Oxnard .....	3	2	52.6
Paul Covina .....	3	2	49.6
Tucker, Covina .....	2	3	43.7
Slagg, Ontario .....	0	5	31.4

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Randall, Barstow .....	5	0	68.6
Puopulo, Baldwin Park ....	4	1	56.8
Pearcy, La Habra .....	3	2	52.3
Morse, Beaumont .....	2	3	52.8
Shipley, San Gabriel .....	1	4	42.3
Faulkner, Fullerton .....	0	5	40.9

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Randall, Barstow .....	3	0	62.6
McFarland, Sepulveda .....	2	1	72.8
Easterling, Hawthorne ....	1	2	56.6
Puopulo, Baldwin Park ....	0	3	45.2

## North Dakota Winter Show To Be Held March 2

The second annual North Dakota Winter Show horseshoe tournament will be held Saturday, March 2 at the spacious arena in Valley City, North Dakota.

The event will be one of the highlights of the Winter Show which runs March 1-10. A 32-man limit of pitchers last year included some of the area's leading tossers.

Irv Koslofsky, manager of the Winter Show, is interested in having 1967 World Champion Dan Kuchcinski of Erie, Pa., either compete in the tourney or to make an exhibition performance.

Koslofsky is going to meet with Red River Valley League officials from Fargo-Moorhead about the possibility of inviting other top-flight pitchers for the event.

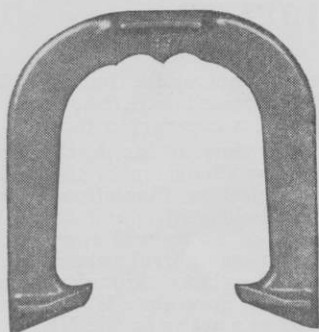
Valley City is located 50 miles west of Fargo, which was the site of the 1967 World Tournament.

Meanwhile, pitchers in Fargo-Moorhead, Kindred and Minot are keeping their eyes sharp by pitching indoors. F-M pitchers are using the Red River Valley Fairgrounds pavilion in West Fargo.

Kindred has two courts in Edwin Overboe's warehouse and Minot has installed its first indoor courts in the Armory. Nine courts have been set up at Minot with league play to start Jan. 7. Officers are Ken Newman, Marlowe Johnson, Ron Newman, and Sid Hohman.

Anyone seeking information on the Valley City tournament is asked to write Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn., 56560.





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##### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Dennis, Lynwood .....	5	0	53.9
Rose, Whittier, .....	4	1	47.7
St. Pierre, El Segundo ....	3	2	44.5
Cole, Thousand Oaks .....	2	3	42.3
Carrier, Downey .....	1	4	37.5
Slagg, Ontario .....	0	5	37.9

##### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Faulkner, Fullerton .....	5	0	49.3
Tucker, Covina .....	4	1	53.3
Erickson, Valinda .....	3	2	42.3
Mahlstedt, Thous. Oaks ....	1	4	36.0
Hofer, Baldwin Park .....	1	4	34.7
Strauss, El Segundo .....	1	4	32.3

##### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Tucker, Covina .....	3	1	58.6
Rose, Whittier .....	2	2	45.2
Dennis, Lynwood .....	1	2	48.9
Faulkner, Fullerton .....	1	2	45.7

#### CHAMPIONSHIP C

##### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
Dennis, Lynwood .....	5	0	52.9
Shiple, San Gabriel .....	4	1	52.5
Dobson, La Mesa .....	2	3	46.7
Hudgens, Lynwood .....	2	3	41.6
Mahlstedt, Thous. Oaks ....	1	4	38.1
Slagg, Ontario .....	1	4	37.8

##### GROUP TWO

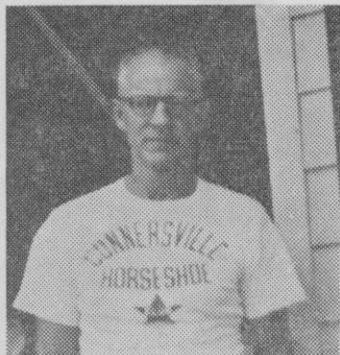
	W	L	%
Puopulo, Baldwin Park ....	5	0	56.3
Tucker, Covina .....	4	1	52.8
Birkenbach, Baldwin Pk. ..	2	3	50.9
Cole, New Bury Park .....	2	3	45.7
Rose, Whittier .....	1	4	44.0
Erickson, Valinda .....	1	4	35.9

##### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Puopulo, Baldwin Park ....	3	0	60.7
Tucker, Covina .....	2	1	56.3
Shiple, San Gabriel .....	1	2	52.9
Dennis, Lynwood .....	0	3	49.4

## In Memoriam

Marvin Chrisman of 213 Vine Street, Connersville, Indiana 47331, one of the most valuable and highly respected N.H.P.A. members, passed away December 7, as the result of a coronary attack.



At the time of his death he was serving as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, a post he had held with distinction since the Hall of Fame was started.

Marvin was a real veteran of the game and a glance through the pages of the old Horseshoe World reveals that he was active in the NHPA not only as a player but as an organizer and promoter as far back as 1930.

He helped form the Connersville Horseshoe Club and served as its President and business manager for 30 years. While he was not an officer of the club at the time of his death, he was regarded as its elder statesman. The club is one of the oldest continuous groups in the U.S.

He also served several terms as President of the Indiana State Association and was always on hand to help in administering the association's tournaments. He also directed several annual tournaments in his area such as the Fayette County Free Fair Tourney.

Those who attended the 1967 World Tournament at Fargo, N.D. will recall that he was the Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame induction, one of the highlights of the tournament.

He was a familiar figure at all Indiana and Ohio tournaments for many years, his last appearance being in the Indiana-Ohio Open of last September. He competed in the 1960, 61, 62 and 1964 World Tournaments, placing in Class B of the 1962 event.

No one can match the love and dedication with which Marvin Chrisman served the NHPA and the game of horseshoe.

*We walk life's pathway together  
With those, who many a day  
Have been our close friends and leaders,  
Along the upward way.*

*Then comes the clear call to service,  
In a higher and better sphere  
And we miss those faithful comrades  
Whose friendships we held so dear.*

*And yet, we feel their sweet presence  
As we travel along the road,  
Which some day will bring us to them  
In the Paradise of God.*

The sympathy of the entire National Association membership and that of the Indiana state association together with the Connersville club and staff of the News Digest, is extended to his bereaved family in their hour of sadness.

## Publicity Program Underway

A program has been set in motion by NHPA President Ralph Dykes to give the game of horseshoe more publicity by bringing it to the attention of the daily press, radio and TV and thereby improving the image of the game in the eyes of the general public.

Will Gullickson has been appointed NHPA Publicity Director and charged with the responsibility of formulating and developing a program. No better choice could be made for in the ranks of the NHPA he is the only individual with the necessary tools in the way of background, talent and connections to do the job.

Will is not only a better than average horseshoe pitcher in tournament competition, he is an NHPA Vice President, Secretary of the Red River Valley Horseshoe League in Fargo and Minnesota State Association President.

More important he is a professional sports writer, holding down a job in that capacity on the Fargo Daily Forum. He knows the sports writing game in all its angles and therefore has the necessary contacts with the press associations, radio and TV sportscasters and sports editors around the country.

Whatever else is said of the 1967 World Tournament all agree that the press, radio and TV coverage was the best ever and this was directly the result of our new NHPA Publicity Director's efforts.

His job now will be to not only publicize the 1968 World Tourney in Keene, N. H., but to also focus attention and publicity on the game in general in such a way that all benefit from local clubs up through the various state associations. Improving the general image of the game and stimulating the public's interest will make it much easier for local clubs and groups to improve their conditions and enable new groups to get started.

A successful program will require more than the individual appointment of Will Gullickson or the waving of wand. Time, energy and money must be expended For how this will be financed see the article in this issue entitled PUBLICITY FUND RAISING PROGRAM.

## South Gate and San Diego — Southern California

### SOUTH GATE OPEN

#### GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
McFarland, Seplvda .....	5	0	65.4
Snyder, Chula Vista .....	4	1	70.2
Simmons, South Gate .....	3	2	57.7
Pearcy, La Habra .....	2	3	55.9
Libatique, So. Gate .....	1	4	53.4
Slagg, Ontario .....	0	5	36.5

#### GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
Dawsey, Oxnard .....	5	0	76.1
Rusch, Oxnard .....	4	1	60.0
Shubert, Los Angeles .....	3	2	52.7
Walker, Chula Vista .....	2	3	63.6
Cole, New Bury Park .....	1	4	43.6
Mahlstedt, Thous. Oaks ....	0	5	36.0

#### PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
Snyder, Chula Vista .....	3	0	70.8
Dawsey, Oxnard .....	2	1	69.8
McFarland, Seplvda .....	1	2	61.6
Rusch, Oxnard .....	0	3	66.6

### 60 YEARS AND OVER

	W	L	%
Smith, Culver City .....	6	0	53.8
Hudgens, Lynwood .....	4	2	50.5
Jones, South Gate .....	4	2	49.7
Paul, Covina .....	3	3	51.3
Birkenbach, Baldwin Pk. ..	3	3	43.2
Di Stefano, Thous. Oaks ....	1	5	39.9
Haigh, Loma Linda .....	0	6	38.3

### SAN DIEGO C OPEN

	W	L	%
Dobson, La Mesa .....	5	0	50.8
Shipley, San Gabriel .....	4	1	46.4
Dennis, Lynwood .....	3	2	52.3
Bailey, Glendora .....	2	3	40.8
Hudson, La Jolla .....	1	4	38.8
Stayner, San Diego .....	0	5	34.2

### SAN DIEGO E OPEN

	W	L	%
Slagg, Ontario .....	4	1	31.7
Doughman, San Diego .....	3	2	35.0
Ford, San Diego .....	3	2	28.6
Mason, La Mesa .....	3	2	28.1
Tarbell, Brea .....	2	3	30.4
E. Harter .....	0	5	15.9

## Big NHPA Membership Gain in 1967

The NHPA had a big membership gain of almost 500 members in 1967, marking an all time high and the 10th year in succession that there has been an increase.

At the same time subscriptions to the monthly magazine showed a gain, the highest since the publication was started in 1956.

The NHPA wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to those key individuals and the state and local associations whose hard work and cooperative effort has made this record possible.

Here in capsule form is a state by state report in alphabetical order.

**Alaska** — On the NHPA roster for the first time but has no state organization.

**Alabama** — Has a small state chapter which is trying to expand under the guidance of W. C. Jones in Robertsdale.

**Arizona** — Showed a small gain in 1967. Valley of the Sun Open in Mesa is always a popular event with out of state players each winter.

**Arkansas** — Has individual members but the NHPA has never gotten a chapter started.

**California, North** — One of our biggest and most active chapters. Had a small loss in membership but a gain in subscriptions in 1967. This is a well organized group and will be under the direction of new officers in 1968 with Herschel Morrison of Modesto as secretary.

**California, South** — Another large and active chapter which showed a small loss last year. Veteran player and administrator, Jim Weeks is doing a tremendous job as secretary in a chapter with many big sanctioned events.

**Colorado** — Had a big 1967 gain thanks to the efforts of reliable Eino Tiilikainen, the state Secretary from Colorado Springs.

**Connecticut** — Had a small membership loss in 1967 but is still above its annual average. Ervin Van Dyne is a veteran and experienced secretary.

**Delaware** — On the NHPA roster for the first time and the NHPA hopes Willard Sammons of Seaford will get a state organization started.

**Florida** — Has a very active winter program under the direction of John Rademacher particularly in the Tampa bay area. Draws many northern players for winter tournaments. Needs more local talent, and Hal Porter's publicity efforts should help in that respect.

**Georgia** — Has no official chapter but there are enough individual NHPA members to form one. A few years ago we had no Georgia members.

**Idaho** — A small but active chapter with activity centered in Boise and Lewiston.

**Illinois** — Home of both the NHPA President and the editor of the "Digest" the state has a large membership which showed a gain last year. The annual state tournament is most unusual in that it is held at the state fair, under the shelter of a huge tent on a 12 court layout. All Illinois members are News Digest subscribers.

**Indiana** — Largest of the state associations for many years, it held its total in 1967 and showed a gain in subscriptions. The state has many big clubs and probably has more horseshoe courts than any other including layouts of 16 or more courts in Frankfort, Muncie, Kokomo, Connersville and Richmond. The club at Anderson is probably the leading group in the state at this time. The biggest problem is more tournaments and activities than is practical. President Walt Wilhoite and Secretary Earle Wilmore have done exceptional work.

**Iowa** — Always a hot bed of horseshoe activity the Hawkeye state had a big increase in membership last year. No state secretary is more efficient or dedicated than Lucille Hopkins.

**Kansas** — Also showed a good sized membership increase in 1967 and Secretary Roland Kraft, formerly a great player, expects even more in 1968.

**Kentucky** — One of the real bright spots in the NHPA picture. A state chapter was organized in 1967, a successful state tournament staged and the future looks good for increased participation in the Blue Grass State. Lavern Hawkins was the organizer and it now appears that many fine local clubs in Covington, Lexington, Frankfort, Louisville, Ashland, Georgetown and else-

## Membership Gain — (Continued)

where are working together to the benefit of all and at the same time retaining their own local programs where doubles play predominates.

**Louisiana** — On the NHPA roster with individuals only.

**Maine** — Here is a closely knit well organized group with the big 18 court layout in Lewiston-Auburn serving as base. Bill Hood and Roger Bolduc doing a great job as officers with good cooperation from the membership.

**Maryland and District of Columbia** — Horseshoe activity has been dormant in this area for some 15 years since the death of NHPA President Pop Woodfield, but now Allen Bertschey has things moving again in the nation's capitol, and NHPA membership has really increased here.

**Massachusetts** — Had a good sized increase in membership and subscriptions and a very active program thanks to the efforts of Secretary Ralph Forsstrom, who has been the hand behind the wheel in New England for many years.

**Michigan** — Ranks 4th in NHPA membership and showed another gain in 1967. Had the largest representation at the World Tournament in Fargo. Has the best indoor setup in the country at Ray's Recreation in Dimondale and the largest set of privately owned courts in the country, 18 in the backyard of Dyke Cowell in Weston, equipped with lights and clubhouse.

**Michigan Peninsula** — Too far removed to be a part of the Michigan State Association, but there is lots of activity here in the form of doubles leagues. The NHPA hopes to assist in the forming of an overall organization and Regional Director Earl Grable has laid the groundwork.

**Minnesota** — There is lots of horseshoe played in Minnesota which had a big increase in NHPA membership last year. John Yernberg has succeeded Andy Paglarini as secretary. There are many fine local clubs and leagues in the state. Alexandria has a very active Women's league. Duluth's Municipal League is 100% in NHPA membership and one of the largest in the country. "Hots" Anderson heads this club.

**Mississippi** — Has only a few individual members, but a Gulf Coast group is interested in obtaining an NHPA charter.

**Missouri** — Another good horseshoe state had a good sized increase in membership in 1967. H. P. Heidel of Rosebud is secretary, and the state has many fine open tournaments.

**Montana** — Was represented at the World Tourney for the first time in many years. The state has an active NHPA chapter headed by Herman Jensen of Culbertson. Geographic distances are a big handicap.

**Nebraska** — Don Koso is doing a fine job as NHPA regional director and state secretary and membership should show a steady increase here. The new group at Crete is very very active.

**Nevada** — Has individual members only, but the NHPA hopes to get a state chapter started.

**New Hampshire** — Will be the scene of the 1968 World Tournament at Keene next August. Has a large membership with big groups at Keene and Manchester. Don Pickering, George Buskey, Mal Georgiana, Freddy Melvin and others working hard for the big tournament.

**New Jersey** — Has a big increase in membership last year. The Middlesex club headed by Hal Hanania and state secretary Ronald Vogel has things moving and is in the process of expanding. Hopes to land the World Tourney in the near future.

**New Mexico** — Had a good increase in membership and activity in 1967. Albuquerque has the biggest club, but other activity at Moriarty, Gallup and elsewhere is on the upswing. Jim Gibbs is secretary.

**New York** — Another state showing a good 1967 increase with more to come from some new clubs and leagues being formed. Lockport with a fine women's league is probably the outstanding local club. West Chester county, Hornell, and Corning also have fine clubs, as has Jamestown. Joe Pollock of Binghamton has been secretary for many years.

**North Carolina** — New officers headed by Hugh Hampton and John Corns brought an increase in membership. They took the place of Randall Jones who bore the organizational burden for many years, but had to give it up because of personal business commitments. There is real horseshoe potential



## Membership Gain — (Continued)

in the Tarheel state. Winston-Salem, where Joe White of the Park Dept. is very cooperative, is the horseshoe hub with fine courts in Miller Park.

**North Dakota** — Horseshoe activity is growing by leaps and bounds in this area thanks to the impetus of the 1967 World Tourney in Fargo, the influence of the Red River Valley League and the individual efforts of Will Gullickson, Henry Wisness and others. The club at Kindred headed by Rudy Lykkens has a wonderful layout in a beautiful park and is probably the best small town club in the country. Jamestown, Minot, Grand Forks, Bismark and other cities already have NHPA affiliated clubs, or are in the process of forming one.

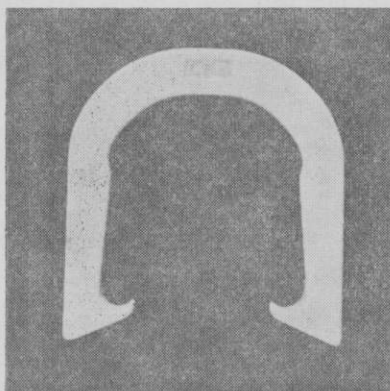
**Ohio Buckeye** — The second largest NHPA chapter had an increase in 1967 membership and is probably the best organized of all the states. Leo McGrath, Sam Goodlander and the Fochts are hard and dedicated workers, who get things done, and they have a lot of outstanding horseshoe players and clubs to work with.

The Darke County Club at Greenville is probably the best local group and the NHPA hopes the World Tournament will soon return to this spot where such outstanding tourneys were held in 1962 and 1964, probably the best in our history. In addition to the annual state tournament this club annually holds two of the biggest open events in the country, the Greenville Open the first weekend in June and the Ringer Classic on the 4th of July Holidays.

**Oklahoma** — NHPA membership held about even in this state. Activity is higher than it was a few years ago.

**Oregon** — Another state with a fairly large NHPA membership held its own in 1967 and is a little higher than it was a few years ago.

**Pennsylvania** — A really big horseshoe state both in talent and in the number of players, especially in the western half. The Erie club is truly one of the



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very top local clubs and will host the 1968 World Tourney. It is the home of the present world champ, Danny Kuchinski. Regional director Herb Pinch of Sharon is secretary and Joe Abbott of Erie is president.

**Rhode Island** — The NHPA still has a number of longtime members in this our smallest state.

**South Carolina** — The NHPA sells trophies to a group in the state but has never been able to enroll members or form a state chapter.

**South Dakota** — Had a very large membership in both 1966 and 1967 and is almost always the first to report each year. Leigh Dunker, a veteran southpaw pitcher, is a reliable state secretary and it looks as if the state will exceed its 1967 membership.

**Tennessee** — A sudden change in officers resulted in a decrease in membership during 1967, but it is still one of the largest in the NHPA. Ben Haskopf, who retired as secretary, built a good foundation and his successor, Dexter Stallings, promises more activity in 1968. Knoxville, Elizabethton, Cleveland, Oakridge, Jefferson City and Piney Flats all have active groups. Most horseshoe is in the eastern end of the state.

**Texas** — Had a nice increase in 1967 and prospects for the future are bright. The Lakeside club in San Antonio is the leading local group and Jim Woodson of that club is now state secretary succeeding Matt Bowers of Houston who along with B. E. Sipple of Houston had kept the Organization going for many years. State champ, Rev. Marvin Burgess of Ballinger is also a big booster. The new blood and vigor being supplied by Woodson and the San Antonio club should bear fruit in the future.

**Utah** — Illness of Reiny Backer was a handicap in 1967. Nevertheless the game is still flourishing in the Beehive state, thanks to the efforts of Maurine Cook. Given the proper help and cooperation, Utah horseshoe will regain its former position at the top.

**Vermont** — Showed an increase in 1967 memberships and with the World Tournament in its backyard prospects are bright in 1968.

**Virginia** — After reaching an all time high in 1966 membership there was a drop in 1967 membership, but activity has increased. The new Winchester club has provided a shot in the arm to give some much needed aid to the Lynchburg and Richmond groups.

**West Virginia** — Membership increased in 1967. Bernard Hull of Parkersburg is the new secretary, succeeding Anna Lindquist, who did the work so well for so many years.

**Wisconsin** — A new Wisconsin organization gave the NHPA its biggest membership gain of the year and is covered elsewhere in this issue.

**Wyoming** — Despite the handicap of distance between cities in the Big Sky country, Wyoming had an increase in membership. The new group at Riverton, home club of the national Junior champ, Ferron Eiseman, is a shot in the arm. In the last few years the Laramie club has come to the front.

**Canada** — NHPA memberships north of the border held steady after reaching an all time high in 1966. The prime need in Canada is to get the various goods in the different provinces together. The North American Open staged indoors in Toronto was a noteworthy event, the best tourney ever held in the Dominion, but it still lacked players from the western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. There are many players there and good ones. The NHPA has members in all of them along with Ontario and Quebec.

COVER PICTURE . . . Glen "Red" Henton, left, of Maquoketa, Iowa, receives the sportsmanship trophy at the 1967 World Horseshoe Tournament Ceremonies. The trophy is presented by Henry Wisness of Fargo, president of the Red River Valley League. The trophy was donated by Bob Fritz Sporting Goods, a long-time booster of the sport in Fargo-Moorhead.

## Les Long Reports From His Fireside In The Rock River Valley

With our courts along the beautiful Rock River wrapped in the wondrous beauty of winter, I cannot help but remember the action that took place on those courts in the running of the Rock River Valley Open tournament last fall. As I sit here toasting my toes by the fire, I still see that genial fellow from Plainville, Illinois, Ellis Griggs, as he calmly but resolutely with his deluge of ringers, captured the title over-powering Ernie "Four-High" Danielson of Iowa, 50-38. Then there was another gent, our Illinois state secretary, Ellis Cobb who was taking the measure of Harold Darnold, also of Iowa and the promoter of that great tournament, the Cornbelt Open, 50-29. Into my thoughts stepped Bennie Carter of Iowa as he tipped the scales in his favor to win Class C. Others passing in review, were Vyrle Gerlach, winner of Class D, Ed Aleshire clipping Harvey Johnson for Class E ribbon and finally that veteran of many ringer wars, Omer Potter of Lincoln, Illinois grabbing Class F from Denn Focia. It was a wonderful tournament with 56 participants. As the memory picture softly fades away, I see newly married, Mr. and Mrs. William Portner of Sterling as they emerge from the church as man and wife, our fondest wishes go with them for a happy life together.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
Ellis Griggs .....	6	0	71.0
Ernie Danielson .....	5	1	70.6
Jack Stout .....	5	1	64.3
Eldon Damarin .....	4	2	60.5
Truman Standard .....	4	2	62.5
A. L. Austin .....	3	3	60.2
Art Dugle .....	3	3	60.0
Russ Spencer .....	2	4	60.1
Nelson Vogel .....	2	4	60.7
Frank Palka .....	1	5	46.2
Ray Phillips .....	1	5	54.4
Hilmar Magnuson .....	0	6	57.7

### CLASS B

	W	L
Ellis Cobb .....	6	0
Harold Darnold .....	5	1
Paul Jensen .....	5	1
Bill Lovdahl .....	3	3
Frank Bressler .....	3	3
Andy Horn .....	3	3
Bob Elliott .....	3	3
Francis McBride .....	2	4
Russ Rubison .....	2	4
Tino Rameris .....	1	5
Ralph Dykes .....	1	5

CLASS C — Benny Carter, Bob Anderson, John Taylor, John Jonas, Edward Purcell, Vernell Drager, Bob St. George and O. Darby.

CLASS D — Vyrle Gerlach, Gary Ricker, Harry Anderson, Walter Pinkowski, Cleon Chrisman, John Spence, Bob Eller and Ray Orlowski.

CLASS E — Ed Aleshire, Harvey Johnson, Bill Nordenburg, Dick Ortiz, Winfred Willard, Bill Deters, Walter Killip and Earl Ryner.

CLASS F — Omer Potter, Dennis Focia, John McDonough, Ernest Key, Phil Brown, Edward Shoemaker, Lester Newell and Louie Coulter.

## Annual Maine Report is Outstanding

Every year the NHPA office receives a number of annual reports or news letters from various clubs and associations.

This year the annual report of the Maine State Association is by far the most attractive and complete in every detail. It was published by the Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Hood, in cooperation with the association president Roger Bolduc.

Last year the annual report of the Eau Claire, Wis. club entitled Four Dead attracted our attention and this year's Eau Claire report was every bit as good.

The Florida news letter by Hal Porter is also an outstanding piece of work. Mention should also be made of the news letters being put out by Jim Woodson in San Antonio, Tex. Jim is the new Texas State Secretary and also head of the livewire Lakeside Club in that city which is by far the most outstanding club in the Lone Star state.

## Greetings from your Editor . . .

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge all the expressions of goodwill and best wishes that I received during the holiday season. It is most heart-warming to be remembered.

During 1967 it was my pleasure to be present at many tournament functions in various areas around the country. I spent a most enjoyable weekend at the World Tournament at Fargo where I was accorded the most gracious hospitality of Will Gullickson and his tournament staff.

So it was as I travelled from place to place. On a quick trip to Florida by air, on other business, I made a short visit to the Florida State meet at Orlando. While there I chatted with John Rademacher, John Ellis, Bill Hoover, Bill Packard and that amiable ceremonial master of publicity, Hal Porter of Bradenton. Hal just completed a series of news splashes covering the visit of Danny Kuchcinski, 1967 World Champion, to Florida.

It will be my constant effort to continue to serve the NHPA as I have in the past and hoping that wherever there may be discord, that it will be erased and that there be complete harmony within our ranks during 1968 and thereafter.

Thank you all again for the many courtesies extended to my wife and I and may God's richest blessings be with each of you.

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J. Knisley, Bremen .....	6	1	76.2
C. Young, Columbus .....	5	2	70.3
G. Roberts, Lucasville .....	3	4	67.6
R. Redding, Kiousville ....	3	4	63.7
L. Rose, Columbus .....	2	5	60.8
C. Hockenberry, Salem ....	1	6	54.2
E. Cutshaw, Marietta .....	0	6	50.0

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
D. Daniels, Massillon .....	6	1	65.7
T. Harris, London .....	5	2	67.5
T. Boesch, Bexley .....	5	2	63.3
R. Bennett, London .....	4	3	61.3
Montgomery, Columbus ..	4	3	58.2
R. Miller, Springfield .....	2	5	59.5
H. Chadwick, Columbus ....	1	6	53.8
L. Hill, Marysville .....	1	6	53.4

CLASS B — R. Von Dach, Delaware, 6-1-56.1; J. Boesch, Columbus, 5-2-56.8; R. DeWeese, Columbus, 4-3-54.6; H. Witter, Columbus, 3-4-55.8; D. Miller, Worthington, 3-4-52.4; N. Hagerman, Ostrander, 3-4-49.3; R. Whiteman, Newark, 2-5-49.1; C. Brickles, Columbus, 2-5-48.1.

CLASS C — O. Reno, Lucasville, 6-1-52.2; H. Oney, Westerville, 6-1-44.2; D. Hendershot, Marietta, 6-1-46.6; C. Hannah, Columbus, 3-4-43.0; L. Miller, Plain City, 3-4-41.9; G. Mitchell, Ostrander, 3-4-38.8; H. Slyh, Columbus, 1-6-34.8; F. Griffith, Columbus, 0-7-31.9.

CLASS D — D. Peterson, London, 7-0-46.5; H. Strider, Hebron, 6-1-40.6; E. Miller, Columbus, 5-2-34.1; E. Pratt, Columbus, 4-3-35.7; J. Hodges, Delaware, 2-5-36.8; M. Horner, Delaware, 2-5-36.0; M. Bartee, Hebron, 1-6-35.5; J. Turner, Chillicothe, 1-6-30.1.

CLASS E — H. Rutherford, London, 6-1-35.2; D. Stewart, Plain City, 6-1-39.0; F. Park, Columbus, 5-2-29.8; J. Dunkerly, Bremen, 4-3-33.1; N. Bennett, London, 4-3-32.6; W. Carl, Columbus, 2-5-12.0; D. Gray, Columbus, 1-6-23.2; F. Boerner, Columbus, 0-7-10.3.

CLASS F — C. Nolan, Delaware, 7-0-36.2; C. Gosnell, Columbus, 6-1-36.2; D. Larcom, Ostrander, 4-3-32.2; D. Nolan, Worthington, 4-3-28.9; L. Moore, Columbus, 3-4-29.2; P. Herbert, Columbus, 2-5-24.2; G. Tate, Columbus, 2-5-23.3; B. Stallard, Columbus, Forfeit.

CLASS G — M. Kohar, Columbus, 6-1-23.6; J. Howell, Bremen, 6-1-26.8; W. Hannah, Columbus, 5-2-29.9; J. Clevenger, Ostrander, 5-2-21.5; D. Jones, Jacksonstown, 3-4-21.6; C. Hurst, Columbus, 2-5-18.9; H. King, Columbus, 1-6-11.9; V. Cruik, Columbus, 0-7-13.7.

## Sioux Valley Winter Indoor League Opens In So. Dakota

With the temperature below zero, the boys in the Sioux Valley Winter league are enjoying themselves on indoor courts, nevertheless. The season opened on November 21 and will continue until April 23. Seven teams are represented in the league.

Ringer percentages are kept on all games pitched using a handicap system, with 60 percent as a maximum and 20 percent as a minimum. Anyone throwing under 20 percent only gets the maximum percentage of 48 points. Using this style of play, the league has been tremendously successful.

Wins and losses are figured on a 5 point system. Each team has four players. All games are walking games of 50 shoes each. At the end of each game or round the scoresheets are collected and added together to see which team won the round. Total points for the night's play decides who gets the fifth point.

Some of the highlights have been several games in the high 70's. As yet no one has managed to break 80 percent. Don Coy of Beresford had a high game of 78 percent. Many have hit 76 percent. The Vermillion club had a team average of 62 percent on one evening for all games played. Players come from a distance of 50 miles, which speaks well of the league, being what the South Dakota winters are.



## "Polar Bear" Open Crown Goes to Paul Focht

Paul Focht was the big winner in the "POLAR BEAR" Open Tournament held at Wauseon, Ohio on October 7-8. Paul breezed through seven straight games without defeat. A group of forty-six players participated in the Tournament.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
P. Focht, Ohio .....	7	0	72.4	S. Manker, Ohio .....	4	3	61.1
W. Kabel, Ohio .....	5	2	63.8	C. Espen, Ohio .....	2	5	61.0
D. Pringle, Ohio .....	4	3	67.6	W. Pentilla, Ohio .....	2	5	55.5
H. Anthony, Ohio .....	4	3	63.5	W. Williams, Ohio .....	0	7	55.9

CLASS B — I. Carlsberg, Mich., 4-1-59.7; O. Hope, Mich., 3-2-58.2; E. Stein, Ohio, 3-2-54.4; K. Kuegler, Ohio, 3-2-53.0; J. Hoyer, Ind., 2-3-46.8; C. Long, Ohio, 0-5-36.4.

CLASS C — J. Lind, Ohio, 7-0-58.4; D. Roth, Ohio, 6-1-58.6; T. Stiverson, Mich., 4-3-56.4; R. Sibson, Mich., 4-3-55.2; R. Stuckey, Ohio, 4-3-53.6; C. Mays, Ohio, 2-5-47.4; N. Shepherd, Mich., 1-6-47.8; O. Clay, Ohio, Forfeit.

CLASS D — W. Figy, Ohio, 6-1-51.9; E. Grable, Mich., 5-2-46.8; F. Sumpter, Ohio, 5-2-41.7; L. Jacobs, Mich., 4-3-41.7; C. Clingaman, Ohio, 3-4-53.8; O. LeMasters, Ohio, 2-5-41.8; O. Reno, Ohio, 2-5-40.8; H. Johnston, Ohio, 1-6-42.8.

CLASS E — E. Baldwin, Ohio, 4-1-41.9; W. Lemmon, Ind., 4-1-41.8; D. Wolfe, Mich., 2-3-43.0; M. Hummel, Ohio, 2-3-40.2; L. Clingaman, Ohio, 2-3-37.0; A. Figy, Ohio, 1-4-38.5.

CLASS F — T. Eader, Ind., 5-0-35.5; G. Curley, Ohio, 4-1-37.5; R. Jones, Mich., 3-2-29.8; P. Finch, Ohio, 2-3-32.7; D. Cowell, Mich., 1-4-32.5; C. Nofzinger, Ohio, 0-5-32.5.

CLASS G — F. Smith, Ohio, 5-0-42.6; E. Aeschliman, Ohio, 3-2-25.8; T. Krauss, Ohio, 3-2-25.1; W. James, Ohio, 2-3-21.8; P. Rossman, Ohio, 2-3-20.1; R. Williams, Ohio, 0-5-24.9.

## West Retains Oregon State Crown For The Seventh Time

Bob West of McMinnville, Oregon successfully defended his Oregon state crown for the seventh time in eleven years in the annual Oregon state tournament held on the Laurelhurst park courts in Portland, Oregon in late August. (Results of this meet were just received for publication).

West's only loss was sustained from Lowell Davis of Cresswell, Oregon. West also had the most consecutive ringers, having a run of 31 straight. Davis racked up 31 doubles in one game for honors in that bracket. Jack LaVoie retained his Junior crown for another year.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
B. West, McMinnville .....	6	1	78.6
B. Hampton, Portland .....	6	2	73.3
L. Davis, Cresswell .....	5	3	68.1
C. Chapelle, Portland .....	4	3	67.8
H. Peterson, Portland .....	3	4	67.6
L. Hill, Portland .....	3	4	65.0
A. Richardson, Corvallis ....	2	5	65.3
R. Miller, Portland .....	0	7	52.7

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
P. Bethel, Medford .....	7	0	57.6
R. Leggett, Roseburg .....	4	3	56.9
B. Chapelle, Portland .....	4	3	53.7
B. Hildebrant, Portland ....	4	3	51.0
T. Zwickl, Corvallis .....	3	4	49.2
B. Schreiner, Mt. Angel ....	3	4	45.7
C. Riley, North Plains ....	2	5	45.7
B. Burt, Beaverton .....	1	6	48.3

CLASS C — Glen Morris, Portland, 7-0-48.2; Clarence Robertson, Portland, 6-2-45.5; Ted Miller, Beaverton, 5-3-47.6; Orval Sears, Portland, 4-3-37.3; Ted Christiansen, Hillsboro, 3-4-42.3; Clyde Riley Jr., North Plains, 3-4-39.9; Don Chambers, Philomath, 1-6-28.0; Ray Mitchell, Sherwood, 0-7-27.8.

## West Retains — (Continued)

**CLASS D** — Howard McDonald, La Grande, 6-1-43.6; Bryan Ogles, Newberg, 5-2-37.0; Ed Karlborn, Cornelius, 4-3-34.5; Gene Lowe, Salem, 4-3-31.3; Ray Schiedler, Mt. Angel, 3-4-33.6; Jack McGrew, Albany, 3-4-26.4; Mark Cooper, Hillsboro, 2-5-32.8; Bob Summers, Independence, 1-6-26.3.

**CLASS E** — Edgar Harzell, Vernonia, 4-1-31.7; Frank Dvorshak, Hillsboro, 3-2-35.2; Pete Edger, Dallas, 3-2-35.2; Jake Kraus, Portland, 3-2-33.3; Gene Jackson, Portland, 1-4-29.5; Ray Hobson, 1-4-25.4.

**CLASS F** — Ken Remington, Lebanon, 5-0-31.1; Julius Eneroldsen, Vernonia, 3-2-26.8; Al Langland, Aloha, 3-2-25.3; Henry McGrew, Albany, 3-2-24.2; Dick Goe, Portland, 1-4-23.9; Walt Stafford, Hillsboro, 0-5-6.5.

**CLASS G** — A. Moen, 6-0-37.2; Ken Lukens, Cornelius, 5-1-41.3; Dave Sturdevant, Newberg, 4-2-28.0; Bill Wilson, Portland, 3-3-30.7; Wilbur Haskins, 2-4-35.3; Joe Cameron, Portland, 1-5-20.0; M. McDonald, LaGrande, 0-6-10.9.

**LADIES** — Edith Stafford, Hillsboro, 5-0-19.5; Maxine Frye, Salem, 4-1-15.7; Isabelle Hahn, Portland, 2-3-10.2; Edith Minard, Portland, 2-3-7.5; Doris Jackson, Portland, 1-4-5.5; Wilma Mitchell, Sherwood, 1-4-5.4.

**JUNIORS** — Jack LaVoie, Hillsboro, 3-0-45.1; Eldon Harvey, Canby, 2-1-31.6; Ray Albright, Canby, 1-2-16.6; Curt Albright, Canby, 0-3-16.4.

## What The Visitors Said About 1967 Fargo Event

Post-World Horseshoe Tournament comments are nearly 100 per cent favorable, according to officials who conducted the event for the first time in Fargo-Moorhead. Here are some samples:

**Monty Jones, Grass Valley, Calif.** — Accommodations for the visiting pitchers were the best in North Dakota than any state we have encountered.

**Evangeline Kuehl, Alexandria, Minn.** — We of the Alexandria Women's Horseshoe Club appreciated the opportunity you provided for us, playing in the tournament.

**Pius Wenker, Richardton, N. D.** — We here at Richardton enjoyed following the tournament progress and are pitching a lot of shoes since.

**Jim E. Saari, Aberdeen, Wash.** — The job of setting up the tournament was certainly outstanding from all aspects.

**Joe Abbott, Erie, Pa.** — Thanks for the fine hospitality shown by the Fargo-Moorhead club members. Congratulations on a well-conducted tourney — it was tremendous. I hope we can do as well in Erie in 1969.

**Mickey Vecchitto, Middletown, Conn.** — The press, radio and television coverage was the best yet; it must have taken a lot of effort to promote such a successful tourney.

**G. R. Jacobson, Moorhead** — I want to pass along my congratulations on the way the Fargo group handled the tournament.

**Rev. David A. Shaeffer, Iowa** — Bouquets for handling a No. 1 tournament.

**Earl and Vicki Winston, LaMonte, Mo.** — It is the first time that the newspapers in our area carried day-by-day reports.

## Arizona Valley Of The Sun Open Feb. 24-25, 1968

Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona, will be the spot for horseshoe pitchers to enjoy their winter vacation in February, so better start planning NOW. Four classes will play a 10-man round robin, playing five games on Saturday the 24th and four games on Sunday the 25th. Starting time will be 9:30 A.M. on both days. The entry fee will be \$5.00. Please send your 1967 average with your entry fee by Feb. 15, to W. B. Stearns, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona, 85201. You will be notified if you do NOT qualify. Tel. 964-6887

## Knisley Easy Winner of Bremen, Ohio Indoor Open

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Knisley, Bremen .....	5	0	84.6
S. Sutton, Wash., Pa. ....	4	1	79.0
S. Manker, Martinsville ....	3	2	70.4
H. Bryant, Wash. CH. ....	2	3	68.5
C. Young, Columbus .....	1	4	60.5
J. DeWeese, Wash. CH. ....	0	5	56.6
D. Roberts, Lucasville ....	Forfeit		
G. Roberts, Lucasville ....	Forfeit		

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
R. Bennett, London .....	4	2	59.7
L. Rose, Columbus .....	4	2	63.8
Montgomery, Columbus ....	4	2	59.4
D. Knotts, Springfield ....	4	2	58.5
R. Miller, Springfield .....	3	3	60.7
T. Harris, London .....	1	5	57.1
K. Dawes, Good Hope .....	1	5	54.6

**CLASS C** — R. Von Dach, Delaware, 5-0-57.1; J. Boesch, Columbus, 4-1-56.1; H. Godfrey, Batavia, 2-3-52.5; H. Witter, Columbus, 2-3-48.1; D. Whiteman, Newark, 1-4-45.9; P. Swartz, Marion, 1-4-43.5; C. Hockenberry, Marietta, 0-5-Forfeit.

**CLASS D** — T. Brickles, Columbus, 6-0-50.7; F. Johnson, Chillicothe, 5-1-50.7; D. Hendershot, Marietta, 3-3-40.2; H. Wipert, Chillicothe, 2-4-43.2; O. Reno, Lucasville, 2-4-40.2; T. Boesch, Columbus, 2-4-35.3; L. Mathews, Columbus, 1-5-39.9.

**CLASS E** — H. Chadwick, Columbus, 5-0-54.9; E. Pratt, Columbus, 3-2-41.4; N. Hageman, Ostrander, 3-2-40.7; G. Mitchell, Ostrander, 3-2-37.2; D. Peterson, London, 1-4-30.2; F. Bennett, Greenfield, 0-5-Forfeit.

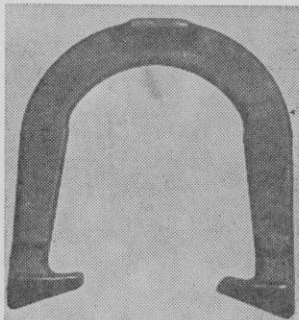
**CLASS F** — B. Garrett, Zanesville, 5-1-41.0; G. Stifel, Toledo, 4-2-41.2; K. Carter, Marietta, 4-2-40.9; L. Moore, Columbus, 3-3-40.1; P. Beach, Junction, 2-4-35.9; R. Foltz, Bremen, 2-4-33.1; L. Beach, Columbus, 1-5-28.5.

**CLASS G** — D. Stewart, Plain City, 4-2-37.5; L. Grosklos, Marietta, 4-2-43.9; H. Strider, Hebron, 3-3-41.4; F. Park, Columbus, 3-3-40.0; J. Ounkerly, Lancaster, 3-3-37.6; L. Friesner, Bremen, 2-4-37.7; J. Howell, Bremen, 2-4-33.9.

**CLASS H** — G. Hunter, Tarlton, 5-0-34.3; B. Hannah, Columbus, 3-2-36.6; J. Mosier, Bremen, 3-2-32.1; B. McConnell, Bremen, 3-2-25.9; M. Kohar, Columbus, 1-4-22.5; C. Hunter, Bremen, 0-5-12.3.

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2. Please submit a note or two as to how you may have improved your game in the past year. Go into the detail of how you solved a slump or what you did to bring your average up. It will be interesting reading to other pitchers.

3. Send this information to Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn., 56560.

### Hits and misses from the stake

Jerry Schneider writes from California that he has been named to pick a site in his state as a possible host for the 1970 World Horseshoe Tournament.

Meanwhile, the Fargo-Moorhead delegation is weighing possibilities of making a repeat bid for 1970. Officers feel it would be wise to host the 1970 tourney rather than wait until later since the 1967 event stirred interest to an all-time high in the Upper Midwest.

For the first time, the Minnesota state tournament will be held in Fargo, N. D., and Moorhead, Minn., in 1969. The Fargo Park gave the okay to the holding of the main part of the event in Fargo. Moorhead's Park Board is considering the construction of a new six or eight-court layout.

Meanwhile, F-M officials have received an okay from the Red River Valley Fair Association to use its spacious 90x180 arena for any tourney which may be rained out henceforth. The perfectly-constructed arena for horseshoe is located in nearby West Fargo. F-M officials may hold an indoor tourney there later.

Red Erickson of Moorhead observed a horseshoe stake with two ringers on a mural at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., during a recent visit there.

The number of horseshoes sold at the 1967 tournament ran into the hundreds. All makes and models of shoes were sold over the counter by the Red River Valley League.

John Yernberg of St. Paul, new secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Horseshoe Pitchers Association, is active in the state Moose organization which sponsors a state tourney annually.

### LaBrosse Brothers get Ink

The three LaBrosse brothers of Hibbing, Minn., sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leo LaBrosse, received outstanding treatment in a post-World Tournament writeup in the Duluth News-Tribune. The article included a picture of the trio. Billy was runnerup in the junior tournament.

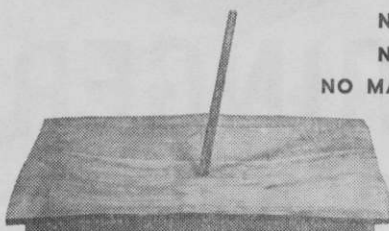
Fargo-Moorhead sports fans are still talking about the super ringer accuracy of Danny Kuchinski, the new World Champion.

They are not forgetting the other champs, including women's winner Vicki Winston and junior champ Farron Eiseman. Boys in the F-M area are intent on improving their games, thanks to the fine examples shown by these pitchers and others.

George Paulson, of Rapid City, who was re-elected president of the South Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Association, had a three-column cartoon in the Rapid City newspaper. It points out he invented a horseshoe tally which keeps precise account of points, shoes and ringers. It also says he and his wife enjoy the same hobby — antique collecting. He won the state title in 1937.

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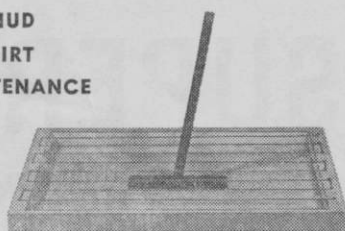
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I wish to express my sincere thanks for the get-well wishes sent to me by the members of the Indiana State association from the four tournaments including the State that I missed. Also for the kindness and many cards I received during my month stay in the hospital and illness this past summer. It is a wonderful feeling to be remembered by friends. I hope to be able to function at the tournaments this coming season.

Earle C. Wilmore

### Florida Winter Tournament Schedule

**Manatee Co. Fair Open** — Jan. 23-27, 1968 at Palmetto Fairgrounds. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504 - 5th st. W. Bradenton, Fla. 33505

**Orlando Open** — February 3, 1968 at Sunshine Park, Orlando, Fla. Write to Bill Hoover, 907 Iron Oak Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32801

**Strawberry Open** — March 8-9, 1968 at Plant City Fairgrounds, write to John Rademacher, Box 1589, Plant City, Fla. 33566

**Suncoast Open** — March 12-16, 1968 at Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504 - 5th st. W. Bradenton, 33505

**De Soto Open** — March 20-23, 1968 at Bradenton Trailer Park. Write to Horace N. Kemp, 4504 - 5th st., W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505



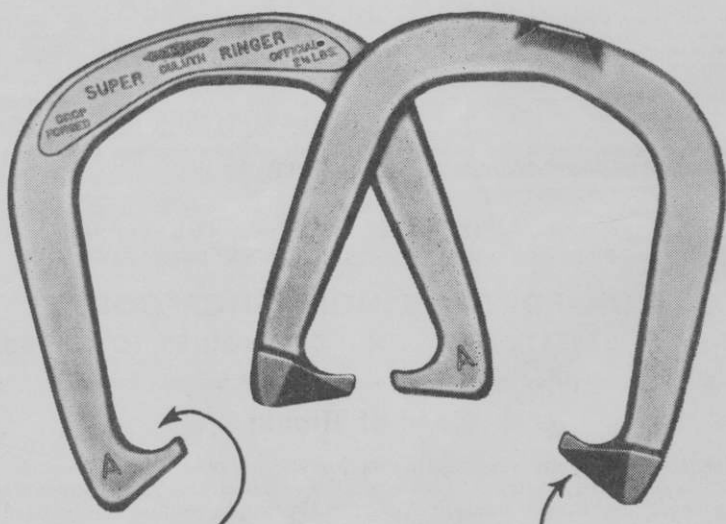
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