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Annual Sterling, R. Falls, Ill. Spring Warm Up — May 30

The Sterling-Rock Falls Illinois club will open its season with their annual Spring Warm-Up Open tournament on Memorial Day, May 30th on the Lawrence Park courts, midway between Sterling and Rock Falls, Illinois on the beautiful Rock River.

Qualifying will begin at 8 A.M. on May 30, closing promptly at 12 noon Central Daylight Savings Time. Each contestant will pitch 100 shoes to qualify for placement, or they can bring their previous qualifying score, signed by some club officer, tournament will start at 1 P.M.

The 32 highest qualifiers will make up the tournament. Class A and B will be made up of 12 men in each class, being divided into groups of 6. The winner of each group will play for the first place trophy; the runnerup in each group will play for the 3rd place trophy. Class C will have 8 men playing a round robin.

There will be a total of 8 trophies awarded, but there will not be any cash prizes, 3 trophies in classes A and B; 2, trophies in class C. All entry fee money will go into trophies.

This tournament will be an experiment of the contestants alternating the pitch. Each contestant will alternate on first pitch. Each player will have first pitch $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time, regardless of who scores the points. The players will flip for choice of which way he wants to pitch first, for the entire game.

Entry fee will be \$1.00 with an additional \$1.00 for those in the top 32. The tournament will be managed by Les Long assisted by the local club, and Mrs. Wilma Long and Mrs. Mary Wuebben as the official scorers.

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Danny Kuchcinski In Big-Time Television Debut on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show

Horseshoe-pitching received its greatest single-shot exposure during a 12-minute appearance by Danny Kuchcinski on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, April 16.

An estimated 30 million viewers watched the 1967 World Champion during the interview-pitching session over the National Broadcasting Co., network.

Carson, in his usual rare form, dared place his chin on the stake while the poised 19-year-old from Erie, Pa., fired a ringer on his second attempt.

"He didn't move a muscle while I was pitching," Kuchcinski related after the show. "I was nervous before the show started, but once I got out there it was okay."

The Carson Show, the most popular late-night show in the business, gave Kuchcinski a 12-minute portion directly following Carson's opening program remarks.

Kuchcinski fielded Carson's questions like a pro while giving the game of horseshoe pitching a boost at each opportunity.

Portions of the question and answer session went like this:

Carson: How did you get started pitching horseshoes?

Kuchcinski: My father taught me the game and some tricks and later I showed him a few.

Carson: What about the popularity of the game?

Kuchcinski: It has grown 100 per cent in the last year and is going to rival some of the sports like tennis, hockey and others before long.

Carson: By winning the title are you a professional?

Kuchcinski: Yes, although both professionals and amateurs are permitted to pitch in the world tournament.

Carson: Where will you defend your championship?

Kuchcinski: At Keene, N. H., and in 1969 the tournament will be held in Erie. Carson straddled the stake during one of the series of three trick shots performed by Kuchcinski.

A mastermind at drawing laughs from the audience, Johnny was shown how to straddle the stake by the champ. Earlier, Carson had mentioned having a sore eye. When positioning himself with one foot on each side of the horseshoe box, Carson set himself up for a barb from fellow showman Ed McMahon, who said, "and you thought your eye hurt."

Kuchcinski's first shoe slipped past the stake, giving Carson reason to ham it up again. Then came the second pitch and it was a perfect ringer, bringing loud applause from the responsive audience.

Another of Danny's acts was pitching ringers while the stake was hidden by a blind rigged up by the Carson staff. Both shoes hit the box, but did not ring the stake although the effort drew a compliment from Carson. The blind was unlike that Danny had used during the tour and the string usually used between the stakes was not used this time.

Carson introduced the climactic chin-on-the-stake act by mentioning "Danny says this is his easiest one."

Kuchcinski In Big-Time (Continued)

The amiable Carson sent chills through the audience as he knelt in his position to set himself up as Danny's "target."

A serious-looking Carson saw Danny's first pitch hit the rubber mat, just missing the stake. It caused Johnny to pop a couple of his comments before Danny struck a pose for his second pitch.

This time it was a perfect ringer, leaving a smile on Carson's face, a satisfied look on Kuchcinski's face and a thrilled audience.

Johnny and Danny shook hands over a job well done before Carson went on with the remainder of his program.

Kuchcinski wore his gold uniform with bright red and blue lettering, striking a bright pose for those watching on color television.

Danny came onto the show without his flat-top hat, which has become his apparel trademark. He donned the familiar hat during his trick-shot performance.

The champ had his Dale Dixon portable courts dolled up having the rubber pad painted a bright yellow and the stakes a bright orange. The same set of courts has been used throughout the Kuchcinski tour, first one of its kind ever by a reigning World Champion.

Considered by Carson staff members one of the best acts they have staged in a long time on the show, Danny's performance was regarded as one of the all-time prestige-gaining accomplishments in the history of the game.

John Gilroy, head talent man, and Walter Kempley, head writer of the Carson show along with Will Gullickson, NHPA publicity head, were responsible for setting up the arrangements.

Danny Kuchcinski's appearance on the Tonight Show required two trips to the big city.

Kuchcinski and his manager, NHPA publicity director Will Gullickson, came here a week early for an interview and to set up arrangements for the show.

It was the first time in New York for the 19-year-old World Horseshoe Champion. He had an opportunity to see some of the sights in the big city as well as meet a lot of people.

Among those Danny met was former world heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey. This happened during dinner at Dempsey's famed downtown restaurant.

While here, Danny took a shopping tour to pick up gifts for the members of his family. Upon arriving home, he was met by his father, mother and one of his brothers, Donald who was celebrating his seventh birthday that day.

Michigan Ladies In Spirited Competition In Evening of Fun At Ray's Indoor Courts — Dimondale, Michigan

It was "ladies' night" at Ray's Recreation near Dimondale, Michigan on March 20. The occasion was an evening of horseshoe pitching competition by two groups of women, 30 in all.

The group consisted of two teams, the Blinkerlites Belles and the Rosebud Belles. The spirited competition of about one and one half hour's duration revealed some extreme and unorthodox styles of pitching, which is par for the course for ladies who are unfamiliar with the sport activity.

Acting in an advisory capacity for the evening's funfest, were Earl Grable, Glenn Schneeberger and Neal Dolbee. They were very sympathetic with the ladies as the evening closed, knowing full well that on the morrow, blistered fingers and strained muscles and ligaments, would become more apparent.

In more serious moments, these same ladies are involved in several fund-raising community projects among which is a pavilion and park equipment for the village park of Pottersville, Michigan.

Rademacher In Easy Triumph In Florida's DeSoto Open

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Fla.	7	0	62.7
H. Tuttle, Ohio	5	2	52.6
W. Dittmer, Ind.	5	2	51.5
A. Austin, Ill.	4	3	49.6
L. Long, Ill.	3	4	52.6
G. Anderson, W.V.	2	5	37.0
W. West, Fla.	2	5	44.0
G. Rademacher, Fla.	0	7	46.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
F. Osborn,	4	1	40.2
H. Johnson, Ind.	4	1	33.8
W. Hagy, Nev.	2	3	35.1
F. Bennett, Ohio	2	3	30.1
H. Spiess, Fla.	2	3	34.6
J. Ellis, Fla.	1	4	33.2
Play off for 1st. and 2nd.			

CLASS C — Frank Sumpter, Ohio, 7-0; Les Peary, Fla., 5-2; Alton Hodgman, Mich., 4-3; Roy Gravink, N.Y., 4-3; Roy Wittemore, Me., 3-4; Ted Hinton, Fla., 3-4; Willie Figy, Ohio, 1-6; Clyde Hewitt, Me., 1-6.

CLASS D — Horace Kemp, Fla., 6-1; Charles Oglie, Fla., 5-2; Harvey Johnson, Ill., 5-2; Dubie, Ga., 4-3; J. Campbell, Fla., 3-4; Harry Garman, Ind., 3-4; Opel Corbett, Pa., 1-6; Al Figy, Ohio, 1-6.

CLASS E — John Taylor, N.D., 6-1; Henry Mullet, Mont., 5-2; S. D. Rogers, Mich., 4-3; Ed Drager, Ohio, 4-3; Earl Johnson, Ill., 4-3; Ted Corbett, Pa., 3-4; Sid Hudson, Ohio, 1-6; Keith Davidson, Mich., 1-6.

CLASS F — George Kuhn, Pa., 7-0; Carl Baumgarner, Ohio, 6-1; David Davison, Mich., 4-3; Barclay Webster, Fla., 4-3; Harvey Hookway, Fla., 3-4; Hal Porter, Fla., 2-5; Joe Kelly, Fla., 1-6; Hal Cook, Fla., 1-6.

Annual "Tournament Of Champions" To Be Held At Springfield, Missouri — June 1-2

As Harry Strohm mentioned in his AAU notice, the annual "Tournament of Champions" is being moved from Kansas City, Missouri to Springfield, Missouri, at Phelps Grove Park. The dates are June 1 and June 2. All winners of 1967 meets whether state, divisional, regional or some class B titles are invited to play in the Champions Class. No qualifying. Classes C and D will play on Saturday, June 1 and will be placed in classes according to last years (1967) percentages. Classes A and B will play on Sunday, June 2. Send \$3.00 entry fee to Earl Winston at La Monte, Missouri or Ronald Frakes, 1121 N. Prospect, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Trophies will be awarded and NHPA cards will be available at the courts.

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Eau Claire, Wisconsin Club To Sponsor Open Meet

The 2nd Annual Eau Claire Open Tournament will be held on June 22 and 23, at the Carson Park courts in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

All pitchers will qualify on their home courts using two tries of 100 shoes each. All qualifying scores must be in by deadline, June 15. Qualifying fee of \$2.00 must accompany scoresheets.

All entrants will be notified by mail as to the class they will play in and the day and time they will play. Classes A and B 12 men — C, D and E 8 men F and G 6 men.

SCHEDULE:

Each finalist will pay \$3.00 to play.

Saturday Morning — June 22

10:00 A.M. — Class F — 5 games — 35 points

10:00 A.M. — Class G — 5 games — 35 points

Saturday Afternoon — June 22

1:00 P.M. — Class D — 7 games — 50 points

1:00 P.M. — Class D — 7 games — 50 points

1:00 P.M. — Class E — 7 games — 50 points

Saturday Evening — June 22

6:30 P.M. — Class A — 4 games — 50 points

6:30 P.M. — Class B — 4 games — 50 points

Sunday Morning — June 23

10:00 A.M. — Class A — 3 games — 50 points

10:00 A.M. — Class B — 3 games — 50 points

Sunday Afternoon — June 23

1:00 P.M. — Class A — 4 games — 50 points

1:00 P.M. — Class B — 4 games — 50 points

Trophies will be awarded to the first four places in Class A and B; first three places in Class C, D and E and the first two places in Class F and G.

Houston Open — May 25 — Houston, Texas

If you are coming to Texas to see the Hemisfair in San Antonio, your trip won't be complete if you fail to see the big city — Houston, Texas, home of the astronauts and home of the Astrodome.

A one-day tournament is scheduled on Saturday, May 25th, in Mason Park. On May 26th, members of the Texas Association will be around for open pitching. Entry fee for the tournament is \$2.00; trophies for 1st and 2nd place winners in each class.

After the Saturday tournament, the Texas Association members have scheduled a get-together, featuring charcoal-broiled hamburgers. For baseball fans, the Houston Astros will be playing in the Astrodome over this weekend.

Write Bob Graham, 5926 Darlington, Houston, Texas 77045, if you need further instructions. If you plan on visiting the Hemisfair in the same trip, write Jim Woodson, 235 Rainbow Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

COVER PICTURE . . . George Clarke, (right), sales manager of Diamond Tool and Horseshoe Co., Duluth, Minn., visits with World Horseshoe Champion Danny Kuchcinski in the Duluth company offices. The Diamond company is helping sponsor Danny on his nation-wide tour. Largest manufacturer of horseshoes in the world, the Diamond company is taking a keen interest in Danny.

Jacksonville Firefighters Open Tournament — July 4, Jacksonville, Ill.

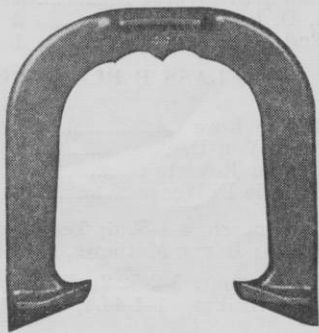
A brand new open tournament will get under way under the tutelage of Sonny Campbell of the Jacksonville, Illinois, Fire Department and Sid Logsdon of Versailles, Illinois, on July 4 on the Nichols park courts in Jacksonville, Illinois. It will be known as the Jacksonville Firefighters' Open tournament.

Qualifying starts at 8 A.M. Qualifying scores may also be sent in to Sonny Campbell, in care of the Jacksonville Fire Department, Jacksonville, Illinois. There will be five classes with cash awards and trophies in each class. Class A prize money is \$50.00 and trophy. Total prize money \$160.00. Entry fee will be \$4.00 per man. Runnerup in each class also receives a trophy. Class C-D-E play immediately after qualifying round. Class A-B will start in the afternoon.

This tournament is open to all players from anywhere in the country. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and hospitality of this fine southern Illinois community.

New Mexico State Association Sets Date For State Meet.

The New Mexico Horseshoe Association has selected Sept. 21-22 as the dates for the 1968 State Horseshoe Championships. There will be six classes. It will be held at the State Fair Grounds in Albuquerque. Mr. J. B. "Bill" Sweatman, 2017 Cagua N.E. 87110, Albuquerque, N. M. is Tournament Chairman. There will be for the first time a Women's Tournament and will be held on Sept. 20.



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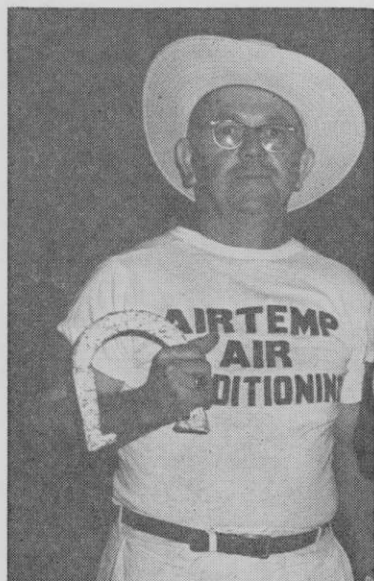
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Stan Manker Wins Pike Indoor Open At Waverly, Ohio

Stan Manker, Martinsville lefthander, won the Class A championship in the 1968 Pike County, Ohio, Indoor Open, held during the week of March 25 at Waverly, Ohio. It took a play-off with Jim Knisley of Bremen, which Manker won 51-25.

Fifty-four pitchers, including six women, participated in the tournament played on the Waverly, Ohio courts. In fairness to all pitchers it should be said that metal braces welded to the bases of the stakes cost them plenty of ringers which bounced off. Verda Hickman of Waverly won the women's event averaging 45.1% ringers.



CLASS A

	W	L	%
Stan Manker	4	1	69.2
Jim Knisley	4	1	68.0
Harold Anthony	3	2	68.1
Wilburn Kabel	2	3	64.9
Ralph Bennett	2	3	60.9
Kenny Dawes	0	5	44.6

CLASS A PLAY-OFF

	W	L	%
Stan Manker	1	0	71.7
Jim Knisley	0	1	57.8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Lester Rose	3	2	58.3
Rudy Von Dach	3	2	50.4
Donnie Roberts	3	2	53.4
Johnnie DeWeese	3	2	50.3
J. D. Rhymmer	2	3	45.4
Bud Christman	1	4	50.3

CLASS B PLAY-OFF

	W	L	%
Lester Rose	2	0	59.5
Rudy Von Dach	1	1	50.3
Donnie Roberts	0	1	58.3
Johnnie DeWeese	0	1	44.2

CLASS C — Tom Pearce, 5-0-58.2; Jerry Boesch, 4-1-52.6; Ted Harris, 3-2-45.4; Gene Reno, 2-3-50.3; Ottie Reno, 1-4-51.1; Larry Mathews, 0-5-31.2.

CLASS D — Sam Conley, 5-0-56.2; Jim Rhymmer, 3-2-52.2; Harold Wipert, 3-2-41.9; Marvin Rawlins, 2-3-44.5; Rollin Hakes, 1-4-44.4; Ike Butcher, 1-4-38.2.

CLASS E — Cleve Fairchild, 3-2-30.0; Larry Butcher, 3-2-29.2; Paul Louderback, 3-2-25.8; Don Peterson, 3-2-22.6; Delbert Stewart, 2-3-23.4; John Howell, 1-4-28.8.

CLASS F — Ellis Brown, 5-0; Glenn Mitchell, 5-0; Wayne Daily, 3-2; John Turner, 2-3; Norm Hageman, 1-4; Farrell Johnson, 0-5.

CLASS G — Joe Moore, 5-0; Ray Goodman, 4-1; Cliff Nolan, 3-2; Morse Fairchild, 2-3; Jeff Arledge, 1-4; Junior Maynard, 0-5.

CLASS H — Junior Chrisman, 5-0; Clyde Maynard, 4-1; George Stultz, 3-2; David Edgington, 2-3; Homer Scagg, 1-4; Ralph McFann, 0-5.

WOMEN — Verda Hickman, 5-0; Opal Reno, 4-1; Janet Reno, 3-2; Avanelle Brown, 2-3; Loraine Hageman, 1-4; Lynn Claytor, 0-5.

Ozark Open, Neosho, Mo.—June 15-16—See Coming Events

In Memoriam

George N. Duthie, manager of the Canadian National Exhibition's sports department since 1933, died in a Toronto hospital recently after a long illness.



GEORGE
DUTHIE

The 66-year-old Duthie was born in Scotland and emigrated to Canada at an early age. He served as an alderman on Toronto City Council for two years, but retired to join the CNE staff in 1933. It was under his auspices that the CNE long distance swims became a popular attraction.

Duthie was also an organizer of the Canadian Boating Federation, the governing body for motor boat racing in Canada.

In 1967 he was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport. Duthie was a member of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada's Hall of Fame and a life member of the AAU in the United States.

Mr. Duthie was instrumental in the success of The Canadian Association's Tournament held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War and was in charge of sports and entertainment for the No. 1 Training Command.

Duthie organized the Inter-Service Leagues in basketball, boxing, wrestling, football and hockey. More than 1,000 air force personnel competed in the No. 1 Training Command track and field championships during the war, the largest one-day meet ever held in Canada.

He was made a Member of the British Empire in 1948 for his work as liaison officer between Canada and the United States on the Victory Loan programs.

His daughter, Carol-Anne, a world junior women's water ski champion, was also admitted to the AAU Hall of Fame, making the Duthies the only father and daughter to receive the honor.

Besides his daughter, Duthie leaves his wife, Isa Lorne; and a son, Donald.

The sympathy of the Canadian National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and that of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of America is extended to the bereaved family.

Rudy Lykken, Veteran North Dakota Promoter Steps Down

Rudy Lykken, promoter and manager of the Kindred horseshoe program the past 16 years, is stepping down.

Lykken originated the Kindred Open tournament, one of the largest in the Upper Midwest. He has been solely responsible for league play and the 14-court Mill Site Park layout.

Lykken said he is quitting to spend more time on his personal interests. He also said he wanted to rid himself of the responsibilities involved.

A former pitcher himself, Lykken was one of the prime supporters of the 1967 World Horseshoe Tournament held last summer in Fargo-Moorhead.

Lykken said he would be available as an advisor to the program. He said no successor has been named.

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In the Galt, Ontario Industrial League competition, Class A champions are Bill White and Vern Debrusk. Finalists are Dave Redman and Henny Ross. High ringer percentage trophy was won by Dave Redman.

In the Industrial League singles meet it was Fred Simmons, first and Bill White, second. In the Class A section. Bill McIntosh was first and George Holtl was second in the Class B division.

Bill Waterman and Bass Gosse were named champions in the Class B section of the Industrial League. Tom Martin and Bob Brown were the finalists. High ringer percentage trophy for this division went to Bass Gosse.

The Galt, Preston, Hespler and Districk Junior crown went to Don Barrt with Mike Guinden being the runner-up and Keith Gosse following in third place.

Playing for the Hespler Legion, Dave Redman and Dave Deunie were the Champions and Bill White and Jim Jorden were the finalists.

Champions in the Scrogans Sportsman club Singles event, Bob Campbell took Class A with Bruce Armstrong claiming Class B.

For the Preston Legion, Ken Pickard and Al Falsetto are the Class A Doubles winners. Al Falsetto is the singles king in Class A. The most improved player award went to Al Falsetto.

Frank Rogers and Harold Wolstenhome are the I.A.M. Local 1246 League Champions while Bill White and George Holtl are the finalists. High percentage for ringers award went to Dennis Rogers.

Don Coy In Clean Sweep Of Sioux Valley (So. Dak.)

Indoor Tourney

Don Coy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota took the measure of 7 straight opponents to cop the Indoor crown of the Sioux Valley Winter Indoor tournament held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This was the most successful of any meet staged in the area.

Trophies for this event were awarded at the banquet that was held on April 26.

Championship Flight

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Don Coy	7	0	62.2	Carl Skovley	3	4	50.9
Hank Hallickson	5	2	61.5	Elroy Moe	3	4	49.1
Bob Fraser	5	2	56.6	Don Dunham, Jr.	1	6	46.4
Don Dunham, Sr.	3	4	53.3	Eldon Anderson	1	6	42.4

CLASS A — Gay Johnson, 5-0-50.3; Carrol Moe, 3-2-52.5; Al Shutter, 3-2-45.6; Leo Schiferl, 3-2-42.5; Al Neuharth, 1-4-36.7; Russ Nagel, 0-5-30.7.

CLASS B — Ward Rempp, 4-1; Oscar Hetland, 4-1; Marlowe Neuberger, 3-2; Elmer Fester, 2-3; Gale Malwitz, 2-3; Dick Linebeck, 0-5.

Souvenir Post Cards Of Champ Now Available

Glossy post cards with World Horseshoe Tournament Champion Danny Kuchcinski's autograph are now available and for sale. The cards are sold at all appearances Kuchcinski makes. By mail, the cost of the cards is as follows:

1 card.....	15 cents	6 cards.....	50 cents
3 cards.....	25 cents	Dozen cards.....	\$1.00

Orders are to be sent to Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn., 56560.

Day To Day Coverage Of 1968 World Tournament Events Will Be Available From Keene, N.H. Evening Sentinel

The officers of the Keene, New Hampshire Club have made arrangements with Mr. Alfred E. Pemrick of the Keene, N.H. Evening Sentinel newspaper for a special Tournament subscription rate for all NHPA members and News Digest readers and all other enthusiasts of horseshoe, covering the 1968 World Tournament to be held in Keene, New Hampshire, July 26 through August 7.

A flat rate, for the period of the tournament of \$1.50 has been established. This will guarantee all horseshoe lovers complete coverage of the tournament. In the event of rain, which causes an extension of the play-off period, the Sentinel will forward the extra copies without charge to anyone purchasing the special package plan.

Paul Focht Retains Michigan Indoor Crown

By PAT SMITH

Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio, and former World's Champion, retained the NHPA Indoor Horseshoe championship he won at the first tournament sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitcher's association last year at Ray's Recreation indoor courts, near Dimondale, Michigan.

The main difference this year from last year was the fact that he received his stiffest competition from 2 Michigan pitchers, James Ostrander, Lansing, and Gerald Maison, Warren, Michigan.

The Class A group, at the end of the regular competition developed into a 3 way tie for first place. Focht, Ostrander and Maison, all recorded 6 wins and 1 loss.

Ostrander and Maison tangled in the first play-off game. Ostrander forged into a 12 to 3 lead until Maison surged from behind to knot the score at 42 points. Ostrander regained the lead at 45-42, and then doubled on out to win, 51-42. Ostrander then challenged Focht in the finale for the championship. The lead changed repeatedly as ringer after ringer settled around the stakes. Ostrander gained a 39-32 lead but could not sustain it as Focht led with a 43-42 score. Focht went to 46-42 and when an Ostrander ringer flipped off this 3 ringer 3 situation permitted the Buckeye tosser to win it all. Ostrander hit 74.5 percent and 70.8 percent, Focht 72.8 percent and Maison 69.5 percent.

James Knisely, Ohio was forced to withdraw from the Class A competition when he discovered Sunday morning that an arm injury suffered previously would not permit him to compete.

Other out of state pitchers in this group included: Bennett and Manker also from Ohio and Clarence Bellman from Indiana.

Harold Darnold, Burlington, Iowa, recorded 5 straight victories in an evenly balanced Class B group. Oscar Hope was a close second with 4 wins and 1 loss, that to Darnold. Ernie Danielson, also of Iowa, Bob Pence, executive secretary, NHPA, Gary, Indiana, among others, also competed in this class.

High ringer averages of 74 percent by Darnold over Earl Grable, Dimondale, had, in addition, other fine games of 65.5 percent and 63.5 percent. Oscar Hope, Lansing, had high games of 76.6, 66.6 and 65.4 percent.

Pat Smith, Dimondale, dominated the Class C competition going undefeated in 5 games. He received a strong unset bid by Neal Dolbee.

Dyke Cowell, Weston, Michigan, defeated Bob Jones, Mason's state Class C champion, in tie play-off game to gain runner-up honors.

E. L. Root, Haslett, a new member of the state association, had two close calls but won all 5 games to cop Class D honors, while R. Campbell, Mason's Southpaw, placed second.

Class E was won by another newcomer, Howard Johnston, Nashville. He was engaging in his first organized horseshoe competition and won all 5 games. Art Zeis, Lansing, placed second.

Keene, New Hampshire — World Tournament Scene — Buzzing With Activity

By TOM BLAKE

Spring was not too many days old when the Keene Horseshoe Club called for a work bee at the Wheelock Park courts to begin preparation of the grounds for this summer's World Tournament.

Don Pickering got the members together for the first time on April 14, as soon as the area had dried out enough to be pitchable. His idea, apparently, is keep enthusiasm high by the work-a-little, play-a-little method.

Some of the major improvements to the 24-court layout between now and the tourney opening day of July 27 include the installation of a backstop for shoes, the changing of gates in the fence around the playing area, and improvement of the lighting system.

The club has purchased 600 feet of 2 x 12 oak planking to build a backboard behind the pits next to the fence. It will be painted white and should, in addition to stopping stray shoes, make the pin more visible.

Gates in the four-foot fence will be changed so that they'll be positioned between the pits rather than opening directly in line with the pin. A small improvement, perhaps, but one that players will likely appreciate.

The City of Keene has allotted \$700 for better lighting of the courts on existing poles. Players in the 1965 "world" here rated the lighting system as very good. With more illumination on the 18 tourney pits and six practice courts conditions should be ideal.

Sometime in July, just before the championship classic, the host club will replace all stakes and bring in plenty of new clay. This is going to be one of the major chores of tourney preparation for the Keene pitchers.

Club member, Bob Tedford, has secured a huge mobile home trailer which will be placed at courtside for NHPA use. It has two doors allowing separate rooms for publicity-news media people, and tournament officials.

Keene will host two competitions in the next few weeks and players look forward to sharpening up their pitching skill in these annual events. The weekend of May 26 is the date of the Warmup Tournament and the Keene Open is set for July 6-7.

West Tops Daffodil Open Meet At Tacoma, Washington

Ellis West of Seattle won top honors in the Tacoma Daffodil Open Tournament held on April 6th and 7th at Wright Park in Tacoma, Washington. It was held in conjunction with the Pierce County Daffodil Festival and was sponsored by the Tacoma Horseshoe Club.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. West, Seattle	7	1	60.4
B. Foss, Tacoma	6	2	64.9
F. Winetrout, L. Island ..	5	2	63.1
B. Hansen, Lynnwood	5	2	60.0
H. Pidde, Seattle	3	4	60.0
W. Rehard, Spokane	2	5	55.8
J. Reedy, Edmonds	1	6	51.7
B. Van Egdom, Lynden	0	7	48.5

CLASS B

	W	L	%
R. Brumfield, Lynnwood ..	6	1	56.0
C. McKean, Tacoma	5	2	48.7
J. Malvern, Seattle	4	3	50.4
J. Juracich, Tacoma	4	3	49.2
A. Hostak, Seattle	4	3	48.3
G. Alexander, Granite	4	3	46.4
J. Giacommini, Orchard ..	1	6	33.2
M. Alvord, Seattle	0	7	36.6

CLASS C: Clarence Swanson, Tacoma 7-0-49.5; Marion Smith, Seattle 5-2-45.5; Ed Bartlett, Everett 5-2-41.8; Don Tysver, Bremerton 4-3-44.2; Roy Larson, Tacoma 3-4-36.4; Mike Miller, Seattle 2-5-42.3; Al Alexander, Granite Falls 2-5-39.4; Ed McKay, Auburn 0-7-32.0.

CLASS D: Willis Wagner, Bremerton 6-1-47.2; Albert Oertel, Point Roberts 5-2-42.0; Earl Kuhne, Tacoma 5-2-38.8; John Davis, Tacoma 5-2-32.2; Jack Doud, Seattle 4-3-40.1; Maurice Pratt, Puyallup 1-6-30.4; Randy Oard, Seattle 1-6-25.0; Moriss Griggs, Hoquim 1-6-24.5.

Daffodil Open — (Continued)

CLASS E: Joe Marker, Tacoma 5-1-30.6; Don Devore, Tacoma 4-2-30.4; Frank Kuhn, Seattle 3-2-26.0; Oscar Kemp, Seattle 2-3-20.0; John Flood, Seattle 2-3-18.7; Jack Lewis, Tacoma 0-5-15.5.

LADIES: Mildred Kuhne, Tacoma 5-0-50.4; Peggy Hansen, Lynnwood 4-1-25.1; Alice Rehard, Spokane 3-2-24.8; Babe Bartlett, Everett 2-3-21.0; Merna Bailey, Mt. Lake Terrace 1-4-19.9; Margaret Williams, Tacoma 0-5-16.7.

Kuchcinski Amazes Crowd At Red River Valley (N. D.) Exposition Boat, Sports and Travel Show

Danny Kuchcinski, the whiz kid of the horseshoe courts, made a highly successful debut with his trick shot program on stage here during the 1967 Red River Valley Exposition Boat, Sports and Travel Show.

Kuchcinski, who turned 19 March 15, was one of the features on a seven-act stage program performing at the Fargo Civic Auditorium March 28-31.

The talented Danny from Erie, Pa., reached a peak in his pitching success before a jam-packed throng of 3,500 spectators during the March 31 afternoon program.

Kuchcinski hit a perfect seven-for-seven for 1,000 per cent ringers while pitching his series of tricks. He coolly planted ringers on the stake while Marty Holsen and Pamela Bock held a blanket in front of the stake.

With Holsen straddling the stake, the results were the same — a double ringer. Next came the foot-on-the stake trick by Miss Bock, and the southpaw sensation drilled another pair of ringers.

In the finale, Kuchcinski awed the crowd with a perfect ringer while Miss Bock placed her chin on the stake. Karen Stennes, 1967 World tourney Queen, teamed with Kuchcinski on two programs.

One of the most talked about acts in the show, Kuchcinski performed before more than 12,000 spectators during the exposition. He was thrilled over the experience of working on the same stage with a show which included many top-notch performers.

Harry King Cole, the master of ceremonies, also lauded the accuracy of the 1967 World champion. Nick Cenaiko, of Minneapolis, promoter the show, made arrangements to have Kuchcinski on the program through Will Gullickson of Moorhead, NHPA vice president.

Van Buren, Penna. Club Plans Several Tournaments.

The Van Buren Horseshoe Club will be sponsoring the following tournaments this year, all of which will be conducted similar to last year's Beaver County tournaments.

The Beaver County Spring Warm-up Tournament will be held on May 25 and 26 with an entry deadline of May 14. The Beaver County Tournament will be held on July 20 and 21 with an entry deadline of July 10. The Van Buren Open Tournament will be held on August 10 and 11 with an entry deadline of August 1. The Spring Warm-up and Van Buren Open Tournaments will be sanctioned tournaments while the Beaver County Open will not be one. The entry fee for all three is \$3.00 each.

Indiana-Illinois and Joe Schilling Opens

The annual Indiana-Illinois Open will be held at the Fairgrounds in Cayuga, Ind., May 25-26 and the Joe Schilling Memorial Open will be held at Lafayette, Ind., June 1-2.

Both events will be conducted by the Indiana State Association and entries will be classed on the basis of previous records. A 100 shoe qualifying score may accompany entries without a previous record or those who consider their previous record too low.

Sauerkraut Open — Lake Placid Boat Club — Seguin, Texas

On June 29 and 30, water-skiing, bass fishing and the famous Hemisfair in San Antonio will take a back seat to horseshoe pitching on the banks of Lake Placid in Seguin, Texas. The Texas steak will be out and delicious country sausage and sauerkraut will take its place. The Lake Placid Boat Club at Seguin, just 30 miles east of San Antonio, invites all NHPA members to the 1st Annual Sauerkraut Open. Texas horseshoe members throughout the state will be on hand to give you a hearty welcome.

This is a big event for the Lake Placid club. Organized last fall, members of the Lake Placid club have installed a beautiful 6-court layout and have laid plans which should challenge the Lakeside Club of San Antonio for club supremacy in Texas.

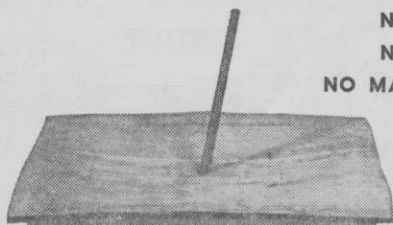
The Texas Association makes horseshoe tournaments such a festive enjoyable affair that winning becomes secondary. But if you do win, or come in second in your class, you will be awarded a trophy. Entry fee - only \$2.00; same as for the Hemisfair in San Antonio.

Write Jim Woodson, 235 Rainbow Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209, for further information. If you forget to write, the Lake Placid Boat Club is on Farm Road 464, about 2 miles west of Hwy. 90.

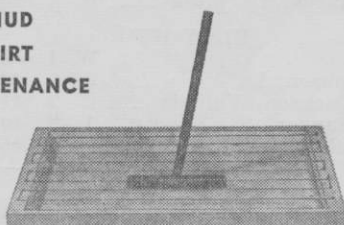
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	W	L	%
T. Wheeler, Fullerton	6	2	70.6
J. Snyder, Chula Vista	5	3	69.5
R. Simmons, S. Gate	4	3	68.1
R. Randall, Barstow	4	3	67.8
J. Walker, Chula Vista	4	3	64.6
J. Dawsey, Oxnard	4	3	63.4
F. Percy, La Habra	1	6	60.5
C. Tucker, Covina	1	6	55.0

BALDWIN PARK "A" OPEN

	W	L	%
T. Wheeler, Fullerton	7	1	65.4
L. Morris, L. Beach	6	2	61.0
F. Percy, La Habra	5	2	63.3
S. Puopulo, Baldwin	4	3	60.7
T. Paul, Covina	4	3	50.6
H. Moefield, L. Beach	2	5	50.2
H. Slagg, Ontario	1	6	47.0
W. Shipley, Alhambra	0	7	42.0

SAN DIEGO "D" OPEN

Group One

	W	L	%
S. Dobson, La Mesa	4	1	44.0
L. Mahlstedt, Thou. Oaks ..	4	1	40.1
V. Beard, San Diego	3	2	39.7
C. Bailey, Glendora	3	2	38.1
R. Hudson, La Jolla	1	4	32.0
L. Tarbell, Brea	0	5	26.6

Group Two

	W	L	%
S. Stayner, San Diego	5	0	39.8
R. Erickson, Valinda	4	1	32.9
H. Slagg, Ontario	3	2	35.8
W. Shipley, Alhambra	2	3	35.6
G. Farrell, S. Gate	1	4	32.2
E. Mason, La Mesa	0	5	25.1

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
S. Dobson, La Mesa	3	1	46.4
R. Erickson, Valinda	2	2	41.0
S. Stayner, San Diego ..	1	2	40.9
L. Mahlstedt, Thou. Oaks ..	1	2	46.5

BALDWIN PARK "C" OPEN

Group One

	W	L	%
S. Faulkner, Fullerton	4	1	55.8
R. Navarro, S. Gate	4	1	49.3
C. Dennis, Lynwood	3	2	52.2
L. Mahlstedt, Thou. Oaks ..	2	3	47.3
R. Huggins, Lynwood	1	4	44.5
T. DiStefano, Thou. Oaks ..	1	4	43.8

Group Two

	W	L	%
C. Tucker, Covina	5	0	56.0
C. Bailey, Glendora	4	1	51.9
W. Sims, Long Beach	3	2	47.6
D. Shubert, Los Angeles ..	2	3	48.0
L. Dooley, Bellflower	1	4	41.9
R. Erickson, Valinda	0	5	40.2

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
C. Tucker, Covina	3	1	56.6
R. Navarro, S. Gate	2	2	45.0
S. Faulkner, Fullerton	1	2	50.0
C. Bailey, Glendora	1	2	47.8

John Paxton, Iowa Ringer-Master, Tops Ottumwa

Indoor Meet

John Paxton, the tireless ringerman from Ottumwa, Iowa set the pace in the open tournament held on April 13 in the Coliseum in Ottumwa, Iowa. This was an evening tournament. Byron Hafner of Letts, Iowa came up with the highest single game ringer percentage of 81 percent. Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa and Paxton laid on the ringers "4-High" five times in one game. Jake Davis of Columbus Junction, Iowa streaked home with 7 straight to take Class B honors.

CLASS A

	W	L
J. Paxton, Ottumwa	6	1
W. Vandergriff, Fairfield	5	2
H. Darnold, Burlington	5	2
C. Fox, Ottumwa	4	3
B. Hafner, Letts	4	3
EE. Danielson, Burlington	3	4
A. Jackson, Burlington	1	6
M. Blake, Letts	0	7

CLASS B

	W	L
J. Davis, Columbus Jct.	7	0
H. Paxton, Ottumwa	5	2
A. Sweeney, Eddyville	4	3
R. Paxton, Agency	3	4
H. Waincott, Douds	3	4
L. Waddle, Ottumwa	2	5
A. Messer, Fairfield	0	7

Rod Hatton Wins Texas Shamrock Open Tournament

On March 16th and 17th, we had the Shamrock Open. We also had beautiful weather, barbequed chicken, and 48 participants.

Rod Hatton of San Antonio, proved to be the top man, winning Class A without a loss.

Billy Warriner, of Houston, edged out Buck Weaver, of Seguin, or top place in Class B.

Howard Burnette and Ray Johnson had a real battle for Class C, with Burnette coming out in 1st place.

In Class D, we had three separate winners: Floyd Bass in Group 1; Red McGuffin in Group 2; and Jesse Everett in Group 3.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
R. Hatton, San Antonio ..	6	0	57.1
J. Woodson, Lakeside	5	1	47.9
S. Graham, Houston	4	2	45.8
M. Bowers, Houston	3	3	41.4
A. Roach, Denton	2	4	42.8
R. Kiser, Lakeside	1	5	30.1
C. Zarnicki, Houston	0	6	29.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
B. Warriner, Houston	6	1	31.3
B. Weaver, Seguin	5	2	28.0
C. Dapson, Lakeside	3	3	27.7
V. Gallow, Lakeside	3	3	25.5
R. McCartney, Lakeside ..	2	4	19.9
O. Eccles, Houston	2	4	19.8
M. Sanderson, Lakeside ..	1	5	18.4

CLASS C — H. Burnette, Lakeside 6-1; R. Johnson, Lakeside 6-2; D. Hood, Lakeside 5-3; D. Sanders, San Antonio 3-4; R. Batton, Lakeside 3-4; T. Camp, Lakeside 3-4; B. Pittman, Seguin 2-5; T. Haslett, Lakeside 1-6.

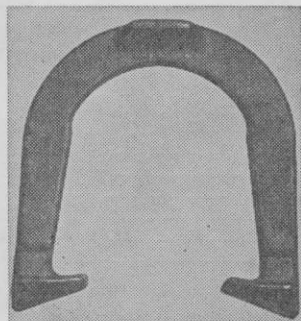
CLASS D (GROUP 1) — F. Bass, Seguin 7-0; J. Bradley, Lakeside 7-2; J. D. Powell, Seguin 6-3; B. Rodhe, San Antonio 5-3; A. Schievelbein, Seguin 3-4; D. White, Lakeside 2-5; S. Kester, Denton 1-6; T. Fielder, Lakeside 0-7.

CLASS D (GROUP 2) — R. McGuffin, S.A.-Ogles 7-0; B. Varga, San Antonio 7-2; D. McGan, Lakeside 5-3; N. Hawes, San Antonio 5-3; J. Brannen, San Antonio 3-4; D. Foy, Lakeside 2-5; Fite, San Antonio 1-6; Gildart, San Antonio 0-7.

CLASS D (GROUP 3) — J. Everett S.A.-VFW 9-0; C. Baxter, S.A.-VFW 8-2; T. Everett, S.A.-VFW 7-3; C. Ayres, S.A.-VFW 6-3; C. Maurer, Houston 5-4; B. Lally, S.A.-VFW 4-5; L. Hatley, S.A.-VFW 3-6; T. Andrews, S.A.-VFW 1-8; J. Dennis, S.A.-VFW 1-8; O. Barnes, S.A.-VFW 0-9.

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Will's Ringer Mill

By WILL GULLICKSON

There's an inkling that some day — possibly not the too distant future — that the World Horseshoe Tournament will be played in a spacious indoor arena.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. officials are eager to explore the possibility of playing the classic in such a plant as those located at Fargo, N. D., and Valley City, N. D.

The Valley City arena — home of the annual North Dakota Winter Show — was the site of the 2nd annual tournament.

Dan Kuchcinski, the 1967 World Champion, competed in the Valley City event this year and was impressed with the layout. NHPA officials Ralph Dykes and Bob Pence expressed interest in the arena upon seeing the picture of it on the cover of the February edition of the Digest.

Dykes and Pence were informed that West Fargo, N. D., has a similar arena which was built in 1967 and is the pavilion for Red River Valley Fair activities each summer.

The West Fargo plant has space for 18 courts and more than 4,000 spectators. Red River Valley League pitchers who are using the arena for indoor pitching for the first time, point out the advantage of such a plant for a large tournament.

The indoor layout, which is heated and air conditioned, is ideal with extremely good lighting, excellent seating, office space. Holding the tourney in such a plant would eliminate a number of problems encountered by officials in charge of tourneys held outdoors such as drying up the courts by the sun, rain and wind and mosquitoes.

The Red River Valley League plans to hold a tournament at West Fargo to attempt to learn the feasibility of the plant.

Biggest problem to overcome is the setting up of courts on a permanent and yet temporary basis. The courts would have to be taken out following a tournament because of other events scheduled in the building.

While some large indoor arenas have been considered in the past, the two North Dakota plants may be more advantageous in some ways.

The 1967 World Tournament was held at the Fargo Park District's Oak Grove Park outdoor courts.

Darnold, Cornbelt Promoter, In Victory Drive At Ryner's Indoor

Harold Darnold of Burlington, Iowa, promoter of the annual Cornbelt Open, paid a visit to Earl Ryner's Ringer Emporium at Gerlaw, Illinois on March 31 where he engaged 6 other fine pitchers in an afternoon of horseshoes. When the smoke of battle had lifted, Harold was the holder of 5 victories and one loss which gave him the lion's share of the laurels. Paul Jensen was winner of Class B while Jake Davis wrapped up 5 in a row for Class C.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
H. Darnold	5	1	58.7
W. Vandergriff	3	2	66.3
E. Danielson	3	2	56.2
J. Paxton	2	3	63.9
B. Hafner	2	3	56.8
A. Lester	1	4	54.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
P. Jensen	4	1	58.1
C. Foxx	4	1	55.0
R. Sornberger	3	2	57.4
A. Jackson	2	3	48.7
M. Blake	2	3	50.7
R. Rubison	0	5	39.1

CLASS C — J. Davis, 5-0-57.4; E. Ryner, 4-1-46.6; H. Anderson, 3-2-40.4; W. Killip, 2-3-41.3; R. Stt. George, 1-4-38.5; R. Crawford, 0-5-24.3.

JERSEYVILLE OPEN — Jerseyville, Illinois — May 26

Rademacher In Clean Sweep of Florida Suncoast Open

CLASS A				CLASS B			
	W	L	%		W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Fla.	7	0	65.7	Austin	7	0	58.3
Woody Thomas, N. C.	5	2	53.5	Christ Hanson, Fla.	5	2	55.7
Les Long, Ill.	4	3	58.4	H. McCosky, Ind.	4	3	53.8
Grover Anderson, W. V. ..	4	3	53.0	Dunlap, N. C.	4	3	45.4
Harold Tuttle, Ohio	3	4	55.4	Marvin Richmond, Minn. ..	3	4	50.7
John Clingan, Fla.	3	4	64.4	Ross Hitchcock, Ohio	3	4	45.1
G. Rademacher, Fla.	2	5	53.5	Waldo Hagy, Nev.	2	5	44.4
William Hoover, Fla.	0	7	46.6	Wires, Fla.	0	7	32.5

CLASS C — Hodgman, Mich., 5-2-44.6; Willie Figy, Ohio, 4-3-37.1; Whittemore, Me., 4-3-42.3; Les Peary, Fla., 4-3-42.3; Frank Sumpter, Ohio, 3-4-39.5; Ted Hinton, Fla., 3-4-39.1; Clyde Hewitt, Me., 3-4-36.5; Roy Gravink, N.Y., 2-5-40.6.

CLASS D — J. Martin, N.C., 7-0-42.2; Harvey Johnson, Ind., 5-2-37.5; Harry Garman, Ind., 4-3-34.1; Jay Guernsey, Mich., 3-4-31.0; Howard Wells, Ind., 3-4-30.2; David Spranger, Fla., 3-4-24.8; Horace Kemp, Fla., 2-5-31.2; Earl Johnson, Ill., 1-6-17.1.

CLASS E — Opal Corbett, Pa., 5-2-28.1; Edd Drager, Ohio, 5-2-22.8; Al Figy, Ohio, 4-3-32.5; J. Taylor, N.D., 4-3-26.2; Keith Davidson, Mich., 4-3-25.0; Henry Mullet, Mont., 3-4-24.0; Earl Johnson, Ill., 3-4-20.2; Paul Vargo, Pa., 0-7-13.2.

CLASS F — Ted Corbett, Pa., 7-0-23.0; Halie Ehmke, N.Y., 5-2-24.1; Carl Baumgarner, Ohio, 5-2-14.5; Harvey Hookway, Fla., 5-2-20.0; Joe Kelly, Fla., 3-4-13.8; Barclay Webster, Fla., 2-5-16.5; Hal Porter, Fla., 1-6-8.8; Harold Cook, Fla., 0-7-12.7.

Ray Cavin Announces June 23 As Date For St. Joe Open

Ray Cavin of St. Joseph, Missouri states in a note to the Digest that the annual St. Joe Open tournament will be held on June 23 at the Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Streets in St. Joseph, Missouri. The starting time will be 9:a.m. There will be no qualifying on the courts on that day. All qualifying scores of 100 and entry fee of \$3.00 send to, Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501.

He also has set the date for the annual Midland Empire tournament which will be held on the same courts using the same tournament requirements as mentioned above.

Hebron, Ohio Open Tournament — June 28-30

The fourth annual Hebron, Ohio Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held on June 28-29-30, at the Hebron, Ohio Courts, located on Route 440, 25 miles east of Columbus, Ohio, north of Route 70, take the Hebron and Newark exit.

The Hebron Club will sponsor the tournament and assisted by the Ohio Buckeye Horseshoe Association. This will be an N.H.P.A. Sanctioned Tournament with certificates being awarded to first place winners in each class. Also trophies to first place winners and some cash back to each player. The defending champion is Glenn Riffle, Dayton, Ohio.

Qualifying will begin on Friday evening, June 28, at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. resuming on Saturday at 8 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. June 29th. 100 shoes to qualify and the entry fee is \$6.00.

Anyone carrying his NHPA card and mailing to us his last two percentages will be eligible without qualifying.

Northern California Association Activities

SAN JOSE CLASS A

San Jose started the year off with a Class "A" tournament held at Ryland Park in San Jose, California. Top spot went to Lloyd Potter with Bill Weathers taking second. Potter also had high qualifying honors with 44 ringers out of 50 shoes. Bill Weathers had 41 for 50.

Group 1

	W	L	%
Weathers	5	0	61.0
McNally	4	1	56.0
Zelmar	3	2	51.0
Jensen	2	3	52.0
Ludlow	1	4	50.0
Tripp	0	5	51.0

Group 2

	W	L	%
Potter	4	1	64.0
Pratt	5	0	65.0
Morrison	2	3	63.0
Groves	2	3	57.0
Fraser	1	4	61.0
Anderson	1	4	60.0

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA CLASS D

M. McVicar of Oakland made a clean sweep of the field at Modesto's Class D tournament. Earl Dent was first winner in Group two. Many of these players pitched for the first time and are becoming active in organized play. J. Adams had high percentage average. Les Hickie was high qualifier.

Group 1

	W	L	%
L. Hickie	2	3	33.8
M. McVicar	5	0	35.1
A. Burt	3	2	30.9
J. Monroe	3	2	28.1
J. Adams	2	3	35.0
E. Westbrook	0	6	22.3

Group 2

	W	L	%
E. Dent	4	1	29.5
E. Holly	4	1	24.6
S. Hatsme	3	2	21.0
N. Borenda	2	3	20.4
E. DeSeelhort	2	3	20.0

MODESTO CLASS C

Chuck Sampson moved up to take the Modesto Class "C" title by virtue of his play-off victory over R. Briggs, 51-41. Sampson's only loss in the preliminaries was to Earl Blanton.

Group 1

	W	L	%
C. Sampson	4	1	41.8
C. Mullen	3	2	40.7
E. Blanton	3	2	37.3
A. Gates	2	3	35.7
A. Crossman	2	3	34.4
P. Manitone	1	4	30.7

Group 2

	W	L	%
R. Briggs	4	1	38.3
P. Begier	3	2	38.8
B. Saatelf	3	2	38.7
F. Kilburn	2	3	34.9
B. Robb	2	3	32.9
J. Hedson	1	4	36.2

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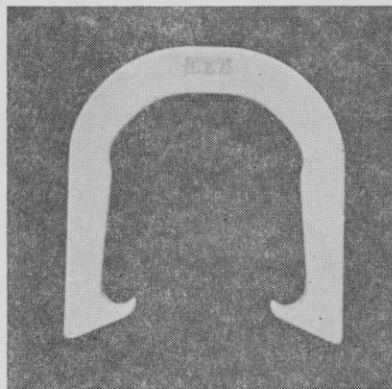
Ostrander Ohio Spring Open Tournament June 6-7-8-9

The Ostrander Horseshoe Club, located in Central Ohio in Delaware County, will hold an open tournament on June 6-7-8-9. Paul Focht of Dayton, Ohio is defending champion. Qualifying dates are May 30 and 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 P. M. and June 1 and 2 from 2:00 to 9:00 P. M. Trophy awarded to highest qualifying score pitched on these courts. 100 shoe qualifying. Round robin tournament play with 8 men to the class, with the exception of classes E and F which will have 6 men to the class because of afternoon scheduling. Trophy awards to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for 8-men classes and to 1st and 2nd places for 6-men classes. Entry fee \$4.00. Eats on the grounds on tournament dates. In the event additional tournament dates are required, same will start Monday, June 10 and continue until completed. Qualifying scores will also be accepted by mail. Send score, percentage, and \$4.00 entry fee to Glenn Mitchell, Ostrander, Ohio 43061 or John Hodges, Route No. 1, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Another open tournament will be held in the month of September. Watch the News Digest for dates.

From Here and There

One of Iowa's finest horseshoe pitching players and promoters, Lewis Jeter of Afton, Iowa has been under the doctors care throughout the past winter months and at various times has been confined to the hospital. It is sincerely hoped that his health will improve, that he may be able once again to be present around the various horseshoe meets, as was his practice.

He was president of the Iowa Hawkeye Association for the past four years, but due to his health, he had to forgo any further pitching activities. A card from the membership would be a welcome note in his convalescence period. His address is Lewis Jeter, Afton, Iowa.



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COMING EVENTS

- May 18-19 — The Oil Capital Open tournament, Central park courts, 6th and Peoria Sts., Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- May 19 — Lois Kolb Memorial Tournament (Open) Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- May 25 — National AAU Juniors Tournament, Kansas City, Missouri.
- May 25-26 — Beaver County (Penn) Spring Warm-up tournament, Beaver, Penn.
- May 25-26 — Houston Open tournament, Mason park courts, Houston, Texas.
- May 25-26 — First annual "Parker Burns" Doubles tournament, Los Altos park courts, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- May 26 — Creston, Iowa Open tournament, McKinley park, Creston, Iowa. Send score and \$3.00 to Woody Wilson, 701 Sunset Ave., Red Oak, Iowa.
- May 31, June 1-2 — Greenville, Ohio Spring Open tournament City Park courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- June 1-2 — Seattle Memorial Open, Woodland Park, Seattle, Washington.
- June 2 — A.A.U. Open, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 8-9 — Annual Michigan Water Wonderland Open tournament, Dyke Cowell courts, Weston, Michigan.
- June 8 — Annual IHHPA Picnic tournament, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa.
- June 8-9 — Spring Round-Up Tournament, Marcotte Park courts, Lewiston, Maine.
- June 8-9 — Michigan Water-Wonderland Open, Weston, Michigan
- June 8 & 9 — Winchester Singles Championship, Winchester, Virginia.
- June 9 — Lewis and Clark Open, Vernon Park, Clarkston, Washington.
- June 14-15-16 — Miami Valley Open, Community Park, Franklin, Ohio, on Rte. 123 East.
- June 15-16 — Ozark Open, KCS Field courts, Neosho, Missouri. 100 shoe qual. with \$2.00 fee by June 6. Score and fee to John Elkins, 1006 Randolph, Neosho, Mo., or equal on June 15th, A.M.
- June 15 & 16 — Lynchburg Invitational Tournament, Miller Park Courts, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- June 16-23 — Massachusetts Open Tournament, Westside Club Courts, West Springfield, Mass.
- June 16 — Annual Baker Open tournament, Baker Montana.
- June 16 — Annual Crete, Open Tournament, Crete, Nebraska. Send qualifying score to Elmer Grage, Crete, Nebraska 68333.
- June 16 — John Rosselet Memorial (Open), Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 22-23 — Eastern National Tournament. Open. Glenwood Park, Erie, Pa. 144 pitchers available.
- June 22-23 — Los Altos Open tournament, Los Altos courts, Albuquerque, New Mexico — Singles.
- June 22-23 — Tacoma Open, Wright Park, Tacoma, Washington.
- June 23 — Annual St. Joe Open Tournament, Noyes Field courts, 28th and Edmond Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri.
- June 23 — Hebron Jaycee Open tournament, Hebron, North Dakota.
- June 28-29-30 — Fourth Annual Hebron, Ohio Open tournament, Route 440. Take the Hebron and Newark exits, north of new route 70.
- June 29-30 — Sauerkraut Open tournament, Lake Placid Club, Seguin, Texas.
- June 30 — Annual Froid, Montana Open tournament, Froid, Montana.
- June 30 — Muscatine Open tournament, Kent-Stein park, South Muscatine, Iowa.
- June 30 — New Jersey Open, Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 4 — 4th of July Open, Mound City, Missouri. Details from Stanley Brickley, Mound City, Missouri 64470.
- July 5-6-7 — The "(Ringer Classic)" Open, Greenville, Ohio. Details later.
- July 6-7 — Michigan AAU Open tournament, Detroit, Michigan.
- July 6-7 — Annual Red River Valley Open Tournament, Oak Grove courts, Fargo, North Dakota.
- July 6-7 — Bremerton Open, Evergreen Park, Bremerton, Washington.
- July 7 — Annual 4-State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send scores to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.
- July 13 — Brownstown Open Tournament, Fayette County Fair, Brownstown, Illinois.
- July 13 — Middle Atlantic States Tournament (New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania Only), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 13-14 — Northwest Pa. Invitational. Open. Glenwood Park, Erie, Pa. 80 pitchers available.
- July 13-14 — Oklahoma Open tournament, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
- July 13 & 14 — N.H.P.A. Virginia State Championship, Winchester, Virginia.
- July 14 — Omak Open, East Side Park, Omak, Washington.
- July 20 — New Jersey Championships (16 yr. olds & under), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 20-21 — Third Annual Vacationland Open tournament, Marcotte Park courts, Lewiston, Maine.
- July 20-21 — Annual Beaver County tournament, Beaver, Penn.
- July 20-21 — Iowa Open tournament, Birdland park, Des Moines, Iowa. Mail score to Lucille Hopkins, 124 South Cherry St., Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.
- July 20-21 — Carl Wood Memorial Open tournament, Bailey park, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- July 20 & 21 — Hill City Open Tournament, Miller Park Courts, Lynchburg, Virginia.
- July 21 — Annual Culbertson Open tournament, Culbertson, Montana.
- July 27 & 28 — National A.A.U. Championships (Open), Mountain View Park, Middlesex, N. J.
- July 27-28 — Duke City Classic, Los Altos courts, Albuquerque, New Mexico Singles.
- July 27-28 — John Monasmith Open, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima, Washington.
- July 27-Aug. 6 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, Wheelock Park courts, Keene, New Hampshire. First four and one half days devoted to qualifying.**
- August 4 — Mississippi Valley Fair Open tournament, Fairgrounds courts Davenport, Iowa.
- August 4 — Annual Sidney Open tournament, Sidney, Montana.
- August 10-11 — Annual Maine State Tournament, location to be announced later.
- August 10-11 — Van Buren Open tournament, Beaver, Penn.
- Aug. 10 & 11 — Winchester Invitational Tournament, Winchester, Virginia.

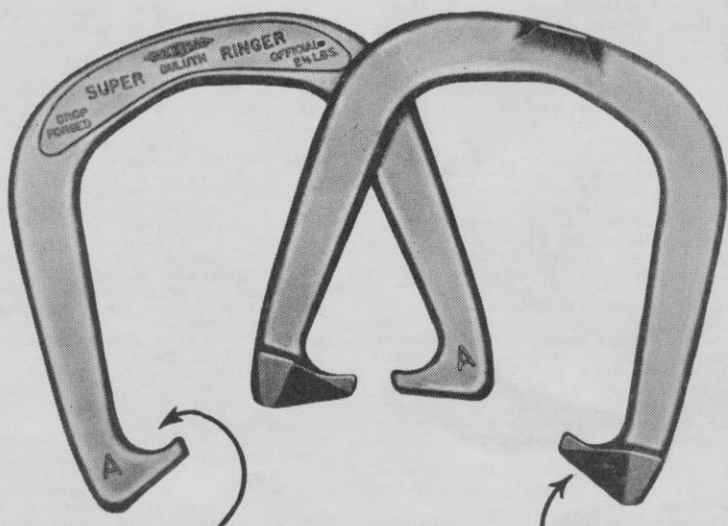
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