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Number 1

Third Annual Miami Open, Feb. 22-23 — Miami, Florida

The third annual Miami Men's Open tournament for the benefit of Variety Children's Hospital will be played on February 22-23 on the Lummus Park courts, 404 NW Third Street, Miami, Florida.

PRIZES — All expense cruise for two (2) to Nassau, Portable Television set, Deluxe Transistor Radio, \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond. There will be other prizes.

The winner of each division will receive one of these prizes.

The number of divisions will be determined by the number of entries.

ENTRY FEE — \$1.00 donation which will be given to the Variety Children's Hospital.

METHOD OF QUALIFYING — Out of town players may send in qualifying scores before Feb. 16th. Players must pitch 50 shoes for maximum score at Lummus Park on any of the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 15th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You will be notified as to what day and time you will pitch in the tournament by the 20th of Feb.

There will be someone there to qualify you. Players will be classified according to their qualifying scores. The top 32 qualifiers will compete.

Out of town players must send their qualifying scores to Mr. Tony Whittle, 1420 S.W. 82nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33144 by the date mentioned above.

Washington, Penna. Club Winter Tournament Schedule

Place — Red Mill Restaurant, N. Main St., Washington, Penna. Opposite County Home and Trolley Museum.

Dates — Feb 8 & 9, March 15 & 16, April 12 & 13.

Conduct — Five man robin classes. Prizes awarded to 1st & 2nd place. Entry fee is \$4.00. Money will be refunded if not placed in tourney. Use any 1968 average, or qualify at courts (will subtract 10 ringers). Entry due, 10 days ahead of tournament.

COVER PICTURE . . . Ralph Forstrom of Hampden, Massachusetts, retiring New England Regional Director, is shown being presented with the "Mr. Horseshoe" award for 1968. Maine state president, Roger Bolduc, left, is shown presenting the New England Association award during the annual New England tournament held at Lewiston, Maine last Labor Day weekend. A similar award will be presented each year.

Robertson In King Row For New Mexico State Crown

(DELAYED REPORT)

Joe Robertson of Clovis, New Mexico landed in the "king row" with a 5 and 1 record to win the annual New Mexico state tournament held at the fairground in Albuquerque, New Mexico during late September. A ladies' division was added to the festivities, with Nancy Henson of Albuquerque winning top honors with a 6-0 record. She also had high qualifying score and received a trophy. High qualifying honors in the men's division, went to P. D. Riley, who likewise received a trophy. Spectator interest was at a high pitch and many comments were received. Officers for the coming year are as follows: Vern Truax, Albuquerque, president; Roland Trottier, Albuquerque, Vice-President; and James Gibbs, Moriarty, Secretary-Treas.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Robertson, Clovis	5	1	56.4
J. Hiller, Albuq.	4	2	51.6
P. D. Riley, Albuq.	3	3	54.7
T. Towne, Albuq.	3	3	49.7
R. Trottier, Albuq.	3	3	53.1
E. Fleck, Albuq.	3	3	48.7
L. Bressan, Albuq.	0	6	39.2

CLASS B

	W	L	%
V. Truax, Albuq.	6	1	42.8
O. Henson, Albuq.	5	2	45.3
P. Martin, Gallup	4	3	43.9
L. Cole, Albuq.	4	3	39.1
W. Springfield, Albuq.	3	4	36.5
F. Swalby, Albuq.	3	4	34.5
B. Sweatman, Albuq.	2	5	33.1
L. Harlin, Albuq.	1	6	31.9

CLASS C — J. Gibbs, Moriarty, 5-0-33.5; H. Cundy, Albuq., 4-1-37.8; S. Paredes, Gallup, 3-2-36.5; F. Garcia, Gallup, 2-3-29.8; F. Romero, Albuq., 1-4-29.9; M. Henson, Moriarty, 0-5-22.8.

CLASS D — S. Paredes, Gallup, 6-0-34.2; L. Johnson, Clovis, 4-2-29.7; B. VanSickle, Albuq., 4-2-28.3; J. Vernon, Albuq., 3-3-28.5; R. Thompson, Moriarty, 2-4-24.6; L. Franken, Albuq., 2-4-19.3; J. Lester Gallup, Forfeit.

CLASS E — B. McCharen, Albuq., 6-0-30.9; T. Ritterbush, Albuq., 4-2-17.2; G. Carlson, Albuq., 3-3-16.1; V. Kimmick, Albuq., 2-4-23.6; V. Campos, Gallup, 2-4-19.4; F. Grey, Albuq., 2-4-18.0; G. S. Sinclair, Albuq., 2-4-13.7.

CLASS F — C. Mayes, Gallup, 5-0-24.8; E. Lujan, Albuq., 3-2-17.9; J. Rodriguez, Gallup, 2-3-18.4; J. Green, Gallup, 2-3-13.2; B. Johnston, Moriarty, 2-3-12.5; A. Muniz, Gallup, 1-4-16.2.

LADIES — N. Henson, Albuq., 6-0-26.8; A. Gibbs, Moriarty, 4-2-16.8; P. Henson, Albuq., 4-2-16.8; S. Henson, Moriarty, 3-3-15.6; H. Thompson, Moriarty, 3-3-8.4; M. Jennings, Gallup, 1-5-4.8; L. Argabrite, Gallup, Forfeit.

Fullerton — Baldwin Park — Southern California

FULLERTON "A" OPEN

	W	L	%
E. Brown, Anaheim	8	2	65.7
J. Weeks, Norwalk	7	2	63.6
C. Cummins, Orcutt	6	3	60.8
H. Durr, Los Angeles	4	4	55.8
W. Berg, Pasadena	3	2	65.3
F. Percy, La Habra	3	2	61.6
H. Morse, Beaumont	3	2	58.8
S. Faulkner, Fullerton	2	3	44.4
L. Morris, Long Beach	1	4	50.0
H. Slagg, Ontario	1	4	36.4
L. Mahlstedt, Thou. Oaks..	0	5	44.0
W. Shipley, Alhambra	0	5	36.2

CLASS "C" CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
St. Thomas, B. Gardens..	7	2	49.1
M. Velarde, S. San Gabriel	6	3	52.5
V. Beard, San Diego	5	4	53.3
C. Dennis, Lynwood	4	4	51.8
L. Mahlstedt, Thou. Oaks ..	3	2	47.8
C. Bailey, Glendora	3	2	47.5
M. Rose, Whittier	3	2	46.4
R. Hudgens, Lynwood	2	3	52.7
W. Shipley, Alhambra	2	3	48.2
G. Hansen, Baldwin Pk.	1	4	42.1
S. Stayner, San Diego	1	4	38.6
H. Slagg, Ontario	0	5	51.3

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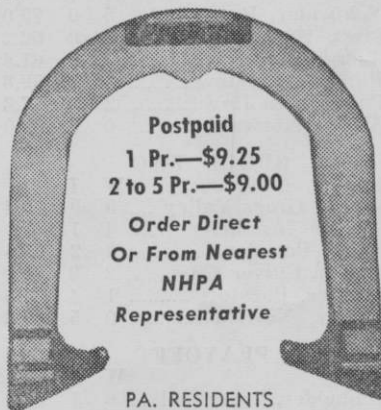
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Annual Valley Of The Sun Open — Feb. 22-23

Two new Courts are being added at Mesa's Rendezvous Park making it possible for 12-man Round Robins. There will be four classes for the two day, Saturday and Sunday event. 9:30 will be the starting time both mornings, with six games on Saturday and five on Sunday.

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in all classes.

Please send your 1968 ringer percentage with \$5.00 entry fee by Feb. 15. You will be notified if you do not qualify. Hope you can make it!!

Walter B. Stearns, 332 W. 9th St., Mesa, Ariz. 85201 — Tel: 964-6887

South Gate — Southern California

CLASS "A" CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
G. Schneider, Rosemead ..	8	0	78.1
R. Simmons, Downey	6	2	76.3
J. Walker, Chula Vista	4	4	72.3
J. Dawsey, Oxnard	5	3	66.5
F. Esperanza, Oxnard	3	2	68.4
E. McFarland, Sepulveda...	3	2	63.9
E. Brown, Anaheim	3	2	61.6
J. Snyder, Chula Vista	2	3	62.2
W. Berg, Pasadena	1	4	66.0
D. Shubert, Los Angeles ..	1	4	54.4
J. Balzer, Santa Ana	0	5	62.4
H. Slagg, Ontario	0	5	41.0

SOUTH GATE DOUBLES

	W	L
R. St. Thomas — J. Goude	11	1
O. Percy — J. Blake	10	2
J. Raykowski — D. Harren	9	2
D. Shubert — L. Wilkins	8	4
W. Shipley — R. Faulkner	7	5
D. McLain — Sam Haigh	6	5
L. Strauss — L. Tarbell	5	6
E. Erickson — O. Hartman	4	7
E. St. Pierre — R. Didier	4	7
R. Alborn — E. Carrier	2	9
R. Hudgens — K. Harris	2	9

Barstow — South Gate — Southern California

BARSTOW OPEN

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
G. Schneider, Rosemead ..	5	0	75.0
J. Pratt, Sacramento	3	2	62.2
B. Logg, Barstow	3	2	61.4
R. Randall, Barstow	2	3	59.3
L. Putter, San Jose	2	3	57.3
J. Weeks, Norwalk	0	5	62.0

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
M. Jones, Grass Valley	5	0	59.4
E. Brown, Anaheim	4	1	57.1
W. Berg, Pasadena	3	2	55.5
N. Smith, Culver City	2	3	35.9
R. Monter, Barstow	1	4	26.3
W. Hagy, Nevada	0	5	30.3

PLAYOFF

	W	L	%
G. Schneider, Rosemead	6	1	67.4
R. Randall, Barstow	5	2	67.9
J. Pratt, Sacramento	4	3	60.5
J. Weeks, Norwalk	4	3	57.8
L. Potter, San Jose	4	3	57.0
M. Jones, Grass Valley	3	4	54.0
B. Logg, Barstow	2	5	55.0
E. Brown, Anaheim	0	7	53.9

JOHN GORDON OPEN

	W	L	%
G. Schneider, Rosemead ..	7	0	79.2
E. Brown, Anaheim	6	1	71.4
R. Simmons, South Gate	5	2	74.4
J. Weeks, Norwalk	4	3	59.0
W. Berg, Pasadena	3	2	61.9
J. Dawsey, Oxnard	3	2	60.5
S. Puopulo, Baldwin Pk.	2	3	59.2
H. Slagg, Ontario	2	3	44.9
H. Durr, Los Angeles	1	4	52.8
P. Klowitir, Wisconsin	1	4	47.0
W. Shipley, Alhambra	0	5	43.9
R. Victor, Huntington Pk.	0	5	35.6

60 YEARS and OVER

	W	L	%
N. Smith, Culver City	4	0	52.8
R. Hudgens, Lynwood	3	1	51.4
S. Haigh, San Bernardino ..	2	2	40.4
C. Dennis, Lynwood	1	3	39.7
E. Carrier, Downey	0	4	26.6

Jim Solomon — 1968 Dormont (Penna.) Open Victor

Winning Dormont horseshoe tournaments has appeared to become routine with Jimmy Solomon. By now most of the other pitchers must be wondering if the Dormont courts were truly built for conventional horseshoe pitchers, or only for players that step out with the "wrong foot". All kidding aside, Jimmy looked more like his old self of four years ago than any time in the past year — even with two bad games that pulled his average down.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
James Solomon	6	1	73.5
Howard Shriver	6	1	72.5
Clyde Martz	5	2	70.6
Albert Zadroga	3	4	70.6
Oscar Engle	3	4	70.0
Sam Sutton	3	4	65.2
Clair Bruce	2	5	63.5
Frank Kilinsky	0	7	57.6

CLASS B

	W	L
Jack Rainbow	4	1
Joseph Wohar	4	1
Pete Sowa	3	2
Richard Maroni	2	3
Charles Semans	2	3
Clyde Falk	0	5

CLASS C — Frank Peluso, 7-0; Ed Blum, 5-2; Thomas Board, 4-3; Nick Wohar, 4-3; Vince Sedlacek, 3-4; Pete Vlachos, 3-4; Joseph Laurina, 2-5; Joseph Lewis, 0-7.

CLASS D — Ray Henry, 6-1; Mike Churley, 6-1; Joseph Brodey, 6-1; George Combs, 4-3; John Young, 3-4; Hobart Drake, 2-5; Al Stahlbock, 1-6; Bob Behr, 0-7.

South Gate — Southern California

CHAMPIONSHIP A

	W	L	%
C. Cummins, Orcutt	6	2	62.3
J. Weeks, Norwalk	6	2	66.3
H. Durr, Los Angeles	7	1	64.3
H. Morse, Beaumont	4	4	53.9
S. Puopulo, Baldwin Park..	3	2	58.0
W. Berg, Pasadena	3	2	57.4
E. Brown, Anaheim	2	3	60.8
S. Libatique, San Diego ...	2	3	56.9
D. Shubert, Los Angeles ..	1	4	53.4
C. Dennis, Lynwood	1	4	46.0
W. Shipley, Alhambra	1	4	41.5
P. Brady, Torrence	0	5	46.9

CHAMPIONSHIP G

	W	L	%
R. Victor, Huntington Pk...	8	0	37.2
E. Carrier, Downey	5	3	33.7
R. Faulkner, Fullerton ...	4	4	28.2
W. Chaffer, Calipatria	4	4	27.2
R. Geddings, Culver City..	3	2	29.3
M. Lingenfelter, Fullerton	3	2	27.2
J. Goode, Downey	3	2	25.8
D. Steed, Pomona	2	3	27.7
K. Harris, Chino	2	3	24.7
D. Jagger, Pomona	2	3	23.7
V. Dickey, San Berdoo	0	5	19.3
J. Blake, Chino	0	5	13.8

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San Diego — Southern California

SAN DIEGO C OPEN

	W	L	%
C. Dennis, Lynwood	7	1	48.9
G. Hansen, Baldwin Park..	6	2	54.0
V. Beard, San Diego	4	4	50.7
C. Bailey, Glendora	4	4	46.3
J. Portlock, San Diego	3	2	44.5
S. Dobson, San Diego	3	2	43.6
W. Shipley, Alhambra	3	2	42.3
R. Hudgens, Lynwood	2	3	45.5
J. Losacco, San Diego	2	3	40.5
M. Moyer, San Diego	1	4	45.0
Birkenbach, Baldwin Pk...	1	4	35.1
H. Slagg, Ontario	0	5	35.5

SAN DIEGO E OPEN

	W	L	%
J. Raykowski, Rialto	7	0	42.8
S. Stayner, San Diego	6	1	33.8
R. Hudson, San Diego	5	2	37.5
L. Ford, La Mesa	4	3	37.0
R. Erickson, Valinda	3	4	30.8
R. Alvine, Chula Vista	2	5	28.4
Stan Brown, San Berdoo....	1	6	20.9
Mason, San Diego	0	7	26.1

Oxnard — Southern California

OXNARD F OPEN

	W	L	%
R. Victor, Huntington Pk...	8	1	44.3
D. Harren, Norwalk	6	3	36.1
L. Tarbell, Brea	4	4	37.6
S. Haigh, San Berdoo	6	2	36.6
D. Steed, Pomona	3	2	29.2
A. Barnes, Santa Barb.	2	3	31.5
E. Erickson, Downey	2	3	29.6
K. Harris, Chino	2	3	28.3
Swearingen, Santa Barb...	1	4	26.8
T. Hinkle, South Gate	1	4	26.2
J. Holder, Downey	1	4	23.9
R. Faulkner, Fullerton	1	4	21.6

OXNARD D

	W	L	%
W. Shipley, Alhambra	5	1	41.1
H. Slagg, Ontario	4	2	40.7
S. Ybarra, Santa Barb.	2	4	36.2
J. Hofer, El Monte	1	5	30.5

BALDWIN PARK DOUBLES

	W	L
H. Drogemuller — E. Carrier	6	0
B. Van Sant — L. Forest	4	2
L. Strauss — J. Hofer	4	2
S. Faulkner — Price	3	3
R. Gale — D. Harren	3	3
H. Slagg — L. Tarbell	3	2
C. Weis — R. Faulkner	2	3
D. McLain — W. Powe	2	3
J. Weeks — J. Blake	2	3
E. St Pierre — K. Harris	1	4
G. Hansen — L. Wilkins	1	4

Kerr-Davies Team Winners In Galt, Ontario Fair Doubles

In the annual Galt, Ontario Fair Doubles tournament held in conjunction with that annual affair, Curt Kerr and Ed Davies put their skill together to win 6 straight to cop top position in the tournament. Standings are as follows: Kerr-Davies, 6-0; Toman-Roth, 5-1; Toneguzzo-Zorzi, 3-3; Hoffman-Cassarini, 3-3; Shrubshall-Lipparo, 2-3; Hatt-White, 2-3; Marshall-Holtl, 0-6.

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Due to some unknown person tampering with the mails in the area in which the News Digest editor lives, it has been necessary for him to change the mailing address for the magazine. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, please address all material having to do with the News Digest to the following address: P. O. Box 1606, Aurora, Illinois 60507.

Vinsant In Successful Defense Of Eureka, Calif. Club Title

A new group organized by W. Ray Williams of Eureka, California, held a club tournament last fall with Horace Vinsant sweeping the field with 7 straight to take title honors. Paul Verastek took Class B with Jim Orgeron sweeping Class C. Williams is a former Northern Calif. secretary, who along with his wife, Esther, took care of the scorekeeping duties. Much enthusiasm is being generated in this fine group and a good season is expected.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Horace Vinsant	7	0	51.8
Floyd Goldsmith	5	2	41.9
W. Ray Williams	5	2	40.5
Roy Clark	4	3	42.9
Jim Lyon	3	4	35.0
Charles Dedrick	3	4	31.4
Dean Mitchell	1	6	31.5
Tom Wilson			Forfeit

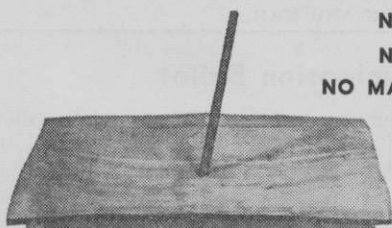
CLASS B

	W	L	%
Paul Verastek	7	0	33.7
Robert Studdert	5	2	27.0
Marion Martin	5	2	24.6
Richard Mitchell	4	3	20.7
John Schlesinger	3	4	16.8
Clyde Martin	2	5	16.3
Fred Schreiber	2	5	15.9
Archie Wilson			Forfeit

CLASS C — James Orgeron, 5-0-10.1; Al Dedrick, 4-1-17.2; Tom Peterson, 2-3-10.2; Mike Starky, 2-3-9.8; Dale Mitchell, 2-3-8.5; Hubert Cox, 0-5-3.5.

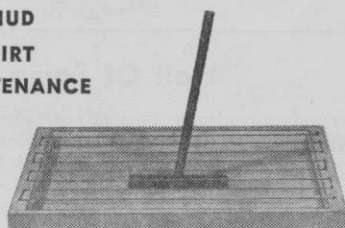
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Knisley Sets Winter Schedule For Bremen, Ohio Club

Players should send their tournament percentage to James Knisley, 217 Walnut St., Bremen, Ohio 43107 or Ph. 569-7766. Entries must be received (10) days before tournament play.

January 4-5, 11-12 — Open Tourney	Fee \$4.00
February 1-2 — Bremen League Tourney	Fee 2.00
March 1-2, 8-9 — Open Tourney	Fee 4.00
May 3-4, 10-11 — Ohio-Penna. Open (NHPA Sanctioned)	Fee 4.50

A winter league will started in December with area teams participating. The league will last (16) weeks and will end in early April. It will operate on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights with six men playing on each team. Six rounds of play each night with the scratch (50) shoe count-all scoring method being used. There will be a stag party at the end of the season with awards being presented to league winners. All games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Berman Achieves Pinnacle in Bowling — Rolls Perfect Game

Dr. Sol Berman of Elizabeth, New Jersey, perennial champion of Union County horseshoe pitchers, and team physician for the Jefferson High football team, achieved the pinnacle in bowling when he rolled a perfect game in the Intercounty Industrial Bowling league on October 8, 1968 at the Rahway Recreation lanes in Elizabeth.

A 190-average bowler, Berman connected for a 300 following games of 144 and 199 to conclude with a 643 series. In a matter of a week or so later, Berman came up with two series of over 700 each. This is his first year in the Intercounty League.

TEAR OUT COUPON AND MAIL

Hall Of Fame Nomination Ballot

You may nominate two (2) playing members and one (1) non-playing member. When completed, tear out ballot and mail to any one of the Hall of Fame Committee listed at bottom of ballot, not later than March 15th.

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National Secretary Laid Up With The "Flu"

If you have been wondering why the NHPA secretary has not answered your letters lately, it is because he and his wife and son have been stricken with the "flu" that has been making the rounds over the country. So please be patient until he again is able to get moving.

"Doc" Berman Maintains Reign Over Union County, N.J.

Dr. Sol Berman of Elizabeth, New Jersey is king of the Union County horseshoe pitchers.

Dr. Berman snared Class A honors for the 20th successive year and 21st time in the 42nd annual tournament at Warinanco Park. He posted a 4-0 mark. Dr. Berman had no trouble, his closest triumph 50-35 over runnerup Bob Bishe of Cranford (3-1).

Tom Cascio of Elizabeth placed third at 2-2 followed by Al Szurley of Elizabeth (1-3) and Len LaBanco of Linden (0-4). The U.C. event is the oldest consecutive running horseshoe pitching tournament in the nation.

Class B laurels went to Jim Donovan of Clark, who captured six of seven matches, W. C. Hermann of Elizabeth edged Tom Young of Elizabeth, 40-32, in a playoff for second.

Joe Segotta of Clark was tops in Class C at 7-0. Vince Christal of Clark had a 6-1 mark and Charlie Italia of Linden was third at 3-3. In Class D, Vince DeMicco of Cranford nipped Tom Shea of Springfield, 25-23, after they tied for first with 6-1 records. Luther Bennett of Clark followed at 5-2.

Archie Roach In Victory March In B. E. Sipple Open In Tex.

When the Lake Placid Club of Seguin, Texas announced that they were going to sponsor a fall tournament to honor B. E. Sipple for his many contributions to horseshoe pitching in the state of Texas, one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the idea was Archie Roach, the smooth swinging professor out of North Texas State University and Denton, Texas. At the time, his encouragement to the Lake Placid Club for the tournament was looked upon as a gracious gesture by a humble member of the AHPT, whose only intention was to bestow a deserved honor to our most valued member of the Texas horseshoe pitchers.

We were deceived. Once the tournament started it was clear that Archie was out for revenge. For three years Archie had pitched in the top class A, and after each tournament he has gone back to Denton empty handed. A number of times he came close, but this time Roach was not to be denied. He took on all comers and walked away with the beautiful first place trophy that was awarded to the winner of the Sipple Open.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
A. Roach, Denton	5	1	44.7
B. Weaver, Seguin	5	2	41.9
B. Graham, Houston	4	3	45.4
R. Hatton, San Antonio	3	3	45.3
J. Woodson, Lakeside	3	3	44.3
M. Bowers, Houston	2	4	41.1
R. Kiser, Lakeside	0	6	37.3

CLASS B

	W	L	%
B. Warriner, Houston	6	1	28.0
F. Bass, Seguin	5	3	27.0
B. Sipple, Houston	4	4	29.6
C. Schmidt, Seguin	4	4	21.3
V. Callow, Lakeside	3	4	23.4
D. Byrd, Lakeside	3	4	22.4
D. Sanderson, Lakeside	3	4	18.9
B. Pittman, Seguin	1	6	14.5

CLASS C — C. Schmidt, Seguin, 6-0-32.6; R. Johnson, Lakeside, 4-3-15.0; J. Busby, Seguin, 3-4-16.4; D. White, Lakeside, 0-6-9.4.

CLASS D — P. Pittman, Seguin, 6-0-13.2; B. Albin, Seguin, 6-2-10.3; T. Haslett, Lakeside, 4-3-13.3; B. Pittman, San Antonio, 4-3-12.8; B. Powell, Seguin, 2-4-5.8; D. Foy, Lakeside, 2-4-5.0; J. Johnston, San Antonio, 0-6-8.6.

CLASS E — T. Fielder, Lakeside, 4-2-4.0; E. McDonald, Burlsen, 3-3-6.8; B. Powell, Seguin, 2-4-7.6.

LADIES — J. Foy, Lakeside, 5-0; B. Johnston, Lakeside, 4-1; A. Weaver, Seguin, 3-2; N. Camp, Lakeside, 3-2; N. Busby, Seguin, 2-3; G. Bass, Seguin, 0-5.

JUNIORS — Terry Haslett, Lakeside, 3-0; Terry Callew, Lakeside, 2-1; Larry Schievelbein, Seguin, 1-2; Tom Haslett, Lakeside, 0-3.

G. Rademacher Wins Western 'Shoe Title at Bradenton, Florida

The Rademachers — father and son — dominated play in the championship division of the finals of the first annual Western Week Open celebration, Dec. 7, 1968.

The playoffs, which included Chris Hansen — Sarasota ace-plus the above two, put a strain on spectators and swingers alike. Chris was eliminated by Gene in a close hair-raiser; then it was the "father-and-son" combination, which is becoming familiar to local horseshoe fans. Finish: 1. Gene Rademacher, 2, John Rademacher, 3. Chris Hansen.

When Gene and his Dad were through they had thrown 88 shoes; John threw 65 ringers, Gene had 67! John had 21 double ringers to a neat 67 for Gene!

Central Wisconsin Championship Won By Harold Bond

In another late report coming from up Wisconsin way, we learn that Harold Bond of Fond Du Lac was victor in the Central Wisconsin meet held during the fall season. W. Weiss was second, J. Kritiko, third, M. Sorenson, fourth, B. Schlaack, fifth, R. Wilde, sixth, H. Bartel, seventh and J. Brackett, eighth.

CLASS B — L. Gloyd, first, J. Tabor, second, B. Vandehey, third, E. Hansen, fourth, L. Kreuger, fifth, D. Klosterman, sixth, B. Eickstad, seventh, J. Rasplackowski, eighth and J. Andrews, ninth.

CLASS C — J. Hoffmann, first, C. Morgan, second, M. Juress, third, O. Pymenon, fourth, G. Anderson, fifth, C. Foster, sixth and M. Rasplackowski, seventh.

Rainbow Wins November Meet at Youngstown, Ohio

Jack Rainbow of Monaco, Penna. set a hot pace of 72.4 ringer percentage to win the November tournament held at the Youngstown, Ohio Club courts. He defeated Anzel Copeland of Akron in the play-off. Paul Cline topped Joe Yukich in the play-off for Class B.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Rainbow, Penna.	5	1	72.4
A. Copeland, Ohio	4	2	61.3
C. Bruce, Penna.	3	2	60.5
F. Peluso, Penna.	3	2	59.4
C. Elder, Penna.	1	4	52.6
R. Slocum, Ohio	0	5	49.6

CLASS B

	W	L	%
P. Cline, Ohio	5	1	39.5
J. Yukich, Penna.	4	2	37.9
E. Huddleston, Ohio	3	2	34.2
R. Brandon, Ohio	2	3	35.3
L. Allen, Ohio	1	4	34.0
C. Triola, Ohio	1	4	31.2

1969 World Tournament dates are as follows: July 26th through August 6th. Glenwood Park, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Father And Son Battle For Florida State Title

Completion of the round robin schedule in the Championship Division on Saturday Nov. 23rd found John Rademacher and his son Gene of Plant City tied with 6 wins and 1 loss each (Gene had beaten his dad in the regulation play) necessitating a playoff on Sunday afternoon. Upon completion of the Class B play, John and Gene took to the courts for the best 2 out of 3 series. Gene took the first game and John the second throwing the title into a sudden death playoff match. The deciding game proved to be the best game ever pitched in the state of Florida by two contestants. There were 18 "four deads" in the 86 shoe contest, Gene hitting 66 ringers for a 76.7% and John hitting 75 ringers out of the 86 shoes for an 87.2 ringer percentage. This championship game was a fitting climax to one of the most successful state tournaments on record.

Class B was won by Charles Ogline of Palmetto, with Ross Hitchcock taking second by virtue of a playoff victory over Edwin Marden of Casselberry.

Class C was won by Bernie Mulhern of Bradenton, Horace Kemp of Bradenton placing second.

Class D was won by Frank Statzer of Plant City in a dramatic playoff victory over Harvey Hookway of Bradenton. This game had to be finished using car lights.

Larry Shelly of Bradenton won the Junior title with a clean slate, with Hayward Cothron second and Frankie Statzer, last years champion placing third.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday night following the Sat. pitching schedule. Orlando is holding an open tournament on Feb. 15-16, 1969, and all pitchers are invited to participate. State dues were voted to be raised to \$2.00 annually beginning January 1st. The next state tournament will be held in April 1969 following the completion of the Spring tournament schedule. Hal Cook of Seminole was elected as President, with Jack Ellis and William Keegan as Vice President. John Rademacher was re-elected Sec. Treasurer. The State Association gave Howard Wells and Horace Kemp a standing vote of gratitude for furnishing a load of Indiana clay for the Bradenton courts.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Plant Cy.	8	2	73.6
G. Rademacher, Plant Cy.	7	3	68.8
C. Hansen, Sarasota	5	2	59.1
W. Keegan, Hollywood	4	3	61.6
J. Clingan, Avopka	3	4	56.0
E. Ridge, Orlando	2	5	53.0
W. West, Miami	2	5	49.3
J. Hinkson, Melbourne	0	7	41.5

CLASS B

	W	L	%
C. Ogline, Palmetto	5	0	48.1
R. Hitchcock, Bradenton	3	2	42.9
E. Marden, Casselberry	3	2	41.9
W. Packard, Venice	2	3	42.6
J. Ellis, Bradenton	1	4	41.1
L. Peary, Bradenton	1	4	40.3

CLASS C

	W	L	%
B. Mulhern, Bradenton	5	0	35.5
H. Kemp, Bradenton	4	1	29.0
E. Johnson, Manatee	3	2	24.2
S. Severson, Oneco	2	3	22.4
G. Fuller, Bradenton	1	4	20.2
T. Hinton, Sarasota			Forfeit

CLASS D

	W	L	%
F. Statzer, Plant City	6	1	22.6
H. Hookway, Bradenton	6	1	19.3
H. Cook, Seminole	4	3	18.6
H. Porter, Bradenton	4	3	18.5
B. Webster, Orlando	3	4	15.6
B. Brown, Bradenton	3	4	13.0
D. Toney, Plant City	2	5	11.7
J. Kelly, Bradenton			Forfeit

JUNIORS

	W	L		W	L
L. Shelly, Bradenton	9	0	S. Warner, Plant City	4	5
H. Cothron, Plant City	8	1	P. Hinkson, Melbourne	3	6
F. Statzer, Plant City	7	2	J. Rademacher, Plant City	2	7
W. Warner, Plant City	6	3	K. Cothron, Plant City	1	8
G. Cothron, Plant City	5	4			

Thanks A Million For All Those Wonderful Cards

The president of the NHPA, Ralph Dykes, and his wife Dolores wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the many friends that sent them cards during the holidays. It would be their desire to answer each one individually, but it would be almost impossible to do, so they are taking this means of doing it.

In this same vein, the NHPA secretary and his wife received many heartwarming notes during the holiday season. They, too, express their thanks for the many kindnesses extended to them throughout the past year.

Your editor would be remiss in his duties if he failed to acknowledge the many beautiful greetings that he and his wife received from horseshoe friends from over the country. We sincerely appreciate being remembered during this festive season.

Annual Indoor Open Meet Set For March 8 — Ottumwa, Iowa

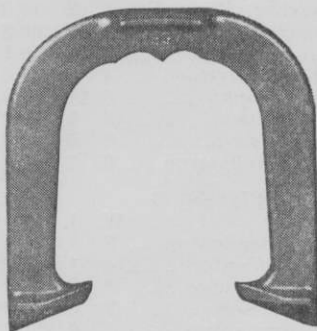
March 8 is the date set for the Annual Indoor tournament in the Ottumwa, Iowa, Coliseum basement, on portable courts with qualifying March 8 until 5 p.m., or send scores to Lucille Hopkins, 124 S. Cherry, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501. Entry fee, \$4.00. Finals at 5:30 p.m. Trophies will be given in each class. 1969 NHPA cards available.

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Monasmith Winner In 1968 Washington State Tournament

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CLASS AA

	W	L	%
J. Monasmith, Yakima	13	1	77.9
E. Fishel, Neilton	11	3	74.8
B. Foss, Tacoma	9	5	68.3
F. Winetrout, Lummi Is..	8	6	64.5
D. Martindale, Quincy	7	7	63.0
H. Pidde, Seattle	4	10	63.9
S. Pederson, Seattle	2	12	54.4
J. Reedy, Edmonds	2	12	50.8

CLASS A

	W	L	%
E. West, Seattle	11	3	61.7
W. Rehard, Spokane	10	4	62.1
H. Shatto, Okanogan	10	4	61.8
B. Hansen, Lynnwood	9	5	62.6
J. Lafferty, Omak	8	6	61.4
J. Juracich, Tacoma	5	9	50.0
K. Laraway, Bremerton ..	2	12	47.9
Alexander, Granite Falls..	1	13	46.1

CLASS B — D. Tysver, Bremerton, 7-2-54.2; R. Brumfield, Lynnwood, 6-3-53.2; V. Miller, Selah, 5-3-53.9; A. Hostak, Seattle, 5-3-50.9; J. Palmer, Seattle, 5-3-50.5; B. Van Egdom, Lynden, 4-4-53.1; B. Grim, Bellingham, 3-5-46.4; C. Swanson, Tacoma, 1-7-44.9; O. Hartzell, Lynnwood, 1-7-43.6.

CLASS C — J. D. Malvern, Seattle, 7-0-56.9; A. Oertel, Point Roberts, 5-2-48.2; L. Withrow, Ellensburg, 4-3-47.1; R. Taylor, Seattle, 3-4-52.2; K. Elvig, Bellingham, 3-4-49.7; C. McKean, Tacoma, 3-4-46.6; T. Bostwick, Seattle, 2-5-43.9; J. Malvern, Seattle, 1-6-44.7.

CLASS D — M. Smith, Seattle, 5-1-43.6; E. Kuhne, Tacoma, 4-2-41.8; E. Anderson, Lynden, 3-2-44.4; W. Wagner, Bremerton, 2-3-47.3; E. Bartlett, Everett, 2-3-38.9; E. Mauler, Bellingham, 0-5-32.9.

CLASS E — J. Eckstrom, Port Orchard, 4-0-50.0; B. Matteson, Bremerton, 2-2-46.4; R. Allones, Bremerton, 2-2-42.1; E. McKay, Auburn, 1-3-39.1; C. Damm, Aberdeen, 1-3-25.9.

CLASS F — R. Larson, Tacoma, 5-1-45.6; S. Snyder, Kelso, 4-2-49.2; H. Godfrey, Aberdeen, 3-2-37.5; E. Brucker, Tacoma, 2-3-44.0; T. Saari, Aberdeen, 2-3-37.1; W. Grotjohn, McChord A.F.B., 0-5-34.6.

CLASS G — J. Giacomini, Port Orchard, 5-3-38.3; D. Wiltfong, Tacoma, 5-3-40.8; P. Russell, Seattle, 4-4-39.2; A. Alexander, Granite Falls, 4-4-39.0; J. Doud, Seattle, 2-3-37.6; A. Laine, Aberdeen, 1-4-35.4.

CLASS H — A. Dye, Vancouver, 4-1-50.3; D. Devore, Tacoma, 4-3-38.6; J. Saari, Elma, 4-3-40.0; M. Pratt, Puyallup, 4-3-40.4; D. Godfrey, Aberdeen, 2-3-43.3; B. Tyrell, Selah, 0-5-26.4.

CLASS I — R. Murphy, Tacoma, 4-1-40.0; H. McKay, Moses Lake, 3-2-42.2; D. Marcear, Bremerton, 3-2-41.6; F. Prill, Vancouver, 3-2-38.1; J. Katafias, Vancouver, 2-3-36.7; J. Marker, Tacoma, 0-5-28.6.

CLASS J — M. Griggs, Hoquiam, 5-0-38.3; H. Eastman, Bremerton, 3-2-31.9; R. Oard, Seattle, 2-3-33.2; F. Kuhn, Seattle, 2-3-32.4; J. Weber, Hoquiam, 2-3-28.1; B. Ertsgaard, Bremerton, 1-4-27.2.

CLASS K — M. Westrum, Gig Harbor, 5-0-32.7; R. Black, Yakima, 3-2-29.1; H. Glombicki, Tacoma, 3-2-26.6; W. Butler, Seattle, 3-2-25.6; W. Scheib, Port Orchard, 1-4-23.0; A. Giacomini, Port Orchard, 0-5-16.3.

CLASS L — H. Zack, Tacoma, 4-1-29.4; C. Lichens, Olalla, 3-2-24.2; B. Lucht, Bremerton, 0-4-10.2.

LADIES' DIVISION

CLASS A — M. Kuhne, Tacoma, 5-0-45.2; P. Hansen, Lynnwood, 4-1-34.8; S. Giacomini, Port Orchard, 3-2-37.4; A. Rehard, Spokane, 2-3-24.8; M. Bailey, Mountlake Terrace, 1-4-27.6; B. Bartlett, Everett, 0-5-11.9.

Monasmith Winner — (Continued)

CLASS B — F. Stevens, Everett, 6-0-23.9; L. McKay, Auburn, 4-2-18.9; L. Hofland, Bremerton, 2-4-08.7; B. Miller, Selah, 0-6-04.8.

JUNIOR BOYS' DIVISION

CLASS A — M. Weber, Hoquiam, 5-0-67.5; J. D. Malvern, Seattle, 4-1-65.6; C. Martindale, Quincy, 3-2-45.6; L. McKay, Moses Lake, 2-3-37.9; D. Mott, Bremerton, 1-4-28.3; L. Griggs, Hoquiam, 0-5-19.4.

CLASS B — B. Pederson, Seattle, 4-0-18.5; G. Martindale, Quincy, 3-1-22.5; J. Bartlett, Everett, 2-2-05.9; K. Bartlett, Everett, 1-3-10.5; A. Griggs, Hoquiam, 0-4-09.9.

JUNIOR GIRLS — W. Van Egdom, Lynden, 3-2-11.4; D. Mott, Bremerton, 2-3-10.5.

Ted Allen Wins Colorado State Tournament

This tournament was held in Denver, Colorado at the Washington Park courts over the Labor-day week-end. Dick Wetherbee, of Colorado Springs was the defending champion. Both Dick Wetherbee and Ted Allen, had won 8 straight games before meeting in the final round. Score-wise the game proved very exciting. Ted, got off to a bad start as Dick led, after 30 shoes, 25-10, and after 50 S.P. it was 35-24 in favor of Dick . . . after 60 shoes, the score stood 41-33 . . . tension mounted and excitement to the spectators as they saw Ted stage one of his famous comebacks and after 76 shoes-pitched Ted, finally forged ahead of Dick by three points, thus winning the game 50-47; THUS Ted, dethroned Wetherbee from his two-year reign as Colorado State champion, namely, — 1966 and 1967! This made a total of ten-Colorado state crowns for Allen, balancing his ten World's Championship titles.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
T. Allen, Boulder	9	0	66.6
R. Wetherbee, Colo. Sprgs.	8	1	69.1
G. Watson, Colo. Sprgs....	7	2	55.3
B. Thomas, Golden	5	4	57.8
T. Roney, Colo. Sprgs.	5	4	51.8
S. C. Palese, Denver	5	4	47.0
I. Carl, Colo. Sprgs.	2	7	48.8
Tiilikainen, Colo. Sprgs....	2	7	40.3
F. Engel, Greeley	2	7	27.9
B. Niedentohl, Littleton	0	9	32.7

CLASS B

	W	L	%
B. Engel, Nunn	8	1	42.1
J. Beebe, Denver	6	3	38.0
L. Dodson, Denver	6	3	37.8
L. Nelson, Colo. Sprgs.	6	3	32.0
Smithhisler, Colo. Sprgs....	5	4	37.6
B. Newbins, Denver	4	5	39.8
E. Piper, Edgewater	4	5	24.9
D. Fuller, Greeley	3	6	27.1
B. Biesemeier, Denver	2	7	30.5
A. Steen, Denver	1	8	27.6

CLASS C — L. Grossenbach, Arvada, 9-0-40.5; T. Maisto, Denver, 8-1-33.1; P. Rehwooldt, Longmont, 7-2-36.6; D. Hyder, Fort Collins, 5-4-28.6; L. Huls, Denver, 4-5-23.5; L. Fouts, Denver, 4-5-19.3; R. Neher, Colorado Springs, 3-6-24.4; D. F. Chambers, Denver, 2-7-19.7; W. Kofoed, Denver, 1-8-19.5; T. Chambers, Forfeit.

A New WINSTON Model Announced By Earl And Vicki Winston

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winston of LaMonte, Missouri announce to their many friends and horseshoe pitching associates, the arrival of a new son, by adoption, on November 30, 1968. He has been named Keith Earl. Congratulations to this fine couple, we wish for them much happiness in the years to come. Who knows? We may have a future champ.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 21-25, 1969 — Manatee County Fair Open, Palmetto Fairgrounds. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504-5th St. W. Bradenton 33505

March 7-8, 1969 — Strawberry Festival Open, Plant City Fairgrounds. Write John Rademacher, Box 1589, Plant City 33566

March 13-15, 1969 — Sun Coast Open, Horseshoe U. Bradenton, Fla. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504-5th St. W. Bradenton 33505

March 20-22, 1969 — Desoto Open, Horseshoe U. Bradenton, Fla. Write Horace N. Kemp, 4504-5th St. W. Bradenton, Fla.

June 15 — Annual Crete Open, Crete, Nebraska. Qual. scores to Lenord Werner, Crete, Nebraska 68333.

July 4 — Annual 4th of July tournament, Mound City Missouri. Send qual. score to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.

July 13 — Annual 4-State tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qual score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

August 10 — Mound City Open tournament, Mound City, Missouri. Send qual. score to Stanley Brickey, Mound City, Missouri 64470.

August 17 — Annual Falls City Open tournament, Falls City, Nebraska. Send qual. score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

August 30-31 — Annual Nebraska State tournament, Omaha, Nebraska. Qualifying on courts there, August 30.

Sept. 1 — Annual State Fair Open tournament Lincoln, Nebraska. Send qual. score to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

Bettisworth Winner Of Indoor Meet At Ottumwa, Iowa

Casey Bettisworth of Galesburg, Illinois won the play-off match in the annual Indoor Open tournament held on the Coliseum courts in Ottumwa, Iowa in late November. An Appreciation award was made to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins following the tournament for her contribution over the years to the game in various capacities. Bill Waddle, president of the Ottumwa club made the presentation.

CLASS A

	W	L
C. Bettisworth, Ill.	5	1
B. Vandegriff, Iowa	4	2
B. Hafner, Iowa	2	3
H. Darnold, Iowa	2	3
J. Paxton, Iowa	2	3
E. Danielson, Iowa	1	4

CLASS B

	W	L
C. Foxx, Iowa	5	0
P. Robertson, Iowa	4	2
M. Blake, Iowa	3	3
B. Waddle, Iowa	2	3
S. Jackson, Iowa	1	4
J. Davis, Iowa	1	4

CLASS C — R. Ritz, Iowa, 5-0; D. Wells, Missouri, 3-2; A. Jackson, Iowa, 3-2; H. Paxton, Iowa, 3-2; C. King, Iowa, 1-4; E. Ryner, Ill., 0-5.

CLASS D — A. Lester, Ill., 3-0; B. Burgess, Iowa, 2-1; O. Darby, Ill., 1-2; R. Fite, Iowa, 0-3.

CLASS E — T. Alexander, Missouri, 3-0; R. Crawford, 1-2; A. Carman, Iowa, 1-2; A. Messer, Iowa, 1-2.

Iron River, Michigan (Upper Peninsula) Tournament

With Earl and Irene Grable, formerly of Dimondale, Michigan and now living in Crystal Falls, Michigan, as a guiding force, the Iron River club in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, staged a tournament last fall with the following results.

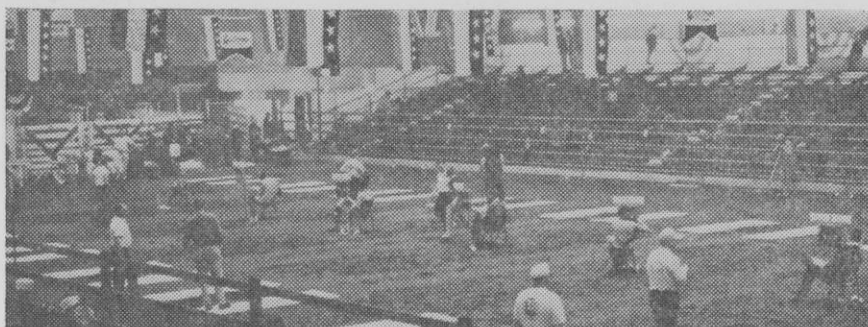
CLASS A — Dennis Carlson, Ishpeming, 1st, Chum Lubka, Green Bay, Wis., 2nd, D. J. Montambo, Indian Lake, 3rd, Earl K. Grable, Crystal Falls, 4th, Roger Montambo, Indian Lake, 5th, Art Campbell, Gaastra, Mich., 6th, LeRoy Ahlberg, Scott Lake, 7th, Swen Bowman, Green Bay, Wis., 8th.

CLASS B — Gerry Montambo, Indian Lake, 1st, Robert Grable, Columbia City, Ind., 2nd, Bruce Carlson, Ishpeming, 3rd, Everett Thunander, Iron River, 4th.

CLASS C — Grover Nelson, Green Bay, Wis., 1st, Herman Norkoli, Scott Lake, 2nd, Wallace Hounouski, Iron River, 3rd, David Montambo, Indian Lake, 4th.

North Dakota Winter Show Planned For March

Plans are taking shape for the third annual North Dakota Winter Show Horseshoe Pitching Tournament to be held at the spacious Valley City arena early in March.



A limited number of pitchers will take part in the tourney, one of the largest indoor events in the nation.

Red River Valley League officers in Fargo-Moorhead will again conduct the event in conjunction with Winter Show officials. Interested pitchers may contact Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn. 56560.

Rocky Mountain Open Crown Taken By Ted Allen In Play-off Victory Over Dick Wetherbee

CLASS A

GROUP ONE

	W	L	%
T. Allen, Boulder	4	1	72.2
R. Radcliff, Denver	4	1	57.2
T. Roney, Colo. Spgs.	3	2	57.1
L. Laughlin, Wyo.	3	2	52.2
J. Beebe, Denver	1	4	44.9
H. Bindschalter, Wyo.	0	5	39.9

GROUP TWO

	W	L	%
D. Wetherbee, Colo. Spgs...	5	0	76.3
I. Carl, Colo. Spgs.	4	1	56.4
B. Thomas, Golden	3	2	50.3
L. Dodson, Denver	2	3	46.2
F. Engel, Greeley	1	4	39.9
C. Schott, Sterling	0	5	

CLASS B

GROUP ONE — L. Grossenbach, Arvada, 3-0-42.4; H. Boss, Boulder, 2-1-39.7; G. Walker, Denver, 1-2-35.1.

GROUP TWO — M. Archer, Longmont, 3-0-40.8; A. Nace, Boulder, 2-1-28.6; H. Thron, Denver, 1-2-32.4; E. Sonnenberg, Sterling, 0-3-29.3.

CLASS C — L. Nelson, Colo. Spgs., 5-0-34.1; B. Biesemeiere, Denver, 4-1-33.8; B. Niedentohl, Littleton, 3-2-33.6; R. Neher, Colo. Spgs., 1-4-26.6; G. Hilliard, Boulder, 1-4-16.5; J. Burns, Boulder, 1-4-12.3.

Opal Corbett Retains Ladies' State Crown In Penna.

In the Pennsylvania state tournament report previously run in the November issue, the winner of the Ladies tournament was not included, she being Opal Corbett of New Castle, Penna. Mrs. Corbett defeated Jeanne Kuchcinski of Erie for the championship which made it her fourth straight crown. Jeanne was runner-up.

Bayshore Gardens (Florida) Scene of Exhibition

By HAL PORTER

Bayshore Gardens, Florida is fully aware of the insurgence of this game we call Iron Taming, Stob-Circling, Stake Charming and other things! They did something about it recently in a bang-up, bust out, combined exhibition and series of games at the beautiful ringer-yard they have established on the north shore of Sarasota Bay, Florida.

On this occasion with the sun highlighting the Bayshore Waterway and the bay, the waving palms and the chilly breeze, they came out in force to entertain and be entertained by any and all who liked this horseshoe game of theirs. A large portion of the visitors were from Horseshoe University, Bradenton's "college of knowledge" for those who like to heave horse-hardware!

Hosts Burt Rivers and Jack Ellis did themselves proud; the show moved, under adverse pitching conditions, like a well-oiled TV production! Jack handled, with his usual deftness, most of the technical details; Burt was an Emcee who couldn't be topped! Mrs. Pete Wanda Ditmer and Larry Shelly of Cedar Hammock took to the lanes for openers. She has long been a national figure in this game; Larry won his first meet recently — he is Junior Class Champ of our Sunshiny State! They put on a fine show; juniors and ladies rules require pitching from 30 feet so the game was a natural for both. In winning his state title, Larry proved that he knew how to win; in this game he proved that he knows how to lose!

After Wanda and Larry finished, Chris Hansen demonstrated under the astute quizzing of "Ole Man Rivers", many of the better known grips, stances, swings and other parts of this demanding game of skill!

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Local Clubs

SUNNYSLOPE, ARIZONA — A comparatively new club has held a series of meets during the past year and just recently sent news of its activities to the Digest. Hershel Moore is the promoter of this group northeast of Phoenix.

A teenage tournament was held on March 14 with 6 juniors taking part. A. Eddem was the winner with 3 straight victories. On March 16, a men's tournament was held, with Al Smith, J. McKissock and Max McKissock in a three-way tie for first. In the play-off Al Smith was the winner. On September 28, another meet was held with the following players finishing, W. Phillips, H. Moore, R. Carl, W. Stearns, T. Darrough, C. Schaefer, C. Cehoe and C. Hipkins. Trophies were awarded to the top three men.

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JOLIET, ILLINOIS — In a late season tournament Mel Utley of Chicago was the winner in the first annual tournament sponsored by the Joliet Park District. Meet was played on the Nowell park courts. Abe Austin of Oak Park was runner-up. Al Johnson of Millbrook took Class B. Two Joliet players fared well, Glen Bryant defeating Les Miller of Brownstown. Steve Janovyak also placed high in the Nowell park meet.

South Gate — Pomona — Southern California

CLASS "E" CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
H. Drogemuller, Van Nuys	6	2	44.5
W. Andelin, Orange	6	2	35.0
S. Ybarra, Santa Barb.	6	2	41.5
L. Tarbell, Brea	5	3	38.0
R. Victor, Huntington Pk.	3	2	41.7
W. Powe, Paramount	3	2	38.5
L. Ford, San Diego	2	3	41.6
J. Hofer, El Monte	2	3	36.5
D. McLain, Inglewood	2	3	30.1
F. Brown, Exeter	1	4	30.1
Swearingen, Santa Barb.	0	5	25.9
E. Carrier, Downey	0	5	22.4

CLASS "D" CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	%
W. Shipley, Alhambra	8	0	49.6
H. Slagg, Ontario	6	2	48.5
J. Raykowski, Rialto	5	3	42.4
B. Alborn, Fontana	4	4	39.6
W. Chaffer, Caladatria	3	2	28.0
R. Victor, Huntington Pk.	2	3	39.1
L. Tarbell, Brea	2	3	38.7
J. Hofer, El Monte	2	3	36.8
W. Powe, Paramount	2	3	36.3
S. Ybarra, Santa Barb.	1	4	37.8
R. Alvine, San Diego	1	4	35.4
J. Blake, Chino	0	5	20.8

Alabama State Tournament Report For 1968

The 1968 Alabama state tournament was held on Thanksgiving week-end at Gulf Shores, with Ottie Reno of Elberta, Alabama winning the title with a 5 and 0 record and a ringer percentage of 53.2. Cloptin Jones of Foley, Alabama was second. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Ottie Reno, president; G. H. Edmundson, vice-president and W. C. Jones of Foley, secretary-treasurer.

In Memoriam

Ben Shores, 53, one of Indiana's top ranking players, died Nov. 28 at Veteran's Hospital in Indianapolis following a stroke and heart attack.

A member of both the Muncie and Anderson clubs he was the 1968 Anderson Club champion. He placed 5th in this year's Indiana State meet and consistently averaged in the high 60 and low 70 percent brackets.

Ben will be sorely missed on the tournament circuit in Indiana and Ohio for not only was he an outstanding player, but his keen wit and ever ready humor made him very popular with the other players.

He was a genuine lover of the game and one of its biggest boosters, and was responsible for introducing the game into the physical education program of the Wilkinson schools where he lived. Tournament managers will miss him for he was one of those rare individuals who came to tournaments early and stayed late to assist in scorekeeping, judging and other details.

He is survived by his wife Betty, a son, a brother and a sister. The NHPA and the Indiana Association extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.

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Jack Wolfe of 1928 Lawrence Avenue, West, Weston, Ontario, Canada passed away suddenly from a heart attack on September 27, 1968.

He was active in Canadian horseshoe pitching circles for many years, and was a member of the NHPA also. The sympathy of the Canadian and the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family.

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Word has reached the News Digest office of the passing of Homer Moe-field of 6445 Downey Ave., Long Beach, Calif. He was a familiar figure at all California tournaments and participated in several World tournaments through the past years. He was a true sportsman and fine gentleman and will be sadly missed by his many friends and associates. To his family in their sad hour, we extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

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Ralph W. Kleinfelt, of Ionia, Michigan died as the result of an auto accident, involving two cars, 4 miles south of Sheridan, Michigan, on Monday, Nov. 11, 1968.

Ralph was one of the better horseshoe pitchers around the mid-Mich. area for a number of years when he resided in Grand Ledge.

Ralph was well liked and held in high esteem by all who knew him in and out of the W.S.H.P.A., of which he was a member during most of his horseshoe pitching days. He dropped out of W.S.H.P.A. participation at the conclusion of the 1965 season, due to a re-occurring back ailment.

He is survived by his wife, Irene and four sons. The sympathy of the Michigan state association, together with that of the NHPA is extended to his family.

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Clarence Flynn, age 52, of 6405 Inskster Rd., Romulus, Mich., died in October, after a lingering illness. Survivors are the wife, Eva and three children. Mr. Flynn served as president of the Wolverine State Horseshoe pitchers Association in 1961-62.

He competed in class A during the 1950's and early 60's and consistently maintained a 60 plus pitching average. It is believed that the last W.S.H.P.A. competition he engaged in was at Carleton in 1966.

The entire Wolverine State Horseshoe pitchers Association membership extends its sincerest sympathy and condolences to the Flynn family.

Fourth Annual "Snowball Open" — Greenville, Ohio

The fourth annual indoor "Snowball Open" Tournament, sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club, will be held on successive weekends starting February 15-16, 1969, in Greenville, Ohio. During the weekend of February 8-9 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 1968 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 100 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 9, 1969.

This will be a "trophy" tournament only with trophies awarded to the first and second place winners in each class. No substitutions will be allowed. Entrants who are unable to pitch when scheduled will forfeit their entry fee. The top two classes will pitch on Sunday, February 23. All participants will be notified by mail when they are scheduled to pitch.

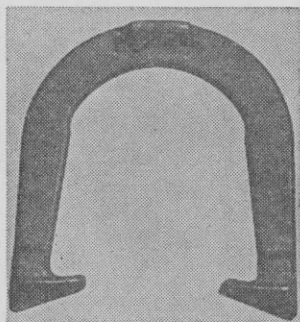
The entry fee is \$3.00. Checks should be made payable to the Darke County Horseshoe Club and mailed to Harold Anthony, R R 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304.

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.

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 fifth year three courts have been installed in the 4-H Building and the Club has handicap leagues operating four nites 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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Western Massachusetts Title Goes To Don Kaddy

In the Western Massachusetts tournament played on the West Side courts in Springfield, Massachusetts last fall, it was Don Kaddy who took top honors with a 8 and 1 record. This was his seventh straight title, which speaks well for his prowess as an outstanding pitcher in the New England area.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
D. Kaddy	8	1	69.9
B. Herfurth	7	2	63.7
M. Merritt	7	2	62.4
R. Rousseau	6	3	58.8
C. Richardson	4	5	61.8
A. Whitaker	4	5	58.5
M. Tessier	3	6	53.8
J. Ducharme	3	6	53.5
H. Churchill	2	7	54.4
W. Salters	2	7	52.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
G. Brinkman	6	1	56.0
P. Aube	6	1	47.9
R. Ahlstrom	5	2	52.9
T. Laurino	4	3	49.5
H. Swedberg	2	5	47.2
A. Parker	2	5	45.3
B. Barnes	2	5	40.5
P. Drowne	1	6	40.3

CLASS C — H. Piertruzik, 6-1-53.7; B. Kaddy, 5-2-48.9; Duk. Duqueltte, 4-3-48.6; J. Renfro, 4-3-43.0; A. Tessier, 3-4-44.2; Don Duqueltte, 3-4-41.6; W. Dalmaine, 2-5-40.6; E. Eubine, 1-6-35.5.

CLASS D — F. Klockars, 6-1-40.0; C. Farnsworth, 5-2-31.0; C. Walker, 4-3-38.2; S. Lane, 4-3-33.9; Z. Kangas, 3-4-31.9; F. Wellspeck, 2-5-29.7; J. Zbanowicz, 2-5-26.9; L. Taylor, 2-5-21.6.

CLASS E — W. Ellsworth, 7-0-39.4; A. Blaser, 5-2-36.4; Al Hamel, 4-3-34.5; F. Falvo, 4-3-28.1; Ed Herzog, 3-4-32.7; N. Dotson, 3-4-26.8; M. Hardy, 2-5-29.8; R. Barden, 0-7-23.0.

CLASS F — R. Klockars, 5-0-37.3; J. Rousseau, 4-1-23.8; R. Chalfouk, 3-2-17.1; Lamuntain, 2-3-18.5; P. Howe, 1-4-15.7; B. Porn, 0-5-9.8.

Orlando Open Tourney Set For Feb. 15 — Orlando, Fla.

The annual Orlando Open tournament will be held at Sunshine park courts in Orlando, Florida, February 15-16. Entry fee of \$3.00 and qualifying scores should be sent to Barclay Webster, Secretary, 715 East Church Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 not later than February 8. All classes including Juniors.

From Here And There

From out Nebraska way comes a late report on a fall tournament held at Madison, Nebraska. Class A was won by Willis Siems with Ken Garner as runner-up; Class B went to Jim McConnell with M. Ryan riding second; Class C found Gene Johnson on top with Don Koso in second spot; Class D was Don Johnson and Jim Frye; Class E had Don Schuerman up front with Ron Goeden of So. Dakota in second; Class F went to Tony Klassen and second place to Bothwell of Iowa.

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Don Koso of Falls City, Nebraska writes that Milt Harmon has purchased a portable court and that they have been enjoying winter time pitching as a result. Byron Lee and Roland Macolm also participated.

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Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye State association, underwent minor surgery just before the holidays and has returned home. Why not drop her a card, she would appreciate it. Her address is 124 South Cherry Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.

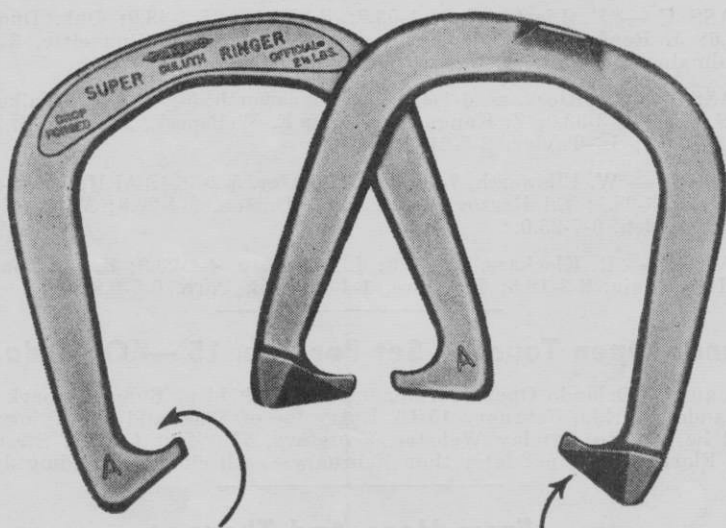
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