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"State of the Union" Summary of NHPA For 1969

With the 1969 horseshoe season now history and the 1970 season getting underway it is time to ask where the game, and the NHPA are, and what the prospects for the future might be.

The only hard figures available as a measurement are membership and magazine subscriptions. These figures show that there was a gain, but a very, very small gain in both membership and subscriptions in 1969. Both figures are all time highs for the NHPA and the magazine.

Beginning in 1957 the NHPA has registered membership gains in every year until they are now three and a half times the totals of 13 years ago.

This steady growth would not have been possible without the monthly magazine *The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest*, for it is our means of communication and information. Magazine subscriptions now stand at four times that of 1957, the first year of the existence of the "Digest".

Four new state chapters were organized in 1969 — Alaska, Maryland, Michigan Upper Peninsula and Nevada. Previously Maryland members had been included in the District of Columbia figures.

Of course, there is another way of looking at it. The NHPA roster now includes members and subscribers in all fifty states for the first time in history, so the prospects for future growth are excellent. For the first time, we now have representatives in Hawaii and South Carolina, and hope to eventually have state chapters organized. The Michigan Upper Peninsula chapter has been re-activated. Canadian membership and subscriptions are at an all time high with the province of Alberta represented for the first time.

Publicity and Public Relations: The appearance of Danny Kuchcinski and Sue Gillespie on the Johnny Carson Tonight Show, What's My Line and other exhibition appearances must certainly be put on the plus side in big letters for those two have a classy act that improves the image of the game.

The forthcoming book *Championship Horseshoes* edited by Oattie Reno and being published by A. S. Barnes, the largest publisher of sports books in the country is another plus and we are anxiously awaiting its appearance.

Judging by the newspaper clippings on horseshoes which reach the NHPA office from all parts of the country, the game is receiving more attention in the press than in the past. Newspaper publicity is a problem which can best be solved by the individual efforts of each local club and group. The clubs which work at it on the local level generally are successful in obtaining some coverage.

The World and National Tournament has grown in size and scope each year. The Erie Horseshoe Club headed by Joe Abbott did an excellent job in hosting the 1969 event and the problems of inadequate bleachers was not the fault of the Erie club for the blame should go to the park department and the city administration.

Prospects for the 1970 tournament are really good, as Southern California president, Wally Shipley, and his co-workers are really laying the ground-

Summary — (Continued)

work, while the Middlesex club headed by Hal Hanania has a running start towards a big 1971 tourney in New Jersey.

A few years ago World Tournament bids were hard to come by and sometimes it was not certain one would be forthcoming with the money and a home for the next year. Times have changed for now the bids are much larger and there are so many, that now the problem is selecting the best one.

TOP TEN

1. **Indiana** led the NHPA membership list under the direction of Secretary Earle Wilmore, who died in December and will be sorely missed this year, and a hard working president in Walt Wilhoite. The state has the biggest schedule of week-end tournaments.

2. **Ohio Buckeye** shares top honors with the Hoosier state for Ohio had the largest number of magazine subscribers and also a fairly big increase in membership and almost caught Indiana in 1969. That Ohio "gang" of Secretary Sam Goodlander, prexy Leo McGrath, tourney managers Emma and Paul Focht along with top notch clubs in Greenville headed by Roy Wright and Rollin Futrell, Columbus where Carl Young is a leader, Wauseon led by Mark Sebring, along with other clubs around the state gives Ohio excellent leadership.

3. **Northern California** headed by Lloyd Potter had a good sized increase in membership. Concentrated mainly in the 'Frisco bay' area, Northern California had big help from the Redwood Empire Club far to the north in Eureka where Ray Williams is doing a terrific job in promoting the game. Lloyd Potter will again head Northern California in 1970 with Genevieve McNally as Secretary.

4. **Southern California** getting ready for the 1970 World Tourney ranks next, but ranks ahead of its northern neighbors in magazine subscribers.

Veteran player Jim Weeks is the longtime Secretary and Wally Shipley is an efficient prexy with excellent help from Jerry Schneider, Gunnar Hansen, Elmer Beller, Norm Smith and others.

5. **Washington**, another Pacific coast state ranks next despite a loss in membership. Gary Alexander for several years has done a good job of carrying on the organization built up by his predecessor "Winnie" Winetrout. Another veteran of the game, Jim Saari, is the 1970 secretary.

6. **New York** had a big increase in 1969 and the credit must be shared by Betty Steinfeldt who was a hard working secretary along with vigorous local groups in West Chester County, Lockport, Corning, Hornell, Syracuse and the new upstate club at Pulaski-Lecoma.

7. **Pennsylvania** with the impetus of hosting the World Tourney jumped up in the list and the Erie club must be given the accolades for its work.

8. **Iowa Hawkeye** has always been one of the membership leaders due mainly to the hard work of Lucille Hopkins and we can only hope that her health will enable her to continue her work for horseshoe.

9. **Illinois** ranks next and conducts one of the most unusual state tournaments in the country. For years Illinois has held its tourney at the state fair with 12 courts under a huge tent and the fair board supplying the prize money.

10. **Wisconsin** has jumped to 10th with a big upsurge in interest in the past two years. The local clubs at Combined Locks, Eau Claire, Eagle, Washington Park in Milwaukee and the groups around Green Bay and Oshkosh form an excellent base of Secretary Bob Phelan. Curt Bestul at Eau Claire and Swen Bowman, the 1970 state president at Green Bay are real promoters of the game. Anyone who has ever been to Swen's courts at Mountain, Wisconsin reports that it is a beautiful place to play and Swen and his wife are the world's best hosts.

Summary — (Continued)

1. New York had the largest increase due mainly to the new Pulaski-Lecoma local club in upstate New York, headed by Bill Guthrie. John Ruston of Syracuse is New York president for 1970.

2. Northern California had the next largest increase.

3. Kentucky under the direction of Vern Hawkins is expanding.

4. Georgia with 85 year old Joe Dubie doing a yoeman job, ranked next.

5. Pennsylvania had a nice gain stimulated by the World Tourney.

6. Nebraska had another good sized gain in members coming after a huge gain the previous year. Don Koso is mainly responsible.

7. Texas also had a gain in 1969 after a big jump the previous year. Jim Woodson of San Antonio is a top notch promoter and organizer and the new Seguin group has helped the membership increase.

8. Ohio Buckeye had a nice increase in membership and almost caught Indiana for the top spot. This increase is harder to come by in a state with an already high membership.

9. Canada taken as a whole had a good increase for the second year in a row. Most of the members are in Ontario and British Columbia. Russ Martin is Secretary in Ontario and Bernie Lepper in British Columbia.

10. Colorado had a modest increase in 1969. Jack Beebe in Denver, state Secretary Ted Allen and the Colorado Springs club headed by Eino Tiilikainen and Russ Neher were responsible.

Upper Michigan Peninsula this chapter was reactivated after a start had been made several years ago. Geographically isolated from the rest of the state, there is a lot of horseshoe activity in that area and NHPA Regional Director Earl Grable and his wife Irene are responsible for bringing these players into the fold. An article about this group is elsewhere in this issue.

Maryland and District of Columbia has been organized into two chapters because the Chesapeake Bay splits the area into two parts. The move was successful and NHPA membership and horseshoe activity is on the increase. Moving spirits are Allen Bertschey in the District of Columbia and Dick Schleicher of Salisbury on the eastern shore.

Duluth Municipal Horseshoe League in Minnesota deserves special mention because every year the entire membership of this fine local club joins the NHPA en masse. Who the present officers are is unknown at this writing but in the past "Hots" Anderson and Jim Newland have always been in the forefront and the NHPA appreciates the co-operation of these and others in the Duluth club.

Nevada with a newly organized state chapter under the guidance of Leo Silva was a real bright spot in the NHPA picture during 1969. With a fine local league in the Reno area it looks like this state is on the move.

Alaska organized a state chapter in 1969 thanks to Harold Samuelson despite a very short playing season due to weather conditions with all members also magazine subscribers.

Redwood Empire Club in Eureka, California organized by Ray Williams is promoting the game in a big way. It looks like others could take a lesson from Ray in promotional activities. They have indoor courts, revenue producing activities and are making plans to bid for the 1972 World Tourney to be staged indoors, which would be a real first for the game.

1971 Tournament To New Jersey

The 1971 World Tournament will be held on the 24 court layout of the Middlesex, N.J. Horseshoe Club.

The NHPA convention awarded the 1971 event to Middlesex on the basis of their \$6500.00 bid, which means that cash prize awards will be increased substantially.

1970 World Tournament July 25 Through August 4

Saturday, July 25 through Tuesday, Aug. 4 will be the dates of the 1970 World and National Tournament to be held at South Gate City Park in South Gate, California.

The Southern California Association will be the official hosts of the event conducted by the N.H.P.A. The Southern California president is Wally Shipley, 2435 Winthrop Drive, Alhambra, Calif. 91803. Other officers include the long-time Secretary-Treasurer Jim Weeks of Norwalk and Vice Presidents Gunnar Hansen, Jerry Schneider and Florence Kless.

Format and schedule of the 1970 tournament will be much the same as in the past few years except for some changes made to iron out rough spots that developed in isolated spots last year and to take care of some worthwhile suggestions made by the NHPA membership through the means of the suggestion box at Erie last summer. Also only 18 courts will be available at South Gate compared to 20 at Erie.

Complete details and schedule will be carried from time to time in subsequent issues of the Digest.

Florida Winter Schedule

March 5-7, 1970 — STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL OPEN — Plant City Fairgrounds — Entries close Feb. 28. Write: John H. Rademacher.

March 11-14, 1970 — SUNCOAST OPEN — Bradenton Trailer Park courts — Entries close March 6th. Write: John W. Ellis.

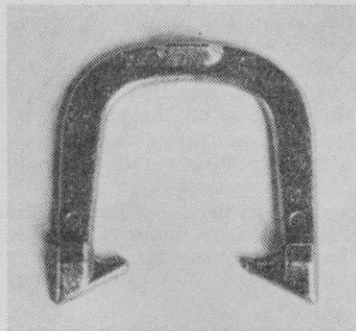
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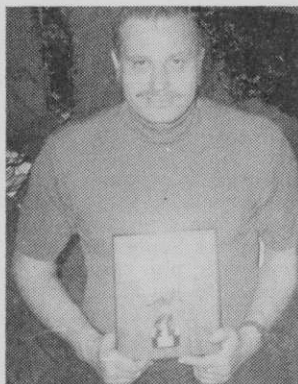
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A Comeback — Through The Power of Faith and Determination

"Into each life some rain must fall," such was the case with Dale Swank of Toulon, Illinois, when in 1966 he was beset with a tragic accident in which both of his hands were severely injured. His right hand was the most severely damaged, so much so, that it was necessary to amputate the thumb and by so doing it left his index finger useless.



Dale's first thought was that his horseshoe pitching career was at an end, but with his great Faith in Him who doeth all things well, and his own personal determination he has made his way back into the realm of winners that he first enjoyed. The first year was the hardest on him and on several occasions he was about to admit defeat, but his love of the game kept him going. Had this spirit not been as strong, he would have given up in despair.

It was his great joy to again win the League championship and trophy plaque this past season in Stark County (Illinois). He attributes his comeback in some measure to the many fine players in the horseshoe pitching association

with whom he has been associated. It was this association with other players that gave him an added incentive to keep going.

Although he had to really work hard to get the right grip on the shoes because of the missing thumb, he has accomplished this very well.

We in the Illinois State Association extend to Dale our sincere congratulations on his very fine comeback under such extreme handicapped conditions. We now can say the "rain" has stopped and the sun is shining a little bit brighter.

Minneapolis Players Visit Fred Kinsman at Worthington

On January third, eight players from the Minneapolis area journeyed to Worthington, Minnesota to see the indoor courts built by Mr. Fred Kinsman. They had heard much comment about them and decided to pay him a visit.

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In the tournament that was held during their visit, Elmer Vines of Minneapolis was the winner. The meet being a handicap affair. Others making the trip and taking part in the meet were: Hank Pilzen, Art Moran, Frank Stinson, Lloyd Olfert, Hilbert Frey and Clinton Lofgren of Minneapolis and Joseph Anzaldi of St. Paul.

These courts are located just south of the Worthington, Minnesota airport on Highway No. 59.

Bremen, Ohio Winter Indoor Open Tourneys — March 14 - 15 and April 18 - 19 — Knisley Courts, Bremen, Ohio

Send entry fee and previous tournament average to James Knisley, 217 Walnut St., Bremen, Ohio 43107, Phone 569-7766 at least (10) days before tourney date. Entry fee is \$5.00 for non-members and \$2.00 for League-Club members. Trophies will be awarded in all classes.

WINTER LEAGUE — Starts the week of February 16th and will last for (12) weeks. All games will be played during the week (with Sunday as a possible League day). A playing schedule of when you play will be drawn up and handed out to each player.

The 50-Shoe count-all scoring and handicap system will be used. Each player will get 80% of the difference between his average and 110 points for 50 shoes.

League games will start at 7:30 and each team will play six rounds. Each team will have six players each and play one night per week.

League-Club membership is \$12.00 per player. This entitles a person to use the facilities and courts at all times until membership expires September 1970. This fee is used toward heat (gas), lights and upkeep costs, plus trophies at end of the league. The team captain will get a notebook to keep his team's records. This notebook will be left at the courts after each night of league.

Annual Spring Indoor Open—Ottumwa, Iowa, March 7

The Ottumwa, Iowa Annual Spring Indoor Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held in the Coliseum basement, rear door, across from Riverside Park courts, on March 7, 1970. Qualifying until 5:30 p. m. Finals at 5 p. m. Trophies in all classes. Art Hampton, 1968-1969 Iowa State champion is the defending champion. 1970 NHPA cards will be available. Pitchers from the Midwest will be entering. All horseshoe pitchers welcome, classes for all. For further information write, Willard Waddle, Jr., 104 N. Traul, Ottumwa, Iowa, 52501.

Dean Curry Wins Idaho Title Again

Dean Curry of Lewiston repeated as Idaho champ according to a delayed report. The tourney was held at Julia Davis Park in Boise and he won in a playoff from Les Reighard.

New officers of the Idaho association are Walt McGarvey of Lewiston Secretary-Treasurer succeeding W. K. Snyder, Dean Curry president and Marvin Grayson vice-president.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
D. Curry, Lewiston	5	1	54.3
L. Reighard, Boise	4	2	55.7
E. House, Cascade	4	2	53.5
E. Wiley, Nampa	3	3	44.0
W. Hastings, Lewiston ...	1	4	53.5
T. Peterson, Boise	0	5	37.8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
M. Grayson, Lewiston	4	0	37.3
J. Ault, Boise	3	1	36.1
W. McGarvey, Lewiston ..	2	2	34.9
J. Domminck, Boise	1	3	19.5
J. Mahan, Boise	0	4	15.2

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Interesting horseshoe personalities . . .

Park, Preston and Griffith

Francis Park, 5220 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214, left, is a custodial worker and has been for the last eight years. A single man,



Francis' first love is horseshoes. He has been an NHPA member for five years and averages 36% ringers. He practices two or three times a week and has won 19 trophies including the 1962 and 1966 Linden Park handicap tournament. The sparkplug of the Columbus Open Tournaments and a charter member of the State Fair Tournament and the New Rome Club, he has been on hand for six world tournaments, has sold 200 pairs of horseshoes, 30 copies of *The Story of Horseshoes*, 60 NHPA manuals and other supplies and has made a \$100 contribution to the publicity of the game.

Donald Preston, 228 Ceramic Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43214, has a small business making home repairs, principally for insurance companies. He has had his business for nine years. Prior to that he spent ten years as a construction ironworker and before that, 17 years as a boilermaker for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Don has only been an NHPA member for two years and averages 27% ringers. He is improving all the time and practices a lot in the summer. He played semi-pro football when \$20 a game was good money. He played horseshoes as a boy with the shoes from horses, some of them as thin as a razor. Don's wife, Eleanor is a church organist, his daughter a senior at Ohio State University and his son, Fred is an attorney-at-law with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease.

Frank Griffith, Columbus, Ohio, has been an employee of the U. S. Social Security office for six years. He is carrying his first NHPA card and has been playing in the Clintonville Conservation Club league for two years. He will retire as a full Colonel in the Army in three years, and plans to make horseshoe pitching a big part of his retirement life.

By Ottie W. Reno, Route 5 - Box 305, Lucasville, Ohio, 45648. Send him your story if you have an interesting occupation or an unusual horseshoe story. He will correspond with you.

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In Memoriam

The New England States group lost one of its most devoted players when Tom Laurino of Ludlow, Massachusetts passed away last fall after a long illness.

Tom pitched in "A" and "B" classes for many years, beginning in the early 1930's. He was a member of the old Forest Park club of Springfield. This club travelled throughout the New England states playing in six-man team matches. He was champion of Hampden County in the Springfield area several times. For over 20 years he was the tournament director at the Eastern States Exposition.

Tom was a true sportsman who enjoyed winning but was gracious when he lost. He always had a ready smile and a good word for all.

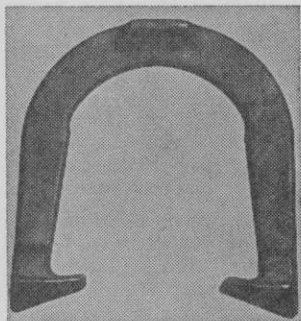
To his loving wife, who cared for him during his long illness, and surviving family the sincere sympathy of the Springfield club, together with that of the Massachusetts state association and the NHPA, is extended.

His fellow players are planning a "Tom Laurino Memorial" tournament this coming season.

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Michael Beaver, son of Clifford Beaver, 1009 S. Lillian, Ottumwa, Iowa, 52501, was killed in Viet Nam December 29, 1969, when his jeep overturned. He had participated previously in the Junior Boys' State Tournament at Iowa State Fair. His brother and father both pitch horseshoes. The Ottumwa Horseshoe Club extends its deepest feelings of sympathy to the bereaved family.

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ABOUT THE COVER . . . Shown this month are the three Hoffard brothers, all junior pitchers of the greater Vancouver Club, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. In the Pacific National Exhibition, seven year old Louis (Tiger) Hoffard defeated Annette Lavoy, Junior girl, with a 37 percent game. Great excitement surged through the crowd as little Louis ended his performance with a double ringer. Annette played very well, but could not come up to the young man's steady pitching. David Hoffard (center) is 9 years old and turned in a wonderful exhibition of pitching. The tallest of the three is 11 year old Johnny Hoffard (left). He is the 1969 British Columbia champ and also the 1969 Bellingham Junior champion. At the Pacific Northwest Meet, Johnny defeated big Mel Campsall 50-27, hitting 60 percent ringers, in his victory over the current British Columbia champion. Another attraction was "Winnie" Winetrou of Lummi Island, Washington, 1969 Intermediate World Champion who hit 92 percent in his 50-3 victory over Stanley Pachota, Vancouver, British Columbia city champion.

George Offen Wins San Bernardino (Calif.) Class "A"

In the December finals for 1969 Championships held at Perris Hill Park Courts, San Bernardino, George Offen successfully defended his Class A Club championship by a clean sweep of 7 wins, ringer percentage of 59.1. Class B title won by Dick Stewart, 7-0, 48.4%. Class C title won by Virgil Dickey, 6-2, 28.5%. Trophies were awarded to top 3 winners in each class.

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
G. Offen, San Bernardino..	7	0	59.1	E. Harkness, S. Bernardino	2	5	42.7
C. Scott, San Bernardino....	5	2	55.2	V. Wasatis, S. Bernardino	2	5	39.2
R. Stewart, San Bernardino	5	2	46.5	J. Lambert, S. Bernardino	2	5	39.0
C. Calkins, Loma Linda.....	3	4	41.1	J. Raykowski, Rialto.....	2	5	38.8

CLASS B — R. Stewart, San Bernardino, 7-0-48.4; S. Haigh, Loma Linda, 6-1-37.2; S. Brown, San Bernardino, 4-3-34.6; D. Dodson, Highland, 4-3-32.2; E. Miller, Bloomington, 4-3-30.8; H. Morin, San Bernardino, 4-3-28.3; L. Whitrock, San Bernardino, 2-5-28.4.

CLASS C — V. Dickey, San Bernardino, 6-2-28.5; V. Johnson, San Bernardino, 5-3-23.1; P. Zimmerman, San Bernardino, 5-2-26.5; P. Benner, Redlands, 4-3-25.5; A. Taylor, San Bernardino, 4-3-20.9; A. Meeh, San Bernardino, 3-4-25.9; M. Holmes, San Bernardino, 2-5-23.2; H. Ives, San Bernardino, 0-7-11.5.

A ringer handicap tourney was conducted by Charles Scott and George Offen as a special event. Two trophies were donated by Scotty's Muffler Service, San Bernardino. Seventeen players competed, each man pitching 200 shoes, scoring only ringers plus computed handicap. At end of tourney, Vernon Johnson, San Bernardino and Clifton Calkins, Loma Linda were tied at 172 points each. In the playoff, Vernon Johnson won the first place trophy.

Date For 1970 Valley Of The Sun Open Set!

Saturday and Sunday February 21 and 22 is the date to mark on your 1970 calendar. We extend a cordial invitation to all the "Snowbirds" to make the horseshoe tournament a part of your winter vacation and to pay us a visit to the Valley of the Sun.

The place will be Rendezvous Park in Mesa where we have 12 courts. There will be 4 classes. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in each class. The starting time will be 9:30 A. M. The entry fee will be \$5.00.

Please send your 1969 ringer percentage with your entry fee to Walt Stearns, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona 85201, by February 15. We'll be looking for you. Tel. 964-6887.

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Indiana State Meeting Notice

The Indiana State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association will hold its annual spring meeting at the community center of the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana on Sunday, March 15.

A carry-in covered dish dinner will be served at noon and the meeting will get underway at approximately 1 o'clock.

This will be an extremely important meeting to formulate the 1970 tournament program and find a replacement for former Secretary-Treasurer Earle Wilmore, who passed away last month.

Indiana Association president, Walter Wilhoite, 120 North Allen Drive, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 has asked that all correspondence normally addressed to Earle Wilmore be sent to him.

Solomon Wins Frye Memorial Open, Winchester, Virginia

James Solomon, Uniontown, Pa. won the 3rd Raymond L. Frye Memorial Open. Jim, defending Champion, added the second win on the revolving trophy. One more and he will keep the revolving trophy. Jim ended regulation play tied with Al Zadroga 14-2 and won the play-off 51-37. Solomon lost to Clayton Henson and Al Zadroga in regular play. Zadroga lost to Sam Sutton and Ralph Maddox.

Dale Carson with 12-3 ended in undisputed 3rd. Ralph Maddox, Howard Shriver and Oscar Engle all ended with 10-5 to round out the 4th, 5th and 6th places.

Howard Shriver won the high qualifying trophy with a score of 259-81%.

The tournament was sponsored by Carl Frye (son of Raymond L. Frye), the Winchester Horseshoe Club and the Winchester Parks and Recreation Department.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Solomon, Uniontown, Pa...	14	2	73.8	Marshall, Mabscott, W.Va.	7	8	65.8
Zadroga, Elizabeth, Pa.....	13	3	74.3	Henson, Arlington, Va.....	7	8	63.5
Carson, Baltimore, Md.....	12	3	70.1	Ballowe, Lynchburg, Va...	6	9	63.3
Maddox, Poca, W.Va.....	10	5	73.7	Dean, McGaheysville, Va...	5	10	60.4
Shriver, Wadestown, W.Va.	10	5	70.9	Williams, Altoona, Pa.....	4	11	56.8
Engle, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	10	5	66.7	May, Lynchburg, Va.....	3	12	58.7
Sutton, Washington, Pa.....	9	6	67.8	Fulton, Carlisle, Pa.....	1	14	53.5
Dean, McGaheysville, Va...	9	6	67.6	Reno, Lucasville, Ohio.....	1	14	50.7

CLASS A — Pugh, Glen Morgan, W. Va., 7-0-61.8; Caldwell, Martinsburg, W. Va., 5-2-57.3; Price, Stanley, Va., 4-3-58.3; Torrence, Lynchburg, Va.,

Solomon Wins — (Continued)

4-3-50.5; Burnette, Madison Heights, Va., 3-4-54.9; Cline, Beckley, W. Va., 2-4-48.2; Clark, Winchester, Va., 1-6-36.6; Anderson, Fawn Grove, Pa., 1-6-36.5.

CLASS B — Good, Stanley, Va., 7-0-54.7; Vaughan, Maben, W. Va., 6-1-47.1; Eppley, Dallastown, Pa., 4-3-48.9; Ruff, York, Pa., 4-3-46.9; Walker, Mineral, Va., 2-5-45.5; Cooper, Winchester, Va., 2-5-43.3; Price, Stanley, Va., 2-5-41.8; Kyre, Winchester, Va., 1-6-40.4.

CLASS C — Slavin, Ronceverte, W. Va., 7-0-50.0; Baugher, New Oxford, Pa., 6-1-44.5; Painter, Waynesboro, Va., 4-3-49.8; Martin, Winston Salem, N. C., 4-3-47.0; Sammons, Seaford, Del., 3-4-44.4; Michael, West Augusta, Va., 2-5-42.6; Vogel, Middlesex, N. J., 1-6-44.3; Puffenburger, Forrest Heights, Md., 1-6-43.0.

CLASS D — Marzuello, Finksburg, Md., 5-2-35.6; Duvall, Mineral, Va., 5-2-24.9; Young, Woodbridge, Va., 4-3-37.4; Hix, Jr., Mineral, Va., 4-3-33.8; Cooper, Winchester, Va., 4-3-25.3; Armstrong, West Augusta, Va., 3-4-22.9; Puffinberger, Oxen Hill, Md., 2-5-28.9; Chatham, Salisbury, Md., 1-6-23.7.

CLASS E — Chatham, Salisbury, Md., 3-0-31.3; Hamilton, West Augusta, Va., 2-1-28.8; Painter, Waynesboro, Va., 1-2-17.2; Henson, Arlington, Va., 0-3-13.0.

1970 Canadian National Championships

The 1970 Canadian National Championships will be held August 14, 15 and 16 at Dauphin, Manitoba on indoor courts in an arena with accommodations for 3,000 spectators it was announced by Bert Snart, president of the Dauphin, Manitoba Horseshoe Club who will host the event.

The event will be part of a 100 year celebration in the province of Manitoba and will have considerable financial backing. Cash prize lists and other details of the tournament will be announced in later issues of the Digest.

This will mark the first time the Canadian championships have been staged outside the province of Ontario and it offers an excellent chance for a unified Canadian horseshoe program to be formed involving all provinces.

Lodging Accommodations For 1970 World Tournament

For those who would like to make reservations early and direct, here are three listings who have taken an ad in our brochure.

JUBILEE MOTOR INN — 10851 Long Beach Blvd., Lynwood Calif., 90262 — Phone 213 639-6250. 100 Units with 2 pools, Coffee Shop, Restaurant, Cocktails, Dancing, Entertainment. Singles \$9.00 and up. Doubles 11.00 and up. Less than 10 minutes by car to South Gate park.

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Please, when making reservations, LET THE WORLD KNOW YOU'RE COMING FOR THE WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT. We'll have more listings at a later date. Sometimes it's a good idea to confirm reservations with a deposit. Would appreciate knowing where you will be staying if you can find time to drop me a line.

Anyone interested in donating towards the 1970 World Tournament and have their name published in our brochure, send information to: Wally Shipley, President, 2435 Winthrop Drive, Alhambra, Calif., 91803. Make checks out to S.C.H.P.A.

Fuller and Davis Design NHPA Scoreboard

Pictured here is the scoring device used by the NHPA in the last three World Tournaments.

The device was designed and made by Vern Fuller and Jim Davis of Battle Creek, Mich., long time NHPA members and players in the Wolverine state. The name plate holders and mounting were made by NHPA President Ralph Dykes and his buddy, Jack Stout.



The two inch numbers are on two inner disks with numbers from 1 to 5 and two outer rings with numbers from 0 to 9. The diameter of the inner disks is eight inches.

There is a viewing window on the other side of the device as well as name plate slots so the score can be seen from both sides.

The overall size of the device is 24 by 12 inches and one inch thick, and it weighs only six pounds.

The bottom of the device has a fitting into which a piece of thin wall pipe can be inserted for mounting in the ground. The entire device will swivel freely, allowing the score to be viewed from all angles.

The NHPA plans to have blueprints made of this entire scoring device and mounting equipment in order to make its construction available on a "do it yourself" basis by all local clubs.

COMING EVENTS

April 11-12 — Daffodil Open tournament, Wright park, Tacoma, Washington.
 May 3 — Spring Open tournament, Madison Fairgrounds, Madison, Nebraska.
 May 30-31 — Seattle Memorial tournament, Woodland park, Seattle, Washington.
 June 7 — Open tournament, Fairbury, Nebraska.
 June 13-14 — Lewis and Clark Open tournament, Clarkston, Washington.
 June 27-28 — Tacoma Open tournament, Wright park, Tacoma, Washington.
 August 8-9 — All Coast Open tournament, Vancouver, Washington.
 August 11 — Annual Illinois State tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.

August 12 — Annual Illinois State Boys' tournament, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.
 August 23 — Inland Empire Invitational Handicap, Spokane, Washington.
 August 22-23 — Bellingham International, Bellingham, Washington.
 August 30 — Greater Seattle tournament, Woodland park, Seattle, Washington.
 Sept. 7 — Annual Washington State tournament, Wright park, Tacoma, Washington.
 Sept. 5-6-7 — National Senior AAU tournament, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.
 Sept. 20 — Open Tournament, Fairbury, Nebraska.

Recap of The Western Massachusetts Open

The winner of the annual Western Massachusetts Open tournament was announced in the Digest some months ago. However, for those players who took part, the following recap of the results was sent in by Percy Howe just recently.

CLASS A — B. Herfourth, 6-1-63.3; M. Merritt, 5-2-69.3; C. Richardson, 4-3-67.3; D. Kaddy, 4-3-66.1; E. Domey, 4-3-64.3; E. Saltus, 2-5-63.2; M. Tessier, 2-5-60.0; A. Rousseau, 1-6-55.8.

CLASS B — J. Ducharme, 7-0-62.7; V. Alain, 6-1-55.6; L. Saltus, 4-3-54.3; J. Salo, 4-3-51.1; P. Drowne, 3-4-51.5; H. Swedberg, 3-4-49.3; J. Salo, 1-6-40.5; R. Ahlstrom, 0-7-35.0.

CLASS C — A. Hautel, 7-0-47.4; J. Renfro, 5-2-46.8; B. Kaddy, 4-3-48.2; G. Brinkman, 4-3-46.4; P. Aube, 4-3-41.7; R. Dulmaine, 2-5-47.4; B. Barnes, 2-5-37.0; F. Klockars, 0-7-27.5.

CLASS D — T. Graves, 7-0-43.5; R. Barnes, 6-1-36.0; S. Luke, 4-3-32.1; A. Blaser, 4-3-32.0; B. Saltus, 3-4-33.4; L. Tayler, 2-5-32.8; F. Welspeak, 2-5-30.1; S. Lane, 0-7-17.3.

CLASS E — R. Klockars, 7-0-38.8; A. Rousseau, 5-2-43.5; M. Hardy, 5-2-34.7; E. Ahola, 4-3-34.6; B. Charland, 3-4-27.2; J. Kangas, 3-4-26.1; E. Herzog, 1-6-24.1; J. Kaddy, 0-7-21.5.

CLASS F — J. Plummer, 7-0-32.9; G. Rousseau, 5-2-27.9; D. Lamountain, 5-2-22.6; Potenaude, 5-2-21.5; R. Howe, 2-5-16.0; B. Porm, 2-5-11.8; C. Britt, 1-6-5.9; P. Howe, 0-7-13.3.

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“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

January 13, 1970

Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest
1307 Solfisburg Avenue
Aurora, Illinois

Gentlemen:

My reason for writing you is to ask if you will please send me one copy of your “OFFICIAL RULES FOR HORSESHOE PITCHING”.

Years ago I played the game, but have forgotten most of the rules. A few of us here in South Viet Nam would like to start playing and would like to know the latest rules. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rudy Lane

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320 Wellington Road

Mineola, New York

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb
Editor, The Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Our club tried the ‘Schummer system’ and, once we got used to the scoring, (about 15 minutes), things went smoothly.

Periodic use of this handicap system, I believe, serves as excellent preparation for major tournaments and also provides a more accurate guide to a player's ringer percentage than does the qualifying system.

Last, and of paramount importance, it stimulates interest among the lower percentage players, a badly needed must!

Sincerely,

Bob Sutton

Winter Open Classic Opens Washington's 1970 Season

As in the past, the first tourney in Washington state is the annual Winetroot Winter Open Classic. It was held on the Woodland park courts in Seattle, Washington on January 18. Winners of each of the six-man divisions will meet in a final match to declare the final winner after the winter series is concluded. Trophies and plaques will be awarded throughout the series.

A trophy will be awarded by “Winnie” to the pitcher with the highest ringer percentage in any 5-game series or more and having played in at least 5 series. The percentage increase being figured from the first series entry qualification. The award will be presented at the completion of the Winter Open Classic.

Could Horseshoes Use A Booster Shot Jingle?

By Allen Bertschy

Boosting horseshoes by having a "You Pick 'Em Contest," Court Registration, and a Friend of the Game Donation are excellent ideas.

It is most reassuring to see that the NHPA leaders are progressive enough to "join 'em" in using some highly effective selling techniques. Promotional gimmicks like these are in tune with modern trends, and the merit of such advertising is recognized by successful enterprises, including major sport activities.

Another booster idea is a jingle. Since one hasn't appeared in the News Digest lately, I would like to introduce some background discussion before presenting a possibility.

One of the most impressive features of horseshoe pitching is the traditional NHPA policy of wearing white uniforms at sanctioned tournaments. Currently, this fashion has a dual appeal because it not only makes the game very presentable but it also relates with the white-hat-good-guy image.

Other sports like tennis, whose attraction is one of the best, are identified with white shirts, shorts, and shoes (and sometimes skirts too). Its boom in popularity is still growing as prominent personalities become interested. Likewise, the fortunes of bowling and pool soared after they were modernized with good house cleaning programs. Last but not least, there are the sports connected with the other side of the shoe, namely, horse racing, horse shows, steeplechase, polo, and fox hunting. Again, fashionable clothing and wearing gear that is distinctive typifies this group often referred to as the horsey set. - - - - - Significantly, the basic format of these games has not changed over the years.

The influence of the NHPA in setting ideal standards is very commendable. Nevertheless, this good influence appears to diminish as it trickles down to many recreation areas where NHPA representatives are scarce. When this occurs, the decor of the courts often deteriorates into horseshoe graveyards that are mud holes or dust bowls. In addition, shades of dungarees become more evident, all of which helps to mold public opinion. As long as these symbols are present to an extensive degree, the barnyard golf stigma will exist as a challenge for eradication and improvement.

Upgrading the environment of many courts so they reflect a higher image of horseshoes seems like a terrific job. However, one approach is to try the use of jingle and slogan ads on horseshoe circulars.

In view of the foregoing appraisal, an appropriate jingle should emphasize a theme — for example, white shirts and horseshoes are synonymous. Thus, a "new look" pitch will get more publicity and the courts that are in need of attention should improve by association.

As a "booster shot" (and if you want a ringer to jingle), perhaps this one might encourage more players to be "in."

Ringer swingers
Dressed in white
Are crowd bringers
And a Boosters delight.

North American Open at Toronto, Canada Planned

Russ Martin of Kitchener, Ontario, secretary of the Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers' Association announces that a North American Open tournament will be held in the Toronto area in September with a \$3,000 cash prize list.

The tournament will be open to all players in the United States and Canada. Specific dates and details will be announced later. The Canadian players hope to make this an annual event.

Fourth Annual Miami Open, Feb. 21-22 — Miami, Florida

The fourth annual Miami Men's Open tournament for the benefit of Variety Children's Hospital will be played on February 21-22 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. 15th. Players must pitch 50 shoes for maximum score at Lummus Park on any of the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 15th, 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 19th 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.

Plant City, Florida, Open Jan. 17, Plant City Fairgrounds

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Plant City	5	0	66.9
M. Richmond, Minn.	4	1	56.9
W. Keegan, Hollywood	3	2	58.0
J. Clingan, Apopka	2	3	50.0
C. Hewett, Maine	1	4	38.7
A. Yount, Indiana	0	5	40.5

CLASS B

	W	L	%
R. Hitchcock, Bradenton ..	6	1	46.8
A. Clingan, Orlando	6	1	43.6
L. Peary, Bradenton	4	3	40.5
F. Sumpter, Ohio	3	4	43.0
O. Corbett, Orlando	3	4	36.8
L. Miller, Sarasota	2	5	43.4
W. Figy, Ohio	2	5	42.6
R. Whittemore, Maine	2	5	40.4

CLASS C — Les Hostettler, Sarasota 4-1-47.5; Al Hodgman, Michigan 4-1-40.2; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 2-3-42.6; Roy Gravink, New York 2-3-38.1; Jack Ellis, Bradenton 2-3-38.8; John Brackett, Wis. 1-4-31.0.

CLASS D — John Taylor, N. D. 5-2-33.7; Henry Spiess, Sarasota 4-3-39.3; Jim Geiger, New Port Richey 4-3-33.6; Ronnie Ronnemus, Bradenton 4-3-33.8; E. Davies, Canada 4-3-35.1; Otto Autrey, Lakeland 4-3-34.8; C. D. Rogers, Michigan 3-4-33.2; C. H. Shenton, W. Va. 0-7-22.4.

CLASS E — Earle Johnson, Bradenton 6-1-34.4; Ed Drager, Ohio 5-2-29.0; Milton Myhre, N. D. 4-3-29.7; Bob Graham, Bradenton 3-4-30.4; Keith Davidson, Mich. 3-4-27.9; Ted Casteel, Bradenton 3-4-23.3; Jay Guernsey, Mich. 2-5-24.4; Joe Thonert, Zephyrhills 2-5-25.4.

CLASS F — L. Buckner, Mich 7-0-26.2; Dewey Toney, Plant City 6-1-21.4; Curt Stollings, New Smyrna Beach 5-2-23.0; Harold Cook, Seminole 4-3-29.4; H. James, Orlando 3-4-13.8; Charles Titus, Plant City 3-4-16.4; Ted Corbett, Orlando 1-6-11.6; Joe Kelly, Bradenton 0-7.

JUNIORS — Wayne Warner, Plant City 3-0; Johnnie Rademacher, Plant City 2-1; Steve Warner, Plant City 0-3.

An interesting horseshoe personality . . .

Clair Bruce of Pennsylvania



CLAIR BRUCE — Clair Bruce, 303 North Market, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. 16142. is a real estate and claims representative for the Pennsylvania Power Co. Clair has been at the job for seventeen years and his duty consists mainly of purchasing land and rights of way for electrical transmission systems. The most interesting part of this job is dealing with people whose land will be crossed or taken and Clair says that "not all of them like him."

Mr. Bruce is married and has two children, Dennis 19 and Carol 14. He has been an NHPA member and averages 65% ringers. He won the Lawrence County Tournament in 1966 and 1968 but his biggest achievement to date was getting into Class A in the World

Tournament in 1968 at Keene, New Hampshire. On his practice habits, Clair had this to say, "I practice as often as I can and play opponents as tough as I can find, as often as possible."

By Ottie W. Reno, Route 5 - Box 305, Lucasville, Ohio, 45648. Send him your story if you have an interesting occupation or an unusual horseshoe story. He will correspond with you.

John Norris Wins Mississippi Title Hurricane Camille Hurt Program

Hurricane Camille wrecked the program of the NHPA's Mississippi State organization, the Gulf Coast Horseshoe League, but after the debris was partially cleared away weeks later John Norris of Longbeach won the state title.

The Mississippi group is comprised mainly of players in the Gulfport area where hurricane Camille struck with full fury last August.

Secretary Robert Currie reports that the five courts were covered with huge trees after the floodwaters had subsided and with roads blocked and wrecked it was impossible to remove them even after they had been cut into pieces. The room where his horseshoe records were kept was under eight feet of water.

Late in the season after two courts were put back in operation, an elimination type state tourney was held under very difficult conditions and the new champ posted a ringer average of 48.2.

The organization will be back in operation in 1970 and the NHPA will furnish trophies for the championship event in order to help our horseshoe pitching brethren in the Magnolia state to get back on their feet and tossing the ringers again. Bob Currie as Secretary has done a splendid job for both the NHPA and Mississippi players and deserves the full support of both the NHPA and local players.

North Dakota Winter Show Tournament Is Cancelled Out

The North Dakota Winter Show opening in Valley City N. D., March 6 will not feature a horseshoe pitching tournament for the first time in four years.

Winter Show officials notified the Red River Valley League officials that it would be impossible to fit the horseshoe event into the schedule this year.

Irv Koslofsky, Winter Show secretary, said that a rodeo has been scheduled on the Saturday on which the horseshoe event had been previously held. Koslofsky said he was happy with the cooperation which the Winter Show had received from the Red River Valley League in conducting three successful tournaments.

Koslofsky said that possibly the tourney could be returned to the Winter Show schedule sometime in the future.

Last March six of the leading World Tournament pitchers battled in the first open All-Star tournament held in conjunction with the 32-man open division. Prize money was offered for all six participants.

North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota pitchers have participated in the open event the past three years. It was believed to be one of the largest indoor events in the nation.

An ideal indoor arena for the tournament, the spacious Winter Show building has been mentioned several times as a possible World Tournament site.

Red River Valley League officials thanked those pitchers who have participated in the indoor event the past three years. Pitchers felt it was an ideal time of the year to break the winter up with competition on the Winter Show courts.

Meanwhile, the Red River Valley League officials are planning to stage two outdoor tourneys again in Fargo-Moorhead — the Red River Valley Open on July 4 and 5 and the Allard Open in Moorhead at a date to be announced.

H. Pidde Winner of The 1969 Seattle Open Turkey Shoot

CLASS A

	W	L	%
H. Pidde, Seattle	5	1	63.3
E. West, Seattle	4	2	57.1
M. Alvord, Seattle	3	2	54.4
F. Winetrout, Lummi Is... 3	2	53.5	
B. Van Egdom, Lynden ...	1	4	49.0
J. Eckstrom, Port Orchard	0	5	39.0

CLASS B

	W	L	%
A. Hostak, Seattle	5	1	47.1
E. Anderson, Lynden	4	2	35.4
M. McDaniel, Everett	3	2	34.7
M. Smith, Seattle	2	3	30.6
E. Bartlett, Everett	1	4	34.5
O. Wallen, Seattle	1	4	31.2

CLASS C — P. Russell, Seattle, 4-1-43.7; J. Doud, Seattle, 3-2-44.2; M. Pratt, Puyallup, 3-2-38.7; A. Alexander, Granite Falls, 3-2-37.5; B. Tyrrell, Selah, 1-4-36.0; H. Wilkerson, Everett, 1-4-31.4.

CLASS D — F. Kuhn, Seattle, 5-1-34.2; R. Card, Seattle, 4-2-28.8; G. Dooley, Seattle, 3-2-25.6; M. Miller, Seattle, 2-3-28.6; W. Scheib, Port Orchard, 1-4-23.5; A. Giacomini, Port Orchard, 1-4-15.9.

Horseshoe Book To Be Published

A. S. Barnes Company, the largest publisher of sports books in the United States will soon print and publish a full sized hardback book devoted entirely to horseshoe pitching to be entitled Championship Horseshoe.

The manuscript and material for the book is being prepared by Ottie Reno of Ohio in co-operation with NHPA officials. The book will cover both the historical and technical aspects of the game and the national association together with pictures, drawings, diagrams and other illustrations.

A. S. Barnes Company of New York City is by far the largest publisher of sports books and information in the country and its publications are almost automatically placed on the shelves in public, school and recreational libraries.

Minutes of 1969 NHPA Convention

The National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Annual Convention for 1969 was called to order at 9:10 A. M.

There was a silent prayer in memory of the members of the Association who have passed away.

The delegates from each state were then seated in alphabetical order by state. They were as follows: Arkansas 1, California 5, Colorado 1, Connecticut 1, Florida 3, Georgia 1, Illinois 6, Indiana 6, Kansas 2, Iowa 1, Maine 3, Maryland 1, Massachusetts 2, Michigan 6, Minnesota 6, Mississippi 4, New Hampshire 3, New Jersey 4, Oregon 1, New Mexico 1, Ohio 6, South Dakota 2, New York 5, Pennsylvania 6, Texas 1, Virginia 2, Washington 4, West Virginia 2, Wyoming 2 and Canada 6.

Bob Pence then read the minutes from last year's meeting which was held in Keene, New Hampshire. A motion was made by Bolduc of Maine that the minutes be accepted as read and seconded by Wilhoite of Indiana. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Earl Winston of the Auditing Committee gave the approval of the committee to approve the financial records of the National Secretary, Bob Pence. Bob Pence then read the financial report to the delegates. A motion was made by Mason of Michigan to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by Creteau of New Hampshire. It was voted on and passed, again, unanimously.

Ralph Dykes then went on to discuss the publicity report for the past year. He mentioned that it was coming along quite well. One highlight for the 1969 tournament was the presence of a reporter from "Sports Illustrated" to cover the 1969 World Horseshoe Tournament for his magazine.

Ellis Cobb, unable to attend the first part of 1969's tournament, then gave a talk via tape recorder to the delegates. Membership for the Digest for the year 1969 has increased a little.

Ralph Dykes also mentioned that the Publicity Committee hopes to have a horseshoe directory out sometime this winter.

NEW BUSINESS

A problem on the scorekeeping for qualifiers was brought up. The decision was that in the future special score sheets should be made up with only 2 columns (1 for points and 1 for total) on it. This would alleviate much of the confusion with the statisticians.

Another question arose from one of the delegates about a ruling being made to cover the chance of an opponent pitching a players shoe and getting a ringer with it. Bob Pence mentioned that a rules committee be set up, where members who have questions pertaining to the rules may write.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Pence brought up a ruling that was on trial for a year's basis be dropped from the books. This rule being to discontinue the extra \$2.00 fee for scorekeepers which has been added to the Class A players fee. This rule has given the office workers a lot of extra work and problems in figuring the money situation.

A motion was made by Herferth of Massachusetts to drop this \$2.00 ruling and was seconded by Mason of Michigan. It was voted on and passed.

BIDS FOR THE 1971 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Bids were called for by Ralph Dykes, President and Bob Pence, Secretary-Treasurer. Bids were received from Middlesex, New Jersey and Greenville, Ohio. Each representative for the states gave a brief description of their area to the delegates.

A secret ballot was then taken by the delegates. The outcome being 67 votes for Middlesex, New Jersey and 23 votes for Greenville, Ohio. 4 votes unaccounted for.

Minutes — (Continued)

Bob Pence then went on to discuss the Midwestern Ringer Round-Up. He feels that a little support should be given to Greenville, Ohio. This tournament has increased to such a high capacity that the National Association should give a little support to the club.

A motion was made by Herferth of Massachusetts to support the Greenville, Ohio Club and seconded by Franke of Illinois. It was voted on and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Clyde Martz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then gave the nominations for the President, 1st Vice President and 3rd Vice President. The nomination for President was Ralph Dykes; 1st Vice President Hal Hannia of Middlesex, New Jersey and 3rd Vice President Leo McGrath of Greenville, Ohio.

A motion was made by Earl Winston of Missouri that Ralph Dykes be re-elected for President for another 2 years. It was seconded by Zozzarro of New Jersey. Voted on and passed by the delegates.

A motion was made by Rozak of Connecticut to elect Hal Hannia of New Jersey for 1st Vice President for a 2 year term. It was seconded by Wilhoite of Indiana. The delegates voted on it and passed the nomination.

A motion was made by Carl VanderLanken of New York and seconded by Sumpter of Ohio to elect Leo McGrath for 3rd Vice President for a 2 year term. Voted on and passed.

HALL OF FAME

Bob Pence spoke for "Pop" Johnson, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee and gave the names of the 3 men selected by the committee. They were as follows: Elmer Hohl of Wellsley, Ontario and Curt Day of Frankfort, Indiana for the two participants and Bob Pence for a non-participant of the game but a very hard worker in the game of horseshoes.

A motion was made by Drowne from Massachusetts to accept the names selected by the committee and it was seconded by Bolduc of Maine. It was then voted on and passed.

STOKES AWARD

It was decided upon by the delegates that the Stokes award be decided by the officers of the National Association, as the regular members are really not fully aware of what each member to the association has done during the past year.

A motion was made by Herferth of Massachusetts and seconded by Schlei-mann of South Dakota that the recipients of the Stokes award be picked by the officers and a routine be set up to pick the Stokes awards in the future years. It was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Earl Winston and seconded by Ostrander of Michigan to adjourn the meeting. Voted on and passed unanimously by the delegates.

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A plea for help from YE EDITOR. What a terrific job of reporting you guys do, but WOULD YOU BELIEVE that we sometimes have a heckuva time reading the copy ? ? ?

We humbly ask that if possible, TYPE your material, or send it to us printed in ink on one side only, please. We would hate to guess wrong on ringer percentages, etc., and there is not time to check any of these details before we go to press. Keep up the good work.

ELLIS COBB, Editor

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Copies of the book "The Kid Champ" (Story of Danny Kuchcinski's horseshoe pitching career) are available to clubs and organizations which may wish to purchase them to give as prizes for tournaments. They are especially good for junior tournaments. Prices are \$1.00 for single copy, \$4.50 for six copies and \$9.00 for a dozen copies. They may be secured by writing Will Gullickson, 1608 17th St. S., Moorhead, Minn. 56560.

Notice To Virginia State Association Members

Mrs. Cindy Dean, the new state secretary for the Virginia state association announces that the Virginia NHPA membership cards are now ready. 1970 dues are \$4.50 which includes \$1.50 National dues and \$2.50 for the News Digest and 50 cents for state dues. She requests that all players in Virginia please make an early remittance for membership cards. Her address is as follows: Cindy Dean, Rte No. 1, Box 73, McGaheysville, Virginia 22840.

Cape May County (New Jersey) Awarded 1970 National Senior AAU

The Cape May County Park Commission of Cape May Court House, New Jersey has been awarded the National Senior AAU tournament for 1970. The meet will be held in that city over the Labor Day weekend.

It is also planned to conduct the National Quoit pitching tournament for men on the same date. There is considerable interest in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Details concerning both of these events will be announced later.

