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COVER PICTURE . . . Featured this month is an array of 20 trophies that will be awarded at the Fourth Annual Dogwood Festival Open Tournament to be held at Statesville, North Carolina on April 21-22 and 23. Proud onlookers are: Left to right, Donald Douglas, winner of the 1971 Greensboro Open and two meets in South Carolina; Robert Goforth, 13, and last year's Class E champion; J. T. Goforth, Robert's dad, and a committee member; Gurney York, former N. C. state champion and former National AAU champion and Jack Springer, Recreation Director and tournament chairman. Trophies provided by Trico Engraving Co., 415 Boulevard, P. O. Box 457, Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834, phone 703-526-0522.

Orlando Open Victory No Trouble For John Rademacher

John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida had no trouble winning all his games to capture Class A in the Orlando Open, November 20th at Orlando's "Sunshine Park" with Opal Corbett as tourney director. Bill Keegan of Hollywood, Florida, placed second in Class A; Harold Cheffer, Naples, won Class B in a playoff with Earl Ridge of Orlando; Ruth Hammond of Michigan took the honors in Class C with a playoff win over Tina Bunce of New York; Allen Clingan had little trouble in the Class D group, winning all his games.

In keeping with the season of Thanksgiving, first place winners were presented with hams and cash prizes and second place winners received a fruit cake and cash. A sun-kissed day with cooling breezes made for perfect pitching weather. A fine crowd was on hand and a good time was had by all.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
J. Rademacher, Plant City	7	0	73.1
B. Keegan, Hollywood	6	1	63.2
J. Clingan, Orlando	4	3	50.9
L. Miller, Bradenton	3	4	47.2
O. Gaudette, New Smyrna	3	4	44.9
R. Martin, Orlando	3	4	41.8
R. Hitchcock, Bradenton	3	4	41.4

CLASS B

	W	L	%
H. Cheffer, Naples	6	1	47.9
E. Ridge, Orlando	6	1	46.5
O. Corbett, Orlando	5	2	50.6
D. Campbell, Naples	5	3	43.7
H. Mullet, Sarasota	3	4	36.6
J. Bunce, New York	2	5	31.6
A. Hulshof, Hawthorne	2	5	31.2
D. Laws, Orlando	0	7	19.8

CLASS C — R. Hammond, Michigan, 6-1-40.6, won playoff; T. Bunce, New York, 6-1-36.2, lost playoff; G. Rankin, Deland, 5-2-42.1; J. Hess, Bradenton, 4-3-39.0; E. Hammond, Michigan, 3-4-32.1; E. Grove, Deland, 2-5-35.8; E. Johnson, Bradenton, 2-5-31.9; J. Thonert, Plant City, 0-7-27.1.

CLASS D — A. Clingan, Orlando, 7-0-37.6; D. Ferguson, Sarasota, 6-1-34.2; B. Graham, Bradenton, 4-3-29.1; M. Myre, North Dakota, 4-3-28.9; R. Fisher, Orlando, 4-3-23.1; B. Webster, Orlando, 2-5-14.5; S. Titus, Plant City, 1-6-10.6; C. Titus, Plant City, 0-7-13.2.

Harry Henn Memorial Open — MARCH 11-12

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Final Report Shows Glass As Wisconsin State Champion

CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
B. Glass, Vesper	8	1	73.6	T. Bartlen, West Allis	5	4	50.5
R. Maylahn, Milwaukee	8	1	68.7	F. Kubly, Watertown	4	5	47.5
C. Bestul, Eau Claire	6	3	57.8	M. Semingson, Eau Claire ..	2	7	49.6
W. Saeger, Ixonia	6	3	57.2	A. Johnson, Eau Claire	1	8	43.2
H. Elmerson, Wisc. Rapids ..	5	4	53.5	B. Anderson, Eau Claire	0	9	40.3

CLASS B — H. Sheets, Milwaukee, 7-2-51.7; N. Gossens, Kimberly, 7-2-49.4; M. Sorenson, DePere, 6-3-50.0; L. Furrer, Palmyra, 6-3-44.8; S. Bowman, Green Bay, 6-3-42.7; W. Schmeckpepper, LaCrosse, 4-5-45.2; W. Taylor, West Bend, 3-6-44.3; G. Mason, Appleton, 3-6-42.8; B. Caucutt, Eau Claire, 3-6-33.8.

CLASS C — B. Hanneman, Wisc. Rapids, 4-1-48.8; T. House, Eau Claire, 4-1-40.9; H. Pint, Milwaukee, 4-1-48.6; B. Brostuen, Beloit, 3-2-44.6; A. Johnson, Germantown, 3-2-41.8; J. Kapalin, Green Bay, 3-2-41.5; M. Tate, Appleton, 2-3-44.4; M. Olson, Appleton, 2-3-44.1; B. Phelan, Kimberly, 2-3-40.6; L. Sieg, Eau Claire, 2-3-37.7; P. Klawiter, Eau Claire, 1-4-39.0; Ralph Mossholder, Westby, Forfeit.

CLASS D — R. Wrucke, Horicon, 5-0-48.2; D. McKinney, Germantown, 5-0-40.3; K. Jevne, Mondovi, 4-1-37.2; H. Wendt, Horicon, 4-1-43.4; G. Schwartz, Germantown, 3-2-40.1; R. Brostuen, Monroe 2-3-37.0; D. Goldsmith, Wisc. Rapids, 2-3-36.7; R. Hoover, Eau Claire, 2-3-35.4; W. Dollase, Watertown, 1-4-35.2; H. Johnson, Neenah, 1-4-32.0; J. Colbert, Sparta, 1-4-31.8; A. Spang, Shawano, 0-5-16.8.

CLASS E — A. Brouillette, Milwaukee, 3-2-38.4; G. Tate, Appleton, 5-4-41.0; B. Jarosch, Sheboygan, 3-2-37.3; Windy Weiss, Germantown, 3-2-37.4; A. Riek, Boyceville, 3-2-38.1; N. Bloemer, Green Bay, 3-2-35.4; E. Heinrich, Wisc. Rapids, 3-2-28.4; R. Schilling, Horicon, 2-3-36.7; J. Dollevoet, Little Chute, 2-3-35.8; S. Berndt, Lake Winnebago, 2-3-34.7; R. Billen, Kenosha, Forfeit; F. Stankus, Prairie DuChien, Forfeit.

CLASS F — J. Gerrits, Appleton, 5-0-36.5; S. Weiss, Germantown, 5-0-37.3; H. Wendorf, Milwaukee, 4-1-34.7; C. Olson, Green Bay, 4-1-30.9; E. Wing, Germantown, 3-2-33.0; E. Hartjes, Combined Locks, 3-2-28.4; J. Tepanier, Oconto, 2-3-34.7; L. Mattson, Eau Claire, 2-3-20.0.

CLASS G — R. Bub, Milwaukee, 4-1-31.7; J. Brezina, Boyceville, 5-0-49.3; S. Sorenson, Waupaca, 3-2-31.5; R. Goetz, Milwaukee, 3-2-38.7; K. Marx, Sussex, 3-2-30.2; R. Karnz, Green Bay, 3-2-27.5; H. Potter, Appleton, 2-3-36.2; B. Schutte, Green Bay, 2-3-31.8; R. Behm, Weyauwega, 2-3-26.0; R. Wilde, Waupaca, 2-3-24.3; J. Minten, Kimberly, 1-4-28.3; R. Laney, Milwaukee, Forfeit.

CLASS H — H. Lamers, Kimberly, 4-1-25.5; B. Becher, Milwaukee, 4-1-24.3; R. Abrams, Milwaukee, 4-1-26.3; G. Kuffer, Milton, 4-1-31.2; E. Euclide, Apple-

Wisconsin — (Continued)

ton, 3-2-24.8; B. Johnson, Appleton, 3-2-23.0; R. Berndt, Appleton, 3-2-21.7; E. Penshorn, Wonewoc, 2-3-21.7; O. Pynonen, Wonewoc, 1-4-17.4; F. Frieders, Appleton, 1-4-16.3; E. Karnz, Sr., Green Bay, 1-4-15.1; D. Bolles, Milwaukee, Forfeit.

CLASS I — L. Krueger, Oshkosh, 5-2-28.4; C. Janssen, Combined Locks, 5-2-19.0; K. Verhoven, Combined Locks, 4-3-20.0; G. Swokowski, Combined Locks, 4-3-22.1; J. Kamps, Combined Locks, 3-4-25.3; D. Rietzner, Combined Locks, 3-4-16.4; E. Karnz, Jr., Green Bay, 2-5-21.5; D. Behm, Omro, 2-5-19.0.

WOMEN'S CLASS "A" — M. Ristau, Combined Locks, 5-0-42.6; R. Sanders, Combined Locks, 4-1-30.5; J. Van Deurzen, Combined Locks, 2-3-36.9; A. Opsteen, Combined Locks, 2-3-24.4; S. Dollevoet, Little Chute, 1-4-21.5; R. Kamps, Combined Locks, 1-4-13.9.

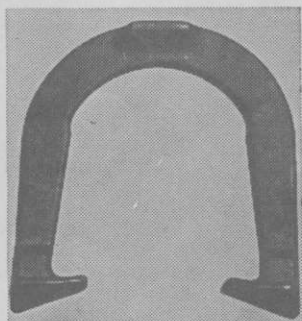
WOMEN'S CLASS "B" — L. Lamers, Kimberly, 7-0-20.7; A. Allrecht, Combined Locks, 5-2-21.7; M. J. Lamers, Combined Locks, 4-3-18.6; J. DeGroot, Kimberly, 4-3-12.8; J. Verhoven, Combined Locks, 3-4-19.0; V. Rietzner, Combined Locks, 3-4-13.8; J. Phelan, Kimberly, 1-6-12.5; R. Bobber, Kimberly, 1-6-8.3.

Red Mill (Pa.) Winter Indoor Open Tournament Dates

	Saturday	Sunday
February	19	20
March	18	19
April	22	23

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 19-20, 1972 — Annual Valley of the Sun Open Tournament, Rendezvous Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

April 21-22-23 — Fourth Annual Dogwood Festival Open Tournament, Statesville, N. C. Players from 17 states took part last year.

June 4 — Open Tournament, City Park courts, Fairbury, Nebraska. Send 100 shoe scores to Jacob Isaac, 1208 Third Street, Fairbury, Nebraska. Deadline May 29.

Aug. 12-13 — Maine State Tournament, Marcotte Park, Lewiston, Maine. (Rain Dates - Aug. 19-20).

Sept. 2-3-4 — New England Tournament, Marcotte Park, Lewiston, Maine. (Rain Dates - Sept. 9-10).

Sept. 10 — Turby Memorial at Middletown, Conn. (Invitational).

Sept. 17 — Franklin, N. H. Fall Open. (Rain Date Sept. 24).

KENTUCKY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Feb. 19-20, 1972 — Valentine Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton Kentucky. (Each woman entry receives a corsage).

Mar. 11-12, 1972 — Harry Henn Memorial Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky.

April 15-16, 1972 — Spring Tune-Up Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky.

May 6-7, 1972 — Club Teams, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky. Clubs are in-

vited to send in entries of four men to compete against other clubs. Watch "News Digest" for more information.

Oct. 7-8, 1972 — Fall Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky.

Nov. 11-12, 1972 — Day-Bell Doubles Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky.

Dec. 2-3, 1972 — Winter Classic, Open, Day-Bell courts, Dayton, Kentucky.

1971-1972 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

Feb. 12-13, 1972 — Orlando Open — Sunshine Park, Orlando, Fla. Contact Opal Corbett, 810 E. Mt. Vernon, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Feb. 19, 1972 — Sarasota Open — Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota, Fla. Contact Chris Hansen, 2550 Amanda Dr., Sarasota, Fla. 33581.

March 3-4, 1972 — Strawberry Festival Open — Plant City, Fla. Fairgrounds. Contact John H. Rademacher, P. O. Box 1589, Plant City, Fla. 33566.

March 16-18 — DeSota Open — Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Jack

Ellis, 1595 Leisure Dr., Bradenton, Fla. 33505.

March 22-25, 1972 — Suncoast Open — Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Jack Ellis, 1595 Leisure Dr., Bradenton, Fla. 33505.

April 8, 1972 — Florida State (CLOSED) — Cambier Park, Naples, Fla. Contact John H. Rademacher, P. O. Box 1589, Plant City, Fla. 33566.

May 6, 1972 — Naples Open — Cambier Park, Naples, Fla. Contact Harold Cheffer, 68 Liberty Lane Oak Hill Estates, Naples, Fla. 33940.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

Feb. 13 — Hollingworth Open, Pomona.

Mar. 5 — Class C and I, South Gate.

Mar. 12 — Baldwin Park B Open, Baldwin Park.

Mar. 18 — Pomona G Open, Pomona.

Mar. 19 — Class E and H Open, South Gate.

Mar. 26 — Archie Gregson Doubles, San Bernardino.

Apr. 9 — Class D and 60 years, South Gate.

Apr. 16 — San Diego A and E Open, San Diego.

Apr. 23 — Class F and I Open, South Gate.

Apr. 29 — South Gate Doubles, South Gate.

Apr. 30 — Class D Open, Pomona.

May 7 — San Berdu G Open, San Bernardino.

May 21 San Diego C and F Open, San Diego.

May 27 — Baldwin Park \$550.00 Handicap, Baldwin Park.

June 3 — South Gate E and H Open, South Gate.

June 4 — Southern California Pitchers only, \$500.00 - 52.9% and below. South Gate.

June 10 — Dean Brown Doubles, Pomona.

June 11 — Senior Sports, South Gate.

June 17 — Fernando Isais Open, South Gate.

June 25 — South Gate B and I Open, South Gate.

July 1 — Semana Nautica C and D Open, Santa Barbara.

July 2 — Semana Nautica A and B Open, Santa Barbara.

July 9 — South Gate E and H Open, South Gate.

July 15-16 — Elmer Beller Open, South Gate.

July 23 — San Diego D and G Open, San Diego.

July 30 — Baldwin Park F Open, Baldwin Park.

Aug. 6 — Baldwin Park G Open, Baldwin Park.

Aug. 20 — San Berdu C Open, San Bernardino.

Aug. 26-27 — State Championship, A-B-C-Seniors - Boys - Women, South Gate.

Sept. 10 — Southern California Championship B and H, South Gate.

Sept. 17 — Southern California Championship D and G, South Gate.

Sept. 24 — Southern California Championship A and F, South Gate.

Oct. 1 — Southern California Championship C and I, South Gate.

Oct. 8 — Gunnar Hansen B Open, Baldwin Park.

Oct. 15 — Sam Haigh D Open, San Bernardino.

Oct. 21 — Lowell Gray Open, South Gate.

Oct. 22 — Southern California Championship Doubles, South Gate.

Oct. 28 — Class C and F Open, South Gate.

Oct. 29 — Southern California Championship E, Pomona.

Nov. 5 — San Diego Doubles, San Diego.

Nov. 12 — John Gordon Open and 60 years, South Gate.

Nov. 19 — Class B and H, South Gate.

Special Notice To Indiana Association Membership

The Indiana division of the N. H. P. A. will hold its Spring meeting on Sunday, March 19 at 1 o'clock at the 4-H Community building in Lebanon, Indiana. There will be a "carry-in" dinner at 12 noon. The 1972 schedule of tournaments will be set up. All are invited to bring their families.

At the November meeting of the association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Wilbert Seibold, president; John Hammons, 1st vice-president; Gus Kuk, Northern vice-president; Russ DeHart, Southern vice-president; Betty Wilhoite, secretary and Walter Wilhoite, treasurer.

1972 Mesa, Arizona, Valley Of The Sun Open

The 1972 Annual Valley of the Sun Open Horseshoe Tournament will be held at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, on Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and

The PHA In Action

By Roger N. Vogel

Hats off to the Middlesex, N. J. Horseshoe Club for holding a tournament after the World's Tournament for non-club members only. The tournament was rained out — then rescheduled. All twenty-four courts were filled and entrants had to be turned away. Is there any reason why your local club cannot conduct such a tourney? Do you invite public officials to participate in your league and to preside at your local tournaments?

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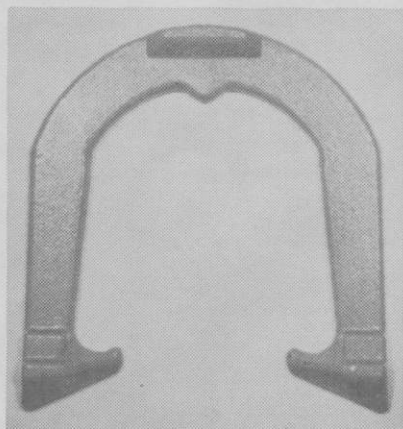
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F. Ellis Cobb
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Dear Mr. Cobb:

I've just read "Two Hot Hands Rack a String of Fifty" by Jim Woodson in your Author's Corner of the December issue of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest and want to say it's a masterpiece and the most amusing horseshoe story I've ever read.

Yours truly,

A. G. (Dick) Campbell

332 W. 9th St.
Mesa, Arizona, 85201
December 22, 1971

To the Editor
Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois, 60507

Dear Sir:

Jim Woodson's article, "Two Hot Hands Rack a String of Fifty", in the December issue of the Digest, page 34, was terrific! His reporting of the game between Ronnie Simmons and John Walker in the 1971 Valley of the Sun Tournament at Mesa, Arizona, was most graphic and interestingly written. Though having witnessed the game, he made me appreciate it the more and relive it again.

As Mr. Woodson was impressed with this game, I was equally impressed with his clever, vivid, descriptive, and unique way of reporting it. Our hats off to Mr. Jim Woodson of Texas, who must have at least more than a lukewarm hand, himself.

Sincerely,

Walt Stearns
Secretary
Arizona Horseshoe Pitchers' Association

From Here and There

Leland Mortenson of Des Moines suffered a blackout while driving his car. There was no collision or injuries sustained.

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John Roberts, a member of the Iowa Association is to have heart surgery in the near future.

New England Director Reports By Peter Shepard

For the first time in the history of Horseshoe Pitching a man from New England is contemplating putting up a building for indoor horseshoe pitching. I am pleased to have helped in this project and all horseshoe pitchers should pledge themselves to be right behind this large undertaking.

Mr. Edward Domey is no stranger to the Horseshoe World and it is his strong enthusiasm that has made all this possible. I have committed all of us to help him out as I sincerely believe we must organize from within before we can seek outside help. It is not what the NHPA can do for you, but what can I do for the NHPA. Each of us has and must continue to feel this obligation. I am determined to get this building out of its planning stages, on the ground and up. These things take money, and we need your support. Monies have been borrowed from the bank but there are many small items that are needed. I shall continue to work for the advancement of this sport, a sport that has given me so much joy and satisfaction.

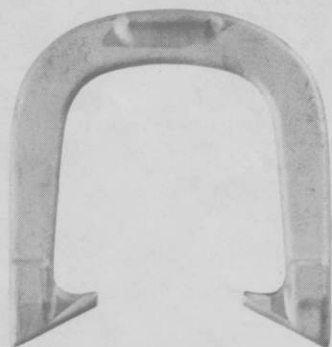
This indoor court I speak about will be located in beautiful Sutton, Massachusetts which is about ten miles from Worcester, Mass., next to a lovely pond and a beautiful outdoor recreation area, which is being planned for our horseshoe pitchers. We will have provisions for campers as well as a lovely motel not more than 500 ft. away from our building. I am really proud to help New England get on the move and to prove to the rest that we have something good to offer the Horseshoe Pitchers.

I shall keep you posted as to our progress, as this is an endeavor that appeals to all Horseshoe Pitchers wherever they may be. Keep in mind the NHPA motto.

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Notice To All NHPA Members

The following 1972 Revised Edition of the NHPA Constitution and By-Laws is a result of the combined efforts of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee which has spent many long hours of hard work to produce this document and feels the Revised Edition is up to date and fills the current needs of the NHPA.

The new constitution and By-Laws will be presented at the 1972 NHPA convention at Greenville, Ohio next August for adoption.

The last time the NHPA Constitution and By-Laws was revised and printed was in 1963. Since then time and changing circumstances have made many provisions completely out dated while many facets of the NHPA as it exists today were not covered at all.

The committee used the old constitution as a basis, retaining both the wording and intent of all provisions which still applied to the present. Some minor changes were made in a few provisions for the purposes of clarification only.

Minutes of all NHPA conventions since 1963 were consulted and the changes, amendments and provisions approved and voted by the delegates at these conventions were incorporated in the new constitution.

General procedures used by the NHPA today not covered in the constitution or convention actions have also been incorporated into the new Constitution and By-Laws.

Obviously there would not be enough time at the convention to even read this lengthy document, much less debate its various sections. The reason for publishing the entire document here and now is to allow all NHPA members to study its provisions and clarify any questions they might have by writing to the committee.

Proposed changes, corrections, additions or amendments must be submitted in writing to the committee 30 days prior to the NHPA Convention next August in order that a minimum amount of time will be consumed in adopting the new and revised NHPA Constitution and By-Laws.

Revised N. H. P. A. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

on the following pages

FOREWORD

THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA - (NHPA)

The N. H. P. A. as it is commonly known is the recognized governing body of the game and exists to foster, develop and promote the game on all levels, local, state, regional and national, both as a recreational pastime and as a competitive sport.

Organized in 1914 and incorporated as a non-profit group in 1920, the N. H. P. A. has standardized and improved the playing rules and equipment and the competitive procedures throughout the years. Originally the game was a hodge-podge of conflicting rules, different scoring values and unregulated equipment which threatened its very existence. Each section of the country, even adjoining neighborhoods, used stakes of different heights set at distances ranging from 36 to 60 feet apart. The shoes had no definite dimensions or weight and the scoring provisions varied greatly.

The N. H. P. A. brought order out of this chaos by establishing a unified code of rules and throughout the years has fostered and developed the game. Today the sport is fundamentally the same in all sections of the country and is still widely played despite the changing times and increased competition from other sports with far more financial backing.

Today the N. H. P. A. has members in every state and all Canadian provinces. A program of local, state and regional tournaments has been developed by the various state and provincial associations and the World and National Tournament is conducted annually by the N. H. P. A. Individual playing skills and playing equipment have improved tremendously.

There is a place in the N. H. P. A. for all players regardless of their experience or degree of playing skill. All tournaments are conducted on a class basis with players divided into classes or groups on the basis of playing ability determined by a qualifying round or by recognized averages of past performances at the start of each tournament. Each class or group determines the championship in its particular division which means that all entrants compete only against opponents of the same approximate skill and can always advance to the next higher class as their own ability increases. The champions in each class of all sanctioned tournaments receive a "Certificate of Championship" from the N. H. P. A.

Many local clubs and groups have been formed and affiliated with the N. H. P. A. which conduct weekly leagues and team play as a result of technical information and aid furnished by the N. H. P. A.

The N. H. P. A. publishes a monthly magazine known as THE HORSESHOE PITCHERS' NEWS DIGEST, Ellis Cobb, Editor, P. O. Box 1606, Aurora, Illinois, 60507. The magazine contains announcements and results of various events and tournaments all over the United States and Canada along with technical articles and general news of the game. It is an excellent means of communication enabling the reader to observe how other clubs and groups operate and promote the game.

Membership not only gives access to various technical aids but also financially helps the N. H. P. A. promote and develop the game.

For specific details concerning N. H. P. A. membership, magazine subscriptions, technical aids and information compiled by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, and official rules for horseshoe pitching, write to N. H. P. A. Office, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana, 46402.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

PREAMBLE

Inasmuch as the art of horseshoe pitching affords a healthy, scientific, pleasant, and competitive sport, suitable to all persons, at a cost comparable to other sports, and with a desire to unify its adherents, standardize its rules, authorize and conduct tournaments of State, Sectional, National and World scope, promote establishment of leagues and associations and encourage the development of the game in foreign countries, we the horseshoe pitchers of America in convention assembled, do hereby establish the following Constitution and By-Laws for the Association, which henceforth shall be known as the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America, hereafter referred to as the N. H. P. A.

ARTICLE I (Name)

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America.

ARTICLE II (Administration)

Section 1. All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in an assembly of delegates, chosen by the organizations and/or Associations officially affiliated and in good standing with the N. H. P. A.

The word State in this Constitution applies to all political and geographical divisions commonly known as States, to all Territories and possessions of the United States, and all Provinces and Territories of Canada.

Section 2. Any State may acquire a Charter from the N. H. P. A. by obtaining ten (10) members. If a State acquires ten (10) members it shall be entitled to one delegate in the National Convention. If a State acquires twenty-five (25) members it shall be entitled to two (2) delegates. Thereafter a State shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members up to a maximum of six (6) delegates.

In no case shall a state be granted more than two charters, or more than twelve (12) delegates to the National Convention. Further, when a state has two charters, the number of delegates who can be seated in the National Convention shall be in proportion to the number of members in each organization at the time of the National Convention.

A list of the names of members and their addresses must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer before the charter will be issued.

Section 3. Any State without a charter may, if it has even one member of the N. H. P. A. have that member present at the National Convention with the proviso that that delegate shall not have a vote, but shall, in every other way, be a representative of his State.

The President shall also have the authority to seat as a voting delegate, one N. H. P. A. member from a state without a charter as a representative of the members in all such states.

Section 4. Delegates to the National Convention representing State Associations shall present certificates of election or appointment signed by the President of the affiliated and chartered State Associations he or she is delegated to represent.

Section 5. Should the aforementioned methods fail to produce the full quota of a State's delegates the deficiency may be made up by individual members in good standing, chosen in such a manner as the State's members elect. In case of failure of a State to agree or produce its allotted delegation, the Executive Council of the N. H. P. A. shall select from the State's members those delegates necessary to fill the vacancies.

Section 6. Members of the Executive Council shall have no voting power at the Convention unless they are also seated as delegates, except in case of a tie vote on a motion before the convention in which case the Executive Council members not seated as delegates have the right to vote on the motion.

Section 7. Twenty (20) delegates shall constitute a quorum and have authority to transact the business of the N. H. P. A. when seated in Convention.

Section 8. Voting shall be by ballot, secret ballot, rising vote or ayes and nays according to the discretion of the Chairman. Voting by proxy or mail will not be allowed, nor shall substitution for a delegate representing a State as an individual be allowed. State Associations may substitute a member in good standing if a vacancy in the delegation arises. A delegate must be present in person to have voting power.

Section 9. The officers of the N. H. P. A. shall consist of a President, Secretary-Treasurer, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, and Fourth Vice-President. At least one of the Vice-Presidents must be a woman. These officers shall constitute the Executive Council and have voting power as National Officials. In National Convention sessions the President shall have the power to appoint an administrative assistant and a sergeant at arms.

Section 10. The officials consisting of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and four Vice-Presidents shall be the Executive Council of the N. H. P. A. and shall be in charge of its affairs. They shall be empowered to transact such business, in the interest of the game and the N. H. P. A. as they deem advisable, providing such action is not contrary to the Constitution and the By-Laws of the N. H. P. A.

Section 11. The officers shall be elected at the first Convention after the first day of January of the current year and the length of their terms of office shall be defined in Article III, Sections 2-6. The officers may call a meeting in Convention any time they deem advisable.

Section 12. Roberts' Rules of Order, revised and reading as follows shall govern the order of conducting all meetings.

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Approval, addition or corrections of the minutes.
3. Reading of the financial report.
4. Reports of officers, boards and standing committees.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. Memorandum of the President.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Report of good and welfare work.
10. Election of officers.
11. Adjournment.

Section 13. In event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer or Committeeman between conventions, the President is empowered to make appointments to fill the unexpired terms, said appointments to be subject to a unanimous vote of the Executive Council within thirty (30) days.

Should the office of the presidency become vacant due to death, resignation, or removal, the first Vice-President shall become President and the Second, Third, and Fourth Vice-Presidents shall become the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents respectively and the new President shall appoint a new Fourth Vice-President to fill the unexpired term, said appointment to be subject to the unanimous vote of the Executive Council within thirty (30) days.

Section 14. Any officers of the Executive Council may be removed from their position upon failure to perform the duties of their office, or for any reason or action that tends to reduce or bring discredit to the efficiency of the N. H. P. A. Said removal shall be affected only by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council remaining. Voting may be by registered mail or telegram.

Section 15. The following committees may be appointed by the President from the members of the N. H. P. A.; Constitution and By-Laws, Membership, Auditing and Finance, Grievance, Credentials, Publicity, Hall of Fame, Resolutions or any committee the President deems advisable for the good of the N. H. P. A. These Committeemen shall be under the direction of the President, and their duties defined by him. It is necessary that a majority of the members of a special committee be actually in Convention only if a problem or problems arise which necessitate action by that particular committee. No committee may decide an issue without at least a majority of the members present. Should an occasion arise in which immediate action by a committee is necessary when a majority is not present, the President of the N. H. P. A. shall have the power to dissolve the existing committee and appoint a new committee. It shall be the duties of all committees to serve willingly and in the best interests of the N. H. P. A.

Any committeeman may be removed from office by the President at his discretion.

ARTICLE III (Judiciary)

Section 1. The National Convention shall be held the morning of the first scheduled day of the Men's Championship Class of the World's Tournament. The newly elected officers shall take office at the completion of the Tournament.

Section 2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the N. H. P. A. elected for a term of two years, said election to be held on odd numbered years. He is to preside at all meetings, when able. He is to sign warrants for payment of all accounts, sign all State and Club Charters, as prepared and signed by the Secretary-Treasurer. He has the power to assign specific duties to the other members of the Executive Council.

Section 3. The first Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in event of the absence or disability of the President.

Section 4. The First, Second, Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents shall at all times perform whatever duties their offices imply, and shall be ready and willing to co-operate with the other members of the Executive Council on any matter which may arise. All, working together, shall continuously strive to encourage, promote and advance the game of horseshoes, the N. H. P. A. and the harmony of the members and fulfill any duties assigned them by the President.

Section 5. The First, Second, Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The First and Third Vice-Presidents shall be elected on odd numbered years and the Second and Fourth Vice-Presidents shall be elected on even numbered years.

Section 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years, said election to be held on even numbered years. This staggering of the election dates of the officers is for the purpose of enabling each of these officers to have a year's help by the other officer upon assuming office for the first time.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of the records, property, correspondence books, accounts, printing materials and other documents belonging to the Association, and shall turn over, on demand, by the Executive Council, to it, or the authorized representative of the bonding company holding bond on the Secretary-Treasurer, and books or records of the Association in his possession. He shall prepare and transmit to the President warrants for payments of N. H. P. A. funds. He shall at all times endeavor to promote harmony and good will within the N. H. P. A.

The Secretary-Treasurer, in his capacity of Treasurer, shall be the custodian of the funds of the N. H. P. A. He shall furnish a complete statement of monies received and paid out at each Convention, and/or anytime the Executive Council demands.

Section 7. Any bill of account or expense against the N. H. P. A. except for routine supplies, shall be submitted to the Executive Council, and paid when approved by as many as four of the six members of said Council. If not approved in this manner, amounts contested shall be brought before delegates assembled in Convention and submitted for approval by the majority of those present.

Section 8. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded. A four-fifths majority of the other officers of the Executive Council shall determine the amount of the bond which shall at no time be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). The cost of said bond shall be paid by the N. H. P. A.

Section 9. The President shall receive a travel and expense allowance to cover his actual expenses incurred in attending the World Tournament, subject to approval of the Executive Council.

Section 10. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive an annual travel and expense allowance of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per year plus 10¢ per member to compensate for personal expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 11. The Managing Editor of the organization's monthly magazine shall receive a travel expense allowance of \$400.00 annually to compensate for personal expenses in the performance of his duties as long as the magazine is in existence.

Section 12. All officers shall have their books, records, and any other property belonging to the N. H. P. A. at the Convention; or, if unable to be present, they must forward these to the President by registered mail, before the first day of the Convention. All officers shall turn over to their successors in office all records and property of the N. H. P. A. that may or should be in their possession.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Any reputable person may become a member of the N. H. P. A. upon payment of annual dues as designated in the by-laws to the National Secretary-Treasurer or his officially approved agent or agents. This fee entitles one to membership in the N. H. P. A. from January 1 or from the date paid after January 1 through December 31 of the current year. Membership must be paid through the State Association where one is in existence. At National and World's Tournaments entrants must, if they have paid their dues locally, pay both State and National dues to be eligible to participate. A member must be accorded all courtesies and privileges extended by affiliated clubs and associations.

Section 2. All interstate sanctions shall be issued through the National Secretary-Treasurer, who shall notify the State Associations or state representatives in each

state included in such territory assigned to an interstate tournament. All sanctions for intrastate tournaments shall be issued by State Associations or state representatives who shall require that National Rules be followed and each participant be a member of the N. H. P. A. A copy of the sanction shall be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer for recording. Championship certificates or insignias shall be issued through the National Secretary-Treasurer upon certification that National Rules were followed, legal shoes were used, and all participants were members of the N. H. P. A.

Section 3. No sectional, national or world tournament game shall be played in the rain. The tournament committee shall decide whether it is raining sufficiently hard to stop play. When the game shall be stopped on account of rain it shall be resumed at exactly the same point as when stopped upon termination of the rain and satisfactory repair of the courts. The tournament committee shall also determine these two provisions.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. State Associations shall be organized under the N. H. P. A. and shall be known as (name of the state) Division of the N. H. P. A. All National, State, Inter-sectional, and League Tournaments must have sanction of the N. H. P. A. before being held in order to be regarded as official.

Section 2. A state can at the discretion of the Executive Council be granted a second charter if a second organization is formed which shows the Executive Council it has fifty (50) members of the N. H. P. A. If at any time after the second charter is granted either organization allows its membership to drop to less than twenty-five (25) members, that membership loss shall constitute grounds for the Executive Council to revoke the charter of the organization losing the members.

Section 3. In event a state has two charters and both apply for a sanction for the State Tournament the Executive Council may sanction the application it considers the most worthy, and the champion of that tournament will be officially recognized. N. H. P. A. members of both chapters shall be eligible to compete for the same entry fee.

Section 4. State Associations, and their affiliated members, must comply in all ways with this Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and the N. H. P. A. regulations.

Section 5. The officials of the organization affiliated with the N. H. P. A. shall be governed in their state by the provisions in their state constitution providing those shall not be contrary to the National Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The winner of the authorized World's Tournament, shall be declared Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the World, and shall hold the title until the next authorized World's Tournament, unless he is defeated in the interim by an officially recognized challenger in a title match authorized by the Executive Council with the title at stake. A challenge match can only be considered by the Executive Council in years when no World Tournament is held. At any nationally authorized tournament the champion shall again contest for the title, on the same basis, and under the same conditions, as all other contestants, except that the champion shall not be required to qualify for an authorized World Tournament. Qualifying shall be at least 200 consecutive shoes, 32 or more to qualify for the World's Championship, 16 or more for the "B" championship. Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the tournament committee.

Section 2. A Ladies Tournament may be held in conjunction with the Men's Tournament, and the winner will be declared the Champion Woman Horseshoe Pitcher of the World, and shall hold the title under the same conditions as the champion man pitcher. Rules for qualifying and the finals shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee.

A Junior Tournament for boys and girls may be held in conjunction with the Men's Tournament, and the winner will be declared the Champion Junior Boys and Champion Junior Girls of the World, and shall hold the title under the same conditions as the champion man pitcher. Rules for qualifying and the finals shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee.

Playing rules for Juniors are the same as for men with the single exception that the pitching distance shall be a minimum of 30 feet between stakes (27) feet from foul line to the opposite stake).

A player will be considered a Junior for the entire season if his 17th birthday occurs on or after the start of the calendar year, January 1st.

Junior players may compete in the Men's division of sanctioned N. H. P. A. tournaments which have no Junior division without injury to their Junior standing in future tournaments as long as they do not accept any awards of cash or monetary value. If a Junior does compete in the men's division of a sanctioned tournament he must pitch the men's distance of 40 feet.

All Junior tournaments will be conducted strictly on an amateur basis with the only awards being trophies, ribbons and medals or other such awards having no monetary value.

It shall be the responsibility of each Junior player to make certain his participation in N. H. P. A. tournaments does not jeopardize his amateur standing in sports or activities in which he might be interested.

A Senior and an Intermediate tournament may be held in conjunction with the Men's Tournament, and the winner will be declared the Champion Senior and Intermediate Champion of the World, and shall hold the title under the same conditions as the Champion man pitcher. Rules for qualifying and the finals shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee.

A player is an Intermediate from his sixtieth birthday until his sixty-sixth birthday and is a Senior after his sixty-sixth birthday with the only exception being that if his birthday comes during an event he will be permitted to finish that event.

The Tournament Committee shall consist of all members of the Executive Council who are present at the World Tournament.

The Points System is to be optional in any and all pitching activities, except in World Championships. In World Championships, the Cancellation System must be used.

Section 3. The assembly of delegates in Convention shall award, by a majority vote, the privilege of conducting a world tournament two (2) years in advance. In case no bid from any city or locale is received at the Convention, the majority of the Executive Council has authority to award the tournament for the next year only. A city or organization desiring to sponsor and hold a World Tournament, shall place its bid in the hands of the N. H. P. A. Secretary at the first session of the delegates in Convention, if possible; and no later than ninety days prior to the date of the proposed tournament.

Section 4. No sealed bid will be considered by the assembly of delegates, unless the following rules are clearly observed:

1. The facilities available for conducting the tournament are stated.
2. The amount of cash money for prizes is stated.
3. The number and kind of trophy prizes are stated.
4. The miscellaneous advantages are stated.

Section 5. The N.H.P.A. may conduct any Sectional, National or International Tournament, under its own auspices in strict accord with the rules herein stated, and at a place agreeable to its members. Such action must, however, be approved by a majority of the delegates in Convention assembled.

Section 6. The bidder or bidders who are awarded a World Tournament, must place the total amount of the money offered in prizes, on deposit in a National Bank, at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the tournament and certify same to the N.H.P.A. Secretary, or forward a signed contract that covers the above stipulation to the National Secretary.

ARTICLE VII

The N.H.P.A. may adopt such by-laws as it deems necessary. By-laws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

The Constitution, and Article VI of the By-Laws, which are the official rules for horseshoe pitching may be amended at any Convention of delegates by a two-thirds vote of those present. All other by-laws may be amended at any convention of delegates by a simple majority of those present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The Executive Council shall be the judicial body and shall define and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws. Technical points shall be submitted to it, for decision, and the ruling declared official, unless delegates in Convention assembled, rule otherwise, by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. A member may be suspended for: 1, Non-payment of dues or fees; 2, Willfully violating the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, or Regulations; 3, By participating in a tournament under an assumed name, or being found guilty of fraud, fixing games, or other conduct unbecoming a member; 4, For directly or indirectly betting on a contestant, or self, when an entry in the competition; 5, using unsanctioned shoes in a tournament.

For all but the first of the above violations, a member may be suspended for a period of one year, and the Secretary of the N.H.P.A. shall notify all State Associations and state representatives, of said suspension.

Section 2. Members suspended for non-payment of dues or fees, shall be reinstated upon payment of back dues or fees. Those members of the other violations listed in Article II, Section 1, shall be suspended for one year, and may be reinstated any time after that, on the discretion of the Executive Council, the majority vote of which is required.

Section 3. No member shall be suspended until given fair trial before the Executive Council.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. In any tournament involving a Sectional, National, or World title, the tournament committee shall estimate to the best of its ability, the number of players who will participate in the tournament, and confer with the N.H.P.A. President upon the method of conducting the tournament. In no case may the tournament rules

be contrary to any of the provisions of the National Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules. Likewise, in no case shall a tournament committee retain any method of procedure that is objectionable to the President of the N. H. P. A.

Section 2. In any intrastate tournament, the tournament committee shall confer with the President of the State Association, and follow his suggestions in regard to tournament procedure. In the event of no existing state association, the tournament committee shall outline its own plan of tournament procedure to the N. H. P. A. Secretary, at the time of application for sanction. Under these circumstances, the N. H. P. A. Secretary may act according to his own discretion, in-so-far as suggestions and awarding of sanctions are concerned.

Section 3. The title of Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the World, can be contended for, only in World Tournaments that are authorized by the Executive Council, or in a series of games (not less than 6 wins in a scheduled 11-game match), the same to be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Council, it being understood that the Executive Council, will give preference to those finishing among the first six in the last tournament. The Executive Council may, however, at its discretion, select some other opponent for the Champion. Not more than three such contests may be held annually. A representative selected by the Executive Council, shall be in attendance to conduct the match. No bid under \$500, for sponsorship of the match, will be accepted, and twenty-five (25) percent of whatever amount is given, shall go to the N. H. P. A.

Section 4. In a World Tournament, games won and lost, shall determine the order in which the winners are listed, as winning. For all other tournaments, method of play shall be decided by officials in charge. N. H. P. A. rules must be followed, however.

Section 5. In any tournament, ties between contestants for first place shall be settled by play-off. Other ties will be settled by percentage and/or total points.

Section 6. No player may indulge in actions, words, or phrases, disturbing to his opponent, nor will profane or abusive language by any member of the N. H. P. A. be permitted upon the tournament grounds. Violators of these rules shall be subject to suspension from the N. H. P. A. for one year.

Section 7. The Stokes Award, now given annually in memory of the late Arch Stokes, is awarded at the World Tournament to the person who has done the most during the preceding year to promote, foster and build the game of horseshoes in the world of horseshoes. Other territorial or special awards may be made in the discretion of the Executive Council.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to determine the kind, number and recipients of all awards.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The N. H. P. A. will not recognize nor sanction as an N. H. P. A. endorsed horseshoe, any brand of pitching horseshoe that is made by a manufacturer who has not made a written agreement with the N. H. P. A., that the manufacturing firm will affix one of the N. H. P. A.'s five-cent endorsement stamps to each pair of horseshoes, or the box containing same, the manufacturer puts on the market, for sale. The manufacturer shall have the option to pay the sum of \$300.00 per year in lieu of the stamps.

At the end of each year, all endorsement stamps that have not been used by a manufacturing firm, may be returned to the N. H. P. A. and the N. H. P. A. will reimburse the manufacturer with cash, or an equal number of the new year's issue of the stamps, as the manufacturer chooses. Revenue from the N. H. P. A.'s sale of the stamps, shall be used to promote and aid the game of horseshoes, in whatever way the N. H. P. A. believes is best.

In submitting a new model of horseshoe, or a change in an old model to the N. H. P. A. Secretary and Executive Council, a complete written description shall accompany the sample of shoes sent to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. A membership card is a combined State-National card. To be entitled to this card and enjoy its privileges a member must pay the national dues of \$1.50 plus the amount set by his state charter.

Section 2. The annual cost for a twelve month subscription to the Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest is \$3.50.

Section 3. The entry fee for entry in the World Tournament shall be as follows:

Men's Division	-	\$10.00
Women's Division	-	5.00
Intermediates	-	5.00
Seniors	-	5.00
Juniors	-	None

Entry fees in all tournaments other than the World Tournament shall be left to the discretion of the tournament committees running those tournaments.

ARTICLE VI

Official Rules for Horseshoe Pitching (Revised 1972)

Rule 1. Section a: Layout of a Court: A court will occupy a level area of at least 50 feet in length (in a north-south direction if possible) by at least 10 feet in width and consists of two pitcher's boxes, each six feet square with a stake in its exact center. The pitcher's boxes shall be located in such a manner that their front edges are parallel and the stakes are 40 feet apart in the middle of the total area.

Section b: When a number of courts are constructed adjacent to each other as required for tournament play the stakes of one court shall be at least 10 feet, 12 feet is preferable, from the stakes of adjacent courts. Foul lines in front of the pitcher's boxes shall be in a straight line across the entire layout.

Rule 2. Section a: Pitching Distance: The pitching distance for Men shall be 40 feet between the bottoms of the stakes where they emerge from the ground with a foul line three feet in front of each stake.

Section b: Pitching distance for Women and Juniors shall be 30 feet with a foul line three feet in front of each stake. When Women and Juniors play on a court constructed for Men, foul lines shall be marked 10 feet in front of the Men's foul lines with an imaginary stake marked on the ground back of each of these foul lines. Women and Juniors may throw their shoes from any place back of these foul lines.

Rule 3. Indoor Pitching: When indoor courts are constructed, the height of pitching boxes shall not be over 6 inches above floor level. Ceiling height shall be at least 12 feet.

Rule 4. Section a: The Pitcher's Box: Each pitcher's box shall be six feet square with the stake in the exact center and consist of an area of clay, dirt or sand into which the players throw their shoes and flanked by two pitching platforms or areas from which the players throw their shoes.

Section b: The clay, dirt or sand area, clay is preferable, must be a minimum of 43 inches long in the direction in which the players throw their shoes and 31 inches wide. The maximum area is 72 inches long and 36 inches wide. This area must be located in the middle of the pitcher's box with the stake in its center. If clay is used the area must be filled to a depth of six to ten inches and kept in moist putty like condition.

Section c: The two pitching platforms or areas shall occupy the remaining portions of the pitcher's box flanking the clay, dirt or sand area. They must be six feet long, extending three feet in front of the stake and be at least 18 inches wide. They must be level with each other and with the platforms at the opposite stake. They should be as nearly flush as possible with the ground outside the pitcher's box.

Rule 5. Stakes shall be one inch in diameter - no larger. They may be of cold-rolled steel, mild iron, or soft steel. The top of each stake shall extend not less than 14 inches nor more than 15 inches above the level of the pitchers' platform on each side of the stake, with a 3 inch incline toward each other.

Rule 6. Foul Lines: Foul lines shall be clearly defined three feet in front of each stake across the entire front edge of the pitcher's box. Raised foul lines should be used if possible and they are required in all National and World Championships. Raised foul lines of wood, concrete or metal should extend between one and two inches above the level of the pitching platforms and can be two inches wide.

PLAYING RULES

Rule 7. Section a: Conduct of Players and Members: No contestants, while opponent is in pitching position, shall make any remark, nor utter any sounds within the hearing of opponent, nor make any movement that does or might interfere with the opponents playing.

Penalty: Both shoes of the offender shall be declared foul in the inning about which complaint is made.

Section b: Any member of the N. H. P. A., who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting against any opponent in a tournament, whether with malicious intent or otherwise, shall be expelled from the grounds, and from the N. H. P. A.

Section c: No contestant shall touch his own or opponent's shoe or shoes, until winner of point or points has been agreed upon by contestants, or decision rendered by the referee. Referee shall declare foul, shoes thrown by a contestant failing to comply with this rule, and awards points to the opponent, according to the position of his or her shoes.

Section d: No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake, or be informed of the position of shoes, prior to the completion of an inning.

Section e: A player, while not pitching, must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player who is pitching, and on the rear one-fourth of the pitcher's platform, back of the stake. If standing back of the pitching platform the toe of one foot must remain on the rear one-fourth of the platform.

Section f: Any player repeatedly violating rules, or guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, may be barred from further competition in the contest.

Rule 8. Section a - Foul Lines: Any shoes pitched while the pitcher's foot extends on, or over, the raised foul line, shall be declared foul, and removed from counting distance.

Section b: In pitching the shoe, the pitcher shall stand on the pitcher's platform, at one side or other of the stake.

Rule 9. In delivering a shoe, the pitcher must remain behind the foul line until the shoe has left his hand.

Rule 10. Choice of Pitch: Choice of first pitch, or follow, shall be determined by the toss of a coin or a flipped-up shoe. In successive games between the same players, the loser shall have choice.

Rule 11. Broken Shoes: When a shoe lands in fair territory and is broken into separate parts it shall be removed and the contestant allowed to pitch another shoe in its stead.

Rule 12. Section a: Foul Shoes: Any shoe pitched by a contestant in violation of Rule 9, or one which lands outside the clay area of the opposite pitching box is a foul shoe.

Section b: Foul shoes shall be removed from the opposite pitcher's box at the request of the opponent.

Section c: A foul shoe shall not be scored or credited except in the score sheet column headed "shoes pitched."

Rule 13. Measurements: Measurements to determine points shall be made with calipers and straight edge.

Official shoe: A shoe shall not exceed $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width, $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, and shall not weigh more than two pounds ten ounces. On a parallel line $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from a straight edge touching the points of the open end of a shoe, the opening shall not exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

SCORING RULES

There are two official methods of scoring, the cancellation method and the count all method.

Cancellation Scoring

Rule 14. Section a: A regulation game shall consist of fifty (50) points in all contests where a National or Sectional title is involved. Any other contests may be decided in any manner acceptable if National Rules, Constitution and By-Laws are not violated.

Section b: Game points in other tournaments, leagues or contests may be determined by local authorities to fit their conditions.

Section c: A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each contestant.

Rule 15. Section a: A shoe must be within six (6) inches of the stake to score.

Section b: Closest shoe to stake scores 1 point

Section c: Two shoes closer than opponents 2 points

Section d: One (1) ringer scores 3 points

Section e: Two (2) ringers scores 6 points

Section f: One (1) ringer and closest shoe of same player scores 4 points

Section g: Party having two (2) ringers against one for opponent scores 3 points

Section h: All equals count as ties. If each contestant has a shoe touching the stake or each has a shoe equal distance from the stake, then the closer of the other two shoes will be scored as a point, if within six (6) inches of the stake.

Section i: In case each contestant has a ringer, the next closest shoe, if within six (6) inches shall score 1 point.

Section j: In case of tie, such as four (4) ringers, or contestant's shoes are equal distance from the stake, causing no score for either, party pitching last in the inning will start the next inning.

Section k: A leaning shoe has no value over one touching the stake.

Rule 16. Section a: The points shall be scored according to the position of the shoes at the inning's end, that is, after the contestants have each thrown two shoes.

Section b: Ringer credits shall be given on the same basis.

Section c: The winner of points shall call the result. In case of a tie, the party pitching last shall call.

Rule 17. Definition of a ringer: A ringer is declared when a shoe encircles the stake far enough to allow the touching of both heel caulks simultaneously with a straight edge, and permit a clearance of the stake.

Rule 18. Section a - Count-All Scoring: A game shall consist of fifty shoes pitched by each player (25 innings).

Section b: Each player shall receive credit for all points according to the position of the shoes at the end of each inning, regardless of what his opponent throws. Thus it is possible for each player to score six points in any one inning. Ringers count three points and shoes within six inches of the stake count one point each.

Section c: Players shall alternate first pitch, one player having first pitch in the even innings and the other player in the odd number innings.

Section d: Ties shall be broken by pitching an extra inning or as many extra innings as are necessary to break the tie.

Rule 19. Double Games: Two players are partners and pitch from opposite ends of the court against a similar combination of opponents. Partners points are added together, but the individual records of ringers and shoes pitched should be kept. Otherwise the game is the same as the conventional singles or walking game.

Rule 20. Three-handed Games: In three-handed games, when two of the players each have a ringer and a third player no ringer, the party without a ringer is out of the scoring and others score according to conditions pertaining if only two were in the game. Otherwise, the regulation rules apply.

Rule 21. Recording of Results: The recording of results shall be as follows:

W - Games Won; L - Games Lost; P - Points; R - Ringers; DR - Double Ringers; SP - Shoes Pitched; OP - Opponents Points; PR - Percentage of Ringers.

JURISDICTION

Rule 22. Section a: A tournament committee, satisfactory to the Executive Council shall supervise National contests.

Section b: A referee appointed by the committee shall decide points when contestants are in doubt. He shall also see that rules are complied with.

Section c: Appeal may be made to the committee if a ruling of the referee is not considered proper. Decision of the committee shall be final.

Section d: All protests shall be made immediately when the occasion arises. Protests covering shoes or conditions of play can only be made before the start of each game.

Section e: If rain or other elements interfere, players must stop play and not resume until officials authorize. On resuming play, score at time of interference will be in effect, also the same courts will be used by contestants unless they agree otherwise.

Section f: The interpretation of the tournament committee covering technical points and their rulings on matters uncovered by these rules shall be final.

Section g: An official scorer shall cover each game. When open scorers are also maintained, the official scorer shall watch closely the open score and correct immediately any error. The scoresheet kept by the official scorer shall be the official score, not the scoring device.

Rule 23: An official contest between two players shall consist of best six (6) out of eleven (11) games.

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Ristau Stops Gonzales Victory String — Wins Final Northern California Association Tourney of 1971

The Northern California Association ended the 1971 season with a spectacular tourney on the Arroyo Viejo courts in Oakland as Mel Ristau, Sonoma County Club lefty, edged Jesse Gonzales of Seaside in a playoff 50-44 after Mel had defeated Jesse in an 108-shoe game to force the confrontation. It was Jesse's first loss in 12 Northern California Association tournaments this year. Mel pitched a 74.4% game in the playoff and had the high percentage game of the day, 79.6%. Verdan Zelmar, Northern California Association secretary-treasurer, pitched the best tournament of his career, averaging 69.3% for the five games and placed third in the Championship group. Class A was taken by Jack Seymour of the Golden Gate Club with five straight wins but he had to defeat Bill McNally in the final game to wrap it up. Class B honors went to Oscar Statham of Sacramento, also with five straight wins. Vince Mauricio was second. The Class C title was wrapped up by Walt East of the host Arroyo Viejo Club with new pitcher John Saxby placing second. This was the fifty-first tournament of the year for the Northern California Association, with only the San Jose Turkey Shoot, an unofficial tourney left on the schedule. Membership in the association totaled 258 for the 1971 season, a 40% increase over 1970.

CHAMPIONSHIP — M. Ristau, Sonoma County, 5-1-72.0; J. Gonzales, Seaside, 4-2-72.8; V. Zelmar, Santa Clara, 3-2-69.3; M. Santos, Arroyo Viejo, 2-3-66.3; F. Lavett, Seaside, 1-4-64.1; J. Pratt, Sacramento, 1-4-59.8.

CLASS A — J. Seymour, Golden Gate, 5-0-63.3; B. McNally, Arroyo Viejo, 4-1-62.5; E. Blanton, Mosswood, 3-2-54.4; R. Nelson, Sonoma County, 1-4-50.3; H. Rushing, Livermore, 1-4-50.0; M. Haaland, Mosswood, 1-4-48.8.

CLASS B — O. Statham, Sacramento, 5-0-50.7; V. Mauricio, Santa Clara, 4-1-47.3; D. Wheeler, Mosswood, 3-2-41.1; R. Hildebrandt, Mosswood, 2-3-40.4; P. Quintana, Vallejo, 1-4-31.0. L. Lovelady Sr., Golden Gate, 0-5-30.1.

CLASS C — W. East, Arroyo Viejo, 5-0-51.2; J. Saxby, Sonoma County, 4-1-42.1; A. Crossman, Vallejo, 2-3-35.2; F. Westbrook, Vallejo, 2-3-28.2; J. McGee, Vallejo, 2-3-27.8; R. Arbo, Vallejo, 0-5-23.5.

L. Lovelady Sr. In Playoff Win For No. Calif Class D Title

In the battle between two first year pitchers on the Ryland Park courts in San Jose, Lewis Lovelady Sr., of the Golden Gate Club, proved the toughest as he took the crucial playoff game from James McGee of Vallejo and won the 1971 Class D Championship after both pitchers had tied in the eight-man round-robin with five wins each. Sonny Hatsme of Vallejo had to weather a three-way playoff also to wrap up the Group II title. Ron Barnett of Livermore defeated Charles Shaver of Arroyo Viejo, then Hatsme took Barnett 50-36. High percentage game of the tourney was pitched by George Kinkel of Santa Clara County, 47.4%.

CHAMPIONSHIP — L. Lovelady Sr., Golden Gate, 6-2-32.5; J. McGee, Vallejo, 5-3-27.3; P. Jensen, Seaside, 4-3-26.4; M. Hawley, Sonoma County, 4-3-24.8; A. Lewis, Stockton, 4-3-20.8; E. Holley, Mosswood, 3-4-20.6; C. Di Donato, Stockton, 2-5-21.2; P. McNally, Arroyo Viejo, 1-6-12.3.

GROUP II — Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo, 6-2-31.1; R. Barnett, Livermore, 6-3-28.0; C. Shaver, Arroyo Viejo, 5-3-30.6; C. Benthin, Vallejo, 4-3-30.7; D. Bush, Stanislaus County, 4-3-28.4; G. Kinkel, Santa Clara, 3-4-26.4; A. Alviso, Livermore, 1-6-25.4; H. Bell, Sonoma County, 1-6-20.4.

Parker Wins Northern California Class E Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP — L. Parker, Stockton, 5-0-25.4; L. Cagle, Stockton, 4-1-24.6; L. Lovelady Jr., Golden Gate, 3-2-23.2; H. Puckett, Sonoma County, 2-3-13.1; H. Weddell, Golden Gate, 1-4-16.5.

Jesse Gonzales Annexes Second Straight No. Calif. Title

They came to pitch and Sacramento's Tahoe Park Courts resounded with the sound of steel on steel, as the top ringermen went after the coveted Northern California Championship. When the afternoon's tirade had ended, Jesse Gonzales stood head and shoulders above all once again (figuratively speaking that is, as Jesse is short in height only). His flip-flop shoe was working to perfection and not one blemish went into the record book for him as he won all seven games with machine-like precision and averaged 80.1% for the tourney with the high percentage game also racked up for this vital statistics; a fine 84.7% effort. Monty Latino of the host club was second, losing only to Jesse in a valiant 100-shoe plus game with Monty, finishing up with a glossy 74.3% for his afternoon's work. Fred Lavett was third with four wins for the day. There were three games of 100 shoes or more. Andy Olivero of Stanislaus County averaged 90 shoes a game for the tournament. Group II action was equally well played, with Harry Lucas of Sacramento taking all five games to grab the first place cup. Bud Lathe, fellow club member, was second.

CHAMPIONSHIP — J. Gonzales, Seaside, 7-0-80.1; M. Latino, Sacramento, 6-1-74.3; F. Lavett, Seaside, 4-3-68.7; A. Olivero, Stanislaus, 3-4-67.7; L. Anderson, Mosswood, 3-4-66.6; J. Pratt, Sacramento, 2-5-65.7; B. McNally, Arroyo Viejo, 2-5-61.9; L. Potter, Santa Clara, 1-6-64.3.

GROUP II — H. Lucas, Sacramento, 5-0-57.2; Bud Lathe, Sacramento, 4-1-50.0; O. Statham, Sacramento, 3-2-45.1; V. Mauricio, Santa Clara, 2-3-50.3; V. Gwaltney, Sacramento, 1-4-42.9; P. Manitone, Sacramento, 0-5-33.5.

Leona Anderson Wins No. Calif. Women's Championship — "Deadeye" Williams Takes Junior Boys' Title

It was all Leona Anderson, Walter Ray "Deadeye" Williams, and Debbi Williams on the Santa Rosa courts as all three won their championships without a loss. Leona Anderson, pitching for the Grass Valley Club, won five straight to take the Northern California women's crown away from Santa Clara County's Marisela Mauricio the 1970 champion. Ann Gayet of the Sonoma County Club was second losing only to the new champion. Marisela placed third and wound up with the second highest ringer percentage for the tournament. Debbi Williams took the Junior Girls' championship with Cindy Williams placing second. Debbi's brother, "Deadeye", added the Northern California Junior Boys' championship to his growing list of accomplishments and now holds the Junior Boys' World Championship, the California Championship, and the Northern California title. Alvin Vinsant placed second to "Deadeye" and went down fighting in the final game, losing in a 98-shoe game, pitching 80.6%. Champ "Deadeye" pitched an incredible 93.0% game against Alvin, making 92 ringers out of the 98 shoes pitched. There were 27 four-deads in this, the outstanding game pitched in Northern California this season. "Deadeye" also pitched two perfect games enroute to his championship.

WOMEN'S DIVISION — L. Anderson, Grass Valley, 5-0-46.9; A. Gayet, Sonoma County, 4-1-26.0; M. Mauricio, Santa Clara, 3-2-37.2; L. Hanlon, Sonoma County, 2-3-21.6; J. Wright, Grass Valley, 1-4-17.9; K. Talamantez, Santa Clara, 0-5-11.9.

JUNIOR GIRL'S — Debbie Williams, REHPC, 3-0-28.8; C. Williams, REHPC, 2-1-5.9; B. Williams, REHPC, 1-2-5.6; K. Wright, Grass Valley, 0-3-1.2.

JUNIOR BOY'S — "Deadeye" Williams, REHPC, 5-0-94.3; A. Vinsant, REHPC, 4-1-71.1; J. Williams, REHPC, 3-2-37.9; S. Fontaine, Santa Clara, 2-3-6.3; G. Fontaine, Santa Clara, 1-4-4.9; M. Bolin, Forfeit.

North Carolina Dogwood Festival Open — April 21-22-23

The fourth annual Dogwood Festival Open tournament will be held at Statesville, North Carolina on April 21-22 and 23. Several committee members are shown on the cover along with the 20 beautiful trophies that will be awarded.

The qualifying round will start at 4 p. m. on Friday, April 21 and close at 12 noon on Saturday, April 22. Aside from trophies, large money awards will be given. This highly successful tournament drew players from 17 states last year.

The men's division will start at 1 p. m. on Saturday and Sunday. Other flights will follow. The courts are well lighted with iodine quartz lights.

The men's championship flight will be awarded five trophies as follows: first place trophy, 54" high; second place, 34" high; third place, 26" high and two others. Five trophies will be given in the Women's division. All divisions as Men's classes B thru G and the Girls and Junior Boys will receive two trophies each.

To the couple travelling the farthest and the individual pitcher (not in couple) will each receive a trophy. A special trophy award will also be made.

Advance registration is not compulsory, but it would be appreciated by the tournament committee if a card or letter would be sent indicating that you were coming. It will give them better knowledge as to how to prepare for the meet. Also for information on motel reservations please write to Mr. Jack Springer, Dogwood Horseshoe Festival, Recreation Office, 432 West Bell Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28677. Phone: Office, 1-704-872-2481.

Zadroga Winner Of Invitational At North Park Sportsmen's Club — Pittsburgh, Pa.

An Invitational Tournament was held Sunday, January 9th, at the North Park Sportsmen's Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. Winning the Class A title was Al Zadroga with a perfect record of 5 wins and no losses. Placing second was Oscar Engle with 4 wins and 1 loss; he also pitched a game with a 90% ringer average. In Class B, Steve Onderko won the title and Robert Branch was runner-up. The Class C winner was Chuck Roball with Joe Rusiski coming in second.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Al Zadroga	5	0	76.8
Oscar Engle	4	1	80.0
Clyde Martz	3	2	72.0
Clair Bruce	2	3	64.4
Jack Rainbow	1	4	64.0
Jim Solomon	0	5	62.8

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Steve Onderko	4	0	56.0
Robert Branch	3	1	50.0
Tom Kennedy	2	2	54.5
Frank Kilinsky	1	3	52.5
Robert Johnson	0	4	50.0

CLASS C — Chuck Roball 5-0-42.0; Joe Rusiski 3-2-40.8; Bill Woessner 3-2-34.8; Clyde Falk 2-3-30.0; Jim Daugherty 1-4-31.2; Herb Miller 1-4-27.6.

Bourgeois Retains 1971 Rhode Island State Crown

Hal Bourgeois retained the Rhode Island championship in a clean sweep at Lincoln Heights horseshoe courts held in October in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Al Robertson served hot coffee and donuts to revive the spirits dampened by a cool breeze with light drizzle throughout the day.

CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP — Hal Bourgeois, Barrington, 6-0-58.9; Geo. Collard, Albion, 4-2-46.2; Ray Rylands, No. Providence, 4-2-44.6; Tom Robertson, Lincoln, 3-3-39.2; Bob Maxwell, Lincoln, 2-4-35.4; Tom Whelan, No. Providence, 1-5-35.9; Jim McHenry, No. Providence, 1-5-30.6.

Bob Sheppard, Hoosierite, Opens Up Indoor Courts

Robert Sheppard of Rushville, Indiana has opened up an 8-court indoor pitching lay-out on the second floor of the Coca-Cola Company at 131½ West 1st Street in Rushville, Indiana. There is league pitching on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p. m. with some vacancies available. Open pitching is available on Thursday between 8:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. and on Saturday from 6:30 p. m. until 10:30 p. m., also on Sundays from 1:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m.

These are 8 well-lighted courts with blue clay and 70 degrees temperature to play in. There are no alcoholic beverages permitted.

Players in the area, which is only a 45 minute drive from Indianapolis, Muncie or Richmond are invited to participate as well as any others who so desire.

Lewis Jeter Of Iowa Receives Mail Service Awards

(Courtesy of Afton Star Enterprise)

Lewis B. Jeter, 58 rural carrier on Route 2, Afton, received an award for Superior Accomplishment from the new U. S. Postal Service on August 18, 1971, which included a certificate and a cash award.

In June, 1970, Mr. Jeter was taken into the Two Grand club, an elite organization of the U. S. Postal Service, indicating that he had more than 2000 hours to his sick leave credit. The records at that time indicated he had 2200 hours in his account, and was among the one percent of all postal employees to enjoy this enviable position.

Mr. Jeter was congratulated at that time for his good fortune, good health, pride in good work habits, and his splendid record.

In July, 1971, Mr. Jeter was awarded a 28-years-safe-driving award by the National Safety Council. He has been driving on the rural routes of Afton for the past 28 years plus, and has been diligent enough to avoid any type of accident for the entire time.

The Superior Accomplishment Award, bestowed upon him indicates he is being recognized for notable performance, which is outstanding and substantially exceeds the normal requirements of his job.

Mr. Jeter, being the seior employee in the Afton post office, due to time in service, is called upon quite often for advice concerning the handling of the mail.

The Top Twenty NCHPA Pitchers For 1971

Name	Percentage	Name	Percentage
W. R. Williams (Junior Boys)	90.4	L. Potter	62.0
J. Gonzales	75.1	J. Pratt	61.8
D. Titcomb	73.7	L. Braun	61.1
M. Ristau	65.8	C. Cummins	60.6
M. Latino	65.6	D. Loucks	60.0
M. Santos	64.6	L. Anderson	60.0
B. Weathers	63.8	V. Zelmar	60.0
A. Olivero	63.5	B. McNally	58.7
R. Lee	62.7	A. Vinsant (Junior Boys)	58.6
F. Lavett	62.3	J. Seymour	58.1

Indoor horseshoe pitching has increased tremendously in the last several years. Players in cold climate states have found that it is not necessary to hang up the shoes in the fall. Read about the successful winter leagues being played on many indoor courts in the NEWS DIGEST, the official publication of the NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION.

Frank Ramirez, Rock Falls, Illinois Youth, Critically Ill

Frank Ramirez, seventeen-year-old pitcher from Rock Falls, Illinois has been confined in the Rockford, Illinois Memorial Hospital with a head injury from which he has not regained consciousness since October 29. He became ill while playing football with his high school team against the Mendota High School Trojans. He collapsed on the sidelines after telling his coach that he was ill. There was no indication that the youth was seriously injured.

In the 1971 Whiteside County tournament he defeated his father in a nip and tuck game. He displayed all the ability that would carry him on to a future state championship.

At a recent meeting of the Mendota Lions club, a fair sized gift of money was raised for the benefit of the Ramirez family.

Lou Fontaine Faultless — Filches No. Calif. Class C Title

Lou Fontaine, pitching for the Santa Clara County Club, warmed up for the Northern California Class C Championship tourney at Seaside the week before at Santa Rosa by pitching in the Class B title go, and although he didn't place high in the tough Class B division, he proved that the competition sharpened his eye and at Seaside his timing was letter-perfect. The result was six straight wins, with his loss coming in the final game after the tourney trophy had been safely tucked away. Don Wheeler, first year pitcher from Oakland's Mosswood Club, came in second, losing only twice. In Group II action it was Roy Land, president of the new Rio-Dell Scotia Club, with five straight wins to easily outdistance Carl Halunen of Santa Clara County by two games.

CHAMPIONSHIP — L. Fontaine, Santa Clara County, 6-1-43.1; D. Wheeler, Mosswood, 5-2-37.1; A. Gates, Seaside, 4-3-42.8; W. East, Arroyo Viejo, 4-3-37.4; D. Muenchow, Mosswood, 4-3-32.9; J. Saxby, Sonoma County, 3-4-37.1; P. Jensen, Seaside, 1-6-33.33; J. Adams, Stanislaus County, 1-6-33.25.

GROUP II — R. Land, Rio Dell-Scotia, 5-0-39.1; C. Halunen, Santa Clara County, 3-2-31.0; J. Larson, Sonoma County, 3-2-29.4; B. Henry, Seaside, 2-3-30.33; J. Jozovich, Santa Clara County, 2-3-30.26; O. Farmer, Stockton, 0-5-25.0.

Greeott Takes Crucial Games — Wins No. California Class B Championship

Veteran George Greeott of the Sonoma County Club bore down when needed to outlast Oscar Statham and George Chickenoff and walk off with the 1971 Class B Championship trophy. George lost only once on the way to the championship as he pinned the decisive loss on Oscar Statham of Sacramento, who came in second with five wins and two losses. Ray Nelson, also from the Sonoma County Club took Group II honors with six wins and one loss, outlasting his Sacramento opponent George Palmer, who won five of seven games. Nelson has now won two of his last three tournaments and has moved up to Class B from Class D in Northern California competition. Martin Lasich of the Santa Clara County Club pitched the high percentage game of the tournament, a fine 70% effort.

CHAMPIONSHIP — G. Greeott, Sonoma County, 6-1-51.1; O. Statham, Sacramento, 5-2-53.8; G. Chickenoff, Sonoma County, 4-3-51.9; M. Lasich, Santa Clara, 4-3-51.8; H. Rushing, Livermore, 4-3-50.9; E. Blanton, Mosswood, 3-4-46.2; K. Ludlow, Santa Clara, 2-5-43.8; L. Fontaine, Santa Clara, 0-7-44.4.

GROUP II — R. Nelson, Sonoma County, 6-1-52.6; G. Palmer, Sacramento, 5-2-48.7; J. Sadowski, Santa Clara, 4-3-48.2; R. Bell, Mosswood, 4-3-44.7; M. Haaland, Mosswood, 3-4-48.6; D. Wheeler, Mosswood, 3-4-44.7; A. Peters, Sonoma County, 2-5-48.7; V. Mauricio, Santa Clara, 1-6-41.4.

Bob West Wins Hillsboro Winter Open No. 4 — Dec. 18

Bob West captured his third win in the indoor winter series which is being held by the Hillsboro Horseshoe Club at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Oregon. Bob finished with an even 80% ringers to win Class AA while Ron Miller registered 74% for second place. Abe Ediger placed first and Les Phillips second in Class A. Class B was played with a full handicap system with Vern Isaacson taking first and Bill Hulshof second.

CLASS AA

	W	L	%
B. West, Scappoose	7	0	80.0
R. Miller, Woodburn	6	1	74.0
J. Burke, Albany	4	3	68.8
A. Richardson, Salem	4	3	66.2
H. Peterson, Portland	2	5	57.4
C. Cummins, Orcutt, Ga. ..	2	5	56.2
B. Chapelle, Portland	2	5	53.4
V. Joyner, Albany	1	6	54.2

CLASS A

	W	L	%
A. Ediger, Salem	7	0	49.7
L. Phillips, Dallas	5	2	49.4
B. Hulshof, Portland	5	2	41.7
P. Ediger, Dallas	4	3	38.8
N. Thornton, Albany	3	4	36.5
B. Isaacson, Clatskanie	3	4	35.7
O. Sears, Portland	1	6	37.2
R. Burke, Albany	0	7	24.2

CLASS B (Handicap) — V. Isaacson, Clatskanie, 4-1-32.0; B. Hulshof, Portland, 3-2-45.0; R. Egberg, Beaverton, 3-2-20.8; D. Sollars, Beaverton, 2-3-18.8; M. Cooper, Hillsboro, 2-3-30.8; E. Logsdon, Corvallis, 1-4-30.8.

Carson, N. D. Club Anticipates Great Season In 1972

Another new year is about to begin. We have had a very successful horseshoe season and are looking forward to another season.

The Carson Horseshoe Club had a membership of 55 players. We had a Tuesday night league and a Wednesday night league, each league consisting of 10 two-man teams and 15 subs. Each league played a nine game round robin. After nine weeks the top five teams of each league played a round robin to determine the inter-league winners. The five low teams also played the round robin.

The 20 teams were each sponsored by a business firm. Trophies were awarded to the two top teams and their sponsor in each league, also inter-league and the consultation bracket. Trophies were also given to the two subs that played the most games.

At the end of the season we had a supper for all league members and their wives or girl friends at which time all league trophies were awarded.

This coming season we expect to have three leagues plus a women's league and junior league.

On Labor Day weekend, September 2 and 3, 1972, the Carson Horseshoe Club is hosting the North Dakota state horseshoe tournament.

The new North Dakota NHPA president is Chester Danzeinsen, Lark, N. D. 58550; vice president, Homer Chesrown, Lark, N. D.; secretary, Reuben Zeller, Carson, N. D. 58529.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we learn of the sudden passing of Ted Chase, a native of Laramie, Wyoming and Wyoming State champion in 1965. He suffered a fatal gunshot wound on December 10, 1971. He was a member of the Wyoming state association and also the N.H.P.A. He was an ardent pitcher and will be missed from the many tournament scenes that were his.

He is survived by two brothers. The sympathy of the Wyoming state association and that of the National association is extended to them in their hour of sadness.

Winter Horseshoe Pitching In The Northwest

By Stewart M. Snyder

Not rain, snow or cold weather can stop the Hillsboro Winter Open horseshoe pitching tournament — it is held on indoor lighted courts. This is the first indoor tournament to be held in the Pacific Northwest.

Hillsboro, Oregon, is fifteen miles west of Portland in an area where frequent cold winter rains make outdoor horseshoe pitching impossible. To beat this weather, the Hillsboro Horseshoe Club leased an exhibit building on the County Fairgrounds and set up eight very adequate clay courts in boxes with mesh-wire backstops and raised pitching platforms on top of the boxes. Few pitchers experience difficulty in adjusting quickly to the raised "pits," and their ringer percentages soon equal those on outdoor courts.

The tournament schedule started November 7, 1971, and runs until March 18, 1972. Actually, there are ten separate tournaments, each a complete unit in itself. Play is set at two-week intervals, alternating on Saturday and Sunday to accommodate as many pitchers as possible.

A 50-shoe cancellation game has been adopted for this tournament. Tie games are decided by a four-shoe pitch-off. Participants appreciate the shorter game (shorter than a 50-point game) and find that it moves along swiftly and full of excitement from the beginning. Bob West, Oregon State Champion, warned, "In a 50-shoe game a fellow has to start right out doing his best or the game will be over before he knows it, with no time to catch up."

The newly formed Professional Horseshoe Pitchers' Association adopted the 50-shoe cancellation game to achieve the time-control needed for radio and TV coverage.

Games of the Hillsboro Winter Open tournament are N. H. P. A. sanctioned. Entry fees for all classes are \$3.00, plus 15¢ a game for scorekeeping which is handled by idle pitchers or spectators. Ribbons, in lieu of trophies, are given through third place in each class. While men dominate the tournament play, participation by women and junior divisions is encouraged.

Hillsboro indoor courts are open for practice Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m. For a fee of \$5 a month or \$1 a night, many pitchers are taking advantage of this opportunity to stay in shape during the winter months. Handicap tournaments are conducted during practice sessions.

Two month's experience on these indoor courts already has been favorable. Mark Cooper, president of the Hillsboro club, stated that they have broken even so far; that sufficient revenue has been taken in to pay the \$100-a-month rental on the building and amortization on courts material cost.

State president of the Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Bill Hulshof, predicts, "The popularity of indoor games, as in evidence here, could result in year-long horseshoe pitching in areas that are forced to discontinue playing outdoors in winter due to unfavorable weather."

Ken Lukens, Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association secretary has found the eager assistance of local horseshoe pitchers abundant and adequate to establish and maintain the courts.

Ron Miller Victor In Hillsboro Winter Open No. 5—Jan. 9

CLASS AA

	W	L	%
R. Miller, Woodburn, Ore.	8	2	65.2
C. Cummins, Orcutt, Ga.	7	3	60.0
J. Burke, Albany	7	3	59.5
H. Peterson, Portland	5	5	54.8
V. Joyner, Albany	3	7	49.4
L. Phillips, Dallas	0	10	40.0

CLASS A

	W	L	%
O. Sears, Portland	8	2	38.6
B. Hulshof, Portland	7	3	41.4
B. Isaacson, Clatskanie	7	3	38.4
F. Dummer, Portland	4	6	34.4
S. Snyder, Kelso, Wash.	3	7	33.0
E. Logsdon, Corvallis	1	9	30.0

CLASS B (Handicap) — V. Isaacson, Clatskanie, 6-3-33.1; B. Luehring, Corvallis, 5-4-31.1; R. Egberg, Beaverton, 4-5-26.8; M. Cooper, Hillsboro, 3-6-34.0.

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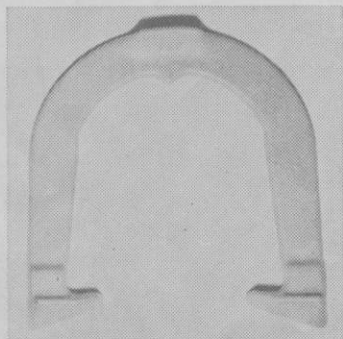


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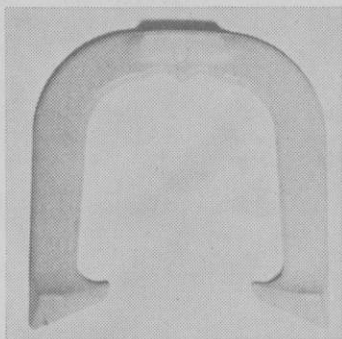
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