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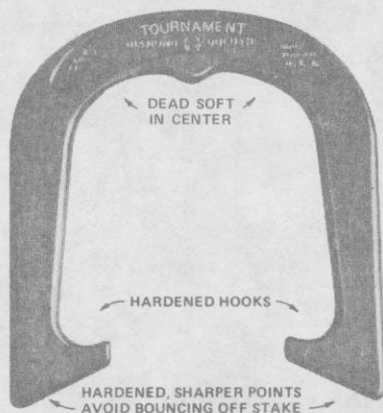
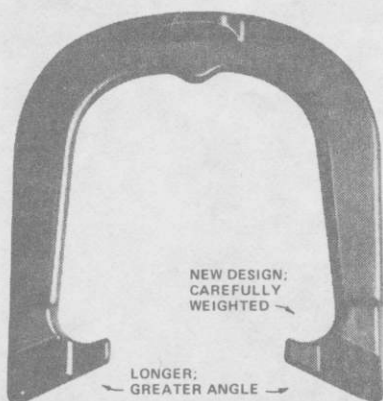
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NHPA President's Message

I am happy to announce the new NHPA Regional Directors Organization has been selected. We now have 20 directors. Hopefully this will improve the communications between the States and the NHPA. It should also help to improve and progress horse-shoes if we ALL try working together toward these goals. Elsewhere in this issue, the Directors are listed along with their States. However, keep in mind the guidelines for the Directors listed in the January issue were NOT the final draft. When it has been finalized and approved by the Executive Council, it will be published again. Thanks to all the Directors for accepting this responsibility. Additional thanks to all the state secretaries for answering my request to submit candidates for their areas.

The "Progress Means Change" committee recommended the following and Council has approved same and Walter Ray "Deadeye" Williams, Jr. has accepted the assignment. Thanks "Deadeye"! From the News Digest, he will select the top 100 pitchers in the country (including Canada) using the following method. Use the player's two or three tournaments of 15 games or more for his average. Averages to be from one World Tournament to the next. These averages to be published in the Digest monthly if possible. This way averages will be available at the World Tournament or any other tournament and can be used for many reasons. It might even increase participation in tournaments in order to be in the top 100 or move up the ladder on the list. "Deadeye" will try to have the first list in the April issue. Tell your friends who don't take the Digest, maybe this will encourage them to start.

Attention Juniors and Women: At the next convention in Lafayette, I would like to see the Junior Boys and Girls and Women each have a speaker representative. I would appreciate your opinions pro and con. After all you are as important to the NHPA as the men, especially you juniors for you will be the backbone of the NHPA in the future. Our agenda will have a place for you to speak before the delegates. I will be honored if you will accept this invitation.

Alaska now has 13 members. Congratulations to Norman Berg, secretary and the other officers. Keep up the good work.

I received a pleasant surprise telephone call the other night from the daughter of George Hambridge of South Africa. She was in Northern California. George asked her to call and give his regards to me and the NHPA.

Leo McGrath will be getting new shirts made for the judges at the next World Tournament. Thanks Leo.

All State Secretaries will receive Bernard Herfurth's state voluntary 4-point publicity program the first part of February. Again we will appreciate your cooperation.

Don't forget to write Wilbur Dall of Ohio, expressing your interest in a Hawaiian Open. It can't possibly start to take shape unless he has your support. He just returned from there and made several contacts while on vacation.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL NHPA CHANGES MADE IN THE RULES, BY-LAWS, CONSTITUTION, DUES AND ETC., ARE DISCUSSED THEN PASSED OR DEFEATED BY YOUR DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT EACH YEAR.

1975 World Tournament dates are July 25 through August 3 in Lafayette, Indiana.

Sincerely,

WALLY SHIPLEY

NHPA SECRETARY HAS MOVED . . .

Mailing Address — W. Ray Williams, P. O. Box 1702, Auburn, Calif. 95603

Randall Cops San Bernardino, Calif. Club Championship

In Class A, Ralph Randall of Barstow, who is also the current San Bernardino County Champion, won all 7 games to capture the 1974 Club Championship.

Class B Championship was won by Jo Ann Vickery, who took 7 straight games and out-classed all her male opponents.

Class C Championship — after 5 games, Hogan, Whitrock and Kloefer were tied at 4-1. Round Robin play-off was not desired, so position was determined by each man pitching 50 scored shoes. Hogan was declared winner with 75 points — Whitrock 2nd, 74 points, and Kloefer 3rd, 57 points. All games were pitched on the Perris Hill Park Courts at San Bernardino, California.

Officers elected for 1975 — Charles Scott, President; Joe Raykowski, Vice President, and George Offen, Secretary-Treasurer.

CHAMPIONSHIP — CLASS A

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Ralph Randall, Barstow	7	0	64.6	Leo Mannebach, Jr., Palm Sprgs	4	3	38.0
Charles Scott, San Bernardino ..	5	2	48.3	Joe Raykowski, Rialto	2	5	42.3
Joe Holder, Yuciapa	4	3	52.6	Archie McCallum, Riverside	1	6	36.6
Jerry Lambert, San Bernardino	4	3	43.1	George Offen, San Bernardino ..	1	6	34.3

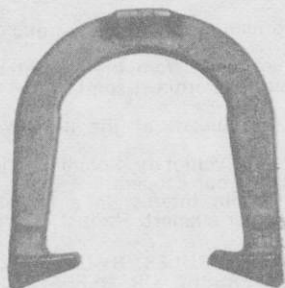
CHAMPIONSHIP — CLASS B

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Jo Ann Vickery, Riverside	7	0	34.9	Sam Haigh, Loma Linda	4	3	20.0
Ken Vickery, Riverside	5	2	34.3	David Griffin, San Berdu	2	5	24.3
Harry Morse, Beaumont	5	2	29.1	Earl Hogan, San Berdu	1	6	14.6
Claude Roberts, San Berdu	4	3	25.7	Stanley Brown, San Berdu	0	7	19.0

CHAMPIONSHIP — CLASS C

Earl Hogan, San Berdu	4	1		Louis Weber, San Berdu	2	3	
Lloyd Whitrock, San Berdu	4	1		Floyd Muchow, Colton	1	4	
Gerry Kloefer, Yuciapa	4	1		Ken Ratley, San Berdu	forfeit		

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Sheets Winner Of 8th Annual Swen's Open (Wisconsin) (Late Report)

CLASS A — H. Sheets 6-1-67.5; C. Joppe, 5-2-62.5; R. Maylahn 5-2-70.5; W. Saeger 4-3-61.4; R. Pritzlaff 3-4-59.5; M. Olson 3-4-58.0; N. Gossen 2-5-50.0; E. Schimek 0-7-45.0.

CLASS B — S. Bowman 6-1-53.4; M. Sorensen 5-2-49.0; W. Taylor 4-3-40.1; J. Gerritts 4-3-50.0; E. Schimek 4-3-47.8; A. Christiansen 3-4-42.6; E. Weigert 1-6-38.2; D. Laabs 0-7-36.7.

CLASS C — O. Anderson 4-1-45.1; A. Broulette 3-2-46.3; M. Cooper 3-2-44.6; R. Weaver 2-3-48.7; M. Tate 2-3-44.5; B. Wilkie 1-4-41.4.

CLASS D — H. Rosenthal 6-1-47.2; R. Wrucke 5-2-48.1; A. Johnson 4-3-45.3; S. Weigert 4-3-35.8; W. Dollase 3-4-40.2; W. Michaels 3-4-38.8; F. Frankowiak 2-5-39.0; C. Lubka 1-6-39.8.

CLASS E — J. Dollevoet 7-0-39.5; C. Christopolis 6-1-50.7; T. Sherman 5-2-42.6; K. Marx 4-3-39.1; J. Gomall 3-4-37.3; E. Schuetz 2-5-29.1; L. Mattson 1-6-39.2; A. Spang 0-7-21.7.

CLASS F — J. Hendricks 5-2-43.8; D. Goetz 5-2-35.2; B. Cavil 5-2-41.1; O. Wesley 4-3-43.0; A. McGowan 3-4-36.9; N. Bloemer 3-4-35.5; L. Anderson 1-6-27.4; M. Vogt 1-6-26.6.

CLASS G — W. Srenaski 6-1-50.0; J. Trepanier 5-2-42.3; J. Meyer 4-3-37.6; E.

CLASS G — (Continued)

Fritsch 4-3-35.4; H. Lamers 4-3-34.0; J. Puluch 3-4-33.1; D. Bahr 2-5-33.0; H. Nor-kali 0-7-18.1.

CLASS H — S. Sorensen 7-0-33.7; B. Schuette 6-1-35.0; N. Hendricks 4-3-32.6; J. Secord 4-3-29.5; D. Beattley 3-4-26.3; P. Schelke 2-5-29.6; E. Staffen 2-5-27.4; R. Pritzlaff 0-7-25.7.

CLASS I — E. Euclide 6-1-27.7; T. Gaetz 5-2-29.6; R. DeFrance 4-3-24.8; H. Haack 4-3-22.8; B. DeGoey 4-3-20.5; M. Buetow 3-4-20.8; E. Merver 2-5-24.1; R. Schoener 0-7-20.4.

CLASS J — L. Secord 6-1-26.5; D. Fairey 5-2-22.2; H. Kauppi 5-2-24.5; J. Kamps 4-3-24.8; J. VanLannen 3-4-18.2; L. Keller 2-5-16.5; R. Segal 2-5-15.1; O. Kulhanek 1-6-10.5.

CLASS K — H. Hoffbeck 5-2-21.1; J. Goetz 5-2-21.7; D. Capelle 5-2-16.5; E. Big-fire 4-3-16.2; N. Nigbor 4-3-12.8; D. Lacock 3-4-15.5; J. Schroeder 2-5-16.5; J. Johnson 0-7-7.4.

LADIES - CLASS A — R. Sanders 6-0-49.6; N. Dallman 3-3-39.2; J. Van Durzen 2-4-35.9; S. Dollevoet 1-5-33.3.

LADIES - CLASS B — A. Opsteen 4-2-22.5; S. Pritzlaff 4-2-25.0; B. Sherman 3-3-31.2; S. Wing 1-5-11.2.

Rademacher Play-Off Victor Over Richmond For Seminole, Florida Open Title

It was once more that time of the year when horseshoes prevailed in Florida and Seminole hosted its second Open in as many years. The usual Sunshine did not make its appearance until late in the day and beautiful Seminole was cool and overcast. There was a contingent of 32 hardy pitchers participating in the tourney with all the exsertile efforts and fanfare within them to vie for the championship of their individual classes as only a true lover of horseshoes can do or appreciate.

One eight-man class and four six-man classes provided the continued flow of spectators with a fine display of pitching and sportsmanship. Not to be forgotten are the people in the background that made things click, the workers, Lee Davis and Sarg Cook of Seminole who ran the tournament; the scorekeepers who braved the chilly winds and George Buskey and Norm Gaseau of the Clearwater club with their able assistance in the record keeping department. All contributed to provide a smooth running tournament. Three prizes were awarded in Class A, and two prizes in all other classes. John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida, the Florida state champ won the Class A with 6 wins and one loss, however, it was not all that easy as he had to win a playoff game with Marvin Richmond from Minnesota who equaled Rademacher with a 6 and 1 record to nail down second place. Rademacher pitched a cool 68.8 ringer percentage while Richmond threw a healthy 65.5 percent. Third place went to Gene Rademacher of Plant City with a 4 and 3 record and a 59.1 percent.

Class B was won by Earle Morris, Plant City winning 4 and losing one while posting a 42.2 overall average. Second place was secured by Marion Collins of Tarpon Springs, Florida with his 3 wins and 2 losses and a ringer percent-

Seminole Open — (Continued)

age of 45.8. Not to be outgunned, Class C came roaring home posting some percentages that would easily qualify them as Class B pitchers. Top honors went to Speed Gillespie after a three-man round robin playoff and posting a 40.3 average. Second place was a hard earned affair with Charlie Pitton of Clearwater pitching a neat 47.5 average.

Class D had another three-way playoff with all top three winning 4 and losing 1 game. Ed Schuller of Bradenton, Florida taking first place with a fine 33.5 average, and Mose Miller, Sarasota earning second place with a 30.7 ringer percentage.

Not to be lost in the shuffle was a fine group of Class E pitchers. Andy Doshna, Clearwater won all 5 of his games to easily take top position and a 32.8 average. Second place was won by the able pitching of Ed Tausch,

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CLASS A — John Rademacher, Plant City 6-1-68.8; Marvin Richmond, Minn. 6-1-65.5; Gene Rademacher, Plant City 4-3-59.1; Levi Miller, Sarasota 4-3-52.6; William Keegan, Live Oak 3-4-55.0; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 3-4-54.8; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 1-6-47.0; Lee Davis, Seminole 1-6-45.9.

CLASS B — Earle Morris, Plant City 4-1-42.2; Marion Collins, Tarpon Springs 3-2-45.8; A. Mack, Louisiana 3-2-44.5; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 2-3-43.9; George Buskey, Clearwater 2-3-43.7; Frank Stites, Bradenton 1-4-33.2.

CLASS C — Speed Gillespie, Ind. 3-2-40.3; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 3-2-47.5; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 3-2-39.5; Gerry Cole,

CLASS C — (Continued)

Bradenton 2-3-41.0; Russ Fuller, Seminole 2-3-39.0; Ed Brakeman, St. Petersburg 2-3-35.0.

CLASS D — Ed Schuller, Bradenton 4-1-33.5; Mose Miller, Sarasota 4-1-30.7; Charlie Johnson, Clearwater 4-1-43.7; Milt Myhre, Bradenton 1-4-32.4; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 1-4-32.0; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 1-4-25.0.

CLASS E — Andy Doshna, Clearwater 5-0-32.8; Ray Gillen, Sarasota 3-2-25.3; Adcock 1-4-26.0; Ed Tausch, Bradenton 4-1-31.9; Earl Peters, St. Petersburg 2-3-27.9; Norm Gaseau, Clearwater 0-5-21.5.

Elmer Hohl Dominates Prince Albert (Canada) Tourney

A world champion in any sport is expected, naturally, to be the best there is in that particular activity. At the Prince Albert Horseshoe Club sponsored tournament, world champion horseshoe pitcher, Elmer Hohl of Wellesley, Ontario showed why he is the best.

Hohl won all events he entered in the tournament held at the local club's courts. He tossed 46 ringers in 50 tries, won the singles event and teamed with Bill Mountenay of Bethune, Saskatchewan to capture the doubles title.

Dave Johnston of Medstead, Saskatchewan placed second in the ringer competition with 34, one more than H. Weitzle of North Battleford.

In the first event of the singles class, Alex Fookes of Yorkton placed second to Hohl. P. Friesen of Warman was third and A. Ross of Regina fourth.

Finishing second to Hohl and Mountenay in the first flight of the doubles competition was the team of H. and C. Weitzel of North Battleford. Third were P. Kouznitsoff of Blaine Lake and M. Connor of Swift Current.

The second flight was won by the team of M. Nessett of Sheto, Saskatchewan and S. Helgason of Mozart, Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert teams dominated the third flight of the doubles event with Kinch and Ed Kuzniar winning and H. Risebrow and W. Grendal of Prince Albert finishing second. A Saskatoon team of E. Squires and B. Adams finished third with fourth place going to Hoffman of North Battleford and Haufold of Rabbit Lake.

Fookes of Yorkton won the Old Timers event with Hoffman second, Halgarson of Mozart third and Jenson of Preeceville fourth. Connor of Swift Current finished first in the Veterans event with Grendal second.

COVER PICTURE . . . Shown this month are some of the "ringer artists" of years past. These men are some of the finalists of the Senior Division of the 1974 World Tournament. Left to right, front row: Floyd Plumb, Lee Cameron, and Frank Kilinsky. Standing: Abe Austin, Stanley Manker, Henry Franke, and Dale Carson. Many years of activity in horseshoe pitching is represented by this fine group of pitchers.

Baughn Tops Thanksgiving Open At Rushville, Indiana

CLASS AA — Reece Baughn, New Castle 6-1-71.4; George Sales, New Castle 6-1-62.0; Jim Kemple, Rushville 5-2-66.0; Henry Franke, Ill. 5-2-61.0; Al Ewert, Mo. 2-5-57.4; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 2-5-56.0; Clarence Andrews, Centerville 2-5-53.4; Claude Estelle, Indianapolis 0-7-47.4.

CLASS A — Estel Bills, Connorsville 5-0-62.8; Darrell Glover, Sr. 4-1-56.4; Walt Lane, Anderson 3-2-56.4; Charles Hancock, Indianapolis 1-4-51.6; Jim Pierson, Mooresville 1-4-48.4; Bob Sheppard, Rushville 1-4-34.8.

CLASS BB — Harold Tatman, Greensburg 3-2-45.2; Don Newland, Connorsville 3-2-42.0; Ron Ammerman, New Castle 3-2-38.8; Randall Martin, Osgood 3-2-38.8; Junior Guthrie, Bremen 2-3-33.6; Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis 1-4-34.0.

CLASS CC — Turner Ridge, Greenwood 5-1-27.5; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 4-2-23.0; Al Bills, Sr., Rushville 3-3-20.5.

CLASS C — Tim Tatman, Hartsville 4-1-20.5; Sam Huffman, Rushville 4-1-20.5; Mike Scott, Indianapolis 3-2-24.0; Larry Bills, Rushville 2-3-20.5; Fred Armentrout, Speedway 2-3-18.0.

JUNIOR - CLASS A — B. Patterson, Rushville 7-0-47.6; J. Reideman Indianapolis 5-2-38.6; Chris Ridge, Greenwood 5-2-29.0; Tim Howard, Rushville 4-3-32.3; Brent Sheppard, 3-4-30.6; Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 3-4-26.0; Stuart Sheppard, Rushville 1-6-21.6.

JUNIOR - CLASS B — M. Keal, Rushville 5-0-17.4; A. Lucas, Connorsville 4-1-6.0; Debbie Bills, Connorsville 3-2-9.2; J. Ridge, Greenwood 2-3-6.8; Lorna Bills II, Rushville 1-4-6.4; Mark Sheppard, Rushville 0-5-2.0.

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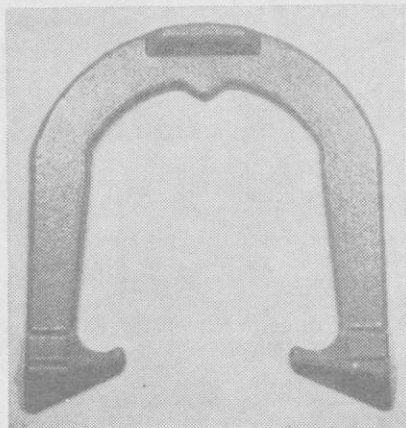
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CLASS AA — George Sales, New Castle 4-1-64.0; Reece Baughn, New Castle 3-2-66.0; Henry Franke, Ill. 3-2-57.5; Jim Kemple, Rushville 2-3-60.4; John Gall Anderson 2-3-51.6; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 1-4-53.2.

CLASS A — Estel Bills, Connorsville 6-1-63.1; Walt Lane, Anderson 6-1-55.0; Darrell Glover, Sr., Rushville 5-2-48.5; Charles Hancock, Indianapolis 4-3-48.8; Jack Gainey, Bloomfield 3-4-53.9; Bob Moit, Indianapolis 3-4-44.2; Jim Pierson, Mooresville 2-5-42.5; Bob Sheppard, Rushville 0-7-35.1.

CLASS BB — Vernon Holland, Veedersburg 5-2-46.3; Harold Tatman, Greensburg 5-2-44.8; David Tatman, Greensburg 5-2-44.3; Ed Weyer, Ferdinand 5-2-44.8; Randall Martin, Osgood 3-4-44.2; Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis 3-4-40.0; Ron Ammerman, New Castle 2-5-34.5; Don Newland, Connorsville 1-6-36.8.

CLASS B — Melvin Hicks, Shelbyville 4-1-36.8; Kenny Webb, Indianapolis 4-1-

CLASS B — (Continued)

29.9; Bob Jeffries, Shelbyville 4-1-29.2; Tim Tatman, Hartsville 1-4-22.8; Larry Bills, Rushville 0-5-12.8.

CLASS CC — Mike Scott, Indianapolis 4-1-22.4; Tim Tatman, Hartsville 4-1-20.6; Lloyd Karstens 3-2-21.2; Sam Huffman, Rushville 2-3-22.5; Al Bills, Sr. 2-3-19.7; John Irvine, Lafayette forfeit.

JUNIORS - CLASS A — John Riedeman, Indianapolis 6-1-44.0; Brent Sheppard, Rushville 6-1-36.8; Al Bills, Jr., Rushville 6-1-33.5; Tim Howard 4-3-23.2; Stuart Sheppard, Rushville 3-4-22.8; Steve Gall, Anderson 2-5-4.4; Bruce Patterson, Rushville forfeit.

JUNIORS - CLASS B — Mike Keal, Rushville 5-0-23.6; Tony Lucas, Connorsville 3-2-9.2; Mark Sheppard, Rushville 3-2-7.2; Lorna Bills II, Rushville 2-3-10.0; Steve Bills, Connorsville 1-4-6.0; Debby Bills, Connorsville 1-4-6.0.

Bill Henn Repeats In Day-Bell (Kentucky) Winter Classic

Bill Henn again captured Class A in the Winter Classic at Day-Bell. Losing only to Gene Reno 50 to 26, Bill was able to win the remaining games with a 68.7 average. Pop Johnson ended with the same won-lost record, losing to Henn in the regular play 50-25, then again in the play-off for first place. Ed Metz, pitching in Class A after a long lay-off, defeated Gene Reno 52-46, both had 65 ringers out of 98 shoes. This was Ed's only win.

Due to the passing of Opal Reno's mother, there were just three in the class. Ruth Kirk came in first place, Janet Reno, second, and Ava Brown third. These gals need more competition, and hopefully, we are driving for more women pitchers.

CLASS A — Bill Henn 6-1-68.7; Pop Johnson 6-1-66.0; Gene Reno 5-2-66.7; Ken Klugler 4-3-64.5; Elmer Harrison 3-4-57.4; John Napier 2-5-60.1; Ed Metz 2-5-58.0; Jim Noble forfeit.

CLASS B — Bob Duffy 6-1-64.9; Ottie Reno 5-2-56.1; Marwin Glass 4-3-50.6; Boop Rogg 4-3-49.2; Vince Stoner 3-4-57.2; Chick Henn 3-4-45.3; John Hughes 2-5-49.8; John Hankins 1-6-46.3.

CLASS C — Larry Rose 6-1-39.0; Danny Moore 6-1-40.6; Bob Gibbons 5-2-42.0; Bob Snider 3-4-33.3; Bob Arnen 3-4-32.6; Leo Goodwin 2-5-32.0; Al Davis 2-5-27.0; Vern Gregory forfeit.

CLASS D — John McMichaels 5-2-31.0; Jim McMichaels 5-2-29.0; Don Moore 5-2-25.6; Jim Buchert 5-2-24.0; Clarence Duncan 3-4-25.6; Dean Traylor 3-4-25.0; Gary Moore 1-6-18.0; Bob Williams forfeit.

Knisley Sweeps Thru Annual Mingo Junction, Ohio Open Tournament

An outstanding 1974 event was the Second Annual Steelmark Open Tournament held at Mingo Junction, Ohio. Al Zadroga of Pennsylvania set a sizzling pace with two games of over 91 percent and three games over 80 percent but was overcome by Jim Knisley of Bremen, Ohio who had a perfect record of 7 straight victories and a 79.6 ringer average to win the title. Helen Roberts of Ohio swept the Ladies Class with 5 wins and no losses averaging 65.8 percent.

It was the best tournament held in Mingo Junction and was sponsored by Mr. Roger Bertoia. Special thanks to all contributors and to those many hard workers who handled many details in the tournament. George Hall was the director of this annual affair.

CLASS A — J. Knisley 7-0-79.6; A. Zadroga 5-2-81.6; B. Engle 4-3-75.1; C. Bruce 4-3-70.4; J. Solomon 3-4-72.1; H. Cornelius 3-4-64.9; M. Burkett 2-5-65.3; S. Bertrando 0-7-79.6.

CLASS B — P. Hall 6-1-59.8; S. Davis 6-1-62.7; E. Santee 5-2-63.3; J. Rainbow 4-3-59.7; P. Vlachvas 3-4-57.4; H. Davis 2-5-49.7; C. Danner 1-6-51.4; J. Johnson 1-6-46.7.

CLASS C — P. Bonvenuto 7-0-54.2; L. Groszklos 6-1-46.0; B. Johnson 5-2-44.0; P. Spurrier 4-3-44.0; H. Murray 2-5-41.5; C. Faulk 2-5-39.5; J. Davis 1-6-44.0; D. Crawford 1-6-36.8.

CLASS D — D. McCloud 7-0-39.4; W. Morrow 6-1-42.7; D. Dodson 5-2-33.3; L. Brumett 4-3-35.3; V. Frye 2-5-31.3; J. Scalley 2-5-30.4; B. Tolliver 2-5-28.1; F. Prossor 0-7-25.6.

CLASS E — M. Flowers 6-1-35.3; G. Hall 5-2-28.6; R. Flowers 4-3-24.0; E. Richie 4-3-21.3; J. Whaley 4-3-20.3; A. Novel 3-4-21.0; B. Tolliver 2-5-29.0.

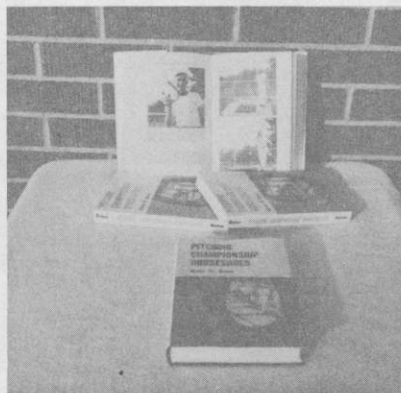
CLASS F — B. Groszklos 7-0; R. Wallace 6-1; T. Isner 5-2; R. Clark, Sr., 4-3; M. Adamik 3-4; E. Extrovich 2-5; T. Hall 1-6; L. Reed 0-7.

WOMEN'S CLASS — Helen Roberts 5-0-65.8; Janet Reno 4-1-47.1; Ruth Kirk 3-2-47.9; Jennifer Reno 2-3-28.7; Opal Corbett 1-4-37.8; Avenella Brown 0-5-24.7.

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Local Clubs

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — The lone star state has a brand new horseshoe club with facilities so outstanding that the "Arlington Ironbenders" walked away with the 1975 Texas state tournament host club bid.

Newly-elected Texas president and live-wire, Jim Burrow and charter members Jeff Gaston, Lee Gardner, Charlie Crane and Vernon Crane have been the driving force behind a dream that began early in March. Their first meeting consisted of six members and a backyard doubles tournament. Within two months, and after a series of meetings with Melvin Shanks, Arlington Parks director, the city agreed to let the club use an existing old three-court set-up. These courts were carefully remodelled to conform to N.H.P.A. regulations and the club was off and running.

Continued work with Melvin Shanks resulted in expanding the three courts to six with future expansion in 1975 calling for eight, lighted courts with blue clay and walk-ways. Quickly the club scheduled a sanctioned tournament that saw "old pro" Ed McFarland of Conroe walk away with top honors. Four doubles tournaments plus a handicapped tournament were scheduled with the "Ironbenders" closing out the year by organizing a rivalry between themselves and a new club in Grapeland. At present, the energetic club boasts twenty-two of the most dedicated members in the state and if 1974 was any indication, the "Ironbenders" will make themselves heard on the national level.

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ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS — A group of about forty men and women interested in starting a new horseshoe club met last fall at the Gem Suburban horseshoe courts, in Rockford, Illinois. These beautiful facilities furnished through the generosity of Bill Wallschlaeger were inspected by those present. We may well be proud of these courts which are among the finest, if not the finest, in the state of Illinois.

For our first tournament we were quite successful having four classes. We played 50 point games and all finished about the same time. Final standings follow below.

Sportswriters giving us publicity were Rockford Newspaper, Inc., TV Channel 23; TV 13, WREX and TV 17, WTOV all of Rockford. We are grateful for their cooperation and support.

CLASS A — Francis Mordick, Freeport; Les Long, Sterling; Harvey Johnson, Rockford; Bob Elliott, LaSalle; Carl Turman, Rockford; Don Grove, Rock Falls.

CLASS B — Dewey Ellis, Wyand; Wilbert Blum, Wisconsin; Ray Orlowski, Sterling; John Pfeiffer, Freeport; Bill Wallschlaeger, Rockford; Dale Toye, Rockford.

CLASS C — Chuck Kyler, Freeport; Bob Geeser, South Beloit; Frank Sodati, Freeport; Dave Rodenbeck, Rockford; Hilmer Magnuson, Rockford; Rex Applegate.

CLASS D — Kevin Wallschlaeger, Rockford; Lloyd Harris, Rockford; Leonard Lawson, Rockford; Dan Docktor, Rockford; Jim Henderson, Rockford; Ed Riley, Rockford; Dean Faeth, Rockford; Mark Wallschlaeger, Rockford.

Spotlight — (Continued)

BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual tells us how to form a club. The procedure is to assemble your players and then find and build a place to pitch. The City of Brockton, Massachusetts has turned the rules around somewhat. They have the courts completed and will now find the pitchers. Following is a preliminary report on what they have done so far and plan to do in the future.

Background. A few years ago, Charles Boucher was selected as Superintendent of Recreation. He set out to upgrade the existing Brockton playground system and build new ones. The Department explored sources of federal funding. They found that there was money available from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on a matching fund basis with the city. During their research they were taken on a tour of the Keene, New Hampshire park system, which includes the horseshoe courts. They decided to include horseshoe pitching in their plans. The upshot is that they are nearing completion of the following facilities, at a cost of \$1,073,000.

1. **James Edgar Playground:** 16 clay horseshoe courts (none finer anywhere); two children's playgrounds; combination baseball, football, soccer field; three multiple-use courts (basketball, street hockey, flooded for ice skating); a Bocci court.

2. **Watslo Tukis Playground:** about same as Edgar, but with 9 sand horse-courts, plus four squash and handball courts.

3. **Harold D. Bent Playground:** 9 sand horseshoe courts; Little League field; 8 tennis courts; 3 tennis "bangboards"; children's playground; two multiple-use courts.

All these facilities are intended for participatory recreation. Frills such as bleachers can be added after the city takes title. Once they take title, the Recreation Department will develop the programs for each facility. Robert Dean Smith, Chairman of the Recreation Department, will be in charge. It will be his task to find horseshoe pitchers, tennis players, etc., and develop leagues or other types of events.

This whole concept should be of interest to all horseshoe pitchers for several reasons. 1. The horseshoe phase was initiated by the city, who knew nothing of the NHPA or other organized horseshoe activity. It was only because Russ Sweeney happened to hear about it and offered his services that the city now knows about us and have sought our advice. 2. Any horseshoe activity will be organized and run by people who are expert in developing such programs. 3. This whole project should give us a pretty good idea of the potential for developing horseshoe pitching as a popular sport. Brockton has the facilities and the desire to develop a program. If they are successful, we will have "ammunition" to approach park departments in our own area. We can say, "Look, this is what Brockton did, why can't we?"

Graham Wins Texas Thanksgiving Open Championship

Bob Graham from Houston, with a 10-0 record was near perfect as he swept through all opponents enroute to the Class A championship of the annual Thanksgiving Open held on the beautiful 8 court lay-out of the V.F.W. Post No. 4815. Graham also posted the day's high game with an explosive 76.5% against Joe Minnich. Jim Woodson of San Antonio finished strong to place second with a fine 6-3 record while Marvin Burgess of Ballinger carried away third place honors also with a 6-3 mark. This was the last tournament of the 1974 season and V.F.W. Post No. 4815 is to be commended for the excellent food and court conditions.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Bob Graham	10	0	64.2	George Luketic	4	6	53.7
Jim Woodson	6	4	58.7	Joe Minnich	3	7	46.4
Marvin Burgess	6	4	51.3	Archie Roach	1	9	47.8

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Bicentennial Year World Tournament And Celebration

By Ray Greenlaw

A unique honor is coming to Pennsylvania in the Bicentennial Year, 1976. Our Bristol Township Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, sponsored by the Bristol Township Recreation Department, has successfully won the bid for the World Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament, to be held at the Bristol Township Horseshoe Courts, Levittown, Pa., July 31st through August 8th, 1976.

With the Bicentennial theme in mind, we have requested suggestions for promotional ideas and help from the Bicentennial Committee. We are contacting local radio and television stations for coverage during this event and are having bumper stickers printed to be distributed to players and spectators. We also have hopes that "Wide World of Sports" will schedule this event to be filmed for one of their shows.

We are now preparing our annual booklet for this tournament which will incorporate the Bicentennial Theme and include articles of historic interest. This brochure will be available throughout the year 1976 and your support during the Bicentennial Celebration will be greatly appreciated.

Send your copy or your ad, which can be duplicated to any size. Schedule of rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$150.00	Quarter Page	\$ 45.00
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All contributions will be acknowledged.

Please make checks payable to: Bristol Township Horseshoe Pitcher's Association (B.T.H.P.A.), P. O. Box 699, Levittown, Pa. 19058.

Ringers Only Debate — A Rebuttal

By Russell A. Gadoury

On several occasions Sol Berman has expressed his displeasure with points and has proposed eliminating them from horseshoe scoring. He cites a number of instances in which unusual points affected the outcome of a game or the eventual winner of a tournament. However, I can cite an equal number of instances in which points had little or nothing to do with the outcome. (1) Perfect pitches bounced off the stake. In 1973 Massachusetts; would have had a different champion if six well-pitched shoes hadn't bounced off, resulting in a defeat. (2) A bad pitch rolls or bounces on for a ringer. One woman in the 1974 World Tournament had a sure four points with the score 46-47, but her opponent's second pitch landed in the lower left corner of the pit and rolled on to kill the ringer. (3) Having the class high average does not guarantee success. In 1948 Casey Jones averaged 87.5%, still a record, but did not win the World Championship. (4) Someone is bitten by a mosquito just as he is releasing his shoe, causing a distraction and a bad pitch. Let's briefly examine two of Sol's illustrations in his January article. Sol maintains that an otherwise fine game (105 out of 124 for 87.4%) by both players was marred by one player winning on points. The fact is that, as fine as the game was, both players tossed 19 bad pitches, not one or two. No matter what the calibre of the players, every time one of them misses a ringer he should expect that his opponent will score, whether he does or not. In the case of the "accurate" woman pitcher, Sol actually argues against himself. Using his system, that game might still be in progress with the score 0-0, assuming the other woman was equally "accurate."

Each of these illustrations comes under a category common to any sport —

A Rebuttal — (Continued)

the breaks of the game. Points fall in that category. If a way were found to eliminate all breaks, you wouldn't have a better sport, just a different one.

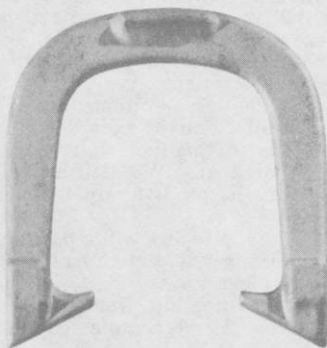
One major point about ringers is being overlooked. The book definition of a ringer is a shoe that encircles the stake. The real definition is its indication of perfection. Because it is more perfect, we assign it a higher point value than a close one. No one is perfect, even though it appears so when Jim Woodson is watching Curt Day. As compensation for being less than perfect we are permitted to get credit for being almost perfect, and this has been so from the year one. Eighty percent pitchers don't score many single points. Twenty percent pitchers don't score many three's and six's. But everyone scores the same, which is as it should be. At what percentage can we say: "Well, they make so many ringers we might as well forget points entirely?" Since that question can never be answered completely satisfactorily, I suggest we forget the whole idea.

Admittedly there are occasions when some other scoring system, "Ringers only" included, may be desirable. The top class of a World Tournament, a televised match, etc., may be cases in point. But if Sol's proposal is an intent to revamp the whole game, I cannot agree. Each sport has its own distinctive scoring and playing rules which makes that sport different from all others. In horseshoes it happens to be that you can miss a ringer and still score. More importantly, the general public knows little of the fine points of our game, but many of them know that "Close only counts in horseshoes." Should we eliminate our only well-known distinction? Lastly, such a change is not going to markedly increase our membership, and hopefully that is where our efforts are being directed. To progress means change, but it does not necessarily follow that change means progress.

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This will be a sanctioned "trophy" tournament only, for first and second place in each class. No substitutions will be allowed. Entrants who are unable to pitch when scheduled will pitch on Sunday, February 16th. All contestants will be notified by mail when they are scheduled to pitch.

Entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany entry and checks should be made payable to "Darke County Horseshoe Club" and mailed to Harold Anthony, R R 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304.

There will be a ladies tournament on February 23, 1975. Entries for the ladies tournament are to be mailed to Harold Anthony. The deadline date for entries is the same as above, February 2, 1975.

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

DuBois, Penna. Club Devises New Handicap System

By Richard Parry

Our club has been losing membership due to the large difference in the ability of the pitchers.

We have devised a handicap system which we have tried with great success for a period of two months. Our system is 30 shoes per game, **count all, with a handicap.**

We chose 30 shoes due to a limited number of courts indoors (2) two. A 30 shoe game takes about as long to play as a refreshment break. Count all shoes within (6) six inches of the peg. No cancellations.

Handicap: Maximum points to be obtained is (90) ninety. Our highest ringer percentage pitcher was 66. We set our handicap on a 66.6 percent base. In other words, any one pitching 60 or more, average would have no handicap. Anyone with an average of 30 points or less will receive 30 points. (30 points is maximum handicap). When a pitchers' average is between 30 and 60 points their handicap is the difference between their average and 60 points. Example: 45 point average, 15 point handicap. At first glance it looks very one sided in favor of the lesser pitcher, which is not the case. The lesser pitcher has a large handicap, but very little score, therefore, he is still under 60 points per game.

The better pitchers feel it is an advantage due to the fact that they must pitch their best all the time to overcome large handicaps. We also have found out that the best way to improve your game is to pitch against some one better than yourself.

During this trial period of two months, all the pitchers who participated have improved. The better pitchers are still winning the top tourney, but at least the lesser pitchers are in second and third place now.

This trial period was not just within our own club, but was an extended contest with our neighboring city of St. Marys, Pennsylvania (St. Marys Horseshoe Club). They are also agreeing with us.

In our final meet we played a round robin of (8) eight men on two courts, plus (2) two playoff games in a period of 3-one-half hours. The best pitcher (with no handicap) won, but not until he had a playoff game with a 17 point handicapped opponent. The other playoff game was between a pitcher with a 30 point handicap and a pitcher with only a 5 point handicap. The pitcher with a 5 point handicap won. As the 30 point pitcher said, and I quote, "I finally made the playoffs". One closing comment. We feel when the differential in pitchers is great, the handicap should be great also.

P. D. Riley Regains New Mexico State Title

Late Report

P. D. Riley, returning to his old form, regained the New Mexico state championship winning all seven games and pitching 60.1%. Wayne Springfield, defending champion was second. Meet was held at the state fairgrounds during the New Mexico state fair.

Eldon Fleck was the Class B winner with a playoff win over Mel Moore. Myrl Miller of Eunice won Class C and Charles Bodley of Milan won Class D. Bodley was also awarded a trophy for being the outstanding player of the tournament. Alan McMullen playing in his first tournament went undefeated to win Class E.

Steven Hanes of Albuquerque won the Junior division, Wes Wood of Los Alamos, defending champion, was second. Lucile Wood of Los Alamos won the Ladies division with Marilyn Hanes of Albuquerque second. Sister Valerie of the University of Albuquerque won the Ladies B Division with Theresa Pasono of Albuquerque second.

The tournament was marred with cold weather and rain (unusual for New Mexico) causing delays and postponements. This tournament was referred to as "The Pneumonia Open". Officers elected for 1975 were Eldon Fleck, President, Donald Hanes, Vice-President and Marilyn Hanes, Secretary-treasurer.

CLASS A — P. D. Riley, Albuquerque 7-0-60.1; Wayne Springfield, Albuquerque 5-2-54.7; Jim Otterbach, Albuquerque 5-2-49.5; Roland Trotter, Albuquerque 4-3-50.0; Bill Sweatman, Albuquerque 3-4-40.2; Leo Bressan, Albuquerque 3-4-39.9; Fred Romero, Albuquerque 1-6-41.5; Donald Hanes, Albuquerque 0-7-32.9.

CLASS B — Eldon Fleck, Albuquerque 5-2-38.1; Melvin Moore, Albuquerque 5-2-35.3; Edgar Pulliam, Los Alamos 4-3-31.4; Joe Robertson, Clovis 4-3-30.8; Howard Bentz, Albuquerque 3-4-30.9; Ronald Wilson, Albuquerque 2-5-34.2; William Brin, Santa Fe 2-5-32.9; Bernie Day, Albuquerque 2-5-31.5.

CLASS C — Myrl Miller, Eunice 5-0-47.0; Edgar Pulliam, Los Alamos 4-1-39.3; Mike Martinez, Albuquerque 2-3-35.2; Nelson Pasono, Albuquerque 2-3-33.9; Robert Schuch, Albuquerque 1-4-30.3; Earl Clover, Los Alamos 1-4-27.6.

CLASS D — Charles Bodley, Milan 6-1-35.5; Elmer Mason, Santa Fe 5-2-26.8; Milan Marko, Albuquerque 5-2-26.8; Roy Drake, Albuquerque 4-3-21.9; Howard Shaw,

CLASS D — (Continued)

Albuquerque 3-4-24.9; Kevin Bodley, Milan 2-5-27.2; Earl Clover, Los Alamos 2-5-18.7; John Miesko, Albuquerque 1-6-16.4.

CLASS E — Alan McMullen, Sandia Park 4-0-16.5; Wilson Dodge, Albuquerque 3-1-15.0; Robert Jones, Albuquerque 2-2-9.0; Tom Phelan, Albuquerque 1-3-9.5; Pat Patalan, Albuquerque 0-4-4.5.

JUNIORS — Steven Hanes, Albuquerque 4-1-25.7; Wes Wood, Los Alamos 4-1-34.3; Pat Pyle, Los Alamos 4-1-31.3; Dan Pasono, Albuquerque 2-3-15.6; Mike Patalan, Albuquerque 1-4-5.6; Trent Hanes, Albuquerque 0-5-2.4.

LADIES - CLASS A — Lucile Wood, Los Alamos 5-0-32.0; Marilyn Hanes, Albuquerque 3-3-17.3; Sister M. Agnes, Albuquerque 2-6-25.3; Clara Drake, Albuquerque 1-5-19.0.

LADIES - CLASS B — Sister Valerie, Albuquerque 5-0-17.6; Theresa Pasono, Albuquerque 4-1-12.8; Flora Torres, Albuquerque 3-2-13.2; Rose Martinez, Albuquerque 2-3-7.2; Sharon Williams, Edgewood 1-4-4.8; Sally Moore, Albuquerque 0-5-4.4.

Krull Wins Winter Open At Pinecrest - Elwood, Indiana

CLASS AA — Ed Krull, Kokomo 6-1-72.1; Curt Day, Frankfort 5-2-80.7; Larry Griffin, Ill. 5-2-74.4; Clarence Bellman, Bremen 4-3-74.1; Reece Baughn, New Castle 3-4-70.7; Karl Van Sant, Cayuga 3-4-67.4; Russ DeHart, Greenwood 2-5-64.1; Chet Reel forfeit.

CLASS A — Jerry Wood, PIHC 7-0-65.3; Glen Teter, Tipton 6-1-63.6; Henry Franke, Ill. 5-2-63.6; John Gall, AHC 3-4-57.3; Robert Darnold, Mich. 3-4-55.3; Frank Baxter, Tipton 2-5-52.3; Walt Lane, Anderson 2-5-51.6; Leland Fisher, forfeit.

CLASS BB — Al Overdorf, Brownsburg 4-1-59.3; Glen Teter, Tipton 4-1-55.6; Herb

CLASS BB — (Continued)

Dwigans, Tipton 3-2-56.8; Max Gwnyon, Frankfort 3-2-52.7; Joe Holloway, Jonesboro 1-4-33.6; J. W. Cox, Wabash 0-5-38.4.

CLASS B — Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon 6-0-47.0; Junior Guthrie, Bremen 3-3-38.7; Larry Johnson, Kokomo 3-3-27.5; Kevin Dwigans, forfeit; Jeff Boyer, forfeit; Ora Pearson, forfeit.

CLASS CC — Ralph Crawford, Iowa 4-1-39.6; Virgil Jackson, Warsaw 4-1-36.4; A. W. Thomas, Speedway 2-3-34.0; Fred Armentrout, Speedway 2-3-28.4; Everett Bowyer, Peru 2-3-27.6; Russ Jackson, Warsaw 1-4-21.6.

John Rademacher Wins Sarasota, Florida Homecoming

A beautiful day was on hand as 40 pitchers gathered for the annual Sarasota Homecoming at Bee Ridge Park in Sarasota, Florida. With the large turn-out of pitchers, games were limited to 50 shoes, and even then the lights had to be turned on before play was finally completed.

John Rademacher of Plant City finally grabbed the top honors for the day as he beat his son Gene in a close play-off game 36 to 30. Both had suffered one loss at the end of regular play. John's lone defeat came from his son, and Gene had been defeated in a close game by Troy Harrison of Lakeland. Dick Ferguson of Sarasota came in 3rd, winning 5 and losing 2.

Chris Hansen took the top honors in Class B. Chris had a real good day, winning all his games and coming through with a fine ringer percent average of 54. Harvey Hochstetler of Sarasota came in 2nd, with George Buskey of Tarpon Springs taking 3rd.

Class C ended in a three-way tie between Frank Stites of Bradenton, and Guy Harris and Craig Herrington of Naples. The three decided to use ringer percentage to determine the winner and Frank came away the victor as he posted a 47.7 ringer percent average.

Bob Widdersheim of Clearwater was the Class D winner. Bob had a big day, winning all his games with a 45.1 ringer percent average. Bill Packard of Venice grabbed the 2nd place honors and Stan Bates of Sarasota finished 3rd.

The Class E winner was Ed Tausch of Bradenton. Ed came through with six wins and one loss. Second place went to Harold Craig of Sarasota, and Andy Doshna of Clearwater came in 3rd.

CLASS A — John Rademacher, Plant City 6-1-74.0; Gene Rademacher, Plant City 6-1-63.4; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota 5-2-52.5; Troy Harrison, Lakeland 3-4-62.0; Levi Miller, Sarasota 3-4-55.7; Bill Keegan, Hollywood 2-5-50.8; Earle Morris, Lakeland 2-5-48.2; Bill Wade, Lehigh Acres 1-6-48.8.

CLASS B — Chris Hansen, Sarasota 7-0-54.0; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota 5-2-47.7; George Buskey, Tarpon Springs 4-3-47.7; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 3-4-48.8; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 3-4-48.5; Marion Collins, Dunedin 3-4-43.7; Bill Whaley, Sarasota 2-5-45.1; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 1-6-39.1.

CLASS C — Frank Stites, Bradenton 5-2-47.7; Guy Harris, Naples 5-2-40.0; Craig Herrington, Naples 5-2-33.4; Duane Whitmer, Winter Haven 4-3-45.1; Henry Mul-

CLASS C — (Continued)

let, Sarasota 4-3-40.6; Wilbur Locke, Sarasota 3-4-37.1; Dick Weigel, Clearwater 1-6-37.0; Mose Miller, Sarasota 1-6-33.1.

CLASS D — Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater 7-0-45.1; Bill Packard, Venice 5-2-34.3; Stan Bates, Sarasota 4-3-33.4; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 3-4-33.4; Raymond Shade, Sarasota 3-4-32.6; Ed Schuller, Bradenton 3-4-30.8; Red Benton, Plant City 3-4-28.6; Les Peary, Bradenton forfeit.

CLASS E — Ed Tausch, Bradenton 6-1-28.0; Harold Craig, Sarasota 4-3-27.1; Andy Doshna, Clearwater 4-3-24.9; Norman Gaseau, Clearwater 4-3-21.4; Ray Gillen, Sarasota 4-3-18.9; Tobey Hockett, Sarasota 3-4-24.0; Bill Voght, Clearwater 3-4-22.0; Don Seefeldt, Sarasota 0-7-17.4.

Norwood Tops Autumn Classic At Jefferson City, Tenn.

Roger Norwood of Knoxville, Tennessee was the winner in the Autumn Classic held at Jefferson City, Tennessee. This was the last tournament of the 1974 season. The ringer percentages were down a little, but the spirit of the game was high.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
R. Norwood	4	1	74.8
O. D. Lebow	4	1	60.1
T. Norwood	3	2	64.0
T. R. Little	3	2	66.9
D. Stallings	1	4	56.3
J. Adkerson	0	5	51.3

CLASS B

	W	L	%
J. Walker	4	1	56.8
G. Lebow	3	2	51.4
H. Jackson	3	2	52.6
J. B. Wells	2	3	57.0
G. Whaley	2	3	50.9
C. Montgomery	1	4	46.6

CLASS C

	W	L	%
J. Adkerson	4	0	54.7
H. Self	2	2	51.2
C. Montgomery	2	2	49.2
G. Whaley	1	3	42.7
D. Stallings	1	3	48.4

CLASS D

	W	L	%
M. Norwood	5	1	32.3
D. Derrick	4	2	32.0
C. Hickey	4	2	26.0
D. Holmes	3	3	35.1
W. Pierce	3	3	24.4
B. Leaper	2	4	18.4
J. Davis	0	6	15.1

Tips From The Top By Sol Berman

BOB WEST - Oregon — "As you prepare to pitch your horseshoe, glance down at your feet to see that they are pointed directly to the opposite peg".

ROY SMITH - Michigan — "Pitch with a glove on, there's no slippage, and you do not have to stop during a game to file your shoe".

Jim Solomon - Pennsylvania — "Anyone can toss horseshoes, but it takes a thinker to pitch them. Therefore, to progress in this game, in percentage, listen to the people around you. They can see your faults and tell you about them. When they tell you, accept it as a friendly gesture and think as you practice about what they said".

DID YOU KNOW THAT

"Deadeye Williams is now pitching over 70% at 40 feet?"

At the World's championship 93.2% of the winners were ahead at 40 points and 89% of the winners were ahead at 70 shoes. 84% of the winners were ahead at 50 shoes. At the World's Championship in Keene, New Hampshire, Curt Day had a tie sewed up with two games to play but according to our national rules he would have to forfeit all his games if he was unable to pitch the last two games.

Rioux's Ringer Record Wins Christmas Classic

Norm Rioux pitched his career high tournament, 79.4 percent, enroute to the Christmas Classic title at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. His consistency — 74% low, 82% high — made the victory look easy. Number two spot went to Ed Domey, who finished at 78.0% and the tournament high game, 86%.

Paul Drowne repeated as Class 2 champ by virtue of a 68% playoff win over Paul Cormier, who posted a not-quite-good-enough 64%. Drowne has shown steady improvement in recent months, and is now pitching those 60-plus percent games that can spell victory.

Class 3 title went to Sam Raymond, who found himself in a four-way tie for first place. Playoff games of 52% and 64% settled matters fairly handily. Joe Pepi and Hub Sasse each swept seven games to take the Class 4 and Class 5 titles. Both players pitched their best tournaments while winning. Jay Benton showed some fine clutch pitching to win Class 6.

Two other names highlighted the tourney. Instead of switching back after a slow start, Joe Schultz stayed with his change to a 1 1/4 turn, and finished at 63.7%. Several observers agree that it is a better looking shoe. Stay with it, Joe. Mike Sasse found out what pressure is in his first tournament. The favorite to win after the first five games, Mike confessed to choking and had to settle for fourth place, missing third by one ringer.

Gift articles were awarded as prizes, winner's choice, and proved to be popular substitutes for trophies.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — Norm Rioux, Conn. 7-0-79.4; Ed Domey, Mass. 5-2-78.0; Art Tyson, N. Y. 4-3-70.0; Don Weik, Conn. 4-3-70.0; Bill Saunders, N. H. 4-3-66.0; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 2-5-63.7; Bernard Herfurth, Mass. 1-6-62.0; Russ Sweeney, Mass. 1-6-54.9.

CLASS 2 — Paul Drowne, Mass. 5-2-56.3; Paul Cormier, Mass. 5-2-62.9; Russ Gadoury, Mass. 4-3-62.0; Dan Beane, Mass. 4-3-58.0; Art Wayne, N. H. 4-3-56.9; Gil Lee, Conn. 3-4-56.0; George Trabucci, Conn. 3-4-52.3; Amos Whitaker, Mass. 0-7-48.6.

CLASS 3 — Sam Raymond, N. H. 5-2-46.6; Bob Fitzwilliams, Mass. 5-2-49.4; Pete Bochesse, Conn. 5-2-50.5; Guido Giorgetti, Conn. 5-2-48.5; Ed Bodonski, Mass. 3-4-52.6; Reubin Fleming, Conn. 2-5-38.0; Jack Moore, Conn. 1-6-40.3; Dennis Vargeletis, Mass. 1-6-38.3.

CLASS 4 — Joe Pepi, Mass. 7-0-49.7; Frank Mitchell, Mass. 6-1-46.3; Ray Benson, Vt. 5-2-42.6; David Remley, Conn. 3-4-41.7; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 3-4-40.6; Bill White, Mass. 2-5-34.8; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 2-5-33.3; Peter Benson, Vt. 0-7-35.1.

CLASS 5 — Hub Sasse, Mass. 7-0-44.9; Dick Shepard, Mass. 5-2-43.4; Ralph Lacerte, Mass. 4-3-36.6; Joe Grillo, Mass. 4-3-33.1; Harry Schriker, Mass. 3-4-40.3; Joe Guy, Mass. 3-4-36.3; Don Fontaine, Mass. 1-6-30.0; Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 1-6-27.4.

CLASS 6 — Jay Benton, Conn. 5-2-33.4; Bill McMahon, Mass. 4-3-30.0; Moe Farmer, Mass. 4-3-28.9; Mike Sasse, Mass. 4-3-28.6; Ed Harrington, Mass. 4-3-24.3; Bart Sargent, Mass. 3-4-15.7; Jim Gallant, Mass. 2-5-26.6; Tony Nacewicz, Mass. 2-5-19.7.

Greetings From Bristol Township (Pa.) Association

Dear Friends:

The B.T.H.P.A. was awarded the honor of hosting the World Horseshoe Pitching Championship tournament to be held in the Bicentennial year 1976 at the new Bristol Township Horseshoe Courts, Levittown, Pennsylvania.

What could be more appropriate than to hold this tournament here during our 200th Birthday Celebration. Horseshoes is one of the oldest sports in this country and was played by our ancestors before our Independence. As the country will be celebrating this event, especially in the Philadelphia Area where it all began we plan to keep the Bicentennial as the theme during this tournament.

During this week tours to historical places of interest in Bucks County and Philadelphia are being arranged. These tours will be for local residents as well as our visitors living in other parts of this country and Canada.

Our club is trying to make this a memorable experience for everyone but we need the support from all our friends.

If any organization, group or individual would like to take part in this Bicentennial Year Celebration, please call the Bristol Township Recreation Department at 785-0500 or call me at 949-0514.

As a "Friend of Horseshoes" will you pledge at least \$1.00 or more to help make this World Tournament the "Biggest and the Best" in Bristol Township?

In the Bicentennial World Tournament brochure we will list the friends that helped us meet our bid.

Make all checks payable to the B.T.H.P.A. and mail to P. O. Box 699, Levittown, Penna. 19058.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

RAY GREENLAW, President

Constructive Criticism

ARE ALL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENTS HONEST?

By Greg Marter

NO, NOT ALL TOURNAMENTS ARE HONEST. I was prompted to write this article after talking to several players in this state and other states during this last summer of tournaments. These men have expressed their feelings and made suggestions to us (my wife and I) on how to improve the game of horseshoes at tournament levels.

We were told that we have the finest trophies and put more work into our tournaments within a three state area and above all else they know that our tournaments are honest. The subject of other tournaments being dishonest seems to be one of great concern and rightly so.

One example is that I personally called a so-called director on the phone asking for verification of a players' average. My request was answered with "you had better ask the player himself". Why couldn't this director give me an answer? He does not keep averages of his players at his tournaments, never has and probably never will. This director has no way of knowing if a player is in the right classification at his tournament for the above reason. He also does not care, as long as he can fill his tournament.

Other tournaments have hidden charges such as a fee to enter the grounds but they do not mention this to players while trying to get them to enter their tournaments. One tournament in particular takes only the top 32 pitchers to enter their tournament and will give no refund to those who do not qualify.

I have been told by directors in a nearby state that honesty will never become a part of the sport of horseshoes for they let high average pitchers

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enter low classes just so they can win another trophy.

None of the above tournaments should be allowed to continue in operation, for none of them are honest to the low average pitchers who are the backbone and future of our sport. If directors persist in this sort of tournament, why not put all players into one class?

My wife and I will continue to run our tournaments with honesty and integrity and any player who falsifies his entry qualifications will forfeit any and all prizes that he might have won, also their names will be published for all to see. These people put winning above everything else.

There are many tournament directors in Missouri who work hard at giving a good and honest tournament such as Toby and Mary Jackson, Wellsville, Missouri, Ken and Rosie Wood, of Columbia, Missouri, and I am sure there are many more that I do not know of. I would like to see our National and State Officers put a stop to tournaments of this sort instead of recognizing them as promoters of our sport.

Clay And Its Care

By Ed McFarland, Conroe, Texas

Nothing is so satisfying to a horseshoe pitcher as a perfectly delivered horseshoe that ends as a perfect ringer. When the pitcher releases such a shoe he knows from that instant that it will be right on the peg. On the other hand, nothing is so distressing and frustrating as to have such a shoe lost and count for nothing which brings me to my subject - clay and its care.

First of all you must start with a good product. You want clay that will be like putty when properly worked. It will not stick to your shoes. It will be like a shock absorber when the shoe lands on it. Where do you find such clay? I think the easiest thing is to locate a brickyard. This clay is suitable for your purpose. It does not have to be ground into dust but if you have to buy it and that is the only way it is available, then get it. I have found that about 1,000 pounds is sufficient for one court and have been able to secure clay in three states where I have pitched, namely, Pennsylvania, Texas and California. About 6 to 10 inches deep around the peg is ideal.

To get the best use of clay it is necessary to know how to properly care for it. New clay needs to be "worked". One way is to pitch on it. Another way is to "knead" it like you would dough. A tamp is useful for this purpose. I have seen tamps that were made by inserting a stick like a broomstick in a gallon can and filling it with concrete. The idea is to get the clay very wet and then stir it. When it dries partially it is in pretty good shape. The more you pitch on it the better it gets.

Clay must be moist to do its job properly. I have found that most pitchers are reluctant to use sufficient water. The ideal condition is for the clay around the peg to be very moist. This means that several games can be played without adding water, especially if the clay is in the shade. In Southern California the following method of caring for the clay before and during tournaments proved very successful. For a couple of days prior to a tournament, the clay area of the court is flooded and to make sure the water penetrates the clay, a shovel makes cuts in the clay. When not in use clay should be covered with "gunny sacks" or a plastic cover to keep it from drying out and to keep rain from making it too wet. On the day of the tournament, the clay is turned deeply. After each game it is leveled, sprinkled lightly and turned. Two feet in each direction from the peg is sufficient. Gunner Hanson, of Baldwin Park, California, is perhaps the best authority on clay care. He recommends the clay be turned as follows following each tournament game. Level the clay, sprinkle it as needed, using a 12 inch shovel, make eight cuts around the peg so that it will be easy to turn four one-foot square layers of clay about 3 inches in depth. This takes about three minutes for each court. You will have the undying gratitude of the pitchers.

New Jersey Association Voices Opinion On Dues

Contributed by Harry Schmidt, Secretary

At a recent meeting of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association the following comments were made during the discussion of increased dues:

(1) The raise in dues was excessive in percentage, a percentage increase of 233 is in excess of what seems a normal increase.

(2) While we were informed informally by our delegates to the National meeting that something special was planned using the increased funds, nothing specific was brought up on the floor of our meeting.

(3) We would like to know how it is expected to increase the membership in view of this increase in dues. Pitchers balk at paying NHPA membership fees now, if they are not active tournament pitchers. How do you expect to keep horseshoe pitchers who are retired and on a pension as social members as we have been able to do up to now?

(4) The consensus of the members was that while the increase in national dues may be justified, it will not help solve the basic problem. One member said in one of our meetings a short time ago, "What we need is not publicity, but more horseshoe pitchers". If we have more pitchers, younger ones of both sexes preferably, we will eventually get all the publicity we need, either by the media or by the best form of publicity, word of mouth.

Rademacher Takes Short-Game Title, Plant City, Florida

The Florida State (Open) tournament took place at Plant City on December 7, 1974 in 80 degree sunshine. The normal scoring rules for this tournament were changed to develop experience in methods of shortening the time to complete a tourney. Ringers were scored at 5 points instead of 3 points. Otherwise, the conventional 50 point game and cancellation rules were observed. John Rademacher not only retained his title as defending champion but also scored the shortest game of the tournament, which he won upon pitching 16 shoes. The average number of shoes pitched by each player per game was as follows:

Class A — 37.9 shoes

Class C — 41.0 shoes

Class E — 44.4 shoes

Class B — 46.4 shoes

Class D — 38.3 shoes

Class F — 44.0 shoes

Overall average for tournament was 41.1 shoes per game.

While the experiment proved to be a time saver, reaction from the players was mixed, with the NAYES exceeding the AYES. Especially critical were the slow starters.

CLASS A — J. Rademacher, Plant City 6-1-64.5; M. Richmond, Minn. 5-2-61.8; L. Miller, Sarasota 5-2-59.0; D. Thatcher, Brooksville 4-3-49.0; W. Keegan, Live Oak 3-4-56.9; W. West, Miami 2-5-47.7; V. Mack, La. 2-5-46.0; G. Buskey, Tarpon Springs 1-6-47.6.

CLASS B — R. Ferguson, Sarasota 7-0-59.0; H. Hochstetler, Sarasota 5-2-50.0; Gerry Cole, Bradenton 4-3-47.0; E. Morris, Lakeland 4-3-46.9; H. Knutson, Lakeland 3-4-50.0; M. Collins, Dunedin 3-4-47.3; F. Stites, Bradenton 2-5-48.0; N. Shepherd, Bradenton 0-7-39.2.

CLASS C — K. Reeb, Winter Haven 6-1-46.2; M. Gillespie (Ind.) 5-2-39.0; C. Pitton, Clearwater 5-2-38.2; M. Sloan, Deland 4-3-43.5; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven 3-4-42.8; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna 2-5-34.9; R. Ronemus, Bradenton 2-5-32.5; H. Mul-

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let, Sarasota 1-6-35.5.

CLASS D — R. Widdersheim, Clearwater 5-0-46.3; H. Hawes, Bunnell 4-1-25.7; J. Cole, Bradenton 3-2-41.0; L. Peary, Sarasota 2-3-32.5; M. Miller, Sarasota 1-4-28.1; R. Benton, Plant City 0-5-19.1.

CLASS E — E. Brakeman, St. Petersburg 5-2-38.3; R. Weigel, Clearwater 5-2-32.0; E. Tausch, Sarasota 4-3-32.5; G. Rankin, Deland 4-3-31.5; E. Hammond, LaBelle 4-3-29.3; Mose Miller, Sarasota 3-4-29.8; E. Peters, St. Petersburg 2-5-28.0; D. Horner, New Port Richey 2-5-23.5.

CLASS F — D. Langford, Daytona Beach 4-1-29.6; H. Frick, New Port Richey 3-2-22.9; N. Gaseau, Clearwater 3-2-21.3; R. Gillen, Sarasota 3-2-20.5; J. Wago, New Smyrna Beach 2-3-17.0; H. Horner, New Port Richey 0-5-1.0.

An interesting horseshoe personality . . .

Lou Gancos of Brooklyn, New York

Lou lives with his wife, Jean, in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and makes his living as a Senior Housing Inspector. They have raised two children who are both married. Their daughter helps to keep them busy as she has two children and one is on the way. Lou says there is nothing quite like having grandchildren! Their son was just married this past summer — no news from that quarter as yet.



Now 55, Lou has been pitching horseshoe for about twenty-five years. One of his chief regrets is that he didn't discover horseshoe in his teens — a common lament!

It all started back in 1948 at Sunset Park, Brooklyn. One day Lou noticed a veteran pitcher, the late Sam Bell, making more ringers than he had believed possible. It was, one could say, a case of love at first sight. Within a season Lou was giving Sam all he could handle! For almost twenty years the 3/4 turn was his preference. Then in 1967 he switched to the 1 1/4 turn, and in 1968 averaged 67%

for all his tournaments, his best year to date. In 1969 he attempted to improve his follow-through and his average has been down a little ever since. However, in a recent tournament this year he averaged 65%, and Lou now believes that the change may finally be starting to pay off. (He had been following through in a way that allowed his arm to drift too much to the left instead of shaking hands with the stake).

When not actually pitching, Lou is constantly looking for new ways to promote interest in horseshoe pitching. It was mainly because of his efforts that Bay Ridge now has six clay courts. Lou spends a considerable amount of time encouraging young boys to develop an interest in horseshoe. He believes that the idea of granting a merit badge to boy scouts who perform certain specific assignments connected with horseshoe pitching is an excellent idea. He is trying to have this idea adopted by the scouts in New York state at the present time.

In addition to his many contributions to horseshoe in his own neighborhood, Lou has always been interested in progress at the state and national levels. This year he was elected to the office of state secretary and is always willing to give advice to beginners or help administer a tournament if help is needed.

Great as the World Tournament is, Lou believes that there is room for improvement. He favors 100 shoes for qualifying to save time. Or, better still, some method of seeding players. For example, he thinks that any player who boasts a 75% average or higher should be automatically seeded.

Another hobby of Lou's is photography. This has helped make the scrapbooks and records he has kept across the years extremely interesting. Lou has won the Long Island championship several times and has finished as high as fourth in the state tournament. (It's hard to go much higher — New York has Mr. Steinfeldt!) In 1971 he made Class B in the World Tournament.

Look for Lou at the World Tournament. If he's not pitching, you'll probably find him doing something that will help things go a little more smoothly!

Ohio Buckeye Association Officers

At the annual meeting of the Ohio Buckeye Association, the following officers were elected: Leo McGrath, President; Harold Anthony, First Vice-President; Wilbur Cramer, Second Vice-President; William Knepper, Third Vice-President; Donald Jones, Fourth Vice-President; Donnie Roberts, Fifth Vice-President and Francis Asher, Secretary-Treasurer.



"From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb
Editorial Office
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

October 23, 1974

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This letter is to put on notice all who profess to be champs. We now have a charter here in Huntsville, Alabama.

We met October 22, 1974, at the General Computer Services, Inc. Headquarters Building. The Huntsville Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed, a constitution was adopted and officers for 1975 elected.

We now have obtained tentative approval for construction of official horseshoe courts by the city. The Huntsville Association has also obtained permission to construct our own courts on city property. We hope to be able to have some open tournaments in 1975, so issue the challenge for us here at Huntsville, Alabama.

Yours truly,
OSE M. VEESEY
Associational Secretary

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Dear Ellis:

I just got through reading the article of the tournament held at Sarcoxie, Missouri. We tried this system out about five years ago. I was the instigator of this type of scoring. It had never had been tried before. I also used this type of scoring in our Spring Warmup. We counted every ringer one point, no close shoes were counted, after all you are out there to throw ringers. Horseshoes is the only sport I know of that uses a cancellation method.

When I first started pitching, we counted all points, but now since they are throwing more ringers we should not play over fifty shoe games. Yes, I know some of the top players will not like it, but they are looking out only for themselves, and do not care for the little man. Another thing, you can have score keepers without any trouble. In my spring warm-up, I had six men on two courts, four players and two score keepers. That way you always have scorekeepers.

This tournament was finished at 4 p.m. and gave the players time to get home early. We counted total points not games won, that way no playoffs. If you tied in a game, play sudden death. That is the way all other sports are played. You can even play with less shoes depending on how many players show up. You should set a deadline, perhaps 11 a.m. It makes no difference how you score it, but do not play over 50 shoes. That way all games end at the same time, and start at the same time. It saves a lot of book work and you will know immediately what your percentage is at the end of fifty shoes. Of course, you want to keep a running score on a blackboard. You do not have to wait for a long drawn out game to end before starting the next round. We would also have a better chance of getting on TV.

Yours Sincerely,
ERNIE DANIELSON

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December 10, 1974

Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest
P. O. Box 1606
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I've just read "Constructive Criticism" in the December issue of the News Digest and I feel I must speak out in defense of the tournament director of our New York State tournament held in August, 1972.

First, I'd like to quote from page 13 of the 1974 World Tournament booklet-Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching - Rule 2, Section B states: Pitching distance for women and juniors shall be 30 feet with a foul line 3 ft. 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 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.**

This girl was not denied the right to pitch in the tournament. New York has three divisions in the State tournament. Men - Women - Juniors (Boys and Girls together). This girl pitched in the Junior Girl's Division at the World Tournament approximately 30 days before.

The tournament director or state association officers did not ask for a ruling from Mr. Dykes. An N.H.P.A. member the same as I wrote Mr. Dykes and asked him if she could pitch with the men. Mr. Dykes replied by letter that in the past a woman had pitched with the men at 40 feet in New York state. This is true as until 1963 there was not a Women's Division in the state tournament. Thus the director and state officers ruled she'd have to pitch in the Junior or Women's Division. The distance rule I have quoted. The fact that she chooses to pitch 40 feet is a choice she's made and not important. Divisions are established and what distance one chooses to perfect his or her pitching at is a personal choice which for Women and Juniors is any distance from 30 feet back to the 40 feet distance for men.

If New York is to be the subject of such criticism and expected to drop a man who has qualified for Class A (where she wanted to pitch) to Class B, why then did she not ask to pitch with the men at the World Tournament instead of the Junior Girls? Should not the World Tournament director have been expected to do the same for her as our state director? She pitched at 40 feet against girls who pitched 30 feet. If she felt the Junior Division did not offer enough competition, though she's never been Junior State Champion, I feel quite sure she would have found ample competition in the Women's Division.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Thomas
456 Pine St., Lockport, New York 14094

Maylahn Tops 1st Annual Sportsman's Tourney (Wis.) (Late Report)

CLASS A — R. Maylahn, Wisc. 7-0-69.2; C. Joppe, Wisc. 4-3-61.8; H. Scheets, Wisc. 4-3-53.8; D. Carlson, Mich. 3-4-53.0; S. Bowman, Wisc. 3-4-52.7; M. Olson, Wisc. 2-5-55.8; R. Fritzlaff, Wisc. 2-5-49.7; H. Elmer-son, Wisc. 2-5-49.6.

CLASS B — R. Wrucke, Wisc. 5-2-49.7; W. Taylor, Wisc. 5-2-49.3; E. Mason, Wisc. 5-2-49.1; N. Gossens, Wisc. 4-3-48.4; M. Cooper, Wisc. 4-3-48.1; P. Smith, Wisc. 2-5-43.0; O. Anderson, Wisc. 2-5-41.8; S. Bowman, Wisc. 1-7-44.0.

CLASS C — J. Gerritts, Wisc. 6-1-44.0; R. Wrucke, Wisc. 6-1-41.1; B. Wilke, Wisc. 4-3-41.7; D. Laabs, Wisc. 3-4-40.3; A. Christiansen, Wisc. 3-4-40.2; A. Broulette, Wisc. 3-4-40.1; A. Lubka, Wisc. 2-5-30.0; A. Johnson, Wisc. 1-6-32.0.

CLASS D — W. Srenaski, Wisc. 6-1-37.3; S. Weigert, Wisc. 5-2-36.0; E. Weigert, Wisc. 5-2-33.0; J. Trepanier, Wisc. 4-3-37.0; J. Poluch, Wisc. 3-4-32.0; F. Fankowiak, Wisc. 3-4-31.0; N. Bloemer, Wisc. 2-5-29.0; D. Phillips, Wisc. 0-7-28.0.

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December 18, 1974

F. Ellis Cobb, Editor

Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest

P. O. Box 1606

Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Please accept my vote of confidence for the real fine job you have done to make the News Digest a more ringing success.

The December issue is particularly good, thanks to such ringers as Sol Berman's "Tips from the Top" and Gregg Marter's "Constructive Criticism." These are what we beginners and I'm sure most of the under 50% pitchers are looking for. What can we do to improve? What is the current controversy or trend in horseshoe pitching circles? We would probably also appreciate somebody doing a series on various styles of pitching, 1¾ turns, 1¼, reverse ¾, etc. I can't quit without recognizing Jim Woodson's how true article, "Phooey to Curt Day." As a converting flip style picnic sand pitcher, who also bit the mud and suffered from the high 1¾ turns on the tournament trail, I appreciated the article no end.

Keep up the good work — your current Digest is worth every penny of the \$5.00. Keep it alive in '75.

Sincerely,

TOM WILLIAMS

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NHPA Financial Report — July 1, 1974 - Sept. 30, 1974

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand as of July 1, 1974	\$1,214.01
Memberships: 2116 - 1974 @ \$1.50	
each	3,174.00
1 - 1975 @ \$5.00 each	5.00
Digest subscriptions: 391 @ \$3.50	
each	1,368.50
16 @ \$5.00 each	80.00
58 First class	276.60
5 - 2 year	37.40
Digest Advertising	319.99
Replacement check (MD)	40.50
Redeposit check, (NSF TX)	60.00
State dues collected at World	
Tournament	53.00
Overpayment, (SCHPA)	2.00
Redeposit, World Tournament starting	
cash	100.00
Phone call	.60
Manuals and Scorepads	14.64
Scoreboards sold at World Tournament to	
Lafayette, Indiana	180.00
Refund of material advance for N.H.P.A.	
Hall of Fame Plaque	57.66
N.H.P.A. Stamps - Allen Horse-	
shoes	15.00
Koso, game related item report	3,000.00
World Tournament bid, Keene Lions	
Club	7,500.00
Membership duplications	16.50
Horseshoes sold by Williams	8.50
World Tournament patches	52.00
World Tournament Fees; 238 men	
@ \$10.00	2,380.00
30 Intermediates @ \$5.00	150.00
34 Seniors @ \$5.00	170.00
34 Women @ \$5.00	170.00
36 Men's A @ \$10.00	360.00
36 Men's B @ \$5.00	180.00
36 Men's C @ \$2.00	72.00
32 Men's D @ \$1.00	32.00
TOTAL	\$21,089.90
Money deposited this period	21,078.96
Cash credit - R. Dykes	7.50
Cash on hand	3.44

EXPENDITURES:

Digest Expenses, Printing, August &	
September	\$1,796.28
Postage, August & September	587.30
Addressograph plates, August &	
September	52.60
Eureka office, phone & supplies	442.05
Fidelity bond, W. Ray Williams	31.00
Eureka office, equipment, recorder	49.77
N.H.P.A. Executive Council, supplies,	
phone and postage	86.30
State dues	62.00
Refund, N.H.P.A. Stamps - D. Dixon	5.00
Promotion, R. Hangen appearance on	
Mike Douglas TV show	146.54
Refund, Overpayment, S.C.H.P.A.	2.00
Purchase of game related items:	
N.H.P.A. Emblem pins (balance)	869.40
Horseshoes	1,125.60
Patches, N.H.P.A. Class Cham-	
pion	146.07
Printing N.H.P.A. Directory	329.24
World Tournament Expenses:	
Starting cash	100.00
N.H.P.A. Vice Presidents World	
Tournament allowance	400.00
Equipment, 4 Qualifying devices	30.00
Convention and office supplies	208.16
Cash prizes and trophies	10,267.13
Photographer, Tom Blake	50.00
Brochure Ad and Promotion - Keene	
Horseshoe Club	275.00
Promotion, 5 Horseshoe Boxes to	
South African players	50.00
Scorekeepers	894.00
Office Help	550.00
Groundskeepers	125.00
Referees	125.00
Freight	128.15
Expenses, W. Shipley (Item-	
ized)	917.68
Donation - Keene Lions Club	100.00
Returned check (NSF TX)	60.00
TOTAL	\$20,011.27
Book Balance June 30, 1974	\$ 6,587.84
Money deposited this period	21,078.96
TOTAL	\$27,666.80
Less disbursements	20,011.27
TOTAL	\$ 7,655.53
Cash credit - R. Dykes	7.50
TOTAL	\$ 7,663.03
Check book balance Sept. 30th	\$ 7,663.03

Anzaldi Wins John Lynch Memorial Open At Minneapolis

CLASS A — Joe Anzaldi, St. Paul 7-0-66.8; Curt Bestul, Eau Claire, Wis. 5-2-64.6; Jack O'Connor, Duluth 4-3-63.4; Frank Stinson, Minneapolis 4-3-71.1; Al Hausen, Faribault 4-3-59.7; Len Lipovsky, Minneapolis 2-5-60.0; Steve Stensgaard, St. Louis Park 2-5-61.1; Don McGinnis, Hastings 0-7-42.6.

CLASS C — Frederick Krentz, Belle Plaine 6-1-57.1; Bob Anderson, Eau Claire, Wis. 5-2-48.3; Darrell Binderup, Minneapolis 4-3-41.7; Art Moran, Webster 4-3-52.9; Don Allen, St. Paul 3-4-55.4; Hjalmer Johnson, Big Fork 3-4-49.4; Virgil Lubert, Eau Claire 2-5-41.1; Stan Ulku, Bloomington 1-6-42.9.

CLASS B — Jack Roubinek, Pine City 6-1-55.3; Julius Johnson, Minneapolis 6-1-58.3; Lloyd Frederickson, Wayzata 4-3-55.7; Norm Morrison, Cloquet 4-3-55.0; Archie Johnson, Eau Claire, Wis. 3-4-42.0; Vilko Mack, Metairie, La. 3-4-46.7; Richard Kramme, Cannon Falls 2-5-51.3; Jerry La-Brosse, Hibbing forfeit.

CLASS D — George Nick, Minneapolis 5-2-40.9; Eric Sandquist, Watertown 5-2-49.1; Glen Sandquist, Watertown 4-3-41.9; Bill Andrusko, Minneapolis 4-3-43.4; Bill Sullivan, New Hope 4-3-43.4; Preston Daniels, Hastings 3-4-40.6; Elmer Vines, Minneapolis 2-5-35.1; Herb Schafer, Minneapolis 1-6-34.3.

Lynch Memorial — (Continued)

CLASS E — Mike Flom, Excelsior 7-0-49.0; James Holland, Anoka 6-1-43.3; Gary Olson, Eau Claire, Wis. 4-3-36.3; Carl West, St. Paul 4-3-31.3; Lloyd Fonken, New Brighton 3-4-34.3; Jim Perkins, St. Paul 3-4-29.3; Arley Johnson, Dennison 1-6-31.0; Bob Winterhalter, Minneapolis forfeit.

CLASS G — Frank Bellcour, Minneapolis 7-0-32.7; Jerry Stark, Hastings 6-1-32.7; Lyell Gleason, Boyceville 4-3-30.7; Ken Von Busch, Minneapolis 4-3-29.3; Jack Lawrence, Minneapolis 3-4-32.3; Dennis Roubinek, Pine City 3-4-27.3; Jeff O'Connor, Duluth 1-6-20.3; Al Riek, Boyceville forfeit.

CLASS I — Joe Budeese, Minneapolis 7-0-30.3; Gordy Scholl, Minneapolis 6-1-32.6; Robert Kubesh, Brook Park 5-2-31.7; Jack Beaver, Minneapolis 4-3-22.9; Kent Anderson, Eau Claire, Wis. 3-4-21.4; Pete Zeglin, Minneapolis 2-5-25.0; Louis Roubinek, Pine City 1-6-8.0; Al Hendrickson, Minneapolis forfeit.

CLASS F — Ernest Ulku, Minnetonka 6-1-42.9; John Brezina, Boyceville, Wis. 5-2-36.2; Irv Westlund, Watertown 4-3-42.0; Al Olson, Minneapolis 4-3-37.4; Ed Tio, St. Paul 3-4-27.1; Harry Halvorson, Minneapolis 2-5-34.6; Hilbert Frey, Minneapolis 2-5-33.1; Russell Hoover, Eau Claire, Wis. 2-5-29.1.

CLASS H — Glenn Peterson, Minneapolis 6-1-34.6; Woody Hoehn, Eau Claire, Wis. 5-2-32.9; Mike Radiske, Maple Plain 4-3-25.3; Larry Bohn, Minneapolis 4-3-24.0; Stan Sienko, Minneapolis 3-4-26.9; Wilson Luhman, Minneapolis 3-4-22.6; Lee Ruiz, St. Paul 2-5-21.3; Bob Jallas, Eau Claire, Wis. 1-6-24.0.

CLASS J — Jim Krogstad, Minneapolis 6-1-25.0; Al Bedeau, Minneapolis 6-1-27.0; Tim Radiske, Wayzata 5-2-19.7; Herb Gilbertson, Minneapolis 4-3-20.0; Gene Anderson, Minneapolis 4-3-21.0; Ron Lundberg, Minneapolis 2-5-16.7; William Patzoldt, Pine City 1-6-14.0; Andrew Jensen, Minneapolis forfeit.

West Virginia Invitational Crown Goes To Al Zadroga

One of the features of the annual Forest Festival held in Elkins, West Virginia was the Invitational Horseshoe Tournament. Al Zadroga of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania repeated as champion, this being his third title. He lost only one game to Buck Engle, 51-44. Paul Focht of Dayton, Ohio turned in the best single game, hitting 84 percent against Jim Solomon of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Ruth Hangen of New York topped the Ladies Division with a 81.7 ringer percentage and 5 straight wins. Her best single game effort was 91.3 percent. Billy Young won the Boys Class with a 4-1 record.

In the doubles competition, made up of 16 teams, Jim Johnson and Ray Kennedy defeated the defending champions, Shirley and Harry Davis to win that championship.

The Forest Festival is a major yearly event held in Elkins, W. Va. It draws over 50,000 people in its four days of festivities, which includes a selection of a queen, a three hour parade, arts and crafts displays, log sawing contests and many other interesting events, all in a carnival and hospitable atmosphere.

CLASS AA — Al Zadroga, Elizabeth, Pa. 6-1-78.5; Ralph Maddox, Poca, W. Va. 5-2-72.9; Wilbur Kabel, New Madison, Ohio 5-2-72.4; Buck Engle, Pittsburgh, Pa. 4-3-72.8; Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio 4-3-67.3; Clair Bruce, New Castle, Pa. 3-4-66.3; Jim Solomon, Uniontown, Pa. 1-6-63.9; Ottie Reno, Lucasville, Ohio 0-7-49.7.

CLASS A — Sherley Davis, Clarksburg 11-1; Harry Davis, Clarksburg 10-2; Floyd Riggleman, Beverly 7-4; Neil Bennett, Beverly 7-4; Paul Mahoney, Elkins 7-4; Dick White, Elkins 6-5; Arnett Lanham, Elkins 5-6; John Riffle, Buckhannon 4-7; Ray Kennedy, Clarksburg 4-7; Dave Talbott, Bellington 3-8; W. A. Suder, Buckhannon 2-9; Junior Mayhew, Westernport, Md. 1-10.

CLASS B — Don Dotson 8-2; Jim Titus 7-3; Gary Channell 6-4; Raymond Fallon 5-3; Don Coberly 4-4; Harry Payne 4-4;

CLASS B — (Continued)

Lee Young 3-5; Homer Adams 2-6; John Devore 0-8.

CLASS C — Graydon Yeager 4-0; Irvin Phares 3-1; Lou Perhavec 2-2; Red Nelson 1-3; Dave Harrold 0-4.

CLASS D — Joe Blankenship 5-0; Frank Bright 4-1; Ben Coberly 3-2; Mel Armentrout 2-3; Kermit Zirkle 1-4; Perry Lanham 0-5.

BOYS CLASS — Billy Young 4-1; Raymond Bennett 3-2; Andy Atkinson 2-3; Kenny Bennett 0-3.

LADIES CLASS — Ruth Hangen 5-0-81.7; Katherine Harrison 4-1-62.5; Helen Roberts 3-2-63.7; Janet Reno 2-3-51.4; Thelma Neff 1-4-44.0; Avanelle Brown 0-5-37.1.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 8-9 — Snowball Open tournament, Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio. Will run at least 3 weekends.

April 11-13 — Seventh Annual Dogwood Festival Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

May 23-24-25-26 — Eisenhower Open Tournament, Piqua, Ohio. Sanctioned. NHPA card necessary to play. Entries to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry St. Piqua, Ohio 45356. Phone: 778-1031. Closing date - May 17.

Aug. 30-31 - Sept. 1 — Fifth Annual Maritime Moosehead Championships, Moncton Arena, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Sept. 20-21 — Sixth Annual Statesville Autumn Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

HERITAGE RECREATION SCHEDULE

Sutton, Massachusetts

Feb. 9 — Lincoln's Birthday - 39% and down.

Feb. 16 — Lincoln's Birthday - 40% and up.

Mar. 9 — Easter Ham Shoot - 39% and down.

Mar. 16 — Easter Ham Shoot - 40% and up.

Apr. 20 — Spring Warm-up - 39% and down.

Apr. 27 — Spring Warm-up - 40% and up.

May 24 — Anniversary Special - 39% & down.

May 25 — Anniversary Special - 40% and up.

INDIANA SCHEDULE

Feb. 1-2 — Rush Indoor Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing Deadline Jan. 22. Phone deadline Jan. 24 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

Mar. 1-2 — March Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline Feb. 19. Phone deadline Feb. 21 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

April 5-6 — Rushville Open at Rushville. Indoor. Mailing deadline March 26. Phone deadline March 28 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

April 26-27 — Spring Special at Rushville. Indoors. Mailing deadline April 16. Phone deadline April 18 noon. Entry fee \$6.00.

ALL PHONE DEADLINES ARE AT NOON ON THE DATE LISTED.

Send all entries to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, Ind. 46012. Phone 642-2413. Mail entries must be received by midnight on deadline date. Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday noon after Wednesday deadline. Note: Indiana members must pitch in at least three (3) Indiana sanctioned tournaments during the year to be eligible to pitch in the State tournament.

PIKE COUNTY (OHIO) INDOOR SCHEDULE

These tournaments are open to men only. The dates are:

Feb. 22-23 Open Tournament

Mar. 22-23 Open Tournament

Apr. 12-13 Open Tournament

May 17-18 Open Tournament

\$5.00 entry fee - 8 man classes. 50-point cancellation. Send entry to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648, Phone: (614) 289-4101. Please enter by Sunday before tournament.

1974 - 75 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

Feb. 1 — Sarasota Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 Phone 813-924-4117.

Feb. 8-9 — Pinellas County Open, Seminole Open. Contact Lee Davis, P. O. Box 3426. Seminole, Florida, 33542 Phone 813-392-8504.

Feb. 15-16 — Orlando Open, Sunshine Park, Orlando. Contact Opal Corbett, 810 E. Mt. Vernon, Orlando, Fla. 32803 Phone 305-841-1944.

Feb. 19-22 — Suncoast Open, Bradenton Trailer Court, Bradenton. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 - 12th Ave., E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 Phone 813-746-8298.

Mar. 6-7-8 — Strawberry Festival, Fairgrounds, Plant City, Fla. Contact John Rademacher, 408 Pevetty Drive, Plant City, Fla. 33566 - Phone 813-752-1226.

Mar. 15-16 — Pow-Wow Open, Seminole. Contact Lee Davis, P. O. Box 3426. Seminole, Florida 33542 Phone 813-392-8504.

Mar. 19-22 — DeSoto Open, Bradenton Trailer Court, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 - 12th Ave. E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 Phone 813-746-8298.

Mar. 29 — Brevard Open, American Legion Courts, Titusville, Fla. Contact Oscar Gaudette, 718 Francis Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 32069 Phone 904-428-4288.

April 5-6 — Florida State (Closed) Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 Phone 813-924-4117.

May 3 — Bee Ridge Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 Phone 813-924-4117.

PLEASE NOTE: All entries must be in the hands of the proper contacts 7 days prior to the starting date. All entry fees will be \$5.00. All Florida pitchers will be classified according to their current average. All others must send their current average with their entry fee. Early entries are suggested since the number of entries may be limited in some tournaments, and the early entries will be given priority.

DAY-BELL, KENTUCKY INDOOR SCHEDULE

February 15 & 16, 1975, Valentine Open.

March 8 & 9, 1975, Harry Henn Memorial Open.

April 19 & 20, Spring Tune Open.

May 3 & 4, 1975, Special—to be announced.

ARIZONA SCHEDULE

Feb. 1 — Valley of the Sun Warmup Open tournament, Rendezvous Park courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Feb. 15-16 — Annual Valley of the Sun Open Tournament, Rendezvous Park courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Coming Events—Continued

PINECREST INDOOR HORSESHOE CLUB 1974-1975 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Send all entries to Emma Gall, State Secretary: 2217 E. 4th St. Anderson, Ind. 46012. These are sanctioned tournaments and the deadline for entries are the same as other Indiana National Tournaments. Entry fee \$6.00.

PINECREST is located at rural route Elwood, Indiana across from Grant City Plaza Shopping Center, one block east of Highway 37.

Feb. 8-9 — Big Pine Open — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Jan. 29. Phone deadline noon Jan. 31.

Feb. 15-16 — Sweetheart Special — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Feb. 5. Phone deadline noon Feb. 7.

Feb. 22-23 — Winter Ringer Classic — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Feb. 12. Phone deadline noon Feb. 14.

Mar. 8-9 — Wood Open — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Feb. 26. Phone deadline noon Feb. 28.

Mar. 22-23 — Spring Round-Up — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Mar. 12. Phone deadline noon Mar. 14.

Mar. 29-30 — John Gall Special — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Mar. 19. Phone deadline noon Mar. 21.

Apr. 5-6 — Ringer Classic. First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Mar. 26. Phone deadline noon Mar. 28.

Apr. 19-20 — Redbud Open — First 64 entries. Mailing deadline Apr. 9. Phone deadline noon Apr. 11.

PIKE COUNTY (OHIO) INDOOR SCHEDULE

The following dates are for women only. An open tournament (50-point cancellation) will be held at the new four-court indoor horseshoe building in Pike County for women on the following dates:

Sat. Feb. 8 Open Tournament
Sat. Mar. 15 Open Tournament
Sat. Apr. 12 Open Tournament
Sat. May 10 Open Tournament

Send all entries to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648. Phone: (614) 289-4101. Please enter by Sunday before tournament date.

VIRGINIA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

May 17-18 — Elmont Spring Warm-up Open, Elmont, Va.

May 24 — Hill City Ladies Invitational, Lynchburg, Va.

June 14-15 — Apple Capitol Open, Winchester, Va.

June 28-29 — Virginia State Doubles, Elmont, Va.

July 5 — Shenandoah Valley Ladies Open Classic, Waynesboro, Va.

July 12-13 — Hill City Open, Lynchburg, Va.

July 26-27 — Boo Henson Open, Waynesboro, Va.

Aug. 16-17 — Winchester Ladies Open, Winchester, Va.

Aug. 29-30-31 — Virginia State Singles, Lynchburg, Va.

Sept. 13-14 — Raymond L. Frye Memorial Open, Winchester, Va.

Oct. 4-5 — The Elmont Fall Open, Elmont,

1975 Valley Of The Sun Open - Mesa, Arizona

The 18th Annual Valley of the Sun Open horseshoe tournament will be held at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Arizona, Saturday and Sunday, February 15, 16, 1975. The lower percentage pitchers will compete on Friday, February 14.

The entry fee will be \$5.00, and must be sent in with your verified 1974 ringer percentage, to Walt Stearns by February 8, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Arizona 85201. Telephone 602-964-6887.

Marines Tamboer from Wichita, Kansas is the defending champion.

Bill Foss Tops Seattle, Wash. Turkey Shoot

CLASS A — Bill Foss, Tacoma 7-0-68.0; Herb Pidde, Seattle 5-2-50.9; John Reedy, Edmonds 4-3-59.6; Ken Ellestad, Mt. Vernon 4-3-56.4; Herb Godfrey, Sr., Aberdeen 3-4-57.0; Bill Owens, Mt. Vernon 3-4-54.5; Barry Chapelle, Portland 2-5-41.8; Harvey Lee, Oak Harbor 0-7-44.7.

CLASS B — Dick Lee, Bellvue 7-0-56.0; Ralph Taylor, Seattle 5-2-52.3; Orel Vallen, Seattle 5-2-52.0; Gerald Stanley, Tacoma 4-3-41.2; Orlean Clinton, Seattle 3-4-39.7; Albin Johnson, Seattle 2-5-43.8; Ken Elvig, Bellingham 2-5-43.2; Dan Leary, Steilacoom 0-7-37.3.

CLASS C — Les Buchert, Seattle 5-0-48.9; Ken Carvo, Yakima 4-1-45.0; Rick Ellestad, Mt. Vernon 3-2-39.0; Forest Reed, Clinton 2-3-42.2; Art Hart, Tacoma 1-4-

CLASS C — (Continued)

35.4; Ray Black, Yakima 0-5-30.2.

CLASS D — Ted Bostwick, Seattle 4-1-37.2; Don Isaacson, Seattle 3-2-34.2; Phil Jensen, Kirkland 3-2-32.3; Don Baal, Seattle 3-2-30.0; Elmer Otnes, Oregon City, Oregon 2-3-27.5; George Lill, Seattle 0-5-20.8.

CLASS E — Goldie Gjerding, Alderwood 3-0-32.5; Marv Herridge, Kent 2-1-33.3; Mark Carlin, Kirkland 1-2-19.2; John Vanderburg, Seattle 0-3-12.1.

JUNIORS — Jeff Gardlin, Seattle 5-0-57.6; Kevin Linville, Seattle 4-1-34.0; Sandy Bartell, Oregon City, Oregon 3-2-41.7; Gregg Gardlin, Seattle 2-3-30.5; Dale Gjerding, Alderwood 1-4-21.6; Brian Pelland, Edmonds 0-5-21.0.

In Memoriam

The Maine State Association was deeply saddened at the death of its former state secretary, Mrs. Emily Wood of Greene, Maine who passed away on January 12. She was an ardent supporter and most efficient secretary for many years. Due to her poor health she reluctantly gave up the secretarial post.

She will be deeply missed by her friends and associates which include the officers of the New England states and their regional director.

To her loving husband and family the sincere sympathy of the Maine Association and that of the NHPA is extended in their bereavement.

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The Darke County Horseshoe Club, the Ohio Buckeye Association and horseshoe pitchers everywhere mourn the loss of Dwight L. Brown, 75, who died in his sleep on December 8. Mr. Brown was Superintendent of the Greenville City Park, owner of the Greenville Piano Salon and a former instrumental music teacher in the Bradford and Greenville city school systems where he taught a total of 40 years. During his tenure as park superintendent, Greenville has hosted the Ohio state tournament the past 18 years, the World Horseshoe Tournament in 1962, 1964 and 1972, the annual Greenville Ringer Classic and many minor tournaments. Mr. Brown was the driving force in the construction of the fine courts and in making Greenville one of the leading horseshoe pitching centers of the nation. He was honored as "Mr. Music Man" in 1970: "In recognition of 50 years of sincere dedicated service as Director of the Greenville Concert Band." A plaque is signed by the Greenville Musicians Association Local 599, Greenville.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, two sons, one daughter and several grandchildren. The sympathy of the Darke County Club and that of the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family.

A Message For New York State Members

Our 1975 New York state tournament is scheduled for August 16th and 17th at Lockport, New York. Information sheets will be sent out in the near future. With your order, please give full name, address and social security number to state secretary-treasurer Louis J. Gancos, 436 69th St., Brooklyn, New York 11220.

1975 New York state and national dues card, \$7.00 News Digest, \$5.00, first class mail, \$6.50. New York State shoulder patches 75¢. Please order early.

How To Promote A Hall Of Fame Candidate

As of the 1975 NHPA Hall of Fame election and following elections, the following request is being made by the Hall of Fame committee.

Send 15 duplicate (xeroxed) copies of histories of the candidates to chairman, Bernard Herfurth by May 15th. He will send a copy to each committee member at election time for due consideration. This is the process in which the histories will receive full consideration by the committee.

A very detailed history is preferred. A year by year history of accomplishments should be sent. Impressive write-ups have influenced the committee in the past. These histories to each committee member will be saved so that no further history need be submitted for the same candidate.

In addition to (2) players and (1) promoter, one extra "old timer" will be inducted. "Old timer" meaning a member being 70 years or over, living or deceased.

Please send all histories to: Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

Bill Thomas Winner Of 1974 Colorado State At Denver (LATE REPORT)

Fifty-eight entries participated in the 1974 Colorado State tournament held at Washington Park in Denver, Colorado. Bill Thomas of Golden won Class A in a playoff against Dick Wetherbee of Colorado Springs to become the 1974 State Champion. Bill also had the highest ringer percentage for a single game with 89.1%.

Thanks to all of you fine pitchers for making this 1974 Colorado State tournament a success and look forward to an even better 1975 State Tournament which will again be held in Denver, Colorado. The City Parks Department has advised that work has begun on the new 18 court pits in Rocky Mountain Park hopefully to be completed for all Denver tournaments next year.

CLASS A — Bill Thomas, Golden 9-1-67.2; Dick Wetherbee, Colorado Springs 8-2-65.9; Paul LaCrosse, Lakewood 7-2-62.1; Les Grossenbach, Arvada 5-4-58.5; Ben Fields, Colorado Springs 5-4-57.1; Jim Tulk, LaSalle 5-4-54.6; Floyd Holmes, Northglenn 3-6-53.3; Jim Bustos, Denver 3-6-50.8; Jerry Labbe, Denver 1-8-52.8; Don Wyjack, Loveland forfeit.

CLASS B — Bob Engel, Nunn 8-1-47.9; George Abrams, Arvada 7-2-41.3; Earl Piper, Denver 6-3-38.0; Hugh Wagner, Denver 5-4-44.5; Bill Bryan, Pierce 5-4-40.4; Booker Newbins, Denver 5-4-35.9; George Patten, Berthoud 4-5-38.5; Lyle Saine, Littleton 3-6-34.9; Wally Albright, Denver 2-7-29.9; Al Durst, Denver forfeit.

CLASS C — Al Perry, Wheatridge 8-2-38.3; Everett Broyles, Ault 7-3-37.1; Brian Nelson, Denver 6-3-33.3; Chuck Nobles, Denver 6-3-32.4; Dave Norton, Boulder 5-4-30.6; Bruce Rader, Aurora 5-4-26.9; Leonard Meeker, Ault 4-5-27.9; Lou Hamm, Denver 3-6-26.5; Rich Wetherbee, Jr. Colorado Springs 1-8-27.4; Hugh Chastain, Du-

CLASS C — (Continued)

rango 1-8-25.0.

CLASS D — Bob Rose, Denver 7-2-33.3. Larry Hilbert, Denver 6-3-30.4; Carl Tanner, Fort Lupton 6-3-28.8; Glen Robeck, Denver 5-4-29.0; Joe Fillipi, Pine 5-4-27.3; Lynford Norton, Longmont 4-5-29.1; Eddie Archer, Lafayette 4-5-27.7; Star Dearing, Colorado Springs 3-6-26.5; John Eberly Arvada 3-6-24.4; Jack Lips, Denver 2-7-22.6.

CLASS E — Bob Browne, Sr. Aurora 9-0-28.5; Verner Olsen, Ault 8-1-28.5; Leo Huls, Englewood 6-3-19.2; Tom Yamada, Ault 5-4-20.1; Larry Potter, Greeley 5-4-15.8; Estel Saine, Englewood 4-5-14.2; Todd Albright, Denver 3-6-21.5; Don Maes, Denver 3-6-17.8; Paul Rehwoldt, Longmont 2-7-17.8; Bob Chapman, Denver 0-9-6.9.

JUNIORS — Gene Yamada, Ault 7-0; Ronny Pamada, Ault 5-2; Bret Archer, Lafayette 5-2; Ron Rose, Denver 4-3; Steve Hickok, Ault 3-4; Tom Yamada, Ault 3-4; Bart Archer, Lafayette 2-5; Troy Race, Denver 0-7.

Indiana Spring Meeting

The Indiana State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association will hold its annual spring meeting Sunday, March 16 at the Jenks Center in Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Lafayette Horseshoe Club will be the official hosts of the meeting and make a progress report on the 1975 World Tournament preparations.

The meeting will be preceded by a carry-in dinner starting at noon. The 1975 Indiana tournament schedule and other business matters will be on the agenda.

Dwight Thatcher Wins Florida East Coast Open

Using a handicap method of play in Class A in a Florida tournament for the first time, Dwight Thatcher of Brooksville captured top honors for the day in the Florida East Coast Open held in Titusville on November 2nd. Dwight seemed to tire a little in his last game and lost it, but it made no difference as all the other players in the group had lost at least 2 games. John Rademacher of Plant City came in second winning 3 and losing 2. John's ringer output as well as the other players in Class A were a little below their usual percentage. This was partly due to the little shower before play started which caused the pitching platforms to be a little slippery. Other winners for the day were Frank Stites in Class B, Bob Widdersheim in Class C, and Frank Ledbetter in Class D.

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Florida East Coast — (Continued)

CLASS A — Dwight Thatcher 4-1-40.8; John Rademacher 3-2-59.6; Bill Keegan 3-2-44.8; Levi Miller 2-3-46.8; Harvey Hochstetler 2-3-38.6; Dick Ferguson 1-4-40.2.

CLASS B — Frank Stites 7-0-54.0; George Buskey 5-2-46.8; Henry Mullet 4-3-44.5; Duane Whitmer 4-3-44.0; Luther Adams 3-4-36.0; Oscar Gaudette 2-5-43.7; Ken Reeb 2-5-41.7; Opal Corbet 1-6-40.8.

CLASS C — Bob Widdersheim 5-2-37.7; Dick Weigel 5-2-33.1; Howard Hawes 5-2-33.1; Wagner 4-3-30.8; George Rankin 4-3-28.8; Wilkinson 4-3-26.8; Baker 1-6-26.0; Rayner 0-7-2.0.

CLASS D — Frank Ledbetter 7-0-48.0; Mose Miller 5-2-33.1; J. Lukse 4-3-33.4; Wittmer 4-3-27.1; D. Langford 4-3-26.8; Norm Gaseau 2-5-21.4; Berrell 1-6-25.1; Malone 1-6-19.0.

1975 World Tournament Motel And Camping Information

NHPA members planning to attend the 1975 World Tournament at Lafayette, Indiana July 25 - August 3, should make reservations from the following list of motels and camping sites in Lafayette and area.

The motels are listed in the order of their proximity to the horseshoe courts in Riverfront Park, the first named being the closest and the last named the farthest removed from the courts.

Rates listed are single and double and it should be noted these are the 1974 prices and subject to change.

Travel Lodge — 200 Brown St., West Lafayette. Phone 743-9661. Rates: \$12.00 and \$18.00.

Devon Plaza — 2371 N. 26th St., Phone 742-7394. Rates: \$8.50 and \$10.00.

Stout's Motel — 1510 Schuyler Ave., Phone 742-9036. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Campus Inn — 1920 Northwestern Ave. (Best Western). Phone 463-9511. Rates: \$12.00 - \$18.00.

Regal 8 Inn — 1217 W. Bypass 52. Phone 463-1531. Rates: \$8.80 - \$12.80.

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge — Sagamore Parkway South and Underwood St., Phone 447-3111. Rates: \$12.50 - \$19.00.

Holiday Inn South — US 52 Bypass South. Phone 447-4131. Rates: \$13.00 - 19.00.

Howard Johnson Motor Inn — 4343 State Road 26 East. Phone 447-0575. Rates: \$15.00 - \$21.00.

Ramada Inn — L 65 and Route 26. Phone 447-9460. Rates: \$14.00 - 20.00.

Budget Inns of America — 139 Frontage Road. Phone 447-7566. Rates: single \$9.50 - double \$12.00 - three \$14.50 - four \$17.00.

West Lafayette Hilton Inn — US 52 and Cumberland. Rates: \$15.50 - \$21.50.

Morris Bryant Inn — US 52 West. Phone 463-2531. Rates: \$11.00 - \$16.00.

Green Acres — US 52 West. Phone 463-1526. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Jones Motel — US 52 South. Phone 474-9965. Rates: \$10.00 - \$12.00.

Colonial Motel — 3215 US 52 South. Phone 474-1414. Rates: \$8.00 - \$10.00.

Holiday Inn West — 165 and Road 43. Phone 567-2131. Rates: \$15.00 - \$21.00.

Rose Haven — Clark's Hill, Ind. Phone 523-2111. Rates: \$9.00 - \$11.00.

Camping Facilities

MarLen Park — South 18th St. Contact David Ison.

River Junction — 6614 State Road 25 N. Phone 589-3875.

K and K — State Road 25, Contact Kenneth Kingery.

Leisure Time Park — 7414 State Road 25 N. Phone 589-8089.

Marsh Lake — Route 6, Lafayette. Contact Wayne Wolf, Phone 296-2346.

Knop Lake — Route 1, Rossville, Indiana. Phone 379-7784.

There is also plenty of space in Riverfront Park across the Wabash river from the horseshoe courts for those campers who do not need a hook up. No facilities are available in these locations.

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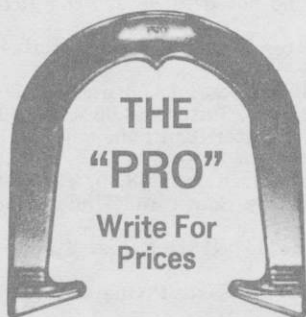
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