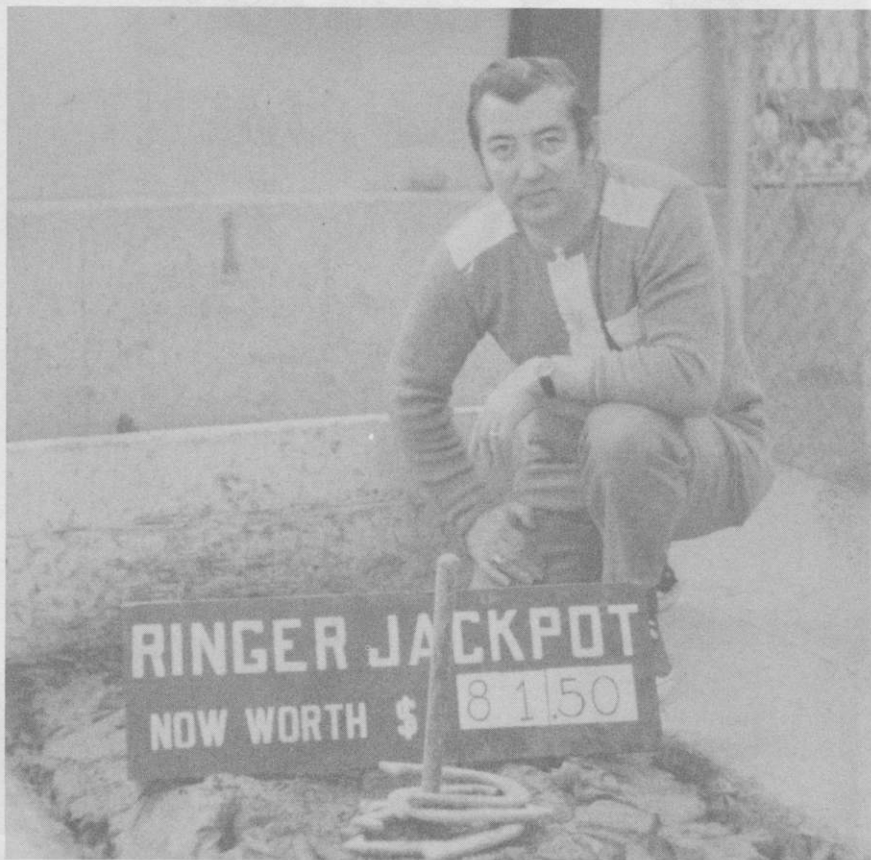


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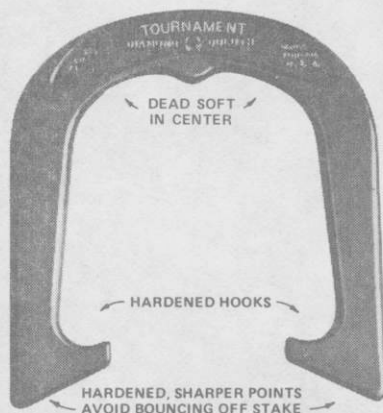
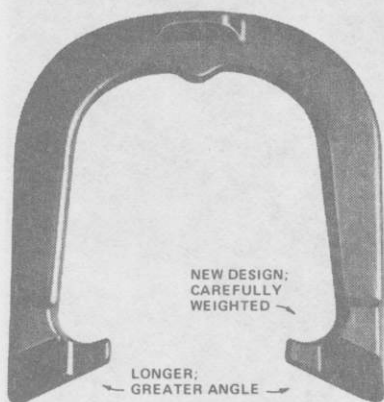
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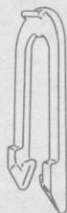
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## President's Message

On November 1, 1974, I wrote to Roone Arledge, President of ABC Sports and President Ford inviting them to the 1975 and the 1976 World Tournaments. Received a thank you reply from the White House asking me to renew the invitation around ten to twelve weeks in advance of the tournament. ABC Sports has not answered.

Venon Kinser, manufacturer of the Detroit Flyer is experimenting and designing a new horseshoe stake. The executive council has approved his action so long as it does not conflict with the rules concerning stakes.

Thanks to everyone responsible for all the interesting and informative articles in the February issue. Keep up the good work. If I have done nothing else, I feel I have opened up our communications, pro or con. So, for this reason, I stated in a previous issue, let's tell and show the non-subscribers to the Digest why they should subscribe. Southern California, so far in 1975, have 64.3 percent of its membership (36 out of 56) signed up for the Digest, compared to a total of 52.6 percent in 1974.

Thanks for the letters concerning the positive side on the increased dues and Digest subscriptions. It's nice to receive a little sweet with the bitter and that you are not all alone. Following is a quote from a letter, "Hard to believe that some members cannot afford 30 cents per month for the increased dues or 83 cents a month for both the total dues and subscription."

At Keene, New Hampshire I made the following observations and received some good suggestions concerning the World Tournament.

1. Women and Juniors need a scoreboard for posting their results. (Use for other classes also).
2. Women and Juniors need their schedule printed (like the 36-man) so everyone will know who is playing and when. (I went down to watch the Women during the third game. It was then I realized no one knew how many games anyone had won or who the individual was going to play next).
3. Design scoring machines to show number of shoes pitched.
4. Players' name cards only had names on one side.
5. 36-man schedule should show city and state of players.
6. Either the 36-man schedule or a separate hand-out sheet should tell how the game is played and scored for the benefit of the spectators.
7. All players should have their name and state on their shirts when competing.
8. Spectators did not know what Division and Class was pitching. (They may have come out expecting to see Class A, but were watching Class D. We should have signs showing what class is on the courts).

#### SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

1. Police qualifying, have time limit and enforce it.
2. Do not pitch any class all in one day.
3. Posted result sheets — office to print in two colors only. One color for wins and one for losses. (Easier to read and follow).
4. Women should have two scorekeepers during qualifying.
5. Trophies to be awarded as soon as possible after completion of each class.
6. Award trophies for B, C and D classes instead of cash.
7. Purchase large plastic numbers for the Class A scoreboard.
8. Purchase walkie-talkies in order to get results on the scoreboard faster.
9. Design horseshoe pins, charm bracelets, ear rings, etc, for the women.
10. This last suggestion is from your President — form an NHPA Women's Auxiliary.

These observations and suggestions, I can assure you will be looked into, corrected or improved upon at the 1975 World Tournament. Thanks for all the suggestions.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the schedule and prize list for the 1975 World Tournament.

Sincerely,  
 Wally Shipley

COVER PICTURE . . . Howard Lewis, Oxford, Massachusetts, became the first winner of "Ringers for Cash" at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Massachusetts. Howie, a 39% player, pitched four consecutive ringers and hit the jackpot for \$81.50. It looks easy, but 112 players had already tried, without success. The rules of the game are simple. The pot is started at \$25 by Heritage. Each participant puts up \$1, of which \$.50 goes into the pot. Players 50% and over must pitch six consecutive ringers, those under 50% must pitch four in a row. You pitch at one stake and stack them on — none removed until you complete pitching. The first shoe counts.

## Horseshoe Has New "Home" In Sioux Falls, S. D.

By Marlow Neuberger

A new cement tile warehouse building 40 feet by 70 feet was erected this past summer by Marlow Neuberger, a local fireman, business man, horseshoe pitcher and twice past president of the South Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Neuberger has a thriving bee and honey business and built the warehouse for storage of equipment, supplies and honey. Being an energetic promoter of horseshoe he made the building extra big to accommodate four beautiful clay horseshoe courts. The local pitchers formed a "Ringer Club" and pitched in laying out courts, erecting backstops, putting in a removable wall and protective fence, putting up and painting an insulated sheet-rock ceiling and installing a furnace and lights.

Neuberger owns the building and donates the use of it to the Ringer Club. The officers of the club are: Enok Lommen, president; Henry Hallickson, Vice-President; Marlow Neuberger, Treasurer and Myrline Schliemann, secretary. There are 26 members who paid \$10 each to join the club and \$1.00 each time they play. Non-members pay \$2.00 to play. This money is used to pay heat, lights and other operating expenses.

The league consists of 6 teams with four or five players on each team. Tuesday and Thursday nights two teams play a four-man round-robin. There are a total of 21 points awarded each night, 16 for games won, 4 for rounds won and 1 for evening total.

Presently a "count-all" ringer system of scoring is being tried with no points or cancellation. It is proving to be a very easy and simple scoring system. Sunday afternoons, visiting towns have been invited in for fun time.

Walter Fickbohm a former winner of the South Dakota state championship belongs to this league. He holds the highest league average of 62%.

Myrline Schliemann our present State Ladies champion is also a member of the league and is secretary of the "Ringer Club".

"Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Schliemann have been very active in horseshoe, if something needs doing, you can bet on Malcolm and Myrline to take care of it. These two people have added very much to horseshoe in our city, we would miss them if they were not around".

## Rademacher Wins Sunshine Open At Orlando, Florida

John Rademacher of Plant City defeated Bill Keegan of Live Oak in a playoff Saturday, November 11, to retain his title in the Sunshine Open Horseshoe Tournament at Sunshine Park in Orlando. Rademacher whipped Keegan 29-25 in the playoff with Seman of Pittsburgh taking third place. Speed Gillespie of Sarasota took the Class B championship over Harvey Hochstetler of Sarasota and George Buskey of Tarpon Springs. Les Peary of Bradenton pitched his way to the Class C crown with Henry Mullet of Clearwater tying for second. Another Bradenton pitcher, Ed Tausch was tops in Class D followed by John Hess of Bradenton, Merle Wittmer of Orlando, Norman Gaseau of Clearwater and John Lukse of Ormond Beach. The next tournament in Orlando is scheduled for February 15 and 16 at Sunshine Park.

## Southwest Minnesota League Honors Archie Andersons

By Arnold Erickson

About 120 Southwest Minnesota Horseshoe League players and their wives met at the Orchid Inn, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota for a smorgasbord and fellowship to honor Mr. and Mrs. Archie Anderson, long time horseshoe player and promoter. About 22 years ago Archie decided a league should be formed to play in tournaments and to help promote the game. Archie has been its first and only president since that time. In 1970 he was elected to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame for his service as a promoter. This special evening of appreciation was instigated by Arnold Erickson, Rapidan, Minnesota and B. E. Worseck, Redwood Falls, Minnesota. A short program with "Doc" Worseck acting as Master of Ceremonies followed the smorgasbord. ("Doc" told about Archie's earlier horseshoe days). Remarks of gratitude to Archie were made by Arnold Erickson, Rapidan. He remarked about the growth he has seen in the sport of horseshoe due to the dedication of people like Archie. (Arnold is also a member of the Hall of Fame as a promoter). Les Bockes, Canby talked about tournaments, his recollection of his first horseshoe tournament and playing Frank Stinson as his opponent, after that they had a class for beginners. Larye Ambrose, Jackson, 1975 State Horseshoe President also representing the south league, thanked everyone for coming and stated he was a recent newcomer to the game of horseshoe, but thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the organization and the fellowship of such wonderful people, inviting them to Jackson for the State Tournament in 1975. The Master of Ceremonies introduced the state officers present. Secretary, Mr. Robert Gjerstad, St. James, Minnesota; Darrel Sewert, Director from North League; Larye Ambrose, State Horseshoe President; Dale Olsen, former board member of long standing. Archie Anderson then was called upon to express his thoughts about his life as a horseshoe player and promoter. Archie has been the publisher of the State bulletin for many years. He expressed his appreciation and thanks for the evening. He recollected many interesting items from the past. Archie famous for his jokes in the State bulletin, said he could not recall any, being completely surprised by the group present. Albert Kersten, Springfield, oldest horseshoe player present, 82 years young. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were presented with a gift from the entire group.

Announcement was made concerning the new horseshoe courts which are portable. Anyone wishing, or any league wishing to help share in the expenses should send their contribution to Lloyd Fredrickson, Wayzata, Minnesota.

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## Rioux Tops In Heritage January Thaw — Sutton, Mass.

Norm Rioux took his wins where he could find them, and walked off as champion again in the January Thaw tournament at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. Norm confesses to winning this one on reputation as he had one of his lowest percentages in some time. Mr. Number Two did it again — high game (88%), high average (78.9%), but Ed Domey finished second. ONE OF THESE DAYS . . . !

After an off first game Dan Beane put together six straight to top Class 2. His stiffest test came from George Gallagher, the 1974 Tournament of Champions winner. George pitched 60%, but Dan popped a 66% game for the win and class high game. "Sudden death" Sam Raymond did it again! In two consecutive tournaments Sam has come out ahead on a four-way tie in Class 3. It was a one-two finish for New Jersey in Class 4. Ray Shober on top and Rocky Fithian in second position, made Ted Lewis' four-man contingent look good. These are new players that Ted has encouraged and coached. Both have been pitching for about ten months.

Hub Sasse continues to improve. His new high, 46.3%, was good for top spot in Class 5. In Class 6, Ray Dulmaine won a one-point playoff decision from newcomer Harold Thomas, for his first win in some time. Fran Norman won Class 7, also via the playoff route, over first timer Jim Wylie. Fran had



## Rioux Tops — (Continued)

an easier time of it than Dulmaine, as he won by two points! The Women's class was won again by Debby Michaud. Debby's average was down, but Cam Shepard, Anne Domey, and Bev Fontaine pitched new highs.

The highlight of this tournament was the number of new players. Out-of-towners Ray Shober, Rocky Fithian, and Ed Sever from southern New Jersey, gave good accounts of themselves, as did Ray and Peggy Degrenier, from New York; Marcel Courtois, Maine, and Larry Riendieu, Connecticut. Locally, newcomers Gardner Alden, Harold Thomas, Carmine Puzo, and Jim Wylie pitched well in their first tournament. Last, but not least, Leo Michaud finally dropped his baby sitting role, joined Debby in the tournament action, and found that he liked it.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS**—N. Rioux, Conn. 6-1-70.6; Ed Domey, Mass. 5-2-78.9; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 4-3-70.6; Bill Saunders, N. H. 4-3-69.4; Russ Gadoury, Mass. 3-4-63.1; Paul Cormier, Mass. 3-4-61.4; Don Weik, Conn. 2-5-68.3; Art Tyson, N. Y. 1-6-64.3.

**CLASS 2** — Dan Beane, Mass. 6-1-56.0; George Trabucci, Conn. 5-2-56.6; Marcel Courtois, Maine 5-2-52.0; Ed Bodinski, Mass. 4-3-50.9; George Gallagher, Conn. 2-5-52.0; Gil Lee, Conn. 2-5-45.4; Ted Lewis, N. J. 2-5-44.6; Paul Dumont, Mass. 2-5-44.3.

**CLASS 3** — Sam Raymond, N. H. 5-2-49.1; David Remley, Conn. 5-2-50.1; Joe Pepi, Mass. 5-2-52.0; Guido Giorgetti, Conn. 5-2-45.1; Pete Bochesse, Conn. 3-4-49.7; Reuben Fleming, Conn. 3-4-44.3; Ed Sever, N. J. 1-6-39.7; Ray Benson, Vt. 1-6-32.9.

**CLASS 4** — Ray Shober, N. J. 6-1-43.1; Rocky Fithian, N. J. 5-2-34.9; Gardner Alden, Mass. 4-3-42.3; Murland Bradley, Conn. 4-3-39.1; Paul Schultz, N. Y. 4-3-34.9; Rene Rodrigue, Conn. 3-4-32.3; Peter Benson, Vt. 1-6-29.7; Jim Ibbison, Conn. 1-6-22.6.

**CLASS 5** — Hub Sasse, Mass. 6-2-46.3; Dick Shepard, Mass. 5-2-40.3; Joe Guy, Mass.

### CLASS 5 — (Continued)

5-2-37.4; Joe Grillo, Mass. 5-2-31.1; Paul Aselin, Mass. 4-3-37.1; Harry Schriker, Mass. 2-5-38.3; Bill White, Mass. 2-5-34.0; Jay Benton Conn. 2-5-24.9; Howard Lewis, Mass. 1-6-22.3.

**CLASS 6** — Ray Dulmaine, Mass. 8-1-32.5; Harold Thomas, Mass. 7-1-34.0; Moe Farmer, Mass. 4-3-29.4; Carmine Puzo, Mass. 3-4-29.7; Bob Steeves, Mass. 3-4-29.1; Don Fontaine, Mass. 3-4-28.0; Jim Gallant, Mass. 3-4-23.1; Bill McMahon, Mass. 2-5-26.0; Tony Naciewicz, Mass. 0-7-18.3.

**CLASS 7** — Fran Norman, Mass. 6-1-40.9; Jim Wylie, Mass. 6-1-38.0; Ray Degrenier, N. Y. 5-2-30.3; Mike Sasse, Mass. 6-2-23.5; Ed Harrington, Mass. 4-3-25.1; John Gelinas, Mass. 2-5-26.3; Bob Maguire, Mass. 2-5-19.7; Larry Riendieu, Conn. 1-6-20.6; Leo Michaud, Mass. 0-7-8.6.

**WOMEN** — Debby Michaud, Mass. 7-0-48.9; Cam Shepard, Mass. 5-2-19.1; Mary Graves, Mass. 4-3-20.6; Anne Domey, Mass. 3-4-24.6; Peggy Degrenier, N. Y. 3-4-18.3; Beverly Fontaine, Mass. 3-4-14.9; Barbara Domey, Mass. 2-5-16.6; Janice Domey, Mass. 1-6-11.4.

## Constructive Criticism . . . .

By GREG MARTER

### VERIFICATION OF PLAYER'S AVERAGES

It is a very simple thing to have verification of players averages if all Tournament Directors would cooperate in one small operation, and that is to send a copy of their Master Summary Charts to a centrally located office, one to be located in every State. This way any director could ask and receive an average on any player who was entering his tournament regardless of where the players home state was located.

The State Secretary could perhaps handle this job or someone else could take care of it. This way, by current charts being turned in to an office of this type, an up to date average of any player will always be readily available.

True professionalism will never become a reality in the Horseshoe Sport until such a step forward as this is undertaken.

### NHPA PRESIDENT HAS MOVED

Effective March 1 I will have a new mailing address, 500 So. LaVeta Park Circle, Apt. 42, Orange, Calif. 92668, due to being transferred by company.

### NHPA SECRETARY HAS MOVED

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

\$11,420.00 Cash Prize List For 1975 World Tournament

MEN'S CHAM- PIONSHIP		MEN'S CLASS B		MEN'S CLASS C		SENIOR AND INTER- MEDIATE MEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
1	\$1,100.00	1	\$ 80.00	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$100.00
2	675.00	2	75.00	2	35.00	2	75.00
3	575.00	3	70.00	3	35.00	3	65.00
4	450.00	4	65.00	4	35.00	4	50.00
5	350.00	5	65.00	5	35.00	5	45.00
6	300.00	6	65.00	6	35.00	6	40.00
7	260.00	7	60.00	7	35.00	7	35.00
8	240.00	8	60.00	8	35.00	8	30.00
9	215.00	9	60.00	\$285.00		\$440.00	
10	200.00	10	55.00	MEN'S CLASS D		WOMEN SENIOR & INTER- MEDIATE MEN CLASS B	
11	180.00	11	55.00	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$30.00
12	160.00	12	55.00	2	35.00	2	20.00
13	140.00	13	50.00	3	35.00	\$50.00	
14	125.00	14	50.00	4	35.00	WOMEN SENIOR & INTER- MEDIATE MEN CLASS C	
15	105.00	15	50.00	5	35.00	1	\$20.00
16	100.00	16	50.00	6	35.00	2	15.00
17	100.00	17	50.00	7	35.00	\$35.00	
18	100.00	18	50.00	8	35.00	\$815.00	
19	100.00	19	50.00	\$285.00		WOMEN SENIOR & INTER- MEDIATE MEN CLASS C	
20	100.00	20	45.00	WOMEN'S CHAM- PIONSHIP		1	\$20.00
21	100.00	21	45.00	1	\$250.00	2	15.00
22	95.00	22	45.00	2	150.00	\$35.00	
23	95.00	23	50.00	3	100.00	\$1,420.00	
24	95.00	24	50.00	4	80.00	NHPA Contribution	
25	95.00	25	45.00	5	70.00	\$ 2,000.00	
26	95.00	26	45.00	6	60.00	Lafayette Indiana Club Bid	
27	95.00	27	45.00	7	55.00	\$ 8,000.00	
28	90.00	28	45.00	8	50.00	\$11,420.00	
29	90.00	29	45.00	\$815.00			
30	90.00	30	45.00				
31	90.00	31	40.00				
32	90.00	32	40.00				
33	90.00	33	40.00				
34	85.00	34	40.00				
35	85.00	35	40.00				
36	85.00	36	40.00				
\$7,040.00		\$1,860.00					

The prize list has been increased to reflect the increases in entry fees that were voted on during the 1974 convention.

Men's Championship Class; \$25.00 x 36 pitchers	\$ 900.00
Men's Class B; \$5.00 x 36 pitchers	180.00
Men's Class C; \$3.00 x 36 pitchers	108.00
Men's Class D; \$1.00 x 32 pitchers	32.00
Women's Championship Class; \$15.00 x 8 pitchers	120.00
Senior Men; \$5.00 x 8 pitchers	40.00
Intermediate Men; \$5.00 x 8 pitchers	40.00
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## "Not Just A Summer Sport In Indiana"

By JOHN AND EMMA GALL

To all Indiana Horseshoe Pitchers and N.H.P.A. Members near the Indiana State. In 1974 Indiana had 317 paid members to the N.H.P.A. That's a lot of horseshoe pitchers. We think it's about time to bring to the attention of all horseshoe pitchers in the state of Indiana that horseshoe pitching is not limited to the summer season only. We have two places to pitch indoors. They are Rush Indoor Courts at Rushville, and the new Pinecrest Indoor Club at Elwood, Indiana.

What we need is more support of these fine pitching places. It would be very damaging to the sport of horseshoe pitching to have to close one or both of these fine places for lack of support. Everyone should try to enter one of these tournaments in the very near future. There is but a small few of the 317 members that have entered one of these tournaments. We think it's about time that a few of the loyal and true believers of our sport enter one of these Indoor tournaments. It's a place for all horseshoe pitchers to be able to continue through the cold months.

What we would like to see before the warm weather comes around is to have a full house at both the Pinecrest Indoor Horseshoe Club at Elwood (64 entries) and Rush Indoor Courts at Rushville, Indiana (80 entries). We have March and April tournaments coming up, so there is plenty of time to enter one of these winter tournaments. It would serve two purposes to have a full house at both places. It would be a way of saying thank you to these fine people that put their hard work and time and money into indoor horseshoe pitching and the betterment of this fine sport. It would also be a nice way to limber up for the summer months. We all could start now and begin to prepare for the World Tournament in Lafayette July 25 to August 3.

Let's make this the greatest year ever for Indiana Division of N.H.P.A. So let's keep those entries coming in.

## Notes From The 1976 Bicentennial W. T. Scene

A request has been made for all 1975 State champions to forward photos and a short history to the Bicentennial committee to be available for TV and news media coverage.

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It was announced that Mr. Hambridge of South Africa sends his regards and states that there will be a South African delegation at the Bicentennial celebration at Levittown, Pennsylvania.

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A suggestion has been made that anyone desiring to go to South Africa this year should get in touch with Robert Pence, 341 Polk Street, Gary, Indiana 46402 immediately, so that arrangements can be made.



## Bellman Wins Pinecrest Indoor "Top Flight" Meet

Top Class pitchers from Indiana and Illinois put up their entry fee to go for cash prizes at Pinecrest Indoor Horseshoe Club, Elwood, Indiana, Sunday, January 26th. Tickets were sold in advance to help make up the prize money.



Pitchers from Indiana and Illinois who formed the "Top Flight" Indoor Tournament held at the new Pinecrest Club, Elwood, Indiana are: Front row (kneeling), Left to right—Clarence Bellman and Chet Reel. Standing, Left to right — Larry Griffin, Roy Billingsley, Paul Day, Henry Franke, Curt Day and Karl Van Sant.

Clarence Bellman won over Larry Griffin in a playoff game for the "Top Flight" Championship, and Curt Day was close by for third place.

Larry pitched an all-time high for Pinecrest with 95.0% in this 50-point tournament.

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Clarence Bellman, Bremen .....	6	1	78.8	Chet Reel, W. Middletown .....	3	4	70.8
Larry Griffin, Paris, Ill. ....	6	1	82.3	Paul Day, Frankfort .....	2	5	68.4
Curt Day, Frankfort .....	5	2	80.7	Karl Van Sant, Cayuga .....	1	6	65.3
Roy Billingsly, Crawfordsville ..	5	2	71.8	Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. ....	0	7	63.8

## Summary Of Three Colorado 1974 Tournaments

(Late Report)

### ANNUAL DENVER OPEN — DENVER, COLORADO

Dick Wetherbee, Sr., of Colorado Springs was the winner in a playoff against Bill Thomas of Golden for his second consecutive Denver Open triumph.

**CLASS A** — Dick Wetherbee, Sr., Colorado Springs 9-1-60.3; Bill Thomas, Golden 8-2-61.3; W. W. Webb, Russell, Kan. 7-2-56.4; Jim Tulk, LaSalle 5-4-52.9; Paul LaCrosse, Lakewood 5-4-51.3; Jim Bustos, Denver 4-5-52.8; Les Groesenbach, Arvada 3-6-55.2; Ben Fields, Colorado Springs 3-6-

51.4; Earl Graves, Wheatridge 1-8-43.9; Bob Engel, Nunn 1-8-43.2.

Other class winners were: Class B, Don Wyjack; Class C, Everett Fouts; Class D, Al Perry; Class E, Joe Wagner of Montana; Junior Class, Gregg Huner.

## Colorado — (Continued)

### NORTH WELD OPEN — GREELEY, COLORADO

Les Grosenbach of Arvada, Colorado overtook Dick Wetherbee of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Jim Tulk of LaSalle, Colorado to capture the 1974 Greeley - North Weld Open in Greeley, Colorado.

**CLASS A** — Les Grosenbach, Arvada, 9-0; Dick Wetherbee, Colorado Springs 7-2; Jim Tulk, LaSalle 7-2; Paul LaCrosse, Lakewood 5-4; Jim Bustos, Denver 4-5; George Patton, Berthoud 4-5; Robert Engel, Nunn 3-6; Don Wyjack, Loveland 2-7; Gail Camp-

bell, Boulder 2-7; Harold Bindschadler, Lar- amie, Wyo. 1-8.

Other class winners were: Class B, Hugh Wagner; Class C, Len Meeker; Class D, Al Perry.

### ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPEN - BOULDER, COLORADO

Dick Wetherbee of Colorado Springs, Colorado was victorious over Les Grosenbach of Arvada, Colorado and tournament director Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado in the 1974 Rocky Mountain Open held in Boulder, Colorado.

**CLASS A** — Dick Wetherbee, Sr. Colo- rado Springs 7-0-65.1; Les Grosenbach, Ar- vada 6-1-57.7; Ted Allen, Boulder 5-2-59.0; Jim Tulk, LaSalle 4-3-60.0; Bill Thomas, Golden 3-4-56.2; Bob Engel, Nunn 2-5-44.2; Sam Hayes, Rawlins 1-6-24.1; George Ab- rams, Arvada 0-7-33.9.

Other class winners were: Class B, Don Wyjack; Class C, Earl Piper, Myrl Miller of New Mexico was third followed by Art Schiske of Wyoming in fourth place and Joe Fillipi of Colorado fifth; Class D, Al Perry, Bob Cheline ran third.

## Southern California Association

The Southern California Association held its annual meeting January 18, 1975. We had a big shakeup with our President Wally Shipley not running for office; he wants to spend more time as our National President. The entire membership and officers wish him energy and success, and thank him for a wonderful job as president of the S.C.H.P.A. for the past six years.

Jim Weeks was elected as the new President; Jerry Schneider, 1st Vice President; Gene Van Sant was reelected as 2nd Vice President, and Emily Weeks as our new Secretary-Treasurer. The officers hope the year 1975 will be a great year.

### SOUTH GATE DOUBLES

	W	L		W	L
Thomas Buck - Spencer Birt .....	8	1	Arnie Mortenson - Earl Kerr .....	3	4
Charles Kerr - Rick Schmidt .....	6	3	L. Williams - Ralph Alvine .....	3	4
Bill Cessna - Fred Reimer .....	6	3	Roger Zeller - Lynn Conway .....	3	4
Jim Wheeler - Kermit Pardue .....	5	4	Earl Johnson - Mell Lingenfelter .....	3	4
John Walker - Bob Hamby .....	5	2	Harold Slagg - Paul Aurand .....	2	5
Fred Percy - Aaron Hoggatt .....	5	2	Leo Mannebach - Gene Van Sant .....	2	5
Newell Flann - Ross Faulkner .....	4	3	Bob Schmidt - Erwin Klessig .....	1	6
Art Amador - Wally Shipley .....	3	4	Louis Mahlstedt - Watson Buehler .....	1	6

## Southern California Association

The Clark Bell Open held in Baldwin Park, was won by the old pro, Jerry Schneider, with his only defeat coming from Bill Cessna. Jerry and John Walker finished in a tie for first place. Jerry defeated John 50 to 40 in playoff to finish on top, with Jonas Snyder, third, and Bill Cessna, fourth.

The Baldwin Park Club, with their new officers, Hank Drogemuller, President and Bill Cessna, Secretary-Treasurer, should continue with great success in the coming year.

### CLARK BELL OPEN

	W	L	%		W	L	%
Jerry Schneider, Anaheim .....	7	1	73.3	Earl Johnson, El Monte .....	2	3	55.1
John Walker, Chula Vista .....	6	2	70.6	Ward Berg, Pasadena .....	2	3	50.6
Jonas Snyder, Chula Vista .....	5	2	63.1	Earl Kerr, Anaheim .....	2	3	50.6
Bill Cessna, Midway City .....	4	3	66.5	Leo Mannebach, Palm Springs .....	1	4	45.4
Arnie Mortenson, Glendale .....	3	2	52.7	Harry Morse, Beaumont .....	0	5	40.2
Newell Flann, Westminster .....	3	2	52.4	Harold Slagg, Ontario .....	0	5	39.2

## **We Beg Your Pardon**

In listing the names of the World Tournament Senior Division Finalists shown on the cover of the February issue of the Digest, we inadvertently omitted the name of Ray Miller who was seated on the extreme right in the front row.

## **5th Annual Eisenhower Open — Piqua, Ohio**

**May 23-24-25-26**

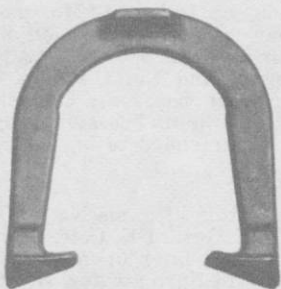
The Fifth Annual Eisenhower Open tournament will be held at Piqua, Ohio on May 23, 24, 25, 26. It will be NHPA sanctioned and an NHPA card will be required. The entry fee will be \$6.50 and score and percentage should be sent to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Mailing deadline is May 16 and phone deadline is May 18.

In the Men's Division, Classes A, B and C will be 8-man and all others will be 6-man. The Ladies classes will be 6-women per class. There will be a Boys Division if there are enough pitchers.

Awards in the Men's Classes A, B and C will be the first 4 places plus 2 trophies, all others will be the first 3 places, plus 2 trophies.

For all sanctioned tournaments, all pitchers are required to give the score-keepers 25¢ before each game starts. This was approved at the 1974 Ohio State Tournament Convention. The club will take care of the Boy's pitching fee of 25¢ cents.

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## Two Nebraska Tournament Dates Set

The Annual 4-State Tournament will be held on July 6 at Falls City, Nebraska. 100-shoe qualifying score should be sent to Don Koso, 803 East 12th St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355 not later than July 3. Tournament will start promptly at 8 a.m. in order to complete tournament at an early hour.

The Annual Falls City Open will not be held in August this year as it would conflict with the Nebraska State Tournament to be held in Falls City this year on August 23-24.

All Nebraska pitchers MUST qualify for the State Tournament on the Falls City courts on Saturday, August 23. The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. for all pitchers and their families. The annual meeting and election of officers and all other business will follow the banquet. Tournament will be completed on Sunday, August 24.

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## In Memoriam

The passing of Clement Birkenback was a shock to all Southern California pitchers. He passed away January 10, 1975. "Clem Kadiddlehopper", as he was affectionately known by his many friends, was born in Columbus, Ohio, March 21, 1903. He lived in Baldwin Park for the past 20 years and was instrumental in forming the Baldwin Park Horseshoe Club, serving as an officer until his death. Clem never became world's champion or even a state champion, but with his unorthodox pitching style he defeated some of the best. He threw a 1¼ turn by hooking his finger around the toe of the shoe and always said, "If you throw 'em right they will stay on!" Clem designed and made stakes which are presently being used by all the Southern California clubs. He was constantly doing something to promote the game. He instigated a Handicap Money Tournament which was subscribed to by the players a year in advance and always had to turn down players because of the number wishing to participate. The money for the tournament was obtained by paper drives and selling horseshoe stakes. To his bereaved family the sympathy of the Southern California Association and the NHPA is extended.

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On Thursday, January 9th, Charles Picraux, 68, of Defiance, Mo. passed away due to a tractor accident. He was the St. Charles County champion about 10 times, 9 of them in succession. Charles was a member of the N.H.P.A., the St. Charles and Warren County Horseshoe League, and the O'Fallon, Mo. League. Charles was a fine representative of our sport, both as a competitor and gentleman. All his many friends will greatly miss him. The sympathy of the O'Fallon Horseshoe League and the N.H.P.A. is extended to his bereaved wife, Lucinda.

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On Saturday, January 26, while nearing the completion of game No. 5, Class C, of the Manatee Co. Open Tourney, Bradenton, Fla., Gerard E. Cole, dropped to the ground and was pronounced dead a few minutes later upon arrival of an ambulance. While Gerry was a permanent resident of Springwater, N. Y., he spent many winters in the Bradenton area. He was a long time member of the N.H.P.A. and qualified at a number of World Tourneys. Gerry was pitching against another N.H.P.A. member at the time of his death — Marion Collins of Dunedin, Fla.

Gerry's wife, Janet Cole, (also an N.H.P.A. member), was present at the tourney when the tragedy occurred. Janet was busy at the moment maintaining the master tourney records.

The Horseshoe World has suffered the loss of a grand guy and a great competitor. The sympathy of the Florida Association and the N.H.P.A. is extended.

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## *In Memoriam*

The Indiana Association has been saddened by the untimely deaths of two of its most ardent pitchers and supporters.

Dick Sommers of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away at the age of 43. He participated in almost every tournament. He was a very pleasant and fun loving person.

Ervin Hodgdon, 49, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away on November 10. He, too, was an avid pitcher and active participant. Whether he won or lost, he always said: "I'll be back for the next tournament." His friendly smile and hand of friendship will be missed by all who associated with him.

To the bereaved families and loved ones of these two fine men the sincere sympathy of the Indiana Association and the National Association is extended.

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It is with sadness in our hearts that we learned of the death of Harry Wheeler, age 57, Jameson, Missouri. He passed away on November 12, 1974 with a heart attack.

He was a well-known auctioneer and a promoter of horseshoes in the state of Missouri.

He is survived by his wife Mary, two sons, Harry and Frank and three daughters, Vicki, Leta and Beta. The sympathy of the Missouri Association and the NHPA is extended to his bereaved family.

## Estelle Edges Carpenter In New Year's Open At Rushville, Indiana

**CLASS AA** — Claude Estelle, Indianapolis 7-2-61.4; Dick Carpenter, Union City 6-2-61.4; George Sales, New Castle 6-2-64.0; Reece Baughn, New Castle 5-4-57.1; Jim Kemple, Rushville 3-4-62.5; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 2-5-53.4; Kenny Perkins, Rushville 2-5-51.1; Jim Noble, Louisville, Ky. 1-6-48.0.

**CLASS BB** — Bob Wells, Jackson, Mich. 5-0-62.8; Vernon Holland, Veedersburg 4-1-46.4; George Patterson, Rushville 3-2-51.5; Randall Martin, Osgood 2-3-47.2; Don Newland, Connorsville 1-4-32.6; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley, Calif. 0-5-39.0.

**CLASS B** — Melvin Hicks, Shelbyville 5-0-34.5; Kenny Webb, Indianapolis 4-1-25.0; Bob Jeffries, Shelbyville 2-3-31.5; Jack Riedeman, Indianapolis 2-3-28.5; Mick Scott, Indianapolis 1-4-15.5; Dale Mantoath, Rushville forfeit.

**CLASS CC** — Sam Huffman, Rushville 4-1-29.0; Lloyd Karstens, Rushville 4-1-21.5; Alfred Bills, Rushville 3-2-22.5; Tim Tstman, Hartsville 2-3-19.5; Larry Bills, Rushville 2-3-16.0; Chris Newhart, Indianapolis forfeit.

**CLASS A - JUNIORS** — Bruce Patterson, Rushville 6-1-42.3; John Riedman, Indianapolis 5-2-36.7; Alfred Bills, Jr., Rushville 5-2-29.7; Scott Harper, Veedersburg 4-3-26.0; Tim Howard, Rushville 3-4-26.2; Randy Barker, Veedersburg 3-4-21.4; Mike Keal, Rushville 2-5-17.7; Stuart Sheppard, Rushville 0-7-18.5.

**CLASS B - JUNIORS** — Tony Lucas, Connorsville 4-1-16.0; Mark Shepherd, Rushville 4-1-6.8; Steve Bills, Connorsville 3-2-10.4; Lorna Bills II, Rushville 2-3-11.2; Debbie Bills, Connorsville 2-3-9.6; Shelley Wells, Jackson, Mich. 0-5-2.8.

## LeMond Top Man In Northeast Open At Elwood, Indiana

LeMond came out on top after a playoff with Reel in Class AA. Herb Dwigans went all the way undefeated in Class BB.

**CLASS AA** — John LeMond, Anderson 6-1-63.7; Chet Reel, W. Middleton 6-1-70.0; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 4-3-64.0; Ed Krull, Kokomo 4-3-63.1; Glen Teter, Tipton 4-3-60.2; Jerry Wood, PIHC 2-5-61.1; John Gall, Anderson 2-5-58.5; Virgil Jackson, Warsaw 0-7-41.7.

**CLASS BB** — Herb Dwigans, Tipton 7-0-55.7; Max Gunion, Frankfort 4-3-47.7; Kevin Dwigans, Tipton 4-3-46.8; Russell Jackson, Warsaw 4-3-39.4; J. W. Cox, Wabash 3-4-48.0; Virgil Jackson, Warsaw 3-4-37.1; Junior Guthrie, Bremen 3-4-36.5; Fred Armentrout, Speedway 0-7-24.5.





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## Local Clubs

**LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS** — The summer of 1974 was the beginning of the newly formed Tri-City Horseshoe League. The Tri-City League is made up of teams from St. Joseph, Missouri, Atchison, Kansas and Leavenworth, Kansas. We used the 80% handicap with a 30-point count-all system.

Bob Booe, of Atchison is the president, Bill Chester of Leavenworth vice-president and Ted Grant of St. Joseph secretary-treasurer. The winners of the first play-off was Leavenworth. The Leavenworth club started only three years ago with only two interested members and now have more than 20 active members. These members have built 12 new lighted courts and will hold two tournaments this coming season. The first Leavenworth Open will be June 1 and the Buffalo Bill Open will be August 10.

## 1976 World Tournament Moves Forward

By Peter Shepard - Bicentennial Committee

I wish to thank the Leavenworth, Kansas Association, Mr. Ralph Forrstrom of Hamden, Massachusetts, William Chester of Leavenworth, Kansas and Casey Bettisworth of Illinois for their wonderful contributions to the friends of horseshoes. After our meeting with the Bicentennial Committee, I know now that we're moving in the right direction to make this the biggest and best world tournament ever held in this country. In order to move this world tournament forward, we need the friends of horseshoes and all members in the organizations, plus all the horseshoe clubs in this wonderful country of ours.

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I have said I would keep all the members of the Association informed, and anyone who comes will play. I am constantly in touch with the Pennsylvania Association by phone, at least two times a week.

Our motto is: "The Biggest and the Best", and we are going to make this the biggest and best world tournament ever.

## Scamp "Scampers" Thru Pinecrest Open At Elwood, Ind.

**CLASS A** — Bus Scamp, St. Mary's, Ohio 5-0-72.4; Claude Estelle, Indianapolis 4-1-65.6; Howard Johnson, Huntington 2-3-63.2; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. 2-3-58.4; John Gall, Anderson, Ind. 1-4-58.8; Ed Krull, Kokomo, Ind. forfeit.

**CLASS B** — Jess Reed, Wabash 5-0-47.2; Chet Ogan, Wabash 4-1-43.2; J. W. Cox, Wabash 3-2-47.2; Kevin Dwigans, Tipton

**CLASS B** — (Continued)

1-4-37.6; Herb Dwigans, Tipton 1-4-34.0; Buddy Hodgdon, Lebanon 1-4-32.8.

**CLASS C** — Russell Jackson, Warsaw 5-0-42.4; Junior Guthrie, Bremen 3-2-33.2; Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis 2-3-36.0; A. W. Thomas, Speedway 2-3-34.0; Virgil Jackson, Warsaw 2-3-28.4; Tony Gall, Anderson 1-4-29.6.

## Statisticians Report

By WALTER R. WILLIAMS, JR.

At the request of Wally Shipley, I seeded the top 100 men, 20 junior boys and top 15 women in the N.H.P.A.

This was done by finding the top percentaged players that were published in the News Digest. In order to establish an average, 3 tournaments or 15 games for the men and 2 tournaments or 10 games for the juniors and women.

Players who think they could be in the top 100 list should send me their tournament results with the date of the tournaments.

This months results are from the months of February 1974 thru January 1975 Digests.

### The top 100 men in the N.H.P.A.

1. Curt Day, Indiana .....	86.74	20. Al Stockholm, New York .....	77.71
2. Carl Steinfeldt, New York .....	86.66	21. Paul Day, Indiana .....	77.53
3. Elmer Hohl, Canada .....	85.46	22. Henry Knauff, Washington .....	77.35
4. Al Zadroga, Pennsylvania .....	85.30	23. Normand Rioux, Connecticut .....	76.70
5. Larry Griffin, Illinois .....	83.03	24. Paul Focht, Ohio .....	76.60
6. Donnie Roberts, Ohio .....	82.12	25. Jim Solomon, Pennsylvania .....	76.50
7. Ray Martin, Illinois .....	81.03	26. John Rademacher, Florida .....	76.47
8. Clarence Bellman, Indiana .....	80.73	27. Art Tyson, Connecticut .....	76.23
9. Jim Knisley, Ohio .....	80.51	28. Gerald Maisson, Michigan .....	76.10
10. Bob West, Oregon .....	79.90	29. Ginger Natale, New York .....	75.95
11. Mark Seibold, Indiana .....	79.55	30. Jesse Gonzales, California .....	75.55
12. Wilbur Kabel, Ohio .....	79.51	31. Don Titcomb, California .....	75.50
13. Oscar Engle, Pennsylvania .....	79.30	32. Ansil Copeland, Ohio .....	75.10
14. Glen Henton, Iowa .....	79.22	33. Danny Kuchcinski, Indiana .....	74.86
15. Roger Norwood, Tennessee .....	79.12	34. Ralph Maddox, West Virginia .....	74.63
16. Clyde Martz, Pennsylvania .....	79.01	35. Cecil Monday, Virginia .....	74.62
17. Al Lord, Maine .....	78.80	36. Ed Domey, Massachusetts .....	74.46
18. Chet Reel, Indiana .....	78.08	37. Gary Roberts, Ohio .....	74.15
19. Frank Stinson, Minnesota .....	77.75	38. Merlin Potts, Kansas .....	74.10

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39. Harold Darnold, Iowa .....	73.98	70. Clair Bruce, Pennsylvania .....	71.20
40. Glen Riffle, Ohio .....	73.80	71. Karl Van Sant, Indiana .....	71.13
41. Bill Porter, Pennsylvania .....	73.67	72. John Ruskin, Pennsylvania .....	71.06
42. John Monasmith, Washington ....	73.67	73. Jerry Schneider, California .....	71.06
43. Russ DeHart, Indiana .....	73.46	74. Ron Simmons, California .....	71.04
44. Joe Schultz, New York .....	73.45	75. Claude Estelle, Indiana .....	70.97
45. Roy Smith, Michigan .....	73.35	76. Curt Over, Pennsylvania .....	70.94
46. Jonas Snyder, California .....	73.28	77. Howard Peterson, Oregon .....	70.75
47. Art Hampton, Iowa .....	73.26	78. Joe Anzaldi, Minnesota .....	70.73
48. Lowell Davis, Oregon .....	73.23	79. Joe Krug, Washington .....	70.55
49. Bill Vandegriff, Iowa .....	73.13	80. Woody Martin, Illinois .....	70.48
50. Gene Reno, Ohio .....	73.05	81. Harley McComey, Tennessee .....	70.48
51. James Johnson, Ohio .....	73.05	82. Harold Clippinger, Pennsylvania ..	70.28
52. Stan Manker, Ohio .....	73.05	83. Monte Latino, California .....	70.28
53. Sherman Bertrand, West Virginia ..	73.03	84. Eldon Damarin, Illinois .....	70.26
54. Roy Billingsley, Indiana .....	72.96	85. Jack Giddes, New Jersey .....	70.13
55. Ridge Leggett, Oregon .....	72.96	86. Lauren Hill, Oregon .....	69.97
56. Jack O'Conner, Minnesota .....	72.88	87. Carl Young, Ohio .....	69.96
57. Charles Kilgore, Missouri .....	72.87	88. Steve Fenicchia, New York .....	69.85
58. James Burke, Oregon .....	72.74	89. Donald Marshall, West Virginia ..	69.76
59. William Henn, Kentucky .....	72.46	90. Bill Foss, Washington .....	69.65
60. Bill Weathers, California .....	72.45	91. Dale Lipovsky, Minnesota .....	69.60
61. Ralph Maylahn, Wisconsin .....	72.44	92. Bob Stowe, Missouri .....	69.59
62. Cletus Chapelle, Oregon .....	72.40	93. Edward Fishel, Washington .....	69.59
63. Larye Ambrose, Minnesota .....	72.35	94. Donald Douglas, North Carolina ..	69.50
64. Charlie Price, Virginia .....	72.00	95. Troy Harrison, Florida .....	69.33
65. Don Weik, Connecticut .....	71.88	96. Ron Kuchinski, Pennsylvania ....	69.14
66. Ed Krull, Indiana .....	71.88	97. Ted Harris, Ohio .....	69.14
67. Herb Criss, Washington .....	71.55	98. Paul Tobey, Maine .....	69.02
68. Roger Vogel, Colorado .....	71.51	99. Barney Hampton, Oregon .....	68.98
69. John Pratt, California .....	71.37	100. Tom Brownell, California .....	68.75

### The top 15 women in the N.H.P.A.

1. Lorraine Thomas, New York .....	79.16	9. Katherine Harrison, Ohio .....	60.84
2. Ruth Hangen, New York .....	78.38	10. Lorraine Woodman, Washington ..	59.53
3. Helen Roberts, Ohio .....	74.40	11. Sarah Giacommini, Washington ....	58.43
4. Opal Reno, Ohio .....	72.26	12. Jackie Fisher, Indiana .....	58.36
5. Kelly O'Brien, Washington .....	69.45	13. Janet Reno, Ohio .....	58.25
6. Deborah Michaud, Massachusetts ..	63.40	14. Karen Ovnick, Washington .....	56.79
7. Bonnie Seibold, Indiana .....	62.52	15. Jean Swarthout, Michigan .....	56.45
8. Beverly Jacques, North Carolina ..	61.66		

### The top 20 junior boys in the N.H.P.A.

1. Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Calif. ....	84.67	11. Mike Pateneau, Maine .....	73.15
2. Richard Howe, Massachusetts .....	81.98	12. Brian Simmons, Maine .....	71.90
3. Jeffery Williams, California .....	81.15	13. Ray Durfee, Washington .....	71.57
4. Ron Thibeault, Maine .....	77.40	14. Gerald Fisher, Indiana .....	67.24
5. Robert Davis, New Hampshire .....	77.26	15. John Davis, New Hampshire .....	66.71
6. Doug Kienia, Maine .....	77.20	16. Steve Hohl, Canada .....	66.55
7. John Passmore, Indiana .....	77.20	17. Paul Domey, Massachusetts .....	65.55
8. Mike Stout, Illinois .....	77.08	18. Roy Statham, California .....	65.33
9. Paul Schultz, New York .....	77.00	19. Ken Bartlett, Washington .....	65.02
10. Kevin Hollister, Vermont .....	73.25	20. Chris Erikson, Massachusetts .....	62.85

## 1975 World Tournament Schedule

- FRIDAY, July 25** — 8:00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m. Qualifying all divisions.
- SATURDAY, July 26** — 8.00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m. Qualifying all divisions.
- SUNDAY, July 27** — 8:00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m. Qualifying all divisions.
- MONDAY, July 28** — 8:00 a. m. Qualifying continues in all divisions. 3:00 p. m. conclusion of qualifying in Women, Girls and Boys division, registration closes at noon and qualifying shoes must be completed by 3:00 p. m.
- 4:00 p. m. Opening Ceremonies.
- 4:30 p. m. Women's Championship Class, group of 8, 50 point games.
- 4:30 p. m. Girl's Championship Class, group of 8, 50 point games.
- 4:30 p. m. Boy's Championship Class, group of 8, 50 point games.
- TUESDAY, July 29** — 8.00 a. m. Qualifying continues in Men's division.
- 12:00 Noon; Registration for qualifying closes.
- 3:00 p. m. Conclusion of qualifying in Men's division. NO QUALIFYING AFTER 3:00 p. m.
- 6:30 p. m. Annual NHPA Convention and Business Meeting.
- WEDNESDAY, July 30** — 9:00 a. m. Women's Class B & Class C, groups of 6, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Girl's Class B & Class C, groups of 6, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Boys Class B & Class C, groups of 6, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 4:00 p. m. Presentation of Men's Championship Class.
- 4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games, 50 point games.
- 4:30 p. m. Senior Men's Championship Class, group of 8, 50 point games.
- THURSDAY, July 31** — 9:00 a. m. Intermediate Men's Classes B & C, groups of 6, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Senior Men's Classes B & C, groups of 6, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Men's Class D, groups No. 1, 2 & 3, groups of 8, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games, 50 point games.
- 4:30 p. m. Intermediate Men's Championship Class, group of 8, 50 point games.
- FRIDAY, August 1** — 9:00 a. m. Men's Class C, 3 groups of 12 men, 6 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Men's Class D, group No. 4 group of 8, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 1:00 p. m. Men's Class B, 3 groups of 12 men, 5 games. 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games, 50 point games.
- 11:00 p. m. NHPA Annual Party.
- SATURDAY, August 2** — 9:00 a. m. Men's Class C, 3 groups of 12 men, 5 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 12 Noon, Men's Class B, 3 groups of 12 men, 6 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 4:30 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games, 50 point games.
- SUNDAY, August 3** — 9:30 a. m. Men's Class B Finals, group of 12 men, 8 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Men's Class C Finals, group of 12 men, 8 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 9:00 a. m. Men's Class D Finals, group of 8 men, 7 games, 50-SHOE GAMES.
- 2:00 p. m. Men's Championship Class, 7 games, 50 point games.
- 9:00 p. m. Trophy awards and closing ceremonies.

### SUMMARY OF COURTS IN USE

- Monday, July 28** — 12 courts will be used for the Women, Girl's and Boy's Championships at 4:30 p. m.
- Tuesday, July 29** — Qualifying to be completed at 3:00 p. m.
- Wednesday, July 30** — 9:00 a. m. 18 courts in use, 6 courts open. Noon til 4; p. m. 24 courts open; 4:30 p. m. 22 courts in use.
- Thursday, July 31** — 9:00 a. m. 24 courts in use. 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. 24 courts open. 4:30 p. m. 22 in use.
- Friday, August 1** — 9:00 a. m. 22 courts in use. 1:00 p. m. 18 courts in use. 4:30 p. m. 18 courts in use.

## World Tournament Schedule — (Continued)

Saturday, August 2 — 9:00 a.m. 18 courts in use. 1:00 p.m. 18 courts in use.  
4:30 p.m. 18 courts in use.

Sunday, August 3 — 9:00 a.m. 16 courts in use. 2:00 p.m. 18 courts in use.

Remember the Convention starts at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, by a vote of the delegates in 1974.

We are asking all delegates to PLEASE register at the office at court-side prior to Convention. This will speed up seating of delegates.

All 50-shoe games will be played as in 1974. Winner must score last.

Qualifying will start on Friday in Lafayette. We would appreciate it if all local players would qualify early.

All players will receive a 1975 World Tournament insignia patch free.

Approximately 75 trophies will be awarded.

Tournament schedule and prize list were approved by the Executive Council.

## Special Notice To All Horseshoe Pitchers

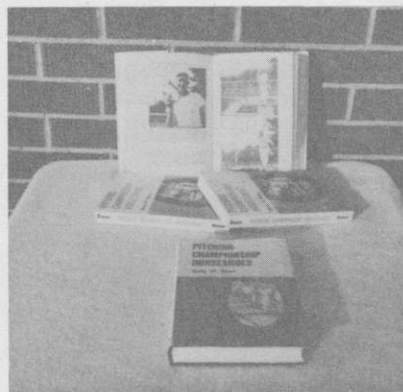
Sent to Wally Shipley by Russell Gadoury, Mass.

You can do something to help our sport. In the February issue of the Readers Digest, page 24, is a "Gillette Cavalcade of Champions" ballot to select the top athlete of the year for 1974. In blocks 9, 11, and 12 you can write in your choice of top male and female horseshoe pitcher of the year. If each of you will take the time to obtain that issue, complete the ballot, and mail it promptly, you can help promote our sport. Time is short. The deadline for ballots is March 7. Please do your part to put horseshoes on the map. 5,000 ballots may not win the award, but that number of ballots is bound to impress. When writing in the name be sure to write "horseshoe pitcher" also.

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## 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.



## "From Out Of The Mail Bag"

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb

P. O. Box 1606  
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Mr. Cobb:

The January issue of the News Digest had two articles "Food for Thought" and "Count-all Systems - Ringers Only". I was very interested in both articles. The major objectives of both is to stimulate greater interest in horseshoes. Below are thoughts of my own:

1. A shorter game will gain interest.
  - A. The game of 50 points can be an endurance race for anyone, old and young alike, especially after 7 or 8 games. Skill is the main factor.
  - B. For the spectator, the 50-point game can be very long. Many stop for 10 or 15 minutes without the end in sight and lose interest and leave. The conclusion of an exciting game is where the interest lies.
2. What kind of shorter game is needed?
  - A. The game has relied on the cancellation system for years.
  - B. The 50-shoe game count-all system (ringers only) is a new concept. This is fine for the 50% or above pitcher. The 25% range pitchers are the people I'm concerned with. They need the close shoe (single point) to count. If the only thing they had to count were ringers, it could be devastating to their interest. Some people say this will give them reason to improve, but this is not always true. Many people are satisfied with this lower ringer percentage and pitch only for fun.
3. The main reason for a ringers only system seems to be the effect of winning on a close shoe instead of ringers. All the examples mentioned favor top pitchers only. Not many of us pitch 80%. For some lower percentage pitchers, the single point is a big factor in their score. Making the close point is half the game. Yes, luck plays a factor, but doesn't it in many games? In the long run, if you're the best, you'll be on top despite the single point.

Summing up the above, I would like to suggest taking the best from both. Consider a 50-shoe cancellation game. Let's keep in mind that 75% of all pitchers are 50% or below. Let's make them happy. After all, we don't have to sell the wonderful game of horseshoes to the greats!

Sincerely,

Barry Johnson

## Mailbag—Continued

Dear Sir:

I have been playing horseshoes for only a short time but during the time I have been playing, I disagree with the way they run tournaments. When I enter a match, they ask me to sign up and I pay my fee, but I end up in a higher class and do not have a chance to win anything. Most of the time the fee is five dollars, so, the A, B and C classes end up winning all the money. If a player is a Class H pitcher, let him play with Class H players. The way they work it at some tournaments is, they will make up classes of whatever they have if they don't have enough players. That's the reason why pitchers end up in higher classes. Well, so much for that. Here on Staten Island we have 5 courts that are not used too much. I contacted the local authorities about the condition of the courts and they sent men around to have a look at the courts. They did some work but not enough, however, it helped some.

George A. Morio  
Staten Island, N. Y. 10302

## Rademacher Claims Plant City, Florida Title

John Rademacher posted 7 wins and 0 losses, with a 67.9 ringer average, in dethroning Troy Harrison as defending champion of the Plant City, Florida Open. Among the visiting players from the north who provided competition for Rademacher on a warm sunny January 4th were Marv Richmond of Minnesota; R. DeHart of Indiana and B. Brobeck of Pennsylvania.

**CLASS A** — J. Rademacher, Plant City 7-0-67.9; M. Richmond, Minn. 6-1-63.6; R. DeHart, Ind. 4-3-64.6; T. Harrison, Lakeland 4-3-61.2; G. Rademacher, Plant City 2-5-59.0; R. Ferguson, Sarasota 2-5-56.7; L. Miller, Sarasota 2-5-56.2; B. Brobeck, Penna. 0-7-45.6.

**CLASS B** — L. Long, Ill. 6-0-57.3; D. Thatcher, Brooksville 5-1-51.0; G. Buskey, Tarpon Springs 4-2-50.2; H. Hochstetler, Sarasota 3-3-48.8; E. Morris, Lakeland 2-4-39.4; M. Collins, Dunedin 1-5-41.2; H. Knutson, Lakeland 0-6-24.8.

**CLASS C** — C. Pitton, Clearwater 5-1-52.4; M. Gillespie, Ind. 4-2-50.0; K. Reeb, Sarasota 3-3-48.8; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven 3-3-47.6; M. Rodocker, Ohio 2-4-40.2;

### CLASS C — (Continued)

L. Davis, Seminole 2-4-35.6; L. Peary, Bradenton 2-4-31.0.

**CLASS D** — E. Brakeman, St. Petersburg 7-0-44.6; H. Mullet, Sarasota 6-1-39.3; R. Weigel, Clearwater 4-3-37.4; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 2-5-33.6; E. Peters, St. Petersburg 4-3-28.6; E. Johnson, Bradenton 2-5-27.7; E. Schuetz, Bradenton 2-5-21.3; P. Barrette, Noranda, Que. 1-6-24.8.

**CLASS E** — A. Doshna, Clearwater 4-1-34.8; N. Gaseau, Clearwater 4-1-32.4; R. Benton, Plant City 3-2-32.4; J. Berrell, Orlando 3-2-26.4; R. Gillen, Sarasota 1-4-20.4; J. Wago, New Smyrna Beach 0-5-17.2.

## Stinson Tops Rapidan, Minn. Open With Ease

### (LATE REPORT)

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Frank Stinson, Minneapolis 7-0-75.2; Marvin Richmond, Pequot Lakes 5-2-64.8; Larry Ambrose, Jackson 5-2-69.3; Curt Bestul, Eau Claire, Wisc. 5-2-64.0; Everett Peterson, Windom 2-5-58.5; Don McGinnis, Hastings 2-5-50.0; Don Allen, St. Paul 1-6-55.2; Richard Kvanne, Cannon Falls 1-6-49.3.

**CLASS A** — Fred Krentz, Belle Plaine 6-1-56.0; Henry Dornath, Worthington 5-2-51.2; Alvin Mieschke, Westbrook 5-2-55.0; Art Moran, Webster 3-4-47.9; Hjalmer Johnson, Big Fork 3-4-48.2; Lloyd Olfert, Richfield 2-5-48.4; Eric Sandquist, Watertown 2-5-47.4; Mike Schoen, Hastings 1-6-42.1.

**CLASS B** — Mark Baumann, Renville 7-0-58.9; Carroll Hallum, Heron Lake 5-2-54.3; Robert Gjerstad, St. James 5-2-48.3; William Lornez, St. Paul 4-3-47.2; Wade Zieske, New Ulm 2-5-40.7; Glen Sandquist, Watertown 2-5-42.7; Dewey Sandmeyer, St. James 2-5-40.6; Preston Daniels, Hastings 1-6-40.1.

**CLASS C** — Mike Flan, Chanhassen 7-0-53.0; Marvin Mienders, Worthington 6-1-47.2; Rodney Ring, Windom 5-2-48.8; Roland Kettner, Nicollet 3-4-46.1; Delbert Anderson, Currie 3-4-39.1; Bernard (Doc) Worsich, Redwood Falls 3-4-35.3; Joel Stenhaug, Cannon Falls 2-5-38.3; Archie Ihle, Blue Earth 2-5-38.3.

## Rapidan Open — (Continued)

**CLASS D** — Alden Sandquist, Watertown 6-1-42.8; Glen Werk, Donnelly 5-2-35.7; Irvin Westlund, Watertown 4-3-44.8; Odean Gorder, Hills 4-3-34.5; Merle Stoneberg, Mountain Lake 3-4-31.7; W. E. Pendgrass, St. Paul 3-4-38.4; Larry Sandmeyer, St. James 2-5-33.4; Terry Berg, Redwood Falls 1-6-28.6.

**CLASS E** — Arlie Johnson, Dennison 6-1-33.6; Martin Hill, Watertown 5-2-37.5; Orville Titrud, Rapidan 4-3-36.1; Jerry Baumann, Renville 4-3-33.3; Earl Tiegs, Henderson 4-3-36.7; Henry Pongratz, Rapidan 3-4-32.9; Jim Perkins, St. Paul 1-6-30.1; Gordon Wilson, Round Lake 1-6-31.5.

**CLASS F** — Cliff Brue, Blue Earth 6-1-38.9; Gene Erickson, Good Thunder 4-3-33.9; Lloyd Polifka, Hastings 4-3-33.5; Guy Lund, Rapidan 4-3-34.7; Bob Lindberg, Fridley 3-4-32.7; Neil Ihle, Blue Earth 3-4-26.2; Michael Radiske, Maple Plaine 3-4-26.2; Frank Robinson, St. Paul 2-5-26.6.

**CLASS G** — Warren Lunz, St. James 6-1-38.6; Douglas Condon, Minneapolis 5-2-31.9;

## CLASS G — (Continued)

Ray Thorson, Rapidan 5-2-33.2; Harry Visser, Lake Crystal 4-3-33.7; Steve Sutherland, Lake Crystal 3-4-32.9; George Lund, Vernon Center 3-4-30.4; William Burmiester, Worthington 1-6-31.4; Gordon Scholl, Minneapolis 1-6-26.6.

**CLASS H** — Joseph Budease, Minneapolis 5-0-29.4; Earl Hanson, Garden City 3-2-27.5; Ken Von Busch, Minneapolis 3-2-19.3; Eugene Anderson, St. Paul 2-3-20.0; Albert Kersten, Springfield 2-3-19.7; Greg Baumann, Renville forfeit.

**CLASS I** — Tim Radiske, Wayzata 5-0-26.1; Elias Ruiz, St. Paul 4-1-24.1; Hilbert Gilbertson, St. Paul 3-2-19.1; LaVern Ulrich, Good Thunder 2-3-26.5; Larry Hagge, Garden City 1-4-13.2; David Edenloff, New Brighton forfeit.

**BOYS CLASS** — Alden Sandquist, Watertown 3-1-66.4; Mark Daniels, Hastings 3-1-65.3; Curt Sandquist, Watertown 0-4-61.6.

## Fairbury, Nebraska Open Dates Set

The dates for the two annual Fairbury, Nebraska Open tournaments played under the direction of Jacob Isaac, have been set for June 8 and Sept. 7 respectively.

The entry fee will be \$4.00 for each tournament together with a 100-shoe qualification score. Entries must be sent in one week prior to date of tournament. First 68 entries only. Classes A, B, C and D will pay an additional \$1.00 on date of tournament. Tournament will start at 8 a.m. sharp and if all players are not there, tournament will proceed as scheduled.

## Daggett Wins Emporia, Kansas Indoor Tournament

R. Daggett was the big winner of the Indoor Tournament held at Emporia, Kansas. Goldsmith topped the Class B section. Following the close of the tournament Bob Shaw, president of the Emporia club entertained the pitchers at his home.

**CLASS A** — R. Daggett, Emporia 6-1; G. Fleck, Leavenworth 4-3; B. Dickson, Leavenworth 4-3; R. Talkington, Americus 4-3; B. Chester, Leavenworth 3-4; S. Adame, Lawrence 2-5; G. Tinder, Leavenworth 2-5.

**CLASS B** — B. Goldsmith, Emporia 6-1; E. Scarbrough, Emporia 5-2; A. Redd, Reading 5-2; E. Dilly, Emporia 4-3; E. Hammer, Lawrence 4-3; M. Kellum, Lebo 2-5; E. Gunn, LeCompton 2-5; K. Cole, Dunlap 0-7.

## Ormond Beach, Florida Open Won By Rademacher

The threat of rain and high wind held the Ormond Beach, Florida Open to a minimal group of players on Saturday, January 11. While the weatherman's prediction proved to be correct, all classes were able to complete play.

**CLASS A** — J. Rademacher, Plant City 5-0-64.0; D. Thatcher, Brooksville 3-2-44.8; S. Bowman, Wisc. 2-3-37.6; E. Morris, Lakeland 1-4-41.6.

**CLASS B** — D. Thatcher, Brooksville 6-1-50.8; J. Morgan, Ind. 5-2-45.1; M. Sloan, Deland 4-3-48.0; G. Buskey, Tarpon Springs 4-3-42.3; K. Reeb, Sarasota 4-3-40.5; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 3-4-40.0; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven 1-6-37.4; L. Davis, Seminole 1-6-36.8.

**CLASS C** — J. Wagner, Melbourne 3-1-24.8; D. Baker, Melbourne 3-1-32.5; W. Blum, Wisconsin 2-2-19.0; H. Hawes, Bunnell 1-3-26.0; G. Rankin, Deland 1-3-25.0;

**CLASS D** — J. Lukse, Ormond Beach 5-0-34.4; J. LaRose, Mass. 4-1-33.6; D. Langford, Daytona Beach 3-2-23.6; N. Gaseau, Clearwater 2-3-24.0; W. Guerard, Mass. 1-4-20.4; J. Wago, New Smyrna Beach 0-5-22.0.

## Aspects Of Our Sports . . . Pros And Cons

By JIM SOLOMON OF PENNSYLVANIA

I have been in this game for many years now and during those years have heard many complaints about various aspects of this game.

I'm sure you all know the prime reason that we are unsuccessful in having this game on national television. It is not because of lack of sponsors but the length of the game itself. A good example was the game in a World Tournament between Ray Martin and Glen Henton. It lasted approximately two hours.

Since time is of the essence, the game of fifty shoes was invented. This answered the problem of time but created the problem of inability to overcome your opponent at a mathematical position in the game. An example being that at the 45th and 46th shoe when your opponent is leading you by the score of 31 to 12, it is impossible for you to win, since you have only six shoes left to throw. The total count you could add to your score would be 18 if your opponent missed all six shoes. The final outcome would be your opponent 31 and you 30 which cannot win.

To qualify or not to qualify that is the question. There are various pros and cons to this question. The proponents of qualification insist that this separates the men from the boys by proving that today you have it, not carrying it forward from some previous day. This sounds logical on the surface but let's assume the following circumstances:

- a. You have just driven 300 miles.
- b. You could not arrive sooner than 2 hours before closing of qualification.
- c. The walkways are full of mud since it rained earlier.
- d. The qualifying is behind time.

Anyone of the above circumstances would prevent you from doing your best. The proponents of not qualifying say that your past records should be considered and that you should be placed accordingly. Again this sounds logical on the surface but let's assume the following circumstances.

- a. You haven't done any pitching or practicing at all.
- b. You had some physical trouble since the last tournaments.
- c. You are a newcomer to the tournament without any verified historical average.
- d. You are pitching 3 to 5% better than your last tournaments due to additional practice.

Any one of the above circumstances would reveal itself if you were forced to qualify.

Another complaint that I notice is that of the foul line. It would seem to me that the position of the foul line is entirely wrong. It is highly illogical to force a baseball pitcher to step only three feet forward when he is pitching to a batter. Therefore he must start at his foul line and step as far as he wishes. By the same reasoning it is illogical to force a horseshoe pitcher to step only up to a certain point and stop. Why not put the foul line at the peg and have the pitcher place his stationary foot on it or behind it as he chooses and step as far as he likes. You all know someone who steps about 2 feet and likewise you also know someone who strides a good five feet. Why penalize the five foot stepper an additional 3 feet more of pitching distance? Also why create a hazard by putting a raised foul line in front of a pitcher, as we currently do?

My final situation is one that all of you have suffered many many times. The score is 44 to 44 and your opponent throws a double. After careful aim, etc. you throw a ringer on top. Then you ready your next shoe and throw another ringer. But unfortunately for you, your second shoe jumps off. Score is now 47 to your 44. Here is the rub. Your opponent not only gets 3 points but he also gets the mud at the opposite peg. So he again throws a double. Again you top them but your second shoe again jumps off. What happened? You did not miss a shoe but you lost the game 50 to 44. Now I have a proposal for you to ponder. There are two solutions to this problem.

One of them is having a shoe perfected that will not jump off. I have made

## Aspects — (Continued)

such a shoe and some of my horseshoe pitching buddies were exposed to this shoe in a tournament at New Castle, Pennsylvania last year. In seven games I lost only 2 ringers and I pitched 480 shoes and made 392 ringers. I'm sure that you can readily see the percentage increase that you could have with such a shoe. Remember that each shoe that you lose in a game lasting 70 shoes means that your percentage decreases by  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ . It only takes 4 lost ringers to decrease a 75% pitcher to a 70% pitcher.

Another solution to the jump off shoe is rearranging the method of pitching turns. By this I mean the following: Again assume that the score is 44 to 44. Your opponent throws a double. You throw both shoes on but the second one jumps off. Score is now 47 to your 44. But by changing the method of the person who scores pitching first, to the person who scores pitching last, you arrive at this possible conclusion. Score 47 to your 44 but under the new method you pitch first. You put a double on and your opponent throws his shoes but his second one jumps off. Score is now 47 all. Your opponent throws and misses one shoe and you double and win the game. Can you see the reason for changing the rule? This will always give the person who does not score any points an opportunity to throw on mud and not steel.

Maybe with some collective thinking on all of our parts, we can solve some of our problems and thereby increase our enjoyment of this game and elevate it to a greater height in the sports world.

I would like to hear your views and comments on the above complaints and changes proposed. Please write to me at this address: Jim Solomon, 257 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401.

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## Twin Peaks

### Maybe A Horseshoe Pitching Country Club!!

### You Won't Believe It!!

By JIM WOODSON OF TEXAS

About two years ago a small group of Texas pitchers throughout the State got this dumb idea in their head about buying a piece of property exclusive for horseshoes. They even talked of building a clubhouse and acting like a country club. I mean, they wanted to build a horseshoe pitching country club. I couldn't believe it.

It was a crazy idea and I told them so. Whoever heard of horseshoe pitchers putting out real hard earned money to get a nice place of their own. Horseshoe courts belonged in parks, or on other people's property, everybody knows that. That way things were simple, with little bother and no worry. And it kept the cost down to almost nothing, which is the way horseshoe pitchers liked it.

But they wouldn't listen, and before I knew it they were a group of fifteen. Each pledged at least fifty bills, and most said they would start out with a hundred. Some gave their money right from the start, if you can imagine that, while the rest started making five and ten dollar payments at their leisure.

Then Lakeside Club of San Antonio looked into their treasury and found five hundred bucks they could spare. And they put it in with all the other money coming in. I couldn't believe it.

Pretty soon they started spreading lies about how good things were going, so that even some of the skeptics started cooling down and making pledges. In three months time thirty horseshoe pitchers were in this project together, and money at the bank was up to fifteen hundred dollars, and growing. I couldn't believe it.

Then they ran into trouble like I told them they would. They couldn't find an acre of property in the San Antonio area that looked good, or was unzoned, or that they could afford. They looked hard and long, but nothing happened except that payments still kept coming in, and they got more dollars just on the interest from the pile they had stored at the bank. It made me feel good to know I was right. I told them so, too.

But they pulled a switch on me, and even on themselves, I think. Instead of giving up, they went out of town about twenty miles and bought four acres of hill country land at a cost of around \$6,000.00. When I heard that I gave out a low, long whistle, and shook my head real sad. After all, these were real nice guys and I hated to see them get hurt bad. They had some money in the bank for the down payment, and some in reserve to last an extra year or two, but each month they were going to be looking at a \$60.00 payment for 12 years. Poor guys.

I went out and looked at the land like everyone else did, and it wasn't so hot. There were trees all over the place that got in the way, and you had to watch where you walked to keep from stepping on deer droppings.

The four acres were on three levels, and the bottom part was no good at all, except for hiking around and getting the kids out of the way. The second level, where they said the horseshoe courts would go, was all right I guess. Some leveling was needed, and I pointed out that a bulldozer didn't come for nothing. They were lucky to find a clear place for the courts, because trees were everywhere else.

I had to admit the top level was good, if you liked scenery and things like that. Looking out from a spot they said would someday be the place for their clubhouse, you could see for maybe thirty miles. All you could see though, was miles and miles of green trees that kind of ran together on hills and in valleys; and way off in the distance stood two peaks, looking alike and standing together.

They named their place Twin Peaks, as you probably guessed, in San Antonio, Texas. Anyway, after two years of this, they now got fifty guys in the program. And almost everybody was paying out pledges of \$100, and \$200, and a few are up to \$300, \$400, and even \$500. Honest. We had a big argument one day, and they opened up the books and showed me where pledges totalled \$6,000, and so far, members had paid in over \$3,000. I couldn't believe it.

I have to admit that the six permanent courts they put in look real nice, and I guess the next six coming up will be as good.

But I still say this idea they got for a private place for horseshoe pitching won't work, and that it won't catch on at other places in the NHPA like they think it will when the word on Twin Peaks gets out.

I keep telling them that horseshoe pitchers don't want real nice places like golfers and tennis players. They should know better how us horseshoe pitchers are.

But I'm a nice guy and I hate to be disagreeable all the time, so last week just to keep everyone happy and smiling, I signed a pledge for Twin Peaks like everyone else. I couldn't believe it.

In case anyone wants to hear more dumb things about Twin Peaks, write me at 235 Rainbow Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78209.

## Levi Miller Wins Sarasota, Florida Open

Levi Miller of Sarasota grabbed the top honors of the day in the Sarasota Open, posting 6 wins and 1 loss. Levi came through in the clutch and upset the favored contenders, John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida, and Marv Richmond of Minnesota. His only loss was to Joe Holland of Michigan in his first game. After that, things went Levi's way and he came through with a fine ringer per cent average of 59.8 for the day.

Other winners were Chris Hansen in Class B; Ken Reeb in Class C; Duaine Whitmer in Class D; Red Benton in Class E, and Walter House, a winter visitor from Indiana, in Class F. This was Walter's first time in tournament play and he came through in flying colors, winning 6 games and losing only 1.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
Levi Miller, Sarasota .....	6	1	59.8
Marv Richmond, Minn. ....	5	2	63.5
John Rademacher, Plant City ...	5	2	61.6
Dick Ferguson, Sarasota .....	4	3	59.6
Joe Holland, Mich. ....	4	3	57.7
Les Long, Sterling, Ill. ....	2	5	55.3
Joe Morgan, Scottsburg, Ind. ..	1	6	52.3
M. Gillespie, Indianapolis .....	1	6	45.6

### CLASS C

	W	L	%
Ken Reeb, Winter Haven .....	4	1	43.4
Marion Collins, Dunedin .....	3	2	45.3
William Wade, Lehigh Acres ...	3	2	44.8
Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven..	3	2	44.5
Henry Mullet, Sarasota .....	2	3	40.5
Ray Gillen, Sarasota .....	0	5	20.3

### CLASS E

	W	L	%
Red Benton, Plant City .....	6	1	34.3
Raymond Shade, Sarasota .....	6	1	30.6
Wilbert Blum, Beloit, Wisc. ....	4	3	39.4
Stan Bates, Sarasota .....	4	3	31.1
Earle Johnson, Bradenton .....	3	4	30.0
Ed Tausch, Bradenton .....	2	5	28.0
Les Peary, Bradenton .....	2	5	26.5
Bob Graham, Bradenton .....	1	6	32.3

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
Chris Hansen, Sarasota .....	6	1	48.4
Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville ...	5	2	52.6
Charlie Pitton, Clearwater .....	5	2	46.5
Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota ..	5	2	43.8
Sven Bowman, Green Bay, Wisc. 3	4	4	40.9
Ken Drury, Ontario, Canada ....	3	4	39.8
Schenck Brooks, Paris, Ill. ....	1	6	37.1
Paul Dumont, Mass. ....	0	7	32.4

### CLASS D

	W	L	%
Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven..	5	2	46.6
Henry Mullet, Sarasota .....	5	2	45.8
Dick Weigel, Clearwater .....	5	2	44.8
Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Beh..	4	3	45.3
M. Rodocker, Ohio .....	3	4	40.9
Frank Stites, Bradenton .....	2	5	42.2
Lee Davis, Seminole .....	2	5	39.1
Bill Packard, Venice .....	2	5	34.5

### CLASS F

	W	L	%
Walter House, Ind. ....	6	1	23.7
Milt Myhre, Bradenton .....	5	2	30.5
Ed Schuetz, Milwaukee, Wisc. ....	4	3	25.6
Norman Gaseau, Clearwater ....	3	4	26.8
Gary Pryer, Sarasota .....	3	4	25.7
Ivan Gilman, Milwaukee, Wisc. 3	4	2	22.2
Tobey Hockett, Sarasota .....	2	5	23.3
Ray Gillen, Sarasota .....	2	5	18.9

## Annual Hebron Open, June 20, 21, 22, Hebron, Ohio

The Ninth Annual Hebron Open Tournament will be held June 20, 21 and 22 in Hebron, Ohio and will be sponsored by the Licking County Horseshoe Club. All entrants must qualify at the courts on June 20, from 6 p. m. until midnight or on June 21 until noon. In the event that rain delays the qualifying rounds, last year's qualifying score will be used. There will be no refunds to entries unable to pitch at the scheduled time. NHPA card is required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Classes A and B will be eight men with three trophies, all other classes will be six men with two trophies. Also, a trophy will be given to the high qualifier. Any women or juniors interested in pitching, must send a 100 shoe qualifying score to Don Jones, Box 62, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030, before June 13. There are many motels and restaurants nearby. Jim Knisley is the defending champion.

## Ohio Central District, Hebron, Ohio — September 6-7

The Ohio Central District Tournament will be held on September 6th and 7th at the Hebron, Ohio courts. There will be "no qualifying" this year. All contestants must send a \$5.00 entry fee and your highest 1975 ringer percentage to Don Jones, Box 62, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030 or phone 323-0660 before midnight September 1, 1975. There will be no refunds and the Licking County Horseshoe Club reserves the right to place pitchers according to their previous performances. NHPA card required.

## COMING EVENTS

- April 11-13 — Seventh Annual Dogwood Festival Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.
- May 17-18 — Third Annual Steelmark Open, Steelmark courts, Mingo Junction, Ohio.
- 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.
- June 1 — First Annual Leavenworth Open tournament, Leavenworth, Kansas.
- June 8 — Fairbury Open tournament (1st), Fairbury, Nebraska. Contact Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St., Fairbury, Nebraska 68352.
- July 6 — Annual 4-State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 25 thru Aug. 3 — 1975 World Tournament, Lafayette, Indiana.
- Aug. 10 — Annual Buffalo Bill Open tournament, Leavenworth, Kansas.
- Aug. 16-17 — Annual New York State Tournament, Outwater Park courts, Lockport, New York.
- Aug. 16-17 — Annual Rapidan Open tournament, Rapidan, Minnesota.
- Aug. 23-24 — Annual Mingo Junction Open, Steelmark courts, Mingo Junction, Ohio.
- Aug. 23-24 — Annual Nebraska State Tournament, Falls City, Nebraska.
- Aug. 30-31 - Sept. 1 — Fifth Annual Maritime Moosehead Championships, Moncton Arena, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.
- Sept. 7 — Fairbury Open tournament (2nd) Fairbury, Nebraska. Contact Jacob Isaac, 1208 3rd St. Fairbury Nebraska 68352.
- Sept. 20-21 — Sixth Annual Statesville Autumn Open Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina.

### HERITAGE RECREATION SCHEDULE

Sutton, Massachusetts

- 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.

### 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.

- 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.

### 1974 - 75 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

- 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.

### INDIANA SCHEDULE

- 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:

- Mar. 22-23 ..... 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.

## Coming Events—Continued

### DAY-BELL, KENTUCKY INDOOR SCHEDULE

March 8 & 9, 1975, Harry Henn Memorial Open.  
April 19 & 20, Spring Tune Open.  
May 3 & 4, 1975, Special—to be announced.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

East Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers' Association announces the 1975 Tournament Schedule to be played on the Bristol Township Recreation courts located at Wood and Purdue Ave. Edgley, Bristol Township, Pennsylvania. Entry fee of \$8.00 and highest 1974 average should be mailed 7 days prior to tournament date. No entry fee for Junior boys or girls. Except for Pennsylvania Open and York County Open, make checks payable to East Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, Mail to: Al Moss, 1312 Lacey St., Treve, Penna. 19047. Tournament Director 215-355-1981.

June 22 — U.S. Eastern Open.  
July 12-13 — York County Open at Shiloh, Penna.  
July 20 — East Coast Open.  
Aug. 16-17 — Pennsylvania Open at New Cumberland, Penna.  
Aug. 23 — Bristol Township Open.

All tournaments to be played on Bristol Township Recreation courts except Pennsylvania Open Aug. 16-17 and York County Open July 12-13.

York County Open - contact Raymond Bechtel, 2210 Sycamore Road, York, Penna. 17404. Phone 717-766-4065.

Pennsylvania Open - contact Dan Beshore, R.F.D. 1, New Cumberland, Penna. 18070. Phone 717-938-2945.

### 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. Mar. 15 ..... Open Tournament  
Sat. May 10 ..... Open Tournament

Send all entries to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45643. 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,

### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE

June 7-8 — Spring Fling, New Castle.  
June 14-15 — Dormont Open, Dormont.  
June 21-22 — Eastern National, Erie.  
July 19-20 — Kinzua Country Classic, Warren.  
July 26-27 — Northwest Tournament, Erie.  
Aug. 9-10 — New Castle Open, New Castle.  
Aug. 16-17 — Three Rivers Open, Dormont.  
Aug. 23-24 — All County Tournament.  
Aug. 30-31 - Sept. 1 — State Tournament, Warren.  
Sept. 20-21 — Fall Round-up, New Castle.

The tournament directors are as follows: New Castle - Clair Bruce, 119 Glen-Moore Blvd., New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-654-9909. Dormont - Mike Reidl, 2631 Broadway Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216 Phone 341-0168. Warren - Sam Turner, 111 Penna Ave. W., Warren, Pa. 16365. Phone 814-723-9262. Ken Carlson, 15 Orchard St. Warren, Pa. 16365. Phone 814-723-1526. Erie - Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Road, Erie, Pa. 16510. Phone 814-899-9746.

Entry fee of \$8.00 and your highest 1974 percentage MUST accompany your entry, 10 days prior to tournament date. There will be no refund of your entry fee if you are unable to attend. All tournaments will be sanctioned so all participants MUST be a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association in good standing. Sec-Treas. Joseph J. Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave. New Castle, Pa. 16101. Phone 412-652-0258.

### NEVADA STATE SCHEDULE

Nevada State and Northern Nevada tournaments will be played at Stempel Park in Sparks, Nevada. Pre-entry fee of \$1.00 must be in one week prior to each tournament with proof of current percentage. Check in time is one half hour prior to pitching.

June 7 — Junior Boys and Girls, starting time 10:00 a.m. Pitching fee 50 cents.

June 8 — Group 1, 2, and 3, starting time 10:00 a.m. Women and Group 4 to pitch after first group is done. Men's pitching fee is \$4.00. Women's pitching fee is \$3.00.

Aug. 16-17 — A closed tournament, this is State's last one.

### Northern Nevada League tournaments

June 28 — Junior Boys and Girls, also women and Class D starting time 9:00 a.m.  
June 29 — Class C starting time 11:00 a.m. Class A and B starting time 11:00 a.m. Pitching fee for Men is \$5.00. Pitching fee for Women is \$4.00 and Juniors 50 cents.

July 26-27 — A closed tournament.  
Aug. 24 — Mixed doubles starting time 10:00 a.m. Pitching fee is \$5.00.

### Reno Indian Colony

Anderson Park, Reno, Nevada  
May 24 — Class D starting time 9:00 a.m. Class B starting time 1:00 p.m.  
June 14 — Women starting time 9:00 a.m. Class A starting time 1:00 p.m.  
July 19 — Junior Boys and Girls starting time 9:00 a.m. Class C starting time 1:00 p.m. Pitching fee for Men is \$5.00. Women is \$4.00 and Juniors is 50 cents. Contact Lance or Jessie Astor at 73 Reservation Road, Reno, Nevada 89502 or phone 786-0503.

## Coming Events—Continued

### TEXAS SCHEDULE

March 15-16 — Shamrock Open, Lakeside Courts, San Antonio, Texas.  
 April 19-20 — Grapeland Open, Grapeland, Texas.  
 May 17-18 — Matt Bower Open, Twin Peaks Courts, San Antonio, Texas.  
 June 14 — Arlington Open, Arlington, Texas.  
 July 12-13 — Irene Andreas Open, VFW Post No. 4815, San Antonio, Texas.  
 August 16-17 — Sipple Open, Twin Peaks Courts, San Antonio, Texas.

August 30-31 — Texas State Tournament, Arlington, Texas.  
 September 20-21 — Lakeside Open, Lakeside Courts, San Antonio, Texas.  
 October 11-12 — Tri-State Open, Denton, Texas.  
 November 8-9 — Harvest Open, VFW Post No. 4815, San Antonio, Texas.  
 Send all entries to Art Ullom, Box 577, Grapeland, Texas 75844. Phone: 687-2779.

## Steelmark Club Of Ohio Sets Tournament Dates

The Steelmark Horseshoe club of Mingo Junction, Ohio has announced the dates of their tournaments for this coming season.

The Third Annual Steelmark Open tournament will be held May 17 and 18 at its courts located at the Ohio Nut and Washer Co., Mingo Junction, Ohio. Trophies, prizes and big surprises. Send entry fee of \$6.00 and latest ringer percentage to: George I. Hall, 1423 Hill Avenue, Brilliant, Ohio 43913 or call 1-614-598-4809 after 9:00 p.m. for information.

Another big event at Steelmark will be the annual Mingo Junction Open, August 23 and 24 with big money — big prizes and big surprises. Players participating in the May tournament will have first chance to enter this one. Save by entering both at the same time for \$12.00. Entry fee for Mingo tournament alone is \$7.00 sent to George Hall at above address.

NHPA rules will prevail. Scorekeepers and court care will be paid.

Directions to the Steelmark club courts are as follows: Exit off of Route No. 7, at Commercial Avenue, turn left, then turn right at the Twin Arches to Ohio Nut and Washer Co., Mingo Junction, Ohio.

## Rademacher Wins Manatee County (Florida) Open

John Rademacher successfully defended his crown at the Manatee County Open held in Bradenton Florida on January 23, 24 and 25 as he posted a 7-0 record. Curt Over grabbed second place honors and Marv Richmond placed third. Other winners were Norwood Ramey in Class B; Chris Hansen in Class C; Lee Davis in Class D; Bob Graham in Class E, and Wilbert Blum in Class F.

Class C and D games were shortened to four games due to the sudden tragedy of the passing of Gerry Cole midway through the tournament.

### CLASS A

	W	L	%
John Rademacher, Plant City	7	0	66.3
Curt Over, Penna.	5	2	63.5
Marv Richmond, Minn.	5	2	53.3
Dick Ferguson, Sarasota	4	3	50.4
Bill Riley, Bradenton	3	4	50.8
B. Wilke, Berlin, Wisc.	2	5	45.4
Joe Holland, Mich.	1	6	48.3
Paul Drowne, Mass.	1	6	41.1

**CLASS C** — Chris Hansen, Sarasota 4-0-47.4; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater 3-1-45.6; Gerry Cole, New York 2-2-41.5; M. Rodocker, Ohio 2-2-37.7; Grover Anderson, Melburn 2-2-33.9; Frank Stines, Bradenton 1-3-43.1; Marion Collins, Dunedin 1-3-40.8; Opal Corbet, Orlando 1-3-35.0.

**CLASS E** — Bob Graham, Bradenton 3-2-30.0; Ed Tausch, Bradenton 3-2-29.3; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 2-3-28.7; Ed Schuetz, Milwaukee, Wisc. 2-3-28.5; Milt Myhre, Bradenton 2-3-28.4; Ivan Gilman, Milwaukee, Wisc. 1-4-19.4.

### CLASS B

	W	L	%
Norwood Ramey, Ohio	5	2	43.2
Ken Reeb, Winter Haven	5	2	42.9
George Buskey, Tarpon Spgs	5	2	41.4
Joe Morgan, Scottsburg, Ind.	4	3	42.6
Dick Weigel, Clearwater	3	4	37.7
Schenck Brooks, Paris, Ill.	2	5	38.0
Vilko Mack, Louisiana	2	5	33.5
Swen Bowman, Green Bay, Wisc.	2	5	33.5

**CLASS D** — Lee Davis, Seminole 3-1-38.9; Henry Mullet, Sarasota 3-1-37.8; Joe Hightower, Ill. 3-1-35.7; Ed Brakeman, St. Pete 3-1-35.0; Roy Gravnik, Bradenton 2-2-37.1; Russ Fuller, Seminole 1-3-33.4; Ed Schuller, Bradenton 1-3-31.3; Ronnie Ronemus, Bradenton 0-4-35.2.

**CLASS F** — Wilbert Blum, Beloit, Wisc. 5-0-34.6; Ray Gillen, Sarasota 3-2-22.5; Keltner, Florida 2-3-15.5; Paul Barrette, Norm Gaseau, Clearwater 3-2-21.7; Tom Keltner, Florida 2-3-15.5; Paul Barrette, Canada 1-4-14.8; Joe Castelletti, Florida 0-5-15.2.



## 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.

## Tips From The Top . . . . By Sol Berman

**JOHN RADEMACHER, Florida** — "Most pitchers are not careful enough on the backswing. If it is not right, the front swing will have to be forced, and ringers will be harder to come by."

"Keep your eyes on the target, and do not flatten the shoe prematurely, but try to drag the shoe through the swing."

**BILL HENN, Kentucky** — "Relax and pitch your game even if your opponent is pitching 80 or 90%. If you tighten up you will pitch short."

"Get your shoe up in the air. I'm most successful when my shoe is 10-12 feet high."

## Suggested 4-Point Publicity Plan

By Bernard Herfurth, Publicity

The following publicity program has been approved by President, Wally Shipley and the Executive Council. This is a suggested uniform 4-part publicity plan to be conducted by each state on a voluntary basis.

**PLAN 1** — Early in the season the State Publicity Director in charge of this plan shall send a tournament schedule to each State Daily Newspaper.

**PLAN 2** — Later after Plan 1 has been carried out, a short history of the game and the NHPA will be sent to each Newspaper. Suggest ways and means of contacting local clubs for information for those interested in learning more about the game of horseshoes. Suggest reserving a night a week offering to lend shoes and free pitching and instruction to men, women and youngsters who may be interested in pitching. Plan to stress the advantage to one's health through pitching horseshoes. Also the relatively low cost of getting involved with the game in comparison to other organized sports.

**PLAN 3** — Two weeks before the World Meet at Lafayette, send each Newspaper a detailed program of the 1975 World's Championship. Enough information can be obtained from write-ups in the "Digest" prior to the World Meet.

**PLAN 4** — At the present time there is a rage throughout the nation for having so-called "Tag Sales" or "Flea Markets". It is suggested that the ladies take an active part at certain chosen tournaments by conducting "sales". This could be the means of attracting some spectators who would not be apt to attend the meet. It would also give the ladies an added interest in the event. Any monies recognized could go to the local or state association's treasury. It has been tried at the New England Meet at Ed Domey's Heritage Recreation at Worcester, Massachusetts. Local newspaper publicity should be given.

Each state Publicity Agent is asked to promote this plan. If a state has no such agent, it is hoped that the state president would appoint one. If none were available perhaps the State Secretary would help in promoting the plan. This 4-point plan is not a directive to the States but a voluntary plan to supplement any publicity a state may have.

It is suggested that all write-ups to the Newspaper be sent to the "Editor", rather than the "Sportswriter" unless the Sportswriter has been known to be cooperative. The reasoning is that the "Editor" in charge of the paper has a broader viewpoint. A Sportswriter, usually not understanding the game, often re-writes the original and comes up with silly errors. Often a Sportswriter, being mostly interested in the major sports, doesn't consider horseshoe pitching a sport and throws the write-up in the waste basket or refuses it. I am not condemning the Sportswriter. If I were one, I'd probably do the same thing, knowing little about the game which does not receive very much publicity. It is suggested that all Newspaper write-ups be sent to the "Editor" on "State Association Stationery" if it is available.

The NHPA would greatly appreciate each State's cooperation. Please write to me advising if your State plans to participate. All participating States will receive recognition at the Annual Convention for their effort. A copy of this plan will be printed in the "Digest". Any further suggestions to supplement this plan would be appreciated. Send to: Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort St., Northampton, Mass. 01060.

I hope your State has a successful 1975 season, and I look forward to a letter of acceptance on this voluntary plan by your respective State. "Any plan is a good plan until proven otherwise." Let's give it a try.

## "Rib Ticklers"

"Beg pardon, sir," began the beggar stopping a suburbanite at the ferry, "can you spare a few cents to help me across the river?"

"Haven't you any money at all?" inquired the pedestrian.

"Not a cent," replied the beggar.

"Umph," grunted the pedestrian, "then what difference does it make which side of the river you're on?"

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Counsel to police witness — But if a man is in the middle of the road on his hands and knees, that doesn't necessarily prove that he was intoxicated."

Policeman — No sir, it doesn't, but this man was trying to roll up the white stripe!

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The cavalry recruit was instructed to bridle and saddle a horse. Ten minutes later the sergeant-major came along for his mount and found the recruit holding the bit close to the horse's head.

"What are you waiting for, he roared.

"Until he yawns," answered the recruit.

## Where To Get Your 1975 N.H.P.A. Membership Card

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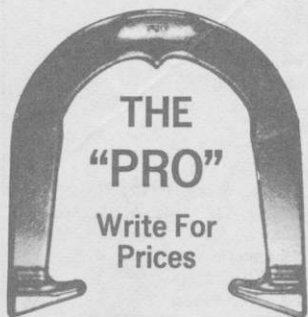
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