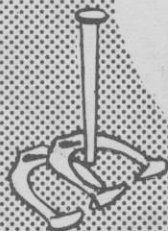


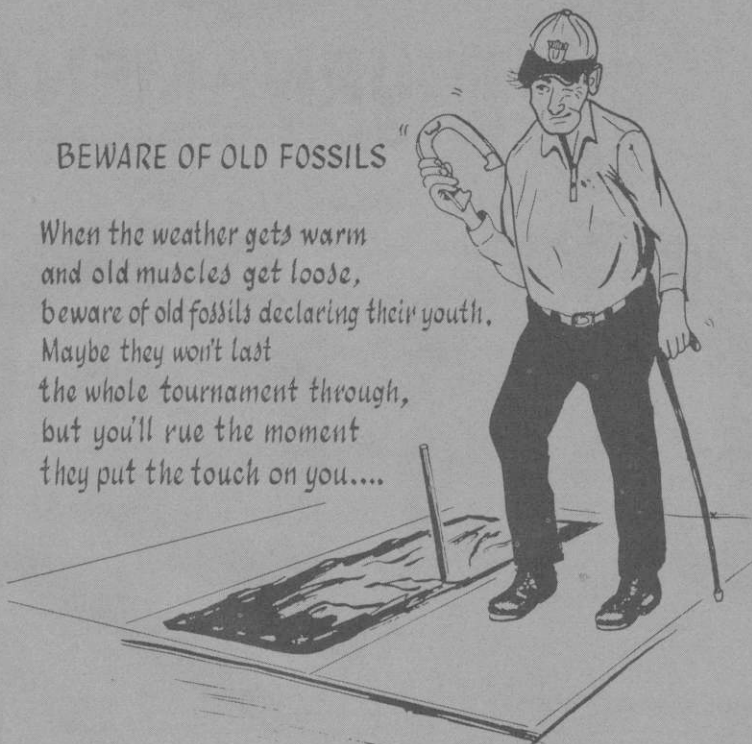
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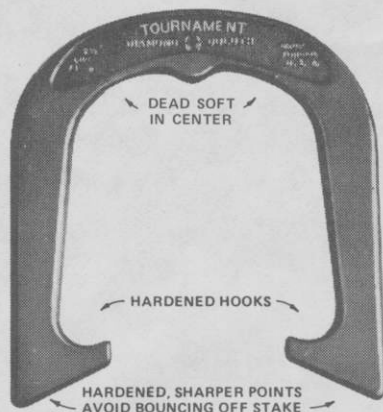
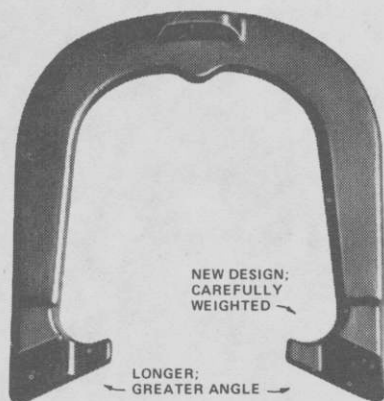
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NHPA President's Message

ATTENTION ALL DIGEST SUBSCRIBERS. It seems as though there is some misunderstanding of one of my statements in the December message. What I meant was for all Digest subscribers to order their subscriptions through their state secretaries, who in turn will forward the information and money to the NHPA secretary. We are trying to eliminate bookwork for the editor.

Thanks for all those nice Holiday cards. Your thoughts were deeply appreciated.

A Certificate of continued existence as of January 1, 1976 as an official charter in the NHPA was signed by the NHPA president and Secretary-Treasurer and sent to the state secretaries. We had several requests, stating the state no longer had a certificate showing them as a charter. Ray Williams designed a beautiful certificate, and had them printed with a gold seal.

Williams received a letter from a Gerald Young, (a navy man in Hawaii) who is interested in reactivating the Hawaii charter. He has forwarded copies of the correspondence to Wilbur Dall, Chariman of the Hawaii Open.

TWO DEFEATED MOTIONS BY THE 1975 CONVENTION WERE A DISAPPOINTMENT TO OUR PRESIDENT:

1. All players who average 80 per cent in a World Tournament should automatically qualify for the next year's World Tournament. I personally feel this was plain jealousy on the part of some delegates. Without any reservations I am sure this would be a great asset to horseshoes. Other sports recognize their champions and high percentage players. Why can't horseshoes?

2. Motion to set up a total membership mailing list. Why?

A. Only half of the NHPA membership subscribed to the Digest.

B. These people never receive any correspondence concerning the NHPA. In my opinion, communications with the membership is the most important thing in any successful organization.

C. How can they feel like they're a part of the NHPA? REMEMBER THEY PAY DUES LIKE YOU AND I.

Why shouldn't they be informed once or twice a year concerning the Financial Statement, World Tournament results, Convention Information, President's Comments and other pertinent information.

In my opinion, by doing the above, we would show many members that we do care, we want and need their membership, and we are interested in them feeling like they're a part of the NHPA. This to me, would be very beneficial. THINK ABOUT IT!

I will try and run both motions by you again in Levittown. I have the feeling since it was a long convention many of you did not understand the reasoning behind the two. So I would appreciate you giving both serious thought between now and convention time. Thank you.

Ray Greenlaw made my reservations for the 1976 World Tournament at the Holiday Inn of Bristol in Levittown. Thanks Ray.

Sincerely, Wally Shipley

1976 Bicentennial W.T. Patches Now Available

A supply of the 1976 Bicentennial W.T. patches are now available. They are red, white and blue and 4" in size. They may be secured by sending \$1.00 to Mr. Ray Greenlaw, P.O. Box 699, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19858.

Kilgore Stars In Neosho, Missouri Art Show

By Ramon Carver, Tourney Mgr.

State Champion Charles Kilgore of Plattsburg, Missouri, had little trouble in copping the "Top Spot", Horseshoe Division, annual Big Spring Art, Music Fall Festival held Saturday, October 25 in Neosho, Missouri as former State Champ Dave Baker failed to show up for the meet. Kilgore was in fine form as he demonstrated great dexterity in executing the one and three-quarter turn with consistency — at one point he had 16 consecutive ringers and started the last game with 2nd place winner Bud Hamilton of Miami, Okla., with 12 shoes encircling the stake. Bob Long of Carthage, Missouri, took third place in the Class A with some good pitching — one game 66%+ ringers. Bill Moritz of Lamar, Missouri, a major force in horseshoe promotion, moved unerringly to first place in the Class B competition as Kilgore did in Class A. A newcomer, Jake Edmonson of Springfield, Missouri, took second and Frank Baker of Wentworth, Missouri, grabbed third.

CLASS A

	W	L
Charles Kilgore, Plattsburg	5	0
Bud Hamilton, Miami, Okla.	4	1
Robert Long, Carthage	2	3
O. Ellerman, Eldorado Springs	2	3
Neil Snelson, Springfield	2	3
K. C. Winston, Cassville	0	5

CLASS B

	W	L
Bill Moritz, Lamar	5	0
Jake Edmonson, Springfield	4	1
Frank Baker, Wentworth	3	2
Bill O'Brien, Lamar	2	3
Dave Sparkman, Cassville	1	4
Lyle Tatman, Cassville	0	5

This highly successful tournament was made possible by the contributions of numerous organizations and individuals, some of which follow: Mrs. Lila Everhard, Festival Chairman, the Neosho Banks, the First National Bank of Pierce City, John Elkins — six-time Missouri state horseshoe champion, K. C. Winston — Horseshoe Prime-Mover of Cassville — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moritz of Lamar and, of course, the participants who traveled some 1800 miles to and from Neosho. As this horseshoe tournament was scheduled late in the season and there was little time to order trophies, it was decided to skip the trophies (which require storage room and dusting) and in lieu of present new bicentennial silver dollars, which seemed to go over with a bang! We gave away 80 of them to players and scorekeepers, also we gave one to Claude Long as a spectator — Claude has been out of the lineup due to injuries, but plans to be back in the grove in 1976.

Engle New Castle Fall Ringer Roundup Winner

Buck Engle added one more to his long list of playoff victories in the 1975 New Castle, Pa. Fall Ringer Roundup to claim top prize money on September 21. The usually easygoing Pennsylvania State Champ becomes ferocious when he smells a title and almost always proceeds to win it.

CLASS A — Buck Engle, Pa. 7-1-76.8; Clair Bruce, Pa. 6-2-73.4; A. Copeland, Ohio 4-3-70.8; Clyde Martz, Pa. 3-4-68.6; Rich Maroni, Pa. 3-4-67.5; Jim Solomon, Pa. 3-4-64.4; John Ruskin, Pa. 2-5-64.9; Jack Rainbow, Pa. 1-6-65.6.

CLASS B — Joe Kuchcinski, Pa. 7-1-66.6; Herb Pinch, Pa. 6-2-67.0; Vince Sedlacek, Pa. 5-2-65.7; Malvin Burkett, Pa. 4-3-65.5; Pete Vlachos, Pa. 4-3-63.9; Dwight Daniels, Ohio 1-6-59.2; Ed Blum, Pa. 1-5-54.2; Don Kuchcinski, Pa. 0-6-50.0.

CLASS C — Bob McInight, Pa. 6-1-64.6; Lou Edmiston, Pa. 5-2-56.8; Russ Welton, Pa. 5-2-53.8; Ed Blum, Pa. 4-3-54.3; Ed Sell, Pa. 3-4-50.5; Dave Maxwell, Pa. 3-4-47.5; Don Carle, Pa. 2-5-46.0; Clyde Falk, Pa. 0-7-37.4.

CLASS D — Pat Bonvenuto, Ohio 6-1-55.4; Herm Boyer, Pa. 5-2-52.2; Robert Strattiff, Pa. 5-2-50.7; Tom Wilkins, Pa. 3-4-46.8; Carl Elder,

CLASS D — (Continued)

Pa. 3-4-46.5; Sam Turner, Pa. 3-4-44.5; Jack Healy, Pa. 2-5-39.8; Harry Marrison, Ohio 1-6-41.7.

CLASS E — Alex Sakal, Pa. 6-2-50.0; Ray Slocum, Ohio 5-3-50.7; Adrian Maurer, Ohio 4-3-51.7; Joe Geci, Pa. 4-3-48.0; Harold Tuttle, Ohio 4-3-45.9; Ken Smith, Ohio 4-3-45.8; Dale Welton, Pa. 1-6-47.4; Tom Wilkins, Pa. 1-6-44.7.

CLASS F and CLASS G - RAINED OUT

CLASS H — Vern Moyer, Ohio 8-1-38.2; Mike Churley, Pa. 7-2-37.6; Al Stoddard, Pa. 7-2-30.4; Bill Geci, Pa. 6-3-38.0; B. Warner, Pa. 6-3-36.9; John Wilson, Pa. 4-5-30.2; Pete Grant, Pa. 3-6-38.0; Elmer Collins, Pa. 2-7-27.8; Scot Davidson, Pa. 2-7-20.7; Harvey Hayes, Pa. 0-9-22.7.

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FERNANDO ISAIS OPEN

	W	L	%
John Walker, Chula Vista	9	0	80.7
Jerry Schneider, Anaheim	8	1	70.3
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	7	2	65.0
Bill Cessna, Midway City	5	4	51.4
Harold Slagg, Ontario	5	4	50.9
Ward Berg, Pasadena	4	5	45.7
Eston Brown, Anaheim	3	6	49.6
Hank Drogemuller, Van Nuys	2	7	42.1
Harry Morse, Beaumont	2	7	40.7
Charles Scott, San Berdu	0	9	41.9

ORANGE C OPEN

	W	L	%
Art Amador, Los Alamitos	7	2	50.9
Stan Dobson, La Mesa	6	3	50.0
Louis Mahlstedt, Los Angeles	5	3	46.7
Jack Schoonover, Garden Grove	4	3	48.0
Harold Slagg, Ontario	3	2	43.1
Harry Morse, Beaumont	3	2	42.1
Archie McCallum, Riverside	2	3	43.8
Larry Ford, San Diego	2	3	40.5
Jerry Lambert, San Berdu	2	3	40.0
Ray Wood, Santa Ana	2	3	38.2
Bob O'Neill, Yucaipa	1	4	31.1
Gerry Kloefer, Yucaipa	0	5	38.8

CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES - CLASS A

	W	L
Robert Hudson - Roger Zeller	9	4
Bill Cessna - Al Barnes	8	5
Fred Percy - Bill Van Sant	8	5
Arnie Mortenson - Archie McCallum	7	6
John Walker - Earl Hogan	6	5
Eston Brown - Amos Hadson	6	5
Jerry Schneider - Ken Ratley	5	6
Earl Johnson - Harold Slagg	5	6
Newell Flann - Earl Kerr	5	6
Jack Schoonover - Art Amador	5	6
Ned Shaver - Wally Shipley	4	7
Ernie Knorp - Sal Ybarra	2	9

CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES - CLASS B

	W	L
Jim Douglas - Kermit Pardue	9	0
Ken Vickery - Gerry Kloefer	7	2
Harry Morse - Virgil Dickey	6	3
George Easterling - Paul Aurand	6	3
O'Conner - Bob O'Neill	6	3
Don Shubert - Ross Faulkner	3	6
Charles Tucker - Ralph Alvine	4	5
Hank Drogemuller - Spenser Birt	2	7
Thomas Buck - Aaron Hoggatt	2	7

BALDWIN PARK B OPEN

	W	L	%
Newell Flann, Westminster	7	0	56.6
Bill Cessna, Midway City	6	1	54.7
Robert Hudson, San Diego	6	1	59.0
Eston Brown, Anaheim	5	2	54.9
Stan Dobson, La Mesa	4	2	49.4
Jack Schoonover, Garden Grove	4	2	49.4
Gerry Kloefer, Yucaipa	2	4	42.4

	W	L	%
Art Amador, Los Alamitos	2	4	41.0
Harold Slagg, Ontario	2	4	37.4
Joe Holder, Yucaipa	2	4	36.4
Louis Mahlstedt, Los Angeles	1	5	45.6
Ward Berg, Pasadena	1	5	40.0
Thomas Buck, Sun City	1	5	39.6
Hank Drogemuller, Van Nuys	1	5	35.9

Oregon State Champions Retain Titles

Bob West and Fran Cooper retain their state championship titles. Sandy Bartel wins the junior class championship at the Oregon State Championship tournament held at Clackamette park in Oregon City.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Bob West, Scappose	11	0	78.1
Cletus Chapelle, Portland	9	2	70.2
Howard Peterson, Portland	8	3	66.9
Vic Joyner, Philomath	7	4	68.4
Ridge Leggett, Roseburg	6	5	69.2
Lowell Davis, Creswell	6	5	68.8

	W	L	%
Barry Chapelle, Portland	6	5	62.5
Pete Zumaran, Portland	5	6	62.3
Lauren Hill, Troutdale	4	7	64.9
Les Phillips, Dallas	2	9	58.5
Ron Miller, Woodburn	1	10	57.5
Bob Hildebrandt, Hillsboro	1	10	55.7

Oregon State — (Continued)

CLASS B — Chuck Ricketts, Roseburg 8-1-56.9; Dysart Brooks, Redmond 8-2-54.9; Chuck Ball, Portland 7-2-54.8; Chuck Wendling, Scio 4-4-47.5; Bernard Martell, Portland 3-5-47.4; Ray Hobson, Amity 3-5-46.6; Pete Ediger, Dallas 3-5-39.8; Ken Leatherman, Portland 2-6-43.9; Howard McDonald, Elgin 0-8-37.1.

CLASS C — Pete Dunay, Hillsboro 7-0-46.8; Cliff Parr, Portland 6-1-38.5; Fritz Dummer, Portland 4-3-47.3; Len Christensen, Harrisburg 4-3-38.4; Vern Wanless, McMinnville 3-4-38.7; Elmer Ottes, Oregon City 2-5-38.4; Bob Showers, Salem 2-5-32.1; Wilbur Haskins, Merril 0-7-33.1.

CLASS D — Jim Jones, LaGrande 6-1-42.5; Russ Ball, Portland 5-2-39.4; Willard Hufchmid, Portland 4-3-37.6; Frank Rebman, Hermiston 4-3-36.0; Ted Miller, Forest Grove 3-4-41.7; Mark Cooper, Hillsboro 3-4-36.2; Wayne Jones, LaGrande 2-5-37.3; Rick Rebman, Hermiston 1-6-32.8.

CLASS E — Gene Mitchell, Hermiston 5-0-42.1; Frank Furrer, Hermiston 4-1-38.4; Ed Taylor, La Grande 3-2-33.5; Art Bionda, Portland 2-3-35.0; Oris Wilcox, Hermiston 1-4-33.3; Henry McGrew, Albany 0-5-34.6.

CLASS F — Gerald Russell, Vernonia 4-1-29.4; Orval Sears, Portland 3-2-35.3; Herb McElvain, La Grande 3-2-33.7; John Franich, Milwaukie 3-2-32.6; Derrill Sarff, Dallas 1-4-25.9; Joe Cameron, Portland 1-4-24.5.

CLASS G — Ted Zwickl, Corvallis 5-0-36.9; John Shoberg, Powers 4-1-31.5; Bill Dolan, Gladstone 3-2-24.7; Don Kelly, La Grande 2-3-20.8; Carl Shoberg, Lebanon 1-4-18.2; George Schuster, Hermiston 0-5-23.4; Freeman Williams, Roseburg forfeit.

WOMEN — Fran Cooper, Hermiston 5-1-48.3; Phyllis Joyner, Philomath 5-2-46.3; Bonnie Schuster, Hermiston 4-2-40.1; Francis Phillips, Dallas 2-3-43.8; Sigrid Jones, La Grande 1-4-22.1; Ida McElvain, La Grande 0-5-5.7.

JUNIORS - CLASS A — Sandy Bartel, Oregon City 6-1-58.6; George Schuster, Hermiston 5-2-47.4; Steve Mitchell, Hermiston 2-4-41.5; Joe Franich, Milwaukie 0-6-20.4.

JUNIORS - CLASS B — Mike Schuster, Hermiston 5-1-16.5; Brad Haskins, Merrill 4-2-12.6; Don Rebman, Hermiston 2-3-11.1; Scott Rebman, Hermiston 0-5-4.0.

1976 Valley of the Sun Open-Mesa, Arizona

The 19th Annual Valley of the Sun Open horseshoe tournament will be held at Rendezvous Park in Mesa, Az. on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, 1976. The lower percentage pitchers will compete on Friday, February 13. John Walker of Chulla Vista, California is the defending champion.

The entry fee of \$5.00 and a verified 1975 ringer percentage must be received no later than February 7 by Walt Stearns, 332 W. 9th Street, Mesa, Az. 85201. Telephone 602-964-6887.

Annual "Snowball Open" Greenville, Ohio, Feb. 7 and 8

The eleventh annual indoor "Snowball Open" Tournament, sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club, will be held on successive weekends starting February 7 and 8, 1976.

Courts will be open Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 1976 for qualifying. Those pitchers unable to qualify on these dates may mail in your ringer percentage. All entries must be received by February 1. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to place pitchers in classes as deemed appropriate.

This will be a sanctioned "trophy" tournament. A trophy will be presented for first and second place finish in each class. No substitutions will be allowed. Entrants unable to pitch when scheduled will forfeit their entry. All contestants will be notified by mail when they are scheduled to pitch.

The two top classes of six men each will pitch Sunday, February 15.

Entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany entry with check made payable to the "Drake County Horseshoe Club" and mailed to Harold Anthony, Route 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304.

There will be a Ladies Tournament on February 22, 1976. Entry fee of \$5.00 for the Ladies Tournament is to be mailed to Harold Anthony by February 1, 1976.

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

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Change for Progress Committee

By Sol Berman

Reply From International Track Association

October 20, 1975

Dear Dr. Berman:

Thank you for your letter describing the NHPA and some of the ingredients of your sport.

I agree with you that horseshoes is a sport that everyone knows about, can understand and in most cases, has played. Like tennis and golf, the participation numbers would indicate that footwear producers would have to pay attention if the sport were properly presented to the sports fans in person, and more particularly via television. In order to do this, you have to do what has been accomplished with the International Track Association, i.e. put forth the proper promotion effort, combine World Champion horseshoe athletes with superstars from the sports and motion pictures and television world, and then secure the "mother's milk" of any professional sport, television, so that you have the chemistry to attack the fan in his own living room. This, in turn, leads to securing the sponsors for your competitions, which, in turn, raises the prize money and enables you to enjoy the royalties that sales of the above mentioned clothing would achieve.

Our organization might be in a position to help you with all of these things and even promote the sport by attempting to get an event included in the Superstar competition held annually, and implementation of some of the vital areas mentioned above. The first step, however, would be for you to get with one of our New York representatives, Joe Goldstein (1270 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 1903, New York, 212 - 265-0860) to further determine what your organization is like right now and how it can be built up to truly be a vital national association. Joe can help you with the building of such an association from whatever point it currently enjoys, and then you can pursue the long-range goals that you have stated to be those of the NHPA.

If you are able to take that action immediately, it would assist us in our evaluation of whether we can be of help to you, since I plan to be very briefly in New York and will be checking with Joe at that time as to whether you have had a chance to pursue the subject.

Thank you very much for your interest and affirmative comments about our achievements in the sports world. I wish you great success with your association.

Cordially,

MICHAEL F. O'HARA, President

Prichard Play-Off Winner In Fairbury, Nebraska Open

In the Annual Fairbury Open held in Fairbury, Nebraska, Dean Prichard, Irvin Long and Jim Hoyt ended up in a 3-way tie for Class A honors. Each man pitched 50 shoes for points. Prichard had 117 points, Long 109 points and Hoyt 84 points. Tournament was conducted by Jacob Isaac.

CLASS A — Dean Prichard 6-1-68.0; Irvin Long 6-1-58.0; Jim Hoyt 6-1-62.0; L. E. Heist 3-4-47.0; Walt Elgert 3-4-42.0; Lorenz Wallenburg 3-4-41.0; C. West 3-4-47.0; Laverne Long 1-6-39.0.

CLASS B — Ron Scott 5-2-44.0; Marvin Johnson 4-3-42.0; Earl Anderson 4-3-41.0; Leo Elgert 4-3-37.0; Milo Houser 4-3-36.0; Dick Slipicka 3-4-35.0; Mel Sherbert 4-3-33.0; Ray Fern 0-7-28.0.

CLASS H — Cud Mundie 5-0-48.0; Ed Stienle 4-1-35.0; Fay Kapke 3-2-29.0; Ralph Rhoads 2-3-32.0; Earl Barker 1-4-24.0; John Harris 0-5-18.0.

CLASS I — Rick Shelburne 5-0-42.0; Al Younger 4-1-27.0; Norman Johnson 3-3-25.0; Tom Burr 2-3-29.0; Herb Schroder 1-4-17.0; Terry Scott 0-5-16.0.

CLASS J — Marshale Halvorsen 3-0-25.0; James Phyllis 1-2-17.0; Vincent Ehlers 1-2-17.0; Jim Clancy 1-2-17.0.

LADIES - CLASS A — Janice Heist 4-0-32.0; Sonya Phyllis 2-2-18.0; Delores Wallenburg 2-2-12.0; Linda Wallenburg 1-3-11.0; Denise Wallenburg 1-3-9.0.

1976 World Tournament Lodging Information

Players and their families attending the 1976 World Tournament and Bicentennial Celebration are urged to make their motel reservation as soon as possible.

There are three motels within one mile of the courts and we have reserved 165 rooms for the week of the Tournament, so please mention you are attending the World Horseshoe Tournament.

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There are several other motels located at Exit #28 Pa. Turnpike and Rt. #1 which is about 7 miles from the courts.

Facilities for camping and trailers have not been finalized at this time but will be announced later in the digest. May we request all those who need a camping site to write and let us know so we can prepare an area large enough to accommodate all who are camping.

Also bus tours, historical and places of interest are being planned as well as a Bicentennial show and celebration to be held July 30th and 31st at a local stadium, and will include a Phila. String Band of Mummings Day Parade fame. Horseshoes and Jukskei demonstrations, fire fighting and more. Please let us know if you're planning to attend.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Association	Reprt'd to Date	Association	Reprt'd to Date	Association	Reprt'd to Date
Alabama	10	Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	43
Alaska	28	Maine	70	Oregon	142
Arizona	56	Maryland	51	Pennsylvania, Eastern	35
Arkansas	2	Massachusetts	133	Pennsylvania, Western	104
Northern California	346	Michigan	141	Rhode Island	3
Southern California	108	Minnesota	79	South Carolina	30
Colorado	69	Missouri	132	South Dakota	No Report
Connecticut	34	Montana, Eastern	106	Tennessee	34
Delaware	9	Montana Western	64	Texas	72
Florida	46	Nebraska	109	Utah	42
Georgia	14	Nevada	43	Vermont	27
Hawaii	No Report	New Hampshire	75	Virginia	138
Idaho	No Report	New Jersey	69	Washington	245
Illinois	128	New Mexico	35	West Virginia	25
Indiana	347	New York	213	Wisconsin	116
Iowa	92	North Carolina	25	Wyoming	52
Kansas	146	North Dakota	8	Canada	19
Kentucky	67	Ohio	333		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 1975				4,317	

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By Hugh Wagner of Colorado

(See drawing on front cover)

I thought perhaps the readers of the Digest would enjoy the tribute and humor directed to the grand old man in our sport. Ben Fields of Colorado Springs was prompted to do the fine graphics after I showed him my poem. Your October issue gave results of the 1975 Western Nebraska Open. It was in this tournament that I met one of the toughest competitors in horseshoes. Mr. Lee Laughlin of Cheyenne, Wyoming has been throwing horseshoes for longer than most people can remember. When our game started the scorekeeper asked him how to spell his name and he advised it was laugh with a lin on the end. He then advised me that his name was the only laughter when it came to horseshoes. The weather was 95 degrees with high humidity and everyone complained of being completely drained at the end of the tournament. When our game was half over everyone else was finished and I kept thinking Mr. Laughlin would get tired sooner or later. I finally doubled out on him after 92 shoes and told him that I would not want to play him if he was a day younger. I checked the records and saw he threw 60% ringers for the game. I told Paul LaCrosse, the eventual winner of the tournament, to watch out for that tough elderly gentleman he had to face the second game later. Paul thought I was pulling his leg until he came face to face with Mr. Laughlin. After 94 shoes Paul felt lucky to squeak out and when I looked at the records I saw that this man Laughlin was getting tougher with a 63% game against Paul LaCrosse.

When we met again two weeks later in Ault, Colorado, Laughlin got his revenge and doubled out on me after 92 shoes. After the game I told him "you really are a tough old boy" and he just gave me one of the biggest self-satisfied grins I have ever seen. He defeated most of the top players in that tournament including Bill Thomas, our last year's State Champion. After he put the final touches to Bill he told him that he had warned Bill several years ago that he was going to get him one day and he wanted Bill to be aware that Mr. Laughlin was indeed a man of his word. All of you young and middle aged players should know that "Beware of Old Fossils" is no "Laughlin" matter.

Grant Powers Wins Nation's Capitol Annual Open

Under the shadow of Washington's Monument, Grant Powers dominated all challengers in 1975 for the championship crown with his "Power Pitching Precision". His victory was a fitting follow-up from his recent successful sweep in this area for the Maryland State title.

Sharing the victor's pedestal with Powers for other Capitol titles were: Wayne Willey, Paul Newman, Frank Vranish and Jim McKenzie who won classes B, C, D and E respectively.

In many instances, these honors were not easy "shoe-ins", as they had to be won the hard way via hotly contested play-offs resulting from many tying situations.

Another highlight consisted of electing senior player John Burnham as the Nation's Capitol Player of the Year for his many contributions for boosting horseshoes in this area. And for a conclusive boosting gesture, the entry fees were donated to the NHPA Booster Fund.

CLASS A — G. Powers, Md. 5-0; S. Berry, Md. 4-1; C. Puffenbarger, Md. 3-2; K. Stormer, Md. 2-3; R. Thielke, Md. 2-3; B. Lawson, Md. 0-5.

CLASS B — W. Willey, Md. 5-0; J. Baugher, Pa. 4-1; D. Marsh, Md. 3-2; L. Green, DC 3-2; E. Clobus, Va. 3-2; B. Legeer, Jr. Md. 0-5.

CLASS C — P. Newman, Md. 5-0; P. Arseneau, Md. 4-1; P. Sturgis, Md. 3-2; W. Parkinson, Md. 2-3; G. Swaika, Md. 1-4; J. Miller, Md. 0-5.

CLASS D — F. Vranish, Md. 6-0; M. Penewell, Md. 4-2; B. Copeland, Md. 3-3; O. McAteer, Md. 3-3; B. Legeer, Jr. Md. 2-4; B. Bunn, Md. 2-4; C. Sample, Md. 1-5.

CLASS E — J. McKenzie, Md. 7-0; E. Wheatley, Md. 5-2; D. Pasker, Sr. Md. 5-2; S. Manuel, Md. 4-3; J. Bushman, Md. 3-4; E. Corrigan, Md. 2-5; K. Poole, Md. 2-5; D. Pasker, Jr. Md. 0-7.

1976 Bicentennial World Tournament Notes

By Ray Greenlaw

Progress report on the 1976 Bicentennial World Tournament. We are in the process of building 12 more courts in the area for a total of 36 so that everyone who qualifies will have a chance to play in some class.

The Bicentennial Show will be held the evenings of Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st, featuring the Harrigate String Band which won first place in the Mummer's parade in Philadelphia January 4, and a variety show. Horseshoe demonstrations by Elmer Hohl, Curt Day, Glenn Henton, Al Zadroga and Ralph Maddox, plus a Jukskei match between South Africa and the U.S. will be played. There will be something for the whole family. Plan to attend.

Everyone planning to participate in the tournament is reminded to have their names embroidered on the back of their shirts, as this was voted on last year. This will also help the radio and television people to identify all players.

Daily drawings during the tournament will be held from the list of "Friends of Horseshoes" which will be posted at the courts. Your presence is not required to win.

Motels located about one mile from the courts are being filled quickly, so we urge you to make reservations early. Holiday Inn, Rt. 13 & Pa. Tnpk., Levittown, Pa. 19057 — 1-800-243-2350 - Toll Free Number. Del Val Motel, Rt. 13 & Beaver Dam Rd., Bristol, Pa. 19007 — 1-215-788-9272.

Other motels about 7 miles from the courts are: Phila. Hilton Inn Northeast, 300 Rooms, 2400 Old Lincoln Hwy (Rt. No. 1), Trevoise, Pa. 19047, Toll Free Number 1-800-222-9280. George Washington Motor Lodge, Rt. No. 1 & Exit 28 Pa. Tnpk. Trevoise, Pa. 19047 1-215-357-9100. American Motel, US No. 1. South of Exit 28, Pa. Tnpk. Trevoise, Pa. 19047, 1-215-639-4900. Holiday Inn, Northeast Philadelphia, 3499 Street Rd., Cornwells Heights, Pa. 19020 — Toll Free Number 1-800-243-2350.

Please drop me a line if you have any questions and I will help you any way I can.

Monday Tops In Virginia Apple Capital Open

DELAYED REPORT

The annual Apple Capital Open tournament was held on the Raymond Frye Memorial courts in Winchester, Virginia. Cecil Monday was the winner of Class A. J. Blunt took top honors in the Ladies Division with a ringer percentage of 45.7 for the 7 game round robin.

CLASS A — C. Monday, Va. 6-1-75.3; H. Clippinger, Pa. 5-2-64.2; F. Monday, Va. 5-2-61.4; S. Unger, W. Va. 4-3-64.1; A. Perry, W. Va. 2-5-60.3; J. Walker, Va. 2-5-57.0; F. Hix, Jr. Va. 2-5-55.0; J. Bullion, Va. 2-5-52.6.

CLASS B — C. Price, Va. 7-0-64.4; R. Walker, Va. 6-1-60.1; F. Lutter, Pa. 5-2-61.9; B. Dean, Va. 4-3-58.3; A. Perry, Va. 3-4-44.7; O. Butts, Va. 2-5-45.3; C. Painter, Va. 1-6-47.0; C. Clark, Va. 0-7-40.8.

CLASS C — J. Fulton, Pa. 5-2-48.4; G. Eppl, Pa. 5-2-47.3; D. Unger, W. Va. 5-2-47.0; E. McDaniel, Va. 5-2-43.6; M. Clippinger, Pa. 4-3-43.9; D. Swain, W. Va. 2-5-38.0; D. Routon, Va. 2-5-37.3; R. Dean, Va. 1-6-37.1.

CLASS D — C. P. Monday, Va. 6-1-51.0; E. Orndorff, Va. 6-1-41.4; R. Wiseman, W. Va. 5-2-39.4; G. Philps, Va. 4-3-34.0; P. Law, Va. 3-4-30.3; J. Grim, Va. 2-5-37.0; E. Mathias, Va. 2-5-30.1; L. Snapp, Va. forfeit.

CLASS E — R. Ruff, Pa. 5-0-41.6; M. Young, Va. 4-1-40.6; C. Philps, Va. 3-2-30.3; W. Burger, W. Va. 2-3-27.9; L. Willey, Va. 1-4-26.9; T. Whetzel, Va. 0-5-16.5.

CLASS F — D. Isaacs, N. C. 4-1-38.4; M. Wills, Va. 4-1-37.4; E. Rossen, W. Va. 3-2-35.4; L. Bullion, Va. 2-3-34.7; T. Inge, Va. 1-4-29.1; R. Shifflett, Va. 1-4-25.4.

CLASS G — W. Gaither, W. Va. 4-1-25.0; B. Cole, W. Va. 4-1-20.8; L. Haines, Va. 3-2-20.1; E. Vaughan, Va. 3-2-18.8; K. Monday, Va. 1-4-3.3; J. Spurre, Va. forfeit.

LADIES - CLASS A — J. Blunt, Va. 6-1-45.7; J. Philps, Va. 6-1-39.5; N. Levi, Va. 5-2-45.2; N. Hottinger, Va. 4-3-40.4; L. Hottinger, Va. 3-4-31.0; P. Philps, Va. 3-4-20.5; B. Inge, Va. 2-5-20.3; R. Haines, Va. forfeit.

Rhoades Dethrones Walrod For Oklahoma State Crown

(Delayed report due to illness.)

The Oklahoma State Tournament was held at Yukon, Oklahoma with the Mayor of Yukon throwing out the first shoe. The day was beautiful and all the classes completed with the Class A just finishing as dusk set in.

The Class A found Buford Rhoades, Yukon, dethroning Don Walrod of Yukon for the championship. Buford Rhoades, 1st place, Bill Murihied of Mounds, Okla. taking second place, and Walrod coming in third.

While Class B wound up in a playoff between Bill Estes of Cherokee, and Charley Bailey of Enid, with Estes on top and Bailey taking second and Louis Snively of Noble coming in third.

Class C found Bill Sharpe of Oklahoma City, grabbing 1st place, and Ralph Brouchoud of Guthrie, coming in second. With third place going to Charles Henderson of Kingfisher.

Class D. The young Ronnie Clement of Noble taking first place perch, with second place falling to Homer Cain of Marland and Larry Fordyce of Guthrie coming in third.

Ganet Walrod, Yukon retained her title in the women's division, with Pat Gaston of Noble, second place, and Glinda Feller of Yukon third place.

Juniors: First Year for the Juniors: With the Juniors from the Noble Ringers Club sweeping all three top berths. Billy Hamond 1st Place, Glen Clement 2nd place, and Rickey Brannon third place.

Our thanks to the City of Yukon for the Yukon horseshoe club, the hard work and effort made it possible to have an excellent tournament, and for the cooperation of all that attended.

Noble, Oklahoma, and the Noble Ringers Club, will be the host for the tournament next year, 1976.

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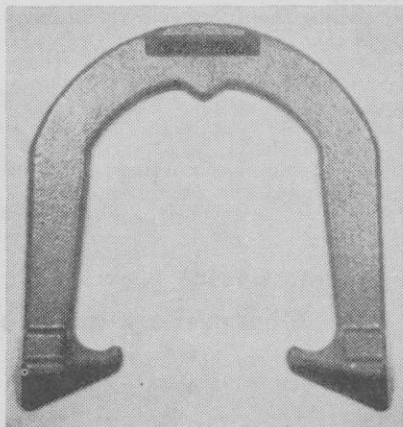
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Bill Kolb of Belleville, New Jersey

by Bob Sutton

It all started for Bill on the playgrounds of East Orange shortly before W.W. II. From the beginning Bill threw the 1 ¼ turn and 1941 to 1966 he threw it well enough to win the New Jersey state title twelve times!



His pitching years have had many high points. For example, in the Eastern U.S. Open of 1940 Bill tied for first place with another Jersey champion, Larry Mahoney. Bill won the playoff 51-47 throwing 82% to Mahoney's 81%. In 1946, he finished 17th in the World Tournament at Des Moines, Iowa. And at Murray, Utah in 1947 Bill finished 26th. He remembers defeating Stan DeLeary who Bill says was "a very tough player."

Since 1966 the ringers have become a little more difficult to make so in 1968 he switched to the 1 ¼ and won the National A.A.U. Doubles Title with another great competitor, Jack Giddes, as his partner. Bill is back working at the 1 ¼ again and as always gives his all in every game.

Now 62, Bill makes his living as a painter and is looking forward to having a little more time for practice as he eases into retirement.

With a little luck, he hopes to put it all back together. Recently, in the Joe Zichella Open, he reached back and came up with a 74% game — good enough to give Don Weik of Connecticut an important loss which knocked Don out of contention, so he's not that far away and is ever dangerous.

Fortunately for our region, Bill's lovely daughter, Diane, usually comes to the tournaments and keeps score. This, of course, is a great help. As the photo shows, Diane occasionally throws a shoe herself. When she gets a little older who knows — maybe there will be another Kolb pitching at the World Tournament!

Regarding the future of the game, Bill prefers the 50 point game. Also, he feels that shoes within six inches should continue to count. Although he is not crazy about 50 shoe games — he recognizes that they help speed up a tournament. When the 50 shoe system is used, he prefers the 1 point option so that the trailing player always has a chance to catch up. He hopes that the expansion to 48 players in next year's World Tourney will work out well, but feels that 36 players was large enough.

Always a tough competitor, and forever optimistic, Bill is looking forward to Levittown. If you are fortunate enough to play him, you will find out as a fellow said to me recently, "That man is a player!"

Berman Wins New Jersey Singles Championship Cherry-Berman Duo Captures Doubles

In a tournament held in the late fall "Doc" Berman came out as the Class A singles champion followed by Al Cherry, Tom Skinner, Nick Lysy, Walter Pruiksmas, Phil Zozzaro, Bill Kolb, Bill Herrmann, Jim Reed and Ron Vogel. In Class B it was Claude White, Al Ward and Ed Seavers. Class C finishers were Ed Brault, Lou Zozzaro and John Dykstra. In the Juniors Division Alan Apgar was first and Vincent Jaggar second.

A doubles tournament was conducted about a month later and in the Class A bracket Al Cherry and Sol Berman were tops with Herrmann and Zozzaro, second followed by White and Bailiff in third place. Al Ward and Harry Schmidt were first in Class B, while Simile and Koehone ran second. Christensen and Al Apgar took third.

Regional Awards To Be Given In Southeastern States

By Willie Stephens, Director

The Regional Director for South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, Willie Stephens, will be giving a Regional Award for the most improved player and most tournaments won in 1975 for his region.

This will make the players of each state play harder and will compete against each other for this Award. We are also working with North and South Carolina to get a team started and to compete against each other. We would like to get Virginia and West Virginia to compete also.

The Regional Award for South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia will go to the following players.

Most Tournaments Won in 1975

Men — A. J. Nave, Greenville, South Carolina	7
Ladies — JoAnn Blumt, Ashland, Virginia	3
Ladies — Nancy Gibby, Gastonia, North Carolina	3
Junior Boys — Sandy Stephens, Simpsonville, South Carolina	7

Most Improved Player in 1975 Based on Improved Ringer Percentage

Men — Roger Dean, Shenandoah, Virginia	15.3
Ladies — Betty Inge, Ashland, Virginia	16.0
Junior Girls — Licia Hottinger, Chesterfield, Virginia	16.6
Junior Boys — Ross Perry, Richmond, Virginia	36.4

Latino Superb — Wins Mosswood Open (No. Calif.)

Methodical as a machine, Monte Latino had it all going on the Mosswood Club courts in Oakland to win seven straight games and average 69.7% for the day. Jack Seymour placed second with a 5-2 showing. The Class A group was ably handled by Lloyd Potter, as he had a perfect 7-0 day. Bill Vines took home the second place award. Herman Schneider edged Cliff Johnson to head up Class B.

In Class C Ray Sandoval outlasted Jim Koop in the eight-man round robin. Jack Seymour pitched the high game of the day with 78.0%.

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP — Monte Latino, Sacramento 7-0-69.7; Jack Seymour, Golden Gate 5-2-59.7; Bill Weathers, Turlock 4-3-62.0; Vic Joyner, Oregon 4-3-56.6; Ruben Lee, Mosswood 3-4-61.4; Verdan Zelman, San Jose 3-4-58.8; Ken Fraser, Golden Gate 3-4-57.4; Fred Lavett, Seaside 0-7-56.6.

CLASS A — Lloyd Potter, San Jose 7-0-62.0; Bill Vines, Turlock 6-1-55.7; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma 5-2-48.6; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma 4-3-57.4; Ron Sanders, Seaside 3-4-45.1; Arnie Peters, Sonoma 1-6-48.0; George Greeott, Sonoma 1-6-44.8; Earl Compton, Sacramento 1-6-40.2.

CLASS B — Herman Schnieder, Mosswood 7-1-41.0; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento 6-2-48.2; John Metrogen, Sacramento 5-2-39.4; Clair Benthin, Vallejo 4-3-39.7; Larry Butterfield, Livermore 3-4-29.1; Bob Blow, Livermore 2-5-35.4; Hank Schroeder, Turlock 1-6-32.8; Jim Saunders, San Jose 1-6-30.8.

CLASS C — Ray Sandoval, Turlock 6-1-29.7; Jim Koop, Turlock 5-2-31.4; Glenn Kelly, Sacramento 5-2-30.6; Clyde Lamb, Livermore 5-2-25.4; Curt Ervin, Stockton 4-3-30.6; Frank Swift, Golden Gate 2-5-18.8; Bob Hughes, Livermore 1-6-19.1; Marty Dunn, Mosswood 0-7-19.4.

Fraser Wins 3rd Straight No. Calif. Open

Golden Gate Club's Ken Fraser, Northern California's newest phenomenon, defeated veteran Monte Latino 51-35 in the wind-up of the Mel Ristau Open held on the Santa Rosa fairground courts. Latino had eliminated John Pratt prior to the final setto with Fraser in the 50-point game, qualifying tournament. Fraser has averaged 70.5, 72.0 and 71.8 in his last three winning efforts. Bob Mauzey of Sonoma County continued to impress all Northern Calif., observer's winning still another Class Championship as he won 6 of 7 to ride herd over Class A. Horace Vinsant was second.

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP — Ken Fraser, Golden Gate 7-1-71.8; Monte Latino, Sacramento 7-2-67.8; John Pratt, Sacramento 6-2-61.8; Ruben Lee, Mosswood 4-3-59.8; Verdan Zelman, San Jose 3-4-59.8; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma County 2-5-57.3; Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia 1-6-54.7; Oscar Statham, Stockton 0-7-50.2.

CLASS A — Bob Mauzey, Sonoma Co. 6-1-50.7; Horace Vinsant, Rio Del-Scotia 5-2-55.0; Max Vice, Unaf. 5-2-54.5; George Greeott, Sonoma Co. 5-2-47.5; Arnie Peters, Sonoma Co. 3-4-43.1; Ken Woolery, Sonoma Co. 2-5-45.2; Earl Compton, Sacramento 2-5-44.1; John Hagerman, Sonoma Co. 0-7-33.8.

Seminole, Florida Open Crown Won By Dick Ferguson

The Seminole, Florida Open Tournament in this beautiful small Florida City was a smashing success. For the first time Florida held an all sanctioned tournament. Thoughts were that it would keep the participants below normal numbers, however, this proved faultless in that 34 entries were recorded.

Horseshoes have come to life in Florida. While most of the nation is in an ice age the day burst forth in all its splendor, sunny and bright. A cooling wind broke off the Gulf of Mexico and at times gusted to the disgust of some pitchers who were having trouble keeping their shoe in line and their avrages up.

An unusual event was the fact that Dick Ferguson of Sarasota won both the Championship Class and also Class B, losing only one game to John Rademacher of Plant City.

CLASS A — Dick Ferguson, Fla. 4-1-57.5; Ken Drury, Canada 3-2-55.3; John Rademacher, Fla. 3-2-55.2; Levi Miller, Fla. 3-2-53.6; Clarence Cumming, Idaho 2-3-53.3; Earl Grable, Fla. 0-5-36.2.

CLASS B — Dick Ferguson, Fla. 5-0-54.1; Dwight Thatcher, Fla. 3-2-54.2; Paul Scheub, Fla. 3-2-45.9; Dick Weigel, Fla. 2-3-47.7; D. Whitmer, Fla. 2-3-42.9; Marion Collins, Fla. 0-5-41.7.

CLASS C — George Buskey, Fla. 4-1-41.4; Charles Pitton, Fla. 3-2-37.8; Henry Mullet, Fla. 3-2-36.9; Bob Widdersheim, Fla. 2-3-38.6; Charles Lentz, Fla. 2-3-30.2; Oscar Gaudette, Fla. 1-4-32.1.

CLASS D — H. Hochstetler, Fla. 4-1-44.7; Ken

CLASS D — (Continued)

Reeb, Fla. 4-1-47.3; Peter Brakeman, Fla. 3-2-38.3; Charles Howery 2-3-36.8; Frank Stites, Fla. 1-4-38.2; Speed Gillespie, Ind. 1-4-33.3.

CLASS E — Roger Zobel, Fla. 5-0-37.9; Andy Doshna, Fla. 4-1-34.6; Ed Schuetz, Fla. 3-2-31.7; Pat O'Taole, Fla. 2-3-30.6; Jewel Ingham, Fla. 1-4-25.0.

CLASS F — Donald Lyons, Fla. 3-0-30.6; Milton Myhre, Fla. 2-1-36.9; Paul Barrette, Fla. 1-2-19.6; Norman Gaseau, Fla. 0-3-18.2.

Henn Victor Over Schupp For Kentucky State Title

The 1975 Kentucky State tournament was held at Day-Bell indoor courts in Dayton, Ky. We had a increase of about 20 entries from the 1974 state tournament. I want to thank all of the men, women, and boys, that helped this state tournament to be one of the best tournaments in the state of Kentucky in years. I believe that the Kentucky Horseshoe pitchers are coming back, after a few years drop in members. There's an old saying, "once a horseshoe pitcher always a horseshoe pitcher".

Bill Henn won his fifth straight Class A Championship, but not without a great battle from Irvin Schupp from Louisville, Kentucky. Irvin Schupp beat Bill in the final game of the round robin tying them for first place, with 10 wins and 1 lost each.

They had to play the best 2 games out of 3 to determine the winner for the 1975 State Champion. Bill Henn won the first 2 games to be the Kentucky state champion for the fifth time.

Class B was won by Omar Blacketer from Louisville, Kentucky. His first year in the NHPA. Class C was won by Paul Lee from Frankfort, Kentucky. Class D was won by Danny Moore from Bellevue, Kentucky. Class E won by Al Geiman from Cold Springs, Kentucky. Class F was won by Charles Burton from Lexington, Kentucky. Class G was won by Fred Gordon from Louisville, Kentucky. The Class A Women was won by Claracy Bell from Lexington, Kentucky. Clyde Bell won the Intermediate Boys, and Mike Mason from Owenton won the Junior boys.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
Bill Henn, Bellevue	10	1	68.7
Irvin Schupp, Louisville	10	1	66.0
Jim Noble, Louisville	8	3	61.5
Stan Lovelace, Covington	7	4	58.4
Ralph Mason, Owenton	7	4	56.9
Fran Rogg, Dayton	7	4	54.4
Marvin Glass, Georgetown	7	4	53.9
Steve Reynolds, Newport	3	8	49.3
Ross Sanders, Frankfort	3	8	42.2
Bill McGinity, Lexington	2	9	44.5
Robert Simpson, Nicholasville	2	9	43.3
Frank Filhardt, Silver Grove			forfeit

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Omar Blacketer, Louisville	10	1	45.9
Tony Wash, Frankfort	8	3	40.1
Chick Henn, Covington	7	4	40.5
Joe Rowland, Burlington	7	4	40.5
Cliff Henn, Highland Heights	7	4	39.9
Lonnie Geiman, Highland Heights	7	4	39.0
John Hankins, Louisville	5	6	38.3
Ed Henn, Elsmere	5	6	37.4
Jake Jacobs, Frankfort	4	7	30.0
Ezra Sanders, Frankfort	3	8	28.2
Simon Kelley, Lexington	2	9	28.5

Kentucky State — (Continued)

CLASS C — Paul Lee, Lexington 7-0-43.8; Jack Burgess, Barbourville 5-2-35.0; Jim Hill, Frankfort 4-3-33.5; Gene Webster, Stamping Ground 4-3-33.1; Larry Rose, Butler 3-4-36.4; Jerry Shrum, Lexington 3-4-32.9; Leo Goodwin, Silver Grove 2-5-29.4; Lou Arnen, Newport forfeit.

CLASS D — Danny Moore, Bellevue 7-0-45.6; Bill Gordon, Louisville 6-1-37.3; Bob Snider, Ft. Thomas 4-3-30.9; Bill Kenton, Highland Heights 3-4-30.1; Don Moore, Bellevue 3-4-26.6; Jim King, Lexington 2-5-28.5; Hanks Houchin, Lawrenceburg 2-5-25.0; Dan Webb, Alexandria 1-6-27.1

CLASS E — Al Geiman, Cold Spring 4-1-31.9; Brit Sanders, Frankfort 4-1-32.7; Jack Watson, Lexington 3-2-24.5; Ken Roten, Frankfort 2-4-22.4; Byron McWilliam, Barbourville 1-4-24.2; Rich Adams, Dayton 1-4-14.1.

CLASS F — Charles Burton, Lexington 5-0-30.9; Jim Ahrens, Bellevue 3-2-25.8; Louis Messex, Louisville 3-2-25.0; William Mason, Stamping

CLASS F — (Continued)

Ground 2-3-21.8; Harold Roberts, Alexandria 2-3-20.5; Joseph Stein, forfeit.

CLASS G — Fred Gordon, Louisville 5-0-39.7; Carl Ruth, Georgetown 4-1-30.3; Don Price, Silver Grove 3-2-32.0; Marvin Parson, Louisville 2-3-15.5; Bob Arnen, Ft. Thomas 1-4-10.8; Harvey Durham, forfeit.

WOMEN - CLASS A — Claracy Bell, Lexington 2-0-39.0; Dottie Beckner, Dayton 0-2-21.2.

JUNIOR BOYS — Mike Mason, Owenton 2-0-22.0; Robbie Moore, Bellevue 1-1-22.5; Donnie Henn, Bellevue 0-2-12.0; Danny Durham forfeit.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS — Clyde Bell, Lexington 4-0-44.4; T. M. Hundley, Lexington 1-3-34.7; Mike Caudle, Frankfort 1-3-29.5; Jim Powell, forfeit; Russ Durrum, forfeit.

Gene Rademacher Wins Florida State Open

The Clearwater Horseshoe Club hosted the 1975 Florida State Open, donated trophies for the tourney and provided a sunny December 6th with 80 degree temperature. Gene Rademacher nosed out State Champion, Levi Miller, to win the event under ideal pitching conditions. He also had to overcome top pitchers Nelson Brake of Mass. and Clarence Cummins of Idaho to acquire the tourney championship. Gene had a nifty 73.5% ringer average for the day. Watching from the sidelines was Gene's Dad, John Rademacher. John is taking it on the "slow bell" these days trying to overcome an aggravating physical problem. We hope to see John back on the courts soon with "full steam ahead".

We were pleased to have Pete Shepard, New England Regional Director, on the sidelines also. Pete took time off from his busy schedule to look over the relatively new Clearwater Horseshoe complex and the operation of its 40 member club. Leo McGrath, NHPA First Vice-President was also on board as well as Lee Davis, Florida Regional Director. All in all, a fine NHPA representation.

CLASS A — Gene Rademacher, Plant City 4-1-73.5; Levi Miller, Sarasota 3-2-63.1; Nelson Brake, Mass. 3-2-60.9; Clarence Cummins, Idaho 3-2-60.8; R. Poutanen, Clermont 2-3-57.1; R. Ferguson, Sarasota 0-5-51.3.

CLASS B — Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville 5-0-60.6; Wm. Keegan, Live Oak 4-1-57.2; Ken Drury, Ontario 3-2-56.1; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven 2-3-48.9; C. Pitton, Clearwater 1-4-44.4; C. Howerly, Clearwater 0-5-38.5.

CLASS C — Wm. Wade, Lehigh Acres 4-1-46.5; H. Hochstetler, Sarasota 3-2-48.6; M. Collins, Dunedin 2-3-46.4; W. West, Bradenton 2-3-45.3; E. Morris, Lakeland 2-3-43.9; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna 2-3-42.7.

CLASS D — Paul Scheub, Sarasota 4-1-55.7; R. Widdersheim, Clearwater 3-2-49.6; M. Gillespie, Sarasota 3-2-47.5; Geo. Buskey, Clearwater 2-3-

CLASS D — (Continued)

47.0; D. Baker, Melbourne 2-3-41.7; H. Mullet, Sarasota 1-4-44.8.

CLASS E — Howard Lea, Ohio 4-1-41.6; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven 4-1-42.4; E. Brakeman, St. Pete 3-2-41.0; Ken Peer, Sarasota 3-2-38.0; F. Stites, Bradenton 1-4-37.9; Gene Meyers, Clearwater 0-5-36.8.

CLASS F — A. Doshna, Clearwater 5-0-37.4; Pat O'Toole, Bradenton 3-2-30.0; E. Peters, St. Pete 3-2-25.6; Lee Davis, Seminole 2-3-31.4; R. Zobel, Madeira Beach 1-4-26.2; Jay Wagner, Melbourne 1-4-25.4.

CLASS G — Milt Myhre, Bradenton 5-0-33.1; W. House, Sarasota 3-2-26.1; Tom Keltner, Clearwater 2-3-24.6; Norm Gaseau, Clearwater 2-3-21.8; Lee Hoyt, Orlando 2-3-17.4; Paul Barrette, Quebec 1-4-20.6.

Special Notice

After 19 years as Arizona's state secretary, Walter Stearns has retired. Ralph McCarty is the newly elected 1976 Arizona State Secretary. Please send all correspondence for the Valley of the Sun Open, Feb. 13, 14, 15, to him at: 233 N. Val Vista Dr., #512, Mesa, Arizona 85203. Telephone 602-832-0854. Other new officers are: Art Kamman, President; Max McKissick, vice president; Bill VanZanten, Treasurer.

Annual Spring Tournament — May 16 — St. Louis, Mo.

The annual Spring Open tournament will be held on Sunday, May 16 on the Carondelet Park courts in St. Louis, Missouri.

There will be 6 eight-man classes with 3 trophies in each class. Send entry fee of \$5.00 and 100 shoe score to: Al Arunski, 5914 Leona Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63116, phone 314-832-0578. Tournament is limited to the first 48 entries due to park limitations. Entries close May 6. Classes D, E and F will start at 9:00 a.m. and Classes A, B and C will play at 1 p.m.

O'Connor Wins First Indoor Meet At Big Fork, Minn.

CLASS A — Jack O'Connor, Duluth 6-1-66.3; Curt Bestul, Eau Claire, Wisc. 5-2-66.9; Andy Paglarini, Hibbing 5-2-66.9; Frank Stinson, Mpls. 5-2-64.6; Hjalmer Johnson, Bigfork 3-4-56.9; Marv Richmond, Pequot Lakes 2-5-57.7; John Roubinek, Pine City 2-5-48.9; Robert Kubesch, Brook Park 0-7-34.3.

CLASS B — Walter Bjorklund, Duluth 6-1-58.9; Preston Daniels, Hastings 5-2-49.4; Eric Sandquist, Watertown 4-3-41.4; George Nick, Apple Valley 4-3-45.7; Stan Ulku, Bloomington 3-4-41.4; Ray Tiili, Duluth 3-4-44.9; Lauri Harju, Aurora 2-5-46.9; Ernie Ulku, Minnetonka 1-6-45.1.

CLASS C — Martin Hill, Watertown 6-1-44.0; H. Wally Benson, Hibbing 6-1-47.4; Guy Lund, Rapidan 5-2-39.1; Carl Stilnovich, Hibbing 4-3-41.7; Henry Pangratz, Mankato 4-3-38.0; Glen Sandquist, Watertown 1-6-35.7; Jerry Stark, Hastings 1-6-35.7; Mike Hecomovich, Keewatin 1-6-31.4.

CLASS D — Harvey Arola, Crystal 7-0-50.6; Henry Preimesberger, Gonola 6-1-44.4; Dan Valie, Duluth 4-3-33.3; Louis Roubinek, Pine City 4-3-32.4; Harry E. Benson, Hibbing 3-4-34.0; Jim Cox, Bigfork 3-4-29.0; Jack Johnson, Nashwauk 1-6-18.6; Jim Rebrovich, Bigfork 0-7-8.3.

CLASS E — Elroy Hoaglund, Hibbing 6-1-24.7; Lloyd Peterson, Bigfork 5-2-24.0; Steve Becchetti, Hibbing 5-2-20.0; Virgil Johnson, Akely 4-3-11.0; Ray Brotherton, Marcell 3-4-15.3; James Johnson, Bigfork 3-4-17.3; Mike Miller, Bovey 2-5-11.0.

BOYS - CLASS A — Rick O'Connor, Duluth 3-0-51.3; Alden Sandquist, Watertown 2-1-48.1; Curt Sandquist, Watertown 1-2-50.0; Mark Daniels, Hastings 0-3-46.8.

BOYS - CLASS B — Douge Nelson, Wentworth, Wisc. 4-1-19.0; Bruce Nelson, Wentworth, Wisc. 4-1-18.0; Scott Fedraw, Bigfork 3-2-15.0; Don Cox, Bigfork 2-3-14.0; Vince Lepasti, Poplar, Wisc. 2-3-13.0.

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In Memoriam

On Veterans Day the Massachusetts Horseshoe Pitchers Association lost one of its most avid horseshoe pitchers. Fritz Klockars passed away at the age of sixty-five. Fritz was an eleven year member of the association and one of the stalwarts of the Twin County League, where his absence was seldom noted. He missed just six of 265 matches. Fritz won tournaments in Keene, N.H., and at West Springfield, as well as in the league, had a high percent game of 75%, and usually hung around the 50% mark in average. Fritz's loss is deeply felt by the state and league organizations and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family.

December Tournament At Day-Bell Taken By Glenn Riffle

The December tournament at the Day-Bell indoor courts (Dayton, Kentucky) had three classes, but proved to be a marathon for pitching. With 9 men in classes A and B the shoes were flying for seven hours. Glenn Riffle taking top honors losing only to up-start John Hughes. In their game, Riffle was ahead, 47-46, with Hughes getting first pitch, throwing a ringer and one shoe inches short, Riffle threw his first shoe dead on, followed by another . . . but both his ringers then came off, giving Hughes the game 50-47. Riffle also had the best game against Bill Henn, throwing 82% to Henn's 70. At one point in this game, Riffle had 35 ringers out of 38 shoes. Elmer Harrison was top man in B with a 61%, 8-0 record. Vince Stoner first in class C averaged 50 percent.

CLASS A — Glenn Riffle, Ohio 7-1-66.0; Ken Kugler, Ohio 6-2-67.0; John Napier, Ohio 5-3-65.0; Bill Henn, Ky. 4-4-66.0; Max Roseberry, Ohio 4-4-64.0; John Hughes, Ohio 3-5-57.0; Knute Waggonfield, Ohio 3-5-55.0; Gary Kline, Ohio 2-6-56.0; Ed Metz, Ohio 2-6-54.0.

CLASS B — Elmer Harrison, Ohio 8-0-61.0; Boop Rogg, Ky. 7-1-60.0; Ottie Reno, Ohio 4-4-55.0; Jim Noble, Ky. 4-4-52.0; Bob Messenger, Ohio 3-5-46.0; Chick Henn, Ky. 3-5-45.0; John Hankins,

CLASS B — (Continued)

Ky. 3-5-43.0; Ray Cochran, Ohio 2-6-51.0; Roy Munrath, Ky. 2-6-48.0.

CLASS C — Vince Stoner, Ohio 7-0-50.0; Danny Moore, Ky. 4-3-44.0; Tom Durham, Neb. 4-3-43.0; Larry Rose, Ky. 4-3-42.0; Bob Snider, Ky. 4-3-41.0; Leo Goodwin, Ky. 3-4-32.0; Clarence Duncan, Ohio 1-6-32.0; Don Moore, Ky. 1-6-31.0.

Sales Wins Northeast Open - Pinecrest, Elwood, Indiana

CLASS AA — George Sales, New Castle 6-1-68.8; John Gall, Anderson 5-2-67.7; Bob Wells, Jackson, Mich. 5-2-63.7; Reece Baughn, New Castle 4-3-59.6; Leland Fisher, Elwood 2-5-62.2; Claude Estelle, Indianapolis 2-5-58.5; Lonnie Mullins, Muncie 2-5-55.7; Les Moore, Forest 2-5-47.3.

CLASS A — Bob Dwiggins, Russiaville 6-1-62.3; Glen Teter, Tipton 5-2-59.1; John LeMond, Anderson 4-3-65.7; Carl Wefler, Terre Haute 4-3-59.1; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill., 4-3-56.8; Buck Ave, Terre Haute 3-4-55.7; Herb Dwiggins, Tipton 2-5-54.8; Les Moore, Forest 0-7-50.5.

CLASS BB — Al Overdorf, Brownsburg 7-0-67.1; Max Gynyon, Frankfort 5-2-54.0; J. W. Cox, Wabash 4-3-57.4; Dick Burnworth, Marion 4-3-55.7; Ken Burkhart, Bargersville 4-3-52.5; Dan Dunn, Kokomo 3-4-50.2; Kevin Dwiggins, Tipton 1-6-43.4; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester 0-7-29.4.

CLASS B — Frank Laurie, New Castle 4-1-41.2; Al Whitmore, N. Manchester 4-1-46.0; A. W. Thomas, Speedway 2-3-43.3; E. G. Campbell, Greentown 2-3-40.5; Jr. Guthrie, Bremen 2-3-37.6; Russ Sanson, N. Manchester 1-4-36.4.

CLASS CC — Al Huston, Marion 7-0-48.3; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood 5-2-46.6; Lowell Dearing, Greenfield 4-3-45.0; Everett Bowyer, Peru 4-3-35.3; Maurice Duncan, Greenwood 3-4-35.6; Bob Plank, Syracuse 3-4-34.0; George Roadruck, Tipton 2-5-40.6; Larry Tunin, Indianapolis forfeit.

CLASS C — Darrell Campbell, Kokomo 5-0-36.0; Gene Mendenhall, Noblesville 4-1-36.0; Buck Shively 3-2-28.5; Charles West, Elwood 2-3-25.5; Bill Meeks, Kokomo 1-4-23.5.

CLASS DD — Art Brock, Kokomo 4-1-29.2; John Huber, Kokomo 4-1-27.2; Don Spray, Frankfort 3-2-24.0; Paul Cunningham, Marion 3-2-19.2; Mike Cherry, Atlanta 1-4-9.2; Pete Dwiggins, Tipton 0-5-7.6.

WOMEN - CLASS A — Judy White, Elwood 2-0-34.0; Jessie Huston, Marion 0-2-21.0.

JUNIOR GIRLS - CLASS A — Deanna White, Elwood 3-0-6.0; Shelly Wells, Jackson, Mich. 2-1-10.0; Tammi Cunningham, Marion 1-2-6.0; Alicia Wells, Jackson, Mich. 0-3-2.7.

JUNIOR BOYS - CLASS A — Mike Whitton, Marion 2-1-29.3; Devin Huston, Marion 1-2-25.3.

Regional Director Lee Davis Reports From Florida

As you know Florida's season is different than most states in that our tournaments start in Oct. and end in May. Though this year we are trying one in July.

To date we have held seven tournaments and by being away I have missed three of them. I like to make them all but I just can't seem to find a way of being two places at once.

The tournaments on the east coast and Orlando only drew about twenty entries. The west coast tournaments from 40 to 50 except the completely sanctioned one in Seminole. In that one there were 34 entries but because of no shows, only 33 pitched. In fact only 32 as Dick Ferguson pitched in both Class B and A. After he won Class B I asked him to pitch in Class A as we only had five men. Believe it or not he won Class A also.

In some of these tournaments we have experimented with the alternate pitch, 50 shoe games and 40 point games. Most seem to like the 40 point games rather than the 50 shoe ones. While most agree that the alternate pitch is the fairest way to pitch they say it is too confusing. That is why I would like to see the national rule changed to alternate pitch because once it is a rule and one season has passed it would be confusing to go back to the scorer pitching first.

John Rademacher says he would rather see the loser of the round pitch first than the way it is now, then of course on four dead alter the pitch. He may have a point that may be easier to get across than the alternate pitch.

Florida's Hall-Of-Fame was initiated last year by dedicating the plaque to worthy members of the past namely; H. L. Ermarger, Dr. R. C. Beach and W. J. Seas as organizers who had much to do with the beginning of the National association and the tournaments in the early twenties in Florida. Also Jimmy Risk and Charlie Stevens two of Florida's top pitchers.

Florida association puts out a news letter to its members and we asked them in these letters to send in letters of recommendation for Hall-Of-Fame and to date the chairman has gotten only one. I am sure there are many that deserve the honor, but it seems no one wants to take the time to get a letter off.

Wondrous Tom Webb Winner Of No. Calif. Class A

All season long NCHPA pitchers have said, "that Tom Webb is a comer". At Santa Rosa, Tom Webb arrived by winning the No. Calif. Class A Championship. Tom, the No. Calif. Class C Champ in 1973, has made rapid ringer progress all year and played well in the State Championship Class A group. Bill Vines was second, losing to Tom in the final game. Ken Woolery was winner of Class A-2, the Consolation Class A group. Webb pitched the tourney's high game of 75%.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia 6-1-66.4; Bill Vines, Turlock 5-2-62.6; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma 4-3-62.8; Max Vice, Unaffl. 4-3-56.7; Millard Miller, Turlock 4-3-57.0; Joe Sadowski, San Jose 3-4-52.6; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma 2-5-50.7; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento 0-7-43.4.

CLASS A-2 — Ken Woolery, Sonoma 5-0-46.0; Arnie Peters, Sonoma 3-2-44.7; John Saxby, Sonoma 3-2-39.5; Page Kesler, Sonoma 2-3-36.9; Stewart Snyder, Clover-Hlds. 2-3-34.4; George Rousseau, Sonoma 0-5-27.4.

Manitone In Giant Step—Wins Colusa, Calif. Tourney

Sacramento's Pete Manitone made another giant step toward the Class A ranks at the Colusa, California fairgrounds by averaging 53.6% and edging out Clair Benthin of Vallejo for the Class B winner's trophy. Teammate Gus Martin was tops in Class B-1 over Jim Long. Martin pitched the tourney's high game of 64.0%.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Pete Manitone, Sacramento 4-1-53.6; Clair Benthin, Vallejo 4-1-45.6; Marty Dunn, Mosswood 3-2-40.0; Joe Roberts, Colusa 2-3-46.0; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley 2-3-42.0; Clair Lenz, Shasta 0-5-29.6.

CLASS B-1 — Gus Martin, Sacramento 4-1-49.6; James Long, Sacramento 4-1-32.8; Ernie Kim, Mosswood 3-2-34.4; Harley Harris, Turlock 3-2-29.6; Gary Crane, Colusa 1-4-26.8; Art Recktor, Mosswood 0-5-23.6.

P. D. Riley Still New Mexico State Champion

by Leo Bressan — Late Report

In winds up to 60 miles per hour and a chill factor nearing freezing P. D. Riley retained the New Mexico State Championship. The tournament was held in conjunction with the New Mexico State Fair as has been the practice for the past several years.

Lucille Wood of Los Alamos, N. M. also retained the Ladies State Championship and Steven Hanes of Albuquerque, N. M. successfully defended the Junior Boys State Championship.

A total of 54 entries in the 1975 tournament set a new high for the number of entries in the State Tournament.

CLASS A — P. D. Riley, Albuq. 7-0-57.1; Jim Otterbach, Albuq. 5-2-47.0; Leo Bressan, Albuq. 5-2-43.8; Wayne Springfield, Albuq. 4-3-52.6; Roland Trottier, Albuq. 4-3-49.8; Bill Sweatman, Albuq. 2-5-36.7; Myrl Miller, Eunice 2-5-36.0; Don Hanes, Albuq. 0-7.

CLASS B — Fred Romero, Albuq. 8-1-46.3; Howard Bentz, Albuq. 6-3-42.4; Bobby Landrum, Albuq. 6-3-40.9; Don Hurt, Cedar Crest 6-3-36.9; Edgar Pulliam, Santa Fe 5-4-41.1; Ron Wilson, Albuq. 5-4-39.8; William Brin, Santa Fe 4-5-34.7; Bernie Day, Albuq. 3-6-33.1; Otis Henson, Albuq. 2-7-33.6; Fred Swalby, Albuq. 0-9.

CLASS C - GROUP 1 — Earl Saxton, Albuq. 5-0-39.9; Bobby Landrum, Albuq. 4-1-38.5; Lloyd Williams, Albuq. 3-2-35.5; Nelson Pasono, Albuq. 2-3-28.7; Ron Priddy, Santa Fe 1-4-25.0; William Crabtree, Albuq. 0-5-20.0.

CLASS C - GROUP 2 — Robert Schuch, Albuq. 4-1-39.8; Glenn Williams, Edgewood 3-2-39.7; Melvin Moore, Albuq. 3-2-34.0; Milan Marko, Albuq. 2-3-41.5; Charles Bodley, Milan 2-3-31.5; Elmer Mason, Santa Fe 1-4-27.0.

CLASS C — E. C. Curly Saxton, Albuq. 2-0-35.6; Bobby Landrum, Albuq. 1-1-37.8; Glenn Williams,

CLASS C — (Continued)

Edgewood 1-1-33.8; Robert Schuch, Albuq. 0-2-28.7.

CLASS D — Harold Combs, Albuq. 4-0-22.9; Dan Padilla, Albuq. 3-1-30.2; Pete Shaw, Albuq. 2-2-22.6; Jim Fisher, Albuq. 1-3-18.1; William Crabtree, Albuq. 0-4-20.2.

CLASS E — Kevin Bodley, Milan 7-0-24.9; James Fisher, Albuq. 6-1-22.3; Chuck Ellis, Portales 5-2-24.0; Roy Drake, Albuq. 4-3-18.2; Mike Fogelman, Albuq. 3-4-14.9; Clarence French, Alamogordo 2-5-9.7; Mike Moore, Albuq. 1-6-6.0; Fred Grey, Albuq. 0-7-3.4.

JUNIORS — Steven Hanes, Albuq. 5-0-36.8; Eddie Pulliam, Santa Fe 4-1-21.2; Scott Summerhill, Albuq. 3-2-14.0; Danny Pasono, Albuq. 2-3-18.0; Ron Dotson, Albuq. 1-4-2.8. Trent Hanes, Albuq. 0-5-5.2.

LADIES — Lucille Wood, Los Alamos 5-0-31.2; Sister Mary Agnes, Albuq. 3-2-24.4; Sister Valerie, Albuq. 3-2-17.2; Marilyn Hanes, Albuq. 2-3-16.0; Clara Drake, Albuq. 1-4-11.6; Therese Pasono, Albuq. 1-4-6.0.

NCHPA Doubles Crown Won By Schultz-Williamson Duo

The reigning Northern California doubles championship team of Joe Schultz and Lefty Williamson took 5 out of 6 games to lay claim to the crown at Stockton, California. Jim Koop and Tom Mandich were second. In the Class A-1 division, Donna Griffitt and John Griffitt, Jr., were first, followed by Ray Sandoval and John Mandich. Way McGhee and Richard Ennis took third.

John Rademacher Wins Sarasota Florida Homecoming

John Rademacher of Plant City, Florida came through with a close play-off victory 50-43 over his son Gene to win the annual Sarasota Homecoming held in Sarasota, Florida. The play-off game went 100 shoes with John hitting the stake for 73 ringers and Gene with 72. Gene had the high game for the day with 26 ringers out of 30 pitches for a fine 86.6 ringer per cent game. Play-off games were also needed to decide the winners in Classes B, C, and D. The winners were Willard West over Bob Widdersheim in Class B, Ken Reeb over Earle Morris in Class C, and Ronnie Ronemus over Bill Packard in Class D. The Class E winner was Milt Myhre with 5 wins and no losses. A few new faces were on hand for the event. They included Jewel Ingram, Eddie Miles, Don Mathews, and Ezra Knepp. They all proved to be able contenders and eager to participate in the up-coming tournaments. A big thank you goes to Bob Widdersheim, Norm Gaseau, and George Buskey for their fine efforts in keeping the records for the day, and to Bill Deedrick for an outstanding job in the coffee making department.

Sarasota — (Continued)

CLASS A

	W	L	%
John Rademacher, Plant City	6	1	64.6
Gene Rademacher, Plant City	6	1	68.4
Ted Penridge, Venice	5	2	61.9
Levi Miller, Sarasota	4	3	60.6
Dick Ferguson, Sarasota	4	3	57.2
Charlie Pitton, Clearwater	2	5	44.6
Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville	1	6	54.0
Morris Gillespie, Sarasota	0	7	46.6

CLASS C — Ken Reeb, Winter Haven 5-2-46.3; Earle Morris, Lakeland 5-2-46.8; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach 4-3-44.0; George Buskey, Tarpon Springs 4-3-42.8; Henry Mullett, Sarasota 3-4-42.0; Ken Peer, Sarasota 3-4-40.8; Frank Stites, Bradenton 3-4-39.4; Raymond Shade, Sarasota 1-6-36.8.

CLASS D — Ronnie Ronemus, Bradenton 4-1-36.4; Bill Packard, Venice 4-1-33.6; Lee Davis, Seminole 2-3-33.6; Earle Johnson, Bradenton 2-3-

CLASS B

	W	L	%
Willard West, Bradenton	6	1	50.3
Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater	6	1	49.3
Dick Weigel, Clearwater	4	3	50.8
Marion Collins, Dunedin	3	4	45.5
Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven	3	4	44.8
Bill Wade, Lehigh Acres	2	5	44.0
Earl Grable, Bradenton	2	5	39.9
Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota	2	5	36.6

CLASS D — (Continued)

30.8; Paul Scheub, Sarasota 2-3-29.6; Pat O'Toole, Bradenton 1-4-30.8.

CLASS E — Milt Myhre, Bradenton 5-0-28.2; Tom Keltner, Clearwater 4-1-23.2; Jewel Ingram, Bradenton 3-2-28.4; Don Mathews, Bradenton 1-4-22.8; Eddie Miles, Bradenton 1-4-22.0; Ezra Knepp, Sarasota 1-4-18.4.

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Respectfully, W. Ray Williams

Bill McNally Open Won By Gonzales (No. Calif.)

The first annual Bill McNally Open held at Pleasanton during the Alameda County Fair was won by Jesse Gonzales with Horace Vinsant administering Jesse's only loss and edging Verdian Zelmar by 1 point to take the crucial game and the second place cash. Bob Mauzey won a playoff over Bob Hanlon for the Class A group title and Roy Statham was tops in the Junior Boys division. The tournament is named in memory of Bill McNally, who passed away 3 years ago. Bill was a past president of the Northern California Association.

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP — Jesse Gonzales, SCHPA 6-1-61.7; Horace Vinsant, Rio Del-Scotia 5-2-58.0; Al Crabtree, Turlock 4-3-58.8; Verdian Zelmar, San Jose 4-3-56.0; Marty Santos, Mosswood 3-4-48.0; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley 3-4-48.0; Fred Lavett, Seaside 2-5-57.4; Oscar Statham, Stockton 1-6-48.8.

CLASS A — Bob Mauzey, Sonoma 7-1-49.7; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma 6-2-46.8; George Greeott, Sonoma 5-2-46.0; Bob Blow, Livermore 4-3-33.0;

CLASS A — (Continued)

Earl Blanton, Mosswood 3-4-43.3; Marty Dunn, Mosswood 3-4-38.7; Art Rector, Mosswood 1-6-21.3.

JUNIOR BOYS — Roy Statham, Stockton 3-0-59.3; Frank Sears, Seaside 2-1-45.3; John Di Giovanni, Seaside 1-2-21.3; Thierry Harter, Seaside 0-3-22.0.

Stinson's 7 Straight Tops Edgewood Open In Minnesota

Frank Stinson of Minneapolis racked 7 straight wins to take top honors in Class A in the Edgewood Open held on the Harris Nelson courts near Cannon Falls, Minnesota. Dale Lipovsky was runnerup. Mark Daniels eased thru the Boy's Division with a 71 percent ringer average.

CLASS A — Frank Stinson, Mpls 7-0-75.1; Dale Lipovsky, Mpls 6-1-68.3; Lloyd Frederickson, Wayzata 4-3-57.7; Robert Gjerstad, St. James 4-3-60.3; Art Holter, Crystal 3-4-62.9; Richard Kvamme, Cannon Falls 2-5-56.6; Carroll Hallum, Heron Lake 1-6-52.0; Art Moran, Webster 1-6-47.1.

CLASS B — Carroll Hallum, Heron Lake 1-6-56.6; Eric Sandquist, Watertown 5-2-53.1; Don Allen, St. Paul 4-3-55.1; Al Olsen, Bloomington 4-3-49.4; Ken Greenlee, Coon Rapids 4-3-52.6; Clayton Gage, St. Paul 3-4-50.3; James Holland, Anoka 1-6-44.0; Arnie Otterness, Dennison 1-6-44.0.

CLASS C — Alvin Blakstad, Wanamingo 6-1-43.7; Virgil Liber, Eau Claire 5-2-50.0; George Nick, Apple Valley 5-2-51.1; Glen Sandquist, Watertown 5-2-47.7; David Johnson, Marine on St. Croix 2-5-46.7; Elmer Vines, Mpls 2-5-45.4; Harris Nelson, Cannon Falls 2-5-41.7; Wayne Wiseman, New Richmond 1-6-37.7.

CLASS D — Ernie Ulku, Minnetonka 6-1-42.6; Joel Stenhaus, Dennison 5-2-42.0; Irvin Westlund, Watertown 5-2-44.9; Marlow Floan, Cannon Falls

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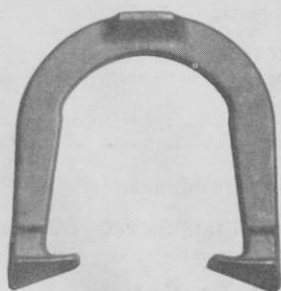
4-3-45.4; Russ Hoover, Eau Claire 3-4-33.7; Ken Von Busch, Mpls. 3-4-32.9; Jesse Comero, Eau Claire 1-6-34.3; Robert Kubesh, Brookpark 1-6-31.4.

CLASS E — Frank Bellcour, Anoka 5-2-36.0; David Edenloff, New Brighton 5-2-37.4; Arlie Johnson, Dennison 5-2-40.0; Jerry Strak, Hastings 4-3-38.3; Avery Burton, Jr. Cadott, Wis. 3-4-38.9; Gene Hughes, Bloomington 3-4-36.6; Gerald Harwell, Fridley 3-4-32.3; Lloyd Miller, Minnetonka 0-7-29.7.

CLASS F — Norm Gage, St. Paul 6-1-34.0; Al Hendrickson, Mpls. 6-1-36.3; Clifford Kuhnert, Fall Creek, Wis. 5-2-32.6; Ken Von Busch, Mpls. 4-3-31.4; Robert Kubesh, Brookpark 4-3-25.7; Frank Rasmussen, Sanborn 1-6-22.6; Larry Anderson, Bloomington 1-6-21.7; Warren Smallidge, New Richmond 1-6-12.9.

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3. Missouri	44	8. Arizona	11
4. Ohio	36	9. Michigan	9
5. Florida	33	10. Canada	7
			Total.....285

Paul Wilson Titlist In Canton, N.Y. Club Open

Ogdensburg horseshoe enthusiasts made a fine showing at the Northern Autumn Open Men's Horseshoe Tournament.

The tourney marked the end of the season for the Northern Horseshoe Club which hosted the event at the Canton Sportmen's Club. Competition was held in the A, B, C, and D classes.

The Class A title was decided on the last two throws with Paul Wilson of Pulaski, the 1974 B champion edging out Bill Fuller by a score of 35-32. After posting identical records of 3-2 Hilton Zehr of Woodville and Bill Walker of Utica hooked up in the playoff for second place with Zehr winning on the final throw.

Jack Townsend of Canton swept through all five opponents to capture the Class B crown with Bill Johnson of Rome taking second place. Tom Dawson of Canton took second in the C Division.

Art Bouchard took Class C honors with a 4-1 record while Grant Dennis swept five matches to win the Class D title. Local pitchers placed three times in the top six of the C division as Scott Bouchard placed fourth and Larry Dominie took sixth.

Bob Seguin of Lisbon and Henry Perrin claimed second and third place in the Class D action.

CLASS A — Paul Wilson, Pulaski 4-1-51.2; Hilton Zehr, Woodville 4-2-50.4; Bill Walker, Utica 4-2-44.1; Bill Fuller, Locana 2-3-50.0; Donald Robarge, Richland 2-3-39.5; Jack Townsend, 1-4-40.1.

CLASS B — Jack Townsend, Canton 5-0-47.0; Bill Johnson, Rome 4-1-35.0; John Van de Water, Canton 3-2-34.0; Keith Perry, Canton 2-3-27.0; Bob Taylor, Canton 1-4-22.0; Dick Pike, DeKalb Junction 0-5-25.0.

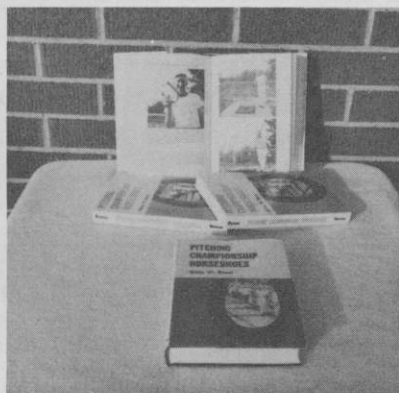
CLASS C — Art Bouchard, Ogdensburg 4-1-25.0; Tom Dawson, Canton 3-2-29.1; Orrin Seguin, Massena 3-2-34.8; Scott Bouchard, Ogdensburg 2-3-19.2; Walt Herring, Colton 2-3-16.2; Larry Dominie, Ogdensburg 1-4-24.4.

CLASS D — Grant Dennis, Ogdensburg 5-0-27.9; Bob Seguin, Lisbon 3-2-14.7; Henry Perrin, Ogdensburg 2-3-21.2; Harold Rood, Canton 2-3-15.7; Don Delorme, Canton 2-3-14.2; Lylal Newvine, Canton 1-4-15.4.

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Lucy Hanlon, Walter Williams, Rhonda Moon In Championship Circle (No. Calif.)

Sonoma County fairgrounds was the site for the rain-delayed Women and Juniors championship and when the last shoe had been pitched, Lucy Hanlon had repeated as NCHPA ladies champion with a 4-0 record. Iris Kiley was second losing only to Lucy. Rhonda Moon was proclaimed Junior Girl's champ and competed with the ladies group.

Walter Ray Williams and brother Jeffrey advanced to the seventh and final game in a dead heat and in a record breaking 136-shoe marathon, Walter Ray dethroned Jeff by 1 ringer and a 83.1% game. Jeff pitched the tournament high game of 92.4%.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP — Lucy Hanlon, Sonoma 4-0-41.9; Iris Kiley, Golden Gate 3-1-32.3; Virginia Sturla, Turlock 2-2-29.8; Donna Smith, Mosswood 1-3-20.5.

JUNIOR GIRLS — Rhonda Moon, San Jose.

JUNIOR BOYS — Walter Williams, Auburn 7-0-81.1; Jeff Williams, Auburn 6-1-83.2; Kevin Day, Turlock 4-3-49.0; Mark Lempinen, Turlock 4-3-45.5; Jonathan Williams, Auburn 4-3-44.5; Roy Statham, Stockton 2-5-52.9; Nathan Williams, Auburn 1-6-26.5; Rusty Bailey, Sonoma 0-7-20.1.

Earl Blanton New No. Calif. Class B Champion

Going into the seventh and final game on the Mosswood, Oakland courts, Earl Blanton knew a win would net him his first major Northern California title, however, it wasn't easy as teammate Don Wheeler battled Earl down to the last pitch before going down 47-52. Pete Manitone had the best percentage but also three losses so it was Millard Miller edging Lou Fontaine for the second place cup.

Class B-2, the consolation championship, went to Arnie Coleman of Stockton, as "Mr. Horseshoes" fashioned seven wins. Earl Compton lost the final game to Arnie and had to settle for second.

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP — Earl Blanton, Mosswood 6-1-48.4; Millard Miller, Turlock 5-2-51.7; Lou Fontaine, San Jose 5-2-50.5; Pete Manitone, Sacramento 4-3-52.4; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma 3-4-49.3; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento 3-4-43.0; Arnie Peters, Sonoma 2-5-43.2; Don Wheeler, Mosswood 0-7-37.2.

CLASS B-2 — Arnie Coleman, Stockton 7-0-47.5; Earl Compton, Sacramento 6-1-50.0; Ron Sanders, Seaside 4-3-42.1; Marty Dunn, Mosswood 4-3-39.6; Vince Mauricio, San Jose 3-4-47.4; George Greerott, Sonoma 2-5-41.8; Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate 2-5-37.2; Don Muenchow, Mosswood 0-7-33.2.

Monte Latino Captures No. California Championship

Defending Northern California champ, Bill Weathers and Monte Latino, Northern California pitcher of the year both lost their first games on the San Jose Golden Eagles, Ryland Park courts but fought back and after four rounds found themselves in a four-way tie with John Pratt and Fred Lavett. Bill ran into an inspired Fred Lavett who pitched a 71.9% game and went down to defeat. John Pratt likewise lost to Jack Seymour's 74.0% barrage. The final game decided it as Latino edged Weathers and Pratt upended Lavett. Monte finished with 72.4% for the day with teammate John Pratt edging Lavett for second by percentage.

Class A champ, Tom Webb served notice that he had arrived by winning a playoff over Lloyd Potter 52-49 on the last pitch after Lloyd had eliminated Bill Vines in the three-way playoff to take the consolation title. High game of the day went to Bill Weathers a 89.1% gem.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Monte Latino, Sacramento 6-1-72.4; John Pratt, Sacramento 5-2-68.9; Fred Lavett, Seaside 5-2-68.3; Jack Seymour, Golden Gate 4-3-67.3; Bill Weathers, Turlock 3-4-68.6; Al Crabtree, Turlock 2-5-65.2; Verdan Zelman, San Jose 2-5-60.0; Ken Fraser, Golden Gate 1-6-59.4.

CONSOLATION — Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia 7-1-60.6; Lloyd Potter, San Jose 6-2-60.4; Bill Vines, Turlock 6-2-53.6; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma 4-3-58.1; Millard Miller, Turlock 3-4-49.5; Lou Fontaine, San Jose 2-5-48.5; Kim Ludlow, San Jose 1-6-40.1; Jim Adams, Turlock 0-7-43.5.

Clearwater, Florida Club To Hold Bicentennial Tourney

The City of Clearwater, Florida, will combine its Bicentennial Celebration with its annual Fun 'n Sun Festival to be held during the week beginning March 20, 1976. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club will hold a tourney on March 20th which is recognized by the City as an official Bicentennial Event. Each participant in the tourney will receive an official City Bicentennial Ribbon and the class winners will receive a Bicentennial Award. This tourney promises to be a memorable occasion. The Clearwater Club extends a special invitation, not only to Florida pitchers, but to all out of state pitchers who may be visiting Florida in March. Entry fee is \$5.00, which should be sent to Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 not later than March 13th, together with your current ringer average.

Domey Wins "Santa's Special" At Sutton, Mass.

Ed Domey parlayed a 5-2, 76.9% record into a win for top prize in the Santa's Special Tournament on December 21 at Heritage Recreation Center. For the first time in recent memory the elements played a part in a Heritage tournament — snow. Some pitchers cancelled out at the last moment due to a New England Nor'easter. However, Joe and Paul Schultz, Long Island, and Bill Saunders, Penacook, New Hampshire, came anyway. There was a three-way tie for first place in the Championship group, Ed Domey, Norm Rioux (74.2%), and Bernie Herfurth (67.5%). Because of the time and the heavy snow beginning to fall again the players agreed on ringer percentage for final standings. Domey's losses came at the hands of Herfurth and Art Tyson who pitched 78.5% and 76.3% for the victories. Paul Cormier placed 6th but continues to improve, finishing at 67% for the day. Paul defeated Rioux 35-34 and later died on 34 with Domey. Joe Schultz (72.6%) and Art Tyson (71.6%) placed 4th and 5th. Domey posted three high games of 84.5%, 88.6%, and 88.2% in succession. Rioux fired a pair of 80.3's.

Russ Gadoury dropped a meaningless last game to finish with a 6-1, 56% record for the win in Class 2. George Trabucci averaged 62.9% but placed second with a 4-3 record! He finished with a 35-0 shutout 86.4% game, 19 for 22! Goodbye George, it's Class A for you. Paul Drowne and Fred Simon finished 3rd and 4th. Paul Domey topped Class 3 with a 6-1, 51.4% record, followed by Sam Raymond (51.1%), Fran Norman (41.1%), and Joe Pepi (44.4%).

Class 4 was a mixed bag. There were 12 pitchers on hand for the morning of December 14, and not too much spread from top to bottom. The players drew for seeding and then played the 12-man schedule with three games deleted. Prizes went to 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11th positions, it being Christmas and all. Joe Grillo pitched his best tournament yet, 8-0, 45.9%, followed by Don Blomquist, Ray Degrenier, and Bill White. Dave Poole improved 10% over his first tournament last month and won Class 5, going away with a 6-1, 38.1% record. Moe Farmer, Al Doucette, and Bob Perry were next in the standings. For those of you who were betting on who would be the first to defeat Bob Perry (see Turkey Shoot last month), it was newcomer Mike Desroches in round 2, 36-32.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — Ed Domey, Mass. 5-2, 76.9; Normand Rioux, Conn. 5-2-74.2; Bernard Herfurth, Mass. 5-2-67.5; Joe Schultz, N. Y. 4-3-72.6; Art Tyson, N. Y. 3-4-71.0; Paul Cormier, Mass. 3-4-67.0; Bill Saunders, N. H. 2-5-65.1; Mel Merritt, Mass. 1-6-60.2.

CLASS 2 — Russ Gadoury, Mass. 6-1-56.0; George Trabucci, Conn. 4-3-62.9; Paul Drowne, Mass. 4-3-53.9; Fred Simon, Mass. 4-3-52.5; Jack Moore, Conn. 3-4-52.1; Ed Courville, Mass. 3-4-49.6; Wendall Burton, Vt. 2-5-49.0; Bill Doyle, Conn. 2-5-47.2.

CLASS 3 — Paul Domey, Mass. 6-1-51.4; Sam Raymond, N. H. 5-2-51.1; Fran Norman, Mass. 4-3-45.1; Joe Pepi, Mass. 4-3-44.4; Dick Shepard, Mass. 4-3-43.6; Hub Sasse, Mass. 2-5-37.2; Paul

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Schultz, N. Y. 2-5-36.3; Bill White, Mass. 1-6-40.0.

CLASS 4 — Joe Grillo, Mass. 8-0-45.9; Don Blomquist, Mass. 7-1-36.0; Ray Degrenier, N. Y. 5-3-32.8; Bill White, Mass. 5-3-31.5; Ralph Lacerte, Mass. 5-3-29.4; Wayne Smith, N. H. 4-4-33.0; Harold Thomas, Mass. 4-4-28.8; Charles Hanson, N. H. 3-5-23.9; Vern Drew, N. Y. 3-5-20.6; Tony Naciewicz, Mass. 2-6-23.5; Harry Schricker, Mass. 2-6-23.5; Bill Capozzi, N. Y. 0-8-17.6.

CLASS 5 — Dave Poole, Mass. 6-1-38.1; Moe Farmer, Mass. 5-2-30.5; Al Doucette, Mass. 4-3-28.7; Bob Perry, Mass. 4-3-27.7; Mike Desroches, Mass. 4-3-26.6; Ed Harrington, Mass. 3-4-29.3; Bill McMahon, Mass. 2-5-23.1; Ed Hamilton, Mass. 0-7-22.0.

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“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

December 4, 1975

Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest

Dear Editor:

Canada's long postal strike is now over. The Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest has arrived at last.

Some comments: I think \$5.00 is reasonable for a yearly subscription to the News Digest.

I am a member of the NHPA and do not mind paying \$5.00 per year for membership. It seems to me that most horseshoe pitchers are extremely narrow-minded and are interested only in their own pitching ability and give no thought to the organizational side of this sport. If it were not for the free time donated by a few ardent horseshoe enthusiasts, we would have no World Championship, no state or provincial associations or tournaments, and certainly no local clubs. If these same horseshoe pitchers were to join a ski club or take up golfing, or any other sporting organization, they certainly would not get off so cheaply as a meager \$5.00 per year membership. And where else could they get their equipment for a total of \$15 - 20 (one set of horseshoes) ? ?

In this age of inflation, I personally think every member should be paying \$15.00 per year. \$5.00 each should go into mass advertising on TV and newspapers to promote our sport. The other \$10.00 should go for organizational work and prize money.

I know there are very few who share my view, and because of this, horseshoe pitching will always remain a second class sport with all our top pitchers playing for peanuts.

Maybe someday we'll make a break-through and find a solution to this "player apathy" dilemma. Let's hope so.

Sincerely,

E. H. MURRAY

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Burlington, Iowa

Dear Editor:

I want to say something in behalf of Frank Lundin. I heard from a reliable source that his name wasn't even brought up at the convention. After all the work I did to get him nominated to the Hall of Fame, I think it is a shame not to even bring up his name. I say he should have been at least the fourth man to get into it. Why do they do such things to a gentleman like Frank Lundin? He won the World's tournament when they didn't have proper clay to pitch in, and also there weren't hooks to help then. He beat all the best there were, and he was a gentleman along with it. The committee put pitchers in that didn't do more than he did. You have fellows in the Hall of Fame that didn't even win a World's tournament, just by the number of years they have pitched. Well, for your information, I have played more than lots of them. I have done a lot for the sport also. I say they had better get a different committee in office. Give all us old timers a chance to be elected.

I don't like the idea of the non-sanctioned tournaments being left out of the

Mailbag—Continued

Digest. They work just as hard as the others do, in fact, I would rather pitch in a non-sanctioned tournament. It looks to me like you are doing more harm than good to the sport. The game will never get up to where it belongs until they get away from cancellation, also get away from classes. Put your men into groups and let all the winners have a chance at the crown. I don't see any sense in going over fifty shoes. You can put six men on two courts, and always have scorekeepers. What of it if you sit around and get cold, you could have a ten-shoe warmup that is fair for everybody. Too, it would be more interesting for the spectators as you would have to win in so many frames like any other sport played today. When I first started, we counted everything. It would be better to count all ringers one point each, and not count close shoes, and alternate the pitch, that way both men have a chance at the mud. I know there will be lots of pitchers against this, but until we make changes, it will always remain a barn yard sport. The way it is now they are only favoring the top men. You know none of them are getting any younger.

I think we should put qualifying back into the sport. I can qualify sixty men in two hours on eight courts. You know what you have done? You have taken the fun out of the game. I say it's silly to play until two o'clock in the morning. I think these hard heads should come around, get with it, so the lower man can have a chance. We could play doubles as they do at the Spencer fair where I have been going for the past eight years. The association could learn something from that group of which Mr. George Engelman is manager. We should have singles, doubles and team events all in the same tournament. By cutting down the magazine you are losing subscribers, and that we can't afford to do. So, come on you fellows, let's get the game up where it belongs. I think all tournaments should get a place in the Digest, so let's gain members instead of losing them.

Your truly,

Ernie (Four-High) Danielson

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Route 2, Bigfork, Minn. 56628
December 13, 1975

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

Dear Sir:

I have been a member of the NHPA for many years. I enjoy horseshoe playing very much and am hoping to get to the World Tournament next summer.

We built a metal shed with four indoor courts. The courts are level with the floor and are filled with blue clay and also we have excellent lighting with all fluorescent lights.

We held a two (2) day tournament on October 11-12, 1975 at our place which is located 35 miles from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on the scenic highway No. 7. We are planning to have a three day tournament on May 29-30, Memorial Day weekend.

I am sending a picture of my wife, Julia and myself in front of our shed. Our family and grandsons enjoy horseshoe playing.

Sincerely,

Hjalmer and Julia Johnson



Mailbag—Continued

1021 Avery Ave.
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Mr. Ellis Cobb, Editor:
Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest

I have just received my December Digest, and as is my custom, started reading it from cover to cover. However, when I came to the article pertaining to "Minutes of Regional Directors Meeting," on page 9, and down to number 16, I just couldn't help feeling slightly irritated at the suggestion (which supposedly is under consideration by the governing body) to wit: "Give money to player with the highest tournament percentage in men's championship and possibly the other championship groups in each division". What manner of thinking is this? Why should there be a premium put on percentage rather than on wins and losses? Why, the idea is absurd! Instead of trying to go forward, we are planning on taking a step backward. Just think, what incentive would a lesser percentage player have in winning a game against a higher opponent when in the end it would go down the drain? Let us leave this phase of the game alone.

Rather, in case of a tie, what we should do to give more incentive to the game is award the position to the winner of their personal game in the round-robin. Only for first place should there be a playoff. If this plan were adopted it would facilitate the awarding of positions immediately upon completion of a tournament. I have been competing for many years in tournaments, and very often I've witnessed players, who lived long distances and are anxious to head for home, having to wait for up to a half hour to see what position they finished, while the tabulators worked like the devil having to figure out all the percentages of the people involved.

Yours in sport,
Anthony Sauro

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Bob Blow Wins No. Calif. Class C Championship

Livermore's Bob Blow started slow this year, barely moving up to a Class C rating, and his game had improved somewhat in August and September, however, no one except Bob himself gave him any chance to take the Class C championship. But Bob believed and seven games later, he whooped it up, grabbed the first place laurels, and ended the best season ever. Bob's 45.6% average was his tops ever and the best of the day. Jim Cooper was second in the championship fray. Ernie Kim won Class C-2, the Class C consolation championship. High game of the day was pitched by veteran Kim Ludlow in the 50th tournament of the Northern California Association season.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Bob Blow, Livermore 7-0-45.6; Jim Cooper, Stockton 5-2-41.6; Bob Kays, Turlock 4-3-39.0; Jim Adams, Turlock 4-3-38.6; Herman Schneider, Mosswood 3-4-35.7; Wayne McGhee, Turlock 2-5-36.6; Kim Ludlow, San Jose 2-5-37.4; Conrad Barber, Mosswood 1-6-35.3.

CLASS C-2 — Ernie Kim, Mosswood 6-1-41.2; Ernie Norton, Sacramento 5-2-40.5; Frank Cravalho, Golden Gate 4-3-37.4; Hank Schroder, Turlock 4-3-36.4; Roy Land, Rio Del-Scotia 4-3-30.2; Bud Bailey, Sonoma 3-4-35.0; Ed Bruins, Sacramento 2-5-33.5; John Morehouse, Golden Gate 0-7-31.3.

No. Calif. Class E Title Won By Lee Thornhill

Lee Thornhill won seven straight games to annex the Class E championship for the Sacramento club. It was the third class championship for the resurgent Sacramento club under the dynamic leadership of Duane Brewer. Thornhill pitched the high game of 32.7% and teammate Leroy Austin annexed second place with a 5-2 showing. Mandich followed in third place with 4-3-21.3; 4th-Victor Maas, 4-3-17.7; Fifth - Chuck Shaver, 4-3-16.6; Sixth - Joe Kremer, 3-4-17.7; Seventh - Mac Mower, 1-6-9.5; Ralph Collins in Eighth place with 0-7-8.2.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 13, 14, 15 — Valley of the Sun Open, Rendezvous Park, 9:30 a.m.

May 16 — Annual Spring Open Tournament, Carondelet Park courts, St. Louis, Mo.

May 29-30-31 — Memorial Day Open Tournament, Hjalmer Johnson residence, Scenic Highway No. 7, Bigfork, Minn.

June 4-5-6 — Spring Fever Open, Marion, Ohio. \$7.50 entry fee to Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio one week before tournament, Ph. 614 - 382-2817.

June 25-27 — Higginsville Open Tournament, Higginsville, Mo. Contact Harold Griffel, 2703 Maple, Higginsville, Mo. 64037. Phone 816-584-2256.

August 7-8 — Columbia Open tournament, Cosmo Park courts, Columbia, Mo. \$5.00 entry fee and latest percentage to Kenneth Wood, Rte. 5, Columbia, Mo. 65201 by July 31. Phone 314 445-2278.

August 13-15 — Higginsville Open Tournament, Higginsville, Mo. Contact Harold Griffel, 2703 Maple, Higginsville, Mo. 64037. Phone: 816 584-2256.

Sept. 10-11-12 — Central District Tournament, Marion, Ohio. \$5.00 entry fee to Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio. One week before tournament. Ph. 614 - 382-2817.

HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER 1975-76 WINTER SCHEDULE

February 8—Lincoln's Birthday ..39% and under

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March 7—Edgar Landry

Memorial39% and under

March 14—Edgar Landry

Memorial40% and up

April 4—Easter Ham Shoot39% and under

April 11—Easter Ham Shoot40% and up

May 29, 30, 31—AnniversaryAll Classes

Mail entries to; Heritage Recreation Center, Route 146, Sutton, Mass. 01527. ENTRY FEE \$8.00—Including fee for paid Scorekeepers.

Due to increased entries we may have to go to a three day playing schedule. Deadline for entries will be ten (10) days prior to tournament date.

PINECREST INDOOR, ELWOOD, IND.

Entry Fee \$6.00 on all Tournaments

Feb. 21-22 — Ringer Classic — Mailing Deadline Feb. 11. Phone Deadline Feb. 13 noon.

Mar. 13-14 — John Gall Special — Mailing Deadline March 3. Phone Deadline March 5 noon.

Mar. 27-28 — Spring Round-Up — Mailing Deadline March 17. Phone Deadline March 19 noon.

Apr. 10-11 — Wood Ringer Classic — Mailing Deadline April 1. Phone Deadline April 3 noon.

May 1-2 — Redbud Open — Mailing Deadline April 21. Phone Deadline April 23 noon.

OHIO SCHEDULE

Feb. 7-8 — 14-15 — 21-22 — Darke County Horseshoe Club, Snowball Open. Send entries to Jerry Williams, 104 Belair, Greenville, Ohio 45331 Sanctioned.

May 2nd or 3rd week — Fort Hamilton Horseshoe Club Tournament. Date to be announced. Contact Kate Harrison, 1921 King Ave. Hamilton, Ohio 45015.

May 29-30-31 — Piqua Horseshoe Club, Eisenhower Open. Entry fee \$7.00. Sanctioned. Percentage and entry fee to Francis D. Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356. Deadline Saturday May 22, 1976 - 12 midnight. 8- men Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H. \$1.00 for each game won and 1 trophy per class. There will not be any junior class. Ladies same as men.

June 4, 5 and 6th — Spring Fever Open, Marion, Ohio. 16 men classes: 1st \$150.00; 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00; 4th \$40.00 on down to \$10.00. Also 1st and 2nd place trophies. All six man classes will be given \$3.00 for each game won plus 1st and 2nd place trophies. Sanctioned. Entries to: Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302.

June 12 - 13 — Silver Dollar Open, Sanctioned. Lancaster, Ohio.

June 18-19-20 — Hebron Open, Hebron, Ohio. NHPA card required. Qualify before noon Saturday, June 19.

July 2-3-4-5 — Greenville Ringer Classic. Sanctioned. Qualify at courts. Greenville, Ohio 45331.

July 16-17 — Piqua Open, 50-shoe count-all. \$5.00 entry fee. 3 trophies per class of 8-men. Percentage and entry fee to: Francis D. Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356.

Toledo Area Horseshoe Club — No dates as yet. June 12-13 — Northwest District, Sanctioned. Entry fee of \$6.50 due by June 3. Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

July 9-10-11 — Mid-Summer Tournament, Old Timers, July 9. Open Tournament. Entry fee \$5.00 due by July 1. Fulton County fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 5-6 — Labor Day Open Tournament. Entry fee \$5.00 due by Aug. 20. Fulton County fairgrounds. Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 18-19 — Polar Bear — Sanctioned. Entry fee \$6.50 due by Sept 8. Fulton County fairgrounds, Entries to Mrs. George H. Smith. P. O. Box 124, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Sept. 3-4-5-6 — Ohio State Tournament, Greenville, Ohio. Must have NHPA card. \$5.00 Entry fee plus qualify at courts. Will take qualifying on Thurs. nite, 6 to 9 p.m. This is for area men and women. Qualifying will start 12 noon Fri. Sept. 3 from 3 to 9 p.m. that nite, continue next morning until 12 noon. Pitching starts after convention.

Sept. 11-12 — Southwest District Tournament, Hamilton, Ohio.

RUSH INDOOR RUSHVILLE, INDIANA.

Mail entry fee of \$6.00 for all tournaments to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, Indiana 46012. Phone 317 - 642-2413.

Feb. 7-8 — Rush Indoor Open. Mailing deadline Jan. 28. Phone deadline Jan. 30 noon.

Mar. 7-8 — March Open. Mailing deadline Feb. 27. Phone deadline March 1 noon.

Apr. 4-5 — Rushville Open. Mailing deadline March 25. Phone deadline March 27 noon.

Apr. 25-26 — Spring Special. Mailing deadline April 15. Phone deadline April 17 noon.

Coming Events—Continued

1975-76 FLORIDA SCHEDULE

- Fla. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 -12th Ave., E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 (813-746-8298).
- Feb. 7-8 — *Pinellas County Open, Seminole, Fla. Contact Lee Davis, P.O. Box 3426, Seminole, Fla. 33542 (813-392-8504).
- Feb. 14-15 — Orlando Open, Orlando, Fla. Contact Opal Corbett, 810 E. Mt. Vernon St., Orlando, Fla. 32803 (305-841-1944).
- Feb. 20-21 — Suncoast Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 -12th Ave. E., Bradenton Fla. 33505 (813-746-8298).
- Feb. 26-27-28 — Strawberry Festival, Plant City, Fla. Contact John Rademacher, 408 Pevetty Dr., Plant City, Fla. 33566 (813-752-1226).
- Mar. 5 — Coronado Open, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Contact David Cevasco, 105 Palm Breeze Dr., Edgewater, Fla. 32032 (904-427-7215).
- Mar. 13-14 — *Seminole Pow Wow, Seminole, Fla. Contact Lee Davis, P.O. Box 3426, Seminole, Fla. 33542 (813-392-8504).
- Mar. 20 — Fun 'N Sun Festival, Clearwater, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).
- Mar. 26-27-28 — Desoto Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact Earle Johnson, 3031 -12th Ave. E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505 (813-746-8298).
- Apr. 3 — Legion Open, American Legion, Titusville, Fla. Contact Luther Adams, P.O. Box 5035, Titusville, Fla. 32780.
- Apr. 10 — Fla. H.P.A. Bicentennial Celebration, Orlando, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).
- Apr. 24 — **Florida Closed, Plant City, Fla. Contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892).
- May 1 — Bee Ridge Open, Sarasota, Fla. Contact Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Rd., Sarasota, Fla. 33581 (813-924-4117).
- July 3-4 — Firecracker Open, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Contact David Cevasco, 105 Palm Breeze Dr., Edgewater, Fla. 32032 (904-427-7215).

* Denotes NHPA sanctioned tournament — all classes.

** Denotes NHPA sanctioned tournament—Classes A & B.

1975-76 DAY-BELL SCHEDULE

Tournaments at the Day-Bell Indoor Horseshoe Courts will be held on the following dates. In order to allow pitchers from a wider area to participate, we are only scheduling tournaments on Sundays. All tournaments will start at 12:00 noon. We feel this will allow daylight driving hours, both before and after the tournaments. On the first date, pitchers above 50% will be classed. The second date will be for pitchers 50% and below. Every attempt will be made to equal-

ize the classes. Entry, along with entry fee of \$5.00, percentage, must be in one week prior to tournament. No entries will be accepted without fee in advance. Winners will be given choice of money or trophy, plus a Day-Bell Champion Patch.

February 14, 21, 1976, Valentine Open.

March 13, 20, 1976, Harry Henn Memorial.

April 10, 17, 1976, Spring Tune-up.

PIKE COUNTY OHIO INDOOR SCHEDULE

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| Feb. 1—Class A Men | 12:00 noon | April 3—Class D Men | 12:00 noon |
| Feb. 6—Amateur Women | 7:00 p.m. | 3—Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 7—Class D Men | 12:00 noon | April 4—Class B Men | 12:00 noon |
| 7—Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls | 7:00 p.m. | | |
| Feb. 8—Class B Men | 12:00 noon | | |
| Open Tournament March 26-27-28, April 2-3-4. | | | |
| March 26—Amateur Men's Class | 7:00 p.m. | | |
| March 27—Class C Men | 12:00 noon | | |
| 27—Class A & B Women | 7:00 p.m. | | |
| March 28—Class A Men | 12:00 noon | | |
| April 2—Amateur Women | 7:00 p.m. | | |

If a Class E or beyond is needed it will be scheduled. All Classes will play 50 point cancellation and all classes will be 8 players. For the men Class A is usually 60% and up. Class B is usually 50% to 59%. Class C is usually 40% to 49%. Class D is usually 30% to 39%. We always have a class around 20%. Send all entries to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648 or phone 614-289-4101.

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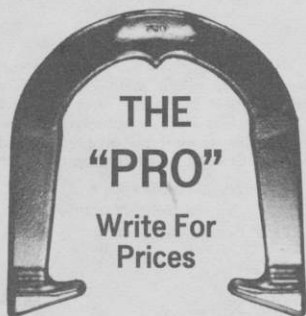
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