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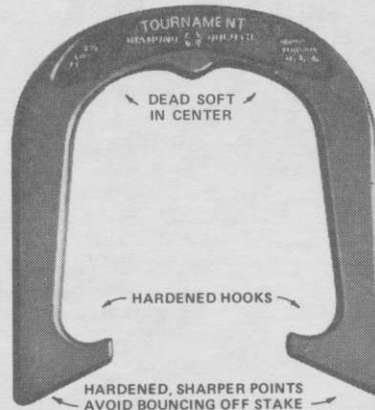
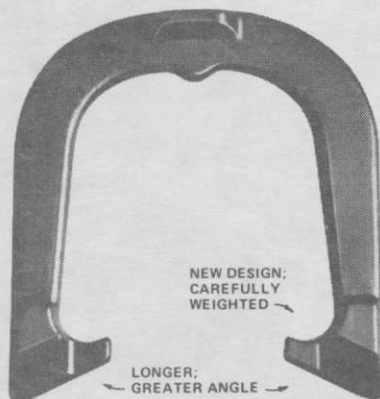
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### NHPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As promised the Executive Council answers the Womens, Junior Girls and Boys comments, suggestions and ideas that they presented to the Delegates at the 1976 Convention in August.

Quote:

**WOMEN:** We women who are members of the NHPA have some ideas we would like to voice here.

1. Our main point is that the World Tournament seems to be totally geared to the men in Class A. We feel that the women as well as all the other divisions, should have a decent share of the publicity and equal consideration in all areas. Those areas include having a scoreboard for all A classes so that spectators will be able to see what's going on.

**ANSWER:** One of the scoreboards was purchased from the Levittown Club at close of Tournament for this purpose and should be available at all future W.T.'s.

2. We also feel it's unfair to the spectators and competitors alike for 5 championship divisions to pitch at the same time. We feel as if we are being pushed aside and gotten out of the way as an unimportant prefix to the tournament.

**ANSWER:** Donnie Roberts and Greenville have worked out a tentative schedule which we hope will satisfy most. However, the Council recalls in 1974 we had a request to pitch the women on a separate night. We did on Friday, but we had complaints that it was too late in the week and it was at the same time as the men and the family couldn't watch both. In 1975 I believe the only complaints was the Junior Boys greatly overshadowed everyone that evening. In fact Men's Class A could not even follow their performance. I am only trying to point out its not easy to pitch everyone at the right time. But, we will keep trying to satisfy.

3. It's also hard to understand why any championship classes must play on the evening of the long convention day. It's hard to pitch your best when you've been sitting for several hours.

**COVER PICTURE . . .** The picture shown this month is a revised edition of the one shown back in 1969. At that time Eugene "Gungie" Strauss of Lomita, Calif. was three years old and was pitching 20 feet using a regular 2-½ pound shoe and averaging 35 percent ringers. Now at the age of 10, after laying off for 6 years, he is back pitching again and pitching 40 feet and has won four first place trophies and numerous other place trophies. In September he won first place in the Class C tournament at San Diego, California. He averaged 62.4 percent for the tournament and in the playoff games he had games of 69 and 70 percent. He pitches the reverse turn and one-quarter.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — (Continued)**

ANSWER: It appears some class will always have to follow the convention. For we don't have a lot of rest time and allow for weather problems.

4. One argument against giving us equal consideration is that there are very few women horseshoe pitchers. Perhaps if we are given a little more consideration and publicity there would be more of us. Thank you.

ANSWER: We agree, not only the women's class needs more publicity, but our entire sports needs a shot in the arm. So, let's get behind Sol Berman's publicity committee, Joe Goldstein and Mike O'Hara. If we all do our part I am sure Horseshoes and all classes of pitchers will benefit.

**GIRLS:** Ladies and Gentlemen of the convention, speaking on behalf of the Junior Girls of the NHPA we would like to present the following ideas.

1. We feel that where as the championship mens class has the statistics posted on a large board, we deserve the same treatment because we too are a championship class.

ANSWER: Scoreboard will be provided.

2. We believe that pitching 5 championship classes at once as they are this year (1976) is highly frustrating to spectators and participants. For example, say you are a spectator and there is a member of your family or a friend in each division they have to run from one court to another. Why these championship classes aren't separately pitched on different afternoons we fail to understand.

ANSWER: As stated, we hope to eliminate as many championship classes as possible in pitching at the same time.

3. Last, we feel that it is very unfair and makes no sense that when you are already 17 at the first of the year you can pitch in the Juniors Class and yet you are not considered an adult. For you can not be a delegate. So, depending on your birth date there could be one year 17-18 that you are neither a Junior or an Adult. We think that the solution of this problem would either lower the delegate age to 17 or raise the Junior age to 18.

ANSWER: Council has agreed on my suggestion in lowering the delegate age to 17. So, this will be presented to the By-Laws Committee. If they accept then it will be presented to the 1977 Delegates.

In closing, we wish that you would open these topics to discussion because to us these matters are very important.

**BOYS:** We the Junior Boys ask the Executive Council to give serious consideration to developing a greatly expanded awards program, especially directed towards league and other local programs. The Council should also consider associate membership or other means of sanctioning league actively. You have to work at local level. Many are not interested in NHPA just back yard. For NHPA to gain any benefit, it has to do more for the pitchers in the game already. Awards program is one of the best ways. All we have now are tournament patches. We need more.

ANSWER: We are working on these suggestions which by the way sounds like a carbon copy of the article in the November issue by Russ Gadoury. Who was the original author? Anyway, the Council hopes to have a program ready by convention time or sooner.

Unquote.

On behalf of the NHPA thanks to the three divisions for having a representative speak on their behalf. You did a fine job. I personally encourage you to have a spokesman each year. For if you don't the NHPA won't know your likes or dislikes. However, we would appreciate if you would try to keep your requests within reason.

This council realizes it's impossible to satisfy all players at a W.T. But, if there is ANYONE who disagrees with this statement we would be most happy to hear from you with your guaranteed fool proof solution.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

## PICTURES AND HISTORIES OF 1976 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Perhaps many of the News Digest subscribers and others have been waiting to see the pictures and histories of the 1976 Hall of Fame inductees to appear in the Digest. Due to the time and circumstances in acquiring the necessary photos and histories is the reason for the delay. They are now presented as follows:

**Danny Kuchcinski**, now of Indiana, player. Danny started pitching at the age of 10. He won his first world title at the age of 18 in 1967 at Fargo, North Dakota. The youngest winner since 1933. He qualified for the World Tournament at Keene, N.H. In 1969 he again captured the World title for the second time as well as winning the Eastern National crown. His best performances during world tournament meets are: highest qualifier, 92.5 percent: best overall tournament average, 84.9 percent High single game average, 97.1 percent and the most consecutive ringers, 66.

These are the best records of any player that has not already been inducted into the Hall of Fame.



**Danny Kuchcinski**



**Sue Kuchcinski**

**Sue Gillespie Kuchcinski** of Indiana, player. Sue began pitching at the age of 13. She won her first world title at the age of 15 to become the youngest lady champion. She won it again in 1964 and had the most consecutive ringers in a world meet of 30 straight. In 1965 she repeated for her third title in Keene, New Hampshire.

Her best performance in world tournament competition she had 83 ringers in 100 shoes. Her best overall average was 81.1 percent. Highest single game average of 93.3 percent and most consecutive ringers 30.

As a husband and wife team, Sue and Danny are keeping horseshoes in the limelight by giving exhibitions which they have been doing for the past several years. They both intend to try for world titles in the near future.

**Bert Snart of Manitoba**, Canada as a promoter. Burt got his start in the game back in 1935. He promoted horseshoes in the Canadian Armed forces for four years starting in 1943.

He organized 42 clubs throughout Canada, which is an outstanding achievement. For 25 years he was Provincial Tournament director in 500 to 600 tournaments during that time. He has done promotional work many times on TV and radio with many personal appearances.

He is most proud of his government awards for his efforts from 1967-70 and 73. Since 1970 the Dauphin club in Manitoba has been awarding the "Bert Snart Trophy" in his honor.

## HALL OF FAME — (Continued)



Bert Snart



Dale Carson

**Dale Carson** of Maryland, oldtimer. Dale has been pitching for fifty years. He will remember the summer of 1976 as the year that he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and along with that, 1976 will be remembered as the year he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Dale has pitched in 10 World tournaments and qualified in 9 of them in the championship class. In 1968 he qualified with 568 points out of 200 shoes. He has averaged 75 percent in several of them. His highest single game effort in world tournament competition was 89 percent.

He also won the Pennsylvania state title back in the 1930's. He has also won the Ohio State Open meet against such top flight players as Paul Focht, Harold Reno and Curt Day of Indiana.

## TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES OF 1976

In the Davenport Memorial Open Tournament held in Knoxville, Tennessee, T.R. Little was the winner with a 5 and 1 record and 68.1 percent. High Game trophy went to O.D. Lebow who had 54 ringers in 66 shoes for 81.8 percent.

**CLASS A** — T.R. Little, 5-1-68.1; T. Norwood, 4-2-66.9; R. Norwood, 4-2-69.2; S. Jackson, 3-3-65.3; D. Ward, 3-3-62.5; O.D. Lebow, 2-4-69.4; W. Stephens, 0-6-54.4.

**CLASS B** — H. Self, 5-1-65.0; G. Whaley, 5-1-58.6; G. Lewis, 4-2-58.1; A.J. Nave, 3-3-57.5; C. Brown, 3-3-57.2; D. Stallings, 1-5-49.6; J. Walker, 0-6-45.7.

**CLASS C** — J.B. Wells, 6-0-53.2; C. Montgomery, 4-2-50.3; J. Adkerson, 4-2-50.0; H. Jackson, 3-3-45.2; B. Arms, 2-4-38.4; B. Ward, 2-4-35.7; W. Self, 0-6-37.1.

**CLASS D** — R. Williams, 5-0-47.6; P. Cogdill, 3-2-41.8; W. Pierce, 3-2-41.1; K. Garrett, 2-3-37.3; C. Miles, 1-4-42.7; H. White, 1-4-33.0.

**CLASS E** — F. Gregg, 5-0-36.0; F. Fritts, 4-1-28.1; R. Hardin, 3-2-22.3; J. Davis, 2-3-19.8; C.H. Ward, 1-4-15.2; K. Porterfield, 0-5-13.3.

In the Summer Classic played at Cleveland, Tennessee there were 32 pitchers playing 35 point games due to having only six courts. Stan Jackson won the high game trophy, hitting an 84.8 percent. Roger Norwood was the tournament winner averaging 78.9 for the six game round robin.

**TENNESSEE — (Continued)**

**CLASS A** — R. Nrwood, 4-1-78.9; S. Jackson, 3-2-71.5; T.R. Little, 3-2-73.1; O.D. Lebow, 2-3-66.3; T. Norwood, 2-3-66.1; G. Whaley, 1-4-59.2.

**CLASS B** — C. Montgomery, 4-1-58.4; A.J. Nave, 4-1-60.7; G. Lewis, 3-2-64.9; J. Adkerson, 3-2-57.1; W. Stephens, 1-4-48.7; C. Brown, 0-5-44.1.

**CLASS C** — D. Stallings, 4-1-52.2; J. Brooks Sr., 4-1-55.0; K. Blackwell, 3-2-49.1; E.A. Bannister, 2-3-46.3; R. Williams, 1-4-43.6; W. Gee, 1-4-41.1.

**CLASS D** — B. Arms, 6-0-47.4; C. Miles, 5-1-39.6; J. Brooks Jr., 3-3-36.1; P. Cogdill, 3-3-31.8; W. Pierce, 2-4-32.1; K. Garrett, 1-5-32.4; J. Collins, 1-5-26.8.

**CLASS E** — L. Collett, 6-0-36.2; D. Jones, 5-1-30.8; D. Martin, 4-2-25.7; F. Fritts, 3-3-24.8; H. White, 2-4-24.8; W. Brooks, 1-5-21.5; E. Brooks, 0-6-5.5.

**Debbie Traquair Wins Women's Tournament of Champions**

Debbie Traquair won the first womens' Handicap Tournament of Champions held at Heritage Recreation Center, defeating Janet Riendeau 46-21 in the championship game. Traquair and Riendeau qualified by winning their respective qualifying rounds. In the battle for third place, Edith Gadoury defeated Anita Pateneau 44-36. All four finalists set new career high averages.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		THIRD PLACE GAME	
Debbie Traquair	46 (44%)	Edith Gadoury	44 (38%)
Janet Riendeau	21 (24%)	Anita Pateneau	36 (28%)

QUALIFYING GROUP 1		QUALIFYING GROUP 2	
D. Traquair, NH (34.0)	5-0-40.4	J. Riendeau, NY (31.0)	4-1-34.8
E. Gadoury, MA (46.3)	4-1-50.8	A. Pateneau, ME (34.8)	4-1-36.4
Debbie Michaud, MA (75.5)	3-2-66.8	Coleen Boudreau, NH (41.4)	3-2-41.2
Cam Shepard, MA (26.7)	2-3-24.0	Barbara Landry, MA (31.9)	2-3-29.6
Anne Domey, MA (36.2)	1-4-28.1	Althea Seigny, NH (52.2)	2-3-46.4
Beverly Fontaine, MA (31.0)	0-5-18.8	J. Domey, MA (fill-in)	- -38.8

The championship game matchup was settled early. Traquair quickly overcame the 14-point spot and moved ahead 34-11 after thirty shoes, pitching 50 percent. Janet made a strong move on the last twenty shoes, but it was too late. Debbi improved on her previous high tournament of 34.0% by averaging 40.4% in the qualifying round and pitched a fine 44% in the championship game. After winning Debbi said, "This will take care of this month's car payment."

An additional \$50 in prize money was donated by Pete Shepard, New England Regional Director. This generous contribution made it possible to post a substantial prize fund. First place paid \$50, second \$25, and third, \$15. All handicaps were based on the participants' highest tournament average over the past twelve months. The Women almost had a World Champion among their numbers. Ruth Hangen expressed a desire to enter, but could not arrange the necessary time off.

There is an amusing story associated with this tournament that also demonstrates the intensity of much of the competition. Anne Domey came into the tournament with a high average of 36%. Edith Gadoury was in at 46%. Edith had practiced at least 200 shoes every day the week before, and in the last week pitched 500 shoes Monday, 300 Tuesday, and 200 Thursday, to build up her endurance. Anne had pitched about an hour in the previous week and not much before that. They met in game one, Anne ahead 16-0 with the spot score. She built the lead to 24-0 on 7 for 10! Two consecutive four deads followed before Edith could score. Edith won the game but had to pitch 6 for 8 to tie at 50 shoes, and 4 for 6 in the six-shoe overtime. In game 5 Anne did her darndest to beat Debbi Traquair, but 44% wasn't quite good enough. So much for "I'm not pitching worth a hoot", and so much for the "get lots of practice" theory.

## A DAY WITH TED ALLEN

by Stewart Snyder

Ted Allen's contribution to the highly developed game of horseshoe pitching is more than most people realize. He is a leader in this sport because he designed and produces the revolutionary **ALLEN** pitching shoes; shoes that have set a high standard of perfection in design — a design that is covetously imitated by other shoe manufacturers.



Some know that he is a charter member of the horseshoe pitchers Hall of Fame, and fewer yet know that he performed as a showman to exhibit his horseshoe pitching skill to countless thousands of viewers.

Reflecting on his past Ted said, "The big glory, as I feel, was performing an act in big-time show business." This was not a short lived occurrence — for over thirty years he performed his skilled horseshoe pitching acts booked in big-time shoes that traveled throughout America.

Today the challenge of competition continues, but is most evident now in the production of his Allen pitching shoes. He spends his days finishing shoes that arrive from the foundry in 50-gallon steel drums; tempering the points, grinding,

weighing, painting, and packaging for shipment.

Ted pointed to two shoe box files on his work bench and was pleased to mention, "These are all new orders. They come in all year long now, not so much seasonally as in the past."

But when people think of Ted Allen, they think mostly of ringers and records, of world championships and trophies, and of the glory that comes with outstanding achievement on the courts.

Glory is not the self-assessment of this extraordinary horseshoe pitcher, but it is the admiration accorded to him by common consent of those who know the man; of those who are qualified to pitch against him, and of those who would emulate him, even in some small way.

To Ted Allen, glory is a reality, yet for all its honor and fanciful connotations, he remains just plain — Ted Allen.

## HORSESHOE IS A LIFETIME SPORT

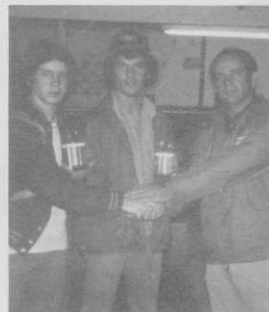
by Donnie Roberts

Sports are emphasized more and more everyday in our school and life style. The television is polluted with one event after another. Maybe some horseshoe matches will appear there some soon.

The local high school in Pike County, Ohio has a physical education program that works on lifetime sports. Bowling, golf, archery, and horseshoes are just a few of the sports they teach. All of these, particularly horseshoe, are sports that people can participate in at almost any age. As Coach Morris Gullion puts it, "Let's teach something people can do after they get out of school for the rest of their lives, not something that only superstars can do." Of course there are superstars in horseshoe.

During November the Physical Education Classes at Piketon High School worked on horseshoe pitching. Part of their program was a visit to the Pike County Indoor Horseshoe Courts to hold a School Singles and Doubles tournament. There were forty participants in one class. Eddie Jordan won the singles event. Tim Mowery and Eddie Jordan won the doubles event.

Pictured are Eddie Jordan with Coach Morris Gullion and Tim Mowery and Eddie Jordan with Coach Gullion.





## SOLOMON, HARRISON, ROBERTS, & HIGGINS CLASS WINNERS IN ELI RENO MEMORIAL

The Second Annual Eli Reno Memorial Indoor tournament was held at the Pike County Ohio Indoor Facilities during November and December. This event is held every year in memory of Eli Reno an avid horseshoe man in Pike County for many years. The event is sponsored by Ottie Reno, Eli's son.

This year we had 70 entries from five states. Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania were the states represented. Last year we had 68 entries that played. There were some tournament records broken. Ken Kuglar of Hamilton, Ohio had 26 consecutive ringers which broke the record of 20 held by Stan Manker and Gary Roberts. Jim Solomon hit a game of 88.9% to beat an 84.8 record held by Stan Manker. Solomon's 82.1% tournament average set a new high for the Eli Reno Event. Carl Young and Jim Solomon went 98 shoes which is a new record.

Several prizes were given to the various classes. A copy of Ottie Reno's newest book "Pitching Championship Horseshoes" was presented to first and second in every class. The first place winner in each class received a nice trophy and free entry fee into the next tournament. Also, in all classes \$1.00 in prize money was given for every game that each pitcher won.



Right hand picture — Left to right, Class A finishers: Front row, Carl Young, Gary Roberts. Back row, Bob Straightliff, Jim Solomon and Stan Manker. Left hand picture — Left to right, Class A Women: Front row, Avenella Brown, Opal Reno, Katherine Harrison, Ruth Kirk. Back row, Ottie Reno, sponsor, Helen Roberts, Janet Reno, Juanita West and Rosie Stevens.

Mike Higgins of Pike County, Ohio won the Junior Boys, Sheila Roberts of Pike County, Ohio won the Junior Girls, Bill Rose of Ross County, Ohio won the men's class F, Dave Martens of Lancaster, Ohio won the men's Class E, Junior Russell of Good Hope, Ohio won the men's Class D, Harold Wipert of Ross County, Ohio won Class C, Joe Pillion of Springfield, Ohio won Class B, and Jim Solomon of Uniontown, Pennsylvania took Class A honors. Katherine Harrison of Hamilton, Ohio won the women's Class A.



Left hand picture — Left to right, Class C finishers: Front row, Lester Rose, Ottie Reno, John DeWeese, Bill Kneper. Back row, Tom Pearce, Harold Wipert, Vernon Holland and Tic Bryant. Right hand picture — Left to right, Front row, Tom King, Earl Waggoner, Joe Pillion, Ken Waggoner. Back row, Arnold Lester, Bill Henn, John Hughes, Kenny Dawes. These were the Class B finishers.

## RENO MEMORIAL — (Continued)

All classes were 8 or 9 persons and all games were 50 point cancellation. All two person ties are decided by how those two people did with each other during regular play. The person who won the game finishes ahead. In case of a more than two tie we use how the games came out if possible. Otherwise we go to percentage for more than two ties.

The Pike County Horseshoe Club would like to thank everyone for coming to our tournament that they will come back again. Thanks to Ottie Reno for sponsoring the tournament. Gene Reno donated \$20.00 to the person with the high single game which Jim Solomon won with 88.9. Helen Roberts hit 81.4 in one game and Janet Reno hit 79.1 in one game.

**CLASS A MEN** — Jim Solomon, 9-0-82.1; Gary Roberts, 8-1-72.2; Stan Manker, 6-3-68.5; Kenny Kuglar, 5-4-64.7; Carl Young, 4-5-65.8; Bob Stratiff, 4-5-60.7; Elmer Harrison, 4-5-61.7; Max Roseberry, 4-5-63.1; Ted Harris, 0-9-54.7.

**CLASS B MEN** — Joe Pillion, 5-2-63.1; Kenny Dawes, 5-2-63.5; Arnold Lester, 5-2-59.9; John Hughes, 4-3-59.2; Bill Henn, 4-3-63.5; Earl Waggoner, 4-3-60.3; Tom King, 1-6-50.9; Ken Waggoner, 0-7-47.6; Bob Messenger, Forfeit.

**CLASS C MEN** — Harold Wipert, 6-1-61.5; Tic Bryant, 6-1-60.3; Tom Pearce, 5-2-54.6; Lester Rose, 5-2-58.9; Ottie Reno, 3-4-53.3; John DeWeese, 2-5-50.0; Bill Knepper, 1-6-42.5; Vernon Holland, 0-7-33.9.

**CLASS D MEN** — Junior Russell, 6-1-49.4; John Brown, 5-2-51.6; Claude Crabtree, 5-2-53.5; Roy Roberts, 3-4-43.9; Danny Penn, 3-4-51.2; Earl Noe, 3-4-52.3; Francis Asher, 2-5-45.4; Elmer Altman, 1-6-46.5; Calvin Patterson, Forfeit.

**CLASS E MEN** — Dave Martens, 6-1-43.7; Lester Hite, 5-2-39.6; Orval Cross, 5-2-34.6; J. D. Rhymer, 4-3-34.4; John Roberts, 4-3-37.1; Cliff Hannah, 2-5-36.2; George Pierson, 1-6-30.5; Howard Jarrells, 1-6-30.9.

**CLASS F MEN** — Bill Rose, 6-1-33.3; Clyde Rose, 5-2-29.5; Ronnie Beaver, 4-3-26.6; Garland Glassburn, 4-3-24.3; Gene Crabtree, 3-4-28.1; Anthony Limle, 3-4-20.2; Warren Hilt, 2-5-18.2; Eldon Carroll, 1-6-12.9; Paul Buckley, Forfeit.

**WOMEN — CLASS A** — Kathy Harrison, 6-1-66.8; Opal Reno, 6-1-69.3; Janet Reno, 5-2-67.0; Helen Roberts, 5-2-71.5; Rosie Stevens, 3-4-49.7; Ruth Kirk, 2-5-52.5; Avenelle Brown, 1-6-30.1; Juanita West, 0-7-45.9.

**JUNIOR GIRLS** — Sheila Roberts, 3-0-39.1; Lorna Reno, 2-1-27.1; Susan Roberts, 0-3-6.0; Jany Higgins, 1-2-4.6.

**JUNIOR BOYS** — Mike Higgins, 3-0-46.6; Darren Penn, 2-1-37.4; Donnie Roberts, 1-2-1.1; Doug Anderson, Forfeit.

## ANNUAL "SNOWBALL OPEN," GREENVILLE, OHIO, FEB. 12-13,

The twelfth annual indoor "Snowball Open" Tournament sponsored by the Darke County Horseshoe Club, will be held on successive weekends starting February 12 and 13, 1977.

Courts will be open Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6 for qualifying. Pitchers unable to qualify on these dates may mail in your ringer percentage. All entries must be received by February 6. 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 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 on Sunday, February 20.

Entry fee is \$6.00 with 50 cents of the fee going to the 1977 World Tournament Fund. Entry fee must accompany entry with check made payable to "Darke County Horseshoe Club" and mailed to Harold Anthony, Route 2, Arcanum, Ohio 45304.

There will be a Ladies Tournament on February 27, 1977. Entry fee of \$6.00 for the Ladies Tournament is to be mailed to Harold Anthony by February 6, 1977.

The tournament will be held at the Darke County Fairground 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.

## RICHARDSON IN UPSET — WINS CHRISTMAS CLASSIC AT HERITAGE

by Russ Gadoury

Charlie Richardson wasn't sure he wanted to enter Heritage Recreation Center's Christmas Classic because he hasn't been pitching well, and was not happy being in Class A, being eighth seed, but then went and **WON THE WHOLE THING!** What happened was, he was in the right place at the right time. You knew it was that kind of day when Domey, Tyson, and Schultz have two losses after three rounds. Matters were so tight that if Charlie had lost to Sweeney in the last round there would have been a six-way tie at 4 and 3. Thanks, Charlie, for not putting us through that experience. And congratulations. One question though. I know that gift items were the prizes, but don't you think, under the circumstances, you should have chosen a trophy instead of a cutlery set?

Ed Bodinski is all smiles. After winning Class 3 of the Turkey Shoot with the best percentage of his life, he followed it up with a victory in Class 2 of the Christmas Classic. Quote, "That's 13 for 14 so far this winter", unquote...Fran Norman, always a strong contender, parlayed a 6-1 record into a Class 3 win...Ray Peloquin exhibited some strong pitching once he loosened up and won Class 4, defeating newcomer Bob Martin in a playoff. Peloquin's only loss was to Bill McMahon, who filled in two classes up. Previously Bill McMahon had won Class 6 with his best tournament ever, 36.5%, one percent higher than his previous high the month before, good only for third place. You all know Bill from "Keep pitchin", cause you're gonna be in A someday" fame. He's working on it.

Class 5 was won by "Hard luck" Bill Knowles. For years he's been trying to get into the Tournament of Champions. No matter how well he pitched, he'd look at enough 60% and up games to knock him out of top spot. Bill nearly turned back for home about three times because of the icy roads, but did not.

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## CHRISTMAS CLASSIC — (Continued)

Jim Laliberte came alive as a horseshoe pitcher last April in a doubles tournament. It got him started on the tournament trail. The effort paid off last week in Class 7, winning a playoff from Joe Szlozek with one of his best games, 32%.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS** — Charles Richardson, MA, 5-2-61.6; Ed Dorney, MA, 4-3-68.6; Don Weik, CT, 4-3-67.8; Art Tyson, NY, 4-3-66.7; Paul Cormier, MA, 4-3-64.5; Russ Sweeney, MA, 3-4-62.6; Joe Schultz, NY, 3-4-59.6; George Trabucchi, CT, 1-6-53.2.

**CLASS 2** — Ed Bodinski, MA, 6-1-53.8; Paul Schultz, NY, 5-2-53.6; Dan Beane, MA, 5-2-50.9; Fred Simon, MA, 3-4-57.2; Mel Merritt, MA, 3-4-54.0; Russ Gadoury, MA, 3-4-51.3; Sam Raymond, NH, 3-4-47.2; Real Chenette, MA, 0-7-38.5.

**CLASS 3** — Fran Norman, MA, 6-1-51.3; Ed Courville, MA, 5-2-52.1; Joe Pepi, MA, 5-2-48.4; Bill Levesque, MA, 4-3-53.5; Gardner Alden, MA, 4-3-47.3; Gil Lee, CT, 3-4-43.7; Joe Guy, MA, 1-6-34.0; Bill White, MA, 0-7-34.4.

**CLASS 4** — Ray Peloquin, MA, 6-1-51.5; Bob Martin, MA, 6-1-44.5; Ray Benson, VT, 5-2-37.8; Ed Tyler, CT, 3-4-40.6; Frank Mitchell, MA, 3-4-39.2; Bill McMahon, MA, 3-4-33.7; George Provolkin, CT, 1-6-31.8; Don Harrison, MA, 1-6-26.2.

**CLASS 5** — Bill Knowles, MA, 6-1-36.9; Jim Wyllie, MA, 5-2-37.3; Ralph Lacerte, MA, 5-2-36.9; Tom Monigan, CT, 4-3-25.3; Hub Sasse, MA, 3-4-30.7; Jay Benton, CT, 2-5-32.2; Ray Dingus, CT, 2-5-29.7; Dick Shepard, MA, 1-6-24.8.

**CLASS 6** — Bill McMahon, MA, 7-1-36.5; Bill Dupont, MA, 6-2-36.4; Hal Thomas, MA, 6-2-35.1; Bill Fricault, MA, 5-3-38.1; Real Chenette, MA, 4-4-34.2; Harry Schricker, MA, 4-4-25.6; Al Doucette, MA, 3-5-28.9; Tony Nacewicz, MA, 1-7-18.4; Moe Farmer, MA (Forfeit).

**CLASS 7** — Jim Laliberte, MA, 7-1-25.1; Joe Szlozek, MA, 7-1-30.1; Brian Turcotte, MA, 6-2-28.2; Paul St. Pierre, MA, 4-4-23.4; Bob Perham, MA, 3-5-24.5; Richard O'Brien, MA, 3-5-20.8; Ed Hamilton, MA, 2-6-18.6; Mike Desroches, MA, 2-6-17.0; Ed Harrington, MA, 2-6-15.1.

## FRANK BAXTER WINNER OF NORTHEAST INDOOR OPEN AT ELWOOD, IND.

The Northeast Open held at Pinecrest Indoor Horseshoe Club, Ind., ended with Class C having a 4-way tie for first place. After the playoffs, E. G. Campbell, Kokomo, went home the winner.

Frank Baxter, Tipton, was the winner of Class A after defeating Jerry Wood, Elwood in the final game. Both men had only one loss, given to them by Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill. You men know you have to watch out for these old timers, they have a way of coming back.

Class Jr. B also had a tie, 3-way. Chipper Bickle, Elwood, won it; going from a 6% average to a 26% game.

**CLASS A** — Frank Baxter, Tipton, 6-1-70; Jerry Wood, PIHC, 5-2-68.7; Leland Fisher, Elwood, 4-3-64.4; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill., 4-3-60.1; Glen Teter, Tipton, 3-4-64.8; George Sales, New Castle, 3-4-61.8; Al Overdorf, Brownsburg, 2-5-60.4; Bob Wells, Jackson, Mich., 1-6-63.8.

**CLASS B** — Fred Calvert, Waveland, 7-0-63; Glen Hoppes, Summitville, 4-3-51.3; Doyle Mink, Indianapolis, 4-3-47.5; Al Quebe, Kirkland, 4-3-46.7; Max Gunyon, Frankford, 4-3-45.7; Les Moore, Forest, 3-4-43.3; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester, 2-5-41.2; Elmer Branson, Gaston, 0-7-22.9.

**CLASS C** — Gilbert Campbell, Kokomo, 5-2-43.1; Everett Bowyer, Peru, 5-2-45.9; Lowell Dearing, Greenfield, 5-2-44.7; Sylvester Hahn, Elwood, 5-2-44.4; Nick Wise, Indianapolis, 3-4-43.7; Bill Lewis, Elwood, 3-4-42.2; A. W. Thomas, Speedway, 2-5-42.1; Ernie Sharer, Indianapolis, 0-7-23.9.

**CLASS D** — David Crebbs, Goshen, 5-0-47.3; Dick Hostetler, Indianapolis, 3-2-31.4; Bill Lewis, Elwood, 2-3-39.8; Troy Creech, Elwood, 2-3-30.1; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester, 2-3-28.8; Elmer Branson, Gaston, 1-4-28.7.

**CLASS E** — Elmer Branson, Gaston, 5-1-31.1; Butch Hahn, Elwood, 4-2-28.5; Bob Henderson, Elwood, 2-4-18.0; Charles Daniels, Waveland, 1-5-16.

**WOMEN — CLASS A** — Garnett Barron, Dayton, 2-0-38.3; Myrna Henderson, Elwood, 0-2-11.6.

**JR. CLASS A** — Tami Cunningham, Marion, 2-0-34.3; Shelly Wells, Jackson, Mich. 0-2-25.

**JR. CLASS B** — Chipper Bickle, Elwood, 1-1-6; Todd Henderson, Elwood, 1-1-5; Alicia Wells, Jackson, Mich., 1-1-4.

## A TRIBUTE TO IOWA'S LUCILLE HOPKINS

Des Moines, Iowa  
December 22, 1976

Mr. Charley Hopkins  
124 S. Cherry St.  
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

Your newspaper account and Memorial Service folder telling of Mrs. Hopkins' death was received by Mr. Danny Sease on December 21 and prompted him to phone me regarding Lucille's passing on November 20.

The entire membership of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association offer their Christian sympathy and condolences to you in the hour of your bereavement. May His tender mercies comfort and strengthen you in these days of heartache and transition. Your lives were so much intertwined with each other for mutual helpfulness and direction.

The 20 year tenure of service rendered by Mrs. Hopkins as the sec. & treas. of our State Horseshoe Pitchers Association is remembered with deep appreciation and especially among the Iowa pitchers with their many years of experience in tourney play out over the state.

She was nominated and became one of the first members of the Iowa Hall of Fame entries, being installed in the 'Hall' during a service at the Iowa State Fair last August. To be so honored by the State Ass. must have brought her sensitive spirit the heart-felt joy which comes from being appreciated for a job or service well done.

Her contributions as a member of the National Executive Committee is also remembered with a sense of gratitude.

Our Christian Faith assures us of His lasting love and that not even death can bring about an interruption in such a Divine relationship!

An eternal love relationship is affirmed (Rom. 5.21) "... grace reigns unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." It is also stated in the New Testament (1 Cor. 15.20) "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

And if the grave for Him was not an end, but only an incident in life eternal, then we may rest assured that in His love there is no such sadness as the broken melody!

All we have loved shall meet us once again with eyes that are transfigured in the dawn!

And that is how Christ has met this element, and mastered it in His victorious way, and made it possible for breaking hearts to bear the voiceless sorrow of farewell!

We thank you, Lucille Hopkins, and revere your memory!

Sincerely,  
Rev. David Shaeffer,  
Publicity Director

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## PAUL CORMIER WINS 1976 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS — BECOMES FIRST TWO-TIME WINNER

Twice Paul Cormier reached the championship game of horseshoe's Handicap Tournament of Champions at Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, Massachusetts. Twice he has won. This year his championship game victory came at the expense of Clyde Hewett. It appeared at first to be a walkaway, as Hewett could not get going. Paul quickly overcame the 15-point spot score to pull ahead at 30 shoes, 31-20. Clyde reached deep within himself for that last reserve of energy (he had already pitched 750 shoes today) and tossed ten ringers in twelve shoes to close to within two points, 32-34. He then faltered and Paul moved out to a 44-35 win and \$100 first prize. Cormier had stated earlier, "I could sure use the money."

Cormier made the finals by winning his qualifying round at 6 and 1, with most games near his entering (high tournament) average of 67%. His only loss was to Bart Sargent, at 26% pitcher who shocked Paul with a double on the last two shoes with the score tied at 67-all. In the final round he also lost just one game, to Ed Bodinski in round 8. This is where the "ifs" began. If he lost to defending champion Ed Domey, and Bodinski beat double flipper Charlie Bonani, a three-way tie would have resulted. But Cormier beat Domey and Bonani beat Bodinski. That settled that.

Meanwhile, the tobacco-chewing old boy from downeast Maine was having himself some fun on the other four courts. During his qualifying round Hewett placed second at 5 and 2, including wins over past champion and last year's runnerup George Gallagher, and Arthur Tyson, who won the group and became the only man to reach the finals in all four years of the tournament. What were Hewett's chances of winning his finals group? Slim. Who is in his group? Four class A pitchers, including Carl Steinfeldt! Of the four, who does he defeat? In order, Joe Schultz, Don Weik, Steinfeldt, and Tyson. In fact, his only loss was to another Maine pitcher, Pat Gallant, who was the only other pitcher to defeat Steinfeldt. To make the Maine story complete,

## HERITAGE CHAMPIONS — (Continued)

Steinfeldt's next closest game was against a third Maine pitcher, Roger Bolduc, who tied Carl in the first qualifying game at the end of regulation 50 shoes. A great weekend for the state of Maine.

The Tournament of Champions was honored to have World Champion Carl Steinfeldt numbered among its 71 competitors. Someone raised the point that here is one top pitcher who isn't afraid to mix with the "lesser" pitchers in a handicap tournament. Carl certainly gave everyone an idea of why he is World Champion. He began his qualifying round with 78.6%, and followed with percentages of 86, 82, 84, 82, 82, 86, for seven wins. In the finals he pitched 86, 92, 76 (a loss), 88, 90 (a loss!), 84, 88, 82.1%.

St. Pierre Manufacturing Company, maker of the "American" horseshoe, was the sole sponsor of the tournament this year, contributing \$200 to the prize fund.

## FINALS GROUP 1

P. Cormier, MA (67.0)  
Ed Bodinski, MA (55.6)  
Ed Domey, MA (83.5)  
Charles Bonani, MA (49.4)  
Joe Grillo, MA (45.9)  
Dave Baillargeon, NH (31.1)  
Joe Guy, MA (47.2)  
Al LaRose, MA (39.3)  
Ray Degrenier, NY (41.2)

7-1-65.5  
6-2-53.2  
6-2-76.5  
5-3-48.0  
4-4-36.2  
3-5-28.2  
3-5-36.5  
2-6-35.0  
0-8-35.0

## FINALS GROUP 2

C. Hewett, MA (54.0)  
Carl Steinfeldt, NY (82.6)  
Pat Gallant, ME (49.4)  
Arthur Tyson, NY (74.9)  
Joe Schultz, NY (73.3)  
Don Weik, CT (72.0)  
Roger Henson, CT (50.5)  
Don Sawyer, NH (58.3)  
Fran Norman, MA (57.1)

7-1-55.2  
6-2-85.7  
6-2-49.9  
5-3-73.9  
4-4-65.2  
3-5-70.7  
2-6-52.5  
2-6-55.0  
1-7-55.0

**QUALIFYING GROUP 1** — Dave Baillargeon, NH (31.1), 4-1-36.0; Ray Degrenier, NY (41.2), 4-1-37.2; Robert Butler, MA (28.3), 3-2-35.2; Orton Cushman, MA (51.4), 3-2-52.4; Richard Shepard, MA (51.0), 1-4-31.2; Tony Nacewicz, MA (34.2), 0-5-21.9.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 2** — Joe Guy, MA (47.2), 7-0-42.0; Al LaRose, MA (39.3), 5-2-32.6; Al Hamel, MA (45.8), 5-2-45.1; James Taverna, MA (32.6), 3-4-22.3; David Poole, MA (38.1), 3-4-34.6; Nick Vafides, MA (39.9), 2-5-36.9; Murland Bradley, CT (57.4), 2-5-40.3; Raymond Benson, VT (49.1), 1-6-33.1.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 3** — Joe Grillo, MA (45.9), 6-1-42.3; Ed Bodinski, MA (55.6), 5-2-50.9; Dale Land, MA (29.5), 4-3-29.1; Lynn Fullam, NH (39.4), 4-3-38.3; Bill McMahon, MA (32.3), 3-4-30.3; Bill White, MA (47.7), 3-4-43.1; Al Doucette, MA (31.4), 2-5-26.6; James Styles, Jr. NH (37.3), 1-6-25.7.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 4** — Ed Domey, MA (83.5), 6-1-71.4; Charles Bonani, MA (49.4), 5-2-49.7; Fred Simon, MA (56.4), 5-2-54.0; Ed Hamilton, MA (26.2), 4-3-25.1; James Wyllie, MA (43.8), 3-4-34.6; Dan Beane, MA (58.8), 3-4-46.0; Chris Borglund, MA (30.8), 1-6-24.2; Ralph Lacerte, MA (44.0), 1-6-30.3.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 5** — Paul Cormier, MA (67.0), 6-1-63.4; Fran Norman, MA (57.1), 5-2-42.9; Gil Lee, CT (50.0), 4-3-47.4; Moe Farmer, MA (38.5), 4-3-32.3; Gardner Alden, MA (55.7), 4-3-48.3; William Dickinson, MA (35.7), 2-5-33.4; Bart Sargent, MA (26.2), 2-5-19.4; Ed Harrington, (32.2), 1-6-21.1.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 6** — Don Weik, CT (72.0), 6-1-71.4; Pat Gallant, ME (49.4), 5-2-54.9; Kevin Savage, CT (33.6), 4-3-31.7; Frank Wagner, CT (39.1), 3-4-41.7; Verne Drew, NY (31.0), 3-4-30.3; Rene Doyon, ME (24.6), 3-4-23.4; Donald Moreau, NH (26.3), 2-5-22.3; Al Boudreau, NH (60.1), 2-5-50.0.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 7** — Carl Steinfeldt, NY (82.6), 7-0-82.9; Donald Sawyer, NH (58.3), 5-2-50.6; David Salo, NH (39.4), 4-3-44.0; Robert Traquair, NH (70.3), 4-3-63.1; Donald Savage, CT (33.6), 3-4-32.6; Rodney Weik, CT (25.5), 2-5-27.1; Roger Bolduc, ME (38.3), 2-5-32.9; Larry Riendeau, NY (30.7), 1-6-26.0.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 8** — Art Tyson, NY (74.9), 6-1-70.0; Clyde Hewett, ME (54.0), 5-2-56.0; L. D. Leavitt, VT (36.6), 4-3-40.3; Stanley Bisbee, ME (54.8), 4-3-52.0; George Gallagher, CT (61.9), 4-3-54.9; Jerry LoConte, MA (46.5), 2-5-42.9; Guide Giorgetti, CT (50.3), 2-5-44.0; Paul Schultz, NY (57.4), 1-6-45.1.

**QUALIFYING GROUP 9** — Roger Henson, CT (50.5), 5-1-51.7; Joe Schultz, NY (73.3), 5-1-66.7; Harry Smith, ME (42.9), 4-2-37.7; Al Lord, ME (76.5), 3-3-63.3; Charles Hanson, NH (35.7), 2-4-20.7; James Osgood, MA (25.1), 1-5-17.0; Sam Raymond, NH (56.9), 1-5-42.0.

**NOTE** — Figures in parenthesis are entering average, equal to high percentage tournament in last twelve months, used to compute spot scores.



**1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT BROCHURE SPACE AVAILABLE**

The Darke County Horseshoe Club has announced advertising rates for the 1977 World Tournament Brochure. The brochure once again will be the major source of revenue for the \$9,500 the club is attempting to raise to cover expenses of the event.

The rate structure is as follows: Full page, \$125; 1/2 page, \$70; 1/4 page, \$40; 1/8 page, \$22; and 1/16 page, \$15.

when the Darke County Horseshoe Club (Greenville, Ohio) last hosted the tournament (in 1972) a 72-page brochure was printed. Club officials expect the brochure to be even larger in 1977. The brochure (pages are 8½" x 11") will be given free to those who register to pitch in the world tournament and sold for a nominal fee to spectators.

Why not use this unique medium to promote your club or your business? The Darke County Horseshoe Club will appreciate your assistance. Your check and ad copy may be mailed to Fritz Worner, 150 Ridgeview Ave., Greenville, Ohio 45331. (Please make checks payable to the Darke County Horseshoe Club.)



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**"From Out Of  
The Mail Bag"**

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F. Ellis Cobb, Editor  
Horseshoe News Digest  
P.O. Box 1606  
Aurora, Illinois 60507

Dear Editor:

In regard to the NHPA President's Message in the December issue of the Digest, I hope that the membership will give long and careful thought to his suggestion of starting a land and building fund. I feel this must be done if we are going to survive as far as World Tournaments are concerned.

If each of the approximately 4500 members would donate even \$10.00 each for the year of 1977, that would certainly give a sound base to start out with. Some members would probably want to make a larger donation.

I think there is a possibility that in most cities a 99 year lease could be obtained for space in a City Park, thus, eliminating the land cost. Also, this building could probably be rented out for special occasions.

Another paragraph of the President's Message dealt with the idea of a reduction in the annual fee. I can see no reason for such reduction as I know of no sport that gives you the healthy exercise, competition and comradeship that the game of horseshoes develops, and all of this for the cost of a carton of cigarettes or for a couple to attend one movie. All of the members of a family can enjoy the game. We cannot advance if we continue to try to hold to the conception that horseshoes is only a barnyard game.

I am certain that other members will have much better suggestions on this than I, but we certainly need to move forward.

Pat H. Fitzmorris  
604 Kingston Pl.  
Yukon, Okla. 73099



### 1976 ALABAMA STATE CROWN GOES TO OTTIE RENO

At the 1976 Alabama State tournament it was Ottie Reno all the way with a 7-0 record followed by Jim Johnson with 6 and 1 in the preliminaries. However, it was still Reno with two straight wins in the playoff. Marion Price was the runnerup. This annual meet took place on the Brahen Springs park courts in Huntsville, Alabama. At the annual meeting, Reno was elected State President, Ose Veesey, Vice-President and W. A. Nelson, Secretary. Tentative dates for the 1977 state meet are August 13-14 at Huntsville.

**CLASS A** — Ottie Reno, 7-0; James Johnson, 6-1; Marion Price, 4-3; Navace Lee, 3-4; Donald Jones, 3-4; O.E. Hall, 3-4; Danny Whorton, 2-5; W.A. Nelson, 0-7.

**CLASS B** — L.D. Blackburn, 7-0; Roy Edwards, 6-1; Fred Betterton, 5-2; Carl Rector, 5-2; Bobby Gentry, 3-4; Giles Edmondson, 2-5; L.E. Robertson, 1-6; Jerry Perkins, 0-7.

**CLASS C** — Brian Potter, 5-0; Bobby Smith, 3-2; Dick Potter, 3-2; Ose Veesey, 3-2; J.D. Mayhall, 1-4; Gary Floyd, 0-5.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS** — Ottie Reno, 6-1; Marion Price, 6-1; Navace Lee, 4-3; James Johnson, 3-4; Donald Jones, 3-4; Fred Betterton, 3-4; L.D. Blackburn, 3-4; Brian Potter, 1-6. Reno won the playoff for the title.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALABAMA TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

1. The following are the requirements for participating in sanctioned tournaments of the Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers Association:
  - a) Be a member of the NHPA and AHPA. Dues are \$5.00 for NHPA and \$1.50 for the AHPA. These may be paid to one of the following prior to the tournaments deadline for entry. W.A. Nelson, Secretary, P.O. Box 48, Calera, Alabama 35040. Ottie W. Reno, Rte. 1, Box 134, Elberta, Alabama 36530. Ose Veesey, 3214 Bayless Drive, SW, Huntsville, Alabama 35806.
  - b) At the time of entry membership cards will be presented for verification of membership.
2. All tournament fees will remain the same for the year in the scheduled state sanctioned tournaments.
  - a) Fees are payable to the tournament committee to use for tournament expenses and awards.
  - b) Adults \$3.00 — Juniors \$2.00 (16 and under)
3. All sanctioned tournaments are to be played on the weekends as scheduled.
4. One sanctioned tournament will be played each month on the Brahan Springs Park courts, at Huntsville, Al.

### ALABAMA STATE SCHEDULE FOR 1977

March 26 — Icebreaker Open .....	Entry Deadline — March 21
April 23 — Dogwood Open .....	Entry Deadline — April 18
May 14 — Huntsville Classic .....	Entry Deadline — May 9
June 18 — 2nd No. Al. Open .....	Entry Deadline — July 11
July 16 — High Temp Open .....	Entry Deadline — July 11
August 13 — Ala. State Championship .....	Entry Deadline August 8
Sept. 17 — Cotton Picken Open .....	Entry Deadline — Sept. 12
Oct. 15 — Witches and Goblins Open .....	Entry Deadline — Oct. 10

No refunds after deadline for entries.

### ROCKY GULLICKSON NAMED TO LITTLE AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Rocky Gullickson, son of horseshoe pitcher and promoter Will Gullickson, was named to the 1976 Associated Press Little All-America football team announced Dec. 8. A 21-year-old, 6-foot, 232 pound offensive guard for three years at Moorehead, Minn. State University, Gullickson was picked on the first team of the select groups which includes all four-year colleges in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics outside of Division 1 (major schools). Rocky pitched horseshoes in the 1967 World Tournament — Junior division — the event which was coordinated by his father, a long-time pitcher and promoter who received the Arch Stokes Award at the tourney.

## AUTHORS' CORNER

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE GRAND OLD GAME OF HORSESHOES

by Ed McFarland

Something must be done. We have people running the game now who just don't realize what they are doing to our game. I remember when you could get a great pitcher like Grover Hawley from Bridgeport, Ohio to travel more than 50 miles to Pittsburgh, Pa., to play a match game with Dale Carson, our newest old timer in the Hall of Fame, and all for \$5.00 which was to cover his expenses plus his profit. When Grover got to the courts he would "warm up" about a half hour and you could count the misses on one hand.

Now we have a President, Wally Shipley, who raised our dues from \$1.50 to \$5.00 a year. It gives the National Organization more money than they need to pay expenses so they use the extra money to promote the game. We have such things as "progress means change" and we have a Medical Doctor, Sol Berman, who wants more of the little guys to get a chance to play against the "greats". Our leaders are even bringing in kids to the game like Walter Ray "Deadeye" Williams, John Passmore, Mark Howe, and even a new Hohl who haven't pitched but a few years but who can just embarrass us old timers with their high percentages. Everybody knows it takes at least 10 years to develop as a horseshoe pitcher and when these kids can pitch 80% after only about three years of pitching then all our concepts of the game are thrown out of kilter.

Now then here comes another upstart and he's from Texas where they think "BIG" and he says we have to have a new concept in order to promote the game. He says we have to put in "hard cash" and be involved, otherwise, we will have no real interest in the game. You know who I am talking about — Jim Woodson, who has made the name "Twin Peaks" famous as far as horseshoe pitching is concerned. Jim has "conned" a lot of people all over the country into investing in "a Horseshoe Country Club". Let me give you some advice, if you are coming through Texas, stay as far away from San Antonio as you can because if you talk to Jim Woodson you undoubtedly will be delayed. I remember when I would get ready to pitch horseshoes, my wife, Joyce, would say "get your old clothes on" and I would put the oldest clothes I had on. When I came back to Texas Jim Woodson said the players had to wear "white" including shoes and socks so they would look like they were in uniform. Now Joyce says "you better polish your white shoes and don't forget to wear your white socks. Have you painted your shoes, you know how Jim is." But, the main reason you should avoid San Antonio is that you might become infected with "Woodson's Disease" which means that if you happen to see Jim he will either ask you "do you have a hammer and nails and time to work or do you have money?" If you don't have time but money he will give you a beautiful certificate saying you have an ownership in a horseshoe country club. He is like a magnet and when he turns on that big smile just reach for your check book. "Woodson's Disease" will make you think that horseshoe pitching is a comparable sport to tennis, bowling, and golf. What made tennis, bowling, and golf so popular is the profits from game related items. If you succumb to "Woodson's Disease" you will have to watch your dress and everything else connected with horseshoe pitching. We will have all kinds of game related items — maybe even a pocket computer that will keep track of shoes, points and ringers of you and your opponents. It will become downright expensive and then Jim will be negotiating "television rights" for a pro tour. Everyone will start pitching horseshoes and us 65 and 70 percenters will be just average pitchers instead of big shots like we are now.

We have another leader who has a lot to do with the game — Bernard Hurfurth. He doesn't realize you are supposed to decline and start making excuses when you get old. He just won his third state championship and he's older than most of us, and this is in a state where the competition is fierce. But if we stick with Bernard and we will all have some kind of emblem to be proud of for long, loyal service.

Now we come to Texas again and find Bob Graham is Chairman of the Regional Directors and he is working hard to make the Directors something more than an "honorary" title. He hasn't let this bother his pitching, though. He travelled far to several tournaments last year, came in 21st in the World tournament, won the Championship of Texas, and is listed 63 on "Deadeye" Williams 100 best pitchers. I'm going to get him to help me with my pitching if he will. After all turn about is fair play.

## 1977 WORLD TOURNAMENT FRIENDS OF HORSESHOES

The Darke County Horseshoe Club extends an opportunity to horseshoe pitchers from throughout the country to help finance the 1977 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio. The club is accepting Friends of Horseshoes donations and has reserved space in the 1977 World Tournament Brochure to recognize contributors.

If you are interested in supporting the tournament in this fashion, please send your contribution to Rollin Futrell, 3468 Brumbaugh Rd., Greenville, Ohio. (If your contribution is in the form of a check, please make payable to Darke County Horseshoe Club.)

## NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION BRIEFS

**New Jersey A.A.U. State Championships** August 14, 1976 Championship Al Cherry, Plainfield, N.J. Class B. Leroy Knotts, Linden, N.J., Class C. Chet Bosiak, Belleville, N.J.

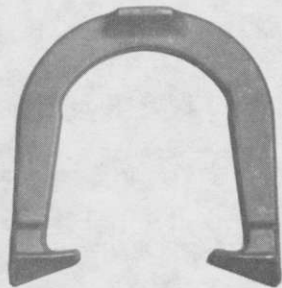
**New Jersey State Open** August 15, 1976 Championship Joseph Shultz, Brentwood, L.I. Cl. B. Bill Kolb, Belleville, N.J. Cl. C. Tom Bailiff, Hawthorne, N.J. Cl. D. Nelson Skeenes, Mt. Holly Cl. E. John Koehne, Middlesex, N.J. Women's Champion - Diane Kolb.

**Middlesex Open Tournament** August 22, 1976, Championship Bill Kolb, Belleville; Cl. B. Art Carson, Edison, N.J. Cl. C. Al Beebe, Millville, N.J.; Cl. D. Andy Waisenpacker, Flemington, N.J.; Women's Championship, Marge Burd.

**Essex County Open** Sept. 19, 1976 Championship, Lou Gancos, N.Y.; Cl. B. Claude White; E. Orange, N.J.; Cl. C Pete Albers, Bloomfield, N.J.; Cl. D. Vincent DeMicco, Cranford, N.J.

**New Jersey State Doubles** Bill Kolb, Belleville and Bernie Mullady, also of Belleville wrested the Doubles Championship from Dr. Sol Berman and Alvin Cherry 1975 Champions by winning the playoff games in that contest. The decision went down to the final pitch as Mullady and Kolb "doubled out". Tom Bailiff of Hawthorne and Lou Zazzara of Piscataway were victorious in Class B.

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## PERL PEPPLER RETIRES FROM ACTIVE HORSESHOE PROMOTION

Since April of 1943, when he first gained insight in the art of pitching horseshoes, Perl Pepple has promoted the sport throughout the Topeka, Kansas area, both in Topeka club activities and as chairman of Capitol City Post of the American Legion.

Under orders from his doctor, he regretfully tendered his resignation to the Legion and the Topeka club and the Kansas State Association. In it he expressed his appreciation to all who in the intervening years have given him cooperation and financial support. Reflecting on his career in retrospect, the memory of those people will strengthen me as "I fade out of the picture". For the American Legion, I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a member of the greatest organization in the world that stands for Freedom, Justice and Democracy for all.

## ALL STATE SECRETARIES — PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Pursuant to a special notice in the October, November and December issue of the News Digest relating to all those subscribers who move without advising the News Digest, the following subscribers' Digests have been returned due to wrong or insufficient addresses. Perhaps the various state secretaries can assist in supplying the new addresses.

Leona Anderson, P.O. Box 123, Palermo, California 95968.

Ray E. Click, 107 Village Lane, Boise, Idaho 83703.

Rich Rathbun, Rte. #1, Ladoga, Indiana 47954.

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Dysart Brooks, 1247 North 6th, No. 24, Redmond, Oregon 97756.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE 1976 HALL OF FAME MEETING

The Hall of Fame committee held its annual meeting at Levittown, Pa. during the 1976 World Tournament. Eleven of the committee were in attendance.

President Wally Shipley made the opening remarks and thanked all the members for their activities during the year and asked them to stay on for another year.

As there seemed to be a mix-up in communications concerning pictures for the Hall of Fame plaque inasmuch as it was not up to date. Chairman Bernard Hurfurth assured the committee that the plaque would be brought up to date for the World Tournament at Greenville, Ohio in 1977.

Plans for the purchase of a small trailer for the Hall of Fame plaque were discarded because of the high cost.

Individual plaques for the new members were not on hand for the presentation. So that this should never occur again in the future the committee chairman will have charge of obtaining them a year in advance.

It was voted that the candidates for the Hall of Fame must have been a member of the NHPA for a period of ten (10) years. Any mistake in a candidate's history to this affect will require an extra five (5) year waiting period.

The excellent Hall of Fame book prepared by Lloyd Fredrickson will be left to his safe keeping so that it can be properly updated as time goes on. Lloyd did a terrific job in arranging this book in which the contents cannot be duplicated.

Suggested guidelines for future Hall of Fame chairmen are being written by the present chairman, Bernard Hurfurth.

It was also voted to induct future Hall of Fame members at the annual convention rather than on the usual Saturday afternoon as done in the past. Most members plan to attend the convention the first part of the week and would not have to stay until the following Saturday for induction. Having the induction during the convention assures an audience for those most interested in the affairs of the NHPA.

A book of State histories and book of World Champions is being planned for future assignments. The book would serve to preserve for posterity, the history of our sport.

### IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing of Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, of 124 South Cherry St., Ottumwa, Iowa on November 20, 1976 at the Ottumwa hospital.



She had lived her entire life in Ottumwa, the daughter of Orville and Bertha Wooden Wilson.

She was an ardent worker for the game of horseshoe and was the Secretary of the Iowa Hawkeye State Association for twenty years. During this tenure of office she made countless friends who mourn her passing.

She was a member of the First Christian church of Ottumwa.

She was married to Charley Hopkins on December 25, 1934 in Ottumwa and he survives. She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1936.

Services were held on November 22 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Ottumwa with the Rev. Neil Guy officiating. Interment was at Ottumwa Cemetery.

The sympathy of the Iowa Hawkeye Association together with that of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is extended to her bereaved family.

Illinois pitchers and those in the Galesburg, Illinois club were stunned to learn of the sudden passing of Casey Bettisworth, on January 8 in Plant City, Florida.

Casey, as he was affectionately known, had entered in the Plant City tournament and had played two games and had stopped to rest. While sitting, resting, he was stricken with a fatal heart attack.

He and his wife Shirley were spending the winter in Florida.

Casey was a staunch supporter of the game and was a terrific competitor any time he was playing in a tournament. He was a very congenial person and was well liked by all who knew him.

He was a long time member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and News Digest subscriber. His presence in the Galesburg club of which he was a member of many years standing, will be sadly missed.

He was always a title contender for the Illinois State Championship and took part in World Tournament competition as well.

Casey was a conductor of the Burlington Railroad for 31 years, having retired in March of 1975. He was a veteran of World War II.

“From our chain a link has fallen,  
In our land his star has set,  
But enshrined in Memories tablet  
His true worth we'll never forget.”

To his loving wife, Shirley and her bereaved family and relatives, the heart-felt sympathy of the Galesburg Horseshoe Club, the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and that of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association is extended in this sad hour of deep bereavement.

### STEELMARK CLUB OF OHIO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Steelmark Club of Mingo Junction, Ohio announces the following tournament events at the courts located at the Ohio & Nut Washer Co., adjacent to Mingo Stadium, Mingo Junction, Ohio just off Commercial Ave. and State Route 7.

5th Annual Steelmark Open, May 21-22. Entry fee \$8.00 which includes all charges. Deadline May 10th, 1977. Players in this one have first choice in the big August tournament.

First annual Jefferson County Open tournament, June 25-26. Entry fee \$3.00. Dirt Championships played on Dirt. Picnic style, no boxes. Strictly handicapped for fairness. Pro players will be on hand to teach tournament horseshoes to anyone interested, on clay courts.

The big one — 5th annual Mingo Junction Open tournament, August 20-21. Entry fee \$8.00. Complete deadline, August 10th. Money — trophies — prizes — top 3 classes. Sanctioned.

All entries for all tournaments considered final and payable. Send entries to Herbert Cornelius, 1006 Hukill Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913 or phone 1-614-598-4809 after 9:00 p.m.

## LAW WINS COLCHESTER, ILLINOIS HOLIDAY INDOOR TOURNAMENT

It was bitter cold outside, but inside a very warm feeling dominated the first annual Colchester, Illinois Holiday Indoor Open tournament. John Law of Gladstone, Illinois was the winner. Competition was very good, as were the ringer percentages inasmuch as most players had had little or no practice during the past few months. The response was very pleasing and plans are in motion to hold the tournament again next winter.

**CLASS A-1** — John Law, 4-1-64.3; Harold Darnold, 4-1-65.3; Stony Jackson, 2-3-62.3; Ross Sornberger, 2-3-62.3; John Garner, 2-3-58.4; Charimer McClain, 1-4-55.7.

**CLASS A-2** — A. Lester, 4-1-60.4; C. McClain, 4-0-57.3; Bud Krutmeier, 3-2-52.7; D. Prottzman, 3-2-51.7; S. Cravens, 1-4-44.1; H. Durette, 0-5-38.0.

**CLASS B-1** — C. McClain, 4-1-50.7; R. Lewis, 4-1-45.7; Sid Logsdon, 4-1-46.4; F. Hart, 2-3-38.3; Fred Smith, 1-4-34.0; L. Gillespie, 0-5-34.5.

**CLASS B-2** — L. Gillespie, 5-0-43.0; R. Rogers, 4-1-45.4; W. Heaton, 3-2-31.9; D. Lewis, 2-3-32.1; D. Ellinger, 1-4-37.8; K. Wood, 0-5-17.5.

**CLASS C-1** — Lee Junk, 5-0-36.2; Bob St. George, 4-1-39.8; R. Slater, 3-2-32.7; Bud Allison, 1-4-26.8; R. Crawford, 1-4-25.0; L. Schone, 1-4-23.7.

**CLASS C-2** — R. Forner, 5-0-27.4; S. Miller, 3-2-25.5; J. Cordell, 3-2-23.3; A. Scheuerman, 3-2-21.5; H. Carson, 1-4-18.0; C. Scheuerman, 0-5-13.3.

## FIRST ANNUAL BOZEMAN, MONTANA INDOOR OPEN WON BY BELZER

The response to our December tournament was not as large as the November one but we feel it was very good considering the time of year and the fact that the M.S.U. football team was playing for the national title at the same time. Pretty stiff competition, I'd say.

Congratulations go to all the winners but special ones for Jack Belzer for his first tournament championship in quite a few moons and also Harry Hefty who entered Class B as number 8 man and came out on top. Both of these men pitched 10% above their average.

**CLASS A** — Jack Belzer, Bozeman, 6-1-52.2; Arnie Mossness, Big Timber, 6-1-49.5; Carl Mosness, Big Timber, 4-3-44.6; Doug Holbert, Billings, 4-3-42.7; Irv Kershner, Bozeman, 3-4-43.2; Art Hamilton, Fishtail, 3-4-37.7; Floyd Rada, Choteau, 2-5-40.5; Nat Clark, McLeod, 0-7-41.0.

**CLASS B** — Harry Hefty, Bozeman, 6-1-41.1; Ken Harmon, Bozeman, 5-2-43.2; Lee Beihl, Buffalo, 5-2-42.9; Ken Willis, Laurel, 5-2-34.5; Wendell Willis, Billings, 3-4-31.7; Guy Warwood, Bozeman, 2-5-33.6; Steve Ketterling, Billings, 2-5-31.6; Ivor Johnson, Billings, 0-7-23.7.

**CLASS C** — Rick Casad, Billings, 6-1-38.2; Bill Cooper, Bozeman, 5-2-30.7; Wendell Patch, Billings, 5-2-30.1; Tom Brownlee, McLeod, 3-4-26.9; Henry Philhower, Laurel, 3-4-26.3; Gaben Wagner, Bozeman, 3-4-22.1; Sam Hoffman, Bozeman, 2-5-20.8; Oscar Bridgewater, Bozeman, 1-6-17.6.

**CLASS D** — Fred Love, Bozeman, 7-0-17.7; George Kamp, Manhattan, 5-2-22.5; Lynn Hanson, Missoula, 5-2-9.7; Elmer Myrstol, Big Timber, 4-3-17.1; Garry Hefty, Bozeman, 3-4-9.4; Barry Hefty, Bozeman, 3-4-8.6; mark Stardall, Bozeman, 1-6-7.5; Rick Mohana, Bozeman, 0-7-2.1.

## MICHIGAN'S WATER WONDERLAND DATES SET FOR JUNE 18-19

The fifteenth annual "Water Wonderland" national open will be held at Burr Oak, Michigan June 18-19.

An exciting development, this year, is that the Burr Oak bid included an agreement by businesses of Burr Oak and Sturgis to donate \$225.00 for trophies for the tournament, according to Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association — W.S.H.P.A. — Secretary, Casey Moubray. "This will enable us to increase the prize money in all classes," he said.

More information will be in a later issue of the News Digest after the W.S.H.P.A. scheduling meeting, February 27th at the Chief Okemos Sportsmans Club in Dimondale, Michigan.

James Ostrander will handle the entry registrations again this year. His address is 5717 Hilliard St., Lansing, Michigan 48910. Telephone 1-517-TU2-8685.

### 9th ANNUAL CAROLINA DOGWOOD FESTIVAL OPEN —

Start now to make plans to attend the 9th annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Open at the Lakewood Park lighted courts on April 1 thru 3, 1977. Qualifying rounds end at Noon on the 2nd. Plenty of Motel Rooms this year since the Furniture Mart dates will not interfere. Three (3) new large deluxe motels have been built. Top prize money will be awarded again and the huge 5 foot trophy will be awarded as in the past years for the champ of the Mens Class A Division plus \$100.00. Trophies will also be awarded to the top 5 in Mens & Womens Class A. 1st and 2nd place winners in Mens B, C, D, E, F and G Classes and other Mens Classes if needed. Also 2 trophies for Womens B Class and Boys & Girls Classes plus other money awards for Mens Class A & B and Womens Class A. The Individual traveling the farthest will receive a trophy. A Special Trophy Award will also be made again to the State with the most pitchers present.

### ARCHIE MCCALLUM SAN BERNADINO, CALIF. CLUB CHAMPION

The San Bernadino, Calif. Club held its annual club championship at the Perris Hill park courts in that city on November 20-21. Archie McCallum racked up 6 wins while dropping one to win the coveted title. Tom Buck was second with Leo Mannebach coming in third. Trophies were awarded to the two top winners. Special awards went to Joe Raby for outstanding club promotion and Bob O'Neill for being the most improved pitcher for 1976.

**CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP** — Archie McCallum, 6-1-45.7; Tom Buck, 5-2-40.9; Leo Mannebach, 4-2-48.1; Joe Raykowski, 4-2-43.9; Bob O'Neill, 3-2-46.0; Harry Morse, 2-3-44.5; Ken Vickery, 2-3-42.9; Jerry Lambert, 2-3-39.5; JoAnn Vickery, 2-3-35.2; Hal Slagg, 2-3-31.5; George Offen, 1-4-27.7; Joe Holder, 0-5-39.2.

**CLASS B** — Gerry Kloepfer, 5-1-35.0; Virgil Dickey, 4-2-31.4; Stan Brown, 3-2-28.7; Earl Hogan, 3-2-28.5; Ken Speas, 1-4-22.8; Jimmy Thomas, 0-5-25.3.

**CLASS C** — Virgil Dickey, 3-0-32.6; Earl Hogan, 2-1-30.1; Harry Morin, 1-2-15.2; Joe Raby, 0-3-18.0.

**CLASS D** — George Rodocker, 3-0-19.0; Charles Everhart, 2-1-17.4; Otto Stokes, 1-2-15.0; Mary Jensen, 0-3-10.0.

### IRIS KELLY — JEFF WILLIAMS DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIPS (NO. CALIF.)

Iris Kelly, No. Calif. Champion, said farewell to No. Calif. by pitching to seven straight wins to retain her title. Marisella maurico ran second and Flora Jones, state champ, finished in third spot. Jeff Williams, State Jr. champ, easily took the Jr. title on the Auburn courts while Justin Moon topped the Group 2 boys.

**WOMEN** — Iris Kiley, Golden Gate, 7-0-46.8; Marisella Maurico, San Jose, 6-1-39.1; Flora Jones, Grass Valley, 5-2-43.7; Lois Nelson, Auburn, 4-3-32.3; Donna Smith, Mosswood, 3-4-16.0; Sarah Rycraft, Auburn, 2-5-15.1; Sandy Sparkman, San Jose, 1-6-8.3.

**JR. BOYS** — Jeff Williams, Auburn, 4-0-60.0; Jonathan Williams, Auburn, 4-1-43.0; Jonathan Bacon, Auburn, 3-2-35.5; Nathan Williams, Auburn, 1-4-23.5.

**GROUP 2** — Justin Moon, San Jose, 3-0-6.7; James Letcher, Auburn, 2-1-3.3; Kevin Letcher, Auburn, 1-2-0.0; Bryan Letcher, Auburn, 0-3-0.0.

### RAIN, WIND AND HAIL — NEVADA PITCHERS PLAY ON

A true Horseshoe Pitcher is one who will brave any kind of weather to pitch shoes, whether it is rain, wind or hail, which we had all three for the Nevada State Closed Tournament.

Boyce Miller of Reno retained his Championship Crown for the fifth straight year by coming in first in Group "A" winning all of his games. 2nd place went to George Wilfon of Reno, 3rd to Earl Davenport of Carson City, 4th to Cas Bower of Reno, 5th to Nobar Zuniga, Reno and 6th to Ed Adams of Lovelock. In Group "B" 1st place went to Lee Keefer of Reno, Lance Astor of Reno was 2nd and 3rd place to Fred Weaver of Sparks, 4th to Marco McCauley of Reno, 5th to Dino Frugoli of Sparks and 6th to Frank Lepoir of Sparks. In Group "C" a playoff between Dave Costa of Carson City and Jerry Headman of Reno had Dave Costa declared the winner, Jerry Headman was 2nd and 3rd place to Joe Rivers of Reno, 4th to Jack Prien of Reno, 5th to Eddie Dunn of Sparks, 6th to Al Adams of Lovelock and 7th to LeRay Marler of Lovelock.

A new Womens champion is Ann Osorio of Reno who won all 5 of her games with 2nd place to Marge Bower of Reno, 3rd to Eva Cypher of Reno, 4th to Carol Wyatt and 5th to Dorothy McCloud of Reno.



## COMING EVENTS

April 1-3, 1977 — 9th Annual Open Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Lakewood Park, 16 lighted courts, Statesville, North Carolina. Men's, Women's, Boys and Girls Divisions. Top cash and trophy awards.

Sept. 18-19, 1977 — Annual Statesville Autumn Open tournament, Lakewood park courts, Statesville, North Carolina. Trophies and cash awards. Mens, Juniors and Ladies and Girls divisions.

### DAY-BELL INDOOR COURTS SCHEDULE 1976-1977

February 12-13, 1977 — Valentine Open

March 19-20, 1977 — Harry Henn Memorial Open and Special

April 23-24, 1977 — Championship (Open only to first and second place winners of any previous tournament at Day-Bell)

Aprkl 30-May 1, 1977 — Open to anyone who has pitched in a previous tournament and not won a trophy.

All tournaments will have an entry fee of \$7.00. It is also required that in order to have a sanctioned tournament that pitchers in classes A, B, C have a National and state membership card. Other classes are also asked to have the card. Send entry fee and ringer percentage from previous tournament to Day-Bell Courts, 320 Clay Street, Dayton, Kentucky 41074 or Phone 1-606-581-7009, ten days prior to tournament. No entries will be accepted without entry or beyond deadline. Entries will be filled for classes on a first come basis, and after a class is filled, no more entries will be accepted. Get your entry in early if you want to make sure of pitching. Classes A and B will pitch at 12:30 on Sunday afternoon. Classes C and D on Saturday Night at 6:30. Classes E and F will be on Saturday afternoon.

Day-Bell is located just 10 minutes from Cincinnati, easy from I-75, on Kentucky Route 8 East.

### RUSH INDOOR COURTS 1976-1977 Season . . . Rushville, Indiana Entry fee all tournaments \$7.00

Feb. 5-6 — **Rush Indoor Open**. Mailing deadline Jan. 25. Phone deadline Jan. 27.

Mar. 5-6 — **March Open**. Mailing deadline Feb. 23. Phone deadline Feb. 25.

Apr. 4-5 — **Rushville Open**. Mailing deadline March 24. Phone deadline March 25.

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

Send entries to Emma Gall, 2217 E. 4th St., Anderson, IN 46012. Phone 642-2413. Mail entries must be received by midnight on deadline date. Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday noon after Wednesday deadline.

### ARIZONA SCHEDULE 1977

Feb. 18-19-20 — Annual Valley of the Sun Open, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Mar. 28 — Snowbird Open, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Oct. 23 — State Tournament, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Nov. 13 and 20 — Temple Parks Open, Daley Park Courts, Temple, Arizona.

Dec. 4 — Mesa Parks Open, Pioneer Park Courts, Mesa, Arizona.

Mail all entries to Ralph McCarty, 233 North Val Vista Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85203. Entries close one week prior to first playing date. Fees are \$3.00 for all except the Valley of the Sun which is \$5.00.

### FLORIDA SCHEDULE

Send \$5.00 entry fee to reach appropriate tournament director (or post marked) 7 days prior to tournament date. All tournaments NHPA sanctioned for Classes A & B. Contestants must hold current State Assn. membership card.

Feb. 5 — Pinellas County Open, Seminole, Fla. (Sanctioned all classes.) Contact A.

Feb. 12 — Naples Open, Naples Fla. Contact J.

Feb. 18-19 — Suncoast Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact G.

Feb. 25-26 — Strawberry Festival, Plant City, Fla. Contact F.

Mar. 5 — New Smyrna Open, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Contact I.

Mar. 12 — Seminole Pow-Wow, Seminole Fla. Contact A.

Mar. 19 — Fun 'N Sun Festival, Ed Wright Park, Clearwater, Fla.

Mar. 25-26 — Desoto Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact G.

Apr. 2 — Orange County Open, Sunshine Park, Orlando, Fla. Contact E.

Apr. 9 — Bee Ridge Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota, Fla. Contact C.

Apr. 16 — American Legion Open, Titusville, Fla. Contact H.

Apr. 23 — Florida State (Closed), Ed Wright Park, Clearwater, Fla. Contact B.

Apr. 30 — Ormond Beach Open, Ormond Beach, Fla. Contact D.

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## Coming Events—Continued

### PIKE COUNTY OHIO INDOOR SCHEDULE

Feb. 5 — Class E Men - 12:00 noon  
Feb. 5 — Class F Men - 12:00 noon

#### March Open Tournament

Mar. 26 — Class C Men - 12:00 noon  
Mar. 26 — Class A Women - 7:00 p.m.  
Mar. 27 — Class A Men - 12:00 noon  
Apr. 1 — Junior Boys - 7:00 p.m.  
Apr. 2 — Class D Men - 12:00 noon  
Apr. 2 — Junior Girls - 7:00 p.m.  
Apr. 3 — Class B Men - 12:00 noon  
Apr. 9 — Class E Men - 12:00 noon  
Apr. 10 — Class F Men - 12:00 noon

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%, and Class D is usually 30% to 39%. We always have a class from 15% to 20%. Entry fee for all tournaments will be \$6.00. The entry fee must be included with all entries. Send entry to Donnie Roberts, Route 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648 or phone 614-289-4101.

### PINECREST 1977 INDOOR SCHEDULE Elwood, Indiana

Send all entries to Jerry Wood, Rte. 2, Box 114, Elwood, Indiana 46036. Phone: 552-6679. Mail entries must be received by Midnight on deadline date. Phone calls for entries will be taken until Friday noon after Wednesday deadline.

ENTRY FEE 7.00 on all Tournaments except Indoor State — \$8.00.

Feb. 19-20 — **Ringer Classic**. Mailing deadline Feb. 9. Phone deadline Feb. 11.

Mar. 12-13 — **John Gall Special**. Mailing deadline Mar. 2. Phone deadline Mar. 4.

Apr. 16-17 — **Wood Ringer Classic**. Mailing deadline Apr. 6. Phone deadline Apr. 8.

Apr. 30 — **Henry Brooks Memorial**. For old timers 58 and older. Mailing deadline Apr. 20. Phone deadline Apr. 22.

May 1 — **Ladies Day Open**. Mailing deadline Apr. 20. Phone deadline Apr. 22.

May 14-15 — **Red Bud Open**. Mailing deadline May 4. Phone deadline May 6.

### HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER 1976-77 WINTER SCHEDULE

February 13 Edgar Landry Memorial .39% and under  
February 20 Edgar Landry Memorial . . . 40% and up  
March 20 Easter Ham Shoot . . . . . 39% and under  
March 27 Easter Ham Shoot . . . . . 40% and up  
April 17 Heritage Nat'l Open . . . . . 39% and under  
April 30 Heritage Nat'l Open . . . . . 40% and up  
May 1 Sat. & Sun. pitching for Class A.

May 29-30 Anniversary Open

Entry fee \$8.00 (includes paid scorekeepers). Mail to: Heritage Recreation Center, Route 146, Sutton, Mass. 01527. Deadline for entries, one week before scheduled date. All entries accepted will be notified of playing time by postal card.

### OHIO SCHEDULE FOR 1977

Feb. 12-13-19-20-26-27 — Snowball Open, sanctioned, Darke County Fairgrounds Indoor courts, Entry fee \$6.00. 2 trophies per class. Entries to Jerry Williams, 104 Bellair Ave., Greenville, Ohio 45331. Phone: 1-513-548-4586.

May — Date to be announced — Toledo Open, sanctioned, Entries to Dale Dombrowski, 1013 Cresces, Oregon, Ohio 43616.

May 21-22 — Hamilton Open, sanctioned, Class A, B, C, D men, and Ladies Class A, Send \$7.50 entry to Katherine Harrison, 1921 King Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45015. Phone: 1-513-863-7661.

May 28-29-30 — Piqua Open, sanctioned Classes A, B, C, D and Ladies Class A. Entry fee of \$7.50 and percentage to Francis Asher, 1425 Mulberry St., Piqua, Ohio 45356 by midnight May 21.

June 3-4-5 — Marion Open, sanctioned. Send entries to Max Roseberry, 267 Thew Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302.

June 11-12 — Silver Dollar Open, sanctioned. Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

June 18-19 — Hebron Open, sanctioned. 2 trophies per class. Boy's class A only. Send \$5.00 entry fee to Lester Hite, 7915 Loudon St., Johnstown, Ohio 43031. Phone: 1-614-967-7173.

July 2-3-4 — Annual Greenville Ringer Classic, sanctioned. Qualify at courts, no requalifying. Entry fee \$7.50.

July 16-17 — Piqua Open. 60-shoe count-all. Entry fee \$6.00. 2 trophies per class. 6 men per class. Ladies welcome.

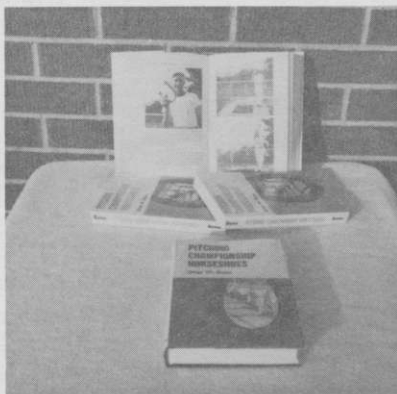
July 23-24 — Ft. Hamilton Days tournament, sanctioned, classes A, B, C, D and Ladies' Class A. Entry fee and percentage to Katherine Harrison, 1921 King Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45015. Phone 1-513-863-7661.

August — Dates to be announced for Miami County Fair tournament and Darke County Horseshoe Club fair tournament.

Sept. 3-4-5 — Labor Day Weekend — Ohio State tournament, Greenville, Ohio. Intermediate and Senior Men's class added this year. Indicate class when signing in to Ohio secretary. Qualify at courts, no requalifying. Convention before tournament.

Date to be announced for Southwest District at Hamilton, Ohio. Sanctioned. Entry fee, \$6.00. Qualify at courts or use state qualification.

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### Valley of the Sun Open February — Mesa, Arizona

The annual Valley of the Sun Open tournament will be held on the Pioneer park courts in Mesa, Arizona on February 18-19 and 20. Starting time will be 9:00 a.m. each day. Round robin play as usual. Mail entry together with fee of \$5.00 to Ralph McCarty, 233 North Val Vista Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85203 one week prior to tournament date. Please note that tournament site has been changed.

### OHIO BUCKEYE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ohio Buckeye Association was called to order by President Leo McGrath. There were 71 members present.

He complimented all pitchers from Ohio who were at the World tournament, there being at least sixty who signed to pitch.

Francis Asher, Secretary, read the minutes from the 1975 convention. Robinette moved and Williams seconded that they be approved as read. The Treasurer's report was read. Williams moved and Dombrosky seconded that it be accepted as read.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to have an Intermediate class for pitchers 60 to 65 and an Old Timers class for those 66 and older. Players must indicate which class he will pitch in when he signs in at the State tournament.

All sanctioned tournaments should still collect 50 cents per man and send it to the Ohio State Secretary-Treasurer to be given to the D.C.H.C. for expense at the 1977 World Tournament.

Officers elected for 1977 are as follows: President, Leo McGrath; 1st Vice-President, Harold Anthony; 2nd Vice-President, Katherine Harrison; 3rd Vice-President, G. Rice; 4th Vice-President, Lester Hite; 5th Vice-President, Donnie Roberts; Secretary-Treasurer, Francis Asher.

Greenville Park Board bid for 1977 State Tournament was unanimously voted to return. 211 pitchers took part in state tournament.

## NATION'S CAPITOL BICENTENNIAL WON BY GRANT POWERS

At the White House Southland Park, known as the Ellipse, our Nation's Capitol hosted its annual open tournament in October, 1976.

Again Grant Powers, the power pitcher from Baltimore, demonstrated his ringer making knowhow by winning the championship title for the second year. His honor was also shared by Owen McAteer and Gary Copeland who won the C and D Classes.

Renewing rain dates for this event presented quite a problem because of continued bad weather. After several postponements, it became apparent that future tournaments will have to be planned with new rain date ground rules in mind. During the morning of the tourney, it was necessary to bail many gallons of water out of each pit before the clay could be "tuned".

With the retirement of Mayo Pittman of the D.C. Recreation Department, we are fortunate in having a continuity of his good policy of "smiling kindly" on the Nation's Capitol horseshoe program. We are grateful to Sam Fisher and Dr. William Rumsey for the sponsorship renewal. In keeping with last year's suggestion, the entry fees for this tournament were donated to the N.H.P.A. Booster Fund.

**CLASS A** — G. Powers, 5-0; D. Unger, 4-1; K. Stormer, 3-2; T. Purcell, 2-3; S. Berry, 1-4; P. Arseneau, 0-5.

**CLASS B** — O. McAteer, 5-0; G. Corrigan, 3-2; R. Copeland, 3-2; R. Legeer, 2-3; J. McKenzie, 1-4; R. Matlack, 1-4.

**CLASS C** — G. Copeland, 5-1; R. Legeer Jr., 4-2; W. Parkinson, 4-2; M. Hawkins, 4-2; B. Loutham, 2-4; G. Swaiko, 2-4; K. Jones, 0-6.

## Santa Smiles on Early Season "Also Rans" at Orlando, Florida Christmas Meet

Two Orlando pitchers, Pete Peterson and Herb Hitchcock, joined Florida's '76 Class A Champion, Levi Miller of Sarasota and Norm Gaseau in winning their respective classes at the Orlando Horseshoe Club's Christmas Tournament, December 18, after they all had stumbling starts in previous Fall meets.

Miller took first in Class A with a 5-0 clean sweep. Peterson who could manage only a 39.7% ringer average and a last place finish in the Orlando tournament of November 13 zoomed to a 53.4% average and grab the winner's cash in Class C a month later. Pete Orlando's teammate, Herb Hitchcock, gradually working his way up through the crowd all Fall, finally bagged a first in Class D. (As chief groundskeeper" of the Sunshine Park pits, Herb's opponents suspected him of magnetizing the stakes!)

Norm Gaseau finally hit top form to cop first in Class F. Joe Holland of Michigan beat out Dick Ferguson in a pitch-off for first in Class B. Pat O'Toole of Bradenton took first in Class E to torpedo the joint ambition of Joe Berrall and Lee Hoyt to win another first and make it three out of six classes for the Orlando Club.

**CLASS A** — L. Miller, Sarasota, 5-0-63.2; P. Scheub, Sarasota, 3-2-55.8; M. Broughton, Tampa, 3-2-52.6; W. Keegan, Live Oak, 2-3-57.4; B. Davis, N.H., 1-4-59.7; R. Poytanen, Orlando, 1-4-54.3.

**CLASS B** — J. Holland, Michigan, 4-1-47.1; R. Ferguson, Sarasota, 4-1-52.0; D. Thatcher, Brooksville, 3-2-52.9; H. Ellenberger, Pa., 2-3-40.1; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven, 1-4-45.6; M. Collins, Dunedin, 1-4-44.4.

**CLASS C** — C. Peterson, Orlando, 6-1-53.4; R. Widdersheim, Clearwater, 5-2-50.0; H. Mullet, Sarasota, 4-3-47.5; G. Steimer, Sarasota, 4-3-46.6; R. Wellman, Titusville, 3-4-41.3; C. Howery, Clearwater, 3-4-38.7; C. Madren, Orlando, 2-5-42.6; E. Morris, Lakeland, 1-6-43.8.

**CLASS D** — H. Hitchcock, Orlando, 6-1-46.8; J. Helbing, Ocala, 5-2-44.9; C. Pitton, Clearwater, 5-2-44.4; J. Gallant, St. Cloud, 4-3-36.1; G. Whaley, Kissimmee, 3-4-36.9; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna, 3-4-33.3; G. Buskey, Clearwater, 2-5-40.6.

**CLASS E** — P. O'Toole, Bradenton, 4-1-32.6; G. LaRose, Ormond Beach, 4-1-28.5; J. Berrall, Orlando, 2-3-28.6; L. Hoyt, Orlando, 2-3-25.6; W. Wallschlager, Ill., 2-3-23.0; L. Davis, Seminole, 1-4-21.8.

**CLASS F** — N. Gaseau, Clearwater, 5-0-31.0; L. Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-2-23.1; A. Tracy, Titusville, 3-2-22.3; E. Anderson, St. Cloud, 2-3-21.3; R. Rollins, Orlando, 2-3-15.3; A. Estes, Orlando, 1-4-16.7.

## RADEMACHER TAKES CLEARWATER, FLORIDA OPEN

John Rademacher dethroned defending champion Jack Fahey to take the Clearwater (Fla.) Open held on Nov. 6, 1976. It was not an easy victory for both Rademacher and Fahey were tied at 6 wins and 1 loss at the end of regular play. However, Rademacher "poured the coal on" in the playoff game and won with an 81.8% ringer average. We are happy to see John return to his usual game after a mysterious ailment. Levi Miller, current State Champion, placed third in the competition. Chief Charley's Restaurant continued its support of the Clearwater Club by donating trophies for the event for the third consecutive year.

**CLASS A** — J. Radamscher, Plant City, 6-1-73.3; J. Fahey, Bradenton, 6-1-73.1; L. Miller, Sarasota, 5-2-67.8; R. Poutanen, Clermont, 3-4-57.5; Ken Drury, Largo, 3-4-54.5; W. Keegan, Live Oak, 2-5-59.9; M. Richmond, Bradenton, 2-5-59.4; D. Thatcher, Nobleton, 1-6-58.4.

**CLASS B** — R. Widdersheim, Clearwater, 6-1-53.5; R. Weigel, Clearwater, 5-2-55.7; P. Scheub, Sarasota, 5-2-54.4; G. Hale, New York, 5-2-52.2; R. Ferguson, Sarasota, 3-4-50.3; H. Lea, Bradenton, 2-5-47.5; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven, 2-5-38.8.

**CLASS C** — Harold Cheffer, Naples, 7-0-50.5; Ken Peer, Sarasota, 4-3-48.1; Henry Mullet, Sarasota, 4-3-47.7; M. Gillespie, Sarasota, 4-3-45.7; E. Morris, Lakeland, 3-4-50.5; M. Collins, Dunedin, 3-4-47.9; H. Hochstetler, Sarasota, 3-4-46.2; K. Reeb, Winter Haven, 7-0-43.9.

**CLASS D** — C. Pitton, Clearwater, 6-1-49.3; H. Hitchcock, Orlando, 5-2-47.1; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna Beach, 5-2-41.1; F. Stites, Bradenton, 5-2-36.7; H. Shappee, Clearwater, 4-3-41.3; E. Meyers, Largo, 2-5-35.7; W. House, Sarasota, 1-6-31.7; A. Doshna, Largo, 0-7-27.9.

**CLASS E** — R. Ronemus, Bradenton, 5-0-40.4; A. Graves, Clearwater, 4-1-36.2; P. O'Toole, 3-2-42.3; E. Tausch, Bradenton, 2-3-31.7; E. Johnson, Bradenton, 1-4-33.0; C. Miller, Sarasota, 0-5-27.2.

**CLASS F** — M. Myhre, Bradenton, 4-1-29.5; N. Gaseau, Clearwater, 4-1-27.4; T. Keltner, Clearwater, 3-2-29.5; L. Davis, Seminole, 2-3-26.0; E. Askeland, Clearwater, 1-4-30.4; L. Hitchcock, Orlando, 0-5-20.7.

## SEMINOLE, FLORIDA OPEN TAKEN IN TOW BY JOHN RADEMACHER

The Seminole, Florida Open tournament was a sanctioned tournament and drew 48 entries. Only 45 competed because of sickness and no shows. The Seminole Club has very few members so Lee Davis, tournament Director was grateful wonderful assistance of many of the members of other clubs.

John Rademacher won 5 straight with a 70.7 ringer percentage to take top spot in Class A. Ken Drury won handily in Class B with a 5-0 record and 68.2 percent. Earl Morris took over Class C with 4 and 1 and 50.4 percent. Class D honors went to Chas. Howery with 47.1 and 4-1. Cliff Madren, a real comer, took Class E with 43.6 and 5-0. Walt House and Andy Doshna ended in a tie for Class F with Walt winning the playoff with a 5-1 record and 41.9. Milt Myhre topped Hap Harrison in a playoff for Class G honors with 33.1 and 5-4. Class H had only 3 men and played a double round robin with H. Anderson on top with 21.8 and 4-1.

Because the Seminole courts are not lighted it was necessary to have only 6-man classes and pitch 40 point games.

**CLASS A** — John Rademacher, 5-0-70.7; Levi Miller, 3-2-62.5; C. Bettisworth, 3-2-53.9; Paul Scheub, 2-3-58.5; M. Richmond, 2-3-50.5; J. Fahey, Forfeit.

**CLASS B** — Ken Drury, 5-0-68.2; Dick Ferguson, 3-2-52.4; D. Whitmer, 3-2-44.7; Joe Holland, 2-3-48.2; D. Thatcher, 1-4-47.9; Dick Weigel, 1-4-47.2.

**CLASS C** — Earl Morris, 4-1-50.4; M. Collins, 3-2-48.7; H. Mullet, 3-2-47.1; Ken Reeb, 2-3-46.6; B. Widdersheim, 2-3-44.7; Joe Helbling, 1-4-37.2.

**CLASS D** — Chas. Howery, 4-1-47.1; Frank Stites, 3-2-44.4; Speed Gillespie, 3-2-41.9; G. Buskey, 3-2-37.0; Chas. Pitton, 2-3-41.3; E. Gallant, 0-5-36.8.

**CLASS E** — Cliff Madren, 5-0-43.6; Rene Rodrique, 3-2-40.6; Gene Meyers, 3-2-40.1; Herb Hitchcock, 2-3-40.7; Art Graves, 2-3-29.8; Ed Scheutz, 0-5-31.5.

**CLASS F** — Walter House, 5-1-41.9; Andy Doshna, 4-2-38.3; Pat O'Toole, 3-2-35.8; Ford Christian, 2-3-40.8; Roger Zobel, 2-3-30.9; Irv. Eilers, 0-5-28.6.

**CLASS G** — Milt Myhre, 5-1-33.1; Hap Harrison, 4-2-36.4; Tom Keltner, 3-2-29.9; Ed Tausch, 2-3-31.2; Earl Johnson, 2-3-31.0; Floyd Hammitt, 0-5-27.4.

**CLASS H** — H. Anderson, 3-1-21.8; Paul Barrette, 2-2-22.1; Ralph Rollins, 1-3-16.9.

## ANZALDI AND WORSECK INDUCTED INTO MINNESOTA HALL OF FAME

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Association held in Blue Earth, Minnesota, Larye Ambrose was elected president, Norm Morrison 1st Vice-president, Len Lipovsky 2nd Vice-president, and Nancy Gjerstad, Secretary-treasurer.

Though a well organized process of all officers involved, the list of candidates was narrowed down to two names which were submitted at the annual meeting and then voted on. This year's two candidates were Joe Anzaldi and Bernard Worseck. Anzaldi as a pitcher and Worseck as a promoter. Both men were unanimously elected.

Anzaldi was the key figure in organizing the Minnesota Hall of Fame several years ago and has been a top flight pitcher for the past 24 years. Worseck has been a promoter of the game for many years.

## CARSON TOP MAN IN MARYLAND LATE SEASON OPEN TOURNAMENT

In a late season Open tournament held at the Picnic Island courts in Salisbury, Maryland, Dale Carson of Baltimore reigned supreme over Grant Powers. Drew Wheatley of Princess Anne had a clean slate to win the Junior crown. In Class A of the doubles Ernie O'Neal and Chas. Cherrix swept the field with 7 straight wins. In Class B Charles Cherrix, Sr. paired with Gene Corregan and came thru unscathed with 5 in a row.

**CLASS A** — Dale Carson, 7-1-64.0; Grant Powers, 7-1-61.4; Ernest O'Neal, 5-3-48.3; Wayne Willy, 4-4-45.5; Ken Stormer, 4-4-44.7; Ray Theilke, 3-3-45.0; Willard Sammons, 2-6-46.3; Walter Maxwell, 2-6-33.3; Richard Bevans, 2-6-43.6.

**CLASS B** — Carl Puffenberger, 6-1-43.8; Jack Blades, 6-1-36.7; Alton Adkins, 5-2-40.2; Lester Heibler, 4-3-36.4; Burl Vandergrift, 3-4-31.8; Fank Quade, 3-4-28.9; Ken Holden, 1-6-30.1; Harold Klein, Forfeit.

**CLASS C** — Greg Nichols, 7-1-31.1; Owen McAteer, 6-2-36.1; Ken Nichols, 6-2-25.4; Stan Abell, 4-4-28.9; Gary Chataw, 4-4-26.5; Paul Areseneau, 4-4-27.3; Chas. Cherrix, Sr., 2-6-22.9; George Layton, 2-6-21.4; Ray Mallette, Forfeit.

**CLASS D** — Lewis Walls, 6-1-28.8; Al Nelson, 5-2-22.5; Ed Rodger, 4-3-19.1; Earl Baker, 3-4-15.1; Elwood Wheatley, 3-4-14.9; David Camp, 3-4-11.9; Fred Beeman, 3-4-6.2; Louis Smith, 1-6-12.0; Robert Davis, 0-7-4.5.

**JUNIORS** — Drew Wheatley, 4-0; Lance Wheatley, 3-1; Billy Harris, 3-2; Jerry Webb, 2-3; Jeff Layton, 1-2; Dana Wheatley, 1-2; Billy Groff, 0-2; Chas. Cherrix, Jr., 0-2.

## AL MICHELIC IN THRILLER FOR NO. CALIF. CLASS B WIN

Tough Al Michelcic thrilled the home town Vallejo spectators by winning a playoff game over Boyce Miller of Reno, Nevada after Boyce had edged out Ernie Hall, No. Calif. Senior champ. Al also had the high tournament percentage of 53.0 percent.

**GROUP 1** — Al Michelcic, Vallejo, 5-1-53.0; Boyce Miller, Reno, 5-2-50.3; Ernie Hall, Colusa, 4-2-40.3; Don Wheeler, Mosswood, 2-3-47.6; Arnie Peters, Sonoma Co., 1-4-40.4; Joe Roberts, Colusa, 0-5-44.4.

**GROUP 2** — Bob Proctor, Shasta, 5-1-47.0; Clair Benthin, Vallejo, 4-2-44.7; E.R. Schroeder, Stockton, 3-2-45.2; Elton Cowles, San Lorenzo, 3-2-45.2; Hank Schroeder, Turlock, 1-4-34.4; Jack Parnell, Colusa, 0-5-30.4.

**GROUP 3** — Vern Gosney, Vallejo, 5-0-52.4; Virgil Gwaltney, Sacramento, 3-2-44.4; Herman Schneider, Mosswood, 3-2-42.8; Harry Lucas, Sacramento, 2-3-35.2; George Greeott, Sonoma Co., 1-4-35.8; Bud Lathe, Sacramento, 1-4-28.0.

**GROUP 4** — Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate, 5-0-42.0; Glenn Kelly, Sacramento, 4-1-37.2; John Hintzman, Sacramento, 2-3-38.8; Jim Long, Sacramento, 2-3-36.4; Larry Butterfield, Livermore, 2-3-34.0; Ben Yost, Vallejo, 0-5-34.0.

**GROUP 5** — Obie Winn, Livermore, 5-0-33.8; Ray Mittlesteadt, Stockton, 3-2-36.4; Art Rector, Mosswood, 3-2-25.2; Ernie Kim, Mosswood, 2-3-24.8; Leonard Edwards, Sacramento, 1-4-28.8; Bob Kays, Turlock, 1-4-24.8.

## WALTER N. PRUIKSMA 1976 NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPION

Averaging close to 70% in the final three-game playoff, Walter Pruiksmas and Dr. Sol Berman put on an exciting exhibition of horseshoe pitching. All three games were captivating as the interested spectators were treated to the results being recorded on the large red, white and blue scoreboards that have been part of the pitching scene in Jersey all season.

Claude White repeated as Class B Champion as Tom Bailiff, Ray Shober, and Lafe Collins prevailed in their respective classes. Alan Apgar again topped the Junior Competition.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** — Walter Pruiksmas, Clifton, 7-2-57.1; Dr. Sol Berman, Elizabeth, 7-2-59.7; Al Cherry, N. Plainfield, 6-3-59.1; Ted Lewis, Millville, 6-3-55.1; Tom Skinner, Bloomfield, 5-4-53.7; Al Ward, Netcong, 4-5-55.7; Philip Zozzaro, Little Falls, 3-6-52.0; Nick Lysy, Hightstown, 3-6-50.7; William Kolb, Belleville, 3-6-49.1; James Reed, Oldwick, 3-6-47.3.

**CLASS B** — Claude White, E. Orange, 7-0-53.0; Robert Bishe, Cranford, 6-1-54.0; William Herrmann, Clar,

**CLASS B** — Claude White, E. Orange, 7-0-53.0; Robert Bishe, Cranford, 6-1-54.0; William Herrmann, Clark, 4-3-39.7; Del Fithian, Bridgeton, 3-4-48.3; Ron Vogel, Middlesex, 3-4-41.0; Ed Severs, Vineland, 3-4-37.7; Leroy Knotts, Linden, 2-5-40.3; Vincent Yannetti, Bound Brook, Withdrew.

**CLASS C** — Tom Bailiff, Hawthorne, 5-2-44.9; Al Price, Roselle Pk., 5-2-40.6; Lee Marshall, Middlesex, 5-2-40.9; Owen Farmer Jr., E. Brunswick, 4-3-39.4; David Hall, Piscataway, 3-4-32.6; Pete Albers, Bloomfield, 2-5-37.1; Art Carson, Edison, 2-5-37.1; Helmuth Ruesch, Rivervale, 2-5-32.0.

**CLASS D** — Ray Shober, Newfield, 7-0-34.9; Vincent DiMicco, Cranford, 5-2-32.0; Lou Zazzara, Piscataway, 4-3-32.9; John Dykstra, Englewood, 4-3-31.1; Al Beebe, Millville, 3-4-25.4; Larry Cimirro, Pattenburg, 2-5-23.1; Nelson Skeenes, Mt. Holly, 2-5-23.1; Robert Bradley, Paramus, 1-6-23.1.

**CLASS E** — Lafe Collins, Haddonfield, 7-0-30.0; John Mazzeo, South Plainfield, 6-1-28.9; Franklin Rozzo, Flemington, 4-3-23.1; Fred Strandkov, N. Caldwell, 4-3-20.9; Hal Hannania, Middlesex, 3-4-24.6; Andy Waisenspacher, Flemington, 3-4-23.7; James Burd, Califon, 1-6-23.1; Harold Smith, Paterson, 0-7-10.9.

**JUNIORS** — Alan Apgar, Middlesex, 3-1-18.5; A. Ringenary, Millville, 3-1-19.0; Owen Farmer III, E. Brunswick, 0-4-4.0.

All tie listings are recorded according to playoff results.

## CHRIS HANSEN OPEN WON BY JACK FAHEY — SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jack Fahey came through with a play-off victory over Roger Poutanen of Clermont to win the Chris Hansen Open held Oct. 23rd at Bee Ridge Park in Sarasota, Florida. Other winners were Marion Collins in Class B, Morris Gillespie in Class C, Herb Hitchcock in Class D, and Milt Myhre in Class E.

The tournament was held in memory of the late Chris Hansen who passed away last March. Chris will long be remembered for his efforts in promoting horseshoe pitching and establishing the Horseshoe Club in Sarasota. On hand for the event was Mrs. Hansen and son Gilbert. They were presented a plaque by the Sarasota Club in the memory of Chris.

**CLASS A** — Jack Fahey, Bradenton, 5-1-58.7; Roger Poutanen, Clermont, 5-1-62.9; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater, 4-2-51.9; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville, 3-3-46.5; Paul Scheub, Sarasota, 2-4-53.2; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota, 2-4-48.4; Dick Weigel, Clearwater, 0-6-46.6.

**CLASS B** — Marion Collins, Clearwater, 4-1-49.0; Ken Peer, Sarasota, 4-1-42.8; Earl Morris, Lakeland, 3-2-38.3; George Buskey, Clearwater, 2-3-40.3; Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven, 2-3-33.3; Harvey Hochstetler, Sarasota, 0-5-29.8.

**CLASS C** — Morris Gillespie, Sarasota, 6-1-48.5; Howard Lea, Bradenton, 5-2-50.7; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, 5-2-43.2; Harold Cheffer, Naples, 4-3-41.8; Charlie Pitton, Clearwater, 4-3-36.5; Henry Mullet, Sarasota, 2-5-36.8; Frank Stites, Bradenton, 1-6-35.5; Andy Doshna, Clearwater, 1-6-33.6.

**CLASS D** — Herb Hitchcock, Orlando, 7-0-42.1; Walter House, Sarasota, 5-2-37.1; Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Bch., 4-3-36.3; Ronnie Ronemus, Bradenton, 4-3-33.9; Earle Johnson, Bradenton, 3-4-30.9; Les Peary, Bradenton, 2-5-30.9; Bill King, Sarasota, 2-5-29.3; Bill Packard, Venice, 1-6-28.0.

**CLASS E** — Milt Myhre, Bradenton, 6-0-27.8; Tom Keltner, Clearwater, 5-1-25.8; Jewel Ingram, Palmetto, 3-3-25.7; Lee Davis, Seminole, 3-3-21.6; Larry Hitchcock, Orlando, 2-4-14.1; Norm Gaseau, Clearwater, 1-5-19.0; Russ Adcock, Bradenton, 1-5-16.4.

## JACK FAHEY SWAMPS CLASS A AT SUNSHINE OPEN — ORLANDO, FLA.

With three pretty girls to relieve the usual load on scorekeeping for the veteran horseshoe pitchers, as well as improve the scenery, the Sunshine Open Tournament put on by the Orlando Horseshoe Club jointly with the City's Recreation Department drew a record November turnout for that city. It also produced a smashing wipeout of Class A competition for Jack Fahey of Bradenton.

Continuing his climb from Class E status and a lowly 29.7% average a year ago, Paul Scheub of Sarasota hit a nifty 53.1% to top Class B. Paul's success with the end-over-end turn scorned by most pitchers as a "flop shoe" has led a few others like Joel Berrall of the Orlando Club and Director for the November 13 tournament who pitches a similar turn to opine "Maybe there's hope for us Nudniks yet!"

Ken Reeb of Winter Haven took 1st place in Class C with a 51.7% average a 5-0 match to serve notice that he too was knocking on the door of the Class A boys, and Northern sun-seekers heading for Florida now.

The little town of Deland produced two first place trophy winners — Carl Degner in Class D and also C. Lines in Class F. C. Miller of Sarasota, no kin of 1976 Florida Class A Champ, Levi Miller, but a "comer" none-the-less, took first in Class E.

The 8-court Orlando layout, considered one of the best in Florida, won high praise for the Club's pit crew and the excellent plasticity of the clay which may have helped boost the ringer averages. Newly painted backboards (white) also improved ability to "get that bead on the stake."

**CLASS A** — Jack Fahey, Bradenton, 7-0-74.4; M. Richmond, Bradenton, 5-2-64.7; L. Miller, Sarasota, 4-3-62.6; T. Harrison, Lakeland, 3-4-54.5; W. Keegan, Live Oak, 3-4-52.0; K. Drury, Ontario, 2-5-53.4; R. Poutanen, Orlando, 2-5-51.1; D. Thatcher, Brooksville, 2-5-50.0.

**CLASS B** — P. Scheub, Sarasota, 4-1-53.1; M. Gillespie, Sarasota, 4-1-44.3; R. Widdersheim, Clearwater, 2-3-51.1; D. Whitmer, Winter Haven, 2-3-46.9; F. Morris, Lakeland, 2-3-45.2; J. Peterson, Orlando, 1-4-39.7.

**CLASS C** — K. Reeb, Winter Haven, 5-0-51.7; H. Hitchcock, Orlando, 4-1-44.8; C. Madren, Orlando, 2-3-39.6; H. Mullet, Sarasota, 2-3-39.5; A. Christian, Orlando, 2-3-37.4; O. Gaudette, New Smyrna, 0-5-31.8.

**CLASS D** — C. Degner, Deland, 5-0-39.4; B. Gallant, St. Cloud, 4-1-34.1; F. Stites, Bradenton, 3-2-40.1; R. Ronemus, Bradenton, 3-2-30.6; P. O'Toole, Bradenton, 1-4-31.1.

**CLASSE** — C. Miller, Sarasota, 4-1-26.4; L. Hoyt, Orlando, 3-2-33.2; K. Lepard, Ohio, 3-2-29.2; F. Tausch, Bradenton, 2-3-23.6; G. Rankin, 2-3-22.8; A. Rowse, Deland, 1-4-20.4.

**CLASS F** — C. Lines, Deland, 5-0-29.2; J. Berrall, Orlando, 3-2-33.2; L. Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-2-27.6; O. Halstead, New York, 3-2-26.4; L. Davis, Clearwater, 1-4-26.0; A. Estes, Orlando, 0-5-14.8.

## INDIAN RIVER OPEN WON BY FAHEY

With beautiful weather prevailing and the courts in top top shape, Jack Fahey of Bradenton swept Class A to open the season at New Smyrna Beach, Florida to win the Indian River Open tournament.

**CLASS A** — Jack Fahey, Bradenton, 5-0-66.8; Troy Harrison, Lakeland, 4-1-55.8; Bill Keegan, Live Oak, 3-2-55.6; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville, 2-3-50.8; Paul Scheup, Sarasota, 1-4-52.7; Harold Cheffer, Naples, 0-6-46.7.

**CLASS B** — Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater, 5-0-54.4; Pete Peterson, Orlando, 4-1-43.9; Dick Weigal, Clearwater, 3-2-49.1; Duane Whitmer, Winter Haven, 2-3-40.5; Ken Peer, Sarasota, 1-4-39.2; George Buskey, Clearwater, 0-5-38.9.

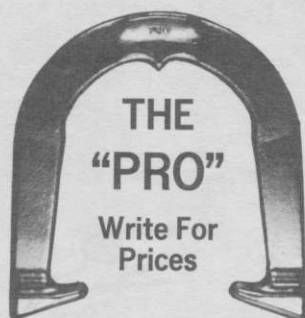
**CLASS C** — Earl Morris, Lakeland, 6-1-40.9; Cliff Madren, Orlando, 5-2-39.1; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, 4-3-39.6; Speed Gillespie, Sarasota, 4-3-38.3; Herb Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-4-40.6; Oscar Gaudette, New Smyrna, 2-5-34.7; Ray Osborne, Orlando, 1-6-31.7.

**CLASS D** — John Lukse, Daytona Beach, 4-1-32.7; Jim Huntsman, Port Orange, 4-1-21.5; Lee Hoyt, Orlando, 3-2-26.5; Norm Gaseau, Clearwater, 2-2-24.2; Art Tracey, Mims, 2-3-22.0; Larry Hitchcock, Orlando, 0-5-17.4.

**CLASS E** — George Rankin, Deland, 5-0-27.9; Lee Davis, Seminole, 2-3-25.8; Quent Ellinger, New Smyrna, 2-3-22.8; Tom Keltner, 2-3-22.8; Jim Trevarthen, New Smyrna, 2-3-19.6; Joel Berrell, Orlando, 2-3-16.8.



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