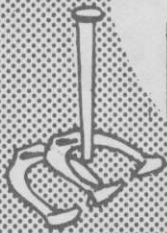


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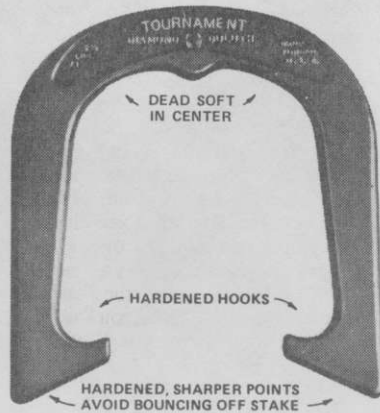
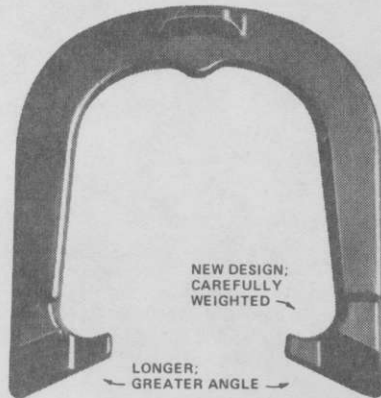
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NHPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you and your family have a healthy, happy and prosperous 1977.

NHPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS AWARDED THE 1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT TO DES MOINES, IOWA. Official dates to be announced later. Tentative dates are July 28 through August 6, 1978. The vote of the Council was as follows: South Gate, 0; Middlesex, 1; Des Moines, 6.

1. South Gate, California City Council approved SCHPA requests for the use of the following Park facilities for the Tournament: 18 lighted courts; restrooms, the Showmobile and public address system, with the fees therefor to be waived; bleachers to seat approximately 1500 to 2000 people; and the Auditorium for the NHPA annual convention. Permission was also granted to park some trailers and campers in the parking area of the Park as in 1970. However, the city turned down the request of \$8,500 to \$10,000 for the bid.

2. Middlesex, New Jersey did not wish to state an amount of money with their invitation, but respectfully requested that the Executive Committee consider Middlesex as the site for the 1978 World Championships because of the facilities, attractions, publicity, hospitality, etc. They were sure that an agreeable money amount could be arrived at after the award of the tournament.

3. Des Moines, Iowa will host the Tournament on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the city of Des Moines. There will be 18 lighted courts at this site. Additional 16 lighted courts in Birdland Park in Des Moines available for use. Both courts will be in the best possible shape.

There is ample parking and bathrooms on the horseshoe court site. Also around 600 campsites are located on the fairgrounds with modern hook ups. There is also many other camping spots without hook ups.

There are theaters for the convention and several spots available on the grounds for the banquet. The best will be selected. Concession stands will also be near the courts. The Iowa State Fair will not be in operation during this tournament.

The Convention Bureau of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce will guarantee the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (\$10,000.00) Ten Thousand Dollars plus the appropriate trophies. They also will give us their great know how in having conventions to guarantee everyone a fine visit and tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. They are second to no one when it comes to having conventions. Last year they brought in \$56 million dollars bringing in Conventions to the centrally located city. They are located at the intersection of Interstates 80 and 35.

We the Officers want your vote for the 1978 World Championships in the city of Des Moines, Iowa with the promise everything that we can do will be done to make this Tournament the greatest one ever held.

The last time the W. T. was held in Des Moines was in 1946. I sincerely hope both Middlesex and South Gate will submit future bids.

On behalf of the NHPA, congratulations to the Iowa Association, Mayor Richard Olson, Governor Robert Ray and the Des Moines Convention Bureau and Hotel/Motel Association.

I will be spending a week vacation again in Mesa, Arizona in February and attending the Valley of the Sun Tournament, February 18, 19 and 20. Looking forward to seeing and talking to

the many pitchers and their wives.

Thanks to everyone responsible for all the support and hard work given to Horseshoes and the NHPA in 1976. With your continued efforts we can and will progress our sport.

Sincerely,

Wally Shipley

COVER PICTURE . . . 1976 World Champions, Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, New York and Ruth Hangen, of Getzville, New York, 1976 Ladies' World Champion, are shown this month, they being present at the dedication ceremonies of the New York State Hall of Fame held in late September in Corning, New York, the permanent location for the Hall of Fame. Various museum pieces pertinent to horseshoe pitching will be on display at all times and is open to the public.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

BECAUSE OF AN INCREASE BY THE POSTAL SERVICE FOR RETURN TO SENDER OF THIRD CLASS MAIL FROM 13 CENTS TO 25 CENTS, EFFECTIVE WITH THE DECEMBER ISSUE, ALL SUBSCRIBERS WHO FAIL TO NOTIFY THE NEWS DIGEST OF NEW ADDRESSES WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR MAGAZINE UNTIL THEY HAVE SENT IN THEIR NEW ADDRESS.

Top 100 Men In The NHPA — Nov. 1975 — Oct. 1976

By Walter Ray Williams, Statistician

1. Al Zadroga, Penn. 85.9	26. A. Copeland, Ohio 76.5	51. Stan Manker, Ohio 73.2
2. Mark Seibold, Ind. 84.9	27. K. Van Sant, Ind. 76.2	52. Don Weik, Conn. 73.1
3. R. Williams Jr., Cal. 84.7	28. H. Anthony, Ohio 76.1	53. Don Titcomb, Cal. 73.0
4. Curt Day, Ind. 84.1	29. Cecil Monday, Va. 75.7	54. G. Rademacher, Fla. 72.9
5. Bob West, Ore. 83.7	30. Glenn Riffle, Ohio 75.7	55. J. Monasmith, Wash. 72.9
6. Elmer Hohl, Can. 83.3	31. Henry Knauft, Wash. 75.4	56. H. Clippinger, Penn. 72.8
7. C. Steinfeldt, N.Y. 82.6	32. Al Lord, Maine 75.2	57. Charles Fix, Ind. 72.6
8. Glen Henton, Iowa 82.4	33. Raymond Plute, Mo. 75.2	58. Ridge Leggett, Ore. 72.6
9. Ed Dorney, Mass. 81.4	34. J. Schneider, Cal. 75.0	59. B. Herfurth, Mass. 72.5
10. J. Gonzales, Cal. 80.2	35. Paul Focht, Ohio 74.9	60. L. Ambrose, Minn. 72.5
11. C. Bellman, Ind. 79.8	36. G. Natale, N.Y. 74.8	61. Lowell Davis, Ore. 72.3
12. John Walker, Cal. 79.4	37. F. Stinson, Minn. 74.7	62. O.D. Lebow, Tenn. 72.1
13. J. Solomon, Penn. 79.3	38. Art Tyson, N.Y. 74.6	63. Bob Graham, Texas 72.0
14. J. Knisley, Ohio 79.3	39. C. Kilgore, Mo. 74.5	64. Roy Smith, Mich. 71.8
15. M. Potts, Kan. 79.1	40. J. Rademacher, Fla. 74.3	65. Ken Kugler, Ohio 71.8
16. R. Norwood, Tenn. 78.8	41. Chet Reel, Ind. 74.3	66. James Burke, Ore. 71.7
17. Ken Fraser, Cal. 78.8	42. S. Fenicchia, N.Y. 74.2	67. T.R. Little, Tenn. 71.5
18. Clyde Martz, Penn. 78.2	43. H. Kohlenberger, Ill. 74.2	68. H. Peterson, Ore. 71.5
19. Roger Vogel, N.M. 77.5	44. C. Chapelle, Ore. 73.8	69. H. Darnold, Iowa 71.4
20. Oscar Engle, Penn. 77.3	45. G. Roberts, Ohio 73.7	70. Bill Henn, Ky. 71.4
21. B. Vandegriff, Iowa 77.1	46. George Sales, Ind. 73.5	71. D. Lipovsky, Minn. 71.2
22. W. Kabel, Ohio 77.0	47. Al Plank, Penn. 73.4	72. M. Latino, Cal. 71.2
23. N. Rioux, Conn. 77.0	48. Clair Bruce, Penn. 73.4	73. Jerry Wood, Ind. 71.0
24. Ray Martin, Ill. 76.8	49. Joe Schultz, N.Y. 73.4	74. A.J. Nave, Tenn. 70.8
25. R. Maddox, W. Va. 76.5	50. S. Bertrand, W. Va. 73.2	75. J. Passmore, Ind. 70.8

Top 100 Men — Continued

76. Ed Krull, Ind. 70.6	85. S. Jackson, Tenn. 69.9	93. Levi Miller, Ohio 69.1
77. Andy Paglarini, Minn. 70.6	86. J. Lemond, Ind. 69.8	94. Curt Over, Penn. 69.0
78. Don Harris, Mo. 70.5	87. D. Beshore, Penn. 69.5	95. Ed Fishel, Wash. 68.8
79. Jack Fahey, Ky. 70.2	88. V. Joyner, Ore. 69.4	96. A. Perry, Va. 68.8
80. Gus Krause, N. Y. 70.1	89. J. Rainbow, Penn. 69.4	97. T. Norwood, Tenn. 68.4
81. F. Thibeault, Can. 70.0	90. M. Roseberry, Ohio 69.3	98. D. Prichard, Kan. 68.4
82. B. Chapelle, Ore. 70.0	91. Bob May, Ind. 69.2	99. J. Seymore, Cal. 68.3
83. L. Griffin, Ill. 70.0	92. H. Sheets, Wis. 69.1	100. Paul Tobey, Maine ... 68.3
84. R. Baughn, Ind. 70.0		

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

1. J. Williams, Cal. 86.2	8. Brian Neff, Ohio 73.3	15. J. Bochese, Conn. 63.5
2. Ricky Howe, Mass. 83.9	9. Mike Kibbee, N. H. 73.1	16. C. Sandquist, Minn. 63.3
3. Steve Hohl, Can. 83.8	10. A. Sandquist, Minn. 70.2	17. Roy Statham, Cal. 63.2
4. B. Simmons, Maine 79.0	11. Bruce Kienia, Maine ... 70.0	18. Paul Roberts, Iowa. 63.0
5. Mike Stout, Ill. 78.4	12. Paul Domey, Mass. 69.5	19. Ross Perry, Va. 62.3
6. Randy Hymer, Ohio 76.6	13. J. Bartlett, Wash. 65.9	20. Buddy Pittman, B.C. ... 61.4
7. R. Thibeault, Maine ... 74.2	14. P. Clark, Wash. 65.2	

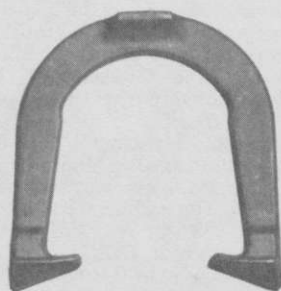
The top 15 women in the N. H. P. A.

1. Ruth Hangen, N. Y. 79.2	6. K. Harrison, Ohio 72.3	11. J. Phelps, Va. 59.7
2. Vicki Winston, Mo. 74.9	7. B. Seibold, Ind. 67.0	12. Candie Loy, Ind. 59.6
3. D. Michaud, Mass. 73.7	8. Mary Archer, Can. 65.4	13. D. Ebert, Wis. 58.4
4. H. Roberts, Ohio 73.7	9. Cindy Dean, Va. 61.0	14. J. Disiger, N. Y. 58.0
5. L. Thomas, N. Y. 72.9	10. D. McSwane, Wash. 60.8	15. Ruth Kirk, Ohio 57.8

The top 10 junior girls in the N. H. P. A.

1. Amy Monday, Va. 61.5	5. T. Carpenter, Ill. 57.3	8. L. Patenaude, Maine .. 38.1
2. K. O'Brien, Wash. 59.3	6. Rose Gibson, Ill. 49.0	9. L. Hottinger, Va. 37.0
3. Sandy Bartel, Ore. 58.6	7. Janice Domey, Mass. ... 48.0	10. S. Roberts, Ohio 34.5
4. B. Domey, Mass. 57.5		

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A Newcomer's Viewpoints On The 1976 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

By Marge Ouellette — New York

Our 1976 Bicentennial Year has brought many beautiful sights, celebrations and special events. However, I will remember this year as my truly fascinating and revealing introduction to the skillful sport and exciting people of the Horseshoe Pitching World.

To begin with, my father, Leo J. Ouellette, and my good friend, Helen Hager, both of Brooklyn, New York and active Horseshoe enthusiasts, are credited to my involvement in the sport and without their coaxing, I would have never been exposed to this year's most successful World Horseshoe Tournament.

A very big misconception of the game is that it is only for the elderly. WRONG!! In this World Tournament, Mark Seibold of Huntington, Indiana, placed third beating one of our World Champions of many years, Elmer Hohl of Wellesley, Ontario who placed fourth. Mark is a 22 year old pitcher who stole the hearts of both the young and old pitchers who would like to see the sport grab the enthusiasm of young blood. As the saying goes . . . "Start 'em Young" and perhaps we will have many more Mark Seibolds contesting for the Championship. "Why not?"

The 1976 World Tournament exposed me to so many interesting people and ideas of this great sport. I did not take pitching seriously until I saw pitchers like Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, New York with his step-by-step concentration that helped him win the World Championship this year. The strain that was placed on him and Curt Day of Frankfort, Indiana as they grueled it out for first place was absolutely inspiring. You could feel the tenseness of the hushed crowd as they threw ringer after ringer towards the grand triumph of championship.

The biggest factor that turned me on to Horseshoe Pitching is the friendly smiles on all the people at the tournament. Everyone was eager to help and their excitement of the sport radiated such warmth that I could not resist the "Horseshoe Bug". They tolled many miles from all over the United States and Canada to join in one big happy family of pitchers. Even the spectators at Bristol, Pennsylvania caught on to the excitement as they watched and mingled with the pitchers.

Anyone who is interested in the sport should learn as I did. It takes teaching, patience, and above all, good practice and concentration. As in any sport, once you have established this, you are well on your way to the top. Ruth Hagen of Buffalo, New York closed our conversation by saying, "May all your days be Ringers". As of now, that is my goal and "Watch Out, Ruth, I'm Coming Through". Ruth won the World Championship for the Women's Division against Lorraine Thomas of Lockport, New York.

There are many new ideas being worked on for the betterment and excitement of the sport. Sol Berman, Chairman of the "All Progress Means Change Committee" and the "Publicity Committee" with his staff are working on the promotion of horseshoes and to get the game out to the public with pitching lessons by the Pros to show new and old members the "right way" of pitching. With professional guidance, everyone can learn and improve their ringer average. Even though I am a new member, I entered the World Tournament and placed third in my division. Anyone can pitch. All you need is the desire and devotion to the sport.

I would like to thank Ray Greenlaw who did such a great job on this year's tournament; Sol Berman for his strive to get pitching to the people; Wally Shipley for his organizational assistance; to all you horseshoe players that I met and hope to meet; and to my Dad, for introducing me to this up-and-coming great sport of Horseshoe Pitching and for entering me into this year's most fascinating and fun event . . . the 1976 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Dave Baker Regains Coveted Missouri State Championship

Dave Baker with a 76 percent ringer average regained the Missouri state title losing only to Ray Plute. Charles Kilgore, defending champion was runnerup. Ray Winston had a perfect record of 5 straight to cop the Senior crown. Vicki Winston, former world lady champion, blazed through the Women's Division winning all five games hitting an 80 percent game for high and finishing with an all over ringer average of 72.4 percent. Alma Aday was second. The Junior Division ended in a 3-way tie with each one pitching 30 shoes to decide the winner. Britt Grant came out on top with 45 points.

At the annual meeting, Jim Acock was reelected Secretary-Treasurer and Charles Kilgore Vice-President. Earl Winston's term as President expires next year. The Missouri association is forming a State Hall of Fame committee.

CLASS A — David Baker, Wentworth, 8-1-76.0; Charles Killgore, Plattsburg, 6-3-67.7; Raymond Plute, Warrensburg, 6-3-65.5; Lillard Pinion, St. Joseph, 6-3-62.7; Elwyn Cooper, Kansas City, 5-4-60.4; Ron Frakes, Springfield, 4-5-62.1; Randy Parton, Edina, 3-6-61.8; Earl Winston, LaMonte, 3-6-61.3; Don Harris, Smithville, 2-7-62.9; Ray Cavin, St. Joseph, 2-7-56.2. High game was an 82.5% pitched by Baker. Ray Plute was the only player to beat the champ.

CLASS B — Sam Harlan, Salisbury, 4-1-61.7; Harry Riggs, Windsor, 4-1-57.4; Bill Kempfe, Alma, 3-2-48.9; Val Eikel, Mexico, 2-3-52.9; Charles Lawrence, Union, 2-3-51.9; Art Schroeder, Lake Ozark, 0-5-45.5. High game was a 73.7% pitched by Harlan. Harlan won the playoff game with Riggs 55-29.

CLASS C — Daniel Newland, Queen City, 4-1-56.6; Otha Ellerman, Eldorado Springs, 4-1-59.3; Bob Johnson, Huntsville, 2-3-55.4; Raymond Smith, Auxvasse, 2-3-49.4; Ken Wiisie, Higginsville, 2-3-49.0; Jake Edmonson, Springfield, 1-4-44.9. Otha Ellerman had a 75% game.

CLASS D — Harold Smith, Cabool, 6-1-49.7; Jerry Wooden, Dawn, 6-1-57.7; Don Decker, Centralia, 6-1-48.8; Lloyd Constance, Independence, 3-4-46.6; C. W. Gutshall, Jamesport, 3-4-43.1; Clarence Scott, Adrian, 3-4-38.9; Wilbur Gay, St. Joseph, 1-6-36.0; Don Jones, Elk Creek, 0-7-32.5. High game was a 73.8% by Wooden. To settle the 3 way tie for first place, each man pitched 50 shoes. Smith scored 103 points, Wooden scored 101 points and Decker scored 70 points.

CLASS E — Bob Green, Higginsville, 7-0-48.8; Steve Hrabovsky, St. Louis, 5-2-55.5; Bruce Winston, Lee's Summit, 5-2-42.9; Dorsey Durfee, Rich Hill, 4-3-48.8; Roy Waters, Huntsville, 3-4-44.9; Bert Francis, Mexico, 3-4-37.7; Johnny Nichol, Warrensburg, 1-6-31.8; Con Smith, Mexico, 0-7-34.6. High game was an 80.8% pitched by Hrabovsky.

CLASS F — Robert O'Connor, Bosworth, 7-0-42.4; Joseph Adkins, St. Louis, 5-2-41.4; Fred Smith, Higginsville, 4-3-39.5; Bill O'Brien, Lamar, 4-3-37.0; Woodrow Shepard, Slater, 4-3-35.8; Jon McKnight, St. Joseph, 2-5-33.1; Roger Kirkman, Summersville, 2-5-29.0; Lyle Tatman, Seligman, 0-7-22.2. High game was a 56.8% pitched by Adkins.

CLASS G — Gary Flansburg, Lee's Summit, 6-1-40.2; Al Constance, Independence, 5-2-38.5; Don Craig, Kansas City, 5-2-35.1; Don Sparkman, Cassville, 3-4-35.1; Bob Cantrell, Grovesprings, 3-4-31.6; Marvin Adey, Licking, 3-4-29.2; Charles Jackson, Wellsville, 2-5-29.3; Harold Griffel, Higginsville, 1-6-23.0. High game was a 56.2% pitched by Flansburg.

CLASS H — J.W. Brown, Belton, 7-0-34.7; Doyle Goforth, Houston, 5-2-35.6; Jerry McCarter, Richmond, 5-2-35.1; Howard Brandt, Rosebud, 4-3-35.4; Dwight Heldenbrand, Winston, 3-4-30.9; Jerry Griffin, Chillicothe, 2-5-25.0; Melvin Cole, El Dorado Springs, 1-6-30.3; Rick Hunter, Lee's Summit, 1-6-28.7. High game was a 55.9% by Brown.

CLASS I — George Buche Jr., Belton, 6-1-35.6; Richard Loehnig Sr., Mexico, 5-2-37.4; Duane Heldenbrand, Winston, 5-2-35.7; G. E. Kenney, Stockton, 4-3-28.9; Don Plowman, Chillicothe, 4-3-27.0; Bob McKnight, St. Joseph, 3-4-23.8; Gilbert Cox, Chillicothe, 1-6-26.7; Bobby Lewis Sr., Wellsville, 0-7-16.7. High game was a 50.0% pitched by Loehnig.

CLASS J — Bill Bouyey, Hannibal, 6-1-33.3; Elvis Shepard, Green Ridge, 5-2-26.4; Don Campbell, Richmond, 5-2-25.5; Jerry Griggs, St. Joseph, 5-2-23.8; Hershel Adey, Licking, 4-3-21.9; Walter Gallet, Collins, 1-6-16.8; Jack Dickerson, Chillicothe, 1-6-15.1; Doyle Brant, St. Joseph, 1-6-10.7. High game was a 42.3% pitched by Bouyey.

SENIOR A — Wayne Winston, LaMonte, 5-0-47.4; Arvel McCorkendale, Camden, 3-2-47.4; Glen Harding, Jefferson City, 3-2-43.6; Bill Mortiz, Lamar, 3-2-42.3; Ezra Paasch, Owensville, 1-4-38.2; Ramon Carver, Wentworth, 0-5-33.0. High game was a 63.6% pitched by Winston.

SENIOR B — E. T. Wahweotten, Kansas City, 5-0-33.6; Perry Craigmyle, Nevada, 4-1-34.8; Nick Guild, Warrensburg, 2-3-26.8; Marvin Parker, Rayville, 2-3-26.2; Ray Barrow, El Dorado Springs, 2-3-25.5. High game in Senior Class B was a 42.5% pitched by Craigmyle.

Missouri State — (Continued)

WOMEN — Vicki Winston, LaMonte, 5-0-72.4; Alma Adey, Licking, 4-1-32.7; Judy Sappington, Ashland, 3-2-28.0; Ruth Griffel, Higginsville, 2-3-24.6; Dora Sperber, Sedalia, 1-4-20.1; Judy Hunter, Lee's Summit, 0-5-13.6. High game in the Womens Class was an 80.0% pitched by Winston.

JUNIOR A — Britt Brant, St. Joseph, 6-1-46.1; Stacy Griggs, St. Joseph, 6-1-46.1; Stan Griggs, St. Joseph, 6-1-25.7; Donald Goforth, Houston, 4-3-20.2; Randy Burnett, Higginsville, 2-5-23.1; Brian Beck, Higginsville, 2-5-20.2; Frank Wheeler, Jameson, 2-5-15.9. High game in Junior A Class was a 78.6% pitched by Stacy Griggs.

JUNIOR B — Mark Elder, 8-1-20.8; Mark McCarter, Richmond, 7-2-25.0; Randy Frakes, Springfield, 7-2-13.6; Randy Adey, Licking, 6-3-12.8; Robbie Daugherty, 5-4-15.6; Tammy Griggs, St. Joseph, 5-4-12.3; Harold McKinney, 4-5-8.3; Charleen Brown, Belton, 2-7-3.3; Gary Swigart, Higginsville, Forfeit. High game in Junior B Class was a 41.7% by McCarter.

St. Pierre Wins First Tournament —

Trabucchi Wins His First At Heritage Recreation

The Turkey Shoot at Heritage Recreation Center was a memorable occasion for several pitchers. Each tournament has its share of fine games, but this year's Turkey Shoot was something else again. Paul St. Pierre pulled down his first championship ever, in Class 7. Who can blame him for wanting a trophy instead of a 15 lb. turkey? In Class 6 Vin Mattus won on his first try. In the same class Bill McMahon pitched his best ever, only to finish third by just four tenths of a percent. Ray Degrenier won Class 5 with a new high average. Guido Giorgetti placed fourth on percentage in Class 4. Bill White won the class with very consistent pitching. Ed Bodinski was unbelievable in Class 3 -- 60.9% average, five percent higher than any previous outing, and games of 75.0% to open and 77.3% to close.

Class 2 is always interesting. George Trabucchi won his first Heritage tournament. Russ Sweeney averaged 72.4% for his last four games. Jack Moore was on his way to the championship with seven wins and a 67% average. However, in the next round he played Paul Schultz, who was in this group for the first time. Paul THROWS 85.7% AGAINST HIM! Can you sympathize with New Jersey's Ed Seever? He looked at a 73% game in round one, a 75% in round two, and a 74% in round six.

Don Weik pitched 77.1% in Class 1, his highest tournament ever, but finished second, losing a playoff. Norm Rioux asked to be remembered — this was his lousiest tournament in ages. In case you hadn't heard or guessed by now, Ed Domey won top turkey and high game award, 92.8%.

Championship Class — Ed Domey, Ma., 6-1-76.2; Don Weik, Ct., 6-1-77.1; Art Tyson, NY, 5-2-73.8; Joe Schultz, NY, 4-3-71.6; Paul Cormier, Ma., 3-4-62.2; Bernard Davis, Sr., NH, 2-5-58.1; Norm Rioux, Ct., 2-5-57.8; Bill Saunders, NH, 0-7-51.6; Playoff: Domey, 36-70.7; Weik, 28-65.5.

Class 2 — George Trabucchi, Ct., 7-1-64.3; Russ Sweeney, Ma., 6-2-64.6; Jack Moore, Ct., 6-2-62.9; Russ Gadoury, Ma., 5-3-52.7; Paul Schultz, NY, 4-4-51.8; Dan Beane, Ma., 3-5-53.8; Ted Lewis, NJ, 3-5-50.8; Ed SeEVERS, NJ, 2-6-50.3; Mel Merritt, Ma., 0-8-44.2.

CLASS 3 — Ed Bodinski, Ma., 7-0-60.9; Amos Whitaker, Ma., 6-1-57.5; Sam Raymond, NH, 4-3-53.4; Fran Norman, Ma., 3-4-51.2; Gardner Alden, Ma., 3-4-47.3; Gil Lee, Ct., 3-4-44.4; Ray Peloquin, Ma., 2-5-43.7; Ron Prue, Ma., 0-7-34.6.

CLASS 4 — Bill White, Ma., 6-1-44.9; Joe Guy, Ma., 5-2-48.6; Jerry Sojda, NY, 5-2-48.4; Guido Giorgetti, Ct., 5-2-44.9; Bob Martin, Ma., 2-5-38.7; Ed Tyler, Ct., 2-5-35.0; Al Beebe, Ma., 2-5-33.9; Ray Benson, Vt., 1-6-33.8.

CLASS 5 — Ray Degrenier, NY, 7-2-41.5; Frank Mitchell, Ma., 7-2-41.3; Dave Poole, Ma., 6-3-38.9; Joe Grillo, Ma., 5-4-41.1; Dick Shepard, Ma., 5-4-33.6; Hub Sasse, Ma., 4-5-34.4; Ralph LaCerte, Ma., 4-5-33.7; Jim Wyllie, Ma., 3-6-31.4; Real Chenette, Ma., 2-7-31.5; Bob Perry, Ma., 2-7-30.4; Playoff: Degrenier, 38-44.0; Mitchell, 28-40.0.

CLASS 6 — Vin Mattus, Ma., 7-1-33.3; Bill Dupont, Ma., 6-2-35.8; Bill McMahon, Ma., 5-3-35.2; Harold Thomas, Ma., 5-3-34.8; Moe Farmer, Ma., 4-4-32.1; Al Doucette, Ma., 4-4-31.7; Tony Nacewicz, Ma., 2-6-23.4; Harry Schricker, Ma., 2-6-24.7; Charles Hanson, NH, 1-7-20.1.

CLASS 7 — Paul St. Pierre, Ma., 5-2-26.3; Chris Borglund, Ma., 4-3-26.0; Bob Perham, Ma., 4-3-23.9; Ed Harrington, Ma., 4-3-22.7; Jim Laliberte, Ma., 3-4-25.0; Ed Hamilton, Ma., 3-4-20.0; Mike Desroches, Ma., 3-4-19.5; Richard O'Brien, Ma., 2-5-19.2.

Massachusetts Association Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The Massachusetts State Association held its annual Awards banquet at the Legion Club in Wexford, Massachusetts. A very delicious smorgasbord dinner was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of 1976 Massachusetts State Hall of Fame awards. Two deceased old timers were elected and their names inscribed on the rolls as members. They were Carl Larson, as a player, and Philip Gilpatrick as an organizer. The two annual awards were to Donald Kaddy, of Fitchburg, as a player, and Percy Howe of Orange, as an organizer. Both gentlemen were present to receive their plaques.

Special Recognition awards were given to Dan Beane and Ed Devaney. Berery Fontaine and Ed Hamilton received the Most Improved player awards. Debbie Michaud, the 1976 Ladies champion, and Bernard Herfurth, 1976 State champion, were awarded Horseshoe sports jackets as Special awards. It is planned to give sports jackets to the different winners in the future.

The presentations were made by Russ Sweeney, retiring president, Russ Gaduory, Secretary and Bernard Herfurth. They expressed their thanks to John Gelinis and the club for a most enjoyable evening.

Juke Basham Cups 7 to Win No. Calif. Class D

CLASS D — Juke Basham, Sacramento, 7-0-47.6; Dale Koistinen, Mosswood, 6-1-36.8; Ed Anderson, Stockton, 4-3-32.9; Gene Castro, Seaside, 4-3-31.9; Art Rector, Mosswood, 3-4-32.7; Joe Jozovich, San Jose, 2-5-28.2; Lefty Williamson, Stockton, 1-6-31.6; Ivan Grove, Shasta, 1-6-29.1.


CONSOLATION GROUP — Dick Shreve, Turlock, 7-0-33.6; Joe Schultz, Stockton, 6-1-33.4; Lewis Lovelady, Jr., Golden Gate, 4-3-26.6; George Kinkel, San Jose, 4-3-25.7; Lewis Lovelady, Sr., Golden Gate, 4-3-22.0; Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo, 2-5-15.9; Roy Chase, Turlock, 1-6-24.1; Richard Ennis, Stockton, 0-7-13.9.

GROUP 3 — Bob Kays, Turlock, 6-1-36.0; Ron Barnett, Livermore, 5-2-28.5; Leroy Austin, Sacramento, 5-2-23.2; Ray Mittelsteadt, Stockton, 4-3-28.6; Lee Thornhill, Sacramento, 3-4-19.8; Sam Franks, Sacramento, 3-4-16.7; Don Westeicher, Turlock, 2-5-18.3.

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Knauff's Steady Pitching Nets Him Washington State Title

Henry Knauff, veteran ringmaster from Spokane, Washington pitched steady horseshoes averaging 73.5 percent for the tournament to lay claim to the 1976 Washington state crown. His annual event was staged on the Fairgrounds courts in Walla Walla, Washington last September. Herb Criss was runnerup followed by Ed Fishel in third spot. Muffie Woodman and Cindy Buchert took top honors in the Ladies and Girls class. In the Ladies Championship class, Kelly O'Brien of World Tournament fame, topped that division. In the Junior Boys' class it was Bob Bartlett with a perfect record of 8 straight wins.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — Henry Knauff, Spokane, 13-1-73.5; Herb Criss, Bremerton, 10-4-64.1; Ed Fishel, Neilton, 8-6-60.8; Mel Page, Walla Walla, 8-6-60.2; Bill Foss, Tacoma, 7-7-56.3; Art Sperber, Bremerton, 4-10-54.4; Dayton Martindale, Royal City, 4-10-54.1; Bob Good, Alderwood Manor, 2-12-51.9.

CLASS A — Bill Owens, Mt. Vernon, 8-1-55.4; Herb Godfrey Sr., Aberdeen, 7-2-55.1; Jim Alexander, Ridgefield, 5-4-53.6; George Sala, Spokane, 5-4-50.8; Vern Miller, Selah, 4-5-51.6; Orel Vallen, Seattle, 4-5-47.8; Bob Clark, Port Orchard, 4-5-45.8; Cal Cimmons, Othello, 4-5-45.5; Kelly Laraway, Bremerton, 3-6-52.3; Ron Ovnick, Deer Park, 1-8-38.6.

CLASS B — Loy Withrow, Ellensburg, 8-0-53.9; Les Buchert, Seattle, 6-2-44.0; Orlean Clinton, Seattle, 4-4-46.4; Harvey Snyder, Richland, 4-4-40.7; Ken Bartlett, Everett, 3-5-41.2; Ken Carvo, Yakima, 3-5-41.1; Ed Welsch, Spokane, 3-5-40.5; Leonard Mayfield, Walla Walla, 3-5-39.1; Chuck O'Brien, Spokane, 2-6-40.2.

CLASS C — Guy Boyd, Walla Walla, 6-2-43.7; Dale Schlieman, Yakima, 5-3-46.4; Walt Morrison, Walla Walla, 5-3-42.6; Mel Sherbert, Othello, 5-3-40.8; Cal Martindale, Pullman, 4-4-41.4; Glen Walker, Enumclaw, 3-5-45.9; Casey McKay, Moses Lake, 3-5-45.3; Al Johnson, Seattle, 3-5-35.3; Larry Davis, Walla Walla, 2-6-38.3; Ellis West, Seattle, Forfeit.

CLASS D — Mickey Odell, Davenport, 5-0-44.7; Don Tysver, Bremerton, 4-1-42.4; Lloyd Fisher, Spokane, 3-2-39.6; Raleigh Smith, Selah, 2-3-35.2; Toivo Saari, Aberdeen, 1-4-29.9; Joe Jensen, Othello, 0-5-30.1.

CLASSE — Ken Porter, Davenport, 6-1-40.0; Ray Looper, Spokane, 5-2-37.6; Les Andrews, Battleground, 4-2-43.4; Tom J. Worthington, Wapito, 3-3-33.3; Bill Van Egdorn, Lynden, 2-4-31.4; Cecil Varner, Spokane, 1-5-30.8; Ed Bartlett, Everett, 1-5-23.7; Jim Saari, Vancouver, Forfeit.

CLASS F — Bob Sletten, Vancouver, 6-1-38.6; Tom W. Worthington, Spokane, 5-2-32.9; Cal Odell, Walla Walla, 4-3-34.1; Earl Kettleson, Spokane, 4-3-31.0; Dale McKay, Auburn, 4-3-30.3; Lyle Andrews, Vancouver, 3-4-28.9; Tom Payne, Walla Walla, 2-5-30.4; Ray Black, Yakima, 0-7-17.6.

CLASS G — Al Bowles, Walla Walla, 8-0-33.4; Ross Watson, Spokane, 4-4-26.5; Charles King, Anacortes, 4-4-20.4; Craig Jackson, Spokane, 2-6-18.3; Lloyd Hart, Tacoma, 2-6-16.9.

CLASS H — Harry Virtue, Walla Walla, 5-1-26.8; Oran Gluck, Walla Walla, 4-2-29.5; Wally Fisher, Lowden, 3-2-19.3; Dave Omen, Walla Walla, 3-2-18.2; Gary Martindale, Spokane, 1-4-7.9; Wally Rehard, Spokane, 0-5-8.8.

LADIES A & JUNIOR GIRLS — Muffie Woodman, Colbert, 4-1-33.3; Ciny Buchert, Seattle, 4-1-26.3; Lorraine McKay, Auburn, 2-3-10.8; Babe Bartlett, Everett, 0-5-10.5.

LADIES CLASS — Kelly O'Brien, 9-1-54.4; Debbie Wrotenbery, 6-4-45.6; Alice Rehard, 6-4-43.9; Helen Watson, 4-6-36.5; Shirley O'Brien, 3-7-36.0; Ruth Welsch, 2-8-38.0.

JUNIOR BOYS — Bob Bartlett, 8-0-57.8; Joe Bartlett, 6-2-52.4; Jim Monroe, 6-2-50.0; Jeff Gardlin, 6-2-47.4; Peter Clark, 4-4-44.7; Daryl Walker, 2-6-34.5; Gregg Gardlin, 2-6-34.4; Brett Schimke, 2-6-31.6; Noel Walker, 0-8-21.6.

Steinfeldt Edges Hohl 51-49 at Sojda Indoor Courts (N.Y.)

By Al McWilliams

World Champion Carl Steinfeldt edged former champ, Elmer Hohl, 51-49, in an exciting match that capped "World Champion's Day", Oct. 31, at the newly opened Sojda's Indoor courts, 56 Harvester Ave., Batavia, N.Y. 14020.

The lead changed hands seven times in the 90-shoe game. Steinfeldt threw 74 ringers and Hohl had 73. The two champions had 18 four deads.

Women's world champion Ruth Hangen pitched in a four-player round robin event and won all of her games against top women players from the Western New York area. She averaged 78.7 per cent with 118 ringers.

Steinfeldt — (Continued)

Mrs. Hangen defeated Debbie Kemp, Alice Case and Edith Werth in the women's competition. Mrs. Werth had 78 ringers (52 per cent) in finishing second.

Two former New York State champions, Steve Fenicchia and Anthony (Ginger) Natale, provided the competition for Steinfeldt and Hohl. Fenicchia proved tough opposition for the two world champions. He tossed 61 ringers (76.2 per cent) before losing, 46-50, to Hohl and had 51 ringers (79.6 per cent), 30 out of the first 32 shoes pitched, in the match with Steinfeldt. The world champ had to hit his best game of the day, 57 ringers (89 per cent) to win 51-33.

Pitchers from the western half of New York state are taking advantage of the new indoor courts. Three singles leagues are playing weekly schedules and tournaments are scheduled once a month.

"Deadeye" Williams In 4th Title Win At Vallejo (No. Calif.)

State champion "Deadeye" Williams averaged 86.9 percent and had a high game of 88.1 percent on the Vallejo city park courts to out-distance all comers which included Ken Fraser whose only loss was to Williams.

CHAMP. GROUP — Walter Ray Williams, Auburn, 5-0-86.9; Ken Fraser, Golden Gate, 4-1-80.3; Don Titcomb, San Jose, 3-2-73.4; Mate McBride, Sacramento, 2-3-61.6; Rueben Lee, San Lorenzo, 1-4-60.8; Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia, 0-5-57.6.

CLASS A — Bob Mauzey, Sonoma Co., 5-1-60.4; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley, 4-2-56.6; Ron Sanders, Seaside, 3-2-52.1; Pete Manitone, Sacramento, 2-3-53.7; Lou Fontaine, San Jose, 2-3-52.2; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma Co., 0-5-48.5.

CLASS B-1 — Ernie Hall, Colusa, 7-0-57.4; Joe Roberts, Colusa, 4-3-46.0; Emmett Schroeder, Stockton, 4-3-44.6; Jack Parnell, Colusa, 4-3-44.0; Martin Lasich, San Jose, 4-3-43.7; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento, 2-5-47.1; Al Michelcic, Vallejo, 2-5-41.7; Marshall Jones, San Jose, 1-6-40.0.

CLASS B-2 — Vern Gosney, Vallejo, 6-1-45.7; Clair Benthin, Vallejo, 4-3-48.3; George Greeott, Sonoma Co., 4-3-44.9; Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate, 4-3-40.6; Virgin Gwaltney, Sacramento, 3-4-43.4; Bob Blow, Livermore, 3-4-40.0; Gene Hood, Mosswood, 2-5-38.6; Ed Brazzi, Vallejo, 2-5-37.7.

CLASS C-1 — Arnie Coleman, Stockton, 6-1-54.6; Frank Cravelho, Golden Gate, 5-2-45.1; Jim Miller, Colusa, 5-2-42.9; John Hintzman, Sacramento, 5-2-42.9; Clyde Lamb, Livermore, 4-3-35.7; Jim Long, Sacramento, 2-5-35.4; Wayne McGhee, Turlock, 1-6-29.7; Bub Bailey, Sonoma Co., 0-7-35.1.

CLASS C-2 — Glenn Kelly, Sacramento, 7-0-39.1; Page Kesler, Sonoma Co., 6-1-37.1; Larry Butterfield, Livermore, 5-2-37.4; Clair Lenz, Shasta, 4-3-35.7; Lance Astor, Reno, 2-5-27.7; Larry Karlen, Shasta, 2-5-27.4; Gene Castro, Seaside, 2-5-25.7; Tim Cypher, Reno, 0-7-16.0.

CLASS D — William Brin, Reno, 5-0-30.0; Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo, 3-2-16.8; Marco McCauley, Reno, 3-2-15.6; Ralph Collins, Sonoma Co., 2-3-14.0; Ted Degenhart, San Jose, 1-4-18.0; Sam Franks, Sacramento, 1-4-12.8.

Ernie Hall No. Calif. Class B Champion

CHAMPIONSHIP — Ernie Hall, Colusa, 7-1-57.9; Al Michelcic, Vallejo, 6-2-48.7; Herb Rushing, Grass Valley, 5-2-49.5; Don Wheeler, Mosswood, 4-3-52.3; Earl Blanton, Mosswood, 3-4-46.4; Arnie Peters, Sonoma Co., 2-5-48.6; Vince Mauricio, San Jose, 1-6-46.3; Bill Fiddler, San Jose, 1-6-47.4.

CONSOLATION GROUP — Vern Gosney, Vallejo, 5-0-48.3; Elton Cowles, San Lorenzo, 4-1-47.6; Clair Benthin, Vallejo, 3-2-47.5; Marshall Jones, San Jose, 2-3-36.7; Hank Schroeder, Turlock, 1-4-38.8; Kim Ludlow, San Jose, 0-5-38.3.

GROUP 3 — Herman Schneider, Mosswood, 5-0-44.8; Marty Dunn, Livermore, 3-2-42.3; Ray Williams, Auburn, 3-2-37.5; Tony Mattos, San Jose, 2-3-36.3; Ray Sandoval, Turlock, 2-3-34.1.

Arie Presley Takes 7 to Win No. Calif. Class E

CHAMPIONSHIP — Arie Presley, Turlock, 7-0-27.6; Jack Clifton, Turlock, 5-2-24.2; Duane Brewer, Sacramento, 5-2-19.5; Joe Kremer, Sacramento, 4-3-17.4; Jim Kremer, Sacramento, 3-4-18.3; Charles Shaver, Mosswood, 3-4-17.5; Irv Heald, Livermore, 1-6-14.5; Ralph Collins, Sonoma Co., 0-7-12.8.

CONSOLATION GROUP — Roy Heyden, Livermore, 3-1-18.2; Walter Keim, Sacramento, 2-2-15.4; Robbie Robinson, San Jose, 2-1-12.0.

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New York Horseshoe Pitcher's Hall of Fame Dedicated

By Bill Hyland

On Sunday, September 26, 1976 the City of Corning, N.Y. made another fitting Bicentennial contribution when the New York State Horseshoe Hall of Fame was dedicated through the cooperation of the Cinderella Softball Association, at their headquarters in Corning, New York.

All three members of the Hall of Fame committee were present to officially welcome Corning as the permanent home of the Hall, and included Carl Steinfeldt, Chairman, from Rochester; Anthony (Tony) Sauro of Syracuse; and Bill Hyland, of Corning.

Steinfeldt, the current men's World Champion, suggested the idea at the State meet in Pulaski on the 50th year of recorded competition in 1974, at which time several communities expressed their desire to have the Hall in their community. It was awarded to the City of Corning because of Corning's geographical location in the state.

Dignitaries introduced at the ceremony were Alderman Kenneth Cowles from the city's 9th ward; Robert S. Drake, from the County Board of Supervisors; reigning world and state champions, Ruth Hangen from Getzville, and Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester; 1976 State Association President, Paul Thomas from Lockport; his wife Lorraine Thomas, former state and world champion in the Women's division; and Frank Disenger, State Tournament Director for 1976, also from Lockport.

Former state champion Steve Fenicchia, from Rochester was also introduced, and explained that another former state champion, Anthony "Ginger" Natale could not be present as he was working.

Various museum pieces, including the pitching shoes that won the first recorded State title in 1921, owned by David T. Leonard, are among the display articles, and several pairs of antique shoes, quoits, and trophies help to make an interesting exhibit which is now open for the public to view at the Cinderella Headquarters.

Only two persons were inducted into the Hall in 1976, and in the pitching category, George LaRose, from Fayetteville was singled for the honor, while "Bill" Hyland of Corning was inducted as a promoter. To date there are 20 inductees into the Hall, whose names appear on the board which is surrounded by large six-pointed stars carrying the names or pictures of every person having won the state title since 1921.

The first trophy given for the championship was donated by Carl Steinfeldt, along with a pair of Gordon shoes he pitched in the '30s showing the abuse of over 75,000 ringers. A pair of quoits, cast at the Ingersall-Rand foundry, was donated by Elizabeth and Rosemary Brace in honor of their father, a former I-R employee.

The Hall of Fame committee is continuously seeking information, pictures and material to include in the display, and welcomes suggestions for its improvement.

The entire display was built and arranged by "Bill" Hyland and is expected to draw visitors from every part of the state when, hopefully, the State Tournament will be held in the near future at the West William Street Park Courts upon the installation of proper lighting by the city.

Sturla Women's Titlist — Ty Day Top Jr. at Turlock, Calif.

Virginia Sturla of Turlock, Calif. pitched consistently at Crane Park in Turlock to easily outdistance Mary Johnson 3-3, along with Fran Van De Veere, 3-3, and Marguerite Henry, 0-6, to take title honors in the Women's Class. She also had the high single game of 42 percent. Ty Day had a perfect record of 7 straight wins in the Junior Division. He was followed by Kevin Day with 5-2, Gregg Day, and Ray Garcia, Jr. each with 4 and 3. Jay Koch and Scott Miller finished with 3 and 4 records while Manuel Sandoval had 2 and 5.

Mascoutah, Illinois Club Hosts Cub Scout Tournament

The Mascoutah, Illinois Horseshoe league hosted a singles tournament last fall for cub scouts of Pack 44 in Mascoutah. Scout leaders and league pitchers worked together to make it a memorable event for the cubs. The boys pitched from varying distances, 20-25-30 feet depending upon the individual capabilities of the boys. The boys threw a lot of ringers considering that many of them had never thrown horseshoes before. Before the start of the tournament members of the league gave the boys instructions on the art of pitching horseshoes. Thirteen boys participated and they enjoyed it immensely. The league provided sodas for the cubs and trophies for the winners. We are all looking forward to it again next year.

Cub Scout singles — Bob Oleary, 5-1; Paul Reinneck, 5-1; Mark Simon, 4-2; John Oleary, 4-2; Dean Fournie, 4-2; Tom Forsyth, 4-2; Trey Moeller, 3-3; Brian Forsyth, 3-3; Roger Long, 3-3; Todd Fournie, 2-4; August Heimer, 2-4; Todd Moeller, 0-6; Pat Schramke, 0-6.

Another event sponsored by the Mascoutah League was a Singles and Doubles Tournament. Harvey Kohlenberger fresh from his record breaking performance in the Intermediate Class in the 1976 World Tournament swept the singles event with a 6-0 record after a Barley subduing Elmer Knoblach who ran second with 5-2. Kohlenberger teamed up with George Hightower to cop top spot in the doubles event.

Bob Domey Retains Rhode Island State Championship

Bob Domey of No. Smithfield, R.I. successfully defended his Rhode Island State Championship at Heritage Recreation Center, Sutton, Mass. Both he and Al Bourgeois, of West Barrington, R.I., a twelve time State Champion, entered the final game with identical 4-0 slates. Al started with 19 ringers in his first 20 shoes for an 18-3 lead before Bob started to regain his Championship form and closed the gap. As the game progressed the tension of the coveted State Title was evident as both players missed 6 in a row when the score was in the low forties of the 50 point game. At this point Bob put together a final ringer drive to reach 50 as Al missed again with both shoes and Bob went out with a ringer and a point to become a two time winner of the coveted State Title.

Class A — Bob Domey, 5-0-64.2; Al Bourgeois, 4-1-65.0; Ray Rylands, 2-3-39.5; Jim McHenry, 2-3-32.5; Tony Vazquez, 2-3-23.7; Tom Robertson, 0-5-32.8.

Class B — Larry Green, 4-0; Bob Kiernan, 2-2; Art Radigan, 2-2; J. Chester King, 1-3; H. Augustein, 1-3.

Solomon Big Man in Penn. Three Rivers Bicentennial Open

Jim Solomon of Uniontown, Pa., led the way with a 7-0 record and a 75.5 ringer percentage to win the Three Rivers Bicentennial Open Tournament. Al Zadroga was runner-up. Due to heavy rains, the meet originally scheduled for the Dormont Recreation Center was transferred to Jim Solomon's indoor courts at Uniontown, Pa.

CLASS A — Jim Solomon, 7-0-75.5; Al Gadooga, 6-1-73.9; Clyde Martz, 5-2-60.6; Jack Rainbow, 3-4-67.2; H. Clifffinger, 3-4-65.9; R. Maroni, 2-5-61.2; J. Kuchcinski, 2-5-49.8; C. Brude, 0-7-62.1.

CLASS B — B. McKnight, 6-1-58.9; C. Semans, 5-2-61.5; M. Burkett, 5-2-59.9; P. Vlachos, 4-3-54.0; E. Blum, 3-4-58.3; R. Stratiff, 2-5-53.2; F. Killinsky, 2-5-37.0; C. Danner, 1-6-48.6.

CLASS C — G. Fichter, 6-1-59.0; P. Burns, 5-2-46.6; D. Meckevic, 4-3-50.6; C. Falk, 4-3-49.5; M. Gendlesperger, 3-4-45.7; A. Sahal, 3-4-44.4; C. Metzler, 3-4-46.8; F. Danner, 0-7-29.5.

CLASS D — D. Baher, 6-1-41.8; J. Thiel, 5-2-42.3; D. James, 5-2-40.7; W. Hammond, 4-3-45.8; R. Henry, 4-3-36.5; M. Churley, 3-4-30.8; J. Stanton, 1-6-25.2.

Tennessee Autumn Classic Won By Jackson Over Little

Stanley Jackson took the measure of T.R. Little in a playoff match to win the annual Autumn Classic played in Jefferson City, Tennessee. There have been several different players who have won championships in the various Tennessee Tournaments. The attendance and participation has increased and more interest and new pitchers are signing up, which will make the 1977 Season activity very enthusiastic.

CLASS A — Stanley Jackson, 4-1-68.4; T.R. Little, 4-1-66.4; Roger Norwood, 3-2-65.6; O.D. Lebow, 3-2-65.5; George Lewis, 1-4-60.7; A.J. Nave, 0-5-50.9.

CLASS B — Tony Norwood, 4-1-65.4; Hubert Jackson, 3-2-55.5; Grady Whaley, 3-2-52.5; Henry Self, 2-3-56.2; Don Ward, 2-3-60.7; Clifford Brown, 1-4-53.2.

CLASS C — Dexter Stallings, 4-1-57.7; J.B. Wells, 3-2-52.9; John Walker, 3-2-50.5; Carl Montgomery, 2-3-58.5; Willie Stephens, 2-3-53.3; Jim Adkerson, 1-4-48.1.

CLASS D — Fred Gregg, 5-0-43.3; Walter Pierce, 3-2-30.0; Ray Williams, 2-3-37.7; Dan Isaacs, 2-3-32.7; Dayle Derrick, 2-3-30.5; Steve Cornett, 1-4-31.8.

CLASS E — Victor Farthing, 5-0-34.9; Richard Hardin, 3-2-38.4; Carl Green, 3-2-27.8; Jack Martin, 2-3-24.8; C.H. Ward, 2-3-17.9; James Davis, 0-5-11.7.

Iris Kiley Wins No. Calif. Women's Championship:

Jeffrey Williams Junior Boys' Champion

Golden Gate's Iris Kiley lowered the boom on all five of her opponents to go undefeated in the Women's Championship class to take home the bunting in this 1976 classic. Roberta Lovelady edged Rhonda Moon to reign as No. Calif. Girls' champion. World Junior champ, Jeff Williams was an easy winner in the Junior Boys' competition during which time he hit a 90.6 percent game.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Iris Kiley, Golden Gate, 5-0-45.7; Stella Gates, Seaside, 4-1-42.7; Marisella Mauricio, San Jose, 2-3-43.0; Lucie Hanlon, Sonoma Co., 2-3-36.2; Virginia Sturla, Turlock, 2-3-36.0; Donna Smith, Mosswood, 0-5-24.5.

CONSOLATION GROUP — Cindy Williams, Auburn, 3-0-21.3; Sarah Rycraft, Auburn, 2-1-10.0; Donna Karlen, Shasta, 1-2-10.7; Sandy Sparkman, San Jose, 0-3-4.7.

JUNIOR GIRLS — Roberta Lovelady, Golden Gate, 3-0-21.3; Rhonda Moon, San Jose, 2-1-18.7; Tracey Karlen, Shasta, 1-2-8.7; Toni Karlen, Shasta, 0-3-6.7.

JUNIOR BOYS — Jeffrey Williams, Auburn, 5-0-74.4; Nathan Williams, Auburn, 4-1-35.2; Jan Bacon, Auburn, 3-2-38.0; Jonathan Williams, Auburn, 2-3-34.7; Justin Moon, San Jose, 1-4-10.5; James Letcher, Auburn, 0-5-3.6.

Joe Schultz Winner of Dominic P. Sharkey Memorial Open

The Dominic P. Memorial Open Tournament title was determined by a playoff as Joe Schultz took the measure of Art Tyson 37 to 34. Trophies were presented to the top 3 winners by Joe Zichella, a member of New York Hall of Fame. The oldest player award went to 72 year old Emilo Iannuzzi. The Sharkey family gave money prizes for those players in each class not receiving trophies. Tournament was played in New Rochelle, New York.

CLASS A — Joe Schultz, 9-1-68.0; Art Tyson, 8-2-71.0; Lou Stines, 6-3-64.0; Robert Sutton, 5-4-68.0; Jim Mullady, 5-4-58.0; Joe Hardwick, 4-5-61.0; Jerry Nemshick, 4-5-58.0; John Loughery, 3-6-58.0; Joe Festa, 2-7-56.0; Ken Schrott, 0-9-54.0.

CLASS B — Ken Middlebrook, 6-1-47.0; Jim Sharkey, 6-1-37.0; Ray DeGrenier, 5-2-41.0; Bob Carpenter, 4-3-36.0; Jerry Moore, 4-3-44.0; Ed Sharkey, 2-5-42.0; James Allen, 2-5-39.0.

CLASS C — James Allen, 4-1-39.0; Sid Berkowitz, 3-2-38.0; Dave Minet, 2-3-36.0; Tom Cottell, 2-3-34.0; Bob Esposito, 2-3-30.0; Ken Kinner, 1-4-30.0.

CLASS D — William Mack, 6-1-28.0; Terry Sharkey, 5-2-27.0; Fred Strandkov, 4-3-21.0; Peggy DeGrenier, 4-3-20.0; Ken Christian, 4-3-15.0; Ray Ritter, 4-3-14.0; John Sharkey, 1-6-12.0; Emilo Iannuzzi, 0-7-12.0.

Fenicchia Triumphant At Sojda's Indoor Tourney (N.Y.)

Steve Fenicchia of Rochester won the Class A competition and Will Reich of LeRoy led the Class B tossers in the November tournament at Sojda's Indoor courts at Batavia, N.Y.

Fenicchia pitched 67 per cent to win all five games in the A division matches. Gus Krause of Syracuse was second with 57 per cent and lost only to Fenicchia. Reich recorded 41 per cent in winning all five games in the Class B matches.

CLASS A — Fenicchia, 5-0-67; Krause, 4-1-57.3; Natale, 3-2-58.2; Saden, 2-3-55; Rigby, 1-4-40.8; Rustin, 0-5-48.3.

CLASS B — Reich, 5-0-41; Sherman, 4-1-38.5; Sojda, 3-2; Krepenock, 2-3-37.5; Batchellor, 1-4-35.

CLASS C — R. Winspear, 6-1-39.7; Stanton, 6-1-40.2; Wells, 5-2-37.4; Lewis, 5-2-31.4; Starowitz, 4-3-44.5; Zehler, 3-4-38.8; Kemp, 1-6-34.5; Wilk, 1-6-34.5. Winspear defeated Stanton in a playoff for the title.

CLASS D — Matthews, 7-0-38.4; Sylvester, 6-1-33.5; Weatherly, 4-3-34; Davis, 3-4-33.1; Drake, 3-4-26.7; Nixon, 2-5-23.1; R. Palazynski, 2-5-22.7; Rudy, 1-6-30.6.

CLASS E — Vincent, 7-0-40.2; Thomas, 6-1-29.1; J. Sojda, 4-3-25.1; Riffle, 4-3-30.2; Oldenburg, 3-4-26.2; Krauss, 2-5-27.1; Kempf, 2-5-22.8; R. Palaszynski, 0-7-71.

CLASS F — Singleton, 6-1-21.7; B. Winspear, 6-1-17.8; C. Winspear Sr., 4-3-16.2; Hechbruger, 4-3-18.4; K. Lewis, 4-3-12.2; Lengen, 3-4-10.2; C. Winspear Jr., 1-6-7.4; Hesselink, 0-7-6.8. Singleton defeated B. Winspear in a Playoff.

Sylvester Slams Seven; Wins Colusa Class D Open (No. Calif.)

CHAMPIONSHIP — John Sylvester, Grass Valley, 6-1-31.4; Jim Keyes, Grass Valley, 5-2-24.3; Ron (Barney) Barnett, Livermore, 4-3-27.1; Ivan Grove, Shasta, 4-3-25.1; Joe Larmer, Shasta, 3-4-26.0; Bob Miller, Colusa, 3-4-23.4; Harley Harris, Turlock, 2-5-15.1; Roy Austin, Sacramento, 1-6-16.8.

GROUP 2 — Joe Kremer, Sacramento, 5-1-19.7; Sonny Hatsme, Vallejo, 5-2-15.7; Dareld Lambert, Sacramento, 4-2-17.0; Jim Kremer, Sacramento, 2-3-13.6; Roy Heyden, Livermore, 1-4-11.6.

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In Memoriam

The Keene, New Hampshire Club was saddened in the passing of its president, Leon J. Mason early in November. He had been a member of the club for the last ten years, serving two terms as club secretary before his election to the presidency.

He was also very active in the Family Campers Association which built the campgrounds at Wheelock Park, the site of three World tournaments.

To his wife, Marilyn, the sincere sympathy of the Keene Horseshoe Club and that of the New Hampshire State Association is extended.

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The Arizona State Association lost a Charter Member when Charles Carson of Mesa passed away at the age of ninety-three. He was still an active player in his early eighties. He loved the game and served as state secretary for several years. He attended many World Tournaments and at the age of eighty played in the Senior Class A in 1963 at South Gate, California finishing in third place. He was a familiar figure at all Valley of the Sun tournaments held in Mesa and his presence will be sadly missed by his many friends and associates.

Regional Directors 1976 W.T. Meeting

By Bob Graham, Chairman

We had a very productive regional director meeting during the world tournament at Levittown. Special thanks to Bernard Herfurth who filled each of us in on the publicity committee's aims and objectives for 1977. The following topics were discussed at length:

- 1) N.H.P.A. Awards Program should be improved
- 2) Tournament schedules for the various states should be published **quarterly** in the Digest rather than monthly. Saves considerable space.
- 3) Because of items overlooked at the W.T., the President and Council members should develop a check list of everything that should be done, well in advance of W.T. and hold someone responsible.
- 4) Matters brought before the council should be communicated to regional directors.
- 5) World Tournament director should be appointed to direct the tournament. Secretary cannot adequately handle due to present work load.
- 6) State secretaries should indicate whether their tournaments are open, closed, sanctioned or non-sanctioned when their schedules are submitted to the Digest.
- 7) Regional directors, through their regions, must take the lead in submitting qualified members for special awards.
- 8) Regional directors will be asked to submit two (2) articles each year to the Digest, summarizing their region's activity. Bob Graham will develop and send out schedule.
- 9) Regional directors' guidelines should be updated and revised. Graham will handle and publish in the Digest, after review by the Executive Council.
- 10) Bernard Herfurth advised that in 1977, regional directors will receive all publicity releases and forward them on to their state secretaries.

Wally Shipley thanked all the directors for their excellent and hard work during the year and the meeting was concluded. Directors present were: Jack Adams, Lee Davis, Charles Kilgore, Pete Shepard, Herb Pinch, Donnie Roberts, Barry Chapelle, Lloyd Fredrickson, P.D. Riley, Vernon Holland, and Chairman Bob Graham.

Roger Vogel Captures New Mexico State Title

With the best turnout in several years and with good weather until the middle of the last game, this year's tournament was one of New Mexico's best. Rain and hail during the last game delayed the tournament for over an hour with Roger Vogel defeating P.D. Riley, defending champion, for the title. Roger recently moved to New Mexico and has had a fine year.

Bobby Landrum, last year's most improved pitcher, won Class B. Lloyd Williams was the playoff winner over Ronald Wilson in Class C. Earl Hammond won Class D while Jack Bishop won Class E.

Ladies Champion, Lucille Wood successfully defended her title while Ann Marie Vigil was the Class B winner.

Junior Champion, Steven Hanes was again the winner while Brad Everett was the Class B winner.

Donald Wilcox was awarded the most improved pitcher trophy. The following officers for 1977 were elected: Howard Bentz, President, E.C. "Curly" Saxton, Vice-President, Robert Schuch, Secretary-Treasurer.

CLASS A — Roger Vogel, 8-0-65.4; P.D. Riley, 7-1-58.9; Bill Sweatman, 4-4-45.7; Donald Hanes, 4-4-44.9; Edgar Pulliam, 4-4-43.1; Fred Romero, 3-5-49.4; Jim Otterbach, 3-5-48.8; Myrl Miller, 3-5-44.7; Leo Bressan, 0-8-36.6.

CLASS B — Bobby Landrum, 6-1-44.0; Robert Schuch, 5-2-44.7; Don Wilcox, 5-2-44.0; Milan Marko, 3-4-40.5; Otis Henson, 3-4-36.6; Howard Bentz, 2-5-41.7; E.C. Saxton, 2-5-41.2; Melvin Moore, 2-5-39.2.

CLASS C-1 — Lloyd Williams, 5-0-36.6; Elmer Mason, 3-2-36.1; John Winchell, 3-2-30.9; Harold Combs, 2-3-30.6; Jim Shipp, 2-3-29.2; Willis Cox, 0-5-19.8.

CLASS C-2 — Ronald Wilson, 5-0-45.1; Randy Priddy, 4-1-36.1; Nelson Pasono, 3-2-21.7; Howard Russell, 2-3-29.8; Wayne Mueller, 1-4-24.6; Pete Shaw, 0-5-19.8.

CLASS C (Play-off) — Lloyd Williams, 2-0-43.8; Ronald Wilson, 1-1-41.3; Elmer Mason, 1-1-41.0; Randy Priddy, 0-2-25.8.

CLASS D — Earl Hammond, 7-0-29.5; Howard Russell, 5-2-36.4; Charles Bodley, 5-2-26.9; Pete Shaw, 5-2-25.3; William Watkins, 3-3-13.9; Alfred Torres, 2-5-23.0; Alan MacGillivray, 1-6-9.9; Issac Valdez, 0-7-4.8.

CLASS E — Jack Bishop, 4-1-23.2; David Gaunt, 3-2-28.0; Keith Bishop, 3-2-25.6; Pete Pintor, 3-2-20.8; Michael Nied, 2-3-23.2; Kimery Gleyre, 0-5-12.5.

JUNIORS A — Steven Hanes, 6-0-32.0; Scott Summerhill, 3-3-19.3; Edgar Pulliam Jr., 2-4-19.7; Alan Bishop, 1-5-16.3.

JUNIORS B — Brad Everett, 6-0-15.2; Bryan Fisher, 2-4-10.7; Danny Pasono, 2-4-9.3; Trent Hanes, 2-4-7.3.

LADIES A — Lucille Wood, 5-0-32.0; Sister Mary Agnes, 4-1-29.2; Flora Torres, 3-2-24.0; Ann Marie Vigil, 2-3-27.6; Betty Romero, 2-3-16.0; Therese Pasono, 0-5-5.6.

LADIES B — Ann Marie Vigil, 6-0-22.7; Betty Romero, 3-3-15.3; Clara Mae Drake, 3-3-15.0; Debbie Vogel, 0-6-6.3.

Rio Dell's Tom Webb (No. Calif.) Cops Class A Open

Tom Webb, No. Calif. 1975 Class A Champion averaged 61.5 percent to easily sidetrack all other opponents in the Championship Class to win the Class A Open Tournament held on the Rio Dell courts in Fireman's Park. Bob Hanlon had 73.5 percent for high single game. Jack Parnell won Group Two while Obie Winn copped first place in Group 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Tom Webb, Rio Del-Scotia, 3-0-61.5; Horace Vinsant, Rio Del-Scotia, 2-1-53.3; Bob Hanlon, Sonoma Co., 1-2-55.4; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma Co., 0-3-46.3.

GROUP 2 — Jack Parnell, Colusa, 5-0-48.0; Harry Martinelli, Cloverdale, 4-1-38.8; Arnold Davis, Shasta, 3-2-34.7; Clair Lenz, Shasta, 2-3-27.4; Monty Jones, Grass Valley, 1-4-30.7; Phil Ingersall, Rio Del-Scotia, 0-5-29.0.

GROUP 3 — Obie Winn, Livermore, 5-0-29.6; Carl Akins, Rio Del-Scotia, 4-1-29.6; Vern Brightman, Rio Del-Scotia, 3-2-26.4; Lee Thornhill, Sacramento, 2-3-27.2; Jack Hill, Rio Del-Scotia, 1-4-13.6; Marion Sturdevant, Rio Del-Scotia, 0-5-8.0.

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.

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Titcomb Playoff Winner at Turlock (No. Calif.)

Don Titcomb of San Jose racked up his third open title of the season by defeating Bill Weathers of the Turlock Club 30-19 in a playoff game for the title. Don also took high single game honors with a 76 percent game.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Don Titcomb, San Jose, 7-1-68.5; Bill Weathers, Turlock, 6-2-63.8; Lloyd Potter, San Jose, 4-3-56.3; Bob Mauzey, Sonoma Co., 4-3-54.6; Al Crabtree, Turlock, 3-4-60.0; Millard Miller, Turlock, 3-4-56.9; Bill Vines, Turlock, 2-5-53.7; Frank Butcher, Stockton, 0-7-48.6.

CLASS A — Oscar Statham, Stockton, 7-0-52.9; Ray German, Turlock, 6-1-44.9; Glen Casey, Turlock, 4-3-51.1; Hank Schroeder, Turlock, 4-3-42.9; Jim Adams, Turlock, 3-4-36.3; Jim Cooper, Stockton, 2-5-29.7; Gene Castro, Seaside, 1-6-29.1; Wayne McGhee, Turlock, 1-6-28.9.

CLASS B — Ray Sandoval, Turlock, 6-2-32.3; Tom Keyes, Sacramento, 5-3-30.5; Vic Day, Turlock, 4-3-30.3; John Hintzman, Sacramento, 4-3-30.6; Lou Bayer, Stockton, 3-4-28.3; Bill Henry, Seaside, 3-4-22.6; Larry Butterfield, Livermore, 2-5-21.4; Glenn Kelly, Sacramento, 2-5-15.4.

CLASS C — Roy Chase, Turlock, 7-1-36.8; Dick Shreves, Turlock, 6-2-42.5; Bill Peoples, Shasta, 5-2-45.1; Lefty Williamson, Stockton, 4-3-38.6; Jim Arnold, Turlock, 3-4-38.9; Ward Flodman, Turlock, 3-4-33.4; Don Westreicher, Turlock, 1-6-32.9; Harley Harris, Turlock, 0-7-31.1.

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.

Stines Playoff Winner of Von Der Lancken Open

Lou Stines topped Art Tyson in a playoff match 50-47 for the title in the annual Carl Von Der Lancken Open played at the Dominic Sharkey park courts in New Rochelle, New York. Trophies were presented to the winners by Joe Zichella.

CLASS A — Lou Stines, 9-1-71.0; Art Tyson, 8-2-72.0; Lou Gancos, 6-3-66.0; Tom Mullady, 5-4-61.0; Walt Mzorak, 5-4-57.0; Bob Sutton, 3-6-52.0; Ted Lewis, 3-6-54.0; Bill Kolb, 3-6-52.0; Tom Skinner, 2-7-53.0; Joe Siwek, 2-7-51.0.

CLASS B — Phil Zazzoro, 7-0-50.0; Bill Herrmann, 5-2-48.0; Art Fithian, 4-3-44.0; Al Ward, 3-4-38.0; Al Severs, 3-4-38.0; Jerry Moore, 3-4-35.0; Jim White, 2-5-39.0; Ray DeGrenier, 1-6-35.0.

CLASS C — Harvey Ambrose, 3-0-34.0; Ed Ferguson, 2-1-32.0; Charles Secord, 1-2-31.0; Jim Allen, 0-3-30.0.

CLASS D — Dave Minet, 3-0-39.0; Charles Szymanski, 2-1-4.0; James Sharkey, 1-2-31.0; Ray Ritten, 0-3-27.0.

Boyce Miller Wins Mosswood Class B Open (No. Calif.)

Boyce Miller of Reno, Nevada won all the close ones to emerge as champion of the Mosswood Class B Open at Oakland, California. Oscar Statham ran second. Herman took 7 to win Group Two while Frank Cravalho garnered 7 to win Group Three.

CHAMPIONSHIP — Boyce Miller, Reno, 6-1-54.9; Oscar Statham, Stockton, 5-2-51.7; Al Michelcic, Mosswood, 4-3-51.1; Luke Braun, Mosswood, 4-3-45.7; Elton Cowles, San Lorenzo, 4-3-45.4; Bruce McVicar, Mosswood, 2-5-47.1; Don Wheeler, Mosswood, 2-5-43.4; Ralph Briggs, San Jose, 1-6-40.0.

GROUP 2 — Herman Schneider, Mosswood, 7-0-45.7; Wayne Chambers, Golden Gate, 4-3-42.9; Clair Benthin, Vallejo, 4-3-40.0; Verne Gosney, Vallejo, 4-3-37.7; Cliff Johnson, Sacramento, 3-4-46.0; Don Muenchow, Mosswood, 3-4-34.3; Jim Long, Sacramento, 2-5-39.1; Wayne McGhee, Turlock, 1-6-34.0.

GROUP 3 — Frank Cravalho, Golden Gate, 7-0-40.0; Larry Butterfield, Livermore, 6-1-35.7; Bill Wilcox, Livermore, 5-2-30.9; Dale Koistenen, Mosswood, 3-4-30.0; Gene Castro, Seaside, 3-4-26.0; Irving Heald, Livermore, 2-5-20.3; Bill Camp, Golden Gate, 1-6-18.6; Lewis Lovelady, Jr., Golden Gate, 1-6-15.7.

Giles Reports for Arizona and Utah Region

By Clarence Giles

First of all, my congratulations for the excellent way the Valley of the Sun tournament is conducted by the Arizona Association at Mesa, Arizona. Also to Jesse Gonzales, the champion, for his fine sportsmanship. To those who have never been to the Valley of the Sun Open, it will be a real treat.

As my new home is now at 1029 Dora Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364, all suggestions and ideas for improving and promoting the game will be welcomed. I will be happy to arrange for exhibitions or clinics as the case may be. It was my pleasure to conduct a clinic and exhibition in connection with the Annual Mountain Rendezvous for the mountain people at Ft. Bridge, Wyoming last fall at the request of my son, Jim. Because it was so well received, I have been asked to repeat it in the coming season. A few of the old names have disappeared from the records but there have been several new faces added to the scene. Perhaps in the near future an indoor court will be part of the picture which should increase further interest and activity. In the Utah state tournament it was my great thrill to win the Class A title after many years suffering from a slipped disc.

Don McCance Retains Nebraska State Title

Don McCance, a congenial and veteran ringerman from Lexington, Nebraska, pitching a steady game retained his title as Nebraska state champion winning 7 and dropping one and averaging 65.4 percent for the tournament. Ken Garner of Sioux City was runner-up. Pat Hoblyn took top honors in the Ladies division while in the Junior class it was Mike Earnest. 159 pitchers participated in the annual event. The 1977 tournament will be held in Valentine, Nebraska.

CLASS AA — Don McCance, Lexington, Neb., 7-1-65.4; Ken Garner, So. Sioux City, 6-2-56.5; Vaughn Helbery, Oconto, 5-2-49.3; Lee Bussard, Lincoln, 4-3-52.9.

CLASS A — Donald Earleywine, Omaha, 6-1-56.0; Ralph Fleharty, Cozad, 6-1-54.2; Harlan Jensen, Mason City, 4-3-46.8; James Troutman, Winside, 4-3-46.5.

CLASS BB — Lorin Mills, Omaha, 5-1-52.0; Jack Goldapp, Omaha, 4-2-56.3; Pete Rebman, Alma, 4-2-48.6; A.P. Rosenbohm, Lincoln, 4-2-45.3.

CLASS B — Rollie Rexilius, Lincoln, 6-1-46.2; Rolan Jensen, Mason City, 5-2-45.4; Jim McConnell, Lincoln, 4-3-43.4; Willard Liedtke, Benedict, 4-3-43.4.

CLASS CC — Frank Madison, Gurley, 7-0-49.1; Cecil Anderson, Neb. City, 4-3-37.1; Earl Anderson, Shickley, 4-3-36.8; Eugene Johnson, Craig, 3-4-38.2.

CLASS C — Marion Ryan, Central City, 6-1-43.7; Ken Jankovitz, McCook, 5-2-38.5; Clem Parker, Valentine 5-2-32.2; Walt Elgert, Fairbury, 3-4-30.5.

CLASS DD — Fay Kapke, Lincoln, 6-1-38.2; Les Kime, Valentine, 5-2-32.8; Marvin Johnson, Shickley 5-2-32.5; L.E. Heist, Dewitt, 4-3-42.8.

CLASS D — Paul Goodwin, Kilgore, 6-1-45.6; Melvin Hoyt, Fairfield, 6-1-40.2; Leroy Schultz, Clarks 4-3-44.8; Earl Buss, Lincoln, 3-4-42.2.

Nebraska — (Continued)

CLASS E — Lester McConnell, Sidney, 4-1-26.0; Elmer Grage, Crete, 3-2-33.6; Chet Bingham, Lincoln, 2-3-25.2.

CLASS F — John Ingram, Lincoln, 3-1-40.4; Hack Wilson, Newman Grove, 3-1-38.3; Clarence Nelson, Neuman Grove, 3-1-32.0.

CLASS G — Don Abernathy, Nebr. City, 3-2-34.8; Truman Rinne, Lewiston, 3-2-32.4; Bob Leuenberger, Tecumseh, 3-2-30.0.

CLASS H — Jack Dubs, Ashby, 4-1-28.8; John McNulty, Superior, 4-1-28.4; Daniel Jakub, Schuyler, 3-2-27.6.

CLASS I — Myron Walker, Hoskins, 4-1-30.8; Max Leth, Grand Island, 4-1-25.2; Howard Wehrli, Fairbury, 3-2-24.4.

CLASS J — Earl Barker, Omaha, 4-1-32.4; Walter Sackschewsky, Waco, 3-2-27.6; Lloyd Schneider, Cody, 2-3-28.4.

CLASS K — Ervin Peterson, Lincoln, 4-1-30.8; Chet Frey, Geneva, 3-2-27.6; Milton Harmon, Falls City, 3-2-24.0.

CLASS L — Bob E. Hamm, Bellevue, 5-0-31.2; Paul Sackschewsky, Benedict, 4-1-26.4; Louis Rich, Aurora, 3-2-22.4.

CLASS M — Don Shirley, Grand Island, 4-1-28.0; Kenneth Spiehs, Grand Island, 4-1-25.2; Bob Gregory, Sterling, 3-2-24.0.

CLASS N — Ron Hoffman, Lincoln, 4-1-23.8; Alvin Strasil, Falls City, 3-2-25.1; Roger Ralston, Lincoln, 3-2-24.4.

CLASS O — James Phillis, Edgar, 4-1-20.8; Larry Scott, Lincoln, 3-2-24.0; Phillip Ernst, Columbus, 3-2-15.2.

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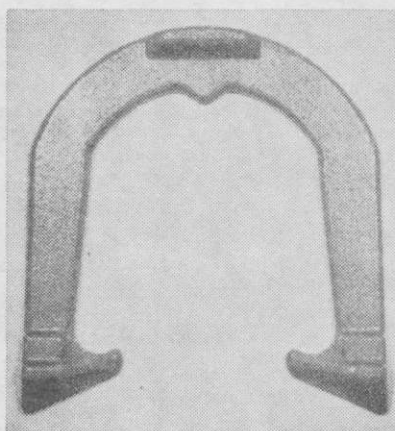
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CLASSP — Ed Ringenberg, Lexington, 5-0-18.8; Bob Langfeldt, Omaha, 4-1-18.5; Jerry Blaser, Columbus, 3-2-11.5.

LADIES CLASS A — Pat Hoblyn, Ansley, 4-1-44.8; Denise Wollenburg, Beatrice, 3-2-38.0; Carolyn Schneider, Cody, 3-2-37.6.

LADIES CLASS B — Glenda Amsberry, Valentine, 5-0-25.7; Sonya Phillis, Edgar, 4-1-22.8; Linda Wollenburg, Beatrice, 3-2-20.4.

LADIES CLASS C — Beth Nielson, 2-1-8.0; Evalyn Mortenson, Lincoln, 2-1-6.0; Dorothy Ekblad, Lincoln, 1-2-5.0.

JUNIOR CLASS A — Mike Earnest, Riverdale, 4-1-40.7; Roger Bontz, Minden, 3-2-40.0; Jerry Kapke, Lincoln, 3-2-37.5.

JUNIOR CLASS B — Troy Dubs, Ansley, 3-0-15.3; Tim Stiles, Superior, 2-1-14.0; Dale Nielson, 1-2-6.66.



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

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Aurora, Illinois

Dear Editor:

I have been trying to analyze the article by Jerry Wood in the May, 1976 issue of the Digest. I do not know this man but I believe he has put the future of horseshoe pitching right where it belongs. He wrote of Clubs starting and going no where. So true.

Horseshoe pitching has my entire interest above all sports. It must be the skills it takes to master the game. I can't think of any other sport where luck does not figure in somewhere. Not so in Horseshoes.

To promote anything a person must have ideas and dreams with determination to do it. I am listing some thoughts of mine. I think of:

NHPA with 25,000 members . . . Clubs with 500 active members . . . Buildings that operate as a private business . . . Count all points in tournaments . . . Tournaments with no classes . . . Tournaments with 500 players . . . World tournaments with 1000 players with cash award to \$5,000 . . . National team tournaments with 5,000 players with cash award to \$10,000.

Also by eliminating some of the problems in planning and operating tournaments. By being aware that most players pitch less than 50 percent ringers and finally being “brave enough” to include the “magic” word “handicap” when setting up a tournament.

The future of horseshoe pitching depends on people like Jerry Wood. His observation and ideas connected with private business is the answer in my opinion.

Yours Sincerely,

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Columbus, Ohio 43224

CLARENCE GILES 1976 UTAH STATE TITLE WINNER

CLASS A — Clarence Giles, Riverton, 8-1-59.5; Roger Parsons, Midvale, 7-2-61.2; Henry Benson, Ogden, 7-2-58.2; Elwood Scott, Ogden, 7-2-51.2; Jack Raymond, Sandy, 4-5-46.2; Marv Collier, West Point, 4-5-46.1; Ollie Lindsey, Provo, 3-6-46.1; Frank Minster, Ogden, 3-6-43.3; Dick Buchanan, Midvale, 2-7-47.5; Lamont Gardner, Deweyville, Forfeit.

CLASS B — Jack Raymond, Sandy, 8-1-50.0; Ollie Lindsey, Provo, 7-2-40.6; Bill Cronkrite, Buttlerville, 6-3-45.9; Al Nichol, Pleasant Grove, 5-4-42.5; Mary Colier, West Point, 5-4-42.0; Nolan Benson, Brigham City, 4-5-39.9; Bill Shelton, Salt Lake, 4-5-39.6; Duane Peterson, Ogden, 3-6-33.9; Lynn Buys, Tooele, 2-7-31.5; Ken Gary, Salt Lake, 1-8-29.4.

CLASS C — Lynn Buys, Tooele, 10-1; Bill Shelton, Salt Lake, 9-2; Al Nichol, Pleasant Grove, 8-3; Ken Gary, Salt Lake, 8-3; Doyle Peterson, Ogden, 8-3; Jim Sala, Salt Lake, 7-4; Art Ballingham, Ogden, 4-7; Bob Mellus, Salt Lake, 3-8; Floyd Holley, Springville, 3-8; Marlowe Peterson, Ogden, 3-8; Joe Mann, Sr., Ogden, 2-9; Rick North, Plain City, 1-10.

CLASS D — Bob Mellus, Salt Lake, 8-0; Joe Mann, Sr., Ogden, 7-1; Marlowe Peterson, Ogden, 5-3; Titl Archuletta, Sandy, 5-3; Rick North, Plain City, 3-5; Rex Buchanan, Draper, 3-5; Dan Buchanan, Draper, 2-6; Hans Siebold, Sandy, 2-6; Don Cracraft, West Jordan, 1-7.

CLASS A — Joe Dawsey, 5-0-60.2; Art Kamman, 3-2-57.3; Ford Rackley, 3-2-51.0; Jim McKissack, 3-2-49.0; Billie Bissell, 1-4-45.3; Jim Randall, 0-5-40.4.

CLASS B — Ben Trolen, 4-1-48.6; Bill Adair, 3-2-47.9; Eddie Alldredge, 3-2-47.1; John Vitton, 3-2-39.7; Bill Van Zanten, 2-3-43.7; Glen Killingsworth, 0-5-28.9.

CLASS C — Milo Bishop, 5-0-40.7; Max McKissack, 3-2-29.4; Bob Lynn, 3-2-26.2; Bob Wickers, 2-3-31.3; Orville Thomas, 1-4-24.9; Fred Jordi, 1-4-24.7.

CLASS D — John Gould, 5-0-36.4; Walter Stearns, 4-1-36.8; Louis Cusick, 3-2-34.1; Buzz Linder, 2-3-25.0; Sam McRoberts, 1-4-27.2; Carl Thomas, 0-5-26.0.

CLASSE — Merle Bridges, 5-0-30.9; Walter Koziba, 4-1-22.1; John Clapper, 3-2-14.8; Roger Cook, 2-3-10.1; Alton White, 0-5 (Forfeit).

Curt Day Wins First Indiana State Indoor Championship

At Pinecrest, Elwood, Indiana

Curt Day of Frankfort walked off with top honors in the first Indiana State Indoor Horseshoe Championship held at Elwood's Pinecrest Indoor Horseshoe Club.

Day also had the high game, pitching 34 ringers out of 38 shoes for an 89 percentage game.

However, the championship didn't come easy for the former Indiana Outdoor champion. Karl VanSant of Cayuga beat Day in the regular round of play but lost to the champion in a playoff game which went 92 shoes before finding the score 51-17.

Candy Loy of Union City captured the title for the women, going unbeaten and pitching the high game of 75 per cent.

Steve Gall of Anderson won the junior boy's division title after winning a playoff with John Powell, Jr. of Newport. The junior girls division went to Tammi Cunningham of Marion.

Pinecrest officials have issued a big thank-you to all the merchants who donated prizes for the event.

CLASS A — Curt Day, Frankfort, 6-1-80.9; Karl VanSant, Cayuga, 6-1-77.5; Clarence Bellman, Bremen, 5-2-77.6; Frank Baxter, Tipton, 4-3-66.2; Bob May, Glenwood, 2-5-68.5; George Sales, NewCastle, 2-5-65.0; Ed Krull, Logansport, 2-5-63.7; John Gall, Anderson, 1-6-62.7.

CLASS A — Leland Fisher, Elwood, 4-1-68.1; Al Overdorf, Brownsburg, 4-1-66.4; Richard Burnworth, Jonesboro, 4-1-64.3; Glen Teter, Tipton, 1-4-58.4; Ralph Guffey, NewCastle, 1-4-58.1; Amos Ingle, NewCastle, 1-4-54.7.

CLASS BB — Doyle Mink, Indianapolis, 6-1-54.0; Bob Moit, Indianapolis, 5-2-56.8; Wayne Waggoner, Seymour, 4-3-55.1; Al Quebe, Kirklind, 4-3-54.2; Max Gunyon, Frankfort, 4-3-53.5; Larry Walters, Dublin, 3-4-48.5; J.W. Cox, Wabash, 2-5-50.2; Glen Whiteaker, Lafayette, 0-7-36.9.

CLASS B — Randall Martin, Osgood, 7-0-50.7; Frank Laurie, Springport, 5-2-42.8; Lloyd Gosnell, Seymour, 5-2-42.5; Vernon Holland, Veedersburg, 4-3-40.1; Bill Everett, Lafayette, 3-4-42.8; Lowell Dearing, Greenfield, 3-4-38.2; Bob Pence, Forfeit.

INDIANA INDOOR — (Continued)

CLASS CC — Gerald Fisher, Elwood, 7-0-63.7; Al Houston, Marion, 5-2-44.5; A.W. Thomas, Speedway, 5-2-43.0; E.G. Campbell, Kokomo, 4-3-39.2; Everett Bowyer, Peru, 3-4-42.7; Al Whitmore, N. Manchester, 3-4-34.7; Tony Gall, Anderson, 1-6-22.0; Gary Pearman, Forfeit.

CLASS C — Jr. Guthrie, Bremen, 5-0-54.2; Bill Tom, Elkhart, 3-2-38.8; Russ Sanson, N. Manchester, 3-2-38.7; David Crebbs, Goshen, 2-3-42.7; Troy Creech, Elwood, 2-3-32.3; Maurice Duncan, Greenwood, 0-5-18.1.

CLASS DD — Charles West, Elwood, 6-1-39.3; Ed Howdeshell, Rochester, 6-1-37.3; Gene Loy, Union City, 5-2-41.4; John Powell, Newport, 4-3-34.8; Dave Herring, Marion, 3-4-27.8; Steve Croddy, Kokomo, 2-5-29.1; Andy Gall, Anderson, 2-5-21.6; Walt Vetor, Forfeit.

CLASS D — Bill Lewis, Elwood, 5-1-33.8; Paul Cunningham, Marion, 5-1-22.3; Chub Cherry, Tipton, 4-2-28.9; Brian O'Conner, Indianapolis, 3-3-32.5; Butch Hahn, Elwood, 3-3-26.9; Mike McLane, Indianapolis, 1-5-20.7; Gary Brown, Huntington, 0-6-14.2.

WOMEN'S CLASS A — Candy Loy, Union City, 5-0-65.3; Marcia Wilson, Lafayette, 4-1-53.7; Jackie Fisher, Elwood, 3-2-56.8; Judy White, Elwood, 2-3-48.1; Phyllis Laurie, Springport, 1-4-41.1; Laura Ball, Lafayette, 0-5-22.5.

WOMEN'S CLASS B — Garnett Barron, Lafayette, 4-0-37.0; Barb Cunningham, Marion, 3-1-22.1; Mary Burnworth, Jonesboro, 2-2-22.8; Carole Rahfeldt, Forfeit; Ileta Davis, Forfeit.

JUNIOR CLASS A — Steve Gall, Anderson, 3-1-36.6; John Powell Jr., Newport, 2-2-43.2; Mike Whitton, Jonesboro, 1-2-43.3; Bob Herring, Marion, 1-2-32.8.

JUNIOR CLASS B — Todd Henderson, Elwood, 2-0-15.0; Mark Gall, Anderson, 1-1-8.0; Chipper Bickel, Elwood, 0-2-5.0.

JUNIOR GIRLS — Tammi Cunningham, Marion, 2-0-33.0; Amy Herring, Marion, 0-2-12.0.

Graham Subdues McFarland for Tri-State Crown

Bob Graham of Houston put together seven straight wins to capture his third straight tri-state championship in Denton, Texas. Both Graham and Ed McFarland were undefeated as they met in the final and deciding game. Ed pitched a solid 70.2% but ran into Graham's 79% game. Ed finished in second with a 67%, 6-1 afternoon. Ray Tiili visiting from Duluth, Minnesota took third while former New Mexico champ Bobby McCharen was fourth. In Class B action, veteran Sid Plott mowed down all opposition to also post a 7-0 record and walk away with the laurels. Carrol Ray was second with a fine 39.4. The Arlington Ironbender Club produced three winners in Charlie Posey (Class C), Bobby Williams (Class D) and Allen Williams (Juniors), while Lou Shelton won Class E with a solid 4-0 record. Roger Fulton won the Class B Junior class with a perfect 6-0 mark.

CLASS A — Bob Graham, 7-0-70.7; Ed McFarland, 6-1-66.9; Ray Tiili, 5-2-52.3; Bobby McCharen, 4-3-55.3; Jerry Kahle, 3-2-53.8; Archie Roach, 3-2-53.4; Charley Brewer, 2-3-51.5; Jim Burrow, 2-3-42.5; Jim Woodson, 1-4-47.6; Pat Fitzmorris, 1-4-38.8; Ottis Henson, 0-5-38.4; Carrol Ray, 0-5-34.2.

CLASS B — Plott, 7-0; Ray, 6-1; Gatson, 4-3; Burgess, 3-4; Meyer, 3-4; Mineer, 2-5; Binge, 2-5; Zarnicki, 1-6.

CLASS C — Posey, 9-1; Holley, 8-2; N. Morris, 6-3; G. Morris, 6-3; Tillman, 5-4; Jack, 3-6; Keith, 3-6; Emerson, 2-7; Jenschke, 2-7; Caito, 2-7.

CLASS D — Williams, 6-1; Rice, 5-2; Lloyd, 3-3; Miles, 3-3; P. Emerson, 2-4; Roemer, 2-4; Head, 1-5.

CLASS E — L. Shelton, 4-0; Crane, 2-2; Stewart, 0-4.

JUNIORS (CLASS A) — A. Williams, 3-0; Arnold, 2-1; Posey, 1-2; R. Williams, 0-3.

JUNIORS (CLASS B) — Fulton, 6-0; Bryan, 4-2; Stewart, 4-2; Kingery, 4-2; Reeves, 2-4; Uland, 1-5; Brown, 1-5.

Rademacher Outduels Fahey for Florida Open Title

John Rademacher of Plant City edged out "Kentucky" Jack Fahey 50-47 in the final game (104 shoes) to win the annual Florida State Open held Dec. 4th at Bee Ridge Park in Sarasota, Florida. Other winners were Joe Holland of Michigan in Class B, Charlie Pitton of Clearwater Class C, George Buskey of Clearwater Class D, Art Matthews of Okeechobee Class E, Chris Miller of Sarasota Class F, and Paul Barrette of Canada in Class G.

Florida Open — (Continued)

CLASS A — John Rademacher, Plant City, 6-0-75.7; Jack Fahey, Bradenton, 5-1-72.1; Levi Miller, Sarasota, 4-2-69.1; Marv Richmond, Bradenton, 3-3-64.2; Casey Bettisworth, Illinois, 1-5-61.7; Paul Schueb, Sarasota, 1-5-59.8; Charlie Fix, Okeechobee, 1-5-56.8; Roger Poutanen, Clermont, Forfeit.

CLASS B-1 — Joe Holland, Michigan, 3-2-53.5; Duaine Whitmer, Winter Haven, 3-2-53.7; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, 3-2-50.4; Howard Lea, Bradenton, 3-2-48.8; Dwight Thatcher, Brooksville, 2-3-50.4; Dick Weigel, Clearwater, 1-4-51.5.

CLASS C — Charlie Pitton, Clearwater, 5-1-42.1; Speed Gillespie, Sarasota, 4-2-44.5; Marion Collins, Clearwater, 3-3-46.4; Cliff Madren, Orlando, 3-3-41.0; Herb Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-3-35.4; Charles Howery, Clearwater, 2-4-42.0; Ed Schuetz, Milwaukee, 1-5-30.0.

CLASS E — Art Mathews, Okeechobee, 5-0-44.9; Ervin Eilers, Illinois, 3-2-34.0; Earle Johnson, Bradenton, 3-2-32.4; Floyd Hammitt, Illinois, 2-3-28.0; Pat O'Toole, Canada, 1-4-36.9; Ed Schuller, Bradenton, 1-4-26.5.

CLASS B-2 — Ken Drury, Canada, 5-0-55.0; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota, 4-1-54.8; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater, 3-2-48.1; Jim Peterson, Orlando, 2-3-46.8; Earle Morris, Lakeland, 1-4-39.3; Henry Mullet, Sarasota, 0-5-36.8.

CLASS D — George Buskey, Clearwater, 6-0-45.6; Frank Stites, Bradenton, 4-2-37.9; Rene Rodrigue, Connecticut, 3-3-38.7; Oscar Gaudette, N. Smyrna Bch., 3-3-33.1; Ronnie Ronemus, Bradenton, 3-3-33.0; Raymond Shade, Sarasota, 1-5-30.4; Walter House, Sarasota, 0-6-29.4.

CLASS F — Chris Miller, Sarasota, 5-1-33.6; Lee Hoyt, Orlando, 4-2-32.2; Milt Myhre, Bradenton, 4-2-29.3; Ed Tausch, Bradenton, 3-3-28.3; Harold Halstead, Winter Haven, 2-4-25.7; Ralph Crawford, Iowa, 2-4-23.1; Lee Davis, Seminole, 1-5-24.4.

CLASS G — Paul Barrette, Canada, 4-1-28.0; Larry Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-2-25.8; Russ Adcock, Bradenton, 3-2-20.7; Ralph Rollins, Maine, 2-3-24.1; Norm Gaseau, Clearwater, 2-3-21.9; Archie Carter, Illinois, 1-4-17.4.

JOE DAWSEY WINS THE ARIZONA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Dawsey defeated Art Kamman in his final game to win the state championship in Mesa on October 30. In this game both men had a ringer percentage of 62.2. Art Kamman took second place and pitched the high game of 73.7 percent.

CLASS A — Joe Dawsey, 5-0-60.2; Art Kamman, 3-2-57.3; Ford Rackley, 3-2-51.0; Jim McKissack, 3-2-49.0; Billie Bissell, 1-4-45.3; Jim Randall, 0-5-40.4.

CLASS B — Ben Trolen, 4-1-48.6; Bill Adair, 3-2-47.9; Eddie Alldredge, 3-2-47.1; John Vitton, 3-2-39.7; Bill Van Zanten, 2-3-43.7; Glen Killingsworth, 0-5-28.9.

CLASS C — Milo Bishop, 5-0-40.7; Max McKissack, 3-2-29.4; Bob Lynn, 3-2-26.2; Bob Wickers, 2-3-31.3; Orville Thomas, 1-4-24.9; Fred Jordi, 1-4-24.7.

CLASS D — John Gould, 5-0-36.4; Walter Stearns, 4-1-36.8; Louis Cusick, 3-2-34.1; Buzz Linder, 2-3-25.0; Sam McRoberts, 1-4-27.2; Carl Thomas, 0-5-26.0.

CLASSE — Merle Bridges, 5-0-30.9; Walter Koziba, 4-1-22.1; John Clapper, 3-2-14.8; Roger Cook, 2-3-10.1; Alton White, 0-5 (Forfeit).

Southern California Activities

JOHN GORDON OPEN — John Walker, Chula Vista, 8-0-76.1; Jerry Schneider, Whittier, 7-1-72.1; Arnie Mortenson, Glendale, 7-1-67.3; Newell Flann, Westminster, 6-2-58.4; Jim Weeks, Norwalk, 5-2-58.1; Eston Brown, Anaheim, 5-2-54.3; Bob O'Neill, Yucaipa, 3-4-52.4; Leo Mannebauch, Palm Springs, 3-4-52.0; Gene Strauss, Lomita, 3-4-46.2; Thomas Buck, Sun City, 3-4-45.2; Charles Tucker, La Jolla, 3-4-44.3; Ward Berg, Pasadena, 3-4-42.0; Stan Standard, Laguna Beach, 1-6-47.3; Joe Holder, Yucaipa, 1-6-43.0; Louis Strauss, Lomita, 0-7-43.6; Ed Schroeder, San Diego, 0-7;

ORANGE 28% UNDER HANDICAP — Virgil Dickey, San Bernardino, 7-0-26.7; Don Tutich, Alhambra, 5-2-22.0; Earl Hogan, San Bernardino, 5-2-25.7; Don McAllister, Colton, 4-3-21.6; Wally Shipley, Orange, 3-4-24.6; Ross Faulkner, Huntington Park, 2-5-16.4; Jess Lopez, Chino, 1-6-6.9; Mel Lingenfelter, Alto Loma, 1-6-12.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES CLASS A — Robert Hudson—Roger Zeller, 8-2; Arnie Mortenson—Archie McCallum, 7-3; Newell Flann—Bob Schmidt, 7-3; Bill Cessna—Bob O'Neill, 6-4; Joe Helms—Bill Van Sant, 5-4; Easton Brown—Hank Drogemuller, 4-5; Ned Shaver—Wally Shipley, 3-6; Gene Strauss—Louis Strauss, 3-6; Jack Schoonover—Earl Johnson, 2-7; Ward Berg—Harry Morse, 2-7.

CLASS B — Louis Mahlstedt—Otto Stewart, 7-2; Jim Weeks—Don McAllister, 6-3; Ken Vickery—Gerry Kloepfer, 6-3; Ed Schroeder—Virgil Dickey, 5-4; Art Amador—Kermit Pardue, 4-3; Joe Raykowski—Earl Hogan, 2-5; Ed St. Pierre—Al Nichols, 2-5; Paul Aurand—Ross Faulkner, 0-7.

Dike Thatcher Easy Winner in Florida East Coast Open

Dike Thatcher of Brooksville, Florida was an easy winner in the Florida East Coast Open held on the American Legion courts in Titusville. In clear Florida weather, the competition was keen and enjoyed by all. A delicious chicken barbeque dinner, prepared by the Legionaires was also enjoyed during a break at noontime.

CLASS A — Dike Thatcher, Brooksville, 7-0-62.1; Duane Whitmer, Winter Haven, 6-1-53.8; Pete Peterson, Orlando, 4-3-47.6; Herb Hitchcock, Orland, 4-3-36.5; Oscar Gaudette, 3-4-47.7; Cliff Madrea, Orlando, 2-5-41.1; Bud Wilkinson, Penna., 1-6-35.0; Carl Degner, Deland, 1-6-31.8.

CLASS B — Jay Wagner, Melbourne, 5-0-29.6; Ken Franks, Titusville, 3-2-29.6; Lee Hoyt, Orland, 3-2-27.7; George Rankin, Deland, 2-5-21.3; John Richter, New Smyrna, 1-4-23.6; Carl Lines, Deland, 1-4-21.1.

CLASS C — Art Tracy, Mims, 5-0-30.3; Jim Trevarthen, New Smyrna, 3-2-27.2; Larry Hitchcock, Orlando, 3-2-22.3; Quentin Ellingson, New Smyrna, 2-3-20.5; Roland Swanson, New Smyrna, 1-4-15.2; Joe Stafford, Titusville, 1-4-10.6.

Art Hampton Top Man in Ottumwa, Iowa Open

CLASS A — Art Hampton, Iowa City, 5-0-65.6; Don Protsman, Mt. Pleasant, 3-2-46.0; Byren Hafner, Letts, 3-2-49.7; John Roberts, Hartford, 2-3-51.8; Ralph Ritz, Selma, 1-4-48.2; Dan Newland, Mo., 1-4-47.5.

CLASS B — Frank Robinson, Ottumwa, 4-1-53.7; Bill Burgess, Ottumwa, 4-1-40.6; Richard Proctor, Unionville, 4-1-56.2; Harold Shaw, What Cheer, 3-2-43.5; Jake Davis, Wilton Jct., 1-4-40.6; Alan Mahon, Birmingham, 0-5-31.9.

CLASS C — Boyd Kislung, Stockport, 4-1-35.6; J.C. Rolan, Des Moines, 3-2-36.5; J. Welcher, Osceola, 3-2-38.1; Harold Garner, Russell, 3-2-33.9; Max Chidister, Blakesburg, 2-3-30.1; Glen Speers, Grandview, 05-30.8.

CLASS D — Maurice Clark, Osceola, 5-0-40.2; Ray Lyon, Birmingham, 4-1-40.0; E. J. Keltner, Des Moines, 2-3-28.4; Gene Acord, What Cheer, 2-3-24.9; Mike Buck, Ottumwa, 1-4-25.8; Adrian Cran, What Cheer, 1-4-28.5.

CLASS E — Howard Zihlman, Brighton, 7-0-31.3; Ralph Crawford, Columbus Jct., 6-1-26.3; Phil Carlisle, Ottumwa, 4-3-22.1; Ro Fox, What Cheer, 4-3-16.9; Larry Waddle, Ottumwa, 3-4-16.9; Verne Easton, Ottumwa, 3-4-22.8; Leon Cartwright, Batavia, 1-6-16.9; Bill Farrell, Ottumwa, 0-7-13.3.

CLASS JUNIOR BOYS — Paul Roberts, Hartford, 4-0; Dennis Acord, What Cheer, 3-1; Mike Schakel, Oskaloosa, 2-2; Todd Six, Oskaloosa, 1-3; David Schutjer, Oskaloosa, 0-4.

LADIES CLASS — Debra Crane, What Cheer, 3-0; Ruby Christensen, Anita, 2-1; Carol Grinstead, Floris, 1-2; Rosemary Keltner, Des Moines, 0-3.

A Report from the Far Northwest — Washington

By Herb Okeson

All-in-all with a few exceptions we had a fair year. Our national membership dropped due to the increase in national dues. Most of our members felt the tremendous increase was not justified.

We started out the year with the annual Winter Open Classic. Winners of the most series out of the complete 8 were as follows: Thor Gadwa took the championship plaque. In Class B Art Sperber took the Honors, in Class C it was Gaylord Lund, in Class D it was Orlean Clinton and in Class E the Honors went to Peter Clark. The Most Improved Pitcher trophy went to Bill Owens and the

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trophy for the Most Miles Traveled in the 8 series went to Thor Gadwa. The Most Improved Pitcher trophy was presented by Winnie Winetrout who sponsors them each year.

On April 4th, Herb Criss took top honors at the Dafodill Open at Tacoma. There were 9 classes, over 60 entries. On April 17th, Sig Pederson won the Skagit County Open at Mt. Vernon. At the Gilbo Open at Tacoma on May 2nd, Jim Alexander did his thing to cop top honors. On May 15th and 16th the Spokane Bicentennial Open took place at Franklin Park, with Henry Knauft taking 7 straight wins, 72.77%. At the Seattle Memorial Open, May 29-31st, a sharp shooter from Oregon nailed down the top honors, his "handle" Lowel Davis. On June 5th and 6th — 56 entries filled the slate for the Yakima Open at Elks Memorial Park. Henry Knauft again came out with the honors.

On June 19th, Bill Foss came through to capture the Strawberry Open honors at Mt. Vernon. On July 3rd and 4th, Walla Walla held their 1st open with 38 entries, Mel Page kept the top honors at the hometown. On July 10th and 11th, 64 entries turned out for the Spokane Open at Franklin Park. Henry Knauft taking 8 straight with a 78.91%.

On July 17th and 18th, 53 entries watched the top honors go to Ed Fishel, with a 70.0% average. Bill Foss, after a play-off with Herb Criss, took the honors at the Bellingham International Open.

On August 21st, 4t entries filled the classes. Ray Brumfield took the Snohomish County title on August 22nd.

Our Washington state tournament was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Washington Fair at Walla Walla, 89 entries tested their skill. The 1976 champions are as follows: Henry Knauft, still champ with 73.5; Kelly O'Brien, Ladies Champ, 54.4; Bobby Bartlett, Junior Boys, 57.8; Cindy Buchert Jr., Girls, Unopposed.

At the annual meeting, another very worthy top sportsman and a gentleman horseshoe pitcher was selected to the Washington State Hall of Fame — Mr. Henry Knauft. Officers elected to the state: Bill Owens, Mt. Vernon, President; Cal Simmons, Othello, 1st Vice-President; Orel Vallen, Seattle, 2nd Vice-President; Beth Carvo, Yakima, 3rd Vice-President; Art Sperber, Bremerton, Secretary, 11018 Kitsap Way, Bremerton 98310.

The big one of the year — the Pacific Northwest Championship, Elks Memorial Park, Yakima, September 18th and 19th. There were 15 classes, a total of 123 entries. Henry Knauft took the championship with a 74.4% average.

At the annual banquet-meeting the "Mr. Horseshoe" 1976 award was presented to Herb Okeson.

Two other ventures that were successful were horseshoe pitching at the Evergreen State Fair in which over 700 participated, and also the Western Fair at Puyallup in which over 200 participated.

During the years that I had been State Secretary, I must say, it certainly was an experience! I know I learned plenty! If you want to find out what makes horseshoe tick — take a secretary office!! Besides finding out what makes it tick, you will find out why it doesn't tick!!!

I had been told many times that I was putting too much into being secretary — I thought this was the proper way, depending on their interest. I certainly cannot complain — the awards I've received have certainly paid for my extra effort. I'm proud of what I have received, and will be always.

I have never met a nicer group of people in my life like the people and friends I have met in belonging and being a part of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

Canadian Activities 1976 Season

Note: NHPA Regional Director for Canada, Jack Adams, has a new address as follows: 35 O'Neil Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. S7N 1W7

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1976 — MEN'S EVENT — CLASS A — Clayton English, Victoria, British Columbia won the Canadian Championships held at Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. on 21-22 August with a playoff victory over Bob Timothy, Ladysmith, B.C., by a score of 50-25. 44 players competed.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — 1. C. English, Victoria, B.C., 6-1-57.3; 2. B. Timothy Ladysmith, B.C., 6-1-62.1; 3. H. Weitzel, North Battleford, Sask., 5-2-61.3; 4. M. Rayner, Youbou, B.C., 5-2-57.1; 5. S. Lash, Vancouver, B.C., 3-4-55.9; 6. T. Severson, Quesnel, B.C., 2-5-50.8; 7. A. Ross, Regina, Sask., 1-6-46.5; 8. J. Ball, Vancouver, B.C., 0-7-46.6.

Canadian Activities — (Continued)

CLASS B — 1. D. Jeglum, Nanaimo, B.C., 6-1-51.7; 2. H. Robbins, Lantzville, B.C., 5-2-58.4; 3. M. Zabloutney, Quesnel, B.C., 4-3-51.8; 4. J. Melissa, Ladysmith, B.C., 4-3-46.4; 5. Jack Adams, Saskatoon, Sask., 3-4-46.3; 6. M. Ellison, Nut Mountain, Sask., 3-4-44.6; 7. L. Copp, Ladysmith, B.C., 2-5-38.1; 8. D. Stumph, Regina, Sask., 1-6-44.2.

CLASS C — 1. L. Clark, Ladysmith, B.C., 6-1-50.3; 2. M. Connor, Swift Current, Sask., 6-1-39.9; 3. B. Lepper, Burnaby, B.C., 4-3-43.2; 4. B. Jameson, Victoria, B.C., 4-3-38.3; 5. J. Griffin, Chilliwack, B.C., 3-4-38.4; 6. K. Wickwire, Port Alberni, B.C., 3-4-38.4; 7. M. Lichty, Waterloo, Ontario, 2-5-36.3; 8. C. Butts, Victoria, B.C., 0-7-29.9.

CLASS D — 1. B. Adams, Saskatoon, Sask., 5-0-43.0; 2. B. Lord, Kamloops, B.C., 4-1-37.5; 3. P. Wagner, Earl Grey, Sask., 2-3-34.2; 4. J. Rolph, Nanaimo, B.C., 2-3-27.1; 5. G. Rolph, Nanaimo, B.C., 1-4-26.5; 6. G. Cooke, White Rock, B.C., 1-4-25.3.

CLASS D2 — 1. J. Laslo, Edmonton, Alberta, 5-0-40.2; 2. B. Moodie, Lethbridge, Alta., 3-2-39.2; 3. H. Puff, North Battleford, Sask., 3-2-37.7; 4. G. Oliver, Ladysmith, B.C., 2-3-34.1; 5. D. St. James, Creston, B.C., 1-4-23.3; 6. R. Stewart, Cloverdale, B.C., 1-4-23.2.

CLASSE — 1. L. Nichols, Vancouver, B.C., 7-0-35.1; 2. M. Thompson, Victoria, B.C., 6-1-27.5; 3. A. Kehler, Nanaimo, B.C., 5-2-25.5; 4. B. Garner, Quesnel, B.C., 4-3-15.3; 5. R. Marsh, Quesnel, B.C., 2-5-13.8; 6. B. Erickson, Vancouver, B.C., 2-5-11.4; 7. B. Zirk, Quesnel, B.C., 2-5-7.9; 8. J. Carson, Victoria, B.C., 0-7-4.2.

SENIOR MEN'S EVENT — 1. J. Hoffman, North Battleford, Sask., 5-0-42.9; 2. H. Thompson, New Westminster, B.C., 3-2-36.9; 3. E. Enefer, Burnaby, B.C., 2-3-38.7; 4. S. Dahl, Vancouver, B.C., 2-3-36.1; 5. A. Dahl, Vancouver, B.C., 2-3-29.8; 6. F. Stirling, Cloverdale, B.C., 1-4-31.4.

LADIES EVENT — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS — 1. M. Kissick, Caroline, Alberta, 6-0-46.3; 2. M. Murray, Delmas, Sask., 5-1-50.2; 3. G. Bigham (defending champion), Langley, B.C., 3-3-40.4; 4. V. Turner, Vancouver, B.C., 3-3-32.1; 5. P. Dahl, Vancouver, B.C., 2-4-33.2; 6. N. Zirk, Quesnel, B.C., 1-5-29.8; 7. E. Stewart, Cloverdale, B.C., 1-5-24.3.

B CLASS — 1. S. Copp, Ladysmith, B.C., 5-0-27.6; 2. P. Timothy, Ladysmith, B.C., 3-2-13.2; 3. M. Marsh, Quesnel, B.C., 2-3-17.6; 4. C. Reynolds, Cloverdale, B.C., 2-3-11.2; 5. L. Stoddard, Cloverdale, B.C., 2-3-8.0; 6. M. Wagner, Earl Grey, Sask., 1-4-4.6.

JUNIOR EVENT — Championship Class — 1. B. Pittman, Vancouver, B.C., 4-0-71.9; 2. L. Lamb, Vancouver, B.C., 3-1-69.1; 3. G. Roste, Vancouver, B.C., 2-2-54.2; 4. S. Barnes, Quesnel, B.C., 1-3-35.6; 5. T. Harris, Cloverdale, B.C., 0-4-17.8.

B CLASS — 1. J. Bigham, Langley, B.C., 3-0-14.7; 2. A. Lepper, Burnaby, B.C., 1-2-8.0; 3. S. Garner, Quesnel, B.C., 1-2-5.3; 4. D. Vining, Burnaby, B.C., 1-2-5.2.

72 contestants competed in the 4 events. The highlight of the 2 day affair was the lovely dinner-dance tendered by the Government and People of the Province of British Columbia that was held in the ballroom of the Sheraton-Plaza 500, Vancouver, B.C. on Sat. 21 August 76. The BCHPA were hosts for the event and performed a commendable task.

Province of British Columbia Activities — British Columbia Championships 1976 — 30 Players competed in the 1976 British Columbia championships held at Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. on 5 September 1976. Clayton English, the 1976 Canadian champion repeated as champion of British Columbia for 1976. J. Bigham of Langley, B.C. retained the Ladies championship. Results follow:

MEN'S EVENT — Championship Class — 1. C. English, Victoria, 6-1-64.5; 2. B. Timothy, Ladysmith, 5-2-57.6; 3. M. Rayner, Youbou, 4-3-61.9; 4. B. Smith, Vancouver, B.C., 4-3-57.4; 5. H. Robbins, Lantzville, 3-4-56.7; 6. M. Zabloutney, Quesnel, 3-4-48.5; 7. D. Jeglum, Nanaimo, 2-5-55.6; 8. L. Clark, Ladysmith, 1-6-48.6.

B CLASS — 1. L. Copp, Ladysmith, 7-0-44.4; 2. C. Butts, Victoria, 6-1-40.9; 3. J. Griffin, Chilliwack, 4-3-43.0; 4. B. Lord, Kamloops, 4-3-41.8; 5. B. Lepper, Burnaby, 3-4-38.7; 6. G. Oliver, Ladysmith, 3-4-37.6; 7. S. Tomasevic, Vancouver, 1-6-32.2; 8. A. McFarlane, Vancouver, 0-7-14.9.

SENIOR MEN'S EVENT — H. Thompson of New Westminster defeated B. Jameson, Victoria, in the playoff game 52-12 to win the Senior Men's Event. Results follow: 1. H. Thompson, New Westminster, 3-1-43.9; 2. B. Jameson, Victoria, 3-1-36.5; 3. S. Dahl, Vancouver, 2-2-39.0; 4. S. Pachota, Vancouver, 2-2-38.1; 5. E. Enefer, Burnaby, B.C., Forfeit.

LADIES EVENT — Jerry Bigham successfully defended her championship with a playoff win 50-36 over Vi Turner. Results follow: 1. J. Bigham, Langley, 3-1-44.8; 2. V. Turner, Vancouver, 3-1-30.7; 3. E. Stewart, Cloverdale, 2-2-34.5; 4. S. Copp, Ladysmith, 2-2-31.7; 5. P. Dahl, Vancouver, 0-4-27.2.

JUNIOR EVENT — 1. L. Lamb, Vancouver, 3-0-62.9; 2. B. Pittman, Vancouver, 2-1-49.5; 3. G. Roste, Vancouver, 1-2-33.3; 4. J. Bigham, Langley, 0-3-30.8.

Canadian Activities — (Continued)

3. PROVINCE OF ALBERTA ACTIVITIES — Alberta Championships 1976 — The 1976 Tournament was held at Mitchener Park, Lacombe, Alberta.

MEN'S EVENT — 1. Dale Schafers, Calahoo; 2. Bill Weidner, Sidsbury; 3. Larry Griffith, Hanna; 4. Chris Campion (defending champion), Edmonton.

LADIES EVENT — 1. M. Kissick, Caroline; 2. H. DeWald, Wataaskewin.

JUNIOR EVENT — 1. E. Kelts, Concorc; 2. C. Schafers, Calahoo.

4. PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN ACTIVITIES — Saskatchewan Championships 1976 — 71 players (55 men and 16 ladies) competed in the 1976 Saskatchewan championships held at Preeceville on 16-17 October 1976.

MEN'S EVENT — Championship Class — 1. H. Weitzel, North Battleford, 61.2; 2. V. Danylko, Yorkton; 3. W. Grandel, Prince Albert; 4. W. Spilchen, Yorkton.

B CLASS — 1. M. Connor, Swift Current; 2. E. Squires, Saskatoon; 3. D. Stumph, Regina; 4. B. Nybo, Hodgeville.

C CLASS — 1. J. Stumph, Stornoway; 2. G. Spencer, Fairy Glen; 3. E. Murray, Delmas; 4. J. Hoffman, North Battleford.

RINGER CONTEST — 50 shoes pitched; 1. H. Weitzel, North Battleford, 32; 2. Jack Adams, Saskatoon, 31; 3. V. Danylko, Yorkton, 30; 4. M. Ellison, Nut Mountain, 29.

MEN'S DOUBLES EVENTS — Championship Class — 1. P. Friesen, Warman & J. Teichroeb, Saskatoon; 2. H. Weitzel and H. Puff, North Battleford; 3. J. Adams and D. Adams, Saskatoon; 4. M. Ellison and I. Finnie, Nut Mountain.

B CLASS — 1. W. Grandel, Prince Albert and G. Spencer, Fairy Glen; 2. E. Squires and R. Bergren, Saskatoon; 3. L. Swan and O. Jensen, Preeceville; 4. M. Nettet, Preeceville and S. Heistad, Leslie.

SENIOR MEN'S EVENT — 1. A. Fookes, Yorkton; 2. O. Jensen, Preeceville; 3. M. Nettet, Preeceville; 4. P. Burrows, Lumsden.

LADIES EVENT — 1. R. Finnie, Nut Mountain; 2. M. Murray, Delmas; 3. E. Lappi, Margo; 4. M. Douville, Delmas.

MIXED DOUBLES EVENT — 1. Marg and Ed Murray, Delmas; 2. Ida Minke and Egan Laube, Springside; 3. Minnie and Phil Wagner, Earl Grey; 4. Tina and Pete Friesen, Warman.

MANITOBA CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976 — 76 players competed in the Men's Provincial Championship Tournament held at Russell, Manitoba, where Buth Fleury of Ste Lazare defeated defending champion Lloyd Gemmell of Portage LaPrairie for the 1976 title. Results follow:

SINGLES CLASS A — 1. Butch Fleury, Ste. Lazare; 2. Lloyd Gemmell, Portage LaPrairie; 3. Jean Charboyer, Ste. Laurent; 4. Bill Morin, Woodlands.

SINGLES CLASS B — 1. Shane Smith, Portage LaPrairie; 2. Albert Letain, Brandon; 3. Joe Spikulak, Dauphin; 4. Jack Hogg, Woodlands.

SINGLES CLASS C — 1. Bob Henderson, Delta, Manitoba; 2. Allen Brandson, Swan River; 3. Lyle Baldwin, Morris; 4. Peter Fleury, Ste Lazare.

SINGLES SENIOR MEN — 1. Jack Hogg, Woodlands; 2. Louis Fleury, Ste. Lazare; 3. Charlie Beer, Dauphin; 4. Lawrence Howden, Winnipeg.

DOUBLES CLASS A — 1. Lloyd Gemmell & Bob Henderson; 2. Jack Hogg & Colin Dew; 3. Butch & Walley Fleury; 4. Albert Letain & Tony Desjardins.

DOUBLES CLASS B — 1. Dick Street & Willis Graham; 2. Charlie & Allen Brandson; 3. Roy Baldwin & Jack Brown; 4. Charlie Beer & Ed Bulmer.

29 players competed in the Ladies Provincial Championship Tournament held at Wawanesa where Lil Reddon of Carberry won the title over Elsie Cooke of Dauphin. The Lions Club of Wawanesa sponsored the tournament. Results follow:

Canadian Activities — (Continued)

SINGLES CLASS A — 1. Lil Reddon, Carberry; 2. Elsie Cooke, Dauphin; 3. Kay Spikulak, Dauphin.

SINGLES CLASS B — 1. Odelia Desjardins, Laurier; 2. Sharon Desrochers, McConnell; 3. Edith McMann, Carberry.

SINGLES CLASS C — 1. Audrey Kirkness, Carberry; 2. Blanche Brown, Dauphin; 3. Linda Witherspoon, Gillam.

DOUBLES CLASS A — 1. Lil Reddon and Minnie Oliver, Carberry; 2. Odelia Desjardins, Laurier and Kay Spikulak, Dauphin; 3. Elsie Cooke and Blanche Brown, Dauphin.

DOUBLES CLASS B — 1. Vi Elliott, Carberry and Phyllis Lambert, Dauphin; 2. Phoebe Flemming, Wawanesa and Sharon Desrochers, McConnell; 3. Audrey Kirkness, Carberry and Linda Witherspoon, Gillam.

34 local tournaments in various centres throughout the Province were held in 1976. One highlight of the 1976 season was the induction of Bert Snart into the NHPA Hall of Fame as a promotor and organizer for the sport of horseshoe pitching.

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976 — 72 players competed in the Men's Provincial Championship Tournament held at the CNE in Toronto where Elmer Hohl, Wellsley, Ontario, successfully defended his title. Results follow:

CLASS A — 1. Elmer Hohl, 5-0-80.5; 2. J. Roeder, 3-2-68.0; 3. R. McLaughlin, 3-2-62.9; 4. K. Drury, Sr., 3-2-61.1; 5. R. Jinkerson, 1-4-58.1; 6. R. Reihl, 0-5-52.9.

CLASS B — 1. J. Lentz, 7-0-59.4; 2. L. Markle, 4-3-51.8; 3. R. Lebel, 4-3-48.0; 4. R. Christie, 4-3-46.0; 5. J. Newton, 3-4-50.6; 6. H. Gilbert, 3-4-39.1; 7. H. McLaughlin, 2-5-44.2; 8. G. Fitzsimons, 1-6-40.6.

CLASS C — 1. R. Lockhart, 6-1-50.0; 2. A. Sorrell, 5-2-49.4; 3. B. Vanderburg, 5-2-47.6.

CLASS D — 1. F. McClinton, 6-1-41.5; 2. L. Clark, 5-2-42.9; 3. C. Hurst, 5-2-35.9.

CLASS E — 1. H. Carter, 6-1-36.8; 2. F. Logan, 4-3-33.0; 3. M. Mayer, 4-3-29.9.

CLASS F — 1. J. Bullick, 7-0-34.7; 2. L. Desjardins, 5-2-32.9; 3. E. VanAcker, 4-3-33.2.

CLASS G — 1. R. Drury, 7-1-23.8; 2. T. Martin, 6-2-26.6; 3. L. Logan, 5-2-30.9.

CLASS H — 1. H. Kipp, 7-1-25.5; 2. R. Rutledge, 6-2-25.5; 3. B. Duck, 4-3-21.6.

CLASS I — 1. T. Wessels, 5-0-20.4; 2. J. Papple, 4-1-22.1; 3. J. Mordue, 3-2-15.7.

SENIOR MEN — 1. W. Pascoe, 5-1-40.3; 2. R. Hore, 4-2-42.4; 3. C. Kerr, 3-3-33.7; 4. C. Skolrood, 0-6-13.0.

15 players competed in the Ladies Provincial Championship tournament held at the CNE, Toronto. Marg Archer won the title in a playoff game against L. Harbinson. Results follow:

CLASS A — 1. M. Archer, 7-1-52.6; 2. L. Harbinson, 6-2-46.5; 3. G. Vanderburg, 5-2-52.0; 4. B. Marks, 4-3-36.1; 5. J. Sehn, 3-4-39.0; 6. D. Moore, 2-5-33.4; 7. M. McVey, 1-6-25.6; 8. M. Logan, 1-6-25.2.

CLASS B — 1. J. McVey, 6-1-40.1; 2. D. Bowerman, 5-2-35.5; 3. J. Jones, 5-2-28.1; 4. I. Wessels, 4-3-31.1; 5. Joyce Jones, 4-3-28.8; 6. A. Wallace, 3-4-26.2; 7. P. Wallace, 1-6-11.0.

14 players competed in the Junior Provincial Championship Tournament held at CNE Toronto where Stephen Hohl successfully defended his title. Results follow:

CLASS A — 1. S. Hohl, 6-0-69.0; 2. J. Dooley, 5-1-53.2; 3. B. Shinn, 3-3-51.2; 4. P. Roeder, 3-3-43.1; 5. W. Prange, 2-4-42.1; 6. T. Reuel, 2-4-24.6; 7. W. Vanderburg, Forfeit.

CLASS B — 1. W. Martin, 6-1-31.3; 2. P. Shinn, 5-2-34.0; 3. T. Penney, 5-2-33.6; 4. T. Smith, 4-3-33.5; 5. D. Shinn, 4-3-23.6; 6. G. Pfaff, 4-3-24.2; 7. S. Vanderburg, 1-6-14.1.

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.

1976-1977 INDOOR SCHEDULE PINECREST INDOOR HORSESHOE CLUB 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.

Jan. 15-16, 1977 — **Winter Round Up**. Mailing deadline Jan. 5. Phone deadline Jan. 7.

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.

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.

PIKE COUNTY OHIO INDOOR SCHEDULE

January Open Tournament

Jan. 22 — Class C Men - 12:00 noon
Jan. 22 — Class A Women - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23 — Class A Men - 12:00 noon
Jan. 28 — Junior Boys - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 29 — Class D Men - 12:00 noon
Jan. 29 — Junior Girls - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 30 — Class B Men - 12:00 noon
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

HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER 1976-77 WINTER SCHEDULE

January 16 January Thaw 39% and under
January 23 January Thaw 40% and up
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.

DAY-BELL INDOOR COURTS SCHEDULE 1976-1977

January 15-16, 1977 — Icicle Open
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)

April 30-May 1, 1977 — Open only 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.

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.

Coming Events—Continued

1976-1977 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.

- Jan. 8 '76 — Plant City Open, Plant City, Fla. Contact F.
 Jan. 15 — West Coast Open, Ed Wright Park, Clearwater, Fla. Contact K.
 Jan. 22 — Sarasota Open, Bee Ridge Park, Sarasota, Fla. Contact C.
 Jan. 29 — Manatee County Open, Bradenton, Fla. Contact G.
 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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RUSH INDOOR COURTS

1976-1977 Season . . . Rushville, Indiana
 Entry fee all tournaments \$7.00

- Jan. 8-9, 1977 — **New Years Open**. Mailing deadline Dec. 31.
 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.

*Best Wishes
 For a Happy
 New Year*

