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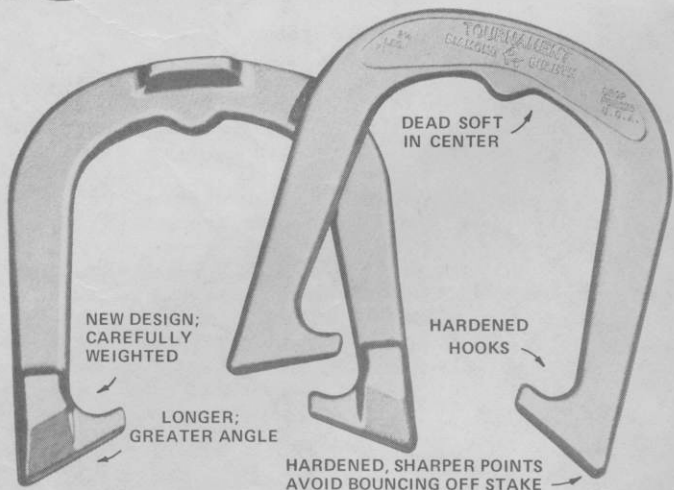
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NHPA'S PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Wally Shipley

Valley of the Sun had a fine record breaking turn out. Congratulations are in order to Walter Ray "Deadeye" Williams Jr., who won. He had a nice vacation and enjoyed visiting with the players and wives. The Mesa officers received lots of cooperation and help from many players in order to conduct and pitch everyone who showed. Classes were held at various locations. It was a job well done by all.

Donnie Roberts and I had two outstanding meetings. Much was discussed and accomplished. Three Regional Directors and one Hall of Fame Committeeman were also present, Clarence Giles, Arnie Mortenson, P. D. Riley, and Art Halter. By-laws committee members present were George Nick, Jerry Schneider, and a new member Don Tutich of Alhambra, California, who replaces Bill Cessna. The proposed by-laws changes were discussed and voted on.

Southern California Association and the Los Angeles County Fair Board will be sponsoring a \$4,000.00 six player indoor invitational tournament. It will be held September 29-30 and October 1, 1978, at the Los Angeles County Fair, in Pomona, California. The Fair Board has guaranteed \$2,500.00 and Southern California the remainder. Southern California Committee has selected and invited six top players with a deadline for accepting and sending their \$100.00 entry fee. When the players have been finalized we will announce their names. The prizes will be 1st — \$1,000.00, 2nd — \$800.00, 3rd — \$700.00, 4th — \$600.00, 5th — \$500.00, 6th — \$400.00. Local members including myself will provide lodging during their stay and be responsible for transportation to and from airport and tournament site. Portable courts will be built and installed in one of the Fair's large buildings. Further details on the tournament will be published later. All the credit and thanks for the contacts, meetings and leg work go to Amos Hodson, Eston Brown along with Jerry Schneider.

Wouldn't it be nice if more of these type tournaments could start up across the country? If so, maybe we could get a quote "Pro Circuit" started. It might be easier than you think with a little effort. How about it?

I appointed Curt Day of Indiana to the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee replacing Paul Puglise who passed away.

The 1978 World Tournament schedule, prize list and proposed by-law changes are listed elsewhere in this issue.

The NHPA offices up for re-election at the 1978 convention are: 2nd and 4th Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Donnie Roberts and John Rademacher will be seeking another term. Dorothy Pinch has decided not to run for re-election. I have asked Bonnie Siebold of Indiana and she has accepted to be the NHPA female Vice President if the delegates elect her. I will be sponsoring and supporting the above three. However, this does not mean the door is closed for other candidates. I only hope if there are others your names will be published soon so all states and delegates can discuss their choices before the convention.

COVER PICTURE... Indoor horseshoe pitching has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. One of the popular indoor courts are the Pinecrest Club Indoor courts located Rte. 2, Elwood, Indiana. The facility is owned and operated by Jerry Wood who has been associated with horseshoe pitching for many years and conducts regular weekly tournaments at this warm and cozy facility. Many top notch pitchers have taken advantage of this winter time court set-up. Why not drop in and pay Jerry a visit?



“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

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Dear Editor,

In the February issue of the News Digest, Sol Berman's report put my inability to attend the "Challenge of the Sexes" and "Superstars" competition in an unfavorable light, implying that I was uncooperative. This is not the case.

At the World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio, I told Sol that I would love to compete in both events **if it was at all possible**. Twice I told him I was enrolled in nursing school for the coming two years and that it might be difficult to get the necessary time off for these events, but that I would try in every way I knew to be able to go. I was very excited about the possibility and had already started training for these events.

In August, after I had returned home, Dave Herscher of Joe Goldstein's office called me and said that I was accepted as a contestant on the "Challenge of the Sexes" program which would take one week in November and that I was possibly accepted for the "Superstars" competition which would take place in Freeport in the Bahamas from Jan. 28-30, 1978, a Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. I did not understand how "Challenge" (or "Battle" as he continuously referred to it) would take a whole week and asked him if he was certain about that. He was, so I regretfully said it would be impossible for me. As for "Superstars", I knew a Monday off would be impossible so I asked if I could compete in 7 events on Saturday and Sunday alone. In the "Superstars" competition, each competitor chooses 7 out of the 10 events in which to compete and I was willing to compete in the first 7 events, whether or not I liked them, just to be able to do it. He promised to find out if that was possible and call me back a few days later. About 4-6 weeks later he called back and said it couldn't be done. During that interval, I received a letter from Sol Berman asking me why I had turned down the offer of the competition. Since I had not, in fact, turned it down and since I was still waiting for the return call from Dave Herscher, I wrote to Sol Berman and explained the above facts.

I heard nothing more until November. In the early part of November, Paul Fava of Trans World International, Inc. telephoned me and said he had read about horseshoes and about me and wanted to know if I could compete on "Challenge of the Sexes" against Carl Steinfeldt. I was very excited at this second opportunity. He said it would be scheduled sometime between November 11-20, but that he didn't know exactly what day it would be held. He understood my problem with school and asked which days would be possible as it would only take one day to film the horseshoe segment. I replied that Thursday through Sunday were the only days I could do it. Their schedule was flexible at that point but they were to decide the exact time for the horseshoe pitching segment at a meeting to be held a few days later. At that meeting they decided to have the horseshoe pitching segment on a Wednesday. Again, the disappointment hit me. I told Mr. Fava that I would see if I could somehow pull strings to get out of nurse's training on that Wednesday but he said that would take longer than they could afford to wait. He asked if I could recommend anyone who was photogenic and competitive who could play in my stead. I mentioned Kelly O'Brien as a former Junior Girls' Champion and a promising newcomer and gave him Donnie Roberts' address and telephone number in order that he might somehow reach her in time for her to take advantage of this opportunity.

MAILBAG — (Continued)

During our conversations, I asked Paul Fava how they were going to portray horseshoes. He said Arnie Mortenson of California, a name I recognized, was handling the details of the horseshoe court and the game itself. Hearing Arnie Mortenson's name assured me that horseshoes would be portrayed in a good light. I also asked if Trans World International had heard about our sport from Joe Goldstein Public Relations, Inc. and to his knowledge, they had not. Again, Arnie Mortenson seemed to have done the promoting. We talked also about how we might plan better for this in other years. We mentioned that if we of the N.H.P.A. organized a portfolio of sorts including our top players and/or our most colorful players, we might be able to do a better selling job on ourselves. He said we could plan this a little sooner next year if T.W.I. received some information from us in September or October.

I hope this letter sheds some light on the occurrences of the past few months. The decisions to pass up these opportunities, with their obvious advantages both for me and for horseshoes were the most difficult decisions I have ever made and I am still very disappointed. However, I hope we have begun, through Carl and Kelly, to make ourselves more visible to the public.

Sincerely,

Debby Michaud

WILLIAMS RETAINS ARIZONA VALLEY OF THE SUN TITLE

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. of Chino, CA won the 1978 Valley of the Sun Centennial Tournament by defeating 1976 World Champion, Carl Steinfeldt, in the final game, 52-27. Williams had the high percentage game of 88.9.

Coloradans, Bill Thomas and Les Grosenbach, won classes B and C, respectively. Bill Smith of Vancouver, Canada took top honors in class D.

NHPA President Wally Shipley of California and Secretary/Treasurer Donnie Roberts of Ohio attended the meet.

One hundred and thirty six players competed in 18 classes under sunny skies to help celebrate Mesa's 100th anniversary year.

CLASS A — W. Williams, Jr., CA 11-0-80.0; C. Steinfeldt, NY, 10-1-73.3; M. Latino, CA, 7-4-61.4; N. Flann, CA, 7-4-59.8; F. Lavett, CA, 6-5-61.9; F. Stinson, MN, 6-5-60.7; A. Mortenson, CA 6-5-54.3; C. Cummins, ID 4-7-54.8; A. Kamman, AZ 4-7-54.2; E. Brown, CA 3-8-54.8; A. Olson, MN 2-9-47.4; D. Titcomb, CA 0-11 (forfeit).

CLASS B — W. Thomas, CO 9-2-55.7; R. Randall, CA 8-3-57.6; P. D. Riley, NM 8-3-55.5; H. Standard, CA 7-4-52.96; W. Kamm, AZ, 7-4-52.93; J. Williams, CA 6-5-54.0; B. Hafner, IA 5-6-53.5; R. Fleharty, NB 4-7-45.9; L. Larson, MT 4-7-42.1; H. Rushing, CA, 3-8-46.7; H. Robbins, CAN 3-8-43.5; G. Nick, MN 2-9-44.5.

CLASS C — L. Grosenbach, CO 11-0-49.7; A. Coleman, CA 10-1-51.6; W. Knuth, AR 6-5-42.8; E. Knorp, CA 6-5-39.90 R. Buchanan, UT, 5-6-45.6; J. Brown, OH 5-6-44.5; C. Giles, UT, 5-6-44.4; M. Reheis, KS, 5-6-37.3; C. Cone IA, 4-7-41.4; J. Johnson, MN, 4-7-39.6; J. Raymond, UT, 3-8-44.6; G. Bale, NB, 2-9-30.5.

CLASS D — A. W. Smith, CAN 10-1-49.8; F. Ash, IA, 9-2-49.8; W. Courtwright, MO 9-2-47.7; F. Rackley, AZ, 7-4-41.9; O. Vallen, WA 7-4-40.3; B. Trolen, AZ, 6-5-41.4; R. Procter, CA, 5-6-42.7; G. Easterling, CA, 5-6-41.4; J. McKissack, AZ 4-7-38.5; J. Aaskow, CAN, 3-8-31.9; E. Johnson, MN, 0-11 (forfeit); P. Doyle, CAN 0-11 (forfeit).

CLASSE — B. Bissell, AZ 4-1-42.7; O. Hartzell, WA, 4-1-47.0; C. Anderson, IA, 3-2-40.9; G. Mitchell, OH, 2-3-35.9; R. Robitaille, MI, 1-4-37.4; W. Sullivan, MN, 1-4-36.3; Bissell won playoff.

CLASS F — C. Tucker, CA 5-0-44.8; E. Zinn, IA, 4-1-44.8; R. Magnuson, MN, 3-2-40.1; C. Parker, MN 2-3-35.1; G. Kloepfer, CA, 1-4-36.3; H. Gilbertson, MN 0-5-29.7.

CLASS G — Joe Walker, AZ, 5-0-47.3; M. Flann, MN, 4-1-46.3; A. Erickson, MN, 3-2-38.4; P. Roe, IA, 2-3-41.6; E. Saxton, NM, 1-4-38.3; J. Vitton, AZ, 0-5-25.2.

CLASS H — R. Zeller, CA, 5-0-46.1; E. Schroeder, CA, 4-1-40.2; H. Slagg, CA, 3-2-40.1; W. Moritz, MO, 2-3-26.7; H. Morse, CA, 1-4-31.9; E. Vines, MN, 0-5-27.8.

CLASS I — M. Lange, IA, 5-0-43.3; I. Davis, MN 3-2-36.3; E. Hall, CA, 3-2-36.1; I. Ordahl, MT, 3-2-35.6; R. Hummel, CAN, 1-4-31.4; C. Johnson, MN 0-5-32.5.

CLASS J — J. Stablyk, CAN, 5-0-39.1; W. Andrews, IA, 3-2-35.6; W. Jones, OR, 3-2-33.4; Asa Smith, AZ, 2-3-32.3; D. Marx, IA, 1-4-33.2; C. Lundeen, MN, 1-4-32.5.

CLASS K — C. Wood, OR, 5-0-33.8; B. Linder, AZ, 3-2-33.8; W. Koziba, AZ, 3-2-33.1; M. Bishop, AZ, 2-3-23.6; F. Jordi, AZ, 1-4-24.5; R. Blow, CA, 1-4-23.4.

A HISTORICAL RESUME OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN

The Pacific Northwest Open held annually at Yakima, Wash. the 2nd week-end after Labor Day in September has been held every year at Yakima for 32 years. It was formerly called the "Northwest Open" but because many places throughout the central states began to use the name "Northwest" it was changed to "Pacific Northwest Open". It was held at the Fairgrounds in Yakima the first years and then moved to the Elks Memorial park in the latter years, but always in Yakima, Wash.

The first tournament was held in 1946. Lewis Getchell of Tacoma won the Title the first 3 years 46, 47, and 48. He received cash for the 1946 and 1947 victories. In 1948 he received a nice trophy as he won the championship after a close game with John Monasmith.

Cletus Chapelle of Portland, Oregon has established a tremendous record, having competed in the top clas every one of the 32 years the tournament has been held. He never won a championship, but has came very close. He was in a playoff with Henry Knauft for the title in 1969 but lost.

John Monasmith has won the championship a total of 16 times and Henry Knauft has won 9 titles.

Officers are elected each year at the annual meeting held during the tournament schedule. In the latter years a big banquet has been held. Officers elected for 1978 are Barry Chapele, Portland, Ore. president; Ken Carvo, Yakima, Wn. vice-president and Beth Carvo, Yakima, Wn. sec.-treasurer.

The first Pacific Northwest Ladies tournament was held in 1967 with 6 women competing. Alice Rehard of Spokane won the first championship. Mildred Kuhne of Tacoma is the only lady to win the championship more than once. She has won the title 4 consecutive times, 1968 thru 1971.

The first Pacific Northwest Junior Boys championship was held in 1967 with Jim D. Malvern of Seattle winning the first Title. Mike Weber, Hoquiam competed in 1969 and wound up with 82.40% but it was unofficial as he did not play enough games. Had he pitched the required number of games, he might have established some lasting Pacific Northwest records as he did in his Washington State tournaments. Sam Woodman, Colbert and Ray Durfee, Quincy had 2 consecutive championships each for the most titles.

WINTER PITCHING COMES TO WYOMING

Pitching horseshoes in Wyoming during the winter season, until the past two years, was an event as rare as Walter Ray missing a ringer. Winter horseshoe pitching here, for the second successive year, was the headliner event for the Wyoming State Winter Fair held in Lander, Wyoming, January 21-28.

A large heated county owned building is used for a variety of contests, livestock and farm machinery displays, exhibitions and community functions. Contemplated expansion of the building will provide sufficient space for the conduct of rodeo events.

Eight courts with sawdust-sand pit material provided spacious facilities for thirty-six pitchers during the two day tournament. State and former State champions and those seeking revenge against the titlists gimaced, grunted, and groaned throughout the single round-robin contests. Noticeble was the extensive use of surgical tape to protect tender fingers from abrasive effects of rough shoes. As final games in each class matches developed weariness in the form of flat-foot sluggish strides and bloodshot eyes became evident. After all, four to five months of inaction is good reason for the encroachment of cobwebs.

Ken Raymond, the 1976 State Champion and LaVern German 1977 State Chamion emerged in a tie with German winning the game with Raymond during regular play. However, Raymond walked off with the trophy in Class A by virtue of a superior ringer percentage. German commanded second place and Farron Eiseman of Riverton and former World Junior Champion took third place in the Class.

WYOMING — (Continued)

Roy Lacy of Lander, 1977 State Class "C" Champion took first place in Class B with a loss of one game. Ron Harvey easily captured Class "C" and Dave Brown of Lander, an inexperienced tournament pitcher breezed thru Class "D" without a loss.

Six ladies participated, three in each of two classes; A & B. Dessie Holliday of Riverton, former State Champion and former World Tournament Class "B" participant won ladies Class "A" trophy. Rita Losh of Lander, a first tournament pitcher, won the Class "B" title.

CLASS A — Raymond, 5-2-49.4; German, 5-2-46.1; Elsman, 4-3-49.1; Bindschadler, 4-3-43.6; Lenz, 4-3-39.0; Berry, 3-4-40.1; Conilogue, 2-5-35.7; Haggerty, 1-6-33.2

CLASS B — Lacy, 4-1-29.3; Ferguson, 3-2-29.8; Stack, 3-2-21.5; Hytrek, 2-3-23.5; Haun, 2-3-12.3; Holliday, 1-4-27.4.

CLASS C — Harvey, 6-1-22.4; Clausen, 4-3-24.6; Sjoström, 4-3-20.0; Eversull, 4-3-19.0; Elsman, 4-3-18.9; Henderson, 3-4-21.6; Herold, 2-5-9.1; Steele, 1-6-10.9.

CLASS D — Brown, 7-0-24.9; Chambers, 6-1-18.0; Bertagnolli, 4-3-12.7; Heckert, 4-3-8.5; Honeycutt, 3-4-8.7; Geer, 2-5-12.2; Williamson, 2-5-7.4; King, 0-7-4.3.

LADIES CLASS A — Holliday, 4-0-42.5; Krause, 2-2-35.2; Williamson, 0-4-30.4.

LADIES CLASS B — Losh, 3-1-19.8; Raymond, 2-2-12.2; Ferguson, 1-3-14.2.

CRAIG EASY WINNER IN PINECREST (IND.) HOLIDAY OPEN

CLASS A—Marvin Craig, Parker City, 7-0-74.7; Kevin Dwigans, Tipton, 6-1-66.5; Doyle Mink, Indianapolis, 5-2-53.0; Al Overdorf, Brownsburg, 4-3-54.0; Henry Franke, Centralia, Ill., 3-4-44.2; Walt Vctor, Alexandria, 2-5-33.6; Bill Lewis, Elwood, 1-6-40.4; Charlie West, Elwood, 0-7-29.4.

CLASS B—Al Whitmore, N. Manchester, 6-1-42.6; J. W. Cox, Wabash, 5-2-45.8; Ed Howdeshell, Rockchester, 4-3-43.9; George Roadruck, Greentown, 4-3-38.5; Elmer Branson, Gaston, 3-4-40.9; Ray Myers, Centralia, Ill. 3-4-40.3; Troy Creech, Elwood, 2-5-33.2; Herb Dwigans, Tipton, 1-6-41.7.

CLASS C—Mike Cherry, Atlanta, 3-1-25.0; Gus Dyer, Elwood, 3-1-29.5; Chub Cherry, Tipton, 3-1-25.0; Ronnie Plake, Tipton, 1-3-19.0; Pete Dwigans, Tipton, 0-4-14.9.

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BOB DOMEY ARRIVES... WINS JANUARY THAW AT HERITAGE

For the last three years or thereabouts, a fellow figures if he gets by Domey he's got it made all the way to the top of the winter tournament trail at Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, Massachusetts. "Hi, guys. My name's Domey. Bob that is." Joe Schultz and Art Tyson thought they had it made. They'd just buried Ed Domey in 4th place. All one of them had to do was get by that young upstart from way down south in northern Rhode Island, Bob Domey. Tyson says, "I want him." So he buries Schultz 35-10, pitching 80.6%. Bob says to Artie, "That's not nice, allowing poor Schultzie only 10 points." So Bob throws 86.4% at him and only lets Baldy get nine points! Seriously, with a little more seasoning of high-level competition, Bob Domey may well surpass his brother's exploits. He's learned to throw ringers and let the other fellow worry about getting more. Welcome to the top, Bob.

New Hampshire's Mike Donovan made his return to the horseshoe wars a distinguished one with a convincing 60.9% win in Class 2, losing only to "3rd Place Gadoury" (three tourneys, three thirds) in a meaningless last game. His 60.9% was way over his infrequent sojourns these past four years. Fran "Tiger" Norman dispelled some of those "What's wrong with Norman" questions by winning a three-way playoff battle with Gil Lee and Lee Ashford in one of the most exciting finishes in recent years, averaging 54.2% for the day.

"When the competition gets stiffer, stiff the competition." After finishing 4th in Class 5, Karl Jernburg filled a cancellation in Class 4 and won it! Bill Davis saved his best game for a playoff with Joe Guy, pitching 52.6% to win Class 5. "Sleepy" Ralph Lacerte finally woke up and won Class 6.

Buddy Ploof's previous high tournament was 26%. His New Year's resolution is holding true. He averaged 32.6%, finished regulation play with a 40.5% game, and then won Class 7 with a fine 36.5% playoff game over Al Doucette. Not to be outdone, Rich O'Brien carried a previous high of 22% into Class 8. He proceeded to pitch three new high games, culminating in a 45.2% game "Don't forget the 'point two'", he said) and averaged 33.1% overall. There was one slight catch, however. Newcomer Dick Brown averaged 35.2%, beat O'Brien when Rich was pitching the lowest of his three high games, and won the class.

It hasn't happened yet. You can beat Debby once in a tournament, but not twice-handicap or no handicap. Debby laid a 78% game on Anne Domey in the playoff showdown. To Anne's credit, she tossed back a 30%, but it was not quite enough.

WOMEN'S CLASS—Debby Michaud, MA, 4-1-68.4; Annie Domey, MA, 4-1-28.4; Elaine Prue, MA, 3-2-40.4; Barbara McNeill, MA, 2-3-15.6; Edith Gadoury, MA, 2-3-36.4; Barbara Domey, MA, 0-5-17.6. Playoff—Michaud, 78 (78%). Domey, 61 (30%).

MEN—CLASS 1—Bob Domey, RI, 5-2-74.9; Art Tyson, NY, 5-2-74.3; Joe Schultz, NY, 5-2-72.6; Ed Domey, MA, 4-3-72.2; Bernie Davis, NH, 4-3-62.7; Paul Cormier, MA, 2-5-64.0; Bill Saunders, NH, 2-5-58.2; George Trabucchi, CT, 1-6-59.2. Playoff—#1, Tyson, 35 (80.6%). Schultz, 10 (58.3%). #2, Domey, 39 (86.4%). Tyson, 9 (65.9%).

CLASS 2—Mike Donovan, NY, 6-1-60.9; Paul Schultz, NY, 5-2-54.7; Russ Gadoury, MA, 5-2-51.2; Ed Courville, MA, 4-3-54.4; Mel Merritt, MA, 3-4-52.1; Charlie Bonani, MA, 2-5-48.7; Fred Simon, MA, 2-5-45.1; Bill Rogers, NY, 1-6-54.9.

CLASS 3—Fran Norman, MA, 6-2-54.2; Gil Lee, CT, 6-2-50.6; Lee Ashford, NH, 6-2-47.5; Ray Peloquin, MA, 5-3-54.7; Sam Raymond, NY, 4-4-51.1; Bill White, MA, 4-4-48.4; Paul Dumont, MA, 3-5-42.9; Gardner Alden, MA, 3-5-40.9; Ed Bodinski, MA, 2-6-47.3; Joe Grillo, MA, 1-7-44.2. Playoff—#1 Lee, 37 (41.4%). Ashford, 27 (37.9%). #2 Norman, 40 (43.7%). Lee, 32 (35.4%).

CLASS 4—Karl Jernburg, MA, 7-1-45.0; Dick Shepard, MA, 5-3-45.7; John Layman, MA, 5-3-45.2; Jim Wyllie, MA, 5-3-36.2; Bob Martin, MA, 4-4-43.4; Al Doucette, CT, 4-4-40.6; Bob Gokey, VT, 4-4-40.1; Ed Peck, MA, 3-5-48.1; Don Harrison, MA, 2-5-39.7; Fred Hayden, CT, 1-7-27.8.

CLASS 5—Bill Davis, MA, 4-1-44.4; Joe Guy, MA, 4-1-44.8; John Layman, MA, 3-2-43.0; Karl Jernburg, MA, 2-3-44.6; George Rigby, RI, 1-4-39.4; Harry Brown, MA, 1-4-35.9. Playoff—Davis, 43 (52.5%). Guy, 10 (28.9%).

CLASS 6—Ralph Lacerte, MA, 4-1-36.2; George Loring, MA, 3-2-33.7; Joe Szlosek, MA, 3-2-32.1; Bill McMahon, MA, 3-2-31.1; Harry Schricker, MA, 2-3-31.1; Chris Borglund, MA, 0-5-18.1.

JANUARY THAW — (Continued)

CLASS 7—Buddy Ploof, MA, 4-2-32.6; Al Doucette, MA, 4-2-21.5; Bill English, MA, 3-3-27.7; Harold Thomas, MA, 3-3-25.5; Moe Farmer, MA, 3-3-21.0; Cleo Breton, MA, 2-4-28.5; Tony Nacewicz, MA, 2-4-28.1. Playoff—Ploof, 35 (36.5%). Doucette, 23 (26.9%).

CLASS 8—Dick Brown, MA, 7-0-35.7; Dick O'Brien, MA, 6-1-33.1; Buddy Whitehouse, MA, 4-3-19.7; Vern Shoemaker, MA, 3-4-22.9; Armando Deluca, MA, 3-4-22.4; Andy Dominique, MA, 2-5-25.4; Bob Perham, MA, 2-5-24.6; Ed Hamilton, MA, 1-6-12.3.

STEINFELDT COMES TO FLORIDA—WINS AT WINTER HAVEN

Carl Steinfeldt captured the first Winter Haven, Florida Open tournament January 13-15 on new courts just built this year. Friday's schedule was cancelled because of rain and rescheduled for Sunday. Pitchers on both Saturday and Sunday braved the cold and wind to complete the play. Many out-of-state (snowbirds) pitchers were visiting in Florida and participated in the tournament. We promised them more sunshine next year. Ken Reeb and good wife, Jean, were tournament directors and did an excellent job in their first effort.

CLASS A—C. Steinfeldt, N.Y., 9-0-73.8; Levi Miller, Ohio, 7-2-62.1; J. Rademacher, Plant City, 7-2-61.4; K. Drury, Ontario, 4-5-57.2; F. Bartley, Mich., 4-5-54.5; M. Broughton, Tampa, 4-5-53.8; P. Scheub, Sarasota, 3-6-53.7; Joe Steimer, Pa., 3-6-50.8; Joe Holland, Mich., 0-9-51.5.

CLASS B—Rex Swinson, Ill., 6-3-46.6; E. Morris, Lakeland, 6-3-44.6; D. Thatcher, Nobleton, 6-3-44.4; B. Widdersheim, Clearwater, 5-4-46.0; H. Cheffer, Naples, 5-4-44.7; N. Ramey, Ohio, 5-4-41.9; P. Peterson, Orlando, 4-5-42.1; Les Long, Ill., 3-6-40.1; Art Schroeder, Mo., 3-6-33.0; B. Thornburg, W. Va., 2-7-35.4.

CLASS C—George Buskey, Clearwater, 6-2-42.9; S. Brooks, Ill., 6-2-42.1; Wm. Banovetz, Clermont, 6-2-41.5; Cliff Madren, Orlando, 5-3-38.6; H. Lea, Bradenton, 4-4-41.4; Mark Goodrich, 3-5-39.5; H. Mullet, Sarasota, 2-6-38.1; Tom Thayer, 2-6-35.4; Swen Bowman, Wis., 2-6-29.6.

CLASS D—Pat Gallant, Maine, 6-1-42.3; M. Gillespie, Sarasota, 5-2-43.1; Oglie, Clearwater, 5-2-42.5; O. Gaudette, N. Smy. Bch., 4-3-37.2; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, 3-4-37.6; L. Hite, Ohio, 2-5-40.4; Frank Mace, N.Y., 2-5-32.4; M. Collins, Clearwater, 1-6-37.5.

CLASS E—M. Rodocker, Ohio, 5-0-41.9; F. Bogardus, Sebring, 3-2-35.0; Ed Howdeshell, Ind. 2-3-33.3; C. Warner, Sebring, 2-3-30.6; Joe Morgan, Ind., 2-3-27.9; A. Nichols, Ontario, 1-4-29.5.

CLASS F—Al Baldwin, Ind., 7-0-37.0; Pat O'Toole, Ontario, 5-2-33.8; Red Benton, Plant City, 5-2-32.4; G. Christian, Ohio, 3-4-24.8; C. Bostick, Orlando, 3-4-21.9; E. Johnson, Bradenton, 2-5-22.2; J. Berrell, Orlando, 2-5-18.1; J. Fourman, Sebring, 1-6-26.5.

CLASS G—T. Carnahan, St. Cloud, 5-2-29.6; C. Larson, St. Cloud, 5-2-28.2; W. Wallslaeger, 5-2-25.0; A. Anderson, St. Cloud, 4-3-31.5; D. Clover, Leesburg, 4-3-15.9; H. Halstead, N.Y., 2-5-25.2; J. West, Winter Haven, 2-5-18.8; C. Brown, Winter Haven, 1-6-18.9.

KUGLER'S 7 STRAIGHT WINS ELI RENO MEMORIAL OPEN

The Third Annual Eli Reno Memorial Open Horseshoe Tournament was a big success. There were 73 entries which was more than last year.

The Tournament was sponsored of Ottie Reno, author of "Pitching Championship Horseshoes". The event was held at Donnie Roberts' Indoor Horseshoe Courts.

The 73 participants threw 26,688 shoes or 33 tons of steel and enjoyed themselves more tons than that.

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT BUMPER STICKERS AVAILABLE

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MEET THE TOP CLASS A PITCHERS OF 1977

By Marge Ouellette

The following introduction was given at our 1977 World Tournament Cite in Greenville, Ohio by our prestigious speaker, Donnie Roberts. I am writing this article as I am working on the same type of introduction for our "Class A Pitchers" at the 1978 World Tournament. In order to do this, I will need your help. Please send me a resume of yourself with your accomplishments to date and a background on how and why you entered in to our great sport. Please forward information to: Marge Ouellette, NHPA Information Officer, P. O. Box 1977, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10017. Now on with the introductions of 1977:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, It is with great pleasure to introduce to you the Top 36 Class A Horseshoe Pitchers of the World.

These men will be competing for the most highest, prestigious and renowned title of them all... "The 1977 World Champion."

At this time, we are honored to introduce to you the defending World Champion, who will have to face the toughest competition in the world, to reclaim his title. As he would say, "You Better Believe" it is not going to be an easy fight. Please meet and welcome our 1976 World Champion and NHPA Hall of Famer, hailing from Rochester, New York, CARL STEINFELDT.

Along with Carl, the following high caliber pitchers will be striving to capture the title of World Champion and these tough and ready contenders are...

With a high qualifying average of 546, many opponents had to let their game "Go to Potts." From Leonardville, Kansas... MERLIN POTTS.

KARL VAN SANT of Cayuga, Indiana holds a 77.4% as high on the list in the Top 100 Men of the N.H.P.A. From Auburn, California, and competing in the Men's Division for the very first time, holding the 1975 Juniors Championship World Title... WALTER "DEAD EYE" WILLIAMS.

This home town competitor won the Ohio State Title four times and the Class B World Championship Title twice. New Madison, Ohio's pride and joy... WILBUR KABEL.

An active Regional Director who can pitch as well as he can promote horseshoes, residing in Plattsburgh, Missouri... CHARLES KILLGORE.

The NHPA Official Auditor who will be trying to "calculate" winning the Championship... JIM SOLOMON of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

The President of the Greenville Horseshoe Club and consistent contender in Class A competition who boasts of having "Cover Guy" qualities, from Arcanum, Ohio... HAROLD ANTHONY.

One of our younger contenders whose pitching skills will not be taken lightly, Huntington, Indiana's "Bearded Wonder"... MARK SEIBOLD.

A man who has for over thirty years run the Burlington Club Tournaments, will now try for the Championship. A Class "C" World Champ in 1974, from Burlington, Iowa... HAROLD DARNOLD.

Twelve Time State Champion and three time New England Champ, the Lord above will be watching the Lord on the courts from Mechanic Falls, Maine... ALBERT LORD.

KEN DRURY, of Sarnie, Ontario, Canada, pitches 12 months a year between Cool Canada and Sunny Florida, is a devoted horseshoe pitcher. This is Ken's first Class A Championship.

This workhorse for the game, who doesn't mind being called a "mudder", hailing from Hamilton, Ohio... KEN KUGLER.

Residing in the state that is the "Closest Thing This Side of Heaven", holds the 1976 West Virginia State Championship Title from Poca, West Virginia... RALPH MADDOX.

A traveling horseshoe pitcher who has tolled many miles and has put many a tournament winnings under his "small" belt. Brentwood, New York's very own JOE SCHULTZ.

Returning to the game after ten years absence, BOB MAY of Glenwood, Indiana has proven he has not lost his excellent skills.

A devoted pitcher who worked his way to his first Class A Championship Division this year, Bellville, Ohio's local celebrity... FRANK COURSEN.

From Arkron, Ohio, the 1975 Class B World Champion returns but for higher stakes and tougher competition... ANSIL COPELAND.

This year's highest qualifier at 554 points out of 600, Lexington's infamous "Kentucky" JACK FAHEY.

A man who "Never Practices", yet won the Championship Title five times and is one of the "Greats" in the Horseshoe Pitching World, from Ontario, Canada... ELMER HOHL.

Our very own "Double Ringer Singer", hailing from Maquoketa, Iowa, hopes to play to the tune of the World Champion... GLEN "RED" HENTON.

The only Class A competitor who will be trying to "Flip Flop" his way to the Championship Title, from San Luis Obispo, California... JESSIE GONZALES.

Bremen, Indiana is proud to have this many a time State Champion Title holder represent them here for the Big Title... CLARENCE BELLMAN.

Placing second in the Class A Division of the World Tournament held in Keene, New Hampshire, and one of the "Fastest Pitchers on the Courts", from Bremen, Ohio... JIM KNISLEY.

Another Up-and-Coming Youthful pitcher who won the Illinois State Championship and will try to capture the World, hailing from Newport, Indiana... LARRY GRIFFIN.

An "Old Smooty" who is quiet on the courts but loud on the ringers, will try to bring the title back to his home town of Spokane, Washington... HENRY KNAUFT.

In a single game against Paul Focht, this fine pitcher holds the 1965 record of highest ringer percentage of 91.95%, from our neighbor in Parker City, Indiana... MARVIN CRAIG.

Like Carl Steinfeldt, this "Southpay" and many time State Champion will be competing to bring home to Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, the World Title... AL ZADROGA.

TOP CLASS — (Continued)

Holding the 1976 Class B World Championship and has flown in from San Francisco's Pearly Gates to claim Class A... KEN FRASER.

This contender pitches an unusual 3/4 turn which helped him attain the title of State Champion from Fairfield, Iowa... BILL VANDEGRIF.

Another pitcher who is just the opposite of Bill Vandegriff, throwing a Reverse 3/4 turn shoe from Moundsville, West Virginia... SONNY BERTRAND.

Besides manufacturing the "Imperial" horseshoe, this contender, from Bridgeville, Pennsylvania will be competing for the "Imperialized Title"... CLYDE MARTZ.

Here's another youngster who placed third in the Junior Boys World Championship Division with an 89% average and is now trying for the Men's Title, living in Richmond, Indiana... JOHN PASSMORE.

A Michigan State Champ who will only be able to doctor up his game with his excellent skill and concentration and let's not forget his "patience", from Warren, Michigan... DOC MAISON.

Holding the title of Chairman of the Regional Directors and a hard working member of the Executive Counsel, this contender will be trying to "CHEW" his way to the Championship, from Houston, Texas... BOB GRAHAM.

Even though this pitcher steps with the wrong foot, he will surely bring the "right" kind of competition to this tournament. Knoxville, Tennessee's 1976 State Champion... ROGER NORWOOD.

In Memoriam

Ora "Jase" Pearman of Newport, Indiana passed away at his home on January 29.

Jase loved the game of horseshoe and participated in many local, state and World tournaments. He was a man of fine character, had a good sense of humor and certainly was the type of person whom you could look forward to meeting again. He was a true gentleman and a sportsman, a great credit to our game. On the courts he was a stiff competitor while as a promoter, he was responsible for the construction of twelve beautifully built courts in his home town of Newport, Indiana.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends. To his family in their sad hour, the sincere sympathy of the Indiana state association together with that of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is extended.

Word has been received of the untimely passing of Roy Slater of Rte. 2, Smithfield, Illinois at his home on January 29.

Roy was an avid and ardent horseshoe pitcher and could be seen at almost any tournament no matter where. In his early years, he was a top pitcher in the annual Illinois State tournament when it was held at Fairbury and at the Illinois State fair at Springfield. He was a good conversationalist and had many stories and experiences to unfold.

He was a long-time member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers Association also one of the early subscribers to the Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest. He had many trophies to tell of his prowess as a pitcher.

He was employed at the Mc-Graw-Edison Company at Macomb, Illinois having retired in 1971 after many years with the company. He was a member of the Fulton County Farm Bureau.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. William Kromings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, with interment in Smithfield.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

*Soft and safe be the resting place
Of our dear and faithful friend.
Bright and glorious his resurrection
While we mourn his loss,
Let us cherish his memory
And commit his spirit to the
All-wise and merciful God.*

HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT

By Bernard Herfurth

Bernard Herfurth, chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, announces that the committee will have their annual candidate election on the first of May, rather than the first part of June.

The winners could then be announced in the July issue of the Digest before the 1978 convention at Des Moines, Iowa.

Any new or up-dated histories of candidates should be mailed to the chairman by the end of April. Fourteen (14) duplicate copies are required to be sent to committee members. Send all histories to Bernard Herfurth, 17 Fort St., Northampton, Massachusetts 01060.

WORLD TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING

By Donnie Roberts

To enter the 1978 World Horseshoe Tournament a player need only come to Des Moines on July 27, 28, 29, 30 pay your entry fee, be a member of your state association and the NHPA, and throw your qualifying round. Men throw 200 shoes and Seniors, Intermediates, Women, Girls, and Boys all throw 100 shoes. The Qualifying fees are \$15.00 for men and \$10.00 for Seniors, Intermediates, and Women. Additional entry fees are charged depending on what class you get in. Juniors pay no entry fee but must have a card.

There will be no practicing on the fairground courts during the four qualifying days. When you are ready to qualify, select an empty court by yourself. Put your two qualifying cards on the fence at each end. You will have 15 minutes to warm-up. At that time you must start or vacate the court. If someone is already on the court you want just clip your cards under his and wait your turn. Two people on one court will not be permitted at any time during qualification.

When you are ready to start notify an NHPA official who will get scorekeepers for you. Based on our NHPA survey we feel that having scorekeepers from another state serves no worthwhile purpose. Therefore we will not follow that policy at Des Moines. You must tell both scorekeepers which pitch you plan to start on. We do not follow any policy of starting on a six.

The NHPA will have judges on the courts during qualification. If a shoe needs measured just call on them. However, every pitcher could carry a straight edge and six inch rule and measure his own shoe to avoid a delay which might hurt your score. We also want each pitcher to call the score to the scorekeeper. When you get to the peg and have a six just say '6' so the scorekeeper won't be involved in guesswork. People keeping score during qualification shall **not** mark up the score until the pitcher has called the number. Scorekeepers should not talk or move around or do anything to distract the pitcher.

If you are qualifying and some major interference comes up that is distracting you, stop and notify the office immediately. We will make a proper arrangement. Don't wait until you have thrown the entire round and ask to qualify over. Also, the Juniors and Women only throw 30 feet. If it bothers you to qualify next to a 30 foot pitcher, don't do it.

No pitcher will be allowed on the courts at anytime during qualification or during tournament play unless he is wearing a shirt with his name and state or country on it. We reserve the right to refuse people with shirts that are scribbled with felt tip markers or other sloppy efforts. Let's look like athletes. Make your plans now for some very attractive wearing apparel to pitch in. Put some class in our sport. There will be **no** exceptions to the lettered shirt rule this year.

When a Senior or Intermediate signs up he can choose to throw just 100 shoes or he can decide to throw 200 shoes if he wants to shoot for one of the big classes. However if he throws 200 shoes and then decides to play in the Intermediates or Seniors his first 100 shoes will represent his qualifying score. Seniors and Intermediates will **not** be permitted to qualify twice as in the past. Seniors and Intermediates must come to the office and declare which group they will play in by Sunday night or they will be placed by their age in Seniors or Intermediates automatically. Any qualifier who doesn't get in a class high enough to satisfy him and plans to withdraw must report this information to the office.

W. T. QUALIFYING — (Continued)

There will be automobile racing at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 29 starting at 8:00 p.m., so if a lot of noise will bother you, please avoid that period of time. The races cannot be stopped.

It should be pointed out that any irregularities during qualifying will be handled firmly. The NHPA Officials have been asked to monitor the qualifying very carefully this year. We want everyone to have an equal chance.

Defending Class A Champions do not have to qualify, but must sign up during the four days of qualifying. Champions in all classes below A must qualify.

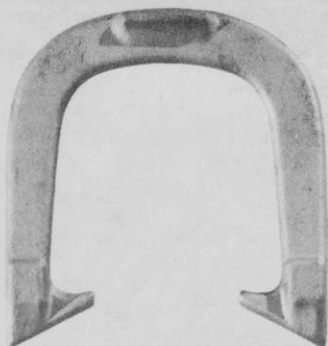
These qualifying guidelines may seem somewhat rigid but they are only intended to make things better for the pitchers and the sport. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

OLD SETTLER'S DAYS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT—SUMNER, ILL.

The third annual Old Settler's Days tournament will be held at the Red Hills State Park near Sumner, Illinois on Saturday, April 22. In case of rain it will be on Sunday, April 23. Registration at 9 a.m. CST with tournament starting at 10 a.m. There will be six classes with three trophies given in each class. NHPA rules will prevail. There will be no entry fee.

Tournament is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Conservation in charge of Mary Jurgins. This is an open tournament played on temporary courts, "Old Settler's" style. Tournament will be conducted by the Vincennes, Indiana club which invites everybody to come and see how the old settlers lived.

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NHPA AND STATE SANCTIONED LEAGUES AND CLUBS

Prepared by Donnie Roberts

The NHPA in cooperation with the State Associations in the United States and Canada is proud to announce a very attractive program for the league and club horseshoe pitchers.

This program will recognize the Horseshoe Clubs and their members as members of the NHPA and their State Associations.

This program will initiate a combined State and National Membership Card. The cost of the card will be \$2.00 per player per year. The \$2.00 fee will be used as follows:

1. \$1.00 to the State Association of residence. Hopefully each state association will use part of this fee to provide some programs, awards, or whatever they desire for all their local clubs. They should also use some of the fee to improve and develop their state association and the services it provides to the clubs in their state.

2. \$1.00 to the NHPA. This part of the fee will be used to pay for the awards program which will be presented to the league pitchers and to the local clubs. Ten cents of each dollar to the NHPA will go to the NHPA Secretary Treasurer as a partial compensation for the tremendous amount of extra work involved with this program. Ten Cents rebate to local club.

So the breakdown of the \$2.00 fee is:

A. \$1.00 to your state

1. part to help local clubs.

2. part to help your state.

B. \$1.00 to the NHPA.

1. 10 cents rebate to local club.

2. 10 cents to NHPA Secretary-Treasurer.

3. 80 cents to partially fund the awards program and necessary materials required.

We feel that \$2.00 is a very reasonable fee. The benefits will far exceed the small charge.

We also feel that a league or club must have 100% participation by its members to be eligible for the benefits of this program.

What benefits will a league, club, or league pitcher receive as a member of the program?

1. The local club will receive an 8 x 10 framed certificate indicating they are an NHPA and State Chartered and Sanctioned Club or League. This can be displayed at the courts or in the clubhouse.

2. The club or league will receive a one year subscription to the Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest. This will be for the first year only. After that the club or league will be expected to subscribe.

3. Only Sanctioned leagues and tournaments will be advertised or published in the news digest. So if your league is sanctioned, your results and events will be published. Unsanctioned events will not appear.

4. Your winners and participants will be officially recognized by the state and national associations for their achievements. Currently they are not.

5. This program applies to all forms of league play. Singles, doubles, scratch, handipac, count-all, cancellation, or team-leagues, whatever system you use. Men, women, and juniors are all eligible.

6. Junior boys and girls will need to purchase the card at a cost of 50 cents, one half to your state and one half to your NHPA. They will be eligible for all aspects of this program.

7. The state and national associations will be very available with technical assistance to all local clubs and leagues.

8. The NHPA will provide an awards program to each league or event.

A. League Champ Awards.

B. Most Improved Pitcher Awards.

C. Consecutive Ringer Awards. 2-4-6-8-etc.

D. Percentage over average. 10%-20%-30%-etc.

E. Points over average. 10-20-30-etc.

F. Perfect Game.

G. A so much percent game. 10%-20%-30%-etc.

H. A so many point game. 30-40-50-etc.

I. Player of the year. Local, State, Nation.

J. High Average. Scratch or Handicap

K. League Class Champion.

L. Sportsmanship Awards.

M. League Membership Awards.

This program was unanimously voted in by the delegates of all state associations represented at the 1977 National Convention. This program has been mandated by the state delegates because they realize how important the program can be.

The \$2.00 league membership does not entitle the holder to play in state and national sponsored sanctioned tournaments. However, a player need only pay an additional \$4.00 plus state dues to get the full tournament card. Juniors would only need to pay the additional 50 cents plus state dues for the full \$1.00 tournament card.

LEAGUES & CLUBS — (Continued)

What effect will this have on tournaments? Many of you are reluctant to have sanctioned events because your pitchers don't have State and National cards and the cost scares the players away. Now you could have league sanctioned tournaments where most everyone would have a league membership card. Those who didn't would have to join your league or club and buy the \$2.00 card. We could really just completely eliminate non-sanctioned events with this procedure. However, to participate in your state tournament, the World Tournament or other large state or national sponsored event the \$5.00 card would be required. But players would only need to pay the additional \$4.00 plus state dues, if they already had the league card. This would probably help your state tournament, because people who have the league card would be more likely to pay the extra fee.

People who buy the \$5.00 card plus state dues will be eligible for all events including the league and club play.

This program has been prepared at the request of the delegates at the National Convention. Copies of this program will be mailed to every State Association, to every NHPA person, published in the News Digest, and to every known club or league. Please do your part in spreading the word. Any league or club need only to send me a request in writing and all the information on this program will be forwarded.

The league director or club person will collect the \$2.00 fee. The fee along with a list of the names and addresses and a list of facilities and club officers will be forwarded to Donnie Roberts, RR 5, Lucasville, Ohio 45648. The membership card and a club or league charter will be immediately forwarded to the contact person. The contact person will forward a monthly report to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer on new members signed up during that time. When the league or event is over a copy of the results shall be forwarded to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. A list of award winners shall be included. The awards will then be forwarded to the local club. At the end of the calendar year a check will be issued to the State Associations and the local club by the NHPA. The results of all events will be forwarded to the digest upon certification by the NHPA. The report forms to be used will be supplied by the NHPA. They will be in triplicate. One for the NHPA, one for the state association, and one to be kept by the local club.

This program has terrific potential but will require support and efforts of all the horseshoe people. This could give our sport a lot of strength. This is not a program that the NHPA is shoving at you. It is the program that you have demanded from us by your vote at the convention.

CHANGE FOR PROGRESS

By Sol Berman

Ed Yankowski, regional director, made the observation that spectators sitting on the lower seats of the stands have difficulty in following the action, because of the angle and also due to the fence. Spectators in the lower rows and those behind the fence disturb the pitchers if they move.

He suggested that all these difficulties could be overcome if the pitching area was lowered or the stands elevated so that the lower rows were at the level of the top of the fence. Both of these plans are good but impractical because of the cost.

The following changes should be considered when new courts are being built. If the stakes are spaced thirty feet apart, and the men's foul line placed 7 ft. behind each stake, we could accomplish many favorable conditions.

1. Lighting of the courts would be improved.
2. The fence surrounding the pitching area could be made much lower (2 ft. would be sufficient).
3. Spectators sitting in the lower 3-4 rows would have a better view of the action.
4. People walking close to the fence would not disturb the pitcher. They would be 15 ft. behind each stake.
5. Boys, girls, and women would no longer consider themselves as 2nd class citizens.
6. New pitchers could be encouraged to play, by starting them at 30 ft. They wouldn't lose interest as readily.

The only disadvantage is that a wider piece of land would be necessary (54 ft.). Most areas at present are at least 50 ft. wide.

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Des Moines, Ia. — July 28 — Aug. 6

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It's like a bird which lands in the bay.

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Leave my hand in it's graceful way.
I know they will get there in time,
So this is what I say,
About the game I love in this way.

—By William Krawczyk

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And when it went around the stake
Fred was not surprised for Heaven sakes.
But Fred's opponents were just stunned,
Because Fred had just won.

Now Fred is retired from his sport
Even if it was too short,
But now he'll be put in the Hall of Fame,
It's just a shame,
The game will not EVER be the same.

—By William Drawczyk

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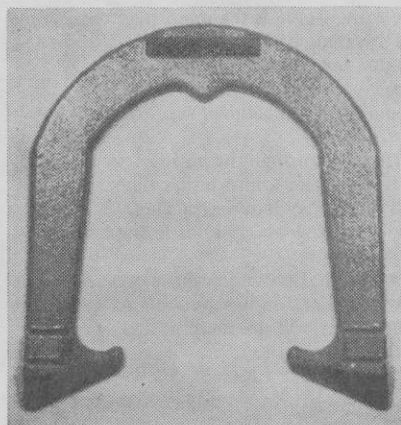
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NHPA SECRETARY VISITS DES MOINES, IA — W.T. CITY

By Donnie Roberts

It was my pleasure to visit Des Moines, Ia. January 7 and 8. Everyone treated me so nicely. The two radio shows were very appropriate, it was my pleasure to be part of that.

We had a very good meeting talking over all the aspects of the 1978 World Tournament in Des Moines.

We really laid the final groundwork for what will certainly be a fine event. Please continue to work hard. The tournament comes around very quickly.

On Sunday I visited the Savery Hotel, the site of the 1978 tournament, and Birdland Park where the extra classes will play. With a few improvements which Danny, Woody, and I talked about things should be in good shape.

We worked out the tournament schedule, designed the World Tournament patch, talked about the trophies and all the things that go into such a large event.

If you have any further questions, please write or call anytime. I extend thanks to you from myself and the entire NHPA Executive Council for your kind hospitality, a way of life in Des Moines.

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT
Des Moines, Ia. — July 28 — Aug. 6

W. T. CHAIRMAN'S LETTER OF RESPONSE TO ROBERTS' VISIT

National Horseshoe Pitchers
Association of America

Dear Officers and Members,

It is my pleasure to inform you of the wonderful visit to our city by the National Secretary-Treasurer, Donnie Roberts. The purpose of the visit was to meet out World Tournament Committee for the 1978 World Championships to be held here in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

We hoped to impress him not only of all the work this fine committee has done for myself and Marion Lange but also of the fine facility at the Iowa State Fairgrounds and how useful that large area will be for us during this large event. This city is really getting ready for you the officers and members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers. We have the Hotel Savery guarantee that the room rates will be as advertised. Check around they are fair and reasonable. Do yourself a favor and get your reservations early. The convention and Banquet will be held there and Mr. Glen "Red" Henton will provide wonderful entertainment.

We worked very long and hard on the schedule for the 1978 World Tournament. We guarantee each and everyone who wants to play will get to play regardless of their caliber of play.

This study group did their best thinking and came up with the best possible playing schedule. We have to this year play 12 Women, 12 Junior Boys, and 12 Junior Girls in Class A. Plus in the Mens Division, Classes A, B, C, D, E, play 50 point games.

We have no choice but suggest Group play in this tournament as the Round Robin schedule would make it a grueling five nights of seven games for Class A. Gentlemen groups play was tried at Greenville and we felt it was handled very nicely. We suggest a similar type of play here in Des Moines. You will like the fine schedule this committee drew up. Please study it carefully and try to understand with 18 Courts how many people we are allowing to play in this World Championship.

Thanks goes to Donnie Roberts and Earl Winston and also Don Koso for their help and visits recently to the City of Des Moines the surprising horseshoe place.

Sincerely,

Danny Sease,
Chairman

MICHIGAN WATER WONDERLAND DATE AND SITE CHANGED

The Michigan "Water Wonderland" date and location will be changed for the 1978 season. The Jackson County Horseshoe Club presented the bid and date at the winter meeting of the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association-W.S.H.P.A.

The proposal, presented by Bob Wells, approved by the W.S.H.P.A., will have the national open at the Mitchel Park courts in Jackson on July 22-23, one month later than previous years.

We will continue to give an extra \$100.00 dollars to the winner of the class A division over and above the normal prize, Wells promised. In addition, all lower class winners will receive \$25.00 dollars above the regular prizes, he added.

All entries will be \$8.00. Those who make classes A, B or C will pay 3, 2 or 1 dollar extra.

It was also announced that Casey Moubray will serve as W.S.H.P.A. Tournament Committee Chairman. He will receive all registrations and entry fees for the water wonderland tourney. His address is: Casey Moubray, 1516 Centennial Court Yard, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Additional information will appear in subsequent issues of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Digest.

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MEMORIAL DAY OPEN - PEORIA, ILLINOIS - MAY 29

The Peoria Horseshoe Club will host its Annual Memorial Day Open tournament, Monday, May 29, at the Bradley Park courts in Peoria, Illinois. There will be eight 8-man classes with trophies awarded to the top three finishers in each class. The lower four classes will start at 9:30 a.m. and pitch 40 point games. The other four classes will pitch at 1 p.m. and will pitch 50 point games. A \$5.00 entry fee and 100-shoe qualifying score should be in the hands of Bob Switzer, 2811 W. James Road, Peoria, Illinois 61614 Phone 309 - 691-2521 no later than Tuesday, May 23 so that pitching time can be mailed to all out-of-town players. Openings go to the first 64 qualifiers. Class A and B players will pay an extra \$3.00 at the courts for a prize fund to be distributed to the top three finishers in their class.

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT FRIENDS OF HORSESHOES

The Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitcher Members extend this opportunity for horseshoe pitchers throughout the country to help with our finances of the 1978 World Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. There will be space reserved in the 1978 Brochure for these friends.

If you can help us please send whatever you can to: Mrs. Sue Barns, 5804 Ingersoll, Des Moines, Iowa 50312 and make checks payable to Treasurer 1978 World Tournament Fund. We thank you for your help.

OFFICIAL 1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT HATS NOW AVAILABLE

The official 1978 World Tournament hats will soon be available and may be purchased for \$5.00 each. Profits from the sale of hats will go to the World Tournament prize fund. Use order blank below for ordering. Get your order in early.

The caps are yellow with a black bill and comes in a "fits-all" size.

The 1978 W.T. Bumper stickers are also available at 50 cents each. To keep the postage down, please order in quantity. Also W.T. pens will be available at 50 cent each. Color is yellow and black.

SEND ORDERS TO: Sue Burns, Treasurer, 5804 Ingersoll, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT

This instrument represents an agreement entered into by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America and the host for the 1978 World Tournament at Des Moines, Iowa. This agreement was reached at a meeting in Des Moines on January 7 and 8, 1978 with Donnie Roberts representing the NHPA and Danny Sease, Woody Wilson, and the Iowa Committee representing the host.

THE NHPA SHALL:

1. buy the World Tournament patches to be given to each entry. The extras will be sold during the tournament.
2. buy two pages of ads in the World Tournament Brochure.
3. buy liability insurance for the World Tournament.
4. buy two trophies for each extra class of six person or more.
5. pay Iowa \$800.00 to be used to buy the trophy list required for all scheduled classes.
6. donate \$100.00 to the host's favorite charity.
7. pay one half of the bumper sticker cost in exchange for 200 bumper stickers.
8. pay \$200.00 to the host tournament directors.
9. pay for the NHPA and News Media phone.
10. pay all scorekeepers 50 cents per game including extra classes.
11. supply scoreboards, scoresheets, office supplies, judges, office workers, qualifying boards, name tags, and other materials needed for the operation of the tournament.
12. buy all special awards sponsored by the NHPA.
13. update all pages for the brochure via Donnie Roberts.

W. T. AGREEMENT — (Continued)

THE HOST SHALL:

1. supply a free brochure for every tournament entry.
2. supply 200 bumper stickers to the NHPA.
3. provide all the manpower for the extra classes at Birdland Park for the extra classes.
4. buy trophies for all scheduled classes and arrange delivery of trophies for the extra classes.
5. open and close the courts at both location each day.
6. provide groundskeepers for both locations each day from 8:30 a.m. until play is completed.
7. have the host tournament directors in attendance at all NHPA Executive Council meetings where operation of the tournament is being acted upon.
8. provide a location for the NHPA Convention with three microphones and ample seating capacity.
9. plan and hold a NHPA Party.
10. display the flags of all charters of the NHPA supplied by the charter.
11. arrange the installation of an NHPA phone and news media hookup.
12. provide a trailer for the NHPA office. Air conditioning optional.
13. provide a PA System for the NHPA Office audible over the tournament sight and suitable for hookup on the courts for the opening ceremonies.
14. print round-robin schedules for the top classes.
15. provide bleachers, cover the middle section, install a water fountain, build a scoreboard for top class results, install plywood sheets for display of other class results, and line up a sign painter for top class names to be paid by the NHPA.
16. offer issues of the local newspaper to people who cannot attend via a written request as announced in the Horseshoe Digest.
17. provide camping facilities for 900 campers within one mile of the courts.
18. arrange that there will be no parking fees at the tournament site.
19. provide parking for 25,000 cars within 200 yards of courts.
20. install foul lines, replace all clay at the fairgrounds, install more gates, have adequate lighting, and make any other repairs to courts which are needed.
21. be prepared to cover the courts with plastic in case of heavy rain.
22. see to it that trash cans are emptied and the general appearance of the tournament site is kept up during the tournament.
23. arrange for first aide facilities at the fairgrounds.

Date _____ Donnie Roberts NHPA Representative

Date _____ Host Tournament Director
Woody Wilson

Date _____ Host Tournament Director
Danny Sease

Date _____ Host Tournament Director
Marion Lange

STEINFELDT COPS PINELLAS COUNTY OPEN — SEMINOLE, FLA.

By Sarge Cook

As starting drew near temperatures hovered around the 50 degree mark. Winds were blowing briskly at a 20 mile per hour clip. Waiting was the first round of this 54 man tournament, ready to square off for the prize of their class and to keep warm. Many states were represented along with Canada.

World Champ of 1976, Carl Steinfeldt captured the overall tournament title. Stunned by a loss to Mark Freeman, Carl had to pitch a playoff game with Florida State Champ John Rademacher. Averages were about 10 percent below normal because of the strong and gusty winds, however, the cold inspired most to pitch at a faster clip cutting playing time by at least one hour.

Many contestants were turned down because only nine courts were available. Others were not allowed to participate in this completely sanctioned tournament for not holding an NHPA card.

UNIT 1 — Carl Steinfeldt, *, NY 4-1-74.3; John Rademacher, Plant City, 4-1-63.8; Mark Freeman, Mich. 3-2-58.8; Floyd Bartley, Bradenton, 2-3-57.7; Leo Fitzpatrick, Sarasota, 1-4-57.9; Ken Drury, Ontario.

UNIT 2 — Levi Miller, Sarasota, 5-0-64.8; Rex Swinson, Sarasota, 3-2-55.5; Dick Ferguson, Sarasota, 2-3-55.4; Marv. Richmond, Minn. 2-3-53.2; Paul Scheub, Sarasota, 2-3-51.2; Joe Holland, Mich. 1-4-49.6.

UNIT 3 — Jim Peterson, Orlando, 4-1-53.5; Bill Kolb, 3-2-52.4; Bob Widdersheim, Clearwater, 3-2-45.2; Al Baldwin, 3-2-38.2; Cliff Mandren, Orlando, 1-4-43.7; Hart Knutson, New Port Richey, 0-5-38.2.

SEMINOLE, FLA. — (Continued)

UNIT 4 — Bob Thornburg, W. VA, 5-0-45.0; George Buskey, Clearwater, 4-1-51.9; Sam Raymond, Mass. 3-2-41.8; Speed Gillespie, Sarasota, 2-3-40.8; Marion Collins, Dunedin, 1-4-35.2; Les Long, Ill. 0-5-42.1.

UNIT 5 — Maurice Rodecker, Bradenton, 4-1-41.4; M. Goodrich, 3-2-44.9; Melvin Ringger, 3-2-40.4; Walt Deuster, NY, 2-3-42.1; Henry Mullet, Sarasota, 41.8; Ken Reeb, Winter Haven, 1-4-34.2.

UNIT 6 — Frank Stites, * Bradenton, 4-1-41.9; Len LaBanco, Venice, 4-1-41.6; Harry Anderson, Ill. 3-2-43.5; Bernard Worsech, 3-2-29.4; Walter House, Sarasota, 1-4-32.2; Andy Doshna, Clearwater, 0-5-33.4.

UNIT 7 — Ed. Howdeshell, * 4-1-32.8; Pat O'Toole, Canada, 4-1-29.5; Red Benton, Plant City, 3-2-32.4; Swen Bowman, Wis. 2-3-29.6; William Rowse, Clearwater, 2-3-26.2; Earl Colgan, Bradenton, 0-5-23.0.

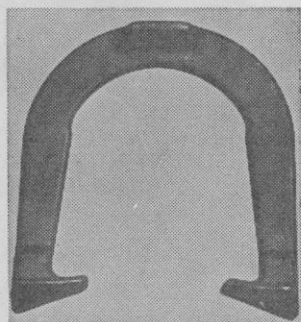
UNIT 8 — Joe West, Winter Haven, 5-0-31.0; Earl Johnson, Bradenton, 3-2-25.7; Ed Tausch, Sarasota, 3-2-27.9; Ed. Harrington, Mass. 2-3-21.9; William Wallschlader, Ill. 2-3-20.5; Goe. Christian, OH Forfeit.

UNIT 9 — Mike Provich, Seminole, 5-0-27.7; Tom Keltner, Clearwater, 4-1-15.1; John King, Penn. 2-3-20.8; Bill Bensch, Clearwater, 2-3-14.5; Art Carter, Bradenton, 1-4-14.0; Paul Barrette, Canada, 1-4-13.1. * Indicates won playoff game.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

CLARK BELL OPEN — Newell Flann, Westminster, 7-0-65.0; Ronnie Simmons, Bellflower, 6-1-67.7; Arnie Mortenson, Glendale, 6-1-69.3; Stan Standard, Orange, 4-3-57.7; Eston Brown, Anaheim, 4-2-61.5; Jim Weeks, Norwalk, 4-2-57.4; Ralph Randall, Barstow, 3-3-57.2; Louis Mahlstedt, Los Angeles, 3-3-52.3; Gene Strauss, Lomita, 2-4-50.3; Art Amador, Los Alamitos, 2-4-40.3; Louis Strauss, Lomita, 2-4-46.6; Earl Kerr, Orange, 1-5-46.8; Harold Slagg, Ontario, 0-6-42.1; Gale Sinclair, Santa Monica, 0-6-33.7.

BURBANK OPEN — Williams, W. R., Chino, 3-0; Gene Strauss, Lomita, 3-0; Arnie Mortenson, Glendale, 3-0; Louis Mahlstedt, Los Angeles, 3-0; Newell Flann, Westminster, 2-1; Stan Standard, Orange, 2-1; Eston Brown, Anaheim, 1-2; Louis Strauss, Lomita, 1-2; Harold Slagg, Ontario, 0-3; Jim Dow, Burbank, 0-3; William Robb, Burbank, 0-3; Don Tutich, Alhambra, 0-3. Called after 3 games, rain.

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1	\$1650.00
2	1150.00
3	800.00
4	600.00
5	500.00
6	325.00
7	275.00
8	250.00
9	225.00
10	200.00
11	180.00
12	160.00
13	150.00
14	145.00
15	140.00
16	135.00
17	130.00
18	125.00
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36	105.00
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Total	
\$9140.00	

SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE MEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	\$150.00
2	100.00
3	70.00
4	65.00
5	55.00
6	50.00
7	45.00
8	40.00
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Each Class	
\$575.00	

MEN'S CLASS B

1	\$100.00
2	80.00
3	75.00
4	70.00
5	65.00
6	60.00
7	58.00
8	58.00
9	58.00
10	58.00
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MEN'S CLASS C

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MEN'S CLASS D

1	\$40.00
2	39.00
3	38.00
4	37.00
5	36.00
6	35.00

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1	\$350.00
2	200.00
3	175.00
4	150.00
5	125.00
6	100.00
7	80.00
8	75.00
9	70.00
10	65.00
11	60.00
12	50.00

WOMEN, SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE CLASS 'B'

1	\$30.00
2	20.00
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Each Class	
\$50.00	

WOMEN, SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE CLASS 'C'

1	\$20.00
2	15.00
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Each Class	
\$35.00	



W. T. PRIZE LIST — (Continued)**Available Funds****Entry Fees**

Class A-36 x \$35.00	\$1260.00
Class B-36 x 10.00	360.00
Class C-36 x 5.00	180.00
Class D-36 x 2.00	72.00
Seniors-8 x 5.00	40.00
Intermediate-8 x 5.00	40.00
Women-12 x 15.00	180.00
NHPA Contribution	3000.00
Des Moines Bid	10000.00
Total	\$15132.00

Less Special Prize List500.00

Total 1978 Prize List \$14632.00
Plus Trophies

Reminder on qualifying and entry fees:**QUALIFYING**

Mens Division	\$15.00
Women	\$10.00
Intermediate	\$10.00
Seniors	\$10.00
Juniors	None

ENTRY FEES

Mens Championship	\$35.00
Mens Class B	\$10.00
Mens Class C	\$5.00
Mens Class D	\$2.00
Other Groups	\$1.00
Womens Championship	\$15.00
Inter. Championship	\$5.00
Senior Championship	\$5.00
Juniors	None

1978 SPECIAL PRIZE LIST — \$500.00**1. Highest tournament percentage, each championship class:**

AWARDS: Men — \$100.00	Women — \$50.00	Senior — \$50.00
Intermediate — \$50.00	Juniors — Boys — Girls — Trophies	

2. Highest game percentage, each championship class:

AWARDS: Men — \$50.00	Women — \$25.00	Senior — \$25.00
Intermediate — \$25.00	Juniors — Boys — Girls — Trophies	

3. High qualifier, each championship class:

AWARDS: \$50.00	Women — \$25.00	Senior — \$25.00
Intermediate — \$25.00	Juniors — Boys — Girls — Trophies	

1978 PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGES**Approved by Executive Council and Committee**

1. Shall page ten (BASIC RULES AND REQUIREMENTS) be eliminated, because it is repeated in the By-Laws.
2. Shall the Official Rules for Horseshoe Pitching be ARTICLE VI of the By-Laws. (ADDITION)
3. Shall the word "sport" replace the word "game" throughout the Constitution and By-Laws. (CHANGE)
4. Shall the words "art of horseshoes" be changed to read "sport of horseshoes". Page two (PREAMBLE). (CHANGE)
5. Shall the Secretary-Treasurer receive a travel and expense allowance to cover his actual expenses incurred in attending the World Tournament, subject to approval of the Executive Council. (ADDITION)
6. Shall the N.H.P.A. First, Second, Third, and Fourth Vice Presidents be allowed \$150.00 for attending the World Tournament. (CHANGE FROM \$100.00)
7. Shall the N.H.P.A. President receive an annual salary of \$250.00. (CHANGE FROM \$100.00)
8. Shall the Managing Editor of the Organizations monthly Magazine receive an expense allowance of \$700.00 annually. (CHANGE FROM \$600.00)

Items 5-6-7 and 8 to be effective at the 1978 World Tournament if passed by the delegates.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I have just come in from the horseshoe court, where I had a good workout with my eldest brother from Minnesota. His handicap is 40 points on a 50-point game, and today he clobbered me. I lay it to the cold, wet weather (?). We've had a little snow and a little rain recently, which have hampered our daily horseshoeing. This reminds me of a verse of Scripture from Isaiah 55:10, 11:

"For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither but watereth the earth and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Great drouth-breaking rains in California and great recordbreaking snows in the North and East herald ample ground moisture for abundant crops next year. California and Iowa will be especially grateful for the filling of their lakes and rivers. As I drove through Iowa enroute to Greenville last summer, I saw cornfields near Ames scorched from the top by heat and drouth. Rivers were dry, and towns were hauling and rationing water. Now the rains and snows have come from the heaven of the clouds, bringing welcome relief.

The Scripture likens this relief to that spiritual relief which comes to the spiritually drouth-stricken soul. This is the man who finds his life, "dry as a chip" and his soul without joy. He then turns to the Bible and hears these words, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways saith the LORD".—Is. 55:7

STEINFELDT WINS SARASOTA FLORIDA OPEN

By Dick Ferguson

Carl Steinfeldt of New York captured the top honors in the annual Sarasota Open held February 28 and 29. A good crowd was on hand despite a cool windy day that kept ringer percentage down considerably. Other winners were Rex Swinson Class B, Les Long Class C, Vern Wagner Class D, Morris Gillespie Class E, Al Baldwin Class F, Ed Howdeshell Class G, Harry Anderson Class H, Joe West Class I, and Lee Davis, Class J.

CLASS A — Carl Steinfeldt, 7-0-73.8; John Rademacher, 5-2-58.5; Joe Holland, 4-3-54.7; Paul Scheub, 3-4-54.9; Leo Fitzpatrick, 3-4-53.0; Ken Drury, 3-4-52.7; Marv Richmond, 2-5-53.9; Stanley Leis, 1-6-54.5.

CLASS B — Rex Swinson, 5-0-53.1; Howard Lea, 4-1-44.6; Bill Kolb, 3-2-47.1; Bob Widdersheim, 1-4-40.0; Ray Slocum, 1-4-37.1; Harold Cheffer, 1-4-35.8.

CLASS C — Les Long, 5-0-43.9; R. Thornburg, 3-2-39.6; Charles Howery, 3-2-37.6; Schenke Brooks, 2-3-37.9; Bill Whaley, 1-4-29.5; Swen Bowman, 1-4-25.6.

CLASS D — Vern Wagner, 5-0-45.8; Charles Ogline, 4-1-48.4; Norris Shepherd, 2-3-35.9; Pete Luster, 2-3-33.7; Jack Keller, 1-4-33.3; M. Ringger, 1-4-32.7.

CLASS E — Morris Gillespie, 4-1-43.8; George Buskey, 3-2-42.5; M. Goodrich, 3-2-38.1; Henry Mullet, 2-3-42.0; Dick Weigel, 2-3-34.8; Ken Reeb, 0-5-39.0.

CLASS F — Al Baldwin, 5-0-52.2; Frank Mace, 3-2-40.2; H. Shaw, 3-2-40.0; M. Rodocker, 2-3-40.9; Walter House, 1-4-33.4; Joe Morgan, 1-4-30.3.

CLASS G — Ed Howdeshell, 3-2-35.2; Charles Warner, 3-2-39.3; Frank Stites, 3-2-37.6; L. Haley, 2-3-37.2; Chris Miller, 2-3-36.8; Red Benton, 2-3-28.8.

CLASS H — Harry Anderson, 5-0-37.5; Earl Colgan, 3-2-32.9; Pat O'Toole, 3-2-28.4; Ed Harrington, 3-2-28.4; Ivan Gilman, 1-4-36.2; H. Fullerton, 0-5-24.8.

CLASS I — Joe West, 4-0-33.2; Art Nichols, 3-1-27.2; John King, 1-3-24.8; John Wortel, 1-3-22.7; Earle Johnson, 1-3-21.4.

CLASS J — Lee Davis, 5-0-27.1; James Pelkey, 3-2-19.9; Paul Barrette, 3-2-15.3; Art Carter, 2-3-19.6; H. Preston, 1-4-16.4; J. Bagnall, 1-4-15.8.

REPORT ON 1977 RAFFLE

By Glen Portt

The primary objective of the NHPA raffle was to get some real money into the Championship Classes for the World Tournament. Asking each of the 4500 members to either buy or sell 10 tickets was asking very little for the game of horseshoes. If the membership had gotten behind this, \$45,000 could have been raised with little difficulty. Selling 10 tickets is not hard. Phil Zozzaro, NJSHPA president sold over a 100 by himself; others sold over 50. We could have had real prize money in every division.

It is easily seen that the Class A Champion could have received \$10,000 with 2nd place \$5,000; Class B Champion \$2,500 with 2nd, \$1,500; Class C, \$1,000 with 2nd \$500; and Class D, \$500 and \$250.

The women could have \$2,500 first place with \$1,500 for 2nd; the Intermediate Seniors and Seniors each \$1,500 for first with \$1,000 for second. This would have been \$30,250 of the \$45,000. We could give a new car for first place in the drawing with several smaller prizes. However, we do not have to limit our thinking to \$45,000. Suppose every member sold 20 tickets each?

With this kind of money, the number of entrants in every division would probably double, this making still more prize money for those not finishing one or two in their division.

Frankly, I'm not proud of the fact that we have a would tournament where even the World Champion barely breaks even. We can do better! Altho' the raffle can by no means be termed an overwhelming success, it did show what 10% or less of the membership could do. It also showed what could be accomplished if the other 90% would get with it.

Until somebody comes up with a better way to get some respectable money for our World Tournament, I still feel it is the way to go. At least it is a self-help project in which every pitcher can participate. Perhaps mailing every member 10 tickets direct is the answer.

1978 WASHINGTON WINETROUT WINTER CLASSIC

It was a very fine day with 43 pitchers turning out for the big event. Thor Godwa of Gray's Harbor came on strong and proved that he will be the man to beat as time goes on. Jim Monroe won playoff over Bob Pederson and Harold Trumbull in the Junior division, while Margaret Byfield had a clean slate to win the Class D.

CLASS A — Thor Gadwa, 6-1-59.4; Bob Bartlett, 5-2-58.8; Ken Elvig, 4-3-58.8; Sig Pederson, 4-3-58.2; Ray Brumfield, 4-3-57.1; Art Sperber, 2-5-52.2; Orlean Clinton, 2-5-51.7; Bill Owens, 1-6-54.0.

CLASS B — Herb Godfrey, 6-2-47.7; Les Buchert, 6-2-46.7; Lyle Meuret, 6-2-42.5; Elwood Heine, 5-3-47.7; Bill VanEgdom, 5-3-43.5; Emerson Marsh, 4-4-39.7; Ken Heine, 3-5-42.5; Mac Huson, 1-7-28.5; Len Huson, 0-8-31.7.

CLASS C — Jim Monroe, 5-1-42.6; Bob Pederson, 5-1-36.6; Harold Trumbull, 5-1-31.6; Wayne Scriven, 3-3-29.3; Dan Leary, 2-4-38.0; Ed Bartlett, 1-5-31.0; Dale Gjerding, 0-6-22.6.

CLASS D — Margaret Byfield, 6-0-38.8; Jim Nelson, 4-2-34.6; Don Jones, 4-2-33.6; George Sprague, 3-3-36.0; Charlie Tapper, 3-3-24.6; Cyril Kitcher, 1-5-33.0; Ellis West, 0-6-15.6.

CLASSE — Kim Johnson, 5-0-34.4; Charlie King, 4-1-33.2; Pat McIntyre, 2-3-27.2; Frank Woods, 2-3-26.8; Gene Beach, 1-4-26.8; John Byfield, 1-4-25.2.

CLASS F — Bob Hughes, 5-0-36.8; Bruce Huson, 4-1-25.6; Mike Smith, 2-3-15.2; Jerry Green, 2-3-11.2; Wes Ellsworth, 1-4; Chuck Bailey, 1-4.

Deadline for World Tournament Brochure Ads Is April 15th

COMING EVENTS

1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Des Moines, Ia. — July 28 — Aug. 6

April 22 — Third annual Old Settler's Open tournament, Red Hills State park, near Summer, Illinois. No entry fee. Registration Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. Tournament starts at 10 a.m. Six classes with 3 trophies given in each class.

April 28-30 — Tenth Annual Open Carolina Dogwood Festival Tournament, Lakewood Park courts, Statesville, North Carolina. For further information contact Jack Springer, Rec. Dir. 432 Bell Street, Statesville, N.C. 28677.

May 6-7 — Second annual Open Tournament, Frazeyburg, Ohio. 6 new courts. Fee of \$46.00 should be sent to Gus Peterson, P.O. Box 311, Frazeyburg, Ohio before the end of April. Phone 614-828-2635.

May 15 — Greater Omaha Open Tournament, Dewey Park Courts, Omaha, Nebraska, \$5.00 Entry Fee and 100 shoe score to Lorin Mills, 6328 North 33rd St., Omaha, Nebraska 68111. Deadline, May 15. No rain date.

May 27-28-29 — Sixth Annual Scenic Indoor Open tournament, Hjalmer and Julia Johnson's indoor courts. Big Fork, Minnesota.

May 30 — Annual Memorial Day Open Tournament, Bradley park courts, Peoria, Illinois. For full information contact Bob Switzer, 2811 West James Road, Peoria, Illinois 61614.

June 25 — Annual Spring tournament, O'Fallon, Missouri. Limited to the first 48 players. 8 classes of 6 men each. Entries to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Drive, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366. Previous averages will be used.

June 23-24-25 — Marysville Open tournament, North Maple St. Courts, Marysville, Ohio. 6-man classes. 2 classes for women, 2 trophies per class. Entry fee of \$6.00 and percentage to Garland Glassburn, 137 First St., Marysville, Ohio 43040. Phone 513-642-0641. Deadline Saturday, June 17.

July 15-16 — Annual Illinois state tournament, Champaign, Illinois. Full details to be announced later.

July 22-23 — Annual Michigan Waterwonderland Open tournament, Mitchell park courts, Jackson, Michigan. All entries \$8.00. Classes A, B, and C will pay an additional fee of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 respectively. Send entries to Casey Moubray, 1516 Centennial Court Yard, Lansing, Michigan 48909 with fee.

July 28-Aug. 6 — 1978 WORLD TOURNAMENT, Iowa state fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa. For further information contact Danny Sease, S.W. 1229 Evans, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. Phone 1-515-285-0131.

Aug 19-20 — NORTHERN OPEN, Northern Horse-shoe Club, Canton, N.Y. 13617 — Raindate, following weekend. Contact Bob Taylor, 45 Goodrich St., Canton, N.Y. Tel. (315) 386-3622.

Sept. 3 — Second Greater Omaha Open Tournament, Dewey Park Courts, Omaha, Nebraska, Send \$5.00 entry fee and 100 shoe score to Lorin Mills, 6328 North 33rd St., Omaha, Nebraska, 68111. Deadline August 28. Rain date, Sept. 4.

Sept. 4 — Annual Labor Day Open tournament, Bradle park courts, Peoria, Illinois. Contact R.A. Switzer, 2811 West James Road, Peoria, Illinois 61614.

Sept. 2-3-4 — Annual Kansas state tournament, Linwood park courts, Wichita, Kansas.

Oct. 1 — Annual Fall tournament, O'Fallon, Missouri. 8 classes of 6 men each. Limited to the first 48 players. Previous averages will be used. Send entries to Greg Marter, 90 Country Life Drive, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366.

ALABAMA SCHEDULE

All tournaments listed will be played on the Braghan courts in Huntsville, Alabama.

April 15 — Dogwood Open

May 20 — Huntsville Classic Handicap (unsanctioned)

June 3 — Rocket City Tournament (this is a general public, no membership, nonsanctioned tournament)

June 17 — 3rd North Alabama Regional open

July 15 — High Temp Open

August 12 — Alabama State Championship

Sept. 16 — Madison County Championship

October 14 — Cotton Picken Open

Send entries to:

Navace Lee, Sec., 3200 Berkley, Huntsville, AL 35805

Marion Price, Pres. 3913 9th, Huntsville, AL 35805

Gary Floyd, VP, 2014 Rodgers, ne H'ville 35811

Ose Veesey, 3214 Bayless Dr., H'ville, AL 35805

J. Johnson, VP, Hillsboro Rd., H'ville, AL 35805

HERITAGE RECREATION SCHEDULE
SUTTON, MASS.

April 9 — Heritage National Open (39% and under)

April 16 — Heritage National Open (40% and up)

May 27-29 — Anniversary or Club Championship (details will be in the Spring Newsletter)

Coming Events—Continued

FLORIDA SCHEDULE 1977-78

Send \$5.00 entry fee to reach appropriate tournament director (or post marked) seven days prior to tournament date. All tournaments NHPA sanctioned for Classes A & B (*) denotes NHPA sanction for all classes in a tourney. Contestants must hold current State Assn. membership card (Fla. or home state).

Apr. 1 — Orange County Open, Orlando, Florida. Contact E.

Apr. 8 — Bee Ridge Open, Sarasota, Florida. Contact C.

Apr. 15 — American Legion Post 1 Open, Titusville, Florida. Contact H.

Apr. 22 — Florida State Closed, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Contact B.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

B - Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nuggett Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (813-443-2892)

C - Dick Ferguson, 4337 Midland Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33581 (813-924-4117)

E - Lee Hoyt, 1003 E. Jackson Street, Orlando, Fla. 32801 (305-894-8600)

H - Joe Stafford, 1320 Sharon Drive, Titusville, Fla. 32780 (305-269-5700)

VIRGINIA SCHEDULE

May 13-14 — Elmont Spring Warm-up Open, Elmont, Virginia.

May 27 — Fun Tournament (Family). Rain date May 28., Winchester, Virginia.

June 10-11 — Winchester Apple Capitol Open, Winchester, Virginia.

June 24-25 — VA. State Doubles, Elkton, Virginia. July 1-2 — Russell Robey Open, Buena Vista, Virginia.

July 15-16 — Hill City Open, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Aug 5-6 — VA Cash Tournament, Elmont, Virginia.

Aug. 19-20 — BOO Henson Open, Elkton, Virginia.

Sept. 2-3 — VA State Singles, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Sept. 16-17 — Raymond Frye Memorial Open, Winchester, Virginia.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — Elmont Fall Open, Elmont, Virginia.

SODJA'S INDOOR SCHEDULE

April 9 — 37% & Below.

April 16 — 38% & Above.

May 7 — 37% & Below.

May 21 — 38% & Above.

June 4 — 37% & Below.

June 11 — 38% & Above.

July 9 — 37% & Below.

July 16 — 38% & Above.

Aug. 13 — 37% & Below.

Aug 20 — 38% & Above.

Sept. 17 — 37% & Below.

Sept. 24 — 38% & Above.

Oct. — Anniversary Tournament. Detailed News Letter to come.

Nov. 12 — 37% & Below.

Nov. 17 — 38% & Above.

Dec. 10 — 37% & Below.

Dec 17 — 38% & Above.

All Tournaments are Invitational, but we urge all to make inquiries.

All Entries & Entry Fee of \$8.00 must be in at least 10 days prior to tournament date.

Location: Sojda's Indoor Horseshoes, 5818 East Main Road, Batavia, N.Y. 14020. Tel.: (716) 344-0694 — Mon. thru Thurs. — 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NEVADA SCHEDULE

NEVADA STATE OPEN — NON SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT. Saturday, May 20th 1978. Women 10:00 AM. Jrs. 10:30 AM. "C" Class 11:30 AM. "D" Class 1:00 PM.

Sunday, May 21st 1978 — "A" Class 10:00 AM. "B" Class 11:00 AM.

NEVADA STATE CLOSED — SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT. Saturday, September 9th, 1978. Women 9:00 AM. Jrs. 10:30 AM. "C" Class 11:30 AM. "D" Class 1:00 PM.

Sunday, September 10, 1978. "A" Class, 9:00 AM. "B" Class, 11:00 AM.

NORTHERN NEVADA HORSESHOE PITCHING CLUB — NON SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT.

Saturday, June 10, 1978. Women, 9:00 AM. "A" & "B" Class 11:00 AM.

Sunday, June 11, 1978. "C" & "D" Class 10:00 AM. Jrs. 11:00 AM.

NORTHERN NEVADA HORSESHOE PITCHING CLUB — SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT. Saturday, July 15, 1978. "C" & "D" Class 10:00 AM. Jrs. 11:00 AM.

Sunday, July 16, 1978. Women 9:00 AM. "A" & "B" Class 11:00 AM.

Tournaments will be held at Orvis Ring School located at 7th & Evans Avenue, in Reno, Nevada and pitching will be in clay courts. Pitching fee for all above tournaments is Men — \$6.00, Women — \$5.00, and Jrs. — \$1.00. Pre entry fee of — \$1.00.

NEW MEXICO SCHEDULE

May 27-28 — P. D. Riley Spitttoon Open-Los Altos Courts. NHPA Sanctioned.

June 17-18 — Albuquerque City Championships-Los Altos Courts.

July 22-23 — Los Altos Open. NHPA sanctioned. August 19-20 — Parker Burns Doubles-Los Altos Courts.

Sept. 2-3 — Ringers Only Tournament, State Fairgrounds State Sponsored.

Sept. 16-17 — State Tournament-Fairgrounds. NHPA Sanctioned.

Sept. 23-24 — (C. Saxton, Edgar Pulliam)

Oct. 14-15 — Howard Cundy Doubles-State Fairgrounds.

Coming Events—Continued

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

April 2 — Burbank Doubles, Burbank.
 April 9 — 52% and under (handicap), San Berdu.
 April 15 — John Walker Doubles, San Diego.
 April 16 — Class A and D, Handicap, San Diego.
 April 30 — Louie Dean Doubles, Orange.
 May 7 — Fernando Isais Open, Orange.
 May 21 — Class B and E Open (Women Handicap), South Gate.
 May 27-28 — C. Birkenbach Memorial, Baldwin Park.
 June 4 — Sam Haigh Doubles, San Berdu.
 June 11 — South Gate Open, and F, South Gate.
 June 18 — G. Bennett Memorial (Club), Pomona.
 June 25 — Gunnar Hansen D Open, Burbank.
 July 1 — Semana Nautical, C and D Open, Santa Santa Barbara.
 July 2 — Semana Nautical, A and B Open, Santa Barbara.
 July 9 — Class C Open, Orange.
 July 16 — 44% and under, (Handicap), San Berdu.
 July 22 — Elmer Beller Open, Classes B, C, and D, South Gate.
 July 30 — Archie Gregson Doubles, Burbank.

August 6 — Pomona Doubles, Pomona.
 August 12 — Jerry Schneider Doubles, San Diego.
 August 13 — Classes B and E (Handicap), San Diego.
 August 20 — 36% and under (Handicap), South Gate.
 August 27 — Wally Shipley Championship Doubles, South Gate.
 Sept. 2-3 — California State Championships, South Gate.
 Sept. 17 — 60% and under, (Handicap), San Berdu.
 Sept. 24 — 28% and under, (Handicap) Burbank.
 Oct. 1 — Special Invitational, Pomona Fair, Pomona.
 Oct. 7-8 — Barstow Open, Barstow.
 Oct. 15 — Championship A and D, South Gate.
 Oct. 22 — Championship B and E, South Gate.
 Oct. 28 — Jesse Gonzales Doubles, San Diego.
 Oct. 29 — Lowell Gray Open (Handicap), San Diego.
 Nov. 5 — John Gordon Open, Orange.
 Nov. 12 — Harry Morin Doubles, Pomona.
 Dec. 2 — Annual Awards Dinner.
 Dec. 3 — Annual Meeting.

OREGON SCHEDULE

All tournaments are state and national sanctioned

April 2 — Hermiston Turkey Shoot Open; Weber field, Hermiston. Reg. 9 a.m.
 April 22-23 — Skimmers Butte Open, Under the Bridge Courts, Eugene. Preregister, mail \$4.00 to Jerry Gorton, 85111 Kensington Dr., Pleasant Hill, Oregon 97401 before April 19th. Men with ringer percentage below 42%, Ladies & Juniors pitch Sat. Apr. 22nd. Men 42% and above pitch Sun. Apr. 23rd. Pitching starts 9 a.m. both days. The Oregon Plaque system used.
 April 29-30 — Hermiston Sagebrush Open; Weber field, Hermiston. Register by 9 a.m. Oregon Plaque system used.
 Men 40% & over pitch Sat. Men under 40% pitch Sun. Ladies pitch Sat. Juniors pitch Sun.
 May 6-7 — Riley Memorial Open; Shute Park, Hillsboro. Register by 9 a.m. both days. Men 42% & above pitch Sat. May 6th. Men below 42% pitch Sun. May 7. Ladies & Juniors pitch Sat. Oregon Plaque System.
 May 13 — Laurelhurst Open; Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Check in by 9 a.m. Oregon Plaque system.
 May 20 — Old Timers Open, Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Check in by 9:30 a.m.
 June 3-4 — Lebanon Strawberry Fair Open; River Park, Lebanon. Preregister, mail \$4.00 to Charles Wendling, 39129 Fish Hatchery Dr., Scio, Oregon 97374, no later than June 1st. Men 42% and over and women pitch Sat. Men below 42% and Juniors pitch Sun. Reg. 9:30 a.m.
 June 10-11 — Portland Rose Festival Open; Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Preregister Mail \$5.00, men under 50% and Ladies mail \$4.00 to Barry Chapelle 2716 S.E. 61st. Ave., Portland, Oregon. It must be received by June 8. 10 p.m. Check in by 8:45 a.m. Sat.
 June 18 — Salem Fathers Day Open, Bush Pasture Park, Salem. Preregister, mail \$4.00 to

Ray Schiedler, 7862 Gallon House Rd., N.E. Silverton, Oregon 97381 before Thursday June 15th. Oregon Plaque System.
 June 25 — Corvallis Open; Avery Park, Corvallis. Register by 9:30 a.m.
 July 1-2 — Oregon Cash Tournament; Open, Hermiston. Preregister, mail \$20.00 to Rick Rebman, P. O. Box 319, Hermiston, Oregon 97838 before June 28th.
 July 8 — Territorial Days Open; Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Preregister mail \$4.00 to Norma Garrett, 4920 S.E. Rinearson Rd., Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Entry deadline 9:00 p.m. Check in time 9:00 a.m.
 July 15 — Greater Portland Limited; Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Portland area.
 July 16 — Willamette Valley Limited; Brush Pasture Park, Salem. South-West Oregon only.
 July 16 — Baker Open Limited; Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington & Idaho. Geiser-Pollman Park, Baker. Check in deadline 9:00 a.m.
 July 29-30 — LaGrande Open; Riverside Park, LaGrande. Men below 38% & Women and Juniors pitch Sat. July 29th. All others pitch on Sunday, the 30th. Check in time 9:30 a.m. both days.
 August 5-6 — Sandbaggers Open; Clackamette Park, Oregon City. Pre-register, mail \$4.00 to Norma Garrett, 4920 S.E. Rinearson Rd., Milwaukie, Oregon. Deadline Thurs Aug. 3, 9:00 p.m. Men 44% & above plus Ladies Class A pitch on Sat. All others will pitch Sunday. Plaque system.
 August 12 — Roseburg Open; Stewart Park, Roseburg. Check in by 9:30. Oregon Plaque System.
 August 19 — State Doubles; Polk County Fair grounds, Rickreall, Ore. Residents only.
 Sept. 2-3-4 — Oregon State Tournament; Laurelhurst Park, Portland. Oregon Residents Only.
 Sept. 10 — Salem handicap; Open, Bush Pasture

Coming Events—Continued

WESTERN PENNA. SCHEDULE

May 27-28 — Spring Warm Up, Beaver (at Brady's Run Park)
 June 3-4 — Spring Fling, New Castle
 June 10-11 — Dormont Open, Dormont
 June 24-25 — Eastern National, Erie
 July 1-2 — Beaver County Open, Beaver (at Brady's Run Park)
 July 15-16 — North Western, Erie
 July 22-23 — Kinzua County Classic, Warren
 Aug. 12-13 — Three Rivers Open, Dormont
 August 19-20 — All County Tournament
 Sept. 2-3-4 — Pa. State Tournament, Beaver (at Brady's Run Park)
 Sept. 23-24 — Fall Round Up, New Castle.

Entry fee of \$8.00 and your highest percentage **must** accompany your entry 10 days prior to tournament date. There will be no refund of entry fee if you are unable to attend. All tournaments will be sanctioned so all participants **must** be a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers

Association in good standing. Western Penna. Sec. Treas. Joseph J. Mancini 1025 Dewey Ave., New Castle, Pa. 16101. Please wear identifying shirt in all tournaments.

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 Warren — Orrie Pudder Jr., R.D. #3, Sugar Grove, Pa. 16350 (814-489-7849)
 Erie — Glen Sebring, 3304 Harvard Rd., Erie, Pa. 16508 (814-868-3941)
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 Jack Potter, 4040 Zimmerman Rd., Erie, Pa. 16510 (814-825-5497)

NORTH. CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

April 8—Class D Open—Turlock
 April 9—Class A—Santa Rosa
 April 15—Women & Jr. 8—San Jose
 April 16—Lloyd Potter OPEN—San Jose (Sanctioned)

April 22—Class C OPEN—Sacramento
 April 23—Class A OPEN—Colusa
 April 29—Western States Women & Jr.—Sacramento
 April 30—Western States OPEN—Sacramento

May 6—Class E—Tri-Valley
 May 7—Open—Vallejo
 May 13—City Parks and Recreation, Stockton women and juniors included
 May 14—Mothers Day
 May 20—Class C OPEN—Colusa
 May 20—Class A OPEN—Turlock
 May 21—Rose Festival OPEN—DSanta Rosa
 May 21—Class D OPEN—San Jose
 May 28—Memorial Day OPEN—Golden Gate

June 3—Czar Marceovich OPEN—San Jose (Sanctioned)

June 4—Women & Jr. & Class D—Mosswood
 June 4—Class C—Tri-Valley
 June 10—Seniors & Class B—Shasta
 June 11—OPEN—Shasta**
 June 11—OPEN—Hollister
 June 17—Class C—Turlock
 June 14—Gold Country OPEN—Grass Valley, Women and Juniors included.
 June 18—Gold Country OPEN—Grass Valley
 June 18—Class C OPEN—Vallejo
 June 18—Happy Father's Day
 June 24—Class A OPEN—Colusa
 June 25—Class C OPEN—Golden Gate
 June 25—Ole Hanson OPEN—Seaside

July 1—Class A OPEN—Vallejo
 July 4—TUES. Independence Day OPEN—San Jose
 July 8—Class B—Turlock
 July 9—Bill McNally OPEN—Tri-Valley (Money Tournament)

July 15—Class B OPEN—Colusa
 July 16—Santa Rosa Fair—Santa Rosa (Money Tournament)
 July 22—Class B OPEN—San Lorenzo
 July 23—Class A OPEN—Hollister
 July 23—Class D OPEN—Sacramento
 July 29—Bill Weathers OPEN (Women and Juniors included) Stockton, Nite, 6 p.m. sign in
 July 28—Aug 6—World Tournament, Des Moines, Iowa.

Aug. 5—OPEN—Turlock
 Aug 5—Women & Jr. 8—Rio-Dell
 Aug 6—OPEN—Rio-Dell
 Aug. 6—Class E OPEN—Sacramento
 Aug. 12—Women & Jr.—Turlock
 Aug. 13—Class B OPEN—Vallejo
 Aug. 19—Pacific Coast Women & Jr.—San Jose
 Aug. 20—Pacific Coast OPEN—San Jose
 Aug. 26—Class C OPEN—Colusa
 Aug. 27—Grass Valley Fair (qualifying) Grass Valley
 Aug. 27—Class B OPEN—Hollister
 Aug. 27—OPEN—Mosswood (Money Tournament)

Sept. 2 & 3—State Championships—SCHPA (Qualifying starts 9-1-78)
 Sept. 10—Mayor Douglas OPEN—Vallejo
 Sept. 16—Class D—Tri-Valley
 Sept. 17—NCHPA B CHAMP.—San Jose
 Sept. 24—NCHPA C CHAMP.—Vallejo
 Sept. 30—Harvest Fair—Santa Rosa

Oct. 1—NCHPA A CHAMP—Sacramento
 Oct. 7—NCHPA SENIORS CHAMP—Turlock
 Oct. 15—NCHPA AA CHAMP—Mosswood
 Oct. 22—NCHPA WOMEN & JR. CHAMP—San Jose
 Oct. 29—NCHPA D & E CHAMP—Stockton

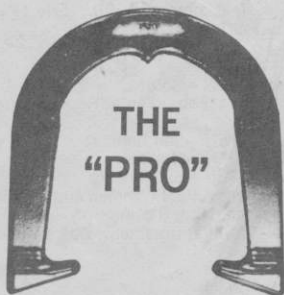
Nov. 4—Annual Business Meeting—9:30 a.m. Party 7:30 p.m.,

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Nov. 5—Turkey Shoot—Mosswood



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