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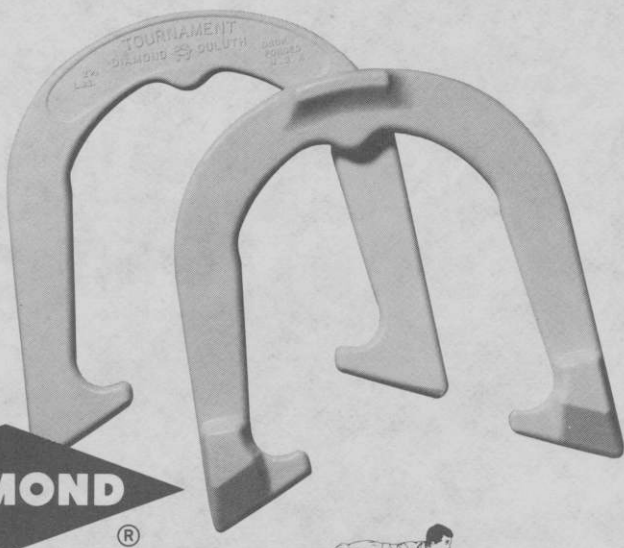
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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . . DAVE LOUCKS

As part of my goal to improve communications and have a better informed membership, I feel most of you would be interested in some of the discussion and decisions made by the NHPA Executive Council in 1986. We met twice. The first time was a brief 2 hours during the Ainsworth World Tournament and the next time was an all day session at the start of the Las Vegas tournament. All seven Council members were in Ainsworth; Vince Yannetti was not in attendance in Vegas.

Following is a brief of most of the business we covered. Items that were brought to us in confidence or that had individuals involved have been omitted if there was no direct bearing with the membership at large.

**AINSWORTH:** A possible National AAU and NHPA affiliation has been under off and on discussions for several years. The Council agreed in principal that at this time, no apparent benefit to the NHPA would result from such an affiliation.

**AWARDS:** We discussed Stokes, Hall of Fame and Presidential, who would be honored and how they would be presented. **CONVENTION:** The agenda and the new manner in which delegate voting would be handled was presented. **NEWS DIGEST:** Still a point of debate among members. How can we get issues to all NHPA members? Can we send some free issues or should the dues including the subscription rate? The delegates will vote on a proposed rate increase. It passed. **SANCTIONING OF NEW HORSESHOES:** Several new models have been presented recently and council agreed that a shoe must not have more than 3 caulks or exceed 1" in maximum thickness when setting on flat surface, top to bottom. Two new shoes were discussed; the SS Hugger which met all design parameters but with no sample presented, sanction was not issued until more than a drawing could be seen. A Flip-Grip shoe from Cartwright was not approved as it exceeded the 3 caulk and 1" measurement.

**SPECIAL DIVISIONS:** It was proposed by Don Titcomb that a special Women's and Junior Division of the NHPA be established each with its own officers. The Council felt this would not be in the best administrative interests of the NHPA.

**JUNIOR DUES AND W.T. REGISTRATION:** Since the current \$1.00 per year membership dues doesn't cover expenses and is not consistent with the Sanctioned League Program, a possible increase was discussed. Also since most states charge Juniors a tournament entry fee as does the National AAU, should we impose a registration fee in the W.T. to help offset junior expenses? Several members had suggested this. Subject was tabled until the Las Vegas meeting where it was unanimously agreed to propose a By-Law change to increase Junior dues to \$3.00 annually. All Council members also agreed to charge Juniors a \$10.00 Registration Fee at the Eau Claire W.T.

**COMPUTER NEEDS:** The Council had received requests to purchase personal computers and software to assist the Directors of the Sanctioned League and Game

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — (Continued)

Related Sales programs. After discussion of other NHPA areas in need, the subject was tabled for investigation and further discussion at the Vegas meeting. **INVESTING NHPA FUNDS:** We currently have \$80,000 in CD's drawing low interest. Should be be a bit more risky and invest in some other things that might not be as secure but provide a larger return? After investigation by Donnie Roberts and discussion with the NHPA Auditor, we later agreed to leave the money in CD's, at least for awhile.

**LAS VEGAS, NOVEMBER 1986:** The bulk of this meeting centered on tabled items and World Tournament details. **COMPUTER PURCHASES:** An item tabled in Ainsworth now is open for discussion as Ed Domey makes a presentation on behalf of the Sales program and more needs are disclosed for the Secy/Treas membership files, Digest subscribers, accounting etc. and for the President who will undertake to develop a newsletter to Charter Officers and start a central NHPA Stat Center for maintaining pitching percentages. The six council members unanimously approved the purchase of four computers with printers and accessories for use by the National Buyer, Sanctioned League Director, NHPA Secy/Treas and President. After a 2-3 month investigation of available equipment, approximately \$10,000 will be spent for these computers. The funds will come entirely from the profits accumulated in the Game Related Sales Items account. **HORSESHOE WARRANTIES:** It had been reported to us that several members were breaking shoes and having trouble getting warranty replacements as the manufacturer was no longer offering a warranty. It was suggested that the NHPA not sanction shoes that did not carry a warranty. The council voted unanimously to not get involved with a manufacturer's warranty or lack of one. **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** Chairman Bob Malley resigned. It was proposed and agreed that this function become the duty of an NHPA Vice-President. Bonnie Seibold, 4th VP now has this responsibility.

**WORLD TOURNAMENT ITEMS:** A daily newsletter proposed by Bob Champion will be issued under his direction. We hope to sell an Ad or two to offset the production cost. Registration fees will again be \$25.00 for all adults and \$10.00 for juniors. Late Registrations will be taken through July 1st. An additional \$25.00 fee will be imposed for late entrants who are placed in the tournament. **DRESS CODE** will be enforced. **PACERS** will pay scorekeepers as will all adult pitchers, 50 cents per game. **OFFICE HELP** will be allotted a maximum of \$2500. It is expected that there will be five people on each of four teams working on rotating shifts throughout the tournament. Each worker would thus received \$125 for the tournament. NHPA Council members will do pre-tournament work as assigned by Donnie. Eau Claire format of play and member suggestions from Ainsworth discussed at length. The outcome and unanimous approval of the Council was the subject of the President's message in the February Digest.

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## RINGERS REMEMBERED

By KEVIN CONE

There has been 2,275,384 games, on record, pitched in the Men's championship class at the world tournament and only two perfect games — Guy Zimmerman in 1948 and Elmer Hohl in 1968. That makes the odds 1 in 1,137,692 of pitching a perfect game in the world tournament. This is a conservative figure because all the other classes games are not even included. If we keep playing the game the way it is we will have one perfect game to look forward to in the next 20 years. By my calculations it will be in 1988.

You might wonder what I'm getting at. My point is WE HAVE GOT TO SHORTEN THE GAME of horseshoe. This question has been asked for over 35 years. Thanks to Carl Steinfeldt, who most generously sent me all his past Digests since 1950, I have been researching our past and we are still debating the same issues as we were in

## RINGERS — (Continued)

the 1950's. It's about time we start doing something about them. As you can see in the past the odds have been against us but if we were to shorten the game our odds would greatly increase.

If we ever want to get any meaningful exposure, TV coverage, we have to get the game down to a time frame where we can have several games on in an hour to two hour time frame. The big reason pool recently got some national exposure and more money in it was because of their reduced and shortened version of regular pool-9-ball. This allowed them to expose more players in a shorter time span but yet let the viewer still see quality pool. College basketball, even as popular and successful as it's been, has joined in by installing the 45 second shot clock in an effort to try to speed the game up. These are just two examples of the importance of the media to generate wider spectator interest and money. To further illustrate the media's role in sports, over 50% of the revenue generated by the National Football League comes from television. Now is the time for us to let America know that horseshoe can become a spectator sport as well as America's family game. I think we can have the best of both worlds. By exposing the top pitchers, our sport will become more known, therefore generating more interest, which in turn will lead to what we all really want, for others to enjoy and respect our sport as we do.

In the December 1953 issue of the Digest it says The Bakelite Co. developed an odorless plastic clay called Pyrocon that didn't stick to shoes and didn't dry out. Whatever happened to it?

The remarkable Curt Day finished either 1st or 2nd in eight of the 17 world tournaments he pitched in and never out of the top ten. IN fact, the lowest he ever placed was sixth. What an amazing career by one of the best horseshoe pitchers to ever pitch and one of the greatest competitors to ever participate in any sport.

At the 1927 World tournament the top 12 finalists divided up 3000 dollars in cash.

We are trying to compile a list of those who have been members of the NHPA for 50 years or more. If you have or know of someone who has please send me the details. Kevin Cone, R.R. 1, Box 137, Alta, Iowa 51002.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:** Has anyone ever pitched 90% and lost in World tournament play?

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## DONNIE ROBERTS VISITS EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Donnie Roberts, NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, and 1987 World Tournament Director visited Eau Claire, Wisconsin on January 24-25-26 and 27 to go over all the details of the 1987 World Horseshoe Tournament. The Bestul family, local coordinators for the 87 event, picked Donnie up at the airport and provided housing for the four days.

We spend endless hours planning every detail of the 87 World Tournament to make everything just the way you would want it.

I will mention just some of the areas that were planned and discussed. The tournament will be held at Hobbs Ice Arena. 32 Indoor Courts are provided here. There are 18 more perfect outdoor courts just a few blocks away at Carson Park. RV spots are at both locations.

We will have food and beverage at the site. A complete snackbar and beer garden will be available. Game related items, souvenirs, and crafts will be available at the site.

The Convention will be held on Tuesday, August 4 at the Civic Center Inn. This will, also, be the site of the Hall of Fame Banquet and Junior Party. The Civic Center Inn is the official NHPA headquarters for the 87 event. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in Sunday, August 2 in the PM. Social hour at 5:30 P.M., sit down meal at 6:30 P.M., awards at 7:30 P.M., followed by live music and dancing at 9:00 P.M. The Junior party with live DJ and pizza is the same evening at the same location.

The recognition ceremonies will be held on Saturday, August 1 in the PM.

I could go on and on but you will get all the details of Eau Claire as time goes by.

## EAU CLAIRE — (Continued)

The key item at this point is to let you know that Eau Claire is ready. This will likely be the largest world tournament ever held and in the best facilities ever provided. We are indoors where horseshoe belongs. I visited every Motel, most of the business places, the press, city officials, all camping locations, chamber of commerce, Ice Arena officials and many others. If you have any question about Eau Claire, just write or call.

The Bestuls and the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club are doing a fantastic job preparing for us. I had the honor of speaking to them at a pot-luck dinner before I left.

## SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1987

### January 1987 Receipts

NHPA Digest Subscriptions .....	\$ 4573.84
NHPA Digest Ads .....	997.47
League Receipts .....	27.00
Interest .....	83.03
Envelope Sales .....	55.00
87 World Registration Fees .....	50.00
Total January Receipts .....	\$15812.34

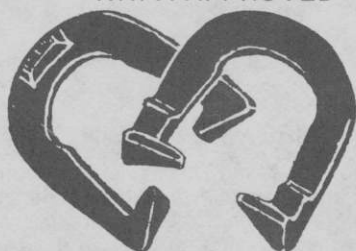
### January 1987 Expenditures

*NHPA Telephone .....	\$ 516.30
*Postage .....	1310.39
*Supplies .....	272.01
*Officer Travel .....	73.80
*Officer Allowance .....	150.00
Equipment Repair .....	776.54
1986 World Tournament .....	26.48
NHPA Patches .....	1121.07
NHPA News Digest .....	3175.59
League Program .....	3881.01
1987 World Tournament .....	33.76
Total January Expenditures .....	\$11337.05

\*These categories cover expenses of all NHPA persons, that is all officers, all Regional Directors, and all committees.

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1. All clothing shall be neat and clean.
2. Men and boys shirts must have sleeves. No tank tops.
3. Women and girls cannot wear halters or bare midriff type clothing.
4. Shorts may be worn, but nothing shorter than tennis shorts.
5. No cut off shirts, shorts, or trousers.
6. Shoes must be worn. Socks are optional.
7. Pitcher's name and state must be on back of shirt or blouse in neat fashion. (Pitcher's last name a must.) (World Tournament Requirement Only)

The above seven conditions outline the NHPA Approved Dress Code. They will be enforced at the World Tournament and other Regional events that are under the direction of the NHPA. State charters and local clubs are encouraged to follow these guidelines for all sanctioned tournaments.

Violators will be asked to take corrective action. Failure to do so will be cause for removal from the tournament with forfeiture of all entry fees and prize money.

NHPA Executive Council  
and  
Dress Code Committee  
Bonnie Seibold, Chairperson  
Charles Kilgore  
Jeannie Spaller  
Mary VanSant

## IT'S A MYTH, SO ENTER FORTHWITH . . .

By **DONNIE ROBERTS**

Everywhere I travel, I hear horseshoe pitchers talking about the World Tournament. They all seem to think that you have to be an 80% pitcher to enter. Pitchers don't seem to realize that the World Tournament has classes for everyone. If you are a 5% pitcher we will have 75 other 5% pitchers there to play. Actually the World tournament is the best tournament of the year for a low class pitcher to enter. It is the only place where a 15% pitcher will be in a whole class of 15% pitchers. Usually in a small tournament the percentage spread is pretty big in lower classes. Not so at the World. No matter how high or low you think you pitch, we have a class just for you. Averaging 2% is good reason to enter the world tournament. I'm not good enough to pitch in the World Tournament is an invalid statement.

After a one year attempt at another procedure in 1986, we have reinstated the popular move up procedure to the World Tournament. To repeat a statement I made a few years ago when the move-up system was started, "A pitchers chance to move up and to go all the way to the top is limited only by his own performance." Every pitcher who enters has the chance to become World Champion.

I might mention that every class will get back all of its registration fee in prize money. Over 50% of all entries will receive prize money.

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## EARL WINSTON CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS 1ST V.P.

I will welcome your support for 1st V.P. of the NHPA once again. In the past I've held many and various positions in the organization and feel I can still serve the membership.

In 1978 and again in 1986 I helped Iowa and Nebraska in their conquest of the world tournament.

I've attended all called council meetings in Missouri and Nevada and will continue to aid and support the NHPA.

## KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBER

By GLEN PORTT

**1941-45.** CBI! The China-Burma-India theater of operations for the Army Air Corps famed 10th AF. . . and one particular squadron of B-25 Marauders. . . the medium bomber of the 490th!

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The 490th did its job. Historical records reveal, that among other accomplishments, the squadron was credited with the amazing total of 1000 bridges completely destroyed. A member of the 490th is now a Hall of Famer but is better known for being a participant in 'The greatest horseshoe game ever pitched' . . . Glen 'Red' Henton.

## GREETINGS FROM SPORTS ENTERPRISES

After one year of business, Sports Enterprises Inc. (SEI) is deeply entrenched in the development of the Horseshoe Palladium Project. Over and above their steady movement toward the procurement of the first Horseshoe Palladium building, the organization has made great progress in the development of horseshoe-related products including an artificial clay ideal for indoor pitching, a new peg which cuts the noise factor and a prototype nonmetal horseshoe which should provide a variety of benefits for pitchers.

SEI's year of growth has been enhanced by the addition of one of the world's leading horseshoe pitchers, Donnie Roberts. Roberts has been involved in the sport since 1956. With several world titles to his credit as a pitcher, he's recognized as the leading promoter of the sport world wide. He is currently serving his sixth term as secretary/treasurer of the NHPA (National Horseshoe Pitchers Association). Roberts has joined SEI as national operations director and is working full time with the rest of the staff organizing, developing and promoting the Horseshoe Palladium Project.

## In Memoriam

It is with deep regret and sorrow that Southern California has to report the sudden death of Jim Dow. Jim Dow was 64 years young. He was an Officer in the S.C.H.P.A. for 8 years. He was also inducted into the S.C.H.P.A. Hall of Fame.

Jim and his wife Barbara attended several World Tournaments. They never missed a S.C. Tournament. Jim was a hard worker and strong supporter for HORSESHOES. His favorite expression was "Are You Having Fun." Jim felt everyone should have fun pitching horseshoes. He will be missed by everyone.

S.C.H.P.A. extends its sympathy to his wife Barbara and their children. Barbara, we sincerely hope you will continue pitching horseshoes.

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Marion Collins, a native of Michigan and active in the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club, passed away in Florida, Jan. 31, 1987. He was a charter member of the Clearwater Club and belonged to the Florida Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife Marie.

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The name of Vernon Holland was given as passing away in Florida during the month of August 1986. It should have read Gordon Holland.

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I am going to make a supreme effort to publicize horseshoe pitching in this area and will appreciate your cooperation in keeping me informed on all area tournaments. I would like a list of Texas towns that you know of that have horseshoe courts, even if they do not have tournaments.

I plan to carry on a continuing correspondence with a person in each Texas town that has horseshoe pitchers. It is my plan to get horseshoe articles published in area newspapers.

Yours truly,

VIC HOLMBERG  
Publicity Director  
Arlington, TX

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Dear Mr. Cobb,

This in follow-up on the count all system of scoring ringers only, in regards to improving spectator interest in the game.

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This also would be advantageous for tournament scheduling with an eight man class turnover every 2 hours, another boost to spectator interest.

We have heard much about progress, but we had better change for progress or stagnate in the barnyard category. I say a 20 shoe match is 20-20 vision into the future of TV Horseshoes.

Sincerely,

Art Egland  
Rt. 3, Box 27  
Halconbe, WI 54745

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## "From Out Of The Mail Bag"

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January 26, 1987

## APPLICATION FOR 1987 W.T. HOUSING ACCOMODATIONS

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Chippewa Falls		\$35 (2 beds, 4 people)
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Best Western	\$40	\$40 (\$5 each additional person)
White House Motel		
Civic Center Inn	\$42	\$44 (1 bed, 2 people)
*Headquarters Hotel		\$47 (2 beds, 2 people)
Eau Claire Motel	\$25	\$26 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$32 (2 beds, 2 people)
		\$37 (2 beds, 4 people)
Evenox Motel	\$25	\$28 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$32 (2 beds, 2 people)
		\$36 (2 beds, 4 people)
Excel Inn	\$26.50	\$37.50
Garton's Motel	\$22	\$26 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$30 (2 beds, 2 people)
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Heritage Motel	\$22	\$26 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$30 (2 beds, 2 people)
Holiday Inn	\$42	\$47
Howard Johnson's	\$34	\$44 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$47 (2 beds)
Maple Manor	\$29	\$31 (1 bed, 2 people)
		\$34 (2 beds, 2 people)
Midway Motor Lodge	\$42	\$47
Ramada Inn	\$39	\$39 (1-4 people)
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## Sidney Plott of Louisiana

The Louisiana State Association created its Hall of Fame in 1986 and is proud to announce that its charter member is Mr. Otis Sidney Plott of Shreveport.

Sid Plott was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1906. As a boy in Neosho, Mo. he began pitching the discarded shoes from off of the horses on his parents' farm. When he was a teenager, he watched Charlie Davis, the current World Champion at that time, pitching an exhibition in Neosho, Sid was thoroughly impressed and ordered a "real" set of horseshoes and began practicing in earnest and for him a new world of horseshoes began.

Sid moved to Shreveport, La. as a junior in high school and graduated from Bird High School. He played on the State Championship Baseball team. At his 50th class reunion he asked his coach if he remembered him. The old coach replied, "Yes, I remember, you and your dad pitched horseshoes on the Court House square."

At the age of 21, Sid caught a train, attended the 1927 World Tournament held in Duluth, Minnesota and pitched a very respectable 40 percent.

While working in Hornbeck, La. he met and married Leona Ellis. They have shared 58 years of wedded bliss and are the parents of three children and have three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Over the years they have attended 26 World Tournaments. He won the 1959 World Class "B" Championship at Murray, Utah, averaging 64 percent. Other feats was pitching an exhibition with the great Ted Allen. Also he won the first Louisiana State Championship in 1927. In 1985 he won World Class C in the 70 years and over division. Also in 1985 he presented his son-in-law and granddaughter their state championship trophies. After a lapse of 58 years the championship stayed in the family.

He resides at 2728 Rosemont, Shreveport, La. 71108. He has a clay court in his yard and invites all pitchers to come and "pitch a few."

## MARGARET BYFIELD UNDEFEATED IN TACOMA, WASH. TURKEY SHOOT — ART SPERBER RUNNERUP — SANC.

**MEN'S A** — Margaret Byfield, Mt. Vernon, 7-0-65.0; Art Sperber, Bremerton, 6-1-66.4; Oliver Hartzell, Bothell, 4-3-55.9; Gerry Staley, Vancouver, 3-4-56.2; Bob Hughes, Burley, 3-4-53.8; Ron Ferguson, Vancouver, 3-4-50.0; Leo Rollick, Seattle, 1-6-52.0; Dan Leary, Steilacoom, 1-6-45.9.

**CLASS B** — Walt Weik, Spanaway, 7-2-45.4; Carolyn Ferguson, Vancouver, 5-3-46.1; Bob Clark, Port Orchard, 5-3-44.3; Ray Simmonds, Olympia, 3-4-52.2; Barney Heller, Everett, 3-4-50.3; Bob Hoerner, Tacoma, 3-4-47.4; Ray Sexton, Hoquiam, 2-5-41.9; Terry Collins, Port Angeles, 2-5-41.7.

**CLASS C** — Skip Schilperoort, Sunnyside, 6-1-40.4; Les Lingel, Marysville, 5-2-44.3; Earl (Joe) Hardie, Spanaway, 4-2-39.2; Harry Hedin, Kent, 3-3-42.2; Jack Bush, Marysville, 3-3-38.6; Lyle Meuret, Everett, 1-5-36.4; Don Sahlin, Maple Valley, 0-6-22.7.

**CLASS D** — Charlie Tank, Puyallup, 4-1-39.3; Cecil Channing, Bonney Lake, 3-2-43.1; Art Hart, Gig Harbor, 3-2-39.6; Frank Errigo, Tacoma, 2-3-38.4; Les Spilseth, Olympia, 2-3-38.1; Don Fagerness, LaCenter, 1-4-28.3.

**CLASS E** — Jim Kosterman, Vancouver, 7-2-31.5; George Richards, Edmonds, 5-3-33.9; Larry Lowitz, Seattle, 5-3-32.4; Cleve Woods, Graham, 4-3-34.7; Don Walker, Seattle, 4-3-31.6; Bill Hendricks, Kelso, 3-4-29.6; Ahti Laine, Aberdeen, 2-5-27.9; Wendell Roberts, Port Orchard, 0-7-20.1.

**CLASS F** — Gene Beach, Marysville, 6-0-39.7; Ted Bostwick, Sequim, 4-2-26.4; Bill Edgecomb, Tacoma, 4-2-20.7; Milt Johnson, Auburn, 4-2-19.7; Al Robbecke, Tacoma, 2-4-16.4; Merle Hardie, Spanaway, 1-5-16.3; Bill Connell, Tacoma, 0-6-8.4.



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Our tournament will be 8 players, round robin, cancellation games. Trophies or equivalent will be awarded for first and second places. Entry fee of \$10.00 should accompany your entry 10 days prior to the tournament's first date. You will be classed according to your ringer percentage submitted. Tournament Directors have the right to make changes. The Tournament will be NHPA sanctioned, number 21-87-024.

Contact Jeannie Spaller, 1288 W. Jackson Street #215, Painesville, Ohio 44077, phone 216-354-4425, or Earl Vansant, 244 Deer Drive, Chardon, Ohio 44024, phone 216-285-2552.

## STALEY TOPS IN FLETCHER MEMORIAL — OLYMPIA, WASH. SANCTIONED

**CLASS A** — Gerry Staley, Vancouver, 8-1-60.1; Verl Lawson, Shelton, 7-2-60.3; Art Sperber, Bremerton, 6-2-62.4; Leo Rollick, Seattle, 5-3-58.5; Bob Hughes, Burley, 4-4-55.6; Ron Ferguson, Vancouver, 4-4-53.1; Oliver Hartzell, Bothell, 2-6-48.4; Phil Luce, Hoquiam, 1-7-47.5; Dan Leary, Steilacoom, 0-8-41.7.

**CLASS B** — Ray Sexton, Hoquiam, 7-1-51.2; Arnie Coleman, Hoquiam, 6-2-52.7; Walt Weik, Spanaway, 6-2-46.1; Carolyn Ferguson, Vancouver, 4-4-45.7; Bart Barber, Anacortes, 4-4-41.8; Don Ferguson, Vancouver, 3-5-43.5; Bob Clark, Port Orchard, 3-5-41.0; Bob Hoerner, Tacoma, 2-6-42.5; Bob Sletten, Vancouver, 1-7-35.1.

**CLASS C** — Ray Simmonds, Olympia, 7-0-49.6; Skip Schilperoort, Sunnyside, 5-2-43.2; Jack Bush, Marysville, 4-3-43.1; Cecil Channing, Bonney Lake, 4-3-38.3; Earl (Joe) Hardie, Spanaway, 4-3-38.0; John Hilberg, Clinton, 2-5-29.2; Earl Kuper, Puyallup, 2-5-27.6; Don Sahlin, Maple Valley, 0-7-30.1.

**CLASS D** — Orlean Clinton, Seattle, 7-1-36.9; Les Spilseth, Olympia, 6-2-35.9; Charlie Tank, Puyallup, 5-2-36.7; Jim Kosterman, Vancouver, 4-3-34.6; Burl Matteson, Bremerton, 3-4-30.9; Cyril Kitchen, Tacoma, 3-4-29.1; Ahti Laine, Aberdeen, 1-6-30.0; Carl Wallin, Olympia, 0-7-30.9.

**CLASS E** — Bill Van Egdome, Lynden, 6-1-38.9; Larry Lowitz, Seattle, 5-2-33.4; Bill Hendricks, Kelso, 5-2-25.1; Verl Webb, Olympia, 4-3-23.2; George Richards, Edmonds, 3-4-32.8; Wayne McAferty, Olympia, 3-4-26.9; Chuck Sackett, Olympia, 1-6-25.0; Lyle Andrews, Vancouver, 1-6-19.4.

**CLASS F** — Milt Johnson, Auburn, 7-1-26.8; Ted Bostwick, Sequim, 6-2-24.2; Al Robbecke, Tacoma, 5-2-20.1; Bill Edgecomb, Tacoma, 4-3-15.0; Merle Hardie, Spanaway, 3-4-15.5; Bill Connell, Tacoma, 3-4-11.6; Ed Andrijeski, Olympia, 1-6-11.9; Rich Carroll, Aberdeen, 0-7-54.1.

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The deadline to register is June 1, 1987. Any registration received postmarked after June 1 will be placed on a waiting list to be used in case of drop-outs. NO PHONE REGISTRATION. Late registrations will pay an additional \$25.00 if they get into the event. NHPA DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED.

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**REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE ENCLOSED:** Juniors pay \$10.00. All others \$25.00. It is very important that you enter the correct division. Any male regardless of age may enter the Open Men's Class. Any female regardless of age may enter the Open Women's Class. Juniors who make this choice to enter the adult divisions must pitch adult distances and will forfeit their junior standing. If you are 17 years old or younger on or after January 1, 1987 you may enter the junior divisions. You may enter the Intermediate Division if you are from 60 to 65 years of age by July 26, 1987. To enter the Senior Division you must be 66 years old or older by July 26, 1987. If you become 66 during the tournament you will be allowed to finish competition in the Intermediates and may not enter the Seniors until 1988. To enter the Elders 70+ Division you must be 70 years of age by July 26, 1987.

PLEASE!!!!!!Circle the Class you are registering for.

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| 5. Intermediate Men          | 6. Intermediate Women         | 7. Senior Men        | 8. Senior Women |
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We reserve the right to cancel any division if too few enter or percentage spread is too large for proper classification. Mail registrations to: **Donnie Roberts, Box 278, Munroe Falls, OH 44262.**

## GERRY STALEY WINS SEATTLE, WASH. TURKEY SHOOT

### NOVEMBER 15 — SANCTIONED

**MENS A** — Gerry Staley, Vancouver, 7-1-56.6; Leo Rollick, Seattle, 5-3-55.7; Margaret Byfield, Mt. Vernon, 5-3-51.0; Ron Ferguson, Vancouver, 4-4-50.7; Barney Heller, Everett, 4-4-50.0; Dan Leary, Steilacoom, 4-4-49.7; Ray Simmonds, Olympia, 3-5-51.3; Carolyn Ferguson, Vancouver, 2-6-44.6; Bob Hoerner, Tacoma, 2-6-42.4.

**CLASS B** — Charlie Tank, Puyallup, 7-2-42.0; Mo McNally, Dorena, OR, 5-3-44.3; Les Lingel, Marysville, 5-3-37.7; Earl (Joe) Hardie, Spanaway, 4-3-43.4; Jack Bush, Marysville, 3-4-39.0; Lyle Meuret, Everett, 3-4-28.9; Don Sahlin, Maple Valley, 1-6-36.0; Ray Brumfield, Lynwood, 1-6-13.8.

**CLASS C** — Len Huson, Seattle, 8-1-43.4; Gene Beach, Marysville, 7-2-35.1; Jim Kosterman, Vancouver, 6-3-35.2; Orlean Clinton, Seattle, 6-3-34.2; Don Walker, Seattle, 4-5-36.5; Don McDugle, Anacortes, 4-5-33.6; Larry Lowitz, Seattle, 4-5-30.2; George Richards, Edmonds, 3-6-31.4; Cyril Kitchen, Tacoma, 2-7-25.4; Mac Huson, Seattle, 1-8-20.1.

**CLASS D** — Glen Titchenal, Federal Way, 4-2-24.3; Sig Pederson, Seattle, 4-3-23.2; Merle Hardie, Spanaway, 3-3-22.6; Bill Edgecomb, Tacoma, 2-3-16.4; Mel Angvik, Seattle, 2-3-16.4; John Vandenberg, Seattle, 2-3-11.8.

## BERKLEY, MI. INVITATIONAL — MAY 16-17 — SANC. 13-87-002

The 4th Annual Berkley Invitational Tournament will be held on May 16-17 in Berkley, Michigan. There will be over \$1,000 in prize money based on 64 paid entrants. Cash prizes and trophies are offered.

**MENS DIVISION — CLASS A (8 Players)** — Fee, \$20.00 — 1st, \$200.00 and trophy; 2nd, \$100.00; 3rd, \$50.00.

**CLASS B (8 Players)** — Fee, \$18.00 — 1st, \$100.00 and trophy; 2nd, \$50.00; 3rd, \$25.00.

**CLASSES C-F (8 Players)** — Fee, \$15.00 — 1st, \$75.00 and trophy; 2nd, \$30.00; 3rd, \$20.00.

**LADIES DIVISION — CLASS A (8 Players)** — Fee, \$18.00 — 1st, \$100.00 and trophy; 2nd, \$50.00; 3rd, \$25.00.

**JUNIOR BOYS** — Fee, None — 1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy; 3rd, Trophy.

**JUNIOR GIRLS** — Fee, None — 1st, Trophy; 2nd, Trophy; 3rd, Trophy.

**MAY 15** — Friday 7:00 p.m. Tournament for area men, women and juniors only. Trophies in each class. Entry fee \$5.00 each, Juniors — no fee. No pre-registration required.

**MAY 16** — Saturday — 10:00 a.m. Ladies & Juniors Classes Play.

**MAY 16** — Saturday — 2:00 p.m. Top Invitational Classes Play.

**MAY 17** — Sunday — 10:00 a.m. Lower Invitational Classes Play.

Juniors must be under 17 on May 14, 1987. NHPA card required for Invitational Tournament qualification. All classes will pitch 35 point games, except if a class has a pitcher below 20%. Then the group will pitch 35 points or 50 shoes, whichever comes first. 1986 average will be used.

Pre-registration required for all Sat. & Sun. Invitational Play. Deadline is **May 8th**. Mail entries to: Paul Wishon, 4111 Griffith, Berkley, MI 48072 and indicate ringer percentage or handicap. Registrants will be provided added information and starting times. Make check payable to "Berkley Horseshoe Club."

Send your name and address and phone number together with your ringer percentage and which division you want to pitch in also your NHPA card number to tournament director listed above.

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## RAHFELDT WINS AT WHITING, IND. SANC 12-87-001

**CLASS A** — R. Rahfeldt, 6-1-52.0; Greg Kuss, 6-1-41.9; R. Wisniewski, 5-2-48.8; A. Austin, 4-3-41.8; T. Reid, 3-4-37.3; D. Judd, 2-5-38.6; F. Jones, 1-6-38.9; D. Stephenson, 1-6-37.0.

**CLASS B** — L. Farris, 7-0-36.1; J. Klima, 5-2-40.4; J. Barrick, 5-2-37.8; B. Prohaska, 4-3-30.3; J. Hall, 3-4-29.8; Marsh, 2-5-28.1; R. Weisman, 1-6-27.4; J. Kuss, 1-6-18.8.

**CLASS C** — R. Dockrader, 6-1-29.2; C. Rahfeldt, 5-2-31.5; R. Maza, 5-2-22.9; R. Munn, 4-3-22.4; T. Stephenson, 4-3-20.4; M. O'Conner, 2-5-23.6; M. Hruskocy, 1-6-23.2; A. Dahlgren, 1-6-16.5.

**CLASS D** — R. Guzinski, 6-1-24.7; D. Wise, 5-2-22.9; M. Hruskocy, 4-3-20.1; J. Barrick, 3-4-18.6; J. Kukowski, 3-4-18.4; S. Carlson, 3-4-16.0; M. Miles, 2-5-21.2; B. Connors, 2-5-16.9.

## GOLDENDALE CLUB OF WISCONSIN SEEKS INFORMATION

The Goldendale Club of Germantown, Wisconsin is considering putting a permanent cover over its six courts and desires information from those that have constructed permanent covering for assistance.

They have received a video presentation of such an installation in North Dakota. Are there any other clubs or knowledgeable people who could offer their "How-To-Do-It" expertise?

They would appreciate any contribution or comments. Contact Jim Haupt, W204 N11912 Goldendale Road, Germantown, Wisconsin 53022.

## IRON MEN OF CLOVERDALE

By STEWART SNYDER

Nine old men live today in the Iron-Age in Cloverdale, California. To verify this statement please note the following facts compiled by Earl Conaway, statistician for the Cloverdale Horseshoe Club.

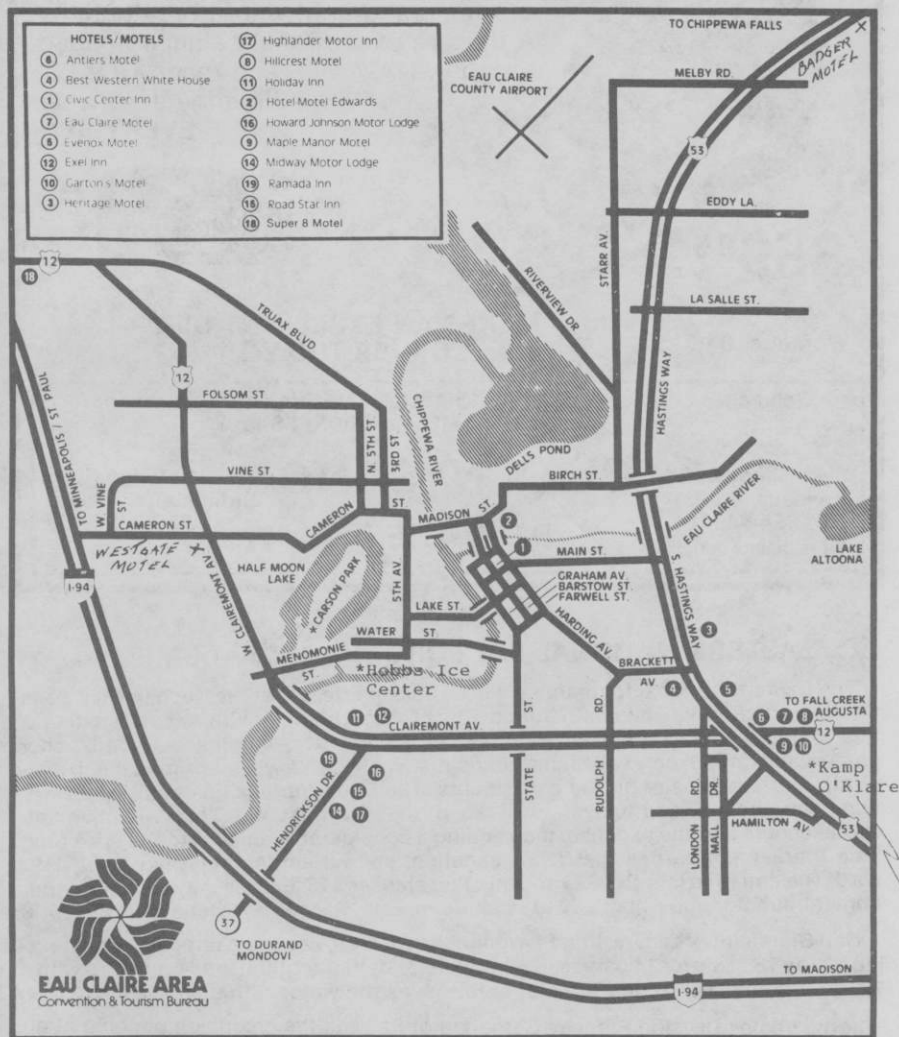
These nine Cloverdale Senior Citizens, all retired from a lifetime of constructive activity, continue to demonstrate their remaining strength by pitching iron horseshoes at iron stakes three afternoons a week in the City Park, all for fun, they say (but more probably, to signify they still can do it).

Could you believe that in the last EIGHT years these nine old guys have thrown 988,700 horseshoes; 2,471,750 pounds of iron; more unbelievable converted to 1,230.875 tons; how many truck and trailer loads is that?

The deteriorated condition of these horseshoe pitchers is expressed by the fact that of a near-million shoes pitched, only 247,704 were ringers; a little less than one-fourth, but they consider beneficial exercise high reward for their efforts. "Horseshoe pitchin's good for your health," so it has been said. Well, in pitching nearly a million shoes, these fellows, jointly, amassed a mileage of 3,745, equal to a stint from ocean to ocean, calculated West to East, without concern for getting back. Judging from statistics on longevity, these guys probably will all be "gone" long before they pitch themselves back to home base in California.

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### **EASTERN NATIONAL SET FOR JUNE 27-28 — ERIE, PA.**

The Eastern National tournament will be held in Erie, Pa. at the Kuchcinski Courts, Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th. This will be the 40th annual running of this tourney. This year's event will have a new format. All games will be 50 shoe games, and ringers only will count. No points. We feel this will make for a much nicer affair, and a lot easier on the participants. The Erie Club has come up with a new type scoreboard, and players will keep their own score. This will eliminate scorekeepers and the expense, thus adding a considerable amount to the prize fund. This tournament carries the NHPA sanction, and all entries must have an NHPA card. The entry fee is A-B-C \$25 and all other classes \$15. Entries may be sent to tournament director Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Road, Erie, Pa. 16510. Phone (814) 899-9796.

Carl Steinfeldt of Clearwater, Fl. won the event last year going unbeaten, and tossing a nifty 78.3% over 14 games. Kevin Hollister of Vermont finished runner-up with a 73.8%. In Class B Harold (Darnold) of Iowa was the victor with a 66.4%.

In the Ladies Division Frances Carnahan of Pa. was the champion pitching at an even 75%. Runner-up in the Ladies was Ruth Hangen of New York tossing 71.1%. Linda Dolby of Pa. won the Ladies Class B, edging Barbara White of Pa.

The annual Eastern National in Erie each year is used by many of the best players in the Eastern U.S. as a warm-up to the World Tournament. Erie has a great peninsula extending 19 miles out into Lake Erie, with beautiful sandy beaches, loads of picnic facilities. Many motels are very close to the courts.

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John H. Davis, President

## BUCKY WALTERS OPEN — JUNE 20-21 — SANCTION 21-87-035

The Bucky Walters Open Tournament will get underway on June 20-21 at the Troy Horseshoe Club Courts on the Miami County Fairgrounds in Troy, Ohio. Pitchers should send ringer percentage and entry fee of \$9.00 to Gerald Hackett, 1313 Saratoga Drive, Troy, Ohio 45373. Ph: 513-335-2097. Deadline for entries is June 6. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places in each class. For additional information contact Gerald at above phone or Ken Walters, 513-339-1759.

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**CLASS A** — Betty Dunlap, 5-1; Buck Neville, 4-2; Clayton Bonhan, 4-2; Leo Fitzpatrick, 3-3; Gary Gardner, 2-4; Lee Roy Rowe, 2-4; Jim Harris, 1-5.

**CLASS B** — Walt Pichard, 4-2; Lou Bensinger, 3-3; Max Roseberry, 3-3; Charles Dunlap, 3-3; Marvin Grubb, 3-3; Fred Ash, 3-3; Pat Molinaro, 2-4.

**CLASS C** — Phillip Law, 4-2; Donald Marx, 4-2; Dick Senger, 3-3; Karl Rock, 3-3; Warren Rodgers, 3-3; John Fitzpatrick, 2-4; Jay Hayers, 2-4.

**CLASS D** — Ron Haines, 5-1; Ken Carson, 4-2; Russell Lobuzzetta, 4-2; George Stifel, 4-2; Pat O'Toole, 2-4; Dorothy Slocum, 1-5; Bob Ratcliffe, 1-5.

**CLASS E** — Arnold West, 5-1; Charles Sipp, 4-2; Roger Beare, 3-3; Jack Lyons, 3-3; Ken Alloway, 3-3; Norman Davey, 3-3; Bernie Southwell, 0-6.

**CLASS F** — Dennis Rahfeldt, 5-0; Marge Spray, 4-1; Cal Kaercher, 1-4; Don Barton, 1-4; Bob Marshall, 1-4; Dan Fagan, 1-4.

**CLASS G** — Dennis Jancoski, 4-2; Robert Glover, 4-2; Roger Sutor, 3-3; Ted Schooley, 3-3; Victor Gray, 3-3; Lenny Blagi, 3-3; Clinton Dickinson, 1-5.

**CLASS H** — Chester Law, 6-0; Geo. McGraw, 4-2; Bob Ridge, 4-2; Frank Spray, 3-3; Earl Hartman, 3-3; Alex Gritske, 1-5; Sal Bosco, 0-6.

## L. MILLER WINS SARBAUGH-JAN. OPEN — SANC. 21-87-031

Lawrence Miller won the Sarbaugh Open in January with a perfect 7.0-67.5 record. John Martin had the highest single game with an 84.8.

**CLASS A** — Lawrence Miller, 7-0-67.5; John Martin, 5-2-67.1; Glen Santee, 5-2-64.4; Elden Sarbaugh, 4-3-63.5; Casey Danner, 3-4-59.8; Bob Johnson, 3-4-54.3; John Hawk, 1-6-52.7; Frank Wiscarver, 0-7-47.0.

**CLASS B** — Bob Garrett, 8-1-45.4; Jerry Boesch, 7-2-52.9; Earl Noe, 7-2-42.2; Ottie Reno, 5-4-43.5; Ken Hawk, 5-4-42.7; Kelly Sarbaugh, 5-4-38.2; Larry McCoy, 5-4-31.0; John Boring, 0-9-33.1; Carol Martin, Pacer, 39.7.

**CLASS C** — Ed Pratt, 7-2-39.2; Larry McCoy, 7-2-36.9; Jim Shipley, 6-3-41.1; Larry Rose, 6-3-34.0; Bob Wyscarver, 5-4-31.6; Doyle Neal, 5-4-30.2; Rick Felter, 5-4-29.1; Bernard Davis, 3-6-26.2; Dwain Ringler, 3-6-25.3.

## CANDOR, NEW YORK LEAGUE CLOSES SEASON — SANC. 82C48

Winners of the league, for the 2nd year in a row, were Carolyn Hewitt and Pidge Cole. The league has 12 teams, each team consisting of one man and one woman. Because there was so many "horseshoe widows" in this area, the league was organized primarily to involve the ladies. Most were reluctant at first but now look forward to the competition on Wednesday nights. The league takes pride in the fact that more than half of our ladies now participate in regional and state tournaments.

This year's awards for the women: League Champion, High Average, and High Game, Carolyn Hewitt. High Over Average, Nancie McBride. Rookie of the Year, Patty Pichany. Sportsmanship and Most Improved Player, Kelly Horton.

The awards for the men: League Champion, High Average and High Game, Pidge Cole. High Game Over Average, Bill Edwards. Rookie of the Year, Leon Mott. Sportsmanship Award, Mike Horton.

### Final League Standings:

	Pts.		Pts.
1. The Pits—Carolyn Hewitt & Pidge Cole	46	7. The Sundowners—Barb & Frank Barry	29
2. Goodie Two Shoes—Bonnie & Ken Strickland	39½	8. Has Been—Diane & Burt Cole	22½
3. Rain or Shine—Josephine & Walt Hurst	35½	9. Sweet Cheeks—Nancie & Bob McBride	21½
4. Who Cares—Lana & Clyde Morse	31	10. Lost & Found—Carrie Cole & Jim Avery	20½
5. Toss & Turn—Kelly & Mike Horton	30	11. It & That—Patty Pichany & Leon Mott	16
6. Frick & Frack—Sue & Bill Edwards	30	12. Cannon Hole Bombers—Carol & Lee Foster	8½



## NEVADA STATE ASSOCIATION TO OPEN SEASON MAY 23

By MARGE BOWER, Sec'y

The Nevada State Association will hold its first sanctioned tournament on Saturday, May 23 at the courts located at 9th and Evans in Reno, Nevada.

Qualifying and sign-up will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Qualifying fee will be \$1.00 and pitching fee will be \$5.00. First class will start at 10:00 a.m. with the second class starting at 11:00 a.m. and the third class at 12:00. The women and fourth class will start at 1:00 p.m. Juniors at 2:00 p.m. Free coffee and donuts will be available.

The Nevada state closed tournament will be held on August 22 with the same schedule as above will prevail.

The Northern Nevada Association tournaments will not be sanctioned. Tournament dates have not been set at this time.

## IN HORSESHOES... ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

By GLEN PORTT

(I have told this story several times in the past two years. The reaction to it was... "Why don't you put it in the Digest?" So here it is... a true story... and if you don't believe it, I don't blame you.)

About October, 1964 I was reading in bed when the phone rang. Jane answered. "It's for you." I picked it up.

"Are you Glen Portt?"

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## ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN — (Continued)

"Yes."

"I hear you're a pretty good horseshoe pitcher. Are you?"

"I'm considered fair."

"Well, I'm the world's greatest and I want to pitch you a match for \$1000."

Thinking it was one of my friends enroute to Florida via I-75 (possibly Carl Steinfeldt), I said, "O.K., Carl. Let's pitch for a million. Come on over."

"Carl? My name's not Carl." (I had heard many times about *golf* 'hustlers' . . . those unheralded, anonymous, really good players who make their living by 'hustling' unsuspecting victims . . . but I had never heard of a *horseshoe* 'hustler.' Could this be one?) "Who are you?"

"My name's Jim Jones (not his real name) and I live over here in Tifton." (A town about 40 miles from Albany.)

"Mr. Jones, there are some pretty good horseshoe pitchers around whom I consider the best in the world. Have you ever pitched Mark Seibold, Jim Knisley, Walter Ray Williams, or Carl Steinfeldt?"

"Never heard of *any* of them." (Now I'm sure he's a hustler!)

"Well, I won't play you for a \$1000 . . . but I'll play you a 3 of 5, a 4 of 7, or a 5 of 9 series for \$100."

My good wife (as I'm sure most good wives would) quietly screamed, "You're CRAZY (or words to that effect). Can't you see he's just leading you on? You'll lose a \$100."

"You won't make it a \$1000?"

"I sure won't."

"O.K. When and where can we play?"

"This Saturday, 10 a.m., Tift Park, here in Albany."

"I'll be there."

*Saturday, 10 a.m.* Jim Jones appeared with approximately 30 supporters. We shook hands. Taking an envelope packed with money from his pocket, he opened it, counted out ten \$100 bills and laid them on the table. "There's \$1000. I'd still like to play for that amount."

I put a \$100 bill down. "I agreed to play for \$100. After we pitch one match, we can play another if agreeable to both. Let's warm up and start. How about a 3 out of 5 series?"

"O.K. by me . . . *but I need to borrow a pair of shoes.*" (I thought, "Now he's really leading me on. Perhaps my good was right!")

"You mean you don't have your own shoes?"

"Nope."

After twenty warm-up shoes, he had thrown *one* ringer. I said, "Look, you might as well knock it off. I know you can pitch better."

"*I'm doing the best I can.*"

"You're telling the truth?"

"Yes, I really am. I've never seen anyone throw horseshoes like you."

"Look, if you're *really* telling the truth, then we should call our bet off . . . because I don't think you'll score a point. I wouldn't feel right about taking your money."

"Well, I can see I've made a big mistake...but I made the bet...and I'm no welcher...so we'll play the three games."

In the first two games, the score was 39-0...so I threw off until he scored. We talked after the match. I learned Jim was a pool shark...a real hustler and although he normally played 3 game matches for \$1000, he often played for a \$1000 a game. One day after shooting several games of pool, one of his opponents who had spied some horseshoes stakes nearby said, "I'm tired of pool. Let's go out and play some horseshoes."

They went out, bet a \$1000 game, and over a period of time, Jim never lost a game and had won a few thousand dollars. He said he really thought he *was* one of the best in the world because he could always throw his shoes *close* to the stake...and for all he knew, he *might* be the best...so when he heard of 'that feller over in Albany' who was suppose to be a good pitcher, he thought he'd go over and 'clean up.'

"Well, your education on horseshoe pitching didn't cost you too much. You only lost a \$100."

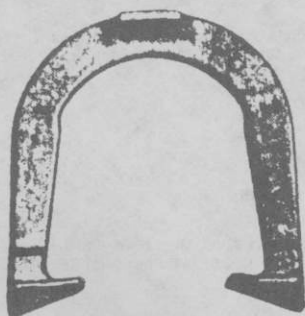
"I don't figure it that way," he replied.

"How's that?"

"I figure I *saved* \$900!"

We both laughed.

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## COMING EVENTS

### WESTERN PENNA. SCHEDULE

May 23-24-25 — Marion Center Hilltop Open. Contact Dwight Wetzel, Box 206, Marion Center, PA. 15759. Deadline May 13, 1987.

May 30-31 — Beaver, PA. Contact Ron Wilson, 406 Staube Ave., Baden, PA. Deadline, May 20, 1987.

June 6-7 — New Castle Spring Fling. Contact Joe Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Deadline May 26, 1987.

June 13-14 — Lisle Weston Memorial. Contact Eleanor Weston, R.D. #3, Shelocta, PA 15774. Deadline June 3, 1987.

June 20-21 — Eastern National Warm-Up. Contact Vergil Nicholson, P.O. Box 33, Mill Run, PA 15464. Deadline June 10, 1987.

June 27-28 — Eastern Nationals. Contact Joe Abbott, 5840 Peck Rd., Erie, PA 16510. Deadline June 17, 1987.

July 4-5 — Dormont Open. Contact Ron Weiss, 3897 Edge Rd., Pitts., PA 15227. Deadline June 24, 1987.

July 11-12 — Kinzu Country Classic. Contact Barry Crist, R.D. #2, Pittsfield, PA 16340. Deadline July 1, 1987.

July 18-19 — Beaver, PA. Contact Ron Wilson, 406 Staube Ave., Baden, PA 15005. Deadline July 8, 1987.

August 1-2 — Pine Tree Open. Contact Eleanor Weston, R.D. #3, Shelocta, PA 15774. Deadline July 21, 1987.

August 8-9 — County Tournaments. Contact your local tourn. director. Deadline July 28, 1987.

August 15-16 — Falling Water Round-Up. Contact Vergil Nicholson, P.O. Box 33, Mill Run, PA 15464. Deadline August 5, 1987.

August 22-23 — Ken Fishing & Game Club Open. Contact Barry McQuillen, 216 Yarnell St., Kane, PA 16735. Deadline August 12, 1987.

August 29-30 — Mike Riedl Memorial Open. Contact Ron Weiss, 3897 Edge Rd., Pitts., PA 15227. Deadline August 19, 1987.

September 4-5-6 — Penna. State Tourn. Contact Dan Beshore, 430 Old York Rd., New Cumberland, PA 17070. Deadline August 25, 1987.

September 12-13 — New Castle Fall Round-Up. Contact Joe Mancini, 1025 Dewey Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Deadline Sept. 2, 1987.

September 19-20 — Marion Center Open. Contact Dwight Wetzel, Box 206, Marion Center, PA 15759. Deadline Sept. 9, 1987.

September 26-27 — Dormont Doubles. Contact Ron Weiss, 3897 Edge Rd., Pitts., PA 15227. Deadline Sept. 16, 1987.

### OREGON SCHEDULE

April 25 — Sagebrush Open. Hermiston, Ore.

May 16 — Old Timers. Non-sanc. Oregon City, Ore.

May 23 — Joyner Memorial. Corvallis, Ore.

June 6-7 — Strawberry Fair Tourn. Lebanon, Ore.

June 13-14 — Portland Rose Festival Tourn. Portland.

June 20 — Phoenix Open. Phoenix, Ore.

June 21 — Douglas County Open. Roseburg, Ore.

June 27-28 — Oregon Open. Hermiston, Ore.

July 4-5 — Oregon City Open. Oregon City, Ore.

July 11-12 — Central Oregon Open. Bend, Ore.

July 18-19 — Albany Open. Albany, Ore.

Aug. 1-2 — Salem Open. Salem, Ore.

Aug. 8-9 — Skinners Butte Open. Eugene, Ore.

Aug. 15-16 — Newbury Open. Newbury, Ore.

Aug. 29 — Sandbaggers Open. Oregon City, Ore.

All tournaments are NHPA sanctioned EXCEPT the Old Timers which is open to anyone over 60 years of age. Most of the tournaments have pre-registration deadlines. Contact Barry Chapelle, 2716 S.E. 61st Ave., Portland, Oregon 97206. Ph. 503-725-7876.

### PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS SCHEDULE

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May 9-23

June 6-20

July 11-25

Aug. 8-22

Sept. 12-26

Oct. 3 — Weather Permitting

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING RESULTS TO NEWS DIGEST

By **DONNIE ROBERTS**

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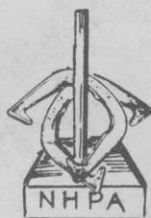


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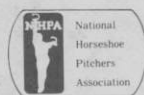
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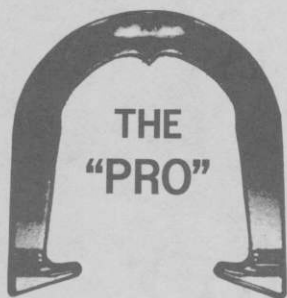
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