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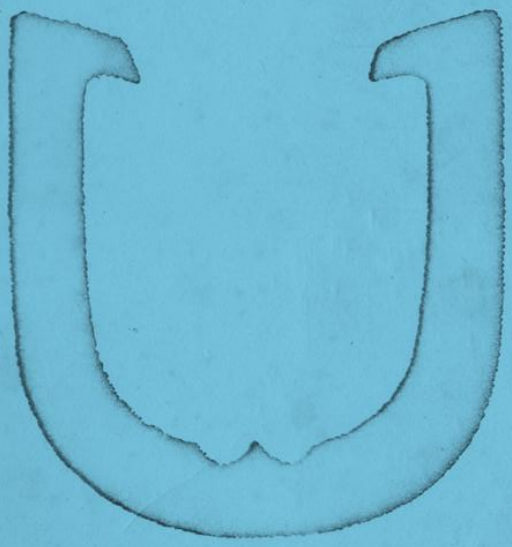

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EDITORIAL

In my first issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER last month I asked for comments on this new publication and believe me, they came pouring in. It is a very lucky thing for me that I never wear a hat because if I did I'd have to buy a new one. After all the complimentary letters I received the old hat would not fit me any more. Thanks for all the nice letters. This proves to me that you horseshoe fans want this magazine to continue and I know that If I continue to get your co-operation with articles and subscriptions we will go places.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (N. H. P. A.)

Dear Friends:

As your new President it is my duty to encourage and foster among our members—and all horseshoe pitchers—a spirit of good fellowship; to have the general care, supervision and direction over all horseshoe pitching interest in National, State and City Associations and in all matters within my jurisdiction; and to discharge the duties required to make this the World's largest sport organization—not only in our national tournaments, but in all leagues and all tournaments. Here are a few facts our National Association should remember:

1. Horseshoe pitching is the greatest social leveler on earth. Regardless of a man's status in lif eor work, all are the same in the N.H.P.A.

2. Social advantages. There is untold opportunity to spread good will and bring closer and lasting friendships among your fellow pitchers if you organize and pitch in a league.

3. Business opportunities. Closer relationship with your fellow industrial league pitchers aids in your business or occupational work.

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These facts are under discussion by the Advisory Board. Let's hear your opinion as these things need to be done as soon as possible.

1. The management of this Association shall be vested in an Advisory Board, which Board shall consist of representatives from the State Associations. This number shall not be more than twelve, elected or chosen in a manner hereinafter prescribed.

2. The Advisory Board shall have full control and shall manage the affairs of the Association and enforce all the objects for which it is organized and shall have full power to discipline any of its members for violation of provisions of the Constitution, the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the N. H. P. A. or for conduct derogatory to the best interests of the Organization.

3. The Advisory Board shall elect its officers and members of the executive committee at the annual meeting of the N.H.P.A. Each State having one to ten members will be allowed one vote, ten or more, two votes. The voters representing these States must be fully qualified representatives. Newly elected officers should take office immediately following the convention of the N.H.P.A.

4. The members of the executive committee of this Association may attend and vote with members of the Advisory Board at any meeting of that body, but any individual—whether he is a member of the executive committee or the Advisory Board or a member of both—may be allowed but one vote on any question at such a meeting.

I am at present compiling all data in regard to the Ohio mixup and am going to forward it to the Advisory Board for further discussion. There seems to be a lot to be said for both sides. This will appear in both THE HORSESHOE NEWS and THE HORSESHOE PITCHER, so please, each member, keep these copies as more will follow soon after complete discussion, which will constitute streamlining the Constitution. The following items are under discussion:

1. Definite plans as to the next World Tournament site.
2. Discussion of the point system.
3. The Ohio situation.
4. Organization of National League play.
5. Duties of all officers and reimbursements and salaries.

The names of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee will be published. The following bids are under discussion: Indianapolis—$4,000, Salt Lake City—$8,000 and a new car, Port Huron, Michigan—$3,000. We hope Salt Lake City comes through, as Indianapolis would like to make it a $10,000 tournament in 1950.

ARLO E. HARRIS, President N.H.P.A.

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CALIFORNIA

Guy Zimmerman successfully defended his California State Championship against World Champion Fernando Isais in San Jose on Sept. 18th and 19th. For eleven games his ringer percentage was 87 against Isais' 76.6. The World's Champion only made 23 points in his game with Zimmerman. There was an amateur tournament held in Los Angeles at the County Fair on the 24th, 25th and 26th. There will also be an Open Championship Tournament there on Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For further details see next month's issue.

California State Championship Tournament at San Jose September 18-19

		Won	Lost	Ringer %			Won	Lost	Ringer %
1	Zimmerman	11	0	88.0	7	Callas	4	7	64.1
2	Isais	10	1	76.6	8	Dolan	4	7	59.8
3	Bori	8	3	69.0	9	Ollason	3	8	58.7
4	Gray	7	4	71.6	10	Bloxrude	3	8	57.0
5	Titcomb	7	4	71.1	11	Lyon	3	8	51.1
6	Wayman	5	6	64.2	12	Clark	1	10	56.6

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FINAL MILWAUKEE RESULTS

Here is the revised list of the Milwaukee results sent in by Harvey Clear.

		Won	Lost	Ringer %					% Ringer
1	Isais	29	2	84.2	17	Bombe	14	17	72.5
2	Jones	28	3	87.5	18	Lindquist	13	18	63.2
3	Zimmerman	28	3	86.0	19	Dixon, D.	12	19	70.1
4	Allen	28	3	84.5	20	Swinehamer	12	19	69.3
5	Brownell	27	4	80.9	21	Recht	12	19	69.0
6	DeLeary	25	6	77.5	22	Tamboer	11	20	69.4
7	Packham	21	10	74.2	23	Cobb	11	20	67.6
8	Griggs	20	11	75.3	24	Printz	10	21	70.0
9	Lindmeier	20	11	75.2	25	Pergal	9	22	68.0
10	Edmondson	20	11	75.0	26	Cash	9	22	66.0
11	Johnson	19	12	76.0	27	Hilst	8	23	67.9
12	Kraft	18	13	72.3	28	Ohms	7	24	65.9
13	Harris, O.	18	13	71.8	29	Dixon, N.	7	24	65.0
14	Gandy	16	15	72.8	30	L'Abbe	7	24	64.7
15	Dean	16	15	71.4	31	Yaus	7	24	64.1
16	Harris, A.	14	17	73.2	32	Dahlene	Forfeit		

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INDIANA

Indiana State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament—1948
Sponsored by the Indianapolis Times

NOTE: A round robbin of 9 games of 50 shoes per game; Count All Point System was used for classes A, B, C, and D.

Class "A"

		Qual.	Points	R.	D.R.	Ringer %
1	Arlo Harris, Indianapolis.....	247	1078	331	125	73
2	Wayne Nelson, Muncie.....	000	1068	330	126	73
3	Graydon McFatridge, Arlington	242	1064	331	118	73
4	Orville Harris, Indianapolis..	257	1033	317	108	70
5	Harold McFatridge, Arlington	236	1029	315	108	70
6	Lowell Edmondson, Plainfield.	237	1009	296	98	65
7	Robert O. McNutt, Muncie....	239	1003	302	97	67
8	Bruce Brown, Bloomington...	238	981	284	78	63
9	H. Lemke, Ft. Wayne.....	233	926	269	82	59
10	Marion Morris, Pendelton....	245	894	257	70	57

Class "B"

		Qual.	Points	R.	D.R.	Ringer %
1	Ernie Recht, Ft. Wayne.....	231	1099	338	126	75
2	Henry Pergal, Crane.....	224	1053	320	112	71
3	Peyton Printz, Sr., Ind.....	232	1034	314	109	69
4	Ray England, Crawfordsville.	223	987	288	94	64
5	Geo. Johnson, Sr. Indianapolis	218	975	291	90	65
6	John Stimac, Terre Haute....	232	948	269	76	59
7	Floyd Fowler, Greencastle...	227	942	271	82	60
8	George Johnson, Jr., Ind.....	223	905	259	72	57
9	Bryant C. Hodgin.....	225	901	255	64	56
10	James Elliot, Indianapolis....	224	862	246	62	54

Class "C"

		Qual.	Points	R.	D.R.	Ringer %
1	Marvin Chrisman, Connersville	216	976	290	86	65
2	Floyd Grow, Bloomington....	209	966	279	84	62
3	Charles Cummings, Sheridan.	212	961	285	83	63
4	Druen Mills, Bloomington....	213	956	285	88	63
5	W. H. Smock, Indianapolis...	212	951	276	81	61
6	Lloyd Dixon, Indianapolis....	210	883	249	69	55
7	Al Lutz, Indianapolis.....	215	876	237	58	52
8	Richard Printz, Indianapolis.	215	864	253	67	56
9	Emory Arthur, Indianapolis..	212	750	189	39	42
10	Lercy Bruner, Muncie.....	209		FORFEIT		

Class "D"

		Qual.	Points	R.	D.R.	Ringer %
1	Clyde Shelton, Crawfordsville	193	914	266	76	59
2	Paul Vansickle, Indianapolis.	207	906	263	73	58
3	Robert Ross, Plainfield.....	199	891	244	64	54
4	Chet Wires, Indianapolis.....	199	876	246	59	54
5	Roy Radcliff, Borden.....	205	863	226	61	50
6	Scot Cartmel, Indianapolis....	200	832	226	57	50
7	Roscoe Keller, Indianapolis...	200	820	210	50	46
8	Claude E. Coker, Indianapolis.	192	773	207	43	46
9	Herbert McCoskey, Pekin....	191	766	210	44	46
10	James Gerrard, Argos.....	203	759	208	33	46

Class "E"

		Qual.	Points	Hdcp.	Total Pts.	Ringers
1	Roy Jackson, Sr., Indianapolis...	175	863	72	935	236
2	Earl Green, Indianapolis.....	188	885	36	921	256
3	J. F. Kolaiser, Hammond.....	172	846	72	918	248
4	Charles Maly, Muncie.....	182	834	54	888	214
5	Carl Baxter, Indianapolis.....	178	824	63	887	253
6	Dallas Riley, Indianapolis.....	186	937	36	873	224
7	Robert Printz, Indianapolis.....	189	829	36	865	221
8	Lewis Bollinger, Indianapolis....	176	792	72	864	208
9	Bert Cummings, Westfield.....	186	815	36	851	215
10	Myron Crane, Zionsville.....	186	813	36	849	226
11	Ray Fausett, McCordsville.....	172	767	81	848	204
12	Harold Emig, Indianapolis.....	170	743	90	833	174
13	Peyton Printz, Jr., Indianapolis..	184	785	45	830	221
14	Robert C. Kidd, Indianapolis....	166	725	99	824	187
15	Harold Moncrief, Indianapolis...	173	743	73	815	197
16	Bert Lewis, Bedford.....	188	740	54	794	200
17	Andy Canatsey, Indianapolis.....	173	704	72	776	177
18	Pete Sanduskey, Indianapolis....	181	698	54	752	184
19	Chas. Patterson, Brownsburg....	164	576	108	684	139
20	Roy Jackson, Jr.....	180	432*	36	468*	111

* Forfeited the last 3 games.

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By LELAND S. MORTENSEN

Dale Dixon, of Des Moines, Iowa, failed to regain his Iowa Championship in the annual State meet at Cedar Rapids on Labor Day. The title was captured by Harold Shaw, of What Cheer. Marvel Bean, of Prole, was the runner up with Dixon finishing in third place.

Mr. Guy C. Wetrz, the Second Vice Pres. of the N.H.P.A. visited with Dale Dixon and myself here on Oct. 1st. He flew in from Omaha after attending an A. A. U. convention in that city. He was here a few hours and then hopped a plane for Milwaukee. He said that on Sept. 23rd he directed a match at Murray Bay, Quebec Province, Canada, between Wayne Nelson of Muncie, Indiana and Casey Jones. Nelson pitched 79 per cent plus and beat Jones 50—29. After the match, Jones put on a trick and fancy exhibition.

Mr. Wertz mentioned that he is a personal friend of a United States Senator and that through him he might be able to get some help from the Government to promote horseshoe pitching in Germany, working through Dr. George Siebert of Giengen-Brenz, the High School teacher whom I met when I was in Germany.

Arlo Harris, the Pres. of the N.H.P.A. mentioned at Milwaukee that he was going to get behind the Germany opportunity 100 per cent and that he saw the possibility of bringing Dr. Siebert to the next World's Tournament at the expense of the City of Indianapolis if the next such meet is held there. I really hope something can develop out of this.

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KENTUCKY

The Northern Kentucky Open Tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18th and 19th at the Shady Shores Lake Courts in Covington. Contestants pitched 100 shoes to qualify. The 16 highest qualifiers pitched in the finals. The tournament was sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Horseshoe Club. J. H. Johnson, who gave such a good account of himself in the games at Milwaukee walked off with top honors with Harry Henn, the straight edged specialist, the runner up. Each game went to fifty points as they used the cancellation method of scoring.

		Qual.	Won	Lost	Ringer %
1	J. H. Johnson, Kentucky.....	221	14	1	73.5
2	Harry Henn, Kentucky.....	251	13	2	66.9
3	G. McFatridge, Indiana.....	248	12	3	72.4
4	W. O. Maxwell, Ohio	252	12	3	67.7
5	Stanley Manker, Ohio.....	209	10	5	66.6
6	Marvin Chrisman, Indiana.....	227	10	5	65.8
7	Paul Focht, Ohio	220	10	5	64.6
8	H. McFatridge, Indiana	234	9	6	64.1
9	H. McPherson, Kentucky.....	201	7	8	60.3
10	Ray Miller, Ohio.....	227	7	8	54.1
11	Chas. Eha, Kentucky.....	198	5	10	52.0
12	Harold Reno, Ohio.....	209	4	11	51.9
13	Harry Siebert, Ohio	216	4	11	50.8
14	Geo. Poole, Ohio.....	196	2	13	43.3
15	K. Walling, Ohio	211	1	14	42.7
16	M. Ferguson, Ohio		Forfeited		

MARYLAND

Here are two of the many complimentary letters I received since the first issue of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER made its appearance. (Ed.)

Welcome "HORSESHOE PITCHER"

With two exceptions all previous world's records were smashed at the 1948 tournament and convention staged in Milwaukee, Aug. 16 to 21. Although the exact number of fans and pitchers who made the trip is not available there must have been between four and five hundred.

The new officers are specialists in some important phases of horseshoe pitching and administration. All are well fitted to cope with a program of expansion that is already under way and each will take an active part in the promotion of this grand old game.

Horseshoe pitching and the National Assn. reached their majority at Milwaukee and will receive recognition as a major sport from now on. Much of this will be due to the advent of a new publication reporting horseshoe pitching news. Its title "THE HORSESHOE PITCHER" is characteristic of the active mind of its editor and publisher, Byron (Jake) Jaskulek. Jake has years of experience in all phases of the game and a sincere belief in its future success.

He has a unique style of writing that will prove most interesting to his readers. It is possible that, the Horseshoe Pitcher and the Horseshoe News can be issued at intervals that will permit a steady flow of news that will keep all subscribers up to date. The cost of a year's subscription to both publications is moderate. I urge all who subscribe to Horseshoe News to send for "Jake's" paper. It will be different.

Congratulations Jake and the best of luck in your new venture.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY T. WOODFIELD

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MINNESOTA

Dear Jake:

Thanks for the sample copy of THE HORSESHOE PITCHER. This is something like it! I am enclosing Postal Note for $1.25 to cover one year's subscription. Keep it up Jake, you are on the right track. A medium for exchanging ideas among the members interested in keeping horseshoe pitching in the foreground, needs just such a publication. I think the National Constitution needs a good overhauling. What happened at Milwaukee should have no place in our organization. The qualification fees should and do belong to the Association and should be collected by the officers and used by them in the best interests of the National Tournament. In rewriting the Constitution it should be ready for the 1949 Convention. The national officers should pick at least one

member from each State Association to draft ideas for a stronger and better national constitution, for after all, no association is better than its constitution, officers or management. My idea is that the National should formulate a uniform State Constitution in conjunction with the National Constitution. That may help the State Associations to work better and also checkmating some of the wild ideas that crop up once in a while. The combined card idea should have been brought forth long ago, too.

With best wishes,

ANDY MOEHN

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NEW YORK STATE

NEW YORK CITY—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, Charley Seacord's team, the Hilltop Horseshoe Club, unbeaten in the past three years, will tangle with the team of the Sunnyside Horseshoe Club of Woodside, Long Island, in a regularly scheduled Metropolitan H. P. A. game at the courts in Central Park. What makes this game noteworthy is the fact that both these teams are rabid rivals. For this occasion, both sides have gathered their strongest players and there is no doubt that there will be a big crowd watching these games. Some of the other teams in the Association are going to postpone their games to enable their members to witness this battle.

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MINEOLA, L. I.—Joe Zichella, of the Hilltop Horseshoe Club, New York City, walked off with top honors in the Annual Mineola Fair Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. He won top prize for qualifying and also a gold cup and more cash for the Round Robin event. Fileccia last year's champ, finished second, with Ruth Hoelzle taking third. Second, third and fourth place were decided by ringer percentage.

TEN HIGHEST QUALIFIERS

Zichella	123	
Fileccia	122	
Compton	118	74%
Seacord	118	72%
Stines	116	
McManus	113	
Courtock	110	68%
Brady	110	62%
Vassallo	105	
Ruth Hoelzle	104	

STANDINGS OF ROUND ROBIN

	Won	Lost
Zichella	8	1
Fileccia, 72.5%	7	2
Ruth Hoelzle, 61.4%	7	2
Compton, 59.9%	7	2
Stines	5	4
Poppe	4	5
Vassallo	4	5
Seacord	1	8
McManus	1	8
McGill	1	8

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Ruth Hoelzle, nee Allen, holds the New York Women's State Championship title. She not only pitches with the men but pitches the whole forty feet. If she can pitch this distance why can't the rest of the women pitchers?

VALLEY STREAM, L. I.—On Sept. 10, the Long Island Open Tournament was held with about thirty entrants participating. There was supposed to be an eight man round robin but because it rained the games were called off after the fourth round was played. Results as follows:

		Won	Lost	Ringer %
1	Fileccia	4	0	66.7
2	Stines	4	0	57.3
3	Poppe	3	1	64.1
4	Ruth Hoelzle	3	1	62.7
5	Compton	2	2	55.9
6	Vassallo	0	4	54.1
7	Ayvaliotis	0	4	50.6
8	McGill	0	4	48.6

The first prize was a gold tray with the statute of a horseshoe pitcher.

The second prize was a gold statue of a horseshoe pitcher, with a wooden base. Third prize the same. Ruth Hoelzle was awarded an additional prize by the Park officials.

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LAKEPORT—On August 16th the Lake Oneida Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. sponsored a horseshoe tournament for the Onandaga-Madison Counties. They had a ten man round robin. Here's the way they finished:

		Won	Lost	Ringer %
1	Sauro	9	0	73.9
2	Brown	8	1	70.2
3	Mertens	7	2	66.8
4	Retyback	7	2	67.1
5	Stivers	6	3	62.1
6	O'Ree	4	5	68.6
7	LaRose (Frenchy)	4	5	60.9
8	Sahn	3	6	54.7
9	LaRose, R.	3	6	54.5
10	Meyer	0	9	52.4

Sauro and Brown each received a thirty dollar trophy.

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SYRACUSE—On Aug. 27, Tony Sauro, 1947 Syracuse City Champion, retained his title in the City Recreation senior horseshoe tournament at Kirk Park. He defeated Bud Stivers in the final round, 50—38 and 50—17 after overcoming four other players in previous rounds. Stivers won his way to the finals by beating George LaRose, last year's runner up, in the semi-final round, 50—39 and 50—21. In his final games, Sauro had an average of 70.2 per cent ringers. The consolation tournament was won by Curtis Brown who defeated Mike Rayo in the final rounds, 50—38 and 50—28. Brown was awarded a pair of "48" Gordon shoes. Sauro and Stivers were awarded with fine trophies. The tournament was a best two out of three, fifty point elimination games. Raymond LaRose, Sr. was official referee. On Aug. 30, the horseshoe title winners were presented with trophies from the City Recreation Industrial Horseshoe Pitching League at the Eastwood Sports Center. Allen Ferguson, supervisor of athletics for the City Recreation Department, awarded the trophies to the U. S. Hoffman team champions, captained by Richard Knight, and to Charles Muhl, leader of the runner up team from the R. E. Dietz Co. There are sixteen teams in the League, of eight men each. At this Meeting and Banquet it was voted to have two eight team leagues in 1948 instead of the one sixteen team loop. George LaRose was elected President for the year 1949.

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NEW YORK CITY—The Fall Dance and Frolic of the Fort George Horseshoe Club will be held at Croke Park on Saturday evening, November sixth, 1948. Tickets, including the tax are only one dollar. If you want a fine evening's enjoyment that is the place to be. The Chairman is George Hart, 559 West 191st Street. Get in touch with him.

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If any horseshoe club within the Metropolitan area wants a supply of good clay for your boxes, get in touch with Charles Ayvaliotis (Atlas) of the Sunnyside Horseshoe Club. He says he knows where it grows, free for nothing. You can get him at 37-13 99th Street, Corona, L. I., New York.

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How about starting a campaign in this part of the country to have in-door courts erected? Have someone find a site and then let us all get to work on it. There ought to be plenty of good spots in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Long Island. Couldn't we all get together and meet the cost by selling shares? Let your Editor know what you think of this plan. I know that there would not be much chance to have such a thing in New York City because real estate is too high but you guys out in the Sticks should not have too much trouble in finding a place.

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Just received the results of the match game played between the Hilltop H. C. and the Sunnyside H. C. in Central Park on Oct. 3.

SUNNYSIDE CLASS A	Won	Lost	Ringer %
Compton	2	2	52.7
Ruth Allen ...	1	3	54.4
Poppe	1	3	54.0
Stines	0	4	50.0
CLASS B			
Belsky	2	2	56.7
Ayvaliotis ...	2	2	51.4
Frisco	1	3	48.9
Courtock	1	1	....
Galvin	0	1	41.4
Quinn	0	1	39.0

HILLTOP CLASS A	Won	Lost	Ringer %
Mahoney	4	0	68.3
Zichella	3	1	65.5
Scolari	3	1	61.2
Brady	2	2	52.2
CLASS B			
Earley, Jr. ...	4	0	60.1
Farmer	2	0	50.5
Earley, Sr. ..	2	2	53.6
Seacord	1	1	51.9
Puglise, P. ...	1	3	53.5

FINAL SCORE

Hilltop—22 Sunnyside—10

This match game clinched the Pennant for Hilltop in the Metropolitan Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. The Rogues Gallery pictured on the next page is the winning team.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

I was one of the organizers of the Williamsbridge H. C. and was the Secretary of that body for the past twelve years. Having resigned from the club, I have decided. with several others, to form a new group starting as of January 1, 1949. The new club will be known as the Williamsbridge Oval Horseshoe Club, courts to be used at the Williamsbridge Recreation Center at 206th St. and Bainbridge Avenue, in the Bronx. Would like to contact anyone interested in the horseshoe game. Address George M. Logan, 280 Reservoir Place, Bronx 67, N. Y.

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On Saturday evening, Oct. 9th, the Hillside H. C. held their Installation of Officers for the coming year. The new officers are George Fletcher, president; Daniel Ludwig, vice-president; David Carey, secretary; Edward Maguire, treasurer and J. Donlon, Sgt. at Arms. Thos. DiStefano of the Inwood H. C. was the installing official. Members of the Metropolitan Horseshoe clubs were invited. There were plenty of refreshments served and dancing galore. Every one had an enjoyable evening.

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The New Jersey Branch and the Empire State Branch of the National H. P. A. held a match game on the courts of the Inwood H. C. in Inwood Hill Park on Sunday, Oct. 10th. The teams consisted of the best players from the New York City and Newark N. J. areas. Results will be published in the next issue.



OHIO

Final Report on Ohio State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, held in Canton, Ohio, Sept. 5th and 6th, 1948. Scores were held down due to excessive high winds. Russ Yaus, Canton, won the State Championship and Trophy. He will also receive a certificate of Championship from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. 10 fifty shoe games were pitched against opponents.

JOHN KOVACS, Tournament Director.

	P.	R.	Ringer %		P.	R.	Ringer %
Russ Yaus	1139	333	66.6	Kenneth Allison	856	228	45.6
Ellis Hanna	1134	330	66.0	Bill Cash	855	226	45.2
Bob Cash	1119	331	66.2	Ross Alberts	836	220	44.0
Hubert Burt	1057	292	59.4	Ed Stuckey	773	204	40.8
Elmer Stuckey	1027	296	59.2	Doc. Fitzgerald	735	188	37.6
W. O. Maxwell	1024	295	59.0	Harvey Deckard	709	160	32.0
Bill Konz	1009	288	57.6	Frank Petrolle	703	172	34.4
Hal Thompson	982	282	56.4	Hal Fritter	698	169	33.8
Wilbur Crabbs	971	275	55.0	Francis Dray	652	164	32.8
James Barnes	970	270	54.0	Ralph Rodecker	648	148	29.6
Paul Coss	936	262	52.4	Donald Ball	638	155	31.0
Les Miller	926	274	54.8	Andy Datke	632	154	30.8
Frank Haas	924	271	54.2	Garold Trompower	615	156	31.2
Wilbur Snowden	916	278	55.6	Oscar Saurez	608	133	26.6
Les Cassler	916	253	50.6	Roy Bowman	567	122	24.4
Henry Jarus	903	248	49.6	Robert Gramer	539	106	21.2
Karl Konter	890	236	47.2	Floyd Sears	524	107	21.4
Herbert Rhoads	884	242	48.4	Victor Ross	448	81	16.2
Len Anthony	881	244	48.8	Spike Blile—forfeit 5 games			
John Kovacs	867	221	44.2	E. McCollum—Forfeit 10 games			

Bob Cash was the defending Champion, having won the State Title in 1947 at Buckeye Lake. Ellis Hanna finished second, making the fourth year in five in which he finished second.

Toledo was awarded the 1949 Ohio State Championship Tournament and Bill Konz was named Tournament Director.

Convention was held, Sunday Sept. 5th at Western Union Hall. All officers of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers Association were re-elected for another year. Hank Jarus of Cleveland, president; John Kovacs, Canton, secretary; T. J. Montgomery, Cleveland, treasurer; Herb Rhoads, Canton, first vice president and Johnny Sebek, Canton, second vice president in charge of publicity.

Cleveland also has asked and received a sanction for the Cuyahoga County Tournament for 1948 to be held in Cleveland, Sunday Sept. 12th. The Champion will be announced later.

Canton Ohio has asked for a sanction for a Stark County Handicap Tournament to be held over several week ends—dates to be announced later.

The Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers Association convention also received a report from the National Delegates at Milwaukee, all five of whom were present, and the O. H. P. A. has expressed the desire to co-operate fully with all actions that were taken by the National and to promote horseshoes through point system of play and sanctioned leagues and tournaments. Kovacs, the O.H.P.A. secretary, has asked all groups intending to hold tournaments to ask for sanctions for these events. The O. H. P. A., has also decided to suspend all members who violate the National Constitution in regards to participating in unsanctioned tournaments.

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Indianapolis City Ice Cream Co. successfully defended its world team horseshoe championship recently by squeezing past Canton Selway Carpet Cleaners 3725—3696 in the rubber match of a three-match challenge series.

The Selways lost the first round by 37 points, 610—573 and trailed by 53 points after losing the second session 622—606.

From this point on, the Ohio champion Selways battled the Hoosier representatives on better than even terms. In fact, they won the third round 639—618, dropped the next two by a combined total of six points and came back to win the finale 633—624.

The loss was the Selways' second in 19 matches over a two-year span. They went undefeated in 10 matches in 1947.

Harry Henn refereed the match. In addition, he made all arrangements for the visit of the two teams.

Indianapolis	610	622	618	631	620	624——3725
Selways	573	606	639	626	619	633——3696

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A Class A single league was formed this season to familiarize the players interested in attending the National Tournament with the cancellation method of scoring and also to satisfy some players who preferred the cancellation system. The league was composed of ten players. Following are the final standings of the ten players entered in this league. Ellis Hanna won the trophy designating him as Class A singles Champ of 1948.

	Won	Lost	Ringers	Shoes Pitched	Ringer %
Hanna	21	2	830	1238	67.2
Yaus	21	5	992	1594	62.2
Thompson	21	7	1035	1762	59.3
Burt	14	8	754	1418	53.2
Kovacs, J.	16	11	906	1712	52.9
Konter	7	11	527	1084	48.6
Fritter	6	20	677	1582	42.9
Rhoads	6	21	709	1572	45.1
Miller	6	22	904	1768	51.1
Hunt	4	15	672	1316	51.0

Frequent bad weather lowered most averages and disrupted our schedule.

H. S. RHOADS, Vice President, Ohio H. P. A.

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The Buckeye State H. P. A. held their annual horseshoe pitching tournament over Labor Day and in Convention elected me as their President for the coming year and C. A. Benedict, past President, elected as Second Vice President, G. .L Geiger, First Vice President, Harry Sibert, Third Vice President and A. B. McCoy as Secretary-Treasurer. We had forty-one entrants in our fifty point cancellation tournament. The players in our tournament represented twenty-four cities and towns. There were twenty in Class A, twelve in Class B and nine in Class C. Each player played the other player one fifty point game. A trophy and one hundred dollars for first place in A, fifty dollars in Class B and twenty-five dollars for first in Class C. Merchandise prizes were given to all except the winners.

ANDREW STOLARIK, Pres. Buckeye State H. P. A.

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Held in Springfield, Ohio, September 4, 5, 6

		Qual.	Won	Lost	Ringer %
1	R. Lackey, W. Middletown	120	18	1	67.2
2	M. Ferguson, Columbus	124	16	3	61.3
3	B. Hoff, W. Manchester	125	14	5	60.5
4	S. Manker, Wilmington	129	12	7	61.0
5	P. Focht, Dayton	106	12	7	59.9
6	W. Allison, Gallipolis	120	12	7	59.5
7	J. Marcum, Hamilton	118	12	7	59.0
8	R. Miller, Irfin	120	12	7	56.7
9	W. Glass, Xenia	112	11	8	59.4
10	C. Hoff, W. Manchester	114	10	9	56.4
11	H. Oncy, Westerville	119	9	10	54.7
12	M. Schenider, Springfield	114	8	11	52.9
13	L. Glass, Xenia	119	8	11	52.3
14	C. Fulton, Newark	110	7	12	51.8
15	H. Sibert, Union	113	6	13	52.7
16	H. Reno, Sabina	109	6	13	50.3
17	G. Bowman, Columbus	110	5	14	49.7
18	R. Arthur, Enon	106	5	14	48.1
19	L. Alban, Oak Hill	111	4	15	44.9
20	J. Heaton, Beatrice	112	3	16	48.9

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