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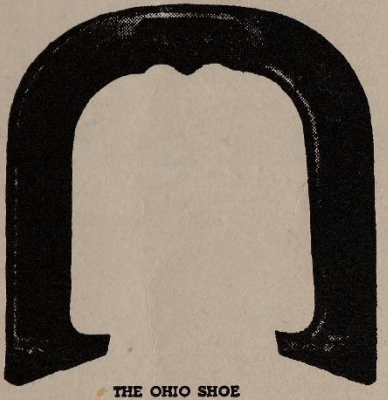

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EDITORIAL

From the time I mentioned that I intended to go to Murray, Utah, by automobile, to attend the convention and championship games, many of my horseshoe playing friends wrote to me and hoped I would have a pleasant trip. It helped a lot because we drove out in a fifteen year old car, and believe it or not, we did it all, about 4,500 miles round trip, with out a bit of trouble. Harold Blackman, the Secy.-Treas. of the Dominion H. P. A. drove down to New York from Toronto, Canada to pick me and the Missus up. As I do not drive, he had all the work to do himself. It took a lot of nerve and stamina and I am taking this opportunity of congratulating him. Speaking of congratulations—this issue begins the third year of publication of this magazine and you must admit that it looks better than ever. If the horseshoe manufacturers, subscribers and the National Assn. continue to give me their cooperation, I am sure I will be able to continue indefinitely. Thanks.

EDITOR.

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MY THANKS

In bowing out of the picture, as your National secretary, I would just like to say that I have enjoyed serving you for the past three years. It is so gratifying to me, to have seen the National grow to such an extent in the past three years, with the fine cooperation and assistance that you have given me. I assure you that it has not been all sunshine, never-the-less I have enjoyed it.

My only reason for wanting to step out is the fact that it has grown to the point where it requires too much of my time, when I would rather be more free to come and go.

Now in closing let me say that you have all been wonderful to me, and I have made so many dear friends in working with you, and in the future, I would be happy to assist you, and the National in any possible way.

Good luck to you all, and to the National, may it continue to GROW and GROW and GROW.

Harvey W. Clear

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THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

BY BYRON JASKULEK

In the presence of thousands of spectators nightly, the 1950 World Horseshoe Championship games were held at Murray, Utah, the "Horseshoe Capital," starting on August 7th and ending August 12th. From Monday morning to Tuesday noon, eighty men from half of the States of the Union began qualifying. Each man was required to pitch two hundred shoes except the Champion who is not required to qualify. When it was all over Casey Jones led with 540 points. For his high score, he received a prize of $25.00. The lowest score that enabled a man to enter the tournament was 461. On Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. the "Bix 36" got under way and played eight games.

The first upset was in the third game when Louis Dean of California, took over Stan Deleary by a score of 50 to 35. The second upset came in the eighth game when Ted Allen lost to Ed McFarland, of Texas, by the score of 50 to 39. This Texan had the pleasure of beating all the Allens as Ted's brother Ira and his nephew Richard were also in the tournament. On Wednesday evening, eight more games were played. At the end of this day's play, three men remained unbeaten. They were Isais, Jones and Gray. Thursday evening opened up with the 17th game for eight more and in the nineteenth game both Casey Jones and Lowell Gray lost their first game. Casey lost to Gatewood and Gray lost to Deleary.

On Friday evening, only five games were played because all hands were invited to a wonderful banquet which was held at the Elk's Hall in Salt Lake City after the games. Ellis Cobb, of Illinois, took Casey Jones for a ride in the 26th game by a score of 50 to 43 for Jones' second defeat and in the last stanza of the evening Allen was taken over by Casey, by the same score, 50 to 43. This was Ted's 2nd defeat up to this point. By now, Isais had won his 29th straight game.

The final six games were played on Saturday evening before the largest bunch of spectators I have ever seen at a horseshoe tournament. James Johnson, of Kentucky, started his final games by winning his first and second games of the evening from Stan Deleary and Ted Allen. Stan had 31 points and Ted had 49 points. That made the third loss for Deleary and the same for Allen. Don Titcomb, of California, accounted for the third loss of Casey Jones in the 31st game by 50 to 37. In the 32nd round Jones beat Deleary for his fourth loss by 50 to 22. Then Ted Allen lost his fourth game to Isais by the score of 50 to 41. Then it happened! In the thiry-third game Deleary took over the champion for his only loss. The count was 50 to 43. Then came the 35th and final game. Isais won over Casey Jones by 50 to 46. Fernando Isais won the third consecutive championship. This accounted for Jones' fourth loss which tied him up with Ted Allen for second place. To break the tie, it was decided that they play one game, the winner to garner second place. After a game lasting for 140 shoes pitched, Casey Jones came out ahead by beating Allen with a score of 50 to 48.

At the conclusion of this playoff, all hands made a bee line for the Auditorium where Mr. W. H. Adams presented Isais with a beautiful trophy donated by him. Here, too, all the prizes were awarded to each finalist. At this final get-to-gether, a wonderful lunch for all those present was donated by the Do Drop Inn. To give you an idea of what good horseshoe pitching looks like, just go over these final results.

1.	F. Isais, Calif.	000	34	1	83.5
2.	Casey Jones, Wis.	540	31	4	80.9
3.	Ted Allen, Col.	535	31	4	82.0
4.	Stan DeLeary, Ariz.	535	30	5	76.7
5.	Lowell Gray, Cal.	495	28	7	75.9
6.	Dean Brown, Cal.	500	27	8	76.2
7.	Ray Gatewood, Cal.	496	25	10	74.3
8.	Don Titcomb, Cal.	504	24	11	75.1
9.	Louis Dean, Cal.	481	24	11	71.8
10.	J. Johnson, Ky.	505	23	12	70.1
11.	J. Monasmith, Wash.	478	22	13	69.0
12.	Roland Kraft, Kans.	491	20	15	72.7
13.	M. Tamboer, Kans.	496	20	15	71.1
14.	R. Cherrier, Minn.	485	20	15	68.0
15.	A. Gandy, Kans.	473	19	16	68.1

16.	Ellis Cobb, Ill.	491	19	16	67.7
17.	J. Lindmeier, Ill.	536	17	18	73.7
18.	H. Shaw, Iowa	491	16	19	76.8
19.	Ira Allen, Cal.	474	16	19	69.0
20.	Henry Harper, Cal.	490	15	20	64.8
21.	Dale Dixon, Iowa	490	14	21	70.2
22.	Ray Ohms, Utah	486	14	21	66.4
23.	A. Swinehamer, Ill.	472	14	21	65.7
24.	N. Peterson, Minn.	462	13	22	66.5
25.	Tommy Bartlen, Wis.	507	13	22	66.3
26.	Gerald L'Abbe, Col.	477	13	22	66.2
27.	Ed McFarland, Texas	468	13	22	66.0
28.	George Hilst, Ill.	483	13	22	63.9
29.	N. Dixon, Ill.	471	12	23	67.4
30.	J. Paxton, Iowa	463	11	24	62.0
31.	R. Allen, Col.	490	10	25	67.0
32.	A. Lindquist, W. Va.	485	9	26	66.4
33.	G. Anderson, Ill.	474	7	28	61.1
34.	C. Hefner, Ill.	463	6	29	62.0
35.	J. Byrnes, Cal.	461	3	32	53.0
36.	N. Vogal, Ill.	464	2	33	55.5

37	I. E. Patrick, Wash.	461	
38	Lee Jacobs, Mich.	460	
39	Merle Palmer, Wyo.	459	
40	Harold Blackman, Can.	456	
41	C. Chappelle, Ore.	455	
42	Paul Mori, Cal.	455	
43	Henry Knauft, Wash.	455	
44	John Elkins, Mo.	455	
45	Jos. Kelly, Mich.	452	
46	H. McPhearson, Ky.	445	
47	Ray Arnold, Cal.	445	
48	Harold Darnold, Iowa.	440	
49	P. Markarian, Cal.	440	
50	Harry Russell, Colo.	435	
51	J. Pehrson, Utah.	434	
52	Cherry Bennett, Utah.	434	
53	John Cushnahan, Pa.	432	
54	Bruce Walters, Utah.	431	
55	Louis Larson, Minn.	423	
56	R. Kampschroeder, Kan.	422	
57	L. Greenlee, Mo.	421	
58	Henry Clements, Utah.	417	
59	M. Denning, Neb.	416	
60	Harry Henn, Ky.	414	
61	Jos. Madden, Mich.	410	
62	Doc Fitzgerald, Ohio.	407	
63	Norman Smith, Cal.	406	
64	Bruce Lyon, Cal.	404	
65	Archie Gregson, Cal.	403	
66	P. Van Sickle, Ind.	397	
67	W. O. Maxwell, Ohio.	396	
68	Roy Hill, Mo.	394	
69	C. Hopkins, Iowa.	391	
70	C. W. Palm, Wyo.	387	
71	G. Peterson, Ill.	386	
72	W. E. Hill, Cal.	385	
73	Dr. S. Berman, N. J.	383	
74	Wm. Bauer, Cal.	377	
75	Ed Noycs, Kans.	372	
76	Merle Palmer, Wwy.	361	
77	D. Howarth, Cal.	347	
78	A. L. McNeil, Wyo.	322	
79	B. E. Sipple, Tex.	290	
80*	Sidney Harris, Neb.	505	

* Sidney Harris was taken ill and had to go home. A. J. Byrns replaced him.

Without the ladies, there probably would not be a tournament without color. So, on Friday and Saturday morning ten of the women had a Ladies World Championship tournament. There were 10 finalists who played a round robin of 9 games. Mrs. Pat DeLeary, wife of the fourth placer in the men's tournament, came out on top with all nine games won. Mrs. Anna Lindquist lost the women's title to Pat by losing just one game. Katie Gregson was third, Marie Kampschroeder, 4th, Vilda Hilton, 5th, Betty Walter, 6th, Helen Ohms, 7th, Hope Isais, 8th, Delsa McCleary, 9th, and Mary Lindemeier 10th. Top prize in this event was $50.00.

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CALIFORNIA

From the San Francisco News

Left-handed Don Titcomb of San Jose reigns today as king of the first annual San Francisco News Bay Counties Horseshoe Pitching Championship.

Losing only one out of eight contests, and defeating the fabulous Guy Zimmerman in the process, Don showed his heels to a star-studded field of the 12 best horseshoe pitchers Northern California has to offer.

As a special reward Don received the winner's trophy and perpetual plaque from Mary Salt, his finance, who was selected by the players themselves as queen of the tournament.

Eight champions in The San Francisco News competition were crowned Saturday and Sunday—four in adult classes, and 4 teen-agers.

In addition to Titcomb, winners were: Men's Class B—Bill Fraser; Men's novice—Lee Hanna; Women's novice—Lucy Cabantous; Girls under 18—Shirley Wilson; Girls under 15—Joan Marson; Boys under 18—James Floys; Boys under 15—David Loucks.

In the round-robin competition to determine the four finalists, Titcomb went undefeated in five contests, edging Zimmerman, 50—46, for Guy's only defeat. In the upper bracket, he and Guy, who had set the qualifying record of 139 points with 45 ringers in 50 throws, made the final.

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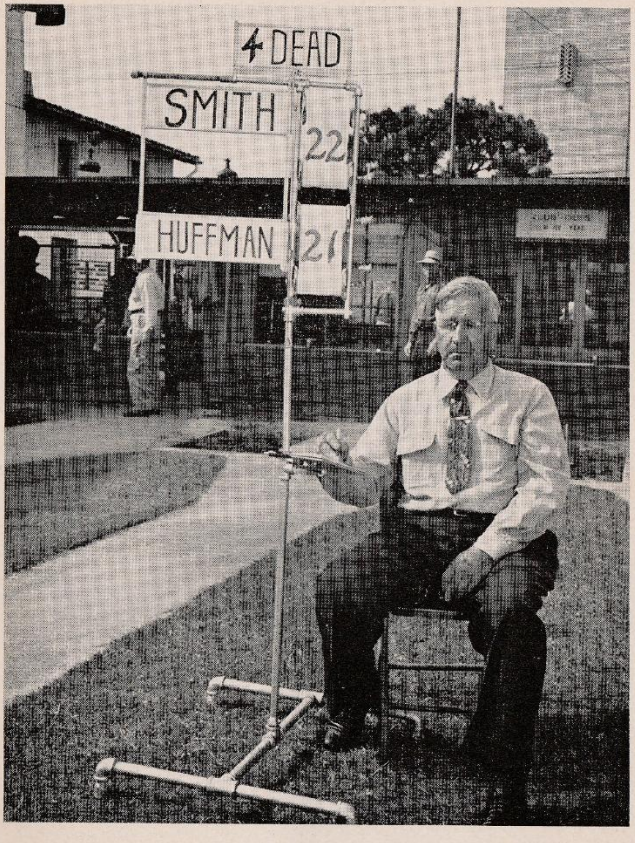
Scoring-Device for Spectators Wins Approval at Murray

By Roy W. Smith, Author of "Science At The Stake" and Secy.-Treas. Southern Calif. H. P. A.

Last year, while returning from the National Tournament, all of us who made up the party in Mr. Beller's car, discussed the sore need for a public scoring-device to satisfy the demand of the spectators. Heretofore, the lack of a fast, efficient, accurate apparatus has, without doubt, kept down the interest and attendance of horseshoe pitching tournament audiences. This serious drawback to the popularity of the sport has been overcome by the inventive genius and patient work of Mr. E. O. Beller of Lynwood, Calif.

Last fall, Mr. Beller quietly announced that he was going to see if he could develop a public scoring-device. Something that was light, easy to transport and inexpensive. He went to work in his garage and one day he asked Mr. Cartwright and I to stop and see his brain-child. The moment we laid eyes on it, we were convinced that he had something. We made a few minor suggestions about flanges or guides on the rollers to keep the tape straight. After a few months of experimentation, Mr. Beller succeeded in perfecting what I believe to be one of the greatest contributions ever offered to the horseshoe pitching sport. The accompanying photograph and following paragraphs fully describe the Beller scoring-device.



LIST OF MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ONE DEVICE

Roller Ribbon Assembley—66 inches of ¼ inch pipe. One ¼ inch T; One ¼ inch L. One ½ inch T. Two bushing-type reducers ½ inch to ¼. Four rollers, two inches in diameter, by four inches long. Four axles ¼ inch in diameter by 7½ inches long. Twelve ¼ inch nuts, eight ¼ inch washers and four tension springs. Eight roller flanges for ends of rollers. These consist of ¾ inch lip type plumbing shields that is placed over pipe where it protrudes through interior walls of houses.

Eight inches of flat iron ½ inch by 3/16 inch to make the four cranks. Four bolts, one inch by ⅛ inch with nuts for their axles. Two strips of best grade window shade cloth, four inches in width, by at least thirty feet in length.

For the Name-Card Frames—Two brass strips 36 inches long, ⅜ inch wide by ⅛ inch thickness. 56 inches of brass channel ¼ inch by ¼ inch.

For the "Four Dead" Sign—Two strips of brass one foot long, ⅜ inch wide by ⅛ inch thick. Twenty-four inches of brass channel ¼ inch by ¼ inch. One piece of light metal twelve inches by ¾ inches by 3/16 inch. Twenty-eight inches of 3/16 inch cold-rolled steel for operating or raising and lowering the "Four Dead" sign. Fourteen inches of ½ inch pipe to connect between roller assembly and "desk" for score-pad.

Bracket for Score-Pad Desk—Consists of one ½ inch T. One ½ inch to ⅜ inch reducer bushing. One ⅜ inch nipple two and one-half inches long. One ⅜ inch elbow. Scoring desk is of 3/16 inch birch plywood, 6 by 11 inches. Two feet of ¾ inch pipe from desk to base or ground.

CONSTRUCTION

The ¼ inch pipe must be cut and threaded to form a rectangular frame 22 inches by 6 inches outside measurement. Rollers should be drilled end to end in a jig or lathe to insure perfect alignment. Use a ¼ inch drill. Roller axles threaded at both ends. The crank end needs at least one inch of threads so as to make adjustments on the tension springs. The part of axle that goes through roller should be roughed with a chisel or similar tool. Then use a good grade of glue when installing axle in roller to prevent axle turning in the wood. Drill the frame for axles so that the top and bottom rollers will have just a good clearance from top and bottom of frame. Then space the two center rollers just four inches apart, making them equal distance apart, respectively, from top and bottom rollers. Be sure axle holes in frame are bored truly in line and that rollers are perfectly parallel to each other. Flanges on each end of all rollers are secured in place by three screws in each. These must also be centered correctly. The cranks are made of the half inch flat material, cut two inches in length for each crank. They are tapped and threaded at each end, and locked in place with lock-nuts.

First, place washer and tension spring on end of axle. (Spring is a compression spring about ¾ inches long and large enough to slip easily over axle). Then place washer and ¼ inch nut. Then thread crank on, followed with another nut. By adjusting these nuts, you can place proper amount of tension on rollers so that they will not free-wheel, yet turn easily. (This was the greatest difficulty Mr. Beller had to overcome. To keep the ribbon tight). Knobs should rotate freely on their axles at other end of crank.

To form the name-frames, bend two 36 inch flat brass strips in center and form them over the ¼ inch pipe that screws into the T at upper corner of roller assembly. This piece of pipe is 14 inches long, with cap fitting on end to prevent name frame from slipping off. Cut the ¼ inch brass channels in pieces 14 inches long. Place one pair at top of frame and one pair at bottom. Face each pair of channels toward each other. They are just 4⅛ inches apart so the name card will slip easily into place. Name-cards should all be exactly 4 by 14 inches so

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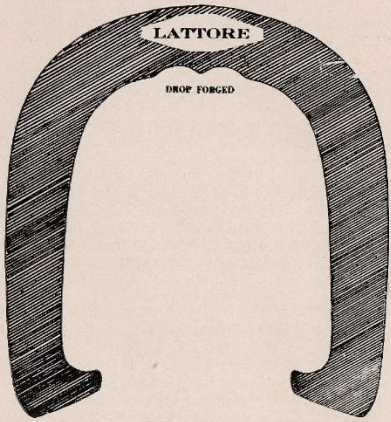

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they will interchange with all machines. (The player carries his name-card with him and slips it into frame of machine when he changes courts). Channels are soldered in place at all ends. The "Four Dead" sign is installed the same way, except that it swings upward instead of hanging down. The wide piece of metal is at bottom of sign so a quadrant can be installed on it for attaching rod to give leverage for raising and lowering the "Four Dead" sign.

Figures from 0 to 50 are inked or painted on ribbon. The figures are three inches in height. One turn of the crank brings each figure into position. The entire device can be placed on a base as shown in the illustration. Or it can be screwed into a fitting, in the center of the courts, between the pitching lanes.

The total weight of the apparatus, excluding the base, is about nine pounds. It can be packed in a carton 28 inches long by 8 inches by 6 inches. The unit can be assembled within 10 to 12 minutes. The machines would not have to be disassembled every day or night during a major meet. The total weight of 18 machines for 18 courts is about 165 pounds. Or about the weight of an average man. Thus, transportation poses no problem.

The cost of materials for each unit (excluding base) is about $15.00. All materials used were new. About 20 hours work is necessary to construct a machine. If a group of machines were made up at one time, it might cut down the cost slightly for each unit. Counting the hauling of materials and various miscellaneous expenses, plus a few cents an hour for labor, each machine can be supplied for about $25.00. Thus, 18 machines for a national tournament would cost $450.00. Compared to the cost of score boards for other sports, this is very low. Just mere "peanuts."

This scoring-device eliminates the tedious and erratic method of sorting and picking the name-cards of players and the vast amount of scoring cards necessary to score a major tournament. The machine is so easy to operate that a child can do it. First the score-keeper puts down the score on the sheet that is attached to the little desk. Then he cranks down the public numbers or scores to correspond with his score-sheet. Thus, each score in each frame is double-checked! Errors are cut to a minimum.

One of the chief and most costly features of the apparatus is the tape and the numbering. The tape must be the best grade of window shade cloth. (Author's Note—The only suggestion that I believe can be offered for improvement is to obtain a black cloth with white numbers painted on both sides so the numbers can be seen from both the north and south ends of the courts. Perhaps a dark green cloth would do.) As previously stated, the biggest problem was to secure the proper tension on the rollers to prevent them from spinning and loosening the tape.

There is more to building this device than one may think. It requires the work of a skilled mechanic. Having owned and operated a service station and garage in the little town of Mojave for years, before his retirement, Mr. Beller is a clever and efficient mechanic. This quiet, unassuming man is full of good ideas to improve the horseshoe game. He is the President of the Union Pacific Club of Long Beach and we all consider ourselves as extremely fortunate in having such an able and hard working leader. I think Mr. Beller deserves a world of credit for developing the most efficient and satisfactory spectator scoring-device seen on the courts today. I have had many people, especially ladies, tell me that they had never entertained much interest in watching

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Mr. Beller, I believe that all members of the horseshoe fraternity are deeply indebted to you for your splendid contribution toward a bigger and better sport.

Anyone wishing to make further inquiries about Mr. Beller's Scoring-Device may do so by writing to him at 11066 Linden Street, Lynwood, Calif.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY TOURNAMENT

By Frank Wagner

This year's Fairfield County Horseshoe Champion is Ralph MacKeil of Bridgeport. He pitched to first place by winning all games but the last one. He lost that one to Ray Barrows, of Bridgeport, last year's champion, who had a percentage of 51.4 against his 42.6.

Bill Kamszik of Bridgeport came in second after losing 2 games. In the third round he lost his first game to Ray Barrows in a tie game with the last pitch deciding the winner. R. MacKeil was his 2nd loss. Higher ringer percentage gave J. Capro of Bridgeport the 3rd place, which was a two way tie with B. Kenderski also of Bridgeport.

John Kamszik, Bridgeport, took the 1st place trophy in Class B. His only loss being to Frank Wagner, of New Canan. M. Falk of Bridgeport came in 2nd with 2 losses—one to John Kamszik the other to J. Blomquist of Old Greenwich. Another tie-up for 3rd place with J. Blomquist, C. Keeler of Bridgeport and W. Schustek of Bridgeport. J. Blomquist's percentage got him the medal.

Highest game percentage of 62.5 and highest average for the tourney of 47.1 was pitched by champion R. MacKeil.

The tournament was held August 6th in Beardsley Park, Bridgeport.

CLASS A

	W.	L.	%
R. MacKeil	8	1	47.1
B. Kamszik	7	2	46.9
J. Capro	6	3	46.7
B. Kenderski	6	3	39.6
R. Burrows	5	4	42.9
S. Bartram	4	5	42.9
C. Reed	4	5	38.9
E. Bike	2	7	40.6
C. Andrews	2	7	35.6
V. Spivak	1	8	33.5

CLASS B

	W.	L.	%
J. Kamszik	6	1	43.2
M. Falk	5	2	41.6
J. Blomquist	4	3	39.2
C. Keeler	4	3	36.1
W. Schustek	4	3	35.3
F. Wagner	3	4	34.7
J. Believe	2	5	34.5
R. Hutchinson	0	7	25.0

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3. H. McPhearson, Ky.	12	3	70.6
4. P. Printz, Ind.	10	5	69.4
5. H. Henn, Ky.	9	6	66.9
6. L. Edmondson, Ind.	8	7	68.2
7. G. Johnson, Ind.	8	7	66.2
8. P. Focht, Ohio	8	7	65.3
9. S. Manker, Ohio	8	7	64.2
10. W. Maxwell, Ohio	7	8	64.1
11. W. Cart, Ky.	6	9	58.9
12. R. Printz, Ind.	5	10	60.1
13. M. Chrisman, Ind.	5	10	57.8
14. L. Fouse, Ohio	3	12	43.4
15. H. Sibert, Ohio	2	13	55.3
16. J. Latzko, Mich.	0	15	Forfeit

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MARYLAND AND D. C. NEWS

By Harry T. Woodfield, Honorary Pres., N.H.P.A.

It's unfortunate that wonderful appeal for an N.H.P.A. Teen-Ager program by Roy Smith in the August Horseshoe Pitcher could not have been published in time to be read by all who were in Murray for the convention and tournament. Surely by August, 1951, when the world's tournament of that year is again sponsored by those grand folks of Murray (with $5,000 prizes again) The Executive Council can have a resolution to offer in the convention that will be an incentive for Teen-Agers all over the U. S.

Such as the two top boys getting a trip to the annual World's Tournament with appropriate awards.

I thought we had lost the Gregsons for all time so it was indeed a pleasant surprise to learn that Archie has been elected National Secretary. He has every qualification for the job. Let us hope he will not be stymied by another war as he was while secretary during World War II.

ARCH STOKES—When all the facts are known of what transpired in Murray and Salt Lake City from October 1944 to August 25, 1947, when the World Tournament was held on the now famous Murray Courts. ARCH STOKES will stand out as the one person deserving full credit for the perfect construction of that project. It was his job to decide the number and the type of construction. He was a man of vision. He could see in the years to come just what happens there each year when one of the greatest sport shows is put on by the top ranking horseshoe pitchers of America.

When the citizens of that part of Utah decide to get beh'nd a project it is only necessary for them to be convinced that it is worth while. Then they go all the way. Not only in presenting the world's finest horseshoe courts but they are the perfect hosts to all who come each year. I feel sure that I can speak for all who love this grand old game when I say to the citizens of Utah who finance these annual events; to all who furnish entertainment, please accept our sincere appreciation.

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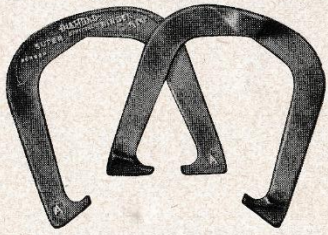

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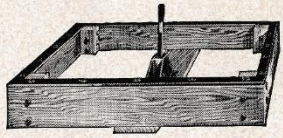

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THE BLUE WATER FESTIVAL OPEN HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

By Frank Lewandowski

		W.	L.
1.	Joe Latzko, Flint, Michigan	13	2
2.	Irwin Carlberg, Grand Rapids, Mich.	12	3
3.	Lee Jacobs, Belleville, Mich.	12	3
4.	Andy Yorkison, Detroit, Mich.	12	3
5.	Paul Focht, Dayton, Ohio	10	5
6.	Carl Lundgren, Detroit, Mich.	9	6
7.	Bill Ball, Detroit, Mich.	9	6
8.	Jonas Otto, Ann Arbor, Mich.	8	7
9.	Joe Kelly, Highland Park, Mich.	8	7
10.	Les Peary, Detroit, Mich.	7	8
11.	Bill Crabbs, Toledo, Ohio	7	8
12.	Henry Zessin, Saginaw, Mich.	5	10
13.	Jule Winter, Port Huron, Mich.	3	12
14.	Clarence Jazwiak, Detroit, Mich.	3	12
15.	Harry Seibert, Union, Ohio	2	13
16.	George Stifel, Toledo, Ohio	0	15

There were 5 players who did not qualify for Class A. Of these only 3 were eligible for Class B, as the winner and runner-up of last year's B group and the 16 finalists in Class A could not participate in the B class this year. I had my hands full trying to run the tournament, so did not get into the B set-up. Guy Brown, last year's winner and Uno Stone, runner-up were automatically out. This left Ray Donnen worth of Yale, Michigan and Jim Greene of Port Huron as the finalists in the B set-up. Ray did not show up on Sunday although Jim waited for him until the Class A final round robin was almost over, when it was decided that he became the winner of this class by default.

In line with the N.H.P.A.'s policy of trying to interest the teen-agers in the game of horseshoes, we also had a Class C set-up for these boys.

We expected about 8 entries in this set-up, but only 2 actually showed up. They were Ron Greene and Dick Brown sons of Jim Greene and Guy Brown respectively. In the Play-off Dick Brown won the match 4 games to 1. This left Dick as the winner and Ron as the runner-up. We hope to have a world's champion out of this class some day.

Some of the human highlights or human interest storys of this tournament, were as follows:

Andy Yorkison beating Joe Latzko in the first round of the final round robin on Saturday night July 15th.

Harry Seibert pulling a leg muscle and having to drop out.

George Stifel developing a blister on his foot and forced to drop out.

Jule Winter dropping out because of business matters.

Joe Kelly's superb mastery of the public address system.

Mr. Henry Zessin's wonderful job as self-appointed secretary of this tournament. It was really appreciated by yours truly.

The welts on Carl Lundgreen's back, from the springs in his hotel room bed, because some of the other boys put his mattress underneath the old frame.

The wonderful cooperation that was had from everyone concerned, whether connected with the tournament or not.

The good work the ground keepers did to keep the horseshoe courts in shape, and the good opinion the players had for that good old Port Huron clay or gumbo, which originally was dug out of the bottom of St. Clair River, when the St. Clair Tunnel was built in 1890.

Mr. Tomshack of our Port Huron City Recreation Department, deserves a lot of credit for the help he gave us in this and previous tournaments. If he did not help, I don't know where we would get the ground keepers or trophies for our events.

I almost missed one of the main upsets of the whole event, namely that of Bill Crabbs of Toledo defeating Lee Jacobs with his ¾ flip shoe.

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NEW JERSEY

By C. L. Juliana

Dale Carson of Baltimore successfully defended his Wildwood-By-The-Sea, N. J. Invitation Horseshoe Pitching championship when he stormed through a strong field to remain undefeated in the round robin competition.

Without losing a game, the Maryland pitching star had to win from some of the outstanding players in the Middle Atlantic States and he accomplished this feat without much difficulty.

Going into the final game of a strong league, Carson had to get by Bill Kolk of Newark, former New Jersey State Champion. Each of these players had reached the final game in the league undefeated and the ultimate winner would take home the beautiful trophy which was put into competition by the City of Wildwood Recreation Department, sponsor of the event.

The champion, according to many observers was never sharper, and with phenominal ease defeated Kolb, 51 to 4. In taking the final game the Baltimore man set up the impressive record of 27 ringers out of 34 shots pitched with 11 double ringers. His percent of ringers was 79.4.

The doubles championship was also successfully retained when Carson, teamed with Woodrow Wilson of Washington, D. C., came through in fine fashion to record straight victories in the tandem competition.

The new champion made a statement which he has asked the writer to quote. "The reason I like to come to the Wildwood Tournament is because we are treated so well and the trophies are outstanding."

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FILECCIA TAKES JERSEY OPEN

By Doug Fogal

Vito Fileccia won a three way play-off to cop the New Jersey Open Championship and the beautiful Giuliano trophy, Sunday, August 27, at Branch Brook Park, Newark. Coupled with the New York Champion in the play-off were Pat Brady, also of New York, and Ray Frye, Virginia State Champion. In the overtime round robin Frye lost to Brady 52—37, then defeated Fileccia 50—35. Vito then trimmed Brady 53—33. Fileccia was declared winner on high ringer percentage with 67.4. Frye, with 65.8, took second and Brady was third with 63.2.

Doug Fogal, Jersey State Champion, staged two brilliant "comebacks" to take fourth position. He trailed Penridge 6—32 and 39—49 before winning 50—49. Against Mullady, after trailing 28—48, he staged a thrilling fight to pull this one out of the fire with fourteen straight to win 50—48. The New Jersey Open is the East's oldest Open Championship with the Anthony Giuliano trophy the main prize in contention. Acquired through the efforts of Jim Plum, Forest Hill Club President, and made possible by the generosity of sportsman Anthony Giuliano this trophy must be won three times for retirement. Fileccia won in 1948 and Pat Brady last year. Vito needs but one more victory for permanent owenrship.

Class A standings are as follows: 1 Fillecia, 2 Frye, 3 Brady, 4 Fogal, 5 Penridge, 6 Mullady, 7 Courtock, 8 Hardwick.

Class B standings are: 1 Zichella, 2 Hanas, 3 Kolb, 4 Takash, 5 Seacord, 6 McCrink, 7 Nugent, Jr. 8 Stella.

Surviving a field of 12 entrants in a two loss and out elimination the following four men placed as follows in a Class C round robin playoff: 1 Hal Covert, 2 Paul Puglise, 3 Joe McCrink, 4 Barney Knapp.

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NEW YORK

The New York State Championship games got under way Saturday morning, September 2, despite threatening weather. The entire morning was given up to qualifications and at 2 o'clock, the first game was being fought out between the twenty men in the round robin. After 5 games were played, the boys were dismissed until 10 a.m. the next day. Sunday came, and with it, rain all day. This meant that the boys would have to play 14 games on Monday, Labor Day, if the weather permitted. Old man Pluvious was one of the few who worked on Labor Day and he did a fine job by giving us plenty of sunshine.

Vito Fileccia lost his N. Y. State Championship to Carl Steinfeldt, of Rochester who had only one loss to Fileccia's 4. Joe Zichella was the only man to win a game from Steinfeldt. He also took Fileccia, Penridge and Cope for a ride. Seven men had a high game in the eighties, to their credit. Steinfeldt had an 86.1, Brady 84.8, LaRose 84.2, Fileccia 82.8, Sauro 81.3 and Fenicchia 80.6. Television shots were made of some of the high lights of the games and the trick shots of Fileccia Here are the results:

		W.	L.	%
1.	Steinfeldt	18	1	72.2
2.	Brady	16	3	72.2
3.	Fileccia	15	4	70.8
4.	Penridge	15	4	68.1
5.	Zichella	15	4	66.4
6.	LaRose	14	5	68.1
7.	Cope	14	5	64.8
8.	Fenicchia	13	6	66.5
9.	Sauro	10	9	61.8
10.	Hardwick	10	9	61.5
11.	Stines	9	10	63.7
12.	DiStefano	8	11	58.4
13.	Stella	7	12	54.6
14.	Bagley	6	13	51.9
15.	Brumek	6	13	48.3
16.	Lucente	5	14	50.3
17.	Brennan	4	15	49.0
18.	Armenia	2	17	39.8
19.	Farmer	1	18	46.1
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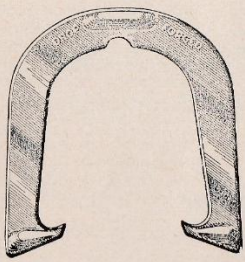

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ARIZONA

By George A. Elder, Sr.

Casa Grande Horseshoe Club played host to pitchers from Phoenix and Mesa, Sunday, August 27, with the Phoenix tossers outpitching Casa Grande in a Round Robin Tournament.

The players and their families enjoyed a picnic supper after which the youngsters made good use of the pool and playground equipment, the ladies relaxed under the trees and the men played an impromptu round robin.

However due to the lateness of the hour the Tournament was not completed. Following are the results of the games played: Stan DeLeary, Phoenix, 9—0; Ralph Prater, Phoenix, 8—1; George Elder, Casa Grande, 7—2; Ray Danner, Phoenix, 6—3; Sal Cano, Casa Grande, 5—3; Bill Stamm, Mesa, 4—4; Harold Fredericks, Phoenix, 4—5; Tom Darrough, Phoenix, 4—5; Howard Jackson, Casa Grande, 2—6; Bruce Milbacker, Casa Grande, 2—6; Leddy Ledbetter, Casa Grande, 0—8; Harold Wright, Casa Grande, 0—8.

DeLeary displayed his usual game winning form in taking all the games he played. Ralph Prater was next losing only to Elder of Casa Grande. Since the schedule was not completed Prater did not play DeLeary. Elder and Cano showed well for Casa Grande, Elder losing to DeLeary, and to Danner in a close game. Although other Casa Grande players didn't hit the win column too often they pitched very well for their first real competition.

Plans are being made to hold Casa Grande City and Pinal County Tournaments in the fall.

We got quite a kick out of the June Article by Belmont W. Adams of Maine. He might be interested to know that we in Casa Grande play a fast doubles game when we practice. It goes like this—Two courts are used and 4 shoes are pitched on each court. The game is much the same as a regular doubles game except that the action is continuous with shoes flying in opposite directions until the game is over. Players shout out the scores and only ringers are scored. When the game is close at 48 all, the player throwing the next ringer wins for his team. It some times pays to be fast.

How about publishing the Ladies' Percentages so other women pitchers will know how good they have to be before they travel to Murray, Utah.

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WISCONSIN

By Mrs. Casey Jones

We had our State Tournament on August 19th and 20th with the following results. In the qualifying rounds, 100 shoes pitched, Casey ran up 266 points with a percentage of 85, Stan Kivlin had 241 points with 75% and Mike Barachy finished with 225 with 67%. In the "A"s, Casey won all 15 games, Kinlin was second with 13 wins and Bartlen finished third with the same score. In the "B" class, Madden, Oberle, Weide finished in one, two three position. Casey also won a two game play off in which he defeated Kivlin in both games.

Arthur Klement was re-elected President and his son Bob, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Ted Allen had a high in one game of 96.7. Isais put on 27 doubles in a row to beat Johnson in their game. If you have last September's issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher, it might be interesting to compare the results with this year.

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St. Paul's Ken Huber, says "Our sixteenth consecutive season has now come to an end. Our City Horseshoe Assn. is one of the largest in the country. This is of course, figured on a per capita basis. We had 32 sponsors again in our city leagues which ties last year's record. We had 166 players on our records which is six over last year. We are going ahead. Let's make next year the largest ever in number of sponsors, teams and players. It's all up to you!

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The New Hampshire Horseshoe Meet was held at Dover Point on Aug. 6. Paul Tobey came out on top with Guyett second and Howard White garnering third place.

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Gill Brinkmon was the winner in a three way play off with Al Phaneuf and Ed Saltus. Played Saturday night, August 26, at the courts of the Westfield, Mass. Municipal Playgrounds. They finished with percentages of 64, 64 and 61 respectively. In the 3 game play off Brinkmon rolled up 66.7%. In the second division Allyn, Giroux and Cuoco finished in that order.

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H. S. Gamble, of Pittsburgh, Pa., informs me that they had the most thrilling State Championship tournament they ever had at Uniontown, Pa., on August 26. It ended in a thre way tie for first place and in the play off, John Clingan, of Uniontown, won out. The first five were Clingan—66.3, Engle—67.1, Smith—65.0, Fulton—65.0, and Curry—64.3.

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COMING EVENTS

Sept. 23-24—Washington, D. C.—Metropolitan Open, Commerce Courts.

Sept. 24—Westfield, Mass.—Massachusetts State.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1—Yakima, Wash.—Northwest Tournament (Ore., Wash., Idaho and Montana players).

Oct. 1—Westfield, Mass.—New England Open.

Oct. 8—Berlin, Conn.—Open Tournament, Berlin Fair.

Nov. 4—New York, N. Y.—City Wide Championships, sponsored by New York Mirror and Dept. Parks, Hecksher Playground, Central Park.

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