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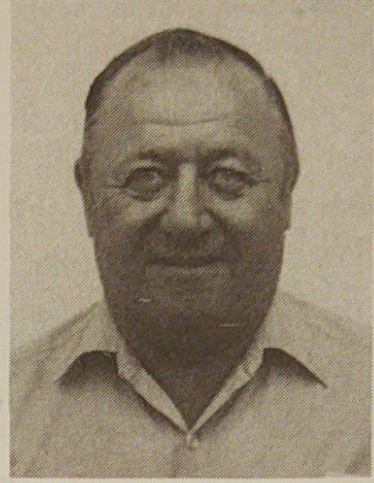
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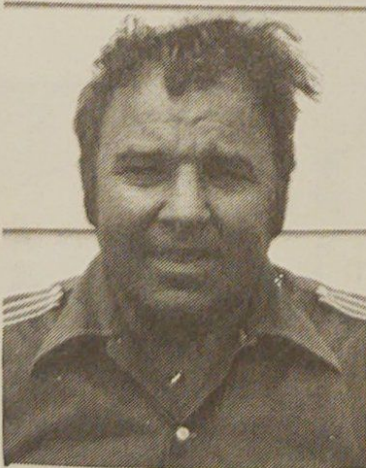
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The township of Armstrong would like to welcome all the horseshoe pitchers and thank them for attending this annual state horseshoe tournament in Mountain, Wisconsin. The tournament is made possible through the cooperation of the townspeople and various organizations.

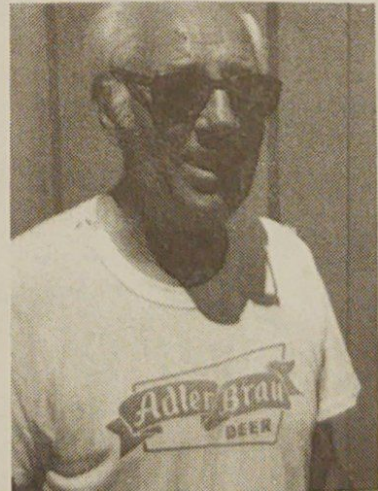
The town chairman, of 23 years, William Lazansky, and Joe Baldwin, President of the Mountain Area Businessman's Association, in conjunction with Swen Bowman have worked together in a unified effort to organize this tournament.



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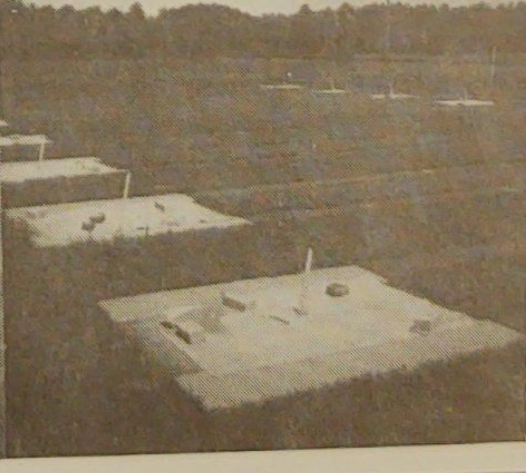
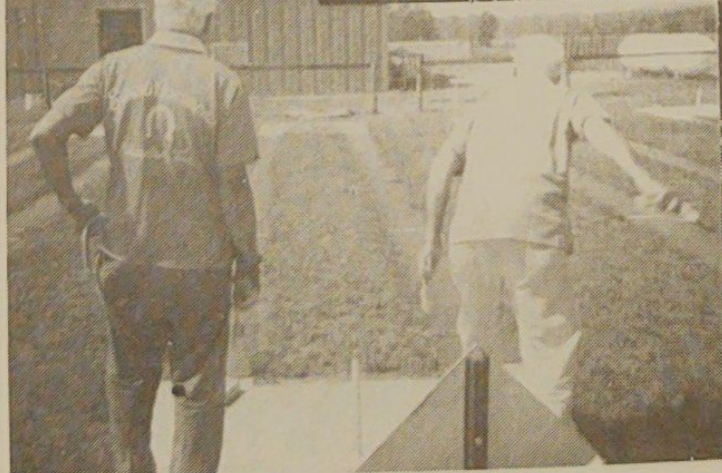
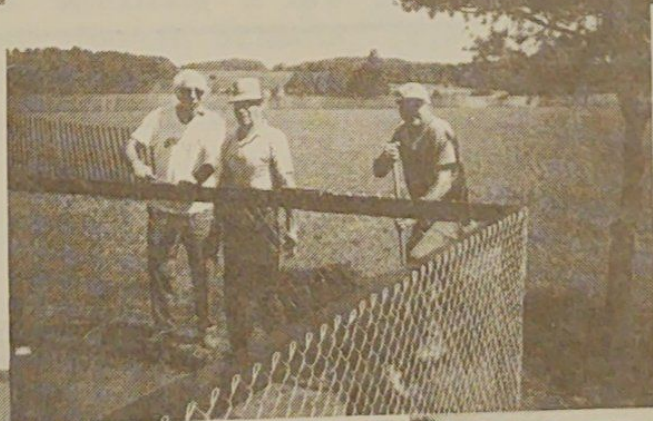
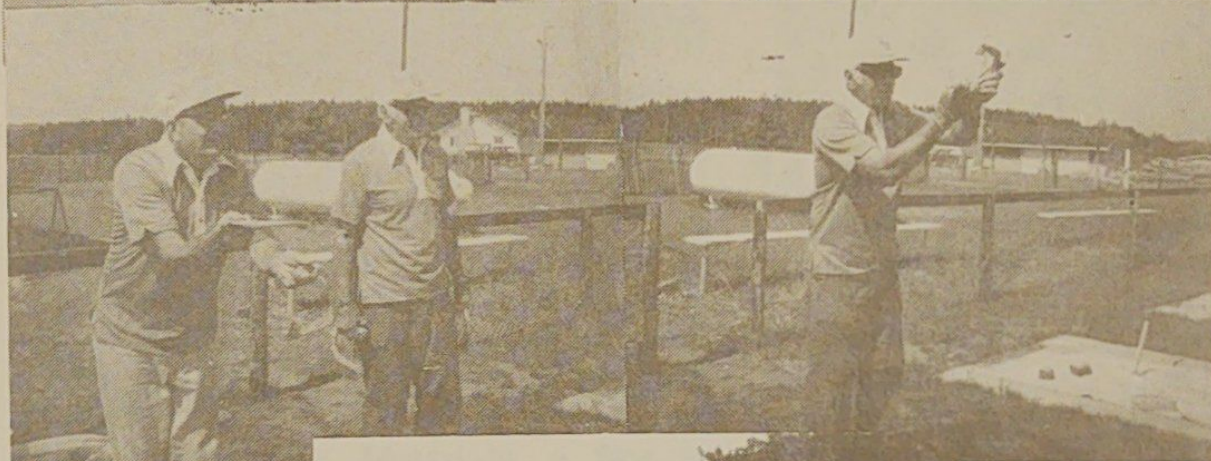
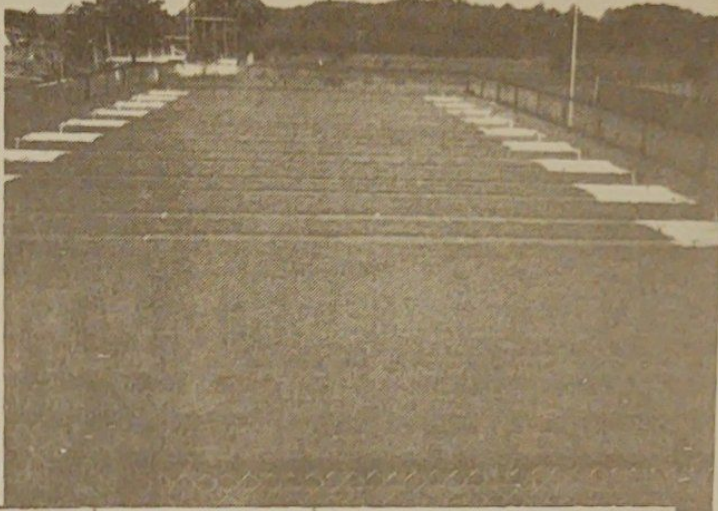
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Wisconsin State Boys' Champions

1973	Randy Pritzlaff	Germantown	36.6
1974	Tim Semingson	Elk Mound	49.1
1975	Tim Schommer	Combined Locks	39.2
1976	Brett Prizlaff	Germantown	40.5

Wisconsin State Women's Champions

1969	Sella Dollevoet	Little Chute	22.3
1970	Marion Ristau	Combined Locks	21.4
1971	Marion Ristau	Combined Locks	42.6
1972	Darlene Ebert	Fillmore	51.3
1973	Darlene Ebert	Fredonia	59.5
1974	Darlene Ebert	Fredonia	50.8
1975	Darlene Ebert	Fredonia	60.4
1976	Pat Eaton	Eau Claire	50.7

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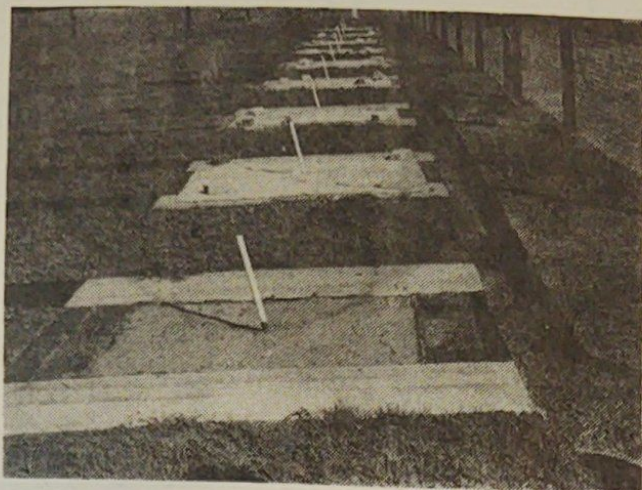


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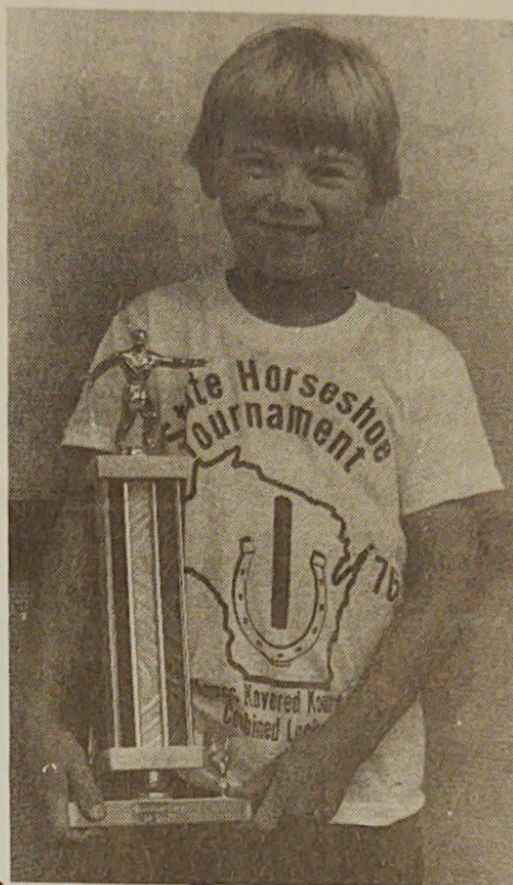
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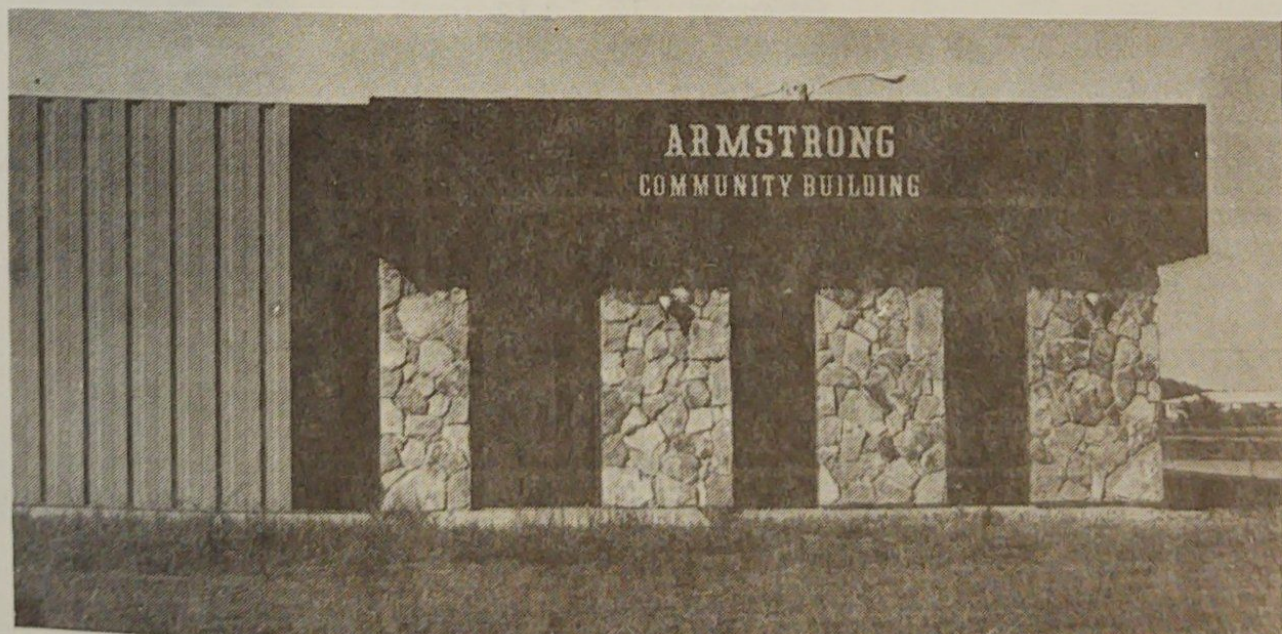
Horseshoes Anyone?



BRET PRITZLAFF
~~1976~~ 1976 Boy's
 Champion



Swen's Open at Mountain a few years back, From left, Harold Scheets, 1976 champ; Bill Glass, five times state champ; Swen Bowman, promoter of Swen's Open.



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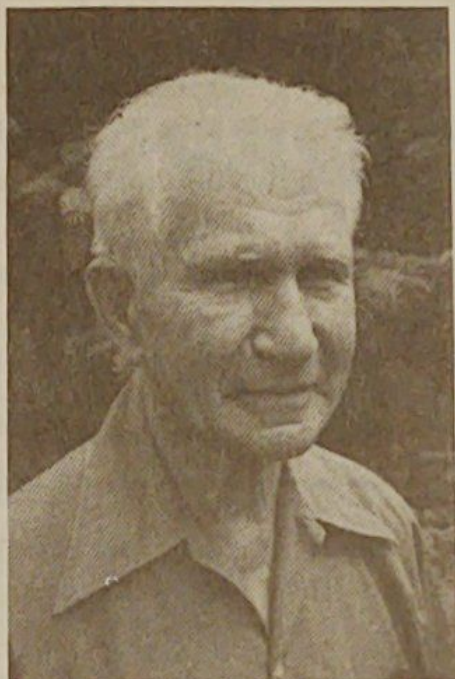
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ARTHUR E. NIEMANN

For twenty-five years Art held various offices in the Washington Park Club. He has organized leagues, driving from Madison to Milwaukee to run leagues at night, taking care of the courts (even carrying jugs of water before the water is turned on in the spring), keeping score, calling pitchers and encouraging the reluctant ones, always willing to do everything necessary for the benefit of horseshoes.

Art, who is 78 years old, is also a past vice-president of the State Association. He worked for fifty-one years as a salesman of office supplies and printing for the H. Niedecken Company of Milwaukee.

We congratulate Art for his many years of dedication to the game of horseshoes and the Washington Park Horseshoe Club.

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**FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE FOR THE
1977 WISCONSIN STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 13, 14, 1977. COME EARLY. BE PROMPT.**

CLASS L

SAT., AUG. 13, 10:15 A.M.
Tony Gaetz, Stevens Point
Edward Crocket, Milwaukee
Lavern Richard, Hazel Green
Ed Hartjes, Combined Locks
Larry Sercord, Fond du Lac
Jim King, Green Bay
Terry Sherwin, Germantown
Chuck Koehn, Eagle

CLASS M

SAT., AUG. 13, 8:00 A.M.
Mike Heymann, Sheboygan
Melvin Flogel, Platteville
Elmer Big Fire, Green Bay
Nobk Nigbor, Green Bay
Robert Eichstedt, Ripon
Ken Voight, Fredonia
Dan Ebert, Fredonia
Ralph Raduechel, Eagle

CLASS N

SAT., AUG. 13, 8:00 A.M.
Carl Mattson, Germantown
Steve Kamps, Combined Locks
Ed Ballwanz, Fond du Lac
Bob Mattson, Menomonee Falls
Pal Lloyd, Marshfield
Alfred Johnson, Eau Claire
Jim Guenther, Marshfield
Dick Engman, Marshfield

CLASS

SAT., AUG. 13, 8:00 A.M.
Randy Pritzlaff, Germantown
Bob Sievert, Fond du Lac
Daryl Guenther, Marshfield
Greg Reitzner, Combined Locks
Dick Searing, Eagle
John Olson, Green Bay
John Siegel, Combined Locks
Roger Bartnick, Mountain

CLASS P

SUN., AUG. 14, 8:00 A.M.
Rick Stone, Germantown
Robert Schaible, Milwaukee
Lester Keller, Germantown
Tom Weber, Germantown
Dick Mackey, Germantown
Ilgras Veldre, Jackson
Dan Ferch, Marshfield
Doug Vine, Green Bay

LADIES A

SAT., AUG. 13, 12:45 P.M.
Pat Eaton, Def. Champ, Eau Claire
Gail Dallsman, Jackson
Susan Pritzlaff, Germantown
Carol Schell, Fredonia

Shary Klopp, Eau Claire
Lois Lamer, Kimberly
Sue Hanold, Green Bay
Shirley McDonald, Eagle

LADIES B

SAT., AUG. 13, 12:45 P.M.
Ann Apsteen, Combined Locks
Sella Dollevoet, Combined Locks
Vickie Zimmer, Fredonia
Gert Martin, Kimberly
Aura Rasmussen, Fond du Lac
Dorothy Schelke, Stevens Point
Cyrena Srenaski, Green Bay
Jeanne Eide, Eau Claire

LADIES C

SAT., AUG. 13, 12:45 P.M.
Kathy McGinnis, West Bend
Jocelyn Anderson, Eau Claire
Sandy Weber, Germantown
Juanita Keller, Germantown
Sharon Weigert, Green Bay
Tammy Hendricks, Benton
Joan Sievert, Fond du Lac

JUNIOR BOYS - CLASS A

SAT., AUG. 13, 3:00 P.M.
Bret Pritzlaff, Germantown
Dan Leintz, Combined Locks
Rusty Pritzlaff, Germantown
Kevin Johnson, Eau Claire
Tim Schommer, Combined Locks
J. D. Secord, Fond du Lac
Mike Ballwanz, Fond du Lac
Matt VanDeurzen, Combined Locks

JUNIOR BOYS - CLASS B

SAT., AUG. 13, 3:00 P.M.
Jeff Goelz, Suamico
Tim Mulry, Combined Locks
Mark Ballwanz, Fond du Lac
Kurt Reitzner, Combined Locks
Jay Kamps, Combined Locks
Keith DeValk, Combined Locks
Chris Klosteman, Ripon
Pat Bright, Appleton

JUNIOR BOYS - CLASS C

SAT., AUG. 13, 3:00 P.M.
Mark Fisher, Appleton
Jeff Secord, Fond du Lac
Kirk Bartnik, Mountain
Dean Zimmer, Fredonia
Bryan Weller, Mountain
Ken DeValk, Combined Locks

JUNIOR GIRLS

SAT., AUG. 13, NOON
Nancy Mulry, Combined Locks
Kay Reitzner, Combined Locks

CLASS A

SUN., AUG. 14, 1:30 P.M.
 Bill Glass, Vesper
 Ralph Maylahn, Milwaukee
 Curt Bestul, Eau Claire
 Carl Joppe, Green Bay
 Rick Pritzlaff, Germantown
 Harold Bestul, Rosholt
 Wally Saeger, Ixonia
 Myel Olson, Appleton

CLASS B

SUN., AUG. 14, 1:30 P.M.
 Kent Anderson, Eau Claire
 Gene Mason, Appleton
 Norb Gossen, Neenah
 Merwyn Sorenson, DePere
 Joe Gerritts, Appleton
 Merle Cooper, Shawano
 Bob Wilkie, Berlin
 Frank Frankowiak, Shawano

CLASS C

SUN., AUG. 14, 1:30 P.M.
 Orville Anderson, Green Bay
 Dick Goelz, Suamico
 Francis Beauchamp, Florence
 Arnie Christianson, Green Bay
 Don Hendricks, Benton
 Earl Glasson, Cuba City
 Wally Srenaski, Green Bay
 Earl Weigert, Kaukauna

CLASS D

SUN., AUG. 14, 10:15 A.M.
 Larry Hoffman, Chippewa Falls
 Al Broulette, Milwaukee
 Tony Hiepas, Little Chute
 Royce Wrukke, Horicon
 Tom Johnstone, Superior
 Wes Taylor, West Bend
 Francis Flogle, Platteville
 Bob Anderson, Eau Claire

CLASS E

SUN., AUG. 14, 10:15 A.M.
 Carrol Boldt, Fond du Lac
 Charlie Christopolis, Sheboygan
 Harry Johnson, Milwaukee
 Wally Michaels, Fredonia
 Archie Johnson, Germantown
 John Secord, Fond du Lac
 Chum Lubka, Mountain
 John Meyer, Fond du Lac

CLASS F

SUN., AUG. 14, 10:15 A.M.
 Otis Wessley, Green Bay
 Rick Liss, Pulaski
 Joe Dollevoet, Combined Locks
 Del Phillips, Laona
 Gary Bloedorn, Fond du Lac
 Clarence Polcyinski, Pulaski
 Tom Sherman, Milton
 Art Winkleman, Laona

CLASS G

SAT., AUG. 13, 5:00 P.M.
 Joe Dubnicka, Germantown
 Al Harold, Green Bay
 Punt Laabs, Oconomowoc
 Jeff Hendricks, DePere
 Steve Weigert, Green Bay
 Jack Trepanier, Oconto
 Bill Dollase, Watertown
 Gary Schwartz, Adell

CLASS H

SAT., AUG. 13, 5:00 P.M.
 Gordon O'Brian, Lily
 John Miller, Ripon
 James Gaetz, Stevens Point
 Timmy Hendricks, Benton
 Eldon Eaton, Eau Claire
 Harold Lamers, Kimberly
 John Gomall, Watertown
 Al McGowan, Milwaukee

CLASS I

SAT., AUG. 13, 5:00 P.M.
 Jules Paluch, Oconto
 Norb Hendricks, Green Bay
 Neil Bloemer, DePere
 Al VandenBoogard, Combined Locks
 Jim Berg, Green Bay
 Mike McDonald, Eagle
 Gerald Riveria, Wautoma
 Don Reitzner, Combined Locks

CLASS J

SAT., AUG. 13, 10:15 A.M.
 Greg Hein, Eagle
 Bud Kuhnert, Fall Creek
 Edwin Penshorn, Wonewoc
 C. L. Ollerman, Fond du Lac
 Bernie Schuette, Green Bay
 Ron Pritzlaff, Germantown
 Dave Klosterman, Ripon
 Laverne Flesch, Platteville

CLASS K

SAT., AUG. 13, 10:15 A.M.
 Gabby Appleman, Fond du Lac
 Richard McGinnis, West Bend
 Ralph Schwartz, Fond du Lac
 Dick Vandenplus, Green Bay
 Jim Poquette, Hubertus
 Merin Wildenberg, Combined Locks
 Chuck Goldopski, Fond du Lac
 Pete Schelke, Stevens Point

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1931	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee	
1932	Harold Sheets	Waukesha	
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1934	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee	
1935	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
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1941	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee	79.9
1942	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1943	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee	
1944	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1945	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1946	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1947	Mike Barschy	Milwaukee	
1948	Casey Jones	Waukesha	81.
1949	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	75.
1950	Casey Jones	Waukesha	79.
1951	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1952	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1953	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	69.7
1954	Casey Jones	Waukesha	
1955	Earl Ramquist	Beloit	
1956	Carl Pfeffer	Milwaukee	65.
1957	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	68.
1958	Carl Pfeffer	Milwaukee	69.
1959	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	56.9
1960	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee	60.
1961	Casey Jones	Random Lake	67.
1962	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee	58.7
1963	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee	61.3
1964	Wally Saeger	Ixonia	
1965	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	69.8
1966	Carl Joppe	Green Bay	67.
1967	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis	56.4
1968	Bill Glass	Vesper	69.4
1969	Bill Glass	Vesper	67.6
1970	Bill Glass	Vesper	73.5
1971	Bill Glass	Vesper	73.6
1972	Ralph Maylahn	Milwaukee	73.1
1973	Harold Sheets	Milwaukee	65.4
1974	Bill Glass	Vesper	72.3
1975	Harold Sheets	Milwaukee	70.
1976	Harold Sheets	Milwaukee	65.7

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1922W	Charlie Davis	Columbus, Ohio	
1922S	Frank Ludin	New London, Iowa	
1923W	Harold Falor	Akron, Ohio	
1923S	George May	Akron, Ohio	55.3
1924W	Charlie Davis	Columbus, Ohio	60.
1924S	Putt Mossman	Eldora, Iowa	57.9
1925	Putt Mossman	Eldora, Iowa	62.5
1926	Frank Jackson	Kellerton, Iowa	67.6
1927W	Charlie Davis	Columbus, Ohio	
1927S	Charlie Davis	Columbus, Ohio	
1928	Charlie Davis	Columbus, Ohio	64.8
1929	Blair Nunnemaker	Cleveland, Ohio	70.2
1933	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	69.5
1935	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	73.5
1940	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	75.5
1941	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	82.4
1946	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	82.9
1947	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	83.9
1948	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	83.2
1949	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	84.2
1950	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	83.3
1951	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	83.5
1952	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	85.7
1953	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	83.5
1954	Guy Zimmerman	Danville, California	84.8
1955	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	86.5
1956	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	83.4
1957	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	85.1
1958	Fernando Isias	Los Angeles, California	84.3
1959	Ted Allen	Boulder, Colorado	84.4
1960	Don Titcomb	Las Gatos, California	84.6
1961	Harold Reno	Sabina, Ohio	83.8
1962	Paul Focht	Dayton, Ohio	81.8
1963	John Monasmith	Yakima, Washington	82.3
1964	Harold Reno	Sabina, Ohio	84.1
1965	Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	84.4
1966	Curt Day	Frankfort, Indiana	86.6
1967	Danny Kuchcinski	Erie, Pennsylvania	84.4
1968	Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	88.5
1969	Danny Kuchcinski	Erie, Pennsylvania	84.7
1970	Danny Kuchcinski	Erie, Pennsylvania	84.9
1971	Curt Day	Frankfort, Indiana	85.
1972	Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	86.
1973	Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	83.7
1974	Curt Day	Frankfort, Indiana	83.1
1975	Elmer Hohl	Wellesley, Ontario	84.5
1976	Carl Steinfeld	Rochester, New York	84.6

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A History of Horseshoe Pitching

The origin of horseshoe pitching is shrouded in mystery. Looking back into antiquity, using a few facts and a lot of personal supposition, different writers have given different versions of its beginning.

The most likely origin of the game is that it started as a substitute for the Olympic game of discus throwing. The Greeks idolized the athletes who competed in the Olympic games and sought to imitate them.

The type of equipment used in the Olympic contests, including the discus, was too expensive for the average person to afford. It seems likely that poor people began to fashion substitutes for the discus and to hurl them for a distance. They eventually hammered out metal rings, shaped a great deal like a discus, and developed a game similar to quoits. The accent soon shifted from distance to accuracy, with pegs being placed in the ground as targets. They tried to encircle the peg for ringers, and thus was born a new game that was the predecessor of the game of horseshoes.

This game was being played before the birth of Christ. A few centuries after the dawn of the Christian era Greek and Roman armies began to attach metal strips to the feet of their horses to prevent the hoofs from being torn to pieces on the rough terrain over which they moved. As these first horseshoes were discarded, they were gathered up by soldiers and camp followers and pitched. These shoes were thought to have weighed nearly four pounds.

The open side of the shoe brought out another interesting possibility. In addition to going over the peg as the quoit or metal ring had done, there would be occasional ringers when the peg slipped through the open side.

It is very questionable, however, whether the use of horseshoes instead of metal rings became popular because of more ringers. It seems more likely that their use was more a matter of convenience. It was much easier to use them as they were than to hammer them into closed rings. As we shall see, it was a long time before any emphasis was placed on the open side of the shoe.

History continued

The Norman soldiers are said to have brought the game to England when they invaded that country. Both horseshoes and quoits were played in England, with quoits being much preferred by the English. The nobles and aristocrats of England and many other nations played quoits for centuries. There are indications that horseshoes were first pitched in England by the women and children because they were lighter than quoits. Eventually, the men began to pitch them, too. Both games were played in Europe through the eighteenth century.

The early settlers in America brought along the game of quoits and horseshoes. By the time the Revolutionary war was fought, the game of horseshoes was played almost exclusively. Quoits was on its way to becoming extinct, and is now played almost nowhere. A link between the game of horseshoes and our history is the often quoted observation of the Duke of Wellington that "the Colonial War of Liberation was won on the village greens by pitchers of horse hardware." Our forefathers were ardent players of the horseshoe game, and nearly every person in America today has played the game at some time or other in his life.

Horseshoe pitching has been played continuously from that time to the present in all parts of the United States. Our soldiers have played horseshoes in their leisure time in every war. And in spite of this widespread playing of the game, there is no trace of organized play in the United States until an active local club was formed at Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1899.

The game as we know it today is a very recent one. It came into its own about 1920, at which time pitching the open shoe became a deliberate scientific attempt, instead of a blind toss with merely a hope that it would be a ringer. Around this time many things happened that dramatically changed horseshoe pitching from a haphazard game with no standard rules to a well organized game, which can take its place alongside bowling, golf and other individual sports.

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