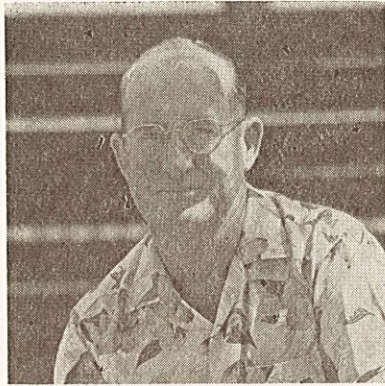


## In Memoriam



Archie Gregson

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Departed this life

January 7, 1966

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*"I will lift up mine eyes  
unto the hills,  
From whence cometh my help,"  
Psalms 121.*

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One by one our loved ones pass from earthly life into their Eternal Home. Through the years many of our cherished friends have been taken by the hand of the Creator and entered the Gateway that leads to that "City not made with hands, but eternal in the Heavens."

Our hearts were saddened on January 7, 1966 by the sudden passing of our dear friend and fellow horseshoe pitcher, Archie Gregson, former president and also former secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America, whom God has taken, in His infinite wisdom, on the last journey to eternal rest.

Archie, as he was fondly known, served as NHPA president in 1958 for a period of one year. Prior to that he served as NHPA secretary from 1941 thru 1955, with the exception of the three year span of 1947-50, when Harvey Clear was secretary. During the World War II years, when no world tournaments were held, he held the organization together without compensation until 1946. From that year the NHPA

has grown steadily. During these years, Archie always worked steadfastly along with his wife, Katie in promoting horseshoe pitching.

He was well known from one end of the nation to the other. He will be greatly missed by all, especially at Murray, Utah, where the 1966 World meet will be held. His counsel and guidance was prominently shown in the conducting of previous world tournaments held there.

Archie was instrumental in having courts installed in San Bernardino, California recently. He also secured courts at the San Bernardino fair at Victorville, California, several years back, where so many tournaments have been conducted since.

In 1956, Archie and his wife Katie were awarded life memberships in the National Association for their devoted service to the organization and to the sport that they so dearly loved.

It was only a few days after his transfer to San Antonio, Texas from his California home to a U. S. Government project that his untimely passing occurred.

He was laid to rest on January 13 in Montecito Memorial Park in San Bernardino, California, only a short distance from his mountain home in Crestline. His younger brother, Reverend Willis Gregson, pastor of the Beverly Baptist church of Denver, Colorado, officiated.

Friends and relatives from all areas filled the chapel to pay homage to the memory of a fine gentleman, devoted husband and father and one of staunchest supporters the horseshoe sport has ever had.

The National Association has indeed lost one of its greatest devotees in the game. Archie will long be remembered by those who knew him.

May God's healing hands be placed on the heart of his loving wife, Katie, with whom he shared 35 years of devoted and loving companionship and to his two sons and their families, and to the rest of his immediate family, in the loss that they have sustained.

The sympathy of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association together with that of both California associations, and the staff of the News Digest is extended to the bereaved family.

*"They who bring joy into the lives of friends, need  
no tribute from the recording pen. Their deeds are graven  
in a place apart, on the enduring tablet of the human heart."*

### Pomona Club Doubles — Pomona, Calif.

	W	L
C. Percy — J. Holder .....	10	5
P. Brady — R. Victor .....	9	6
G. Farrell — C. Francis .....	9	6
F. Brown — F. Percy .....	8	7
R. Hudgens — R. St. Thomas .....	6	5
W. Shipley — S. Davis .....	6	5
B. Van Sant — E. Carrier .....	6	5
J. Weeks — M. Oesterick .....	6	5
W. Sims — S. Puopulo .....	5	6
N. Smith — H. Slagg .....	5	6
A. Rogers — H. Thompson .....	4	7
M. Velarde — E. Mang .....	1	10

### St. Joseph, Mo. Club To Stage Two Open Tournaments For Grand Opening of The New Noyes Field

Ray Cavin, promoter of two fine Open tournaments, announces that the new Noyes Field facilities will be ready for the annual "St. Joe" Open tournament on June 26, followed later in the season by the "Midland Empire" Open tournament on September 11.

The 12 new, blacktopped horseshoe courts will be lighted by 16 powerful, 1500 watt floodlights, mounted on 40 foot poles. Adjoining them are 12 new, hard-surfaced tennis courts, lighted by 186 - 1500 watt floodlights. There will be a new field house equipped with lunch counter, rest room facilities, locker rooms, etc. Full details of forthcoming horseshoe events will be made in a later issue of the Digest.

## Dr. Sol Berman of New Jersey Association to Participate In Preparation of Encyclopedia of Sports Medicine

Dr. Sol Berman of the New Jersey state association has been invited to participate in the preparation of The Encyclopedia of Sports Medicine. One thousand contributors will participate in the project.

The project is sponsored by the American College of Sports Medicine under contract with the MacMillan Company of New York and the University of Wisconsin.

It is expected that the Encyclopedia will be used on a world-wide basis by practicing physicians, team physicians, physical education teachers, health education teachers, school administrators, trainers, as well as many other individuals and groups.

Each sport will be covered completely. The topics that Dr. Berman will write on will be as follows.

1. — The physiological responses and requirements of participation in horseshoes.
2. — Clinical examination necessary prior to participation in horseshoes.
3. — Acute and subacute injuries resulting from participation in horseshoes.
4. — Chronic injury resulting from participation in horseshoes.
5. — Measurement and evaluation of performance skills involved in horseshoes.

If any NHPA members, their friends or physicians have any articles related to the mentioned topics, Dr. Berman would appreciate receiving them.

Articles on bowling covering the mentioned topics would help, since there is some similarity in the physiology in both sports.

All articles should be sent to Dr. Sol Berman, 351 Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202, before May 1, 1966.

## Los Gatos (Calif.) Wins No. California A League Title Arroyo Viejo (Oakland) Takes B

The Los Gatos 4-man team comprised of Connie Henderson, Jesse Gonzales, Verdan Zelmar, and Stan Mac Carty won the 1965 Northern California Class A team championship with 6 match wins, no losses, and 1 tie averaging 62.6% as a team. Sacramento was second, winning 4, losing 1, and tying 1. Other league entrants were Arroyo Viejo (Oakland), Mosswood (Oakland), and Golden Gate (San Francisco). Connie Henderson (1965 Los Gatos Club Champ) was the top league pitcher averaging 68.1% winning 20 of 24 games.

The Arroyo Viejo B team won 7 matches losing 3 to take the B league championship. Santa Rosa was second. Other entrants were Sacramento, Los Gatos, Mosswood, and Golden Gate, Elmer Gamboa of Arroyo Viejo was the B league's top pitcher.

The Northern Calif Horseshoe Pitcher's Ass'n. main objective in fostering league team play was to give more pitchers a chance to compete in organized competition, and to promote interest in horseshoes throughout the area. We feel this was accomplished, as over 70 pitchers played in the two leagues and excellent publicity was realized.

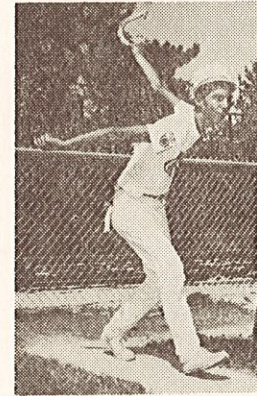
### From Here and There

It was heartening to see so many Canadian news items in the last issue of "Digest," especially since we now have two World Champions from north of the border in Elmer Hohl and Ross Stevenson. The NHPA now has members in six provinces — Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan. There are excellent organizations in both Quebec and British Columbia and one in the process in Saskatchewan.

## An interesting horseshoe personality . . .

# Danny Kuchcinski of Pennsylvania

One of the outstanding features of the 1965 World tournament held at Keene, New Hampshire, was the performance turned in by the youthful Danny Kuchcinski of Erie, Pennsylvania. Before the big event had reached its final game, Danny had won the hearts of all players and spectators alike, with his remarkable display of horseshoe pitching ability.



Two of the highlights of that brilliant performance, were his games with Glenn Riffle of Dayton, Ohio and that with Floyd Toole of Arkansas. In the game with Riffle he had a string of 32 straight ringers and in the game with Toole he had a ringer percentage of 87 percent, losing to Toole by a score of 50-48. For the entire tournament he forged a 79.3 ringer percentage and wound up with a game record of 27 wins and 8 losses to take seventh place.

The unusual aspect about young Kuchcinski's performance is the fact that his original idea was to pitch in the Junior division, however, due to the fact that there would not have been many games thrown, he decided to try and qualify for the men's division in which he was successful with a qualifying score of 513 points.

Danny comes from a family of horseshoe pitchers. His dad, Joseph Kuchcinski, Sr., started his boys to pitch on the Glenwood courts in Erie. Young Danny was only 10 years old when he started his career, which was later to land him top flight world competition. The trip to Keene, New Hampshire was made accompanied by his parents, brother Joe, Jr., cousin Rich and his uncle Wesley Kuchcinski.

In entering into the Erie competition, Danny relates that it was Joe Peters who helped convince the elder players in the Erie league that he was a formidable contender for league play. It was this pressure of league competition that helped get him through.

Danny has this to say about his unorthodox turn and one-quarter reverse. "Most of the pitchers throw a turn and three-quarter. But it is a habit that I picked up when I first started to play and have never been able to break. My dad told me to use the pitch that comes naturally. Perhaps it is because I was too small when I started and the turn and three-quarter was too hard, I'm not sure, but I just know what I throw."

### Attention Indiana Members

The annual meeting of the Indiana State Association will be held on Sunday, March 27th, at the Community Center of the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana.

This will be a "Carry in Lunch" type of meeting with the members urged to bring their families and a "covered dish," to pass.

A special film of interest to everyone will be shown during the course of the afternoon.

The time of the dinner will be 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. At the meeting, plans will be made for the coming season, including tournament dates. Primary concern will be the defining of the no qualifying tournament plan used last season, which will eliminate some of the defects which showed up.

Earle Wilmore, Secretary  
Walter Wilhoite, President