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FRANK NIVEN (deceased)
Rochester, New York

Although Frank Niven was New York State Champion in 1929, he will be better known as a promoter of the sport of horseshoes.

From 1930 to 1937, Frank "Hands" Niven not only promoted, but also directed every State tournament, as well as many County tournaments, and in a large measure, was responsible for the groundwork of the State Association we have today.

He was also the manager of the "Putt Mossman" Horseshoe Company of Rochester, which developed the first professional "hooked" shoe. This shoe was quickly accepted by players, when it was found to improve their ringer percentages considerably, and was 'copied' to some degree, by all the leading shoe manufacturers. In those days, the company operated from a location on West Main Street in Rochester. Un-fortunately, both the great pitcher, Putt Mossman, and Frank Niven are now deceased.