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Edie McKinney HOF

PLATTEVILLE 2004

Randy Rein did it again and opened the bar to celebrate. It was a tough tenth State title for the champ. Roger Comero, placed second, was steady as always had the best chance to unseat Rein. Just could not convert opportunities to win. Jim Larson did well as a new addition to the championship class. Mark Stevens, caught by a hot Dan Bloom in the opening game, hung on to be a force in later games. Looked like the Mark Stevens of ten years ago. Mark Mauthe, fifth place, may have overextended himself as an excellent host and tournament director. It is highly unusual for a champi-

Jane Smith made the HOF presentation on the courts at Platteville with these words.

“What an honor to be the person to give you the nitty gritty on Edie McKinney, our 2004 WHPA Hall of Fame inductee. Edie is no stranger to our association as she has been a very noticeable pitcher and person in every avenue of the horseshoe world. You can read her formal information in the State program but what is to follow is the REAL thing!

Edie is the 3rd of 5 girls who grew up on a farm in northern Wisconsin. She developed her excellent work and play

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onship competitor and former State Champion to be a State Tournament director.

Gert Wilcziek repeated for her fifth time as Womens state champion leaving second place Edie McKinney and the others far back in her wake. Deb Halvorson showed as a new addition to the Championship division. Wilcziek's 80.9% tournament ranks next to Lorraine Sternberg's record 81.7 of 1995..

Clayton Gage showed that he continues to rule the roost. He's still head turkey in the Elders division

Tava Cook has extended her reign to include the state. On the rebound

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Coming Events

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Oct. 16 | State Fall Meeting | 1:00 pm |
| Lake Delton Sportsman's Club (directions in Pres column) E9602 Berry Lane, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 | | |
| Oct. 23 | Fall Classic Arena | \$18 |
| Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-04-051 D/L 10-9 | | |
| Oct 30 - 31 | Do It at Deansville | \$18 |
| Rudy Van Fleet 202B Parkview Dr. Columbus, WI 53925 920-623-4924 28-04-050 D/L 10/17 | | |
| Nov. 6 - 7 | Autumn Harvest Beloit | \$18 |
| Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-04-052 D/L 10-25 | | |
| Dec. 4 - 5 | Deansville Open | \$15 |
| Rudy Van Fleet 202B Parkview Dr. Columbus, WI 53925 920-623-4924 28-04-053 D/L 11-22 | | |
| Dec 11 | Arena | \$18 |
| Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-04-054 D/L 11/28 | | |
| Dec. 18-19 | Snow Flake Beloit | \$18 |
| Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-04-055 D/L 12/6 | | |
| Jan 8, 2005 | WHPA Christmas Party Beloit | \$10 |
| DON'T MISS THIS ONE | | |
| If you didn't make it last year, you missed a great time. | | |
| Beloit Horseshoe Club "Mouse" Beckius 640 Ravine Dr Beloit, WI 53511 608-365-9901 | | |

THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS PREPARED BY NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR KEN JAEGER. ANY ERRORS, CORRECTIONS, OR ADDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE RD AND THIS NEWSLETTER

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The President's Column

If you missed the state tournament in Platteville, you missed a good time. State is not just a horseshoe tournament, it is something special. It's time with your family and friends, maybe the last time of the year to visit with your old (and new) horseshoe buddies. The class percentages are usually closer, and it could be your lucky day. The Platteville and Arena clubs hosted a very organized and smooth running tournament. For those who didn't make it this year, try to make it next year in Beloit.

This year was my first opportunity to present the President's Award, and I wanted to express appreciation for a couple in horseshoes that for years has shown dedication, willingness to help out and work tournaments, and a fine talent for woodworking and donating items for raffles. I would like to congratulate Bun and Shirley Carley, two great assets to the WHPA. It was my pleasure to acknowledge you with this award.

The fall meeting is October 16, 2004 at 1:00 at Lake Delton Sportsman's Club, E9602 Berry Lane, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Directions: Follow signs off Hwy 23 and Hwy P south of Lake Delton. I90/94 Exit # 89. There will be signs up directing you to the club. Thanks again to Dave and Glenda Volz working with us on this location. On the agenda: election of officers, voting for the 2006 state tournament location, and of course any new business. Any clubs interested in bidding for 2006 state, please contact Terry Sternberg. He'll be glad to talk to all interested clubs.

Good pitching,
Tom

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from earning the World Girls title she showed her expertise in Platteville. She will be 18 this year thereby changing divisions.

Ryan Hyatt is the new Boys champ. That championship boys class has taken a step up. Nathan Heinrichz defending champion was left with third place while Nolan Johnson took second.

No it did not rain on Monday. Some state tournament pitchers thought it would be justly deserved if it would rain on Monday following two of the best weather days of the year.

The state tournament hosts chose to run a full shift of four classes Monday morning allowing for a leisurely pace the first two days. It would have been disaster if the rain came. It looked like it, smelled like it, even had a couple or two drops to the acre sprinkles but thank the heavens, no rain and surprisingly there were scorekeepers Monday morning, not many spectators but there were scorekeepers.

Did not notice until Monday but there was a remote class result board set-up for the west courts and maintained by the judge. It's a neat addition and would be good to continue the practice at future state tournaments.

Sonia Cook announced the winners of the Jr Scholarship raffle. Ken Kosky won the WRW bowling ball.

Things we all liked about this state tournament.

Liked the fact that the Platteville women were

about in great numbers in the concession area and on the courts.. Known for offering a great number of desert bars, they did that along with other fine food.

Liked the fact that many of the club members were on duty helping to run the event. Some did not pitch but were there to do service for their association.

We liked the easy pace of the entire event. Some may have complained about the number of shoes or the time allotted for classes but maybe Platteville showed us what it takes to present such a smooth program.

The courts were nice clean and well presented. Parking originally perceived as a possible problem was really easy. The use of the other Park buildings worked out well for the various State sales venues.

Did everyone see the iron-man pitcher that Orville Baker made? The Platteville Association has mounted it designating their courts.

The city of Platteville seemed to have the welcome mat out for visiting pitchers. The Country Kitchen supported the local association providing gift certificates for the trophy winners. We saw more than a few pitchers there. Platteville proved to be a nice place to visit.

Put it all together and the result is the WHPA has found one more fine place for the State Tournament should the Platteville Association so desire in the future.

How Come?

As good as this, and past, state tournaments have been they always leave us with some questions.

Directed at the state association as a whole, we invite anyone and everyone to answer or comment on these queries.

How come we, as a group, approve 40-shoe games at the State Tournament instead of the former 50-shoes and then our board allows the same schedule of four hours per class. Who sets the pace for the State?

How come the entry fee for an outdoor State Tour-

namment is the same as for indoor, with facility rental fees, and still there is no cash award.

How come only those state tournament hosts that lose money are willing to show us where the dollars went.

How come there was no move-up in the Elders class this year? Is it because one year no one could be found to move-up? Last year there was a move-up.

How come you don't come to the State Tournament? Less than 150 members of the nearly 500 in the WHPA made the annual pilgrimage to Platteville.

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ethic on the farm milking cows, riding horse to move the cows, and other farm related jobs. The family house was large as her aunt & uncle, cousin, and grandparents also lived with their family of 7. their free time was spent hunting squirrels, playing ball, and whatever other creative games they made up.

Eddie grew up, married and has a family of 2 daughters (Denise and Dodie) and one son (Danny), 9 grandchildren and one great grand daughter. Edie's sisters and their kids loved sports so played a lot of softball (25 years), bowled in leagues and tournaments (for 30 years) winning most every event they participated in. When the bases got too far apart they began pitching horseshoe and golfing. Edie organized her family team to play in the local tavern league. They began in C league and after only two years moved to challenge the A league. The league play led Edie and her sisters to local town horseshoe tournaments all played on sand and most of which she was a champion pitcher. In 1985 I coerced Edie and Debby Thompson to enter the World Tournament in Lafayette Indiana. They were both introduced to the world of clay courts. It didn't faze Edie as she has been improving her average ever since. They made their way to the first (for Edie and Debby) of many world tournament trips, missing only the 1988 in Pleasanton, CA. She was definitely hooked on horseshoes, the fun and the wonderful people and friendships developed. Maybe Edie needs to get her priorities straight. One particular weekend we were getting ready to head to the Pitching Palace in Racine, Wisconsin. Edie was all packed and ready to go when her house caught fire. The fire department arrived and took care of the chimney fire. Water all over and a bit of smoke damage, the house not quite the immaculate setting Edie was used to- BUT Edie had a tourney to get to so... bye firemen and off she was on her way to the tournament.

Work is a necessary evil in all of our lives. Edie worked at the local sewing factory doing piece work for 22 years. I believe she had records of speed and accuracy no one could match. Unfortunately the factory closed and Edie needed a new occupation. She worked for 13 years for the Social Service Office cleaning homes for the elderly or special needs population of Polk county. Naturally Edie couldn't just do the basics but washed windows, defrosted refrigerators, cleaned ovens, weeded gardens, did laundry etc., etc. Once again performing above and beyond the call of duty.

She was able to retire about three years ago and her time is still jam packed with activities of her children and grandchildren. There isn't a wrestling match, basketball or softball game, track meet, concert, dance line exhibition, birthday party, shower, wedding, she misses... unless there are two events scheduled at the same time. Even the very talented Edie McKinney cannot be in two places at once. Sunday dinners have become a tradition in Edie's life as she prepares a real family dinner for any of her kids or grand kids who happen to be hungry. They miss her super meals during the summer horseshoe season when she is gallivanting the country pitching her ringers. Edie still finds time to visit her mother in the nursing home about 20 miles from her home every day. Congratulations Edie!"

Thank You

"Life is wonderful and the horseshoe people are my family when I am away from my other family. I would like to introduce my horseshoe family, Jane, Gloria, Sue, Don, Ida, Clayton, Norm, Ken and so many more who make it such fun to play."

"I want to thank everyone who had any part of making my day so special. It was just great!"

Edie McKinney

"Altogether it will be found that a quiet life is characteristic of great people and that their pleasures have not been of the sort that would look exciting to the outward eye"

Bertrand Russell

State Tournament 2004

| <u>MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| RANDY REIN, MOSINEE | 7-0 | 57.71 |
| ROGER COMERO, COCHRANE | 6-1 | 60.64 |
| JIM LARSON, SUN PRAIRIE | 4-3 | 52.73 |
| MARK STEVENS, MARENGO | 4-3 | 50.84 |
| MARK MAUTHE, PLATTEVILLE | 3-4 | 47.76 |
| DAN BLOOM, JANESVILLE | 2-5 | 47.55 |
| JOHN CROOK, SPRING GREEN | 2-5 | 44.58 |
| DAVE SCHORBAHN, INDEPENDENCE | 0-7 | 38.69 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS A</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|
| DAVE SCHORBAHN, INDEPENDENCE | 6-1 | 56.78 |
| JOHN CROOK, SPRING GREEN | 5-2 | 50.71 |
| ARNIE WALTON, LODI | 5-2 | 46.78 |
| KEN HEINRITZ, MENOMONEE FALLS | 4-3 | 49.28 |
| MITCH VYHANEK, BURLINGTON | 4-3 | 42.25 |
| KEN JAEGER SR., NEW LONDON | 3-4 | 45.00 |
| TOM ENDLER, TWIN LAKES | 1-6 | 44.36 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS B</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| RICK POPPE, HUDSON | 7-1 | 44.68 |
| JULIAN TIJERINA, MADISON | 6-2 | 43.12 |
| GENE MASON, APPLETON | 5-2 | 41.42 |
| KEN FRAME, MAZOMANIE | 4-3 | 40.71 |
| BUN CARLEY, RICHLAND CENTER | 3-4 | 39.08 |
| AL HUIZENGA, STOUGHTON | 2-5 | 38.92 |
| TOM COSTA SR., WEST BEND | 2-5 | 29.22 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS C</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| GLENN BOGENSCHNEIDER, WEST BEND | 7-0 | 50.71 |
| VINCE JAKEL, SPENCER | 5-2 | 50.00 |
| TONY SCRIMA, WAUKESHA | 4-3 | 40.14 |
| JOHN CARLIN, WAUNAKEE | 4-3 | 40.00 |
| KERRY MORRIS, WATERTOWN | 4-3 | 38.57 |
| JERRY SCHROEDER, OXFORD | 2-5 | 36.07 |
| JEFF GUSTAFSON, LAKE GENEVA | 1-6 | 40.14 |
| RAY GROSKINSKY, ADAMS | 1-6 | 33.57 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS D</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| TERRY STERNBERG, RICHLAND CENTER | 6-1 | 46.78 |
| GALEN KOZEL, MUKWONAGO | 5-2 | 38.92 |
| JEFF MAUTHE, PLATTEVILLE | 5-2 | 34.64 |
| JERRY NIEMUTH, RHINELANDER | 3-4 | 38.92 |
| KEN AMBLE, ARENA | 3-4 | 35.21 |
| STEVE MIELKE, GREEN BAY | 3-4 | 32.39 |
| JOHN MEYER, FOND DU LAC | 2-5 | 36.07 |
| DICK HANSEN, FRANKSVILLE | 1-6 | 26.42 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS E</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| DON GOLDSMITH, JANESVILLE | 7-0 | 38.57 |
| JIM HEIM, HOLMEN | 6-1 | 37.85 |
| JIM TOLLEFSON, JANESVILLE | 4-3 | 36.78 |
| DOUG BAKKUM, STODDARD | 3-4 | 32.50 |
| NORM BECKIUS, BELOIT | 3-4 | 25.35 |
| AL RUDE, RHINELANDER | 3-4 | 25.00 |
| DAVID PAUL, BALDWIN | 2-5 | 33.21 |
| SONNY COCKROFT, BELLEVILLE | 0-7 | 14.64 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS F</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| ED MELL, SUN PRAIRIE | 6-2 | 38.12 |
| LEO RICHTER, STOUGHTON | 6-3 | 33.61 |
| DAVE FORSETH, ARENA | 5-3 | 30.62 |
| TIP WIPPERFURTH, WAUNAKEE | 4-3 | 32.85 |
| DAVE KLIPSTEIN, HILLSBORO | 3-4 | 31.42 |
| JOHN SECORD, FOND DU LAC | 3-4 | 27.85 |
| LLOYD JOHNSON, KENOSHA | 2-5 | 23.21 |
| KEN KOSKY, SCHOFIELD | 1-6 | 17.50 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS G</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| RUSS HEINRITZ, WAUKESHA | 6-1 | 32.85 |
| ROBIN MAHN, PARK FALLS | 5-2 | 31.78 |
| BOB KABELLA, GREENFIELD | 4-3 | 30.71 |
| RON BERG, BARNEVELD | 4-3 | 29.57 |
| DEWAYNE HAZEN, EAU CLAIRE | 4-3 | 21.07 |
| RON STEVENS, ELKHORN | 3-4 | 28.21 |
| MIKE LANGE, BURLINGTON | 2-5 | 24.29 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS H</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| JIM HAUPT, MILWAUKEE | 6-2 | 32.18 |
| KEN DAVISON, WILD ROSE | 6-3 | 25.00 |
| KEVIN BREKKE, MADISON | 5-3 | 24.68 |
| BRUCE MCLINN, CLINTON | 4-3 | 30.71 |
| RUSS BURNS, JANESVILLE | 3-4 | 26.07 |
| CLIFF TROULLIER, WHITELAW | 3-4 | 22.85 |
| JOHN MILLS, SUN PRAIRIE | 2-5 | 27.50 |
| SCOTT KATER, LITTLE CHUTE | 1-6 | 28.57 |

| <u>MEN'S CLASS I</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| JASON GOLDSMITH, MILWAUKEE | 5-1 | 36.66 |
| JOHN DOLEZEL, EAU CLAIRE | 4-2 | 31.33 |
| JOHN BENTZ, PLATTEVILLE | 3-2 | 30.80 |
| DENNIS HARTMAN, SALEM | 2-3 | 31.20 |
| TED ROHDE, LA CROSSE | 2-3 | 27.60 |
| ROGER OLSON, WESTBY | 0-5 | 17.60 |

MEN'S CLASS J

| | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| TOM DUDENHOEFER, OXFORD | 7-1 | 25.31 |
| RANDY HEINRITZ, PEWAUKEE | 6-2 | 22.18 |
| JOHN BROPHY, GALESVILLE | 5-2 | 30.00 |
| MEL COOK, STRATFORD | 5-2 | 18.57 |
| LARRY DANIELSON, RIVER FALLS | 3-4 | 13.21 |
| MIKE ZAHN, LOMIRA | 2-5 | 12.85 |
| PACER | 1-6 | |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

MEN'S CLASS K

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| TOM STEINKE, EAGLE | 5-2 | 24.85 |
| CHAD AMBLE, ARENA | 3-3 | 21.66 |
| TONY HAAS, ARENA | 3-3 | 20.66 |
| STAN KUEHN, MIDDLETON | 2-3 | 20.40 |
| IVAN RUZIC, STRATFORD | 2-3 | 20.40 |
| PHIL HAAS, ARENA | 2-3 | 11.60 |

MEN'S CLASS L

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| STEVE HALVORSON, MENOMONIE | 6-1 | 15.35 |
| JOHN GORDON, BURLINGTON | 5-2 | 18.21 |
| DON WOZNIAK, WHITEWATER | 5-2 | 12.14 |
| DAN NALEPINSKI, BLACK EARTH | 4-3 | 20.35 |
| GARY HYATT, RACINE | 3-4 | 18.57 |
| GENE SATTERSTROM, MADISON | 3-4 | 10.35 |
| WAYNE FRANZEN, FRANKLIN | 2-5 | 11.42 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

MEN'S CLASS M

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| MARK NORD, FRANKLIN | 5-1 | 20.00 |
| MICHAEL KEAGLE, RICHFIELD | 5-2 | 19.14 |
| DON PEROUTKA, PLSANT PRAIRIE | 4-2 | 12.00 |
| MELVIN DONAR, CUBA CITY | 2-3 | 10.80 |
| CURT NOVINSKI, PLATTEVILLE | 1-4 | 8.00 |
| DAVE CRAVILLION, MARSHFIELD | 0-5 | 2.40 |

BOY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| RYAN HYATT, RACINE | 5-0 | 61.65 |
| NOLAN JOHNSON, WHITEHALL | 4-1 | 60.55 |
| NATHAN HEINRITZ, PEWAUKEE | 3-2 | 50.00 |
| BEN HEINRITZ, PEWAUKEE | 2-3 | 25.54 |
| BRIAN LARSEN, MENOMON FALLS | 1-4 | 26.84 |
| DAN CRAFT, MARSHFIELD | 0-5 | 5.19 |

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| TAVA COOK, STRATFORD | 6-0 | 48.79 |
| TINA RIEHLE, AUBURNDALE | 4-2 | 43.49 |
| KIRI COOK, STRATFORD | 2-4 | 34.50 |
| ALEENA COOK, STRATFORD | 0-6 | 21.31 |

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------|
| GERT WILCZIEK, WHITEHALL | 7-0 | 80.87 |
| EDIE MCKINNEY, LUCK | 5-2 | 60.31 |
| DEB HALVORSON, MENOMONIE | 4-3 | 64.32 |
| PENNY STEINKE, EAGLE | 4-3 | 60.95 |
| PAM AIKEN, OAK CREEK | 4-3 | 58.16 |
| LORRAINE STERNBERG, RICHFIELD | 2-5 | 50.00 |
| ELAINE TROULLIER, WHITELAW | 1-6 | 44.15 |
| IDA HOSTRUP, FREDERIC | 1-6 | 40.70 |

WOMEN'S CLASS A

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| LINDA JOHNSON, PLEASANT PRAIRIE | 6-1 | 46.07 |
| SUE HELENE, WEBSTER | 5-2 | 51.42 |
| ELAINE TROULLIER, WHITELAW | 5-2 | 40.49 |
| IDA HOSTRUP, FREDERIC | 4-3 | 39.64 |
| JANE SMITH, BALSAM LAKE | 3-4 | 39.08 |
| CHRIS HUMPHREY, PLEASANT PRAIRIE | 3-4 | 28.21 |
| GLORIA SMITH, MILLTOWN | 2-5 | 28.92 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

WOMEN'S CLASS B

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| SHARON DERR, SUN PRAIRIE | 5-0 | 37.20 |
| MARIE DONAR, DICKEYVILLE | 3-2 | 33.20 |
| SONIA COOK, STRATFORD | 3-2 | 31.20 |
| JANE HARTMAN, SALEM | 2-3 | 38.75 |
| TERESA DONAR, CUBA CITY | 2-3 | 36.04 |
| SUE LANGE, BURLINGTON | 0-5 | 23.20 |

WOMEN'S CLASS C

| | <u>W-L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| CINDY HYATT, RACINE | 7-1 | 28.96 |
| SYLVIA DAVID, AUBURNDALE | 6-2 | 29.68 |
| VICKIE VYHANEK, BURLINGTON | 4-3 | 22.56 |
| ROSE GORDON, BURLINGTON | 4-3 | 12.50 |
| BETH STROHMAN, MARSHFIELD | 3-4 | 13.92 |
| STEPHANIE MORRIS, JEFFERSON | 3-4 | 10.91 |
| DOLORES BULTMAN, SUN PRAIRIE | 2-5 | 17.95 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |



ELDER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| CLAYTON GAGE, MILLTOWN | 5-0 | 65.20 |
| NORM MAUTHE, PLATTEVILLE | 3-2 | 56.29 |
| OTIS WESSLEY, ONEIDA | 3-2 | 54.77 |
| WAYNE TOTTEEN, EAU CLAIRE | 3-2 | 52.21 |
| RON WILCZIEK, WHITEHALL | 1-4 | 48.81 |
| HAROLD LAWS, BELOIT | 0-5 | 33.67 |

ELDER'S CLASS A

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| DON HOSTRUP, FREDERIC | 5-2 | 44.28 |
| NORB FUHRMAN, COMBINED LOCKS | 3-3 | 50.33 |
| DON BURMEISTER, BROWN DEER | 3-3 | 45.72 |
| MER SORENSEN, DEPERE | 3-2 | 40.15 |
| PAUL WILSON, BELOIT | 2-3 | 46.40 |
| MOOSE MEYER, APPLETON | 1-4 | 45.20 |

ELDER'S CLASS B

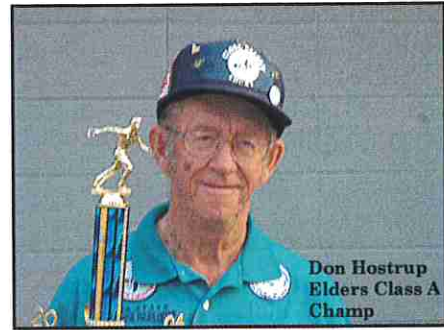
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| NELSON RICHASON, GALESVILLE | 7-1 | 41.97 |
| NORM GAGE, MILLTOWN | 6-2 | 42.59 |
| JERRY KAMPS, COMBINED LOCKS | 5-2 | 43.21 |
| BILL MATEY, APPLETON | 5-2 | 42.85 |
| RON LINGARD, MADISON | 3-4 | 30.00 |
| ROGER HEINRITZ, BROOKFIELD | 2-5 | 32.14 |
| MILT LARSEN, WEST ALLIS | 1-6 | 28.92 |
| PACER | 0-7 | |

ELDER'S CLASS C

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| MERRILL SEMINGSON, ELEVA | 5-0 | 35.50 |
| BABE RIEBER, LA CROSSE | 3-2 | 33.00 |
| DEL PETTIS, WEST SALEM | 3-2 | 30.00 |
| EARL PAULSON, BELOIT | 2-3 | 33.50 |
| OSCAR DONAR, DICKEYVILLE | 1-4 | 26.50 |
| DAVE MILLER, WAUNAKEE | 1-4 | 19.00 |

ELDER'S CLASS D

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| WILLIS DAVID, MARSHFIELD | 5-1 | 35.41 |
| DAN DAVID, AUBURNDALE | 4-2 | 32.91 |
| DALE GRIFFITH, PLATTEVILLE | 2-3 | 28.50 |
| CLIFF VAN NATTA, PLATTEVILLE | 2-3 | 24.50 |
| WES PODVIN, BUTLER | 2-3 | 18.50 |
| JOHN BRUGGER, PLATTEVILLE | 1-4 | 28.50 |



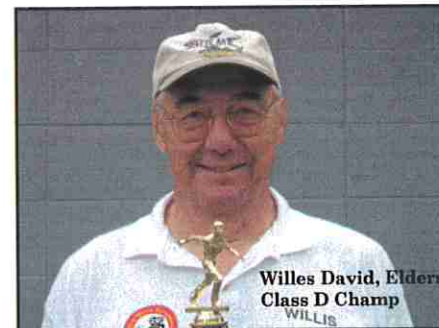
**Don Hostrup
Elders Class A
Champ**



**Nelson Richason
Class Eld-B Champ**



**Merrill Semingson
Elders Class C
Champ**



**Willis David, Elders
Class D Champ**
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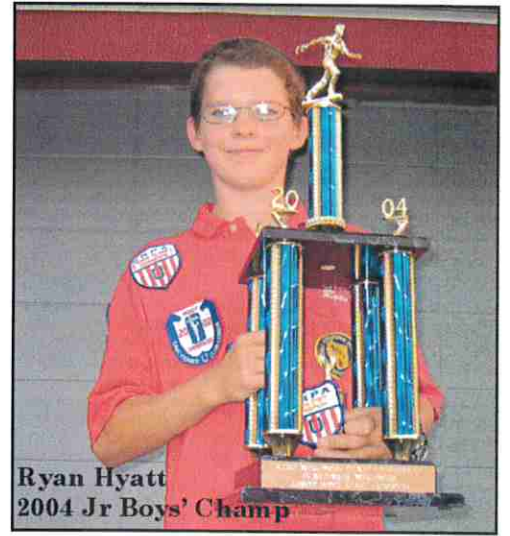


Could this pitcher really be passing some funds through the fence to a scorekeeper in an attempt to tilt the score in his favor. If anyone can identify these hand please come forward. The WHNL knows the identity of the individuals, but can not compromise it's sources.

2004 STATE CHAMPIONS



Tava Cook
2004 Jr Girls' Champ



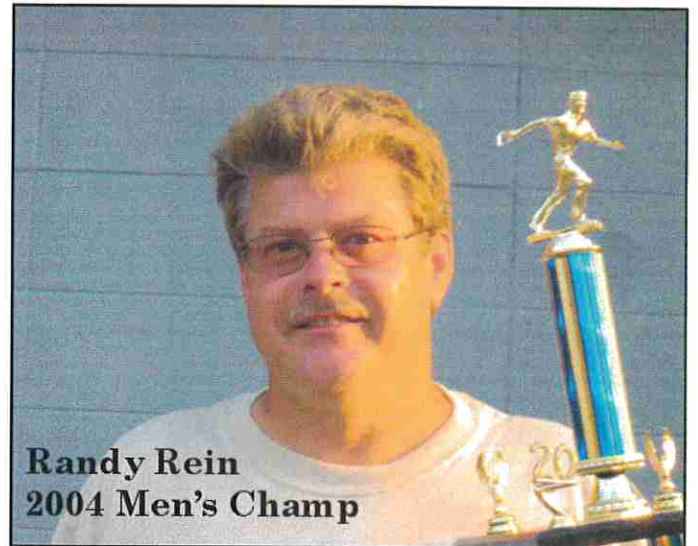
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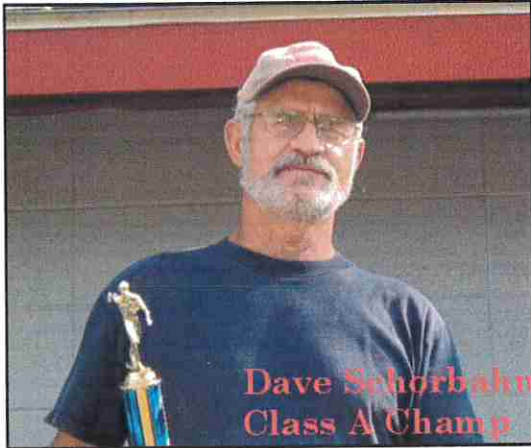
Clayton Gage
2004 Elders Champ



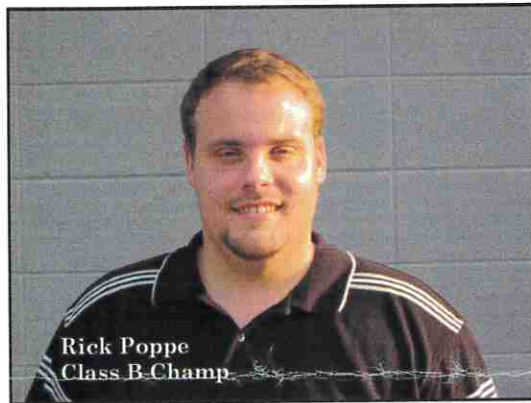
Gert Wilczek
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Champion



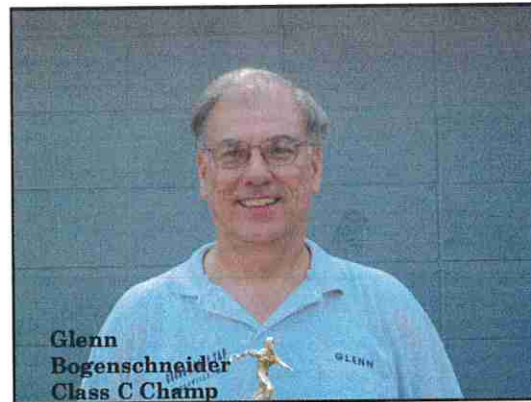
Randy Rein
2004 Men's Champ



Dave Schorbahn
Class A Champ



Rick Poppe
Class B Champ

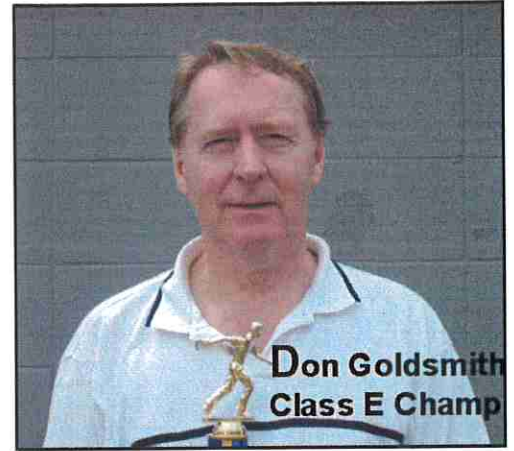


Glenn
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Class C Champ

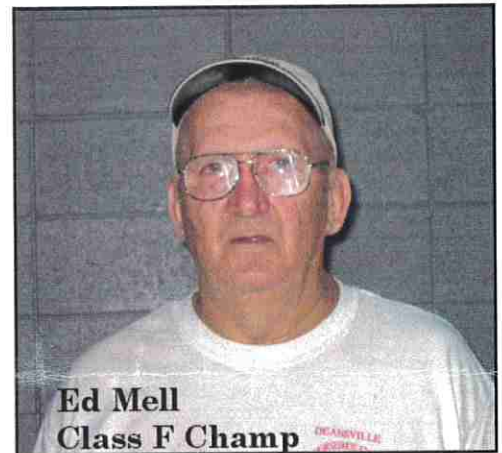


Terry Sternberg
Class D Champ

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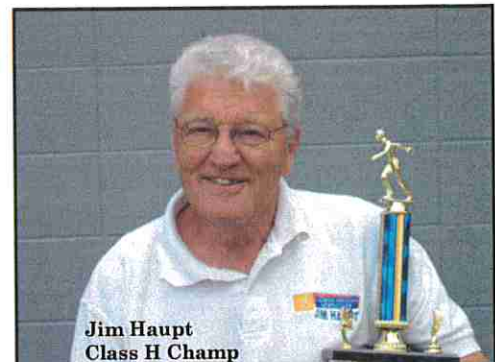
Don Goldsmith
Class E Champ



Ed Mell
Class F Champ



Russ Heinritz
Class G Champ



Jim Haupt
Class H Champ



Jason Goldsmith
Class I Champ



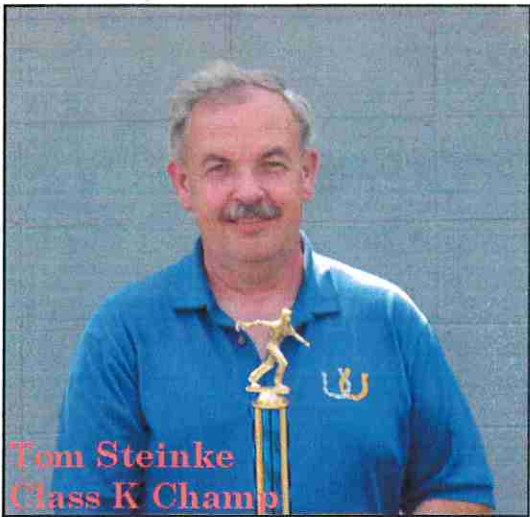
Mark Nord
Class M Champ



Tom Dudenhofer
Class J Champ



Linda Johnson
Womens Class A
Champion



Tom Steinke
Class K Champ



Sharon Derr
Womens Class B
Champion



Steve Halvorson
Class L Champ



Cindy Hyatt
Womens' Class C
Champ

2004 STATE CHAMPIONS

Down and Back

With Jim Haupt

Hank Zeisse drew some attention as he was winning his class at Eagle. Some guy envious of all those ringers Hank was pitching from the shorter distance declared that his own friend did not move up until he was 75. Hank replied that he did it when he was 83. Well, how old are you? The guy asked. Hank says, "Goin' on 89."

Once again we, the Washington Park Horseshoe Club hosted the Senior Olympics coordinating the horseshoe event. Just a few entrants are real pitchers and just a few are WHPA members although the event is open to all.

After Labor Day is the usual time for the event. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a free "T" shirt and opening dinner. Anyone over

fifty qualifies. Contact the department of aging for entry forms.

This year the champion Elder is Don Burmeister, the WHPA Pitcher-of-the Year, second is Wes Taylor, long time pitcher from West Bend and third, from Waukesha, Lloyd Roe. Womens division won by Snow Jacobson, Mukwanago, next was Karen Sagert of Eagle and third was Nancy Hoepfner of Waukesha.

Joe Lipperer, a WHPA pitcher over 70 but still chucking from 40' took the Open Mens division. Second was Don Hegg, third was John Leskovar a recent WHPA pitcher and president of the Washington Park Club.

Contact Jim Haupt if you are interested in the Senior Olympics. Every other year is a qualifying year for the national tournament. A first or second place finish qualifies one for the nationals,

this year in (ask Jim).

Eddie Wheeler had only fifteen entries for the September 18 "No Reason" tournament. I guess we better get a reason. Wheeler told the fifteen, thanks but we're not going to do it. Cancelled.

Did you ever hear about the big tough guy from International Falls that was a cinch to beat Joe Louis only he hadn't turned pro?

Well we have another one. This guy, according to good sources based in Beloit, was seen at a local tournament pitching picnic shoes and turning in 75% games in the sand! His daylong average was just less than 70%. Comes from Reedsville, it is believed.

Time will tell if this champ is real.

Presidential Award

A full one hour and thirty minutes was scheduled for WHPA awards and activities Noon Sunday at the State Tournament. New president, Tom Steinke, self described as short winded kept the program brief.

A record number of Hall of Fame pitchers were on hand to welcome new member Edi Mc Kinney. Long time member, Ann Opsteen, was accompanied by Dick Hansen, Clayton Gage, John Secord, Jane Smith, Earl Paulson, Norm Mauthe, Curt and Beatty Bestul, Randy Rein, and Jim Haupt.

Shirley and Bun Carley were cited as a couple of the most active and giving members of the WHPA and more than worthy of the 2004 Presidential award. As evidence of their involvement, at this very event Shirley's job was checking scoresheets and for this ceremony Bun had donated a turned vase for a raffle prize.

Scorekeeper for 2004

By Jim Haupt

During the introduction of the Scorekeeper of the Year, Randy Rein let the cat out of the bag when he said, "This man has been around a long time, knows a lot, but we don't always agree with him."

It was then when I began to think it could be me. Sure as heck it was and I began to stumble through a thank you.

I thought they must be recognizing the contribution of self scoring with the magnet system. I thanked Gus Schram who showed us the game is really ringers and points. Yes, the self scoring system eliminates the need for scorekeepers. It also underscores the trust that pitchers show each other as they mark the game. The scorekeeper of the year award should be shared by all those who have participated in a mark-your-own game. Trust your opponent; it's a great part of the game.

P.O.Y.

Hurray, hurray, it made my day!

At the last WHPA meeting it was announced that the Pitcher-of-the-year award would be determined with new parameters. It would be divided into three divisions, over 50%, under 35%, and in the middle.

Jane Smith does the bookwork and based on all the tournament results that were sent to her, she announced Don Burmeister the Division I winner with 136 points. Mark Stevens second with 100 points, then Clayton Gage, Gert Wilcziek, Randy Rein, and Mark Mauthe.

Division II winner is Milt Larson with 90 points, second is Kerry Morris, 70, Dick Hansen also 70, Ray Groskinsky Had 60 points. Ray Lopez, Harry Laws, and Bob Kallstrom all had 50 points.

Division three; the less than 35% winning pitcher is Sue Lange, 65 points. Second is Willis David, 60, Dan David also 60. At 55 points were Tom Steinke, Mike Lange, and Jim Haupt.

This is one of the benefits of having a working executive board. They realized the POY needed help and they fixed it.

Smith came to these totals without the benefit of all the tournament results. Smith also wants to thank all tournament directors for their continued cooperation. We should be thanking her. Make sure she receives your tournament results this coming year

VFW DOUBLES

The VFW tournament at Combined Locks is suffering the same disease as all horseshoes in the state of Wisconsin – Lack of participation. Regardless there was a two day event this year a week following Labor Day as usual.

Results will be published when received.

As a non member this pitcher had some problem with the score-sheet. I took my problem to Moose Meyer, a tournament director on duty. He told me on no uncertain terms that this is the way they have done it since 1962. It works fine with them. Upon which he took a vote of members present in the barroom and I was summarily drummed out of the club. I'm not in it but in case I ever wanted to join, I have already been expelled.

Only then was it revealed that Bill Matey had some scoresheets for uneducated visitors incorporating a "total" column.

If you ever score a doubles game at Kamps Kourts, good luck.

"A smile is contagious. Be a carrier."

Kenosha

As usual the Kenosha tournament was just three classes, one day.

It's an easy trip and a well run event. When more pitchers find that out maybe it will go for both days.

Something went astray with the first, A, class (took longer than scheduled) that set the next two classes way behind. Not dismayed, Linda Johnson, tournament director, played the next classes as courts became available seemingly to everyone's satisfaction.

This is a time of year when practice for the State tournament becomes essential. Kenosha always occurs just before the state and should be a mecca for aspiring WHPA pitchers. Bring your appetite when you come to Kenosha. They always set a tasty table.

"As long as I see any thing to be done for God, life is worth having; but O how vain and unworthy it is to live for any lower end!"
- David Brainerd

"Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length."
- Robert Frost

Thank you to my "FAMILIES"

By Tava Cook

Family in the plural! I have the love of my Mom & Dad, (Sonia & Mel), my sisters (Kiri & Aleena). You know my extended family of Grandma & Grandpa (Sylvia & Dan David), Cousins (Nicole & Tina Riehle), Aunts (Denise Riehle), Uncles, Great Aunts & Uncles... the list is gratefully long. THEN I have all of my horseshoe family. You'll recognize them right away. They are always welcoming and friendly. They want everyone to do their best and are extremely supportive of all the junior pitchers.

I wish and hope that both my sisters enjoy the spotlight of being in the World Championship Class and maybe being a World Champ. To me they both already are. I have joined a select group and I will treasure the memories always. I earned my first world title to prove that a championship is not a given. You have to practice, prepare, and perform with a winning attitude. It took my breath away and I was stunned to realize how the effort paid off. I keep the following quote in my room:

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm"
~Winston Churchill

"We are our own coach and team
Yet we often sideline our best efforts.
We all have unique gifts and talents,
Yet many pass undiscovered.
The world is full of opportunities,
Yet our view of life can blind us to them.
We are all capable of so much,
Yet limited by so little."
~Donald S. Neviasser

"People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don't know when to quit. Most men succeed because they are determined to."
~George Allen

"The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows;
it is what a man or woman is able to do that counts."
~Booker T. Washington

Ability is what you are capable of doing.

Motivation determines what you do

Attitude determines how well you do it

~Lou Holtz~

Wow! 18 already! I now join the ranks of coach, role model, and big sister to all the juniors. Be satisfied with doing your best each and every game. Concentrate—buckle down & do your best then whether you win or lose—you are a true winner. I wish good luck to all the Junior Pitchers! Treasure the camaraderie of each other and enjoy the friendly competition. KEEP SMILING no matter what!

Enjoy our friendly horseshoe family where no matter what percentage you pitch... it's where you belong!

Love you all! Tava Cook

Your 2004 Junior Girls WI State and WORLD Champion

Green Bay Open

By Steve Wiegert

7/17/2004 **Wow!! What a tournament!!** Every class was a dog fight. Congratulations to all the winners for sure, but congratulations to all for making it the exciting tournament it was! Hope to see you all again next year. Until then good pitchin' and good luck.

Class A

| | | |
|----------------|-------|------|
| Otis Wessley | 7 - 0 | 69.2 |
| Jack Algiers | 6 - 1 | 62.5 |
| Randy Rein | 4 - 3 | 58.2 |
| Mark Stevens | 4 - 3 | 57.1 |
| Don Kangas | 3 - 4 | 61.7 |
| Don Burmeister | 2 - 5 | 52.1 |
| Steve Wiegert | 2 - 5 | 49.6 |
| Pacer | | |

Class B

| | | |
|---------------|-------|------|
| Roger Juedes | 6 - 1 | 50.0 |
| Gene Mason | 5 - 2 | 36.7 |
| Jerry Niemuth | 5 - 2 | 36.4 |
| John Meyer | 3 - 4 | 43.5 |
| Bill Matey | 3 - 4 | 38.9 |
| Emil Blair | 3 - 4 | 37.8 |
| Steve Mielke | 2 - 5 | 31.4 |
| Leroy Meyer | 1 - 6 | 31.4 |

Class C

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|------|
| Joe Felton | 6 - 1 | 38.2 |
| Jerry Kamps | 5 - 2 | 38.2 |
| Dick Hanold | 4 - 3 | 36.4 |
| Ken Kosky | 4 - 3 | 23.9 |
| Dick Baeten | 3.5 - 3.5 | 28.9 |
| Kevin Brekke | 2 - 5 | 26.0 |
| Al Rude | 2 - 5 | 21.4 |
| Joe Waslowski | 1.5 - 5.5 | 22.1 |

Class D

| | | |
|--------------|-------|------|
| Scott Kater | 6 - 1 | 26.7 |
| Hank Zeisse | 6 - 1 | 22.1 |
| Deb Trossen | 5 - 2 | 18.2 |
| Ceil Trossen | 4 - 3 | 22.1 |
| Mike Zahn | 3 - 4 | 20.3 |
| Jeff Gabriel | 2 - 5 | 17.5 |
| Kim Felton | 2 - 5 | 14.2 |
| Frank Hanold | 0 - 7 | 12.1 |

Publishers Note:

My apologies to Steve Wiegert and the Green Bay Horseshoe Club for missing their tournament results. They should have been several issues ago. ~ Ken Kosky

Jack O'Conner

Minnesota five time champion Horseshoe pitcher and father of NHPA Junior Director, Jackie Hughes, passed away recently.

Wisconsin pitchers may remember him as a former Minnesota Team-World competitor

Beloit to Host WHPA Xmas Party 1/8/2005

The place is the Beloit indoor club known as Red's Pitchin' Palace, price is \$10 per person. Cocktails (bring your own) beer available, at 5:00 PM, serving dinner at 6:30 PM

This is the annual WHPA Christmas party. All members and guests are urged to attend. Last time you can see your horseshoe friends this year.

Please call 608-365-9901 for reservations

Eagle Results

Men

| Class | 1st & 2nd places | |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A | Tom Endler 53.7 | Mitch Vyhanek 50.3 |
| B | Cliff Shave 50.0 | Ray Lopez 48.6 |
| C | Galen Kozel 42.9 | Rich Bonner 36.4 |
| D | Gordy Potter 39.6 | Jim Haupt 37.9 |
| E | Henry Zeisse 30.4 | Scott Linhart 30.0 |
| F | Jason Villwock 26.1 | Steve Deegan 23.2 |
| G | George Moraza 24.3 | Kevin Cull 26.4 |
| H | Glen Shave 32.1 | Elmer Kilian 23.2 |
| I | John Jahns 22.1 | Rick Webber 23.2 |
| J | Jeremy Haessig 15.7 | Tim Ackeret 17.1 |
| K | Chad Schwarz 11.4 | Damon Pennoyer 10.7 |
| L | Richard Alt 13.2 | Mike Malcolm 10.7 |
| M | Rich Spurrel 13.0 | Mike Frink 7.8 |

Women

| Class | 1st & 2nd places | |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------|
| A | Penny Steinke 59.4 | Snow Jacobson 46.6 |
| B | Kim Deegan 24.6 | Debbie Daufenbach 22.1 |
| C | Vickie Vyhanek 17.7 | Brenda Malcolm 22.1 |
| D | Penny Bos 17.9 | Carolyn Loveless 18.6 |
| E | Cindy May 3.3 | Michelle Vail 4.6 |

We had a good year in all respects. Thanks for participating. -Al

Results of the LaCrosse Open

From Ted Rohde

Class A

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| 1st Wayne Totten | 60.93% |
| 2nd Randy Rein | 59.68% |
| 3rd Roger Comero | 55.00% |

Class B

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1st Pudge Dahl | 49.68% |
| 2nd Jim Heim | 40.93% |
| 3rd Doug Bakkum | 39.64% |

Class C

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| 1st Dan David | 38.21% |
| 2nd Mary Ann Sheehan | 44.64% |
| 3rd Del Pettis | 38.21% |

Class D

| | |
|---|--------|
| 1st Jim (how far is it to LaCrosse) Haupt | 34.28% |
| 2nd John Dolezel | 31.25% |
| 3rd Ted Rohde | 29.64% |

Thanks to everyone that came to our tournament. Perfect weather and a beautiful setting on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Milwaukee to LaCrosse 225mi.

Rohde meant to say that Haupt was late due to poor estimation of mileage to LaCrosse. Fortunately he suffered just one loss coming late and was allowed to engage in a play-off game.

LaCrosse

Although this event is in the far western reaches of the state, it does attract some pitchers willing to travel— Eau Claire, Mosinee, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, and various parts of Minnesota were represented.

The courts haven't changed, set in an asphalt slab, filled with coulee country shale, surrounded by a four foot fence and well kept.

Ted Rohde has designed, built and employed a set of unique scoring devices that help players keep track of the ringers, total points and shoes pitched. In this instance the device is center court and clothes pins work fairly well. At no time did the shoe count become misrepresented. The arrangement of the three scoring columns make it seem natural. The only trick is to see the score from the sidelines — works OK for the players — not so good for those watching from the fence.

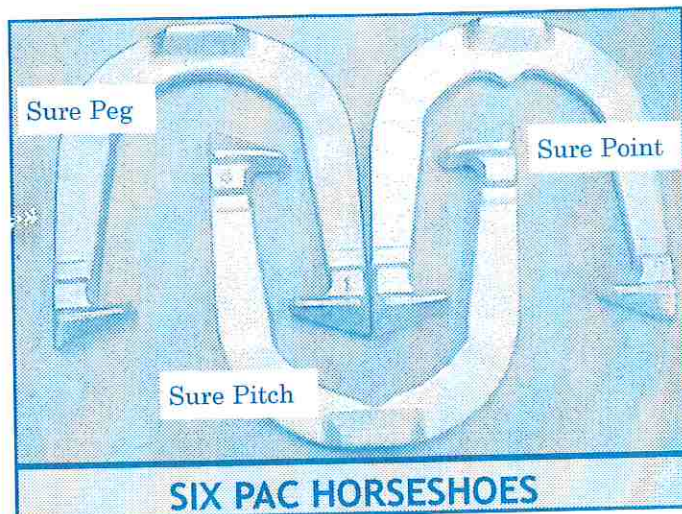




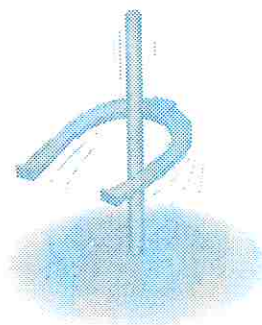
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