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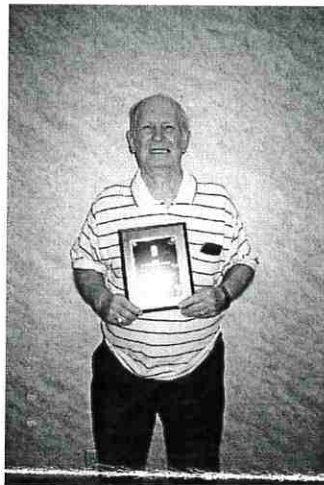
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## Red Ferguson - A Special Person



During the after dinner ceremonies at the NHPA banquet in Bismarck, awards were presented to special people – those whose outstanding contribution to the promotion of the game demanded recognition.

NHPA Fifth VP, Paul Stewart emphasized that it was an honor to present the promotion award to Red, a task he thoroughly enjoyed. Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers know of the Be-

loit Club benefactor, Seneca Red Ferguson, now the NHPA also knows.

Red accepted the award but seemed too overcome to read the prepared words he had in his pocket.

The acceptance speech that Red never made:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you all very much for this great honor. When you love the game as much as I do, it is extremely easy to get involved.

I had no idea my involvement went to this extent.

I want to thank Earl Paulson and Dick Hansen who I am sure managed to sneak my name into the running without my knowledge.

I also want to thank our Association president, Dave Loucks for his announcement letter to me. And of course I want to thank the association officers, who I am sure, had to vote on my selection.

Again, I thank you all for this great evening.



Sylvianne Moisan  
Quebec, Canada  
Women's World Champion



Brian Simmons  
Connecticut  
Men's World Champion

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## Coming Events

<b>AUG 26-27</b>	<b>KENOSHA OPEN</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Joe Zoromskis 6011 65th St Kenosha, WI 53142		
262-652-6200	<b>28-00-033</b>	D/L 9-5
<b>SEPT 2-3-4</b>	<b>STATE TOURNAMENT; Arena, WI</b>	<b>\$25</b>
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI 54937		
920-922-0080	whpa@execpc.com	<b>28-00-031</b> D/L 7-31
<b>SEPT 9-10</b>	<b>V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks</b>	<b>\$25/team</b>
Don Navarrete 453Woodlawn Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113		
920-788-1633	or 788-4379	unsanctioned D/L 8-26
<b>SEPT 9-10</b>	<b>WET 'N WILD; Centuria</b>	<b>\$10</b>
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<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>BELOIT DOUBLES</b>	unsanctioned \$20/TEAM
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608-879-2304	bhc.tw@brodnet.com	limit 110% D/L 9/3

### PROPOSED INDOOR DATES

OCT	Arena Fall Tournament	Sandbaggers
OCT 21	WHPA State Meeting at Arena	1:00 pm
	Election of Officers	
OCT 21	State Meeting Tournament	Tom Steinke
NOV	Sonny's Singles	Sonny Cockroft
DEC	Santa's Singles	Ron Berg
JAN 13-14	001 at Arena	Jim Haupt
FEB	Freezeroo	Ron Berg
MAR 17	WHPA Spring Meeting	
MAR 17	JR Scholarship Open	Tom Steinke
MAR	River Valley Rumble	Ron Berg
MAR or APR	Border Battle (Sat only)	Jim Haupt
APR	Arena Spring Singles	John Crook
(Apr 15 Easter Sun)		
APR 28	Club Team	Jim Haupt
APR 29	WHPA State Doubles	Ken Jaeger
MAY 5	Encore	Earl Paulson
(May 6 Mother's Day)		
MAY 18-19-20	Team World	Earl Paulson

This suggested schedule has been forwarded to all tournament directors concerned urging a timely reply. Arena dates will be established and confirmed at the State Tournament.

Any other events in the planning stage should be divulged and listed now for publication of a complete indoor schedule in the October issue. Contact schedule coordinator, Jim Haupt

**KEY** Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.  
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.  
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.  
Call, 414-964-2735 six wks. prior for free listing this col.

## The President's Column

I would like to cover a few things that happened at this years World Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Eau Claire 62- Red Deer 71

Steve Dupee, from the Chippewa Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau was the spokesman for the Eau Claire bid for 2002. He was very impressive in the Eau Claire booth and at the Convention. He was up front with all the questions and issues that he was confronted with. He didn't promise the NHPA members and their delegates a pound of cheese and a brat when they arrived in Eau Claire in 2002. With the camping being made available and motels in walking distance from the host sight it was the ideal setup. Talking with other delegates after the Convention, the dates of August 5-18<sup>th</sup>, was just a little to late.

On the behalf of the WHPA, I would like to thank Steve Dupee and the Chippewa Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau, The Eau Claire Horseshoe Club and those that helped in the Eau Claire display booth at the World. Yes it would have been great, to have the World Tournament in Eau Claire in 2002. It would of surely boosted our Charter Membership.

The NHPA card dues will remain at \$12.00 and the profits made from the NHPA treasury's invested money will go to support the NHPF. The 4 Tournament requirement to pitch in the World will remain the same.

Like I informed you at the Spring Meeting there might be problems using Natstats for State Tournament entries. With the State Tournament entry deadline being July 31<sup>st</sup>, and Glen Jamieson, the Natstats statistician being at the World Tournament in Bismarck and Tournament results not in to John Secord and/or Jim Haupt, the Tournament averages after July 10<sup>th</sup> didn't get recorded in Natstats. But tournaments pitched after July 10<sup>th</sup> did count as one of the qualifiers to pitch in the State Tournament.

Fall Meeting & Election:

Jane Smith is running unopposed for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Tom Steinke is running unopposed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President.

There are 3 running for WHPA Secretary-Treasurer. John Secord, up for re-election, Paulette Hansen and Ken Kosky. The Secretaries duties are per Article VI of the WHPA Constitution and in addition they are required to gather and send NHPA Sanction Tournament results, in *computer format*, to Natstats.

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

## WORLD OF 2000 BISMARCK, ND

by Jim Haupt

Through the internet grapevine the word has gone out – Brian Simmons of the State of Connecticut is the new World Champion. Sylvianne Moisan of the province of Quebec is the new ladies World Champion.

For each the final game was an anti-climax. For both new champions, the last games were just for the record. They were flying home two games ahead and guaranteed champions.

Moisan played defending champion Sue Snyder in the Women's Championship wind-up game.

Somehow, Snyder knew, that four courts away, Amy Francis took a game away from another top contender, Judy Curtiss. Snyder paused between shoes; she stepped back to plant a little congratulatory kiss on her opponent Sylvianne Moisan. Win or lose that final game, Moisan was the new champion.

The effect was immediate. The efficiently mechanical Moisan tossed two quick shoes to the back court for an uncharacteristic double miss.

With her hands to her head in disbelief she regrouped and recouped going on to win over Snyder in championship fashion.

The Open Men's Champion, Brian Simmons has been left knocking on the championship door for a few years now. This time he persevered pitching unscathed while defending champion Allan Francis took a couple of hits, once from John Kapnis and again from Canadian, Colin Finnie. Francis did take it to the new champ in the final game. It was close, going to 39-39, until Simmons left an opening and Francis collected his consolation win.

Bob Logan, of Indiana, a state rich with expert Elders, regained his title of two years ago. He was nicked just one time, second game, came back with an 80% game. Not looking back, he closed out with nine straight wins surpassing the field with a two game margin.

Jan Turnquist of Minnesota took the Senior Ladies title winning all seven games. She earned the title over runner-up Edie Holland, also Minnesota, in the final game of 86 shoes. The other Edi, who is, Edi McKinney of Wisconsin, often said to be too nice to her opponents and lacking a kill instinct, found herself facing an 80% performance from the new 2000 Senior Ladies Champion, Jan Turnquist.

New Champion, Chase Battle, of Arkansas won all seven games

### WORLD CHAMPIONS

#### MEN

**BRIAN SIMMONS**  
14/1 80.82

#### WOMEN

**SYLVIANNE MOISAN**  
14/1 83.65

#### SENIOR MEN

**JOHN KNAPP SR.**  
10/1 60.22

#### SENIOR LADIES

**JAN TURNQUIST**  
7/0 69.94

#### ELDER MEN

**BOB LOGAN**  
10/1 76.69

#### JUNIOR BOYS

**CHASE BATTLE**  
7/1 74.61

#### JUNIOR GIRLS

**SHALEE SEBASTIAN**  
6/0 68.32

### MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Brian Simmons	CT	14-1	80.84
2. Alan Francis	OH	13-2	81.2
3. Dale Lipovsky	MN	14-4	76.4
4. W R Williams	FL	9-6	74.31
5. Jim Walters	OH	9-6	72.33
6. Tom Westbrook	SC	9-6	71.3
7. John Kapnis	MA	9-6	68.56
8. Kurt von Kleist	PA	8-7	68.8
9. Branson Miller	VA	7-8	71.02
10. Robert Hayes	NY	7-8	68.86
11. Rich Pintor	CO	5-10	71.91
12. Colin Finnie	SK	5-10	65.35
13. Randy Rein	WI	5-10	64.32
14. Stan Leis	ND	4-11	66.06
16. Tom Gallina	ON	1-14	64.12

### WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	14/1	83.65
2. Amy Francis	OH	12-3	79.31
3. Judy Curtiss	MI	12-3	77.41
4. Brenda Tawney	WV	11-4	76.81
5. Sue Snyder	KY	11-4	76.27
6. Connie J Filley	ND	11-4	73.26
7. Joan Elmore	TN	10-5	73.42
8. Becky Kemper	KY	7-8	75.31
9. Mary Ann Peninger	KS	7-8	75.05
10. Carlene Donnelly	SD	6-9	67.08
11. Maxine Griffith	TN	5-10	73.94
12. Bernice Busch	BC	4-11	63.26
13. Phyllis Negaard	MN	3-12	67.83
14. Marlene Ray	TN	3-12	65.69
15. Renee Cowan	VA	2-13	64.99
16. Elda Hastings	ON	2-13	60.72

on his way to the Boys title. Wisconsin's Dustin Dahl, had a crack at it finishing fifth. He and four others ranged in the 70 percentile bracket - a strong Boys class.

Shalee Sebastian, Pennsylvania, Girls 2000 Champion, claimed the title for the second consecutive year outclassing all competition.

New Senior Mens Champion, John Knapp Sr., of Ohio, lost only one game in the evenly matched class. Last year's Senior champion, Ed Aroinus of Texas, moved to the Championship Elders (8th). John Brown, Ohio, a two time former Senior champion remained, finishing seventh. Four of the twelve in class including the champion are from Ohio. John Bogartus New York, an early leader faded dropping both of his last two games to finish second.

## BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

by Jim Haupt

When I was just a boy, a new kid moved into our neighborhood from Fargo, North Dakota. He wore bib overalls. My first and lasting impression of North Dakota was imprinted by those bib overalls.

The vast fields of cropland do indicate the presence of farmers but I saw no bibbies in Bismarck. Instead I saw a progressive expanding city with the typical clean modern look of America.

Ice hockey is big time up here and the Bismarck Horseshoe Club put those hockey rinks into service for this 2000 World Tournament.

Stu Sipma was the club lead man, always on hand, always working. Len Hoffman, who has pitched some Wisconsin tournaments, lives in Bismarck, also worked the event with his wife Diane.

They have a "right to work" law up there that allowed members to build their own courts in the City Park resulting in the finest horseshoe facility seen by this pitcher.

The confidence and organizational skills gained from their own venture surely was a factor when the club set out to host the World.

The structure housing the World Tournament bore the number of a V.F.W. post with the two hockey rinks also served as clubhouse for an adjoining 18 hole golf course. Inside the forty-some courts were laid out surrounded by resilient green astro-turf. (a gift from the city parks and recreation department.) Most of the court area was carpeted. All courts were adeptly striped with pitching lanes and foul lines and painters roamed the courts periodically giving the stakes a two can shot of white, Chain-link fencing (rented by the club) draped with blue tarps separated rows of courts. It was a very attractive and efficient layout, probably best ever for a World

event.

Add 1250 pitchers (less than expected) and it was the making of a World Tournament unsurpassed in quality. Perhaps the far north location negatively influenced the number of entries. NHPA pitchers who passed up this opportunity missed a gem of a World Tournament.

The big surprise of the NHPA Convention was the 2002 WT bid award. Red Deer in Alberta Canada took the nod over Eau Claire, Wisconsin, not by much, 73 – 61.

Red Deer is in big sky country near the Canadian Rockies. The rate of exchange (\$) should be very favorable or will have to be considering it's located halfway between Calgary and Edmonton. Fly to Calgary, rent a car, drive one and one half hours to Red Deer. Motels are \$30 to \$55 Canadian funds.

The NHPF (as in Foundation) has seen fit to add two more directors, Joe Faron, President of the Missouri Assn. and Minnesota's Regional Director Ward Lutz. Additionally, Debbie Michaud of Mass. has been appointed as a committee of one to enlist others in delving into the real feel of the membership towards the Foundation. NHPF directors also anticipate a mass mailing of a descriptive pamphlet.

Joelton, Tennessee, future home of the NHPA Hall of Fame is not expected to be ready for a full blown World Tournament bid in 2003 as expected. The grounds are available for a tournament in a "spartan" mode but officers are hesitant to schedule the WT without the desired amenities that NHPA members have grown accustomed to. It means necessary site construction has not begun.

Construction of the Hall of Fame will have to begin this year before building permits already in hand expire.

Discussing the determination of the NHPA average, Walter Ray

Williams suggested that all pitcher's averages should include the last ten tournaments regardless of the time frame. Although the suggestion was thought to have merit it remained unanswered.

The forfeit rule change prompted a rather wordy amendment that created some real interest. Basically the premise was acceptable but the delegates had a tough time wading through the language he used trying to cover all eventualities.

Here's a capsule of the voting results for some of the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

1. Dues change failed 128-5
2. Legal residence passed 125-8
3. Duties wording pass 128-5
5. Officer pay increase pass 128-5
9. 10 event req. failed 7-126
10. Sanc event director must have an NHPA card. failed; 85 yes- 48
11. 12 mo. avg. failed 56 – 77
14. "Short distance Men" fail 33-100
15. Chg forfeit rule fail 15 – 118

Many amendments proposed were accepted. For a more complete accounting of changes be sure to see the next issue of Newsline. Write to Dick Hansen for subscription. Just \$12/yr puts you on top of the NHPA.

Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec-Treas expects a NHPA bank balance of \$350,000 after this WT. How about donating \$125,000 to the NHPF, he suggested. The shock seemed too much for the members to handle. Hansen's counter proposal was to make an NHPF donation of the interest that the account earns, estimated at about \$1200 monthly. That was acceptable although a far cry from the original \$125,000.

Ed Quigley thought investments made and profits earned going to the NHPF would be a positive venture.

On that note the meeting was about over but President Dave

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Loucks had a couple of announcements.

He would like to turn the Editor - Publisher job of the national magazine, Newline, over to someone else. He said the officers will begin a search for a new editor hopefully to assume duties as early as January.

Loucks also announced that this is his last term as NHPA President. Citing the years in the office he feels he has made his contribution to the game.

## Dear Ken (Jaeger)

I am contacting you about a couple of things that I strongly feel are worth publishing in the Horseshoe Newsletter. This goes way back to 1967 when my dad, Merrill Semingson, started pitching at the new courts here at Carson Park. He got me and my brother Tim (moved to Seattle in 1983) interested in horseshoes. Tim started pitching from 40 feet in May of 1975, a month after he turned 14 years old. That summer he threw 28 of 40 ringers beating top pitcher Curt Bestul. It was unheard of. He threw 50% ringers from 40' in 1974 at age 14. He quit in 1982 - his last Eau Claire Open throwing 53% and placing 2nd in Class C. Anyway as far as I know, nobody has ever pitched that and shortly after being 14 years old from 40'.

Another thing, and I know this is worth publishing, is Tim and I were in a very serious car wreck up past Chippewa Falls on May 5, 1976. My brother Mike and his wife were killed. I was in a coma for a week. I was on Curt Bestul's team, in league play at the time, and have been diagnosed with permanent brain damage (severe concussion, fractured skull) and been on medication for 6 years. I quit pitching for 15 years, going to Seattle, coming back in Sept. of 1994. I joined the Eau Claire league in May 1995.

What I am getting at is the emotional & physical toll all this had on our whole family. My mother also passed from cancer in April of 1976, at the age of 40. She came over to the Carson Park courts many times rooting for my Dad and me and Tim. I won 3 Eau Claire County junior titles, as my brother Tim did. My father pitched every summer even with my mom in and out of the hospital. My older brother Mike was taken in that car accident at the age of 23. He pitched many

## Wisconsin Hall Of Fame Horseshoes

Inventory by Tom Steinke

### Hookless

Sternbreder ----	Jim Haupt
Leader ----	Jim Haupt
Diamond Official---	Jim Haupt
Diamond Blue---	Jim Haupt
Diamond Double --	-Larry Barber & Art Barlow

Oshkosh Giant Winner	Jack Algeirs
Chicago Steel ---	Carl Gilbertson &

Orville Baker	
Indiana ---	Bill Spahn
Ohio ---	Earl Paulson
Allith	Dick Blair
Ohio	Sam Sorensen

### Picnic

Royal ---	Red Ferguson
Oshkosh Champion ---	Red Ferguson
1933 Gordon Spin On	Jim Haupt
Dixon ---	Jim Haupt
Ohio ---	Jim Haupt
Hug On ---	Roger Poutanen
J C Higgins-	Tom Steinke & Tony Scrima

Health Guardian ---	Steinke & Scrima
Eagle Ringer --	Steinke & Scrima

-Forster ---	Bud Wicks
1937 Gordon Spin On	Clayton Gage
Regent ---	Pam Aiken
Eagle Ringer rare (#2)	Earl Paulson
Wonder	Mike Steinke
Pro Shot	Clayton Gage
Original Eagle Ringer	Clayton Gage
Octagon Official	Tom Steinke
Play Time	Red Ferguson
Ringer	Penny Steinke
Top Ringer	Harry Nelson
Double Ringer	Franco Dipietrantonio
Champ	Red Ferguson
<b>Modern</b>	
Ringle Single ---	Gus Schram
Diamond Tournament ---	Jim Haupt
Allen ---	Jim Haupt
Six Pack	Harry Nelson
Henton V Locks	Bill Matey

If you have any horseshoes to donate to the State of Wisconsin or if you wish to sell or trade horseshoes, bring them along to the State Tournament.

See me, Tom Steinke

times against Curt Bestul's son, Don, in county junior tournaments.

To sum it all up, in July of 1976, one day before I was scheduled to pitch on Curt Bestul's team, I was thrown from a van going 50 mph. The drunk drivers who caused the wreck were racing at 10:30 PM on a blind curve going 120 mph. I have made a long miraculous recovery and comeback. I have been in many sanctioned and, doubles tournaments on dirt (non-sanctioned) with my Dad since June of 95. Most horseshoe people I know in our league and in tournaments have no idea what I had to overcome to go back to horseshoes. I don't know of any other story that you could print that would bring attention to one family's adversity and getting interested in pitching again. As I said, I gave up horseshoes for 15 years. Also my father was diagnosed, in May 1981, with acute rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 47. He came back also.

My family has been "through the wringer" and my Dad and I have pitched regularly since May of 95. The night of July 5, 1976 not one Doc-

tor at the hospital in Eau Claire thought I would make it. For 6 years, I've worked without breaks, maybe 5 to 15 minutes per 9 hour shift at a restaurant in Eau Claire. I have serious problems with memory loss and emotional distress, but I have always loved throwing shoes since 1969. It's actually a miracle, if anybody in the horseshoe circles believes in that, that me and my Dad are pitching. Every tournament I go to I keep score for a class and throw my class and turn every pit after every game. A lot of pitchers in my percentage bracket (30 to 35%) refuse to pick up a shovel or water bucket.

Please, if you and your people could condense all of this, I want it printed in the Newsletter. Nobody anywhere knows what me and my Dad have been through and part of the reason I'm still throwing 30 to 35% after 6 years is my damage from 1976. I love reading your Newsletter. I can't get to a lot of tournaments, but I have known many, many people in horseshoes.

Sincerely, Dave Semingson

## Arena is Working out

Early morning rains forced two classes inside the Sandbar and thoroughly wet down the new outdoor courts.

Afternoon classes worked out on the new court layout

The site of the 2000 State tournament is north of the Sandbar building – eighteen courts, in a row, with full concrete walks six feet wide, all marked out with necessary foul lines, - very impressive. On each court there was a new scoring device complete with wheels, the shoe clock, and magnetic strips, all crafted by Bun Carley. The three and one half inch concrete slabs indicate more than a temporary layout and represents many hours of hard work by many club members

The Sandbaggers Club experienced some difficulty obtaining clay. First choice for large quantity clay is the Oakfield, WI brickyard which is now closed to access over a property dispute. Alternate sources have not worked out. Finally, in desperation, the club bought bagged potters clay from the Paoli clay company located just south of Madison. On the advice of the clay man, the powered material was mixed with two parts sand resulting in a mix that resembles cohesive sand. The stuff holds a shoe but will not

### Workout Results #28-00-030

A		
A1	BROCKWAY RON	52.85
A2	MAYLAHN RALPH	57.5
A3	REIN RANDY	55.35
B		
B1	CONE MIKE	48.57
B2	VOLZ JERRY	47.5
B3	TIJERNIA JULIO	38.92
C		
C1	SPAHN BILL	31.07
C2	CONRAD RICH	36.42
C3	RITTWEGER DUTCH	28.92
E		
D1	BURNS RUSS	35.35
D2	RACKOW GARY	39.64
D3	DYRESON JEFF	37.5
F		
F1	PAULSON EARL	23.21
F2	SATTERSTROM GENE	22.85
F3	NAEF RANDY	15.71

accept much water without becoming gushy.

At this point the club is not entirely satisfied with the pit material and may even change if better clay becomes available despite the fact that they have invested over three hundred dollars in the present product. More importantly, Dave Forseth is on the lookout for something better.

## Arena Update

from Ron Berg

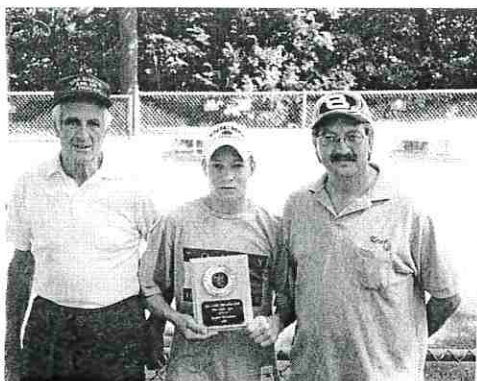
State Tournament Director

Just a note about the new Arena outdoor courts .

The clay mixture is no more at the Sandbar! Dave Forseth removed the stuff the 10th of July! It really did suck! Then he went on a clay pilgrimage to Oakfield and talked to Ol Gordie (Kottke). Mano e mano, found that his case comes to court on July 20th. At our state tournament meeting last night he called the old boy in Oakfield and found that the court ruled in favor of the clay man. Seems the county surveyor made a mistake! Dave Forseth is leaving this AM to get Oakfield clay for the courts.

No one has ever had any complaints about that stuff in the bar so the clay will be in place before I leave for the World Tournament. Grass is growing now, bleachers will be installed in mid August as well as the concession stand to sell some of Dave Forseth's world famous Bar b que chicken along with your favorite beverage. I don't know what we would do with out Dave. He is the man! I would like to nominate him for the Hall of Fame. (does Edie McKinney have an e-mail address?)

Enough for now, I have to go to work, ringers to ya R.B.

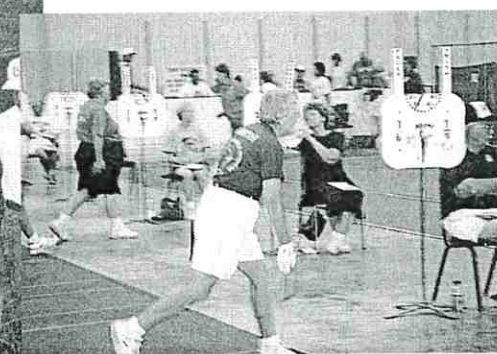


## Three Generations of Pitchers

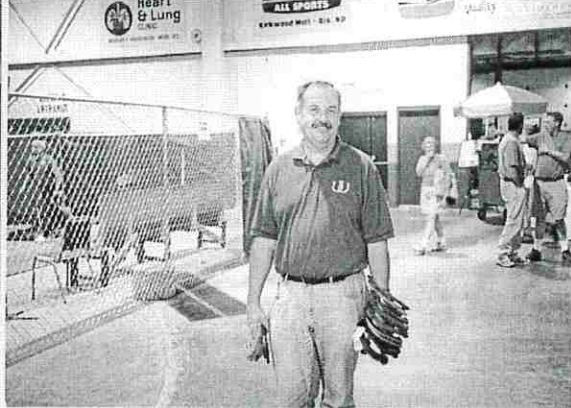
The Eau Claire Open Tournament this year featured three generations of Andersons. Ryan Anderson representing the young generation was awarded a plaque for his participation as a junior, averaging 31.6%. Kent Anderson

pitched 61.6% and was Men's 40' Champ. Grandpa Bob, did not pitch, but served as a scorekeeper in addition to helping set up the courts for the tournament. Grandma Jocelyn was at the registration desk & concession stand and that kept her busy. Bob started pitching while still in school, and now pitches in the "B" League at Carson Park.

# 2000 WORLD BISMARCK, ND







## Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Here come de Judge. He was on a mission striding directly towards me. Seemed like one eye was blue, the other red, and I swear, blinking!

"Sir, I am obligated to remove your first shoe from the field of play. You were that much over the line." he said, indicating a one and one half inch finger spread. Whereupon he did remove one shoe.

I was lucky, it cost only the point, not the ringer when Jim Quist of Washington wearing the blaze orange vest tagged me.

Max Griffith, one of the Tennessee twins playing in the Championship Womens' class also had a shoe pulled – the last shoe was called foul. As both she and Carlene Donnelly were at 39 points each, it changed the outcome of the game.

Within Dave Loucks vast memory, it was the first foul, he ever saw called in any championship class.

Don't go over the line folks.

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How come it's always the guy in last place who develops an injury and has to drop out? This time it was Tom Gallina of Ontario in the championship class. After the sixth game with five losses he claimed his back was too sore to continue. Trouble was Randy Rein had to take the loss and the remaining nine opponents had a free ride with a pacer. That's the forfeit rule..., costing Rein two places.

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Two friends from Minnesota traveled to Bismarck together. Wayne Totten made the Senior Men's Championship class pitching extra days. Dick Dvorak had to find another ride home. Dvorak had parked his car in Totten's driveway about an hour and a half distant from the Dvorak abode in Saint Paul.

The day Dvorak left town Totten mentioned that Dvorak's cell phone was still in Bismarck, in Totten's car. In fact, Dvorak's car keys were still in Totten's ash tray "for safekeeping." Totten said, "I hope Dvorak's driver doesn't just drop him and say, "See ya."

John Kapnis, Mr. nice guy of the Championship class, the guy with the hatchet wind-up, doffed his cap and bowed deeply to the appreciative crowd sucking up their applause after defeating the otherwise number one crowd favorite, Allan Francis. (On the first day everyone thought Francis could afford one loss)

Kapnis always has good time with his audiences. Hard to believe he's ready to celebrate his 72nd birthday!

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Met a happy guy from South Dakota, Pat Kanaly. Said he finished 7.5 and 7.5 but, he was filing a protest. "How come everybody laughs when I say that? I'm telling you; the stakes were all upright and white, the courts were true, the lines straight, and that carpeting, wow! Nothing like what I'm used to."

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Jim McCombs of Ohio who was a key figure in the organization of the 1999 Greenville, Ohio World, was seen as an observer. He said, No he wasn't pitching this one, but likes to travel, likes eating out and likes the annual visit with so many old pitching friends. Furthermore, he did not miss the aggravation of actually pitching. His wife appreciates his calm attitude too.

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One flamboyant guy seen at the World likes to wear crazy hats. There's the red, white and blue bandanna of a pirate, the striped cat-in-the-hat model 24" tall, and the a black thing with huge bat wings (that's 3 and counting).

Somebody complained he wore three hats in just one game. I suppose he was losing and trying to

rally back. His opponent did not take it kindly. I really don't know the hat guy's name, maybe it's better that way.

It has become a serious subject. He is actually causing some influential members, like the Regional Directors, to re-think the wording of the dress code.

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Ed Quigley, humorist old guy from New Jersey, took the floor at the convention when a move was made to change the division name "Elder" to "Short Distance Men."

He asked his granddaughter, "Honey, what do the words, 'Short Distance Men' mean to you?" She replied that maybe it meant their time was growing short.

Quigley and his granddaughter like the term "Elder" so much that his competition shirt is now embroidered. "Elder Quigley, NJ."

By the way, the motion to change failed.

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Ed Quigley did Wisconsin no favor reminding the convention delegates of the oppressive heat of the '87 WT in Eau Claire. In jest he added that the huge cooling fans were blowing shoes cross court actually landing as ringers on the downwind court confusing scorekeepers.

Eau Claire did miss the WT bid for 2002. Some say the projected dates were a factor. The fact is, there was just one presenter representing the Eau Claire bid, Steve DuPree of the city tourism bureau. As good a job as he did, he was only one. It was said he needed a real horseshoe pitcher, a member of the Eau Claire Club to share and prove their enthusiasm.

Six or seven more votes, it would not have gone to Red Deer, Alberta. As it is, I blame Quigley and Alberta's court jester, the three legged man. Humor won the day.

So how come I'm not laughing?

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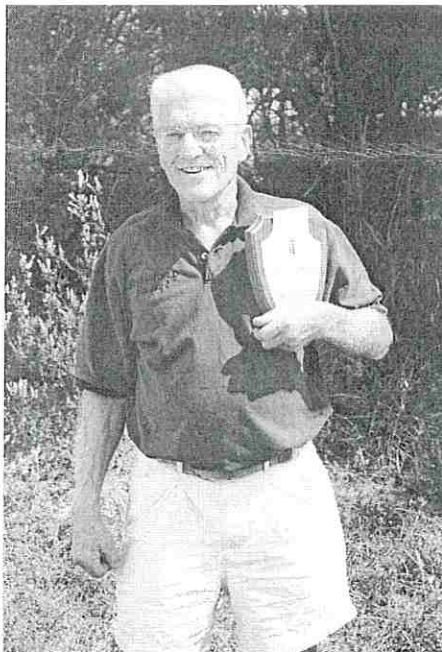
It's only another 1400 miles to Alberta and the Canadian Rockies.

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. is always thinking and not at all shy about sharing his ideas. Considering the present WT format he seems concerned over the increasing monies paid as awards to the Elders and the Senior Mens divisions. The split is too much, he thinks. It has become more profitable and more attractive to the older championship caliber pitchers to opt for one of the easier older type classes rather than take their lumps pitching with the class Williams calls the "REAL" men.

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Regional Director of 2000 went to my favorite pitcher of all time, Jim Haupt



**The greater the man is, the more distasteful is praise and flattery to him**

**John Burroughs**

## Walter Ray at West Bend

Before pitching his class in the World Tournament, Walter Ray Williams Jr. visited West Bend, WI for the grand opening of the newly remodeled Weiland's Fun Center.

The oft time champion pro-bowler and horseshoe pitcher is a member of the Brunswick pro staff.

Portable clay courts were set on the parking lot opposite the Main Street front door for the exhibition. About 100 horseshoe fans watched Walter Ray play Leon Voit, of the Fillmore club, Curt Carter of the Moose Club, Keith Schmidt, sports writer of the West Bend News and Wes Taylor (pictured) long time WHPA tournament competitor.

The champ himself said he was a little rusty that day pitching only 20 ringer for 30 shoes in a hasty doubles match

For many spectators, it was their first close up view of a World Champion Pitcher.



### Herman Pint

Age 83 of Milwaukee died Friday, July 7, 2000. Herman was a long time member of the Washington Park Horseshoe Club.

Tommy Bartlen says their association goes back to 1949.

He was a man of many interests; bowled in three leagues, played billiards and was an accomplished artist in painting, drawing, and woodcarving. Herman is survived by three sons, a daughter, a sister, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

He will be sadly missed by fellow pitchers at Washington Park.

## Kenosha does Danville

by Harry Nelson

July 15-16, the Kenosha Horseshoe Club sent six pitchers to Douglas Park for the annual Danville, Illinois tournament.

Tom Endler won first in Class B Saturday with a 6/1 record pitching 52.7%. Also Class B, Bob Power finished 7th with a 2/5 record and 34.4%.

Linda Johnson and Debbie Marshall, were both class D Saturday. Linda took first with a 6/1 record pitching 35.8%. She played Debbie her first game, pitched 52.5% for the win but Debbie suffered only one more loss finishing 5/2 with 33.6%, good for 2nd place.

Harry Nelson and Lloyd Johnson played the Sunday version of Class B. Nelson was 5th with 4/3 pitching 50.5%. Johnson placed 6th, going 3/4 at 49.7%.

All games in all classes were to 40 points. The longest game of the event went to 88 shoes. Cliff Baker of Sheldon, IL pitched the high percentage single game of the tournament, 93.5%.

## Really?

This note was dropped on the newsletter desk without an accompanying explanation which may be OK for the Wisconsin State Journal but we little folks often crave more of the inside story.

In a desperate attempt to make this newsworthy, we present the full results of this sanctioned, maybe backyard, horseshoe tournament.

### Hansen Invitational Tournament

7-23-00 Sanction #28-00-040

1 Chuck Hansen	5/0	44.00%
2 Tom Hansen	4-1	41.33%
3 John Hansen	3-2	38.00%
4 Dick Hansen	2/3	34.00%
5 David Hansen	1/4	20.00%
6 Stuart Bernett	0/5	18.00%

We can say in all probability this was a one class, six-man event. At 80 yr+ John is now a 30' pitcher so it was mixed. And Dick seems to be on track for another tough day at the World. Did we get everyone's name spelled correctly here?

## Oxford Open

July 23, 2000

### A class

Randy Rein	4/1	66.00
Brian Repinski	4/1	64.00
Bun Carley	3/2	56.80

### B class

Jerry Volz	8/1	48.60
Ray Groskinsky	6/3	49.60
Tip Wipperfurth	5/4	40.50
Bob Anderson	5/4	39.10

### C class

Jim Oloughlin	7/0	40.00
Al Holloway	5/2	37.80
Ron Balsiger	4.5/2.5	33.20

### D class

Tom Dudenhoefer	6/1	33.20
Frank Schalk	6/1	32.50
Bob Cummings	5/2	29.60

Tournament Director, Frank Schalk

Unfortunately no further information was reported for this event.



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## 34th Mid-Eastern Tournament

by Rosemary Kamps

Would you believe that the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club hosted their 34th Mideastern Open Horseshoe Tournament at Kamps Kovered Kourts on July 14 and 15. It would be interesting to take a survey to see how many pitchers (other than Jerry Kamps) pitched in all 34 tournaments.

In addition to the 34 Mideastern Tourneys, the club has also hosted four State Tournaments.

It was a great tournament and the weather was beautiful. Great weather is the norm for Combined Locks though since they installed their roof in 1971.

There were lots of familiar faces but also many new faces.

The club hosted their second Sanctioned Tournament on Sunday, July 16. Their decision to do both the Mideastern on Friday and Saturday and the Sanctioned on Sunday has been

## Mid-eastern Results

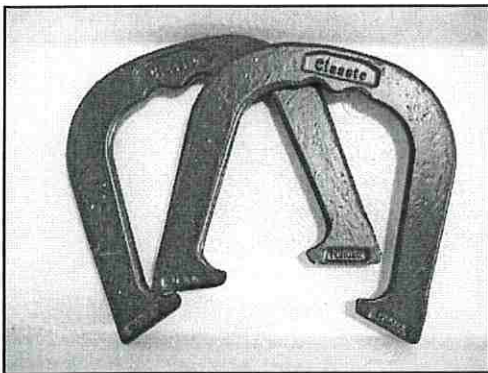
Class A		
1 Brian Repinski	6/1	57.9
2 Ralph Maylahn	5-2	66.8
3 Don Kangas	5-2	61.1
Class B		
1 Roger Poutanen	5-2	45.4
2 Gene Mason	5-2	44.6
3 Ken Jaeger	5-2	41.8
Class C		
1 Gerald Gromowski	5-0	48.4
2 Ken Kosky	4-1	35.2
3 Steve Mielke	3-2	35.6
Class D		
1 Norb Strzyzewski	5-0	37.6
2 Pat Smith	3.5/1.5	30.0
3 Jerry Graves	3-2	21.2
Class E		
1 Jerry Kamps	4-1	22.8
2 Scott Kater	3-2	27.6
3 Norb Fuhrman	3-2	24.8
Class F		
1 Charles Hoffman	6-0	11.7
2 Jeff Jakel	3-3	05.0
3 Roy York	3-3	03.3

well accepted by everyone. It gives the new pitchers the opportunity to pitch in a tournament and also keeps the sanctioned players happy. There were a number of pitchers who pitched in both tournaments.

Brian Repinski of Plover won 1st place in Class A - Ringer percentage 57.9 - in the Sanctioned Tourney with Ralph Maylahn of Genesee Depot placing 2nd. We understand that Ralph purchased a new pair of Snyder shoes from Ken Kosky at Combined Locks on Sunday and used them for the first time for a ringer percentage of 66.8. Good job, Ralph!

We also noticed that Jerry Kamps was watching Ralph very closely when he was pitching. Could be that he may be getting close to that 30 footer's age!!

Many of the pitchers at the Sanctioned Tournament will be heading to the World Tournament in Bismarck, ND on July 31st including nine members of the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club.



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## Reflections of the Ringer Classic

from Al Muhlada

Hi Jim,

In Maryland where I live, I usually pitch at the American Legion or the Elks club. I joined The NHPA earlier this year and pitched in one tournament in Maryland at which I averaged 29%. Since I am spending the summer in Michigan's Upper Peninsula I searched the net trying to locate some horseshoe "action". **Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter** has an excellent horseshoe web page and I located the Ringer Classic in Marengo Wisconsin. This was only 170 miles away so I gave it a weekend.

It turned out to be a very pleasurable and a great learning experience. All were very friendly and the competition was the best I have ever seen. There were state champs and National champs there. I am now changing the way I hold my shoe after seeing that all 3 of the 60%+ shooters all held the shoe the way. I hope to return Wisconsin for other tournaments while I am in the U.P.

The tournament was run by Steve Stevens and he helped make the whole weekend a very pleasurable experience. He was very friendly and well organized in the way the tournament was run. I would recommend any tournament run by Steve to all that enjoy horseshoe competition.

-AM

**"A man can succeed  
at almost anything  
for which he has  
unlimited  
enthusiasm"**

**Charles Schwab**

## No Sunburn in Sanborn and Return of the Forgotten Man

by Steve Stevens

A 4.5 inch rainfall wiped out the morning horseshoe class but didn't stop the mud softball action. This is Sanborn, in Ashland County, the home of the annual pioneer days celebration always the weekend after the fourth of July.

When out of the fog a figure appeared. He had not been seen in these parts since he pitched an 88% game in a nearby town. But today, amidst the rain, lightning and thunder, he would master the sinking walkways with his one hook shoes emerging as Tournament Champion. He would ride away into the sunset, trophy in hand in a new Navigator. Congratulations Gus!

Results: #28-00-23

A

1st Gus Schram; 2nd Mark Stevens

B

1st John Cox MI; 2nd Randy Miller

C

1st Rob Mahn; 2nd Gerry Hanninen

D

1st Gerry Hanninen; 2nd Ron Rikkola

## 2000 Marengo Fair Birds, Jambalaya's, & Ringers

by Steve Stevens

The early entrants from our state capitol were greeted here with a bang Friday night. The barley and hops were iced for an unforgotten man, a Baltimore oriole from the east coast by way of the Keweenaw peninsula of Michigan, landed Saturday morning only to spend the night in a local farmers hay field. A rockin' robin from south Hwy. 13 was seen nested at a local hotspot. The S & M scorekeepers enjoyed a hot windy day feasting on Jambalaya's.

A neighboring state duo set out to get rich at a local casino. The nightlife lasted into morning. Finally, last but not least, an 80% game topped the day for an undefeated champion in an "A" class border battle.

Thanks everyone.

Results of Saturday: #28-00-024

A 1 Clayton Gage; 2 Gerald Stangland

B 1 Brian Repinski; 2 Randy Miller

C 1 Ray Labarge; 2 Amy Larson

D 1 Ivan Ruzic; 2 Patrick Maki

The Sunday doubles: #28-00-025

A 1st Ray Hill & Randy Rein  
2nd Gerry Stangland & Will Korpela

B 1st Jim and Amy Larson  
2nd Ivan Ruzic and Al Muhlada

## Go Figure

Within Steve Stevens' interesting articles are teasing references to the antics, some shady, of the visiting pitchers to the north of north country.

It takes a keen eye and sense of geography to attach real names to the doers of the purported deeds. At the same time it describes a tid-bit of the atmosphere surrounding the events. Stevens has shown a knack of turning the rather dry report of an ordinary horseshoe tournament into highly interesting prose. Stevens says, "Hope you enjoy the articles. We gained seven new card members."

We sure like your stuff Steve, but still coming up empty on the guy from Hwy. 13. -Editor (Publisher note: How about "Robin" Mahn)

## WORLD TOURNAMENT PITCHERS

FINAL POSITION precedes NAME Also: Games won/Games lost/Percentage attained

14.	Bob C Anderson	5	10	26.67
5	.Dean Baxter	9.5	5.5	19.33
11.	Barbara Baxter	4	9	23.08
14.	Ron Berg	5	10	23.5
2.	Ron Brockway	12	3	57
5.	Russell Burns	8.5	6.5	36.67
11.	Bernard Carley	6.5	8.5	46.5
12.	Tom Costa Sr.	6	9	45.67
3	Bernard Cockcroft	11	4	34.67
13.	Richard Conrad	5	10	29.67
15.	Earl Cummings	3	12	23.17
13.	Tom Cutts	5.5	10.5	12.5
7.	Dustin Dahl	9	6	64.83
12.	Barrent Dahl	5	10	55.33
6.	Ken Davison	8	7	32.17
5.	Dustin Dahl CH	3	4	70.64
5.	Dan David	10	6	19.38
12.	Shari Davison	4	9	34.62
6.	Teresa Donar	8	5	40.38
3	George Eckstrom	11	4	39.5
8.	Tom Endler	7	8	52.5
14.	Red Ferguson	4.5	10.5	29.5
11.	Wayne Franzen	7	8	21.33
3.	Clayton Gage	11	4	69
2.	Jim Ganther Jr.	13	2	36.83
5.	Evelyn Goshaw	8	5	40.58
6.	Ray Groskinsky	9	6	37
10.	Jeff Gustafson	7	8	41.17
14.	Richard Hansen	3	12	23.83
13.	Edward Hack	5.5	9.5	28.17
11.	DeWayne Hazen	5	8	15.77
2.	Jim Haupt	11	4	34.5
2.	Ken Heinritz	12	3.5	49.5
9.	Sue Helene	8	7	59
7.	Dick Henkel	7	6	25.38
10.	Karen Henkel	8	7	29
7.	Don Hostrup	9	6	51.33
14.	Kenneth Jaeger	3.5	11.5	40.17
3.	Lloyd Johnson	11	4.5	47.33
14.	Jerry Kamps	4.5	10.5	16.17

Wisconsin had just one pitcher placing first in his class – Rick Poppe. Hey, a hockey rink, his second home. We also have 5 seconds, 5 thirds. That's 10 trophies for the Badger state.

Others in the money: 1 fourth, 7 in fifth place, 6 in sixth, and 5 in seventh. 30 WHPA pitchers cashed for at least \$100.

It proved to be a tough haul for most pitchers. Averages were, for the most part, much less than anticipated. It's like going fishing; bountiful expectations often do not fill the stringer.

Court conditions were excellent. Never have seen such a neat layout. It brought back memories of the Pitchin' Palace. Green carpeted pitching lanes clearly marked more than satisfied even the most discriminating contestants.

Air-conditioning units were in high gear trying to keep up with the heat (said to have been 108 one day). Building #2 depended on forced air circulation and was sometimes humid, OK for observers but pitchers, especially losing pitchers, felt the heat.

Congratulations to all the Wisconsin pitchers who traveled to the Bismarck World Tournament of 2000.

5.	Ken Kosky	10	5	34
11.	George Kuffer	3	10	7.31
10.	Harold Laws	6	9	29.83
10.	Ray Mallo	7	8	33.67
6.	Bill Matey	9	6	26
6.	Blackie Mahn	9	6	36.67
12.	Edi McKinney	5	10	59.83
12.	Bruce McLinn	6	9	26.33
10.	Leroy Meyer	8	7	36.5
12.	John Mills	6	9	27.83
7.	Kerry Morris	8.5	6.5	36.83
14.	Ron Molitor	4.5	10.5	24.33
15.	Harry Nelson	3.5	11.5	40.67
6.	Earl Paulson	10	5	24.67
1.	<b>Rick Poppe</b>	12	3.5	49
5.	Randy Rein	10	5	69.17
11.	Nicole * Riehle	4.5	10.5	26.5
3.	Tina * Riehle	12	3	26.67
11.	Ted Rohde	3	10	32.31
9.	Ivan Ruzic	6	9	25.67
16.	Dave Schorbahn	1	14	37.5
15.	Gus Schram	2	13	33.67
11.	Gloria Smith	5	8	39.81
5.	Merwyn Sorenson	10	5	53
4.	Terry Sternberg	10	5	40.67
11.	Penny Steinke	6	9	49.33
14.	Tom Steinke	5	10	24
11.	Rowen Swick	6	9	25.5
8.	Julian Tijerina	7.5	7.5	36
11.	Cliff Troullier	7	8	44.17
13.	Elaine Troullier	6	9	49.33
16.	Wayne Vanderhei	3	12	30.67
11.	Ed Wheeler	6	9	25
14.	Ron Wilcziek	4.5	10.5	23.67
13.	Gert Wilcziek	4	11	54.17
2.	Tip Wipperfurth	12	3	38.83
7.	Steve Wiegert	8.5	6.5	47.67
8.	Ken Woods	9	7	13.91
10.	Joe Zoromskis	6	9	19.5

**What is life?  
It is the flash of a  
firefly in the night.**

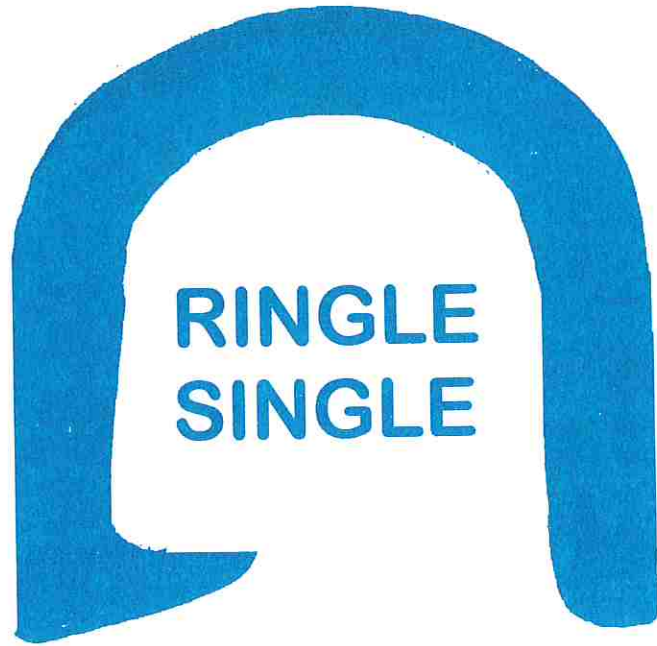
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