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Eagle - One of the best

Dick Hansen in NHPA Hall of Fame



Dick was presented to the Hall of Fame by Lorraine Sternberg.

I feel very honored this evening to be the person to do Dick's induction into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Our families have been friends for many years. And we spent a lot of time together watching our juniors pitch at world tournaments. Dick was the one who encouraged me to take the position of National Junior Promotion Director and later run for NHPA Vice President. He has been truly a great friend.

Dick was born on February 28, 1944 to John and Elna Hansen in the town of Raymond, Wisconsin, where the family still resides today. He is the third of five children.

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Tava Cook Strikes Gold WINS WORLD AT POCATELLO!

Another Wisconsin girl has the World title. She joins the ranks of Debby Bestul, now Halvorson and pitching the championship womens class, Heidi Sternberg, now Poppe and former NHPA Jr Director, and Penny Steinke now a contender for the womens state title.

Is it any wonder? Wisconsin girls dominated the championship class. Tava played sister Kiri and wound up in a three way playoff with her cousin Tina Riehle.

Juniors need more exposure. Three of the six used the preliminary games to advantage. Tava's final

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Coming Events

Sept. 4-5-6	State Tournament Platteville	\$25
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd., Fond du Lac, WI 54937		
920-922-0080	28-04-038 28-04-043	D/L 7-31
Sept. 10-11-12	VFW Doubles Comb. Locks	\$25/team
Don Navarrette 534 Woolawn Ct., Comb Locks, WI 54113		
920-788-1633	Unsanctioned	D/L 8-28
Sept. 11-12	Wet'n WILD Centuria	\$10
Jane Smith 1481 180th St., Balsam Lake, WI 54810		
715-485-3057	28-04-040	D/L 8-28
Sept. 18	The No Reason - Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555		
608-592-4424	28-04-041	D/L 9-4
Sept. 26	Beloit Doubles	\$20 Team
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304	Unsanctioned	D/L 9-11
Oct. 2	Northern Arena Open (Indoors)	\$25
Steve Stevens 39860 Pelto Rd. Marengo, WI 54855		
715-278-3473	28-04-047	D/L 9-21
Oct. 9	Beloit Show-up #4	28-04-049 \$15
Under 35% Deadline 8:30 AM Pitch at 9:00 AM		
Over 35% Deadline 12:30 Pitch at 1:00 PM		
608-879-2304		Earl Paulson
Oct. 16	State Fall Meeting	1:00 pm
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
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. 11-12	Deansville Open	\$15
Rudy Van Fleet 202B Parkview Dr. Columbus, WI 53925		
920-623-4924	28-04-053	D/L 11-29

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

KEY: Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.

Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.

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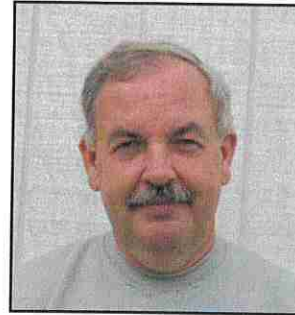
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The President's Column

Congratulations to all trophy and money winners at the World Tournament. In the Jr. Girls Championship division, Wisconsin was very well represented. Three of the six pitchers were our own: Tava Cook, Tina Riehle, and Kiri Cook. Nice job, girls. Special congrats to Tava Cook, who defended the Jr. Girls World Title and is the 2004 Jr. Girls World Champ.

I recently went to the 30th Annual Eagle Open. Looking through the Eagle tournament schedule, I noticed that as the years go on, more and more entrants are WHPA members, and it seems that we pick up one or more new members every year from this generally non-sanctioned club. The tournament was run, and has been run the past 16 years, by Al Salmela and his wife Kathy. (FYI, next year will see a new T.D. in Greg Scheff, who I'm sure will do a good job) It was a non-sanctioned, fun tournament, 146 pitchers, 40 of which were women. Eagle tournaments are exceptionally well-run events. Al and Kathy organize the tournament, daughter Robin takes care of getting scorekeepers (and does a nice job), and there are designated people for beer and soda, food, raffles, and pit crews. Yes, pit crews. I have never seen anywhere else where two to four people turn your courts and paint the stakes between games. The tournament has three "groups" of pitchers: the Eagle club, the Burlington club, and everybody else. From any class, M to A, you may see 20 to 40 people watching and cheering. The crowds are not something most people are accustomed to, but all in all, the spectators are very polite. If you're not from Eagle or Burlington club, but have one or two in your

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Dick's been happily married to his wife Paulette for the past 23 years. He has four shared children, with Paulette. Karen, Amy, Tommy and Stuart. They have eight shared grandchildren, Kayleigh, Connor, Carter, Jake, Liam, Maddie, Rowen and Livvy.

Dick started working at the local telephone company in June of 1962. In 1982 he transferred to AT&T, where he worked in communications and computers. In August of 1996 he retired after 34 years of service to become the NHPA Secretary Treasurer.

Dick and his father, John formed the Racine County HSC league 30 years ago. Although the Hansen's no longer pitch on the league because they were kicked out for being unbeatable the league is still active. Dick's two sons, Tommy and Stuart were both active junior pitchers. Some of you may remember them from past World Tournaments. Every now and then you will still see Tommy on the courts.

Besides pitching horseshoe Dick enjoys fishing and hunting. These days when not in his NHPA office you will find him on his boat with his grandchild, teaching him how to cast and sit still in the boat. At Thanksgiving time he likes to bond with his son Tommy for deer hunting.

Dicks also enjoys bowling with his son Stuart in a scratch league. His crowning achievement in bowling was a 300 game in 1988.

Dick has come along way in horseshoes from when he started pitching in his non sanctioned league. He joined the NHPA twenty-two years ago. After running two state tournaments back to back he became the WHPA State President in 1988. After serving ten years as WHPA State President he decided to run for 5th Vice President of the NHPA. As 5th VP he served as the chairman of the Regional Directors. For the past nine years Dick has been the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. As secretary-treasurer he has computerized the NHPA membership list into a workable database. And is now currently working on making the membership database compatible with the Natstats database. Dick is on the NHPF Executive Board and a member of the NHPA Rules Committee. But I think we all know Dick best as the Director of the World Tournament.

He has been honored with the NHPA Presidential Award from Dave Loucks and has received the Arch Stocks Memorial Award. Dick has dedicated many years to the NHPA. He has worked countless hours as the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, devoting himself full time to the duties of his position.

I am sure that when Dick and his dad first started up the Racine County HSC some 30 years ago he never imagined that some day it would take him to where it has today.

I think we all would agree that Dick has earned a honorable spot in the NHPA Hall of Fame.

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percentage of 60 plus shows the world title rightfully belongs to her.

The Marshfield Entourage was evident by the winners column. Uncle, Willis David took a first winning 13 games just ahead of his brother, Dan who placed third with an 11/4 record in the same class.

class, you will know it. It's nice to see clubs supporting their members. Wisconsin needs more tournaments like this. That is what the WHPA needs. Every club could learn something from Eagle.

Good pitching,

Tom

Pocatello Convention

The members tabled a motion to raise dues \$1/yr earmarked for Hall of Fame.

Reimbursement for expenses;

The secretary's annual allowance shall be increased to \$12,000 plus fifty cents per member.

Others: President, 30%

Each NHPA VP 10%

Natstats 20%

Newsline publisher 12%

Hasn't been changed since 1992

Passed 113-17:

Rewording entry requirements for NHPA tournaments which are a little more friendly.
Failed 75-55

Article XII Sect 4c

Changing the word Elders to Elder Men

Read it. If you can understand what the fuss is, write this Newsletter. I don't get it. Passed: 129-1

Accepts inclusion of handi-capped pitchers into the Elders Div.

Passed: 100-30

Wording to exclude handi-capped pitchers from Elders div.

Failed: 47-82

Wording that would set-up a separate Handicapped div.

Failed: 43-87

Must have been a short meeting with no discussion on a World Tournament site for 2006.

Must have been announced that the horseshoe place at Joelton is under lock and key, Looks like the NHPF may sell their holdings.

More information may be available by Labor Day.

A picture on the "World Report" apparently taken at the Banquet showed a number of people with their Awards. We believe that Paul Stewart, Dick Hansen, Sylvianne Moisan, and Gary Kline all were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Further its an educated guess that Paula Summerlein, Newsline editor/publisher received a presidential citation as did Heidi Poppe, former Junior Promotion Director. We think Casey Sluys took home the Arch Stokes award.. Jim Schilling and Dave Loucks were also in the picture. We are going to quit guessing and ask the webmasters of the NHPA site, are you saving this news for Newsline?

Dick Hansen Hall of Fame

We can attest to the qualifications of Dick Hansen to the NHPA hall of Fame because he's one of us. We know him well.

He served as our WHPA president for nine years after being asked to take over the job. He then moved on to a bigger task.

A few years into his service as NHPA secretary and he received the Presidents award for his fine work in a new field. He has taken to his administrative duties like a duck to water earning accolades from all corners of the horseshoe association.

We have conferred upon him every award available for his service to the NHPA including the prestigious Stokes award.

It is fitting that he should now be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Because we feel part of him is a part of us we are especially glad that he has been so honored.



Pocatello courts and 65' flag hanging from the ceiling

The 2004 Pocatello World

By Jim Haupt

Because this reporter was not in Pocatello the referrals to the World Tournament throughout this issue were gleaned from the "World Report" of the NHPA site of the internet. Its great for the won and loss records, percentages and numbers of the games, better than being there, but lacking in the presenting the flavor of the event. For that we quote an editor who was on the scene, Jim Link of Washington state publishing the "Shoe News."

"Holt Arena is a great venue for the World Tournament. With floor space large enough to play football on, the courts are laid out in groups of four end to end and six groups long. Scorekeepers sit alongside of the courts rather than in the middle. This greatly enhances the safety of those keeping score."

Gathering results of entries of Wisconsin was made easy by copying from the entries by area then finding numbers for all those pitchers with "WT" following their name.

One day Tava Cook's picture appeared as World Champion Girl along with The Boy's Champ Nick Preston. It spurred some words regarding the girl from Marshfield, Wisconsin and her group.

Other championship groups came on board. I had to start a personal Mens result board with black W's and red L's. Pretty near cried for Andre LeClerc when he drooped game 7 to Darrell Sherrad of Indiana. Absolutely wonderful to see Mark Seibold winning again. Hey that guy Foster from Tennessee looked really good until he ran afoul of

Mandell Proctor and then Andre nicked him too. And then the big man, Francis himself, dropped what may have been a deciding game to Andre. The top 7 pitchers lost five of their 7 games of round 17, going into the final day! The man from New Jersey, Joe McCrink may be unstoppable. Whoops, Francis may have heard that. He held McCrink to one point in game #18 pitching near 94%.

McCrink suffered the final fatal blow at the hands of Foster who actually finished one behind, third. Most surprising, to me, was the play and final placement, fourth, for Andre Leclerc, Proctor fifth, Gary Opper, sixth, yes, we expect to see them in the top tier. WRW, 7th, bad day at black rock. We have known and expect better days.

Meanwhile Allan Francis is enjoying his finest days now equaling Ted Allen with ten World championships.

My take; Disappointed in lower averages. Wonder if class warrants 24 pitchers.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Allan Francis OH	22/1	83.16
2. Joe McCrink NJ	21/2	73.46
3. Shannon Foster TN	20/3	74.83
4. Andre LeClerc PQ	19/4	72.83
5. Mandell Proctor MD	18/5	70.81
6. Gary Opper ID	17/6	72.52
7. WR Williams FL	16/7	69.9
8. Jim Walters OH	16/7	69.48
9. Tom Westbrook SC	14/9	66.8
10. Gale Greene VT	13/10	66.73

Only LeClerc and Opper exceeded their entering averages

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Sue Snyder KY	21/2	79.62
2. Joan Elmore TN	20/3	82.44
3. Sylvianne Moisan PQ	19/4	82.45
4. Tamara Burke WV	19/4	74.14
5. Judy Curtiss MI	18/5	74.73
6. Connie Filley ND	17/6	79.38
7. Amy Francis OH	15/8	70.21
8. Jane Jordan SC	15/8	68.32
9. Gert Wilcziek WI	14/9	68.76
18. Debby Halvorson WI	8/15	62.5

Just Jordan and Thompsen and Halvorsen pitched over average.

Womens Day

Its not just a magazine.

Day one of the Womens Championship was only surprising in that Sue Snyder began by losing. Really did not have much hope for her The last day was Womens Day when the red L's hit the fan. Sue Snyder was on a mission. Four 80% plus games and even she, once again the World Champion, lost the last game. That last day Sylvianne lost 3. Joan Elmore lost 3. Tamara Burke lost 2. Judy Curtiss lost 2 and Connie Filley who had been a stand-out lost four more times. 17th place Jenifer Speakman of Colorado was the only competitor to get through the final day unscathed.

Snyder made this one her fifth World Title

The Women division continues to have the top percentage pitchers in the game.

ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Paul McCreery TX 10/1 78.40
2. Bobby Fields TN 9/2 71.41
3. Elden Sarbaugh OH 7/4 71.80
4. Don Kies CA 7/4 68.13
5. Harold Gaston OK 6/5 65.76

Kies, Kowatch and Gaston exceeded their entering averages.

Elders, a New Champion

Paul McCreery, TX is the new Elders champ, also new to us Except that Bobby Fields played for the Tennessee Tea-World champs we don't know much of him either and have come to believe there is a lot of flux in the Elders division.

SR MEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Paul LaCrosse CO 11/0 68.04
2. Kurt Von Kleist PA 9/2 65.63
3. Bob Lautenschleger OH 8/3 60.1
4. Paul Stewart NC 7/4 67.66
5. Ed Arionus TX 7/4 57.69
6. Robt Garber OH 6/5 61.42

None of these Seniors pitched over their entering average.

The senior mens champ race developed so fast we missed the first day. Looking at the final results we see that LaCrosse won every game with Ed Arionus his greatest competition. That's different. Arionus did better as an Elder last year. Check his record.

Arionus has won many divisions. Second place went to the patron saint of the flippers, Kurt Van Kleist. He and LaCrosse are the new guys coming from the open division to the Seniors just this year.

Boy's Champion Nick Preston, VT

Very close competition in the Boy's division went to Nick Preston of VT. He lost just one game and to #2 Buddy Dyrda who lost to his own runner up Tony White who lost to his runner-up, Drew Becker. With the exception of Preston they lost just two games each and had to revert to ringer percentage for final placement. Half the class was over 70%.

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Nick Preston VT 10/1 76.92
2. Buddy Dryda BC 9/2 79.45
3. Tony White PA 9/2 71.73
4. Drew Becker ON 9/2 76.66
5. Mathew Korpela MN 8/3 76.68
6. Lee Seibold IN 6/5 70.03
10. Nolan Johnson WI 2/9 54.98

Preston, White, Korpela, and Seibold all pitched over their entering averages.

Angeline opts for Sr Ladies

Fresh from the Womens open, Angeline Moisan slides into the Senior Ladies championship. The games continue to be tough enough but the term is not as great. Angeline's one competitive game came against Edi Holland, MN. Ringers for each were down but Edi made it easier for the champion.

SR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Angeline Moisan PQ 5/0 64.34
2. Mary Ann PeningerKS 4/1 70.8
3. Lucille Leis ON 3/2 62.71
4. Edi Holland MN 2/3 53.97
5. Sharon Paddock CA 1/4 59.54
6. Ruth Hudson MO 0/5 44.39

Peninger and Leis pitched better than their entering average.

JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Tava Cook WI 5/1 60.53
2. Melissa Bigelow VT 5/2 46.96
3. Tina Riehle WI 4/2 52.70
4. Mary Hargett SC 2/3 42.79
5. Shaina Stover SD 1/4 34.58
6. Kiri Cook WI 0/5 31.20

Everything that used to be a sin is now a disease.

- Bill Maher

You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep.

- Navajo Proverb

WISCONSIN WORLD ENTRIES AND HOW THEY FARED

48 pitchers entered from Wisconsin, the same number from Minnesota, a state with two pitchers for every one from Wisconsin. 48 is more than Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. California came in with 106, Colorado, 65, Washington, 85, and the home state of Idaho boasted 171 entrants, more than any host state has ever done.

RUSSELL W BURNS	JANESVILLE	12TH	5/10	19.33
BERNARD CARLEY	RICHLAND CTR	5TH	10/5	42.0
ALEENA COOK	STRATFORD	5TH	10/5	25.33
KIRI COOK	STRATFORD	3RD	10/5	34.0
TAVA COOK	STRATFORD	1ST	5/1	60.53
DANIEL CRAFT	MARSHFIELD	2ND	11/2	11.73
DUSTIN DAHL	TREMPEALEAU	11TH	5/10	33.0
DAN DAVID	AUBURNDALE	3RD	11/4	27.50
WILLIS DAVID	MARSHFIELD	1ST	13/2	25.17
KEN DAVISON	WILD ROSE	14TH	5/10	20.0
MELVIN DONAR	CUBA CITY	11TH	2/9	6.56
TERESA DONAR	CUBA CITY	5TH	7.5/2.5	30.75
KEN FRAME	MAZOMANIE	9TH	7/8	37.83
JAMES GANTHER	EAU CLAIRE	7TH	9/6	23.5
JAY GANTHER	EAU CLAIRE	1ST	9/2	10.91
DEB HALVORSON	MENOMONIE	4TH	10/5	62.33
RICHARD HANSEN	FRANKSVILLE	15TH	3/12	27.0
SUZANNE HELENE	WEBSTER	7TH	8.5/6.5	52.83
ALLAN HUIZENGA	STOUGHTON	13TH	4/11	41.33
BERNARD HUMAN	LK NEBAGAMON	6 TH	8/4	19.79
OZZ JACOBSON	GLEASON	14TH	5/10	19.33
NOLAN JOHNSON	WHITEHALL	2ND	12/2	60.18
WENDELL KUMLIEN	MUKWONAGO	10TH	6/7	27.69
GILBERT MAHN	MUKWONAGO	4TH	9/6	26.67
RAY MALLO	GILMAN	10TH	7/8	25.5
RALPH MARTHALER	MEDFORD	5TH	7/6	30.58
ELLY MCCARN	EAU CLAIRE	3RD	11/4	33.33
DALE MCGOWAN	JEFFERSON	8TH	7.5/7.5	15.5
EDITH MCKINNEY	LUCK	10	6/9	51.33
BRUCE McLINN	CLINTON	4TH	11/4	29.0
MARK NORD	FRANKLIN	3RD	10/5	20.5
TINA RIEHLE	AUBURNDALE	11TH	4.5/8.5	41.15
TED ROHDE	LA CROSSE	3RD	4.5/8.5	26.50
IVAN RUZIC	STRATFORD	14TH	4.5/12.5	13.24
DAVID SCHORBAHN	INDEPENDENCE	12TH	2/8	46.50
GLORIA J SMITH	MILLTOWN	5TH	10/5	32.50
JANE SMITH	BALSAM LAKE	16TH	1/14	31.25
TERRY STERNBERG	RICHFIELD	7TH	8.5/6.5	42.67
MARK STEVENS	MARENGO	7TH	8/7	54.00
CLIFF TROULLIER	WHITELAW	12TH	6/9	18.67
ELAINE TROULLIER	WHITELAW	9TH	7.5/7.5	40.17
WAYNE TOTTEN	EAU CLAIRE	15TH	3/12	56.50
JAMES UHLENHKE	SALEM	10TH	7/8	13.8
DAVID VOLZ	REEDSBURG	12TH	5.5/9.5	30.17
STEVE WIEGERT	GREEN BAY	9TH	8/7	45.33
GERT WILCZIEK	WHITEHALL	10TH	14/9	68.76
DONALD WOZNIAK	WHITEWATER	9TH	9/6	10.33
MICHAEL ZAHN	LOMIRA	11TH	6/9	18.17

DO LESS

By Author Unknown

DO LESS THINKING,
and pay more attention to your heart.

DO LESS ACQUIRING,
and pay more attention to what you
already have.

DO LESS COMPLAINING,
and pay more attention to giving.

DO LESS CONTROLLING,
and pay more attention to letting go.

DO LESS CRITICIZING,
and pay more attention to comple-
menting.

DO LESS ARGUING,
and pay more attention to forgive-
ness.

DO LESS RUNNING AROUND,
and pay more attention to stillness.

DO LESS TALKING,
and pay more attention to silence.

You can't expect a person
to see eye to eye with you
when you're looking down
on him.

- Bits & Pieces

We can't all be heroes.
Somebody has to sit on the
curb and clap as they go
by.

- Will Rogers

Southern Wisconsin - Beloit

Class A

1. Norm Mauthe Platteville	4 1	67.20
2. Penny Steinke Waukesha	4 1	64.00
3. Paul Wilson Janesville WI	3 2	59.20

Class B

1. Tom Endler Twin Lake, WI	4 1	54.00
2. Roger Schwebke	4 1	52.40
3. Ken Heinritz Meno Falls WI	3 2	47.00

Class C

1. Hiram Chaffin Round Lake IL	3.5 1.5	48.40
2. Tom Reid Oregon IL	3.5 1.5	43.60
3. John Carlin Waunakee WI	3 2	46.00

Class D

1. Dick Hansen Franksville WI	5 0	38.40
2. Ray Lopez Cudahy WI	4 1	43.60
3. Bud Hammer Janesville WI	3 2	42.00

Class E

1. Linda Hycnar Palatine IL	6 0	46.25
2. Mel Daily Pecatonica IL	5 1	43.75
3. Daniel Lessman Machesney Park IL		

Class F

1. Rowen Swick Beloit WI	4.5 1.5	36.25
2. Gary Schwabe C IL	4.5 1.5	34.17
3. Gary Rackow Monroe WI	4.5 1.5	32.92

CLASS G

1. Larry Fettes S. Elgin IL	4 1	28.80
2. Pete Kumlien Mukwanago WI	3.5 1.5	35.60
3. Bob Kabella Greenfield WI	3 2	30.00

Class H

1. Bruce McLinn Beloit WI	4 1	34.00
2. John Bentz Platteville WI	3 2	28.40
3. John McTigue Sometown IL	3 2	25.20

Class I

1. Mike Rousseau Beloit WI	4 1	34.00
2. Pete Gorski McHenry IL	4 1	32.40
3. Virgil Smith IL	3 2	32.40

Class J

1. Dan Stieber Sometown IL	6 0	34.17
2. Ed Bonebright Clinton WI	5 1	32.08
3. Ernie Rakstad Palatine IL	4 2	27.50

Class K

1. Ed Dolan McHenry IL	5 0	29.60
2. George Moraza Franklin WI	4 1	26.80
3. Orville Schurr So. Beloit IL	3 2	25.20

Class L

1. Jimmy Paulson Delavan WI	5 0	28.40
2. Milt Winans Sometown IL	3 2	14.40
3. Michelle Bennett IL	2.5 2.5	10.00

Renley Courts

Bud Renley, former club president who has passed on, started the construction and would now be proud to be a part of the Beloit club today. The grounds are meticulously groomed, so much so that it is easy for Dennis Reid to navigate his motorized wheel chair up and down the courts. Come to think of it, the entire A class were all short distance pitchers. Isn't that interesting. A few years ago we were lamenting the lack of lady pitchers, not enough for separate classes so we joined them when the elders started pitching from 30.'

This marks the last tournament of the season for the Renley courts except for the Beloit Doubles and that date has been changed. It will be Sunday not Saturday as previously scheduled.

The Beloit club is one of the last places where trophies are awarded for placement. Most people will say OK, they will do the courtesy to accept the award and hastily give it to their grandkid or someone that might appreciate it.

Down and Back

With Jim Haupt

Was doing the results of the World Convention when I realized there was no news on the World site for 2006. I wrote and asked . Next day the words appeared online that both bidders Des Moines and Louisville both withdrew their bids and we will have to wait for the January 2005 NHPA council meeting for a hint where the 2006 World may be.

Paula Summerlin, the editor/publisher of Newsline blew

my cover. Here I was writing up the world results just like I was there and she asks for an article on watching the event from home. Calls for a rewrite and admission of source.

Paul Stewart was being interviewed by the local newspaper and he said that his ringers were just as good as those by Allan Francis but he just could not do it as often.

The paper gets it horsed up and quotes Stewart as saying could throw just as many ringers as

Francis. First thing next morning Stewart gets on the P.A. system crying foul – misquoted.

Did you catch the picture of Paul Stewart wearing the opposing team's Super Bowl Jersey? Apparently lost a bet with Debby Michaud. He was a picture of extreme dejection. Kinda felt sorry for the boss.

Trivia question: 47 states were represented at the World Tournament. Which ones weren't?

Kenosha Benefit Tournament

By Harry Nelson

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club held their annual benefit tournament this year for the Hospice Alliance Inc. Hospice Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to caring for the terminally ill and empowering those who support them.

The KHC held a 10 team round robin doubles tournament on their five indoor courts on June 12, 2004. They divided the 20 pitchers that signed up into teams according to their ringer percentage matching the high averages with the low averages. The format used was count-all.

The tournament started at 10:00 AM as we introduced Kathy Carroll and Bob Moynihan who then each gave a short talk on how Hospice functions. The pitchers were all introduced and given a commemorative towel. Then Bob Moynihan threw the first two shoes and the tournament began. There was a break after 4 games for a dinner of WI brats prepared and served by Pat Nelson and Judy Peroutka. Pat also served as statistician and kept the score on the board.

The KHC thanks all the pitchers and workers that participated and made this years benefit a success. Together we raised \$3139.00 for the Hospice Alliance. The top fund raisers were Harry Nelson, Paul Papenfuss, Vera Johnson, and Linda Johnson. Paul was one of our better worker as he went out and got 39 sponsors. We

appreciate Paul's extra effort.

There was a playoff for 1st place between the team of Tom Endler/Mort Papenfuss and Don Peroutka/Ryan Hyatt. Don and Ryan won the playoff. Ryan had one of his best tournaments averaging 58.5%

1st Place	Ryan Hyatt Don Peroutka	58.5 8.5	8 - 2
2nd Place	Tom Endler Mort Papenfuss	46.0 7.5	7 - 3
3rd Place	Everett Stewart Rich Legler	41.1 18.3	6 - 3
4th Place	Lloyd Johnson Jack Statema	33.3 12.7	6 - 3
5th Place	Debbie Marshall John Bower	29.4 29.4	5 - 4
6th Place	Harry Nelson Vera Johnson	44.0 10.5	5 - 4
7th Place	Chris Humphrey Wm Hagen	28.8 19.4	4 - 5
8th Place	Linda Johnson Paul Papenfuss	31.6 5.5	3 - 6
9th Place	Cindy Hyatt Rich Brower	17.2 19.4	3 - 6
10th Place	Bill Zirbel Gary Hyatt	21.1 12.2	0 - 9

Sizzle

By Eddie Wheeler

For the new entries to this tournament, and a few of the more seasoned ones, mother nature went above and beyond the call of duty, to show and also remind us of how the Sizzle was named. Thirty-six showed up to compete, and provide their own fireworks, as the shoes starting flying.

The morning shift saw classes A, D, and E takes to the courts, for some very stiff competition. In class A, we saw Don Burmeister, Arnie Walton, and Bun Carley end up with 4-1 records, at the end of regulation. Bun defeated Arnie in the first playoff match, and then lost to Don in the second playoff match, after building what looked to be, a very large lead.

Class D had some fireworks brewing also. It appeared that Sharon Derr and Jim Haupt were putting on a clinic, with the way they were doing away their competition. But when Sharon and Jim met, Sharon walked away with the upper hand and first place. Sharon ended up 5 - 0, with a 35.20% ave. (she entered at 24.08%). Jim had a 30.00% ave for second, and John Mills landed third place. Jim had 30.00% avg for second, and John Mills landed third place.

Not to be outdone, class E had their game faces on also. Millard Harding and Tom (The Prez) Steinke ended up tied at 4.5 - 0.5. When the playoff round was complete, Tom walked away with first place, Millard took second, while

Tony Haas landed in third.

As the afternoon shift began, it reminded this TD of the 2000 State Tournament. Mother nature had the temp turned up and so were the shoes. In class B, Julian Tijerina and Kenny Frame set the hot and heavy pace, only to end up tied with 4 - 1 records. When the time came for the playoff, Kenny opted for a coin flip, and handed Julian first place. Kenny said there was no more gas in the tank.

John Gregorich, 3-2, took home third place. Class C saw the only undefeated record of the day. This feat was accomplished by Tip Wipperfurth. Tippy ended up 5 - 0, and pitched almost 6.6% over his average. Steve Kulow and Sonny Cockroft were all knotted up for second place, with Steve edging out Sonny by a mere 3%.

Class F, not wanting to be left out of the lime light, had several tight races going on. Chad Amble was one nervous nelly, during his last game, which was his bye game. He was watching the game between Don Wozniak and Daniel Nalepinski. When everything was said and done, Daniel had beaten Don, to give Chad his first sanction tournament victory. Don took second, and Chad's brother Travis, ended up in third place. Travis Keister had his share of the lime light also. Travis entered this event with a 6.53% ave., when he finished, his tournament average was 20.42%. Nice job Travis!

Observations by Jim Haupt

Is everybody aware that the Sandbaggers are trying to buy their home courts? Because of that and the lease fee for the indoor courts, they are forever trying to pick up a couple of bucks. It's the reason for their involvement in the State tournament the last three times. It's the reason for a three dollar surcharge on tournament entries.

We are more than willing and wish Eddie Wheeler and the Sandbar Baggers the best of luck in their financial quest.

There is man for you,
blaming on his boots
the faults of his feet.
- Samuel Beckett

Courage is what it
takes to stand up and
speak; courage is also
what it takes to sit
down and listen.

There's no point in
burying the hatchet if
you're going to put up a
marker on the site.
- Sydney J. Harris

Irish Blessing

"May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rain fall soft upon your fields;
And, until we meet again;
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Washington Co Fair

A little past Jackson on the way to West Bend there is a few hundred acres devoted to the Washington County Fair. Parking on the grass was free. Entrance to the fairgrounds was only \$5 and that include entry into the horse-shoe tournament. The number of entrants for the show-up event, plenty, decided the format—double elimination, 21 point games. Sandy Bogenschneider acted as director when Glenn was pitching.

This all took place in a show ring type of building, open sides, wood chip floor with sand box pits, long stakes driven onto the ground. Markers indicated the 30 foot foul line. Spartan but adequate accommodations.

Entry was open to all so other than county residents were welcome. Some who played were: Joel Barley, Clarence Voight, Wes Taylor, Ben Heinritz, Nathan Heinritz, Randy Heinritz, Diane and Tom Costa, saw Dan Ebert and Darlene watching. Money from the fair paid 4th place, \$20 to Ken Heinritz, 3rd place, \$30 to Marty Widmeyer, 2nd and \$40 to Glenn Bogenschneider, 1st and \$50 to Fred Widmeyer.

When I met Fred Widmeyer he revealed to me why I follow this game when he said that he liked to associate with the kind of people he met pitching horseshoes.

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

Anonymous

Allenton - Blowout

This was another unannounced town tournament by Glenn Bogenschneider.

Allentown had a big blowout, parade and all. My vote went to the Slinger High School band for best in show.

Bogenschneider himself setup four courts on a level baseball infield. Dumped some sand around some stakes and let the games begin.

Just 12 players showed up so they formed a 12-man round robin. Later we found that three 21 point games are possible per hour.

Players were: the Widmeyers, Fred, Larry, and Marty, Carl Schlagenhaft, Joel and Steve Bartley, Moose Rose, Bill Steckbauer, Bill Fuerst, Bogenschneider, who finished second and Tom Costa, the playoff winner.

Entry was only \$5. Awards went to first and second.

Combined Locks

Newest structure in the Locks is the deck built for outdoor partying. It's up high, almost the same as the tavern floor. The entry is a long walkway covering the original sidewalk. Now its higher providing a viewing area for four courts. The deck itself covers the area where the bleachers used to occupy and is a great place to visit, sit at a table and discuss the horseshoe affairs of the day.

Remember that garage building at the very end of the courts? We were directed there for an early morning rest room visit before the

tavern was open. A sign says, "Jerry's tree house and it is equipped with a toilet room". It also houses the original bar from the tavern and a large card table supposedly for friendly sheepshead games. A couple of displays decorate the walls. One is mostly horse-shoe trophies and pictures. For instance, there hangs the World trophy from Greenville, Ohio. Another collection of Green Bay Packer memorabilia and pictures hangs close by. Nice clubhouse. Looks like Kamps, although retired, like to surround himself with a few of the good things from the old days.

Results from Com Locks

Class A		
Gert Wilcziek	5/0	73.0
Lorraine Sternberg	3/2	61.5
Otis Wessley	3/2	56.0
Class B		
Steve Wiegert	4/1	54.5
Norb Fuhrman	4/1	48.0
Gene Mason	3/2	46.0
Class C		
Roger Juedes	4/1	50.5
Mer Sorensen	3/2	46.0
Bun Carley	3/2	43.0
Class D		
Dick Hanold	5/0	51.0
Bill Matey	3/2	37.4
Emil Blair	3/2	36.0
Class E		
Don Goldsmith	4/1	37.5
Karen Henkel	4/1	29.0
Pat Smith	3/2	29.3
Class F		
Jason Goldsmith	4/1	37.5
Scott Kater	4/1	24.5
Cliff Troullier	3/2	29.0
Class G		
Ken Wood	4/1	26.8
Cecilia Trodden	2/3	29.0
Deb Trossen	3/2	20.0

Eagle

Once called "big sandy," it is sandy and really big, close to the limit, about 140 pitchers. Makes it the largest of the weekly tournaments in this state. Women enter in numbers large enough to create separate classes. Must have been three eight-pitcher classes of ladies only.

The attraction is that it is unsanctioned, open to anybody, and conducted by a large club, about 70 members, well organized, celebrating 30 years of horseshoes.

It always occurs the first weekend in August, usually World tournament time. One entrant came straight from the courts of the Pocatello, Idaho World to the Village Park in Eagle.

Al Samela, current tournament director, published his swan song last issue. He's retiring and moving back to the UP.

Some years ago during Salmela's term the club revamped the whole court layout raising it one foot to prevent water damage turning it into the best sand court layout we have ever seen and they keep it that way.

After your game at Eagle the pit crew descends on the court with rake and broom. I told those guys they were throwbacks to the days when all tournament courts were serviced by a pit crew.

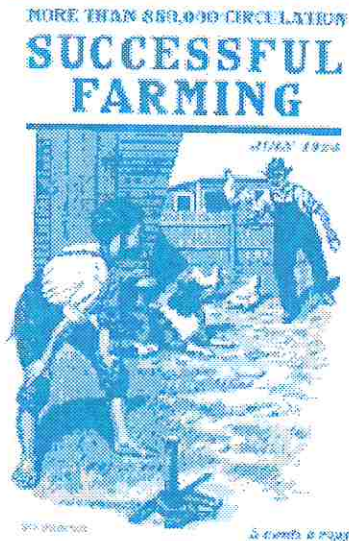
Another nice gesture was the presence of scorekeepers, mostly young ladies, who were hired and paid by the club although signs posted reminded pitchers to tip their scorekeeper. Its one of the advantages to playing on the courts of a large club.

We nominate the Eagle club as the best horseshoe club not part of the WHPA. Wish they were and will publish results if we get them.

Barn Yard Golf

Before our sport took on an organized concept, horseshoe pitching was most often referred to as Barnyard Golf. Horseshoe pitching may have been thought to be more active in the rural areas as the shoes off the horse were actually used before the standard or official shoes was developed. But horseshoe pitching was active in the cities also, but the slang nickname stuck, and stuck for the first two decades of the sport.

By 1919, the sport had become widespread and considerable promotion efforts were being made to develop leagues and state associations. World Tournaments were being held each year. In fact, for most of the 1920's there was a winter World Tournament held in Florida



and a summer World tournament held in a northern city. The NHPA had formed in 1921 and certainly the name Barnyard Golf didn't project the image the national leaders would prefer. But the newspaper media commonly used the nickname when covering tournament events. Not always, but commonly. This was a period in time when horseshoe

pitching had considerable coverage in the newspaper sport pages. Every newspaper across the country, whether a major paper or the home town local newspaper, covered horseshoe pitching events, leagues or tournaments, right along with baseball and all other sports of the day.

The name Barnyard Golf can be traced back to the originator, a sports writer from Akron - Harry 'Doc' Kerr. Kerr was a well-known sports writer, whose career extended into the late 1950's with the same Akron Newspaper.

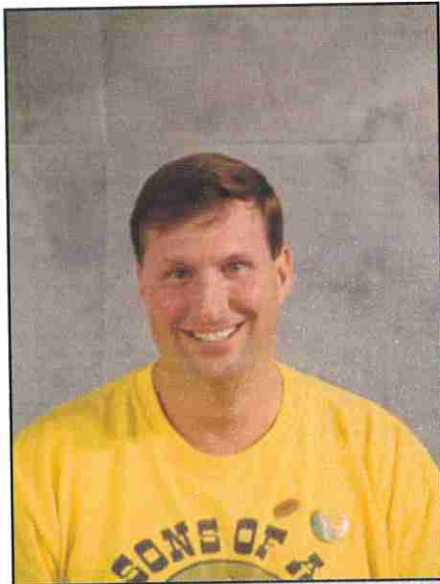


HARRY 'DOC' KERR
Former Sporting Editor of the Akron Press, The Man who
Brought Horseshoe Pitching
BARN YARD GOLF

The Barnyard Golf nickname phased out in the mid-1930s but a recent reminder just popped up on the Ebay auction, as a 1925 tournament trophy was up for sale. The engraving was "1925 Tucson Barnyard Golf Championship."

*An article by Bob Dunn and
printed on the NHPA Website.*

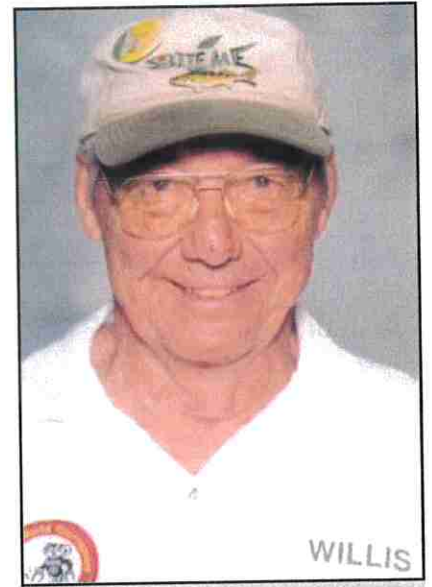
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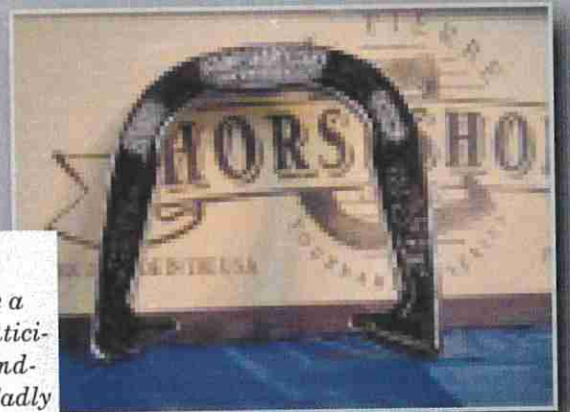
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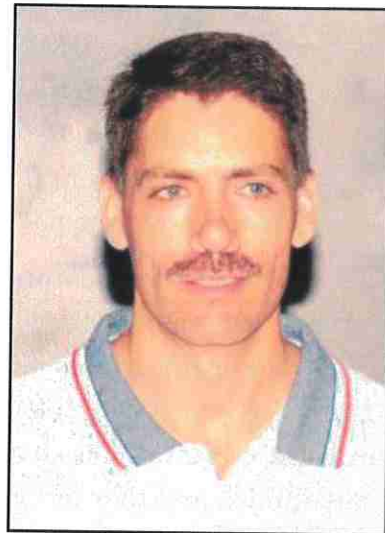


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St Pierre Horseshoe Co. made a special set of horseshoes in anticipation of President Bush attending the World Tournament. Sadly enough that didn't happen.*

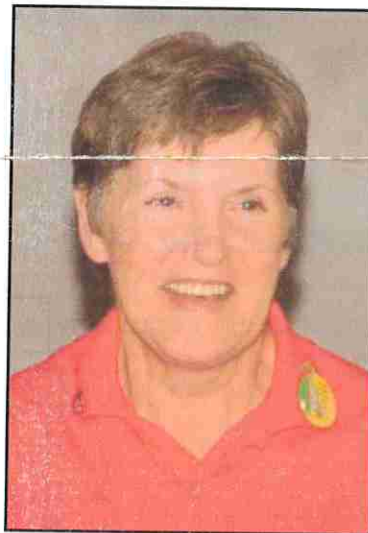
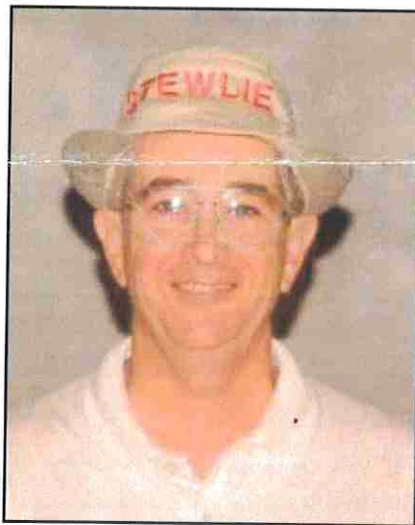
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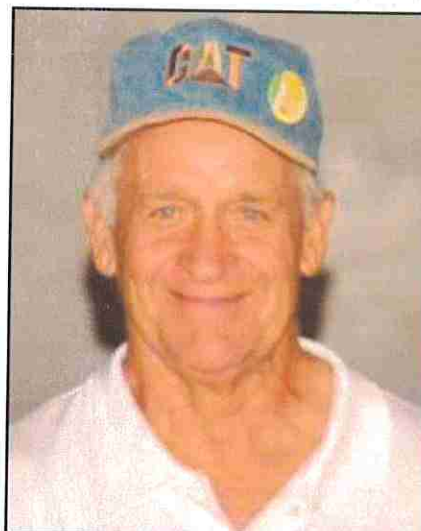


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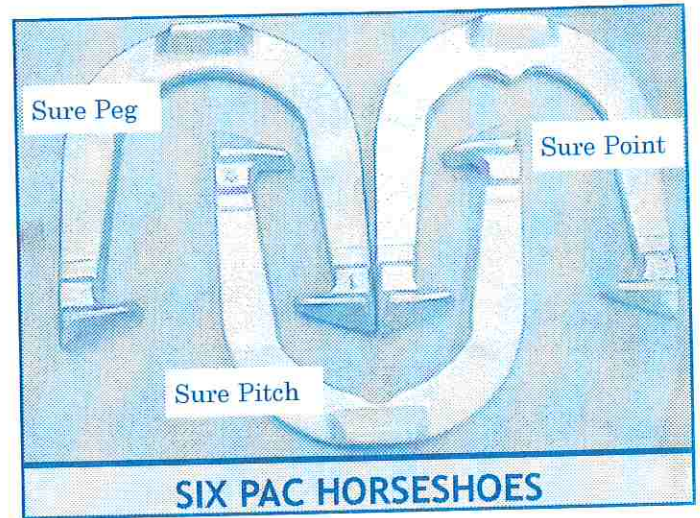
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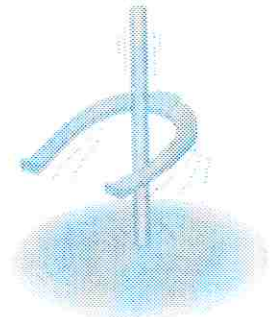
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