

THE 1997 STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

It is possible to play a variety of horseshoes called doubles and walk like in a singles event while using your own shoes. Near 100 pitchers turned out for the first State Doubles tournament on a fair to midlin' day at the Beloit Sports Center.

"Walking" should always be contained in the title of this tournament. It was meant to be a boon to the players. No more looking for a partner with your own, or acceptable alternate, brand of shoes. Maintain the feel. Pitch your own. Score a bunch of ringers, just like singles. Okay, but it didn't work out that way. The extra action created more like mass confusion - musical chairs between the pits. There were some cheers, some high fives but it was tough to dismiss all those misses - all those double misses. Walking doubles, it seemed, was not all it was cracked up to be.

Game time evolved at thirty minutes for the (30-shoes/player) rounds which is normal but the transition to the next court amplified total round time. It had become a social event. Time had to be allotted to commiserate. Those teams with more wins than losses were considered by the less fortunate to be entirely too serious.

Somewhere in the middle the tournament directors scheduled a lunch break. It was a time of visiting and sharing the misery with the pitchers of other classes to placate the tension of the first half matches. It was also necessary to take on fuel for the remainder of the day. Actually it would have been better to serve refreshments on the courts. Wandering vendors with hot dogs and pizza, others with beer and soda could have made the lunch break affair an extended party. And where was the music?

Not to be outdone, each member of the tournament committee had entered the walking doubles event and were on the courts

doing the walk, talking the talk and marking the score and generally showing everybody how easy it is. Fortunately our executive council who were the tournament directors, arranged with some of the gals like Sandy Secord, Kathy Jaeger, Sue Bloom, Paulette Hansen, and maybe more, to mark the big board.

All twenty-four courts at the Edwards Sport Center were alive with pitchers. The first five were devoted to the championship class with an entry of ten teams. Active players are ordinarily interested in only their own progress. So it is little wonder that

UDELHOFEN AND CROOK - STATE CHAMPS



Wisconsin River Valley team takes the first Wisconsin State doubles championship; John Crook, Spring Green and John Udelhofen of Barneveld

the championship finals occurred almost unnoticed. For an in-depth report of championship happenings best ask one of the champions. John Udelhofen of Barneveld and John Crook of Spring Green, 1997 State Doubles Champions. The winners received a pair of trophies. Cash awards went to half the class.

This was the first year of a State Doubles tournament. The event will probably be scheduled for 1998. Unfamiliarity with a new format created a mental mix-up within classes. When the tournament goes

again this year's pitchers will be mentally ready.

Members can shape and mold a "State Tournament" to their liking provided it's done in convention to the agreement of the majority. We as a group gave our approval to the executive committee to conduct the 1997 event as they saw fit. If there are some better ideas or preferences brewing, they should be heard, perhaps in these columns and certainly before the fall meeting.

Valid complaint: Couldn't hear the music.

1997 STATE WALKING DOUBLES APRIL 27th

TEAM		RESULTS	NHPA SANC # 28-97-007					
W/L	AVE	CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS						
1	8/1	59.26	UDELHOFEN, JOHN	BARNEVELD	67.78	CROOK, JOHN	SPRING GREEN	50.74
2	7/2	53.15	REIN, RANDY	MOSINEE	68.52	MAYLAHN, RALPH	GENESEE DEPOT	37.78
3	6/3	51.11	KANGAS, DON	COLGATE	58.52	KOEPP III, JOHN	PEWAUKEE	43.70
4	5/4	45.74	BARDEN, JOHN	WAUNAKEE	51.85	BLOOM, DAN	JANESVILLE	39.63
5	4.5/4.5	50.00	SORENSEN, MERWYN	DEPERE	51.48	DAVIDS, PHYLLIS	DEPERE	48.52
6	4/5	49.08	STERNBERG, LORRAINE	RICHFIELD	57.41	STERNBERG, HEATHER	RICHFIELD	40.74
7	3.5/5.5	45.56	GAGE, CLAYTON	MILLTOWN	68.89	HOSTRUP, DON	FREDERIC	22.22
8	3/6	43.71	SCHRAM, GUS	RINGLE	45.19	HUFFMAN, BUCK	BROADHEAD	42.22
9	3/6	42.23	McKINNEY, EDIE	LUCK	48.15	HOSTRUP, IDA	FREDERIC	36.30
10	1/8	38.34	STITTLEBURG, CAROLYN	WAUNAKEE	36.50	LARSON, JIM	MADISON	40.37
W/L		CLASS A						
1	5/2	35.95	SRENASKI, C Y	GREEN BAY	40.00	TROULLIER, ELAINE	MANITOWOC	31.90
2	4/3	40.48	POPPE, RICK	BENOIT	46.67	STERNBERG, HEIDI	RICHFIELD	34.29
3	4/3	38.58	SCHORBAHN, DAVID	INDEPENDENCE	36.67	SCHAAF, BILL	CHETEK	40.48
4	4/3	32.15	BROCKWAY, RON	ONALASKA	26.19	BROCKWAY, HAROLD	SENECA	38.10
5	4/3	31.19	SMITH, JANE	BALSAM LAKE	26.19	STRZYZEWSKI, NORB	MANITOWOC	36.19
6	3/4	40.00	BOGENSCHNEIDER, GLENN	KENOSHA	37.14	JOHNSON, LLOYD	KENOSHA	42.86
7	2/5	36.20	REPINSKI, BRIAN	PLOVER	44.29	JAEGER, KEN	NEW LONDON	28.10
8	2/5	33.57	HANSEN, DICK	FRANKSVILLE	35.71	HAUPT, JIM	MILWAUKEE	31.43
W/L		CLASS B						
*1	6/1	45.00	ADLER, HERMAN	WAUNAKEE	50.83	ANDERSON, BOB C.	WAUNAKEE	39.17
*2	6/1	36.67	STEINKE, PAM	WAUKESHA	47.08	STEINKE, TOM	WAUKESHA	26.25
3	4.5/2.5	38.10	WIEGERT, STEVE	GREEN BAY	42.86	HANOLD, DICK	GREEN BAY	33.33
4	4/3	37.62	SPAHN, PAT	WAUSAU	43.33	ECKHARDT, RUEBEN	BIRNAMWOOD	31.90
5	3/4	35.00	NELSON, HARRY	KENOSHA	43.33	HAGEN, BILL	SALEM	26.67
6	2.5/4.5	33.81	SECORD, JEFF	FOND DU LAC	41.90	SECORD, JOHN	FOND DU LAC	25.71
7	2/5	31.19	WILLMS, MARIA	RACINE	30.95	WILLMS, RON	RACINE	31.43
8	0/7	28.34	SCHROEDER SR, JERRY	JANESVILLE	33.81	WILSON, PAUL	JANESVILLE	22.86
W/L		CLASS C						
*1	6/1	30.84	MUHLENBECK, DICK	BRISTOL	33.75	BILLENS SR, RAY	KENOSHA	27.92
*2	6/1	28.34	KING, JIM	GREEN BAY	31.25	BAETEN, DICK	ATHELSTANE	25.42
3	4/3	32.14	KOSKY, KEN	SCHOFIELD	27.14	HACK, ED	WAUSAU	37.14
4	3/4	28.10	ROHDE, TED	LA CROSSE	37.14	OLSON, ROGER	WESTBY	19.05
5	3/4	23.81	STERNBERG, TERRY	RICHFIELD	20.48	DAVISON, KEN	MENO FALLS	27.14
6	2.5/4.5	23.81	TROULLIER, CLIFF	MANITOWOC	31.43	SRENASKI, WALLY	GREEN BAY	16.19
7	2/5	28.10	PAULSON, EARL	BELOIT	36.19	BECKIUS, NORM	BELOIT	20.00
8	1.5/5.5	23.81	MEISTAD, GERRI	RACINE	32.86	MEISTAD, LEN	RACINE	14.76
W/L		CLASS D						
*1	6/1	31.05	COCKROFT, BERNARD	MAZOMANIE	30.42	AESCHLIMANN, JOHN	BLACK EARTH	31.67
*2	6/1	28.13	MORRIS, KERRY	JOHNSON CREEK	26.25	SPAHN, WILLIAM	LODI	30.00
3	5/2	30.48	CONRAD, RICHARD	PEWAUKEE	28.57	LAWS, HAROLD	BELOIT	32.38
4	3/4	30.24	HERMANSSEN, CHET	MADISON	41.43	FEDERER, PAUL	SUN PRAIRE	19.05
5	3/4	28.34	GROSSEN, DUANE	MONROE	27.62	RACKOW, GARY	BROWNTOWN	29.05
6	2/5	24.05	GREGORICH, JOHN	WAUNAKEE	23.81	LINGARD, RON	MADISON	24.29
7	2/5	22.86	BURMEISTER, DON	BROWN DEER	25.24	BLAIR, DICK (EMIL)	MILWAUKEE	20.48
8	1/6	21.19	SCHLIEM, CARL	BELOIT	22.86	SWICK, ROWEN	BELOIT	19.52
W/L		CLASS E						
1	4.5/1.5	25.00	PANKHURST, ROB	BELOIT	29.44	PANKHURST, TRACY	BELOIT	20.56
2	4/2	22.50	ZOROMSKIS, JOE	KENOSHA	22.78	STATEMA, JACK	KENOSHA	22.22
3	3/3	18.61	SCHALK, FRANCIS	OXFORD	23.33	DUDENHOEFER, TOM	OXFORD	13.89
4	3/3	16.95	ZAMZOW, LEO	MARKESAN	17.22	SCHOENER, DICK	FOND DU LAC	16.67
5	3/3	14.45	HANSON, TOM	BELOIT	16.67	LACHANCE, GORDEN	JANESVILLE	12.22
6	2/4	16.95	BURNS, RUSS	JANESVILLE	26.11	KUFFER, GEORGE	MILTON	7.78
7	1.5/4.5	12.50	ABER, LINDA	RACINE	21.67	ABER, CHARLES	RACINE	3.33

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