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APR 7	Border Battle at Arena #28-01-005	\$25
Randy Rein 201 Second St Mosinee, WI 54455		
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MAY 5-6	ENCORE at Beloit #28-01-009	\$20
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

In this second issue of the year you will find the WHPA outdoor schedule for the year 2001. In addition the Coming Events column continues with the remainder of indoor events.

It's good to know the difference between "Official Schedule" and "Coming Events."

Basically the "Official Schedule" is officially recognized events and "Coming Events" is a simple calendar publishing any and all events and dates.

The "Official Schedule" is published just one time with events compiled by the Newsletter and approved by the State association. Approved because the tournament directors have agreed to abide by the WHPA guidelines for tournaments. Those guidelines will guarantee a fair entry and fair distribution of awards. In addition results will be filed with the State Secretary and in support of the WHPA a fee of fifty cents per pitcher is included with those results. (It's a principal source of the WHPA treasury.)

On the other hand "Coming Events" may include dates of other events not necessarily affiliated with the WHPA.

That's why there will eventually be an announcement for the August tournament in Eagle. Perhaps Tip Wipperfurth will announce his June event at St. Johns in Waunakee. Ron Berg will conduct the Sandbar Baggers Bar-B-Que, June 16th. Bun Carley has announced a Tobacco Days August



The President's Column

I would like to try and briefly summarize the benefits and how I feel about the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. By now all NHPA members should have received a NHPF pamphlet. I sure do hope that you didn't throw this out thinking it was some more junk mail. The NHPF, I feel, is a great opportunity and a very important step, in taking the game of horseshoes to the next level that is needed to promote the game. With plans already under way for the construction of the Hall of Fame Building and Museum and some day in the near future grants available to help construct new courts, and to give scholarship awards to the Junior pitchers that excels scholastically, your ongoing contribution is needed. Lets not let this opportunity pass us up.

With the Summer Horseshoe Leagues fast approaching, the same old problem comes up, how to retain pitchers and to get new ones, because they feel \$17.00 is too much. If you have additional money in your Club account, have your club pick up \$5.00 of it. The Wolf River Ringers horseshoe club plays 5 games of 30 shoes with a 12-person round robin, which takes 2 weeks to complete. Just a couple of ideas to go on.

I'm willing to award \$100.00 (Presidents fee) to the adult person that signs up the most NHPA members by September 2nd 2001. The person you sign up can not be a 2000 NHPA

Member List submitted by Labor Day 2001 (Continued on page 4)

11th event at Arena. There may be others.

All horseshoe event directors are invited to freely use the "Coming Events column."

Ordinarily this Newsletter charges for space on its pages. The State Tournament flyer, the State Doubles entry form, the year-end averages are examples. Because we know the importance of the "Official Schedule," it is compiled and sponsored by this Newsletter for free distribution. Save your Schedule.

Friends We'll Miss

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Emmett Whiting

Emmett Whiting died early in February at the age of 68. He was suffering from cancer and had traveled to Germany for special treatment. He lived in Hales Corners. Emmett will be remembered by his many friends in the Racine County Horseshoe League and the Muskego Club as a top flight pitcher who was reluctant to pitch in tournament A classes.

Just a year ago Emmett called to say don't mention his cancer but for health reasons, he could not continue as secretary of the Washington Park Club that he had thoroughly re-organized.

Though ill and in treatment, he was able to pitch somewhat last season in the other mentioned leagues.

Delores Dykes

We heard from Jack Stout that Delores Dykes, 84, passed away while being treated in a Florida hospital. She was the wife of the legendary Ralph Dykes who preceded her in death. She will be remembered by many NHPA members as his constant companion over the untold years of Ralph's involvement in World Tournaments. She is survived by one daughter also in Florida and long time family friends, the Stouts.

Under the Weather

Earl Winston

The old war horse of the NHPA, Earl Winston is presently undergoing treatment for colon cancer. The prognosis is good, is the good word from wife and chauffeur, Vicki.

Wally Srenaski

Cy Srenaski reports that Wally had an unscheduled trip to the Green Bay hospital after a 911 call. Once there they did an angioplasty to relieve congestion in his veins. He's home and weak but recuperating.

Bruce McLinn What's Happening?

Had the dubious occasion to sign a get well card for Bruce McLinn, stalwart member of the Beloit Club.

Earl Paulson said McLinn had triple by-pass surgery in early January. Thought that only happened to old guys.

Expect that an early recovery is in order.

Update: Bruce is doing fine and he said he is looking forward to pitching again within the next couple of weeks.

Message from Clayton Gage, another by-pass recipient

"Yes, I'll pitch the Border Battle in April, in fact I hope to see you in Feb."

BORDER BATTLE

Shaping up

The Arena Sandbar will end the indoor season with a two tournament weekend.

Sat. April 7th - Border Battle

Sun. April 8th - Arena Spring Singles

The Border Battle is the annual Wisconsin vs. Minnesota contest. The top horseshoe pitchers of each state have been invited for an all day match.

From Minnesota this year the three time World Champion Dale Lipovsky leads the open men's division of Gerald Stangland, Dan Carlson, Wayne Totten, Eric Sandquist, Ron Craigmile, Sig Armitage, and Dick Dvorak.

Bev Nathe, and Phyllis Negaard head the list of 30 foot pitchers for the visiting team. The formidable pair has won the World title in combination seven times, five for Negaard and, more recently, two for Nathe. They will be accompanied by Edi Holland, Len

Lipovsky, Tiffany Gage, Rosie Leyk, Christy Weyer, and Lu Cave.

Wisconsin won this event in 1999 at arena without any World titleholders. Last year at Upsala, Minnesota the nod went back to the Gopher team.

Hoping location is everything, the Wisconsin pitchers at the Sandbar will be Randy Rein of Mosinee, current and seven time State Champion, Mark Mauthe, 1999 State Champ from Platteville, Kent Anderson, Barron, John Crook, Spring Green, Ron Brockway, LaCrosse, Tom Endler, Twin Lakes, Tom Costa, West Bend, and Bun Carley, Richland Center.

The thirty foot division mixes some top Elders with the women. Seven time State Elders Champion, Clayton Gage, from Mil town is on top followed by a former State Champion, Edi McKinney of Luck, five time State Champion, Ralph Maylahn of Genesee Depot, former State Champion Gert Wilcziek of Whitehall, Mer Sorensen of DePere, Sue Helene of Webster, Elaine Troullier of Whitelaw, and Shari Davison of Centuria.

Some of the top pitchers may stay on to pitch Sunday in John Crook's Spring Singles.

Club-Team is Coming!

Are you Ready?

By Jim Haupt

The last weekend of April is the first weekend of a month long series of horseshoe events staged at Telfer Park in Beloit.

The kickoff is April 25 for the Club Team. Last year four classes of six teams each played under the big roof at Telfer. The Close Doesn't Count League of Centuria, WI took the trophy home Goldendale was close behind in the "A" class.

Kenosha #1 took top honors in "B." The number 2 team from Combined Locks won "C" and the boys from Burlington walked away with "D."

This year we are again anticipating 24 teams. There's a place for all teams at Club-Team. Top teams average over 50% while the "D" class hovers around 25%. Clubs have entered as many as four teams. All are seeded into the appropriate class according to Natstats average.

Teams usually represent a horseshoe club, a County or immediate area and must be approved as such by the tournament director. Some teams have been

sponsored by their clubs or even private enterprises. Almost any name is acceptable. The aim is to fill the 24 team roster.

Team Captains, you can begin entering your teams now and will have until April 14th to do so or readjust your team roster. It is imperative that any subs on game day come in with a like or lower average. Once the schedule is set, the die has been cast. It's almost impossible to move into another class at a late date.

Entry fee remains at \$80 per team of which most (85%) remains as cash awards.

Make my day. Let's see 24 teams!

Complete information for entering the open tournament on Sunday is listed in the Coming Events column. This event may fill up fast and at one day the limit would have to be near 48.

Spectators and scorekeepers are most welcome for the Border Battle

First tournament of the year - The 001

by Jim Haupt

Pam Aiken, who lost a couple games pitched high average, (62.86) in an up and down A class in this first event of the new year. Bun Carley and Arnie Walton were glad to have earned ties in the first game when wind-up time rolled around. They went into the final game facing each other with the top place on the line. Walton was showing one tie game as his only blemish. Carley showed one loss and a tie. His only chance was to best Walton and even the score. Walton accommodated with his worst game giving up the ringer percentage edge he previously had earned.

Tie games remained just that - ties with a 1/2 win for each pitcher. The 1/2 points were a factor of the finals. Makes one wonder if those games should have gone into extra shoes. Horseshoes puts the emphasis on games won. Are we passing up an opportunity of ultimate competition in accepting ties?

The Heinritz name became prominent in the winners column. Russ Heinritz, Waukesha, won F on high percentage. Ken Heinritz, set a personal record taking all B class games with a percentage worthy of A, 57% plus. A new pitcher, Annette Springer made her debut here. She's new and interested because of a league Ken runs in Menominee Falls. Gary Schmitz, former mayor of Cleveland, Wisconsin, made the 001 his first tournament on his way to three more to qualify for the World Tournament at Hibbing, Minnesota this year. Check out Al Huizenga. Just moved to Stoughton from MacFarland. He's got an NHPA card now and his first Class Champion patch. Another new but well traveled pitcher came just for the dance. Find his name as dead last in class F. Can you believe it? Earl Paulson having right shoulder problems has stepped up to thirty feet and is pitching left handed. Got to be the gutsiest guy in the game.

This tournament was a little different than most in that pitchers entered early. All but a few avoided the extra fee of \$2 at the courts by pre-payment. There were some late entries changing the schedule considerably after being published. Packing six classes or three court sessions into one day causes some changes in travel plans. Classes are now seeded with crisp averages changed weekly courtesy of Glenn Jamieson and Natstats. Your exact average determines class. It may be disappointing but it's the nature of the beast.

This event, the 001, was late with every class. Took a ton time to run three shifts - 10 1/2 hours. Time figured - 9 hours. Class times are set by the tournament director for expected term of play. Don't blame the tournament director if your class was late. Try to instill your opponents with a degree of purposeful promptness. Eliminate wasted time. Act as if the class was done and you are not in line for an award. That's when pitchers move with authority - they vanish like snow dust off a salty sunny road.

Ed note:

On the side, if your year end average is not what you had expected, it is your privilege to write Natstats for a printout. Better yet, send an email request to NATSTATGUY@aol.com. Ordinary mailing address is found in Newsline. (Your loss if you don't subscribe) Include a SASE and send to: Natstats 3231 Vinyard Av, #17, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6389.

class		wins	pct
class A			
Carley	Bernard	5.5	55.71
Walton	Arnie	5.5	54.29
Aiken	Pam	5	62.86
Maylahn	Ralph	5	56.07
Crook	John	3.5	48.57
Chaffin	Hi	2	41.07
Kumlien	Pete	1	32.50
Costa	Tom	0.5	32.86
class B			
Heinritz	Ken	7	57.14
Weikert	Jerry	6	47.86
Gustafson	Jeff	4	36.43
Lingard	Ron	3	41.07
Cockroft	Sonny	3	38.57
Power	Bob	2	34.64
Groskinsky	Ray	2	33.93
Dahmen	Bill	1	39.29
class C			
Frame	Ken	4	42.80
Wipperfurth	Tip	4	39.60
Wilson	Paul	3	34.80
Mauthe	Len	2	34.40
Anderson	R C	2	32.40
Tijerina	Julian	0	26.40
class D			
Huizenga	Al	6	40.83
Laws	Harry	5	35.42
Conrad	Rich	4	35.00
Decorah	Fred	3	35.00
O'Loughlin	Jim	1	23.80
Rackow	Gary	1	19.17
Haupt	Jim	1	15.83
class E			
Gregorich	John	7	37.14
Wisniewski	Rich	6	38.93
Satterstrom	Gene	5	32.14
Forseth	Dave	3	32.86
Kosky	Ken	3	31.07
Klipstein	Dave	2	35.71
Herman	Chuck	1.5	32.86
Dudenhoefer	Tom	0.5	28.93
Class F			
Heinritz	Russ	5	27.86
Wheeler	Ed	5	27.50
Schalk	Francis	5	22.14
Hanson	Tom	5	21.43
Nord	Mark	4	20.71
Springer	Annette	3	15.00
Schmitz	Gary	1	11.07
Paulson	Lefty	0	4.29

Wrap 'em Round that Stake

by George Kent

You take a couple of stout stakes, drive 'em in the ground about forty feet apart, leaning slightly toward each other. The you get four old horseshoes, preferably pairs that mate up and a congenial companion. Pitch. Ringer counts three, leaner counts two, nearest shoe to the stake, one each...

To men and boys on any American farm, in any American village those directions are the height of superfluity. Drive around any Sunday afternoon, go to any farm picnic, stop at any threshing or silo filling where the work has been delayed for repairs – or go almost any place you choose where upright native American countrymen gather and you'll find the noble game of horseshoes. Horseshoes is no gallery game, no game of newspaper ballyhoo where a few professionals play while thousands look on at a dollar a look; it's a game that people play for themselves and for fun.

Nowadays they're prettifying up the rules and dolling up the game until the good old directions above are supposed to be backnumber. Not only that! There are people who would take horseshoes out of the barnyard and put it into the stadium! I suppose they'll want the players to wear red silk pants and carry numbers on their backs.

What ever they do to the rules, horseshoes is a satisfying game. It is a diversion of ancient lineage, perhaps as old as shoeing horses with iron – a custom dating back anyway twenty-one hundred years.

The game first became seriously competitive during the Civil War, when idling soldiers took it up and played, squadron against squadron. After the war the vogue expanded, but it grew slowly until the present era, when Northern farmers who had migrated to Florida, California, and Texas began playing the game to cure themselves of the pernicious habit of thumb twiddling. It grew rapidly, but remained a sport of casual interest until the year 1920 when two epochal discoveries were made.

The first of these — attributed by some to George May of Akron Ohio and to Dr. F. M. Robinson, of Poughkeepsie, by others— revolutionized the sport. One or both of them demonstrated that a shoe held on the side, instead of with one finger around the toe caulks, could be thrown with infinitely greater accuracy. [The open shoe was born.] Up to that time there were bad pitchers, fair pitchers and good pitchers. When this discovery pitching became a science. Men

who could pitch with the accuracy of rifle fire became common.

The second discovery was a method of scientific scoring which made tournament play and match competition possible. The inventors borrowed a leaf from baseball and divided the game into innings. A score card of a horseshoe pitching match tallies not only the points made but the number of ringers, double ringers, the number of shoes pitched and the ringer percentage. The points made win championships, but individual players are rated by their ringer percentages...

Shoe pitched in official tournaments ... weigh ...2-1/2 pounds (price \$2.50 a pair); in the case of women, 1-1/2 pounds. The experts handle their horseshoes lovingly and carry them from match to match in neat chamois lined cases. These, you must realize, are a far cry from the rusty good luck signs we used to nail above the barn door.

Tournament shoes are made of steel, drop forged in three tempers, hard, soft, and dead soft – and guaranteed not to break, roughen or peck. They are cleverly fashioned to give them perfect balance – a distribution of weight which helps the pitcher to greater accuracy.

This improvement in horseshoe quality and the increased height of the stake has, according to R. B. Howard, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, "greatly increased the ringer percentage

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in the United States and Canada." Stakes, which in our backyard are any sticks we happen to find lying around, or at best an old automobile axle, must stand 12 inches with a forward lean of 3 inches.

Most of us pitch horseshoes for its own sake, and if it never did our bodies a mite of good, we would go

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playing just the same. It is a comfort, however, to quote old Frank Jackson's dictum that in over forty years of observation, he never "knew a horseshoe pitcher to suffer from appendicitis." It sounds reasonable for this game is grand exercise. Almost as good as pitching hay. You walk, you stoop, you lean over, you twist, you heave.

... More important than mere exercise is the coordination of hand and eye the game teaches. Statisticians declare there is three times as much luck in baseball or golf. You and I must throw a shoe so it looks like a propeller blade, but from the hand of an expert it takes only slightly more than one complete



turn in the air and lands forks first toward the stake. At this instant experts are wrangling over which is preferable, the 1-1/4 or the 1-3/4 turn. The perfect toss traverses a forty foot arc and arrives spent ready to cuddle the stake.

What our modern players have been able to do with a horseshoe is in sense a tribute to the coordination of mind and muscle and physical ingenuity which makes this country superior to all others. As an example, glance at the achievements of Putt Mossman, originally from a farm in Eldora, Iowa. In 1926, the year he won his second national championship, he was only eighteen years old and in that year he threw 5082 horseshoes in the preliminary matches; two of every three ringers.

To display his prowess he bound a handkerchief over his eyes. This way he pitched more deliberately but with almost equal accuracy. In his tour of the country in 1926 he gave exhibitions at county fairs and in theaters, tossing shoes at stakes covered with

canvas among other stunts. He pitched them through hoops held shoulder high halfway down the court and scored ringers. He threw four shoes on a stake against which two others had been leaned as obstacles. He pitched them over a straw hat placed upright in front of the peg, scored ringers and did not damage the hat. A favorite trick was the igniting of a match with a thrown shoe which settled around the stake.

He scored his third national triumph in 1927, losing only two out of 55 matches, triumphing in 82 of 86 games, two of which were draws. His countrywide tour, remarkable as it was, netted him only \$800 and two gold medals, but it opened the eyes of horseshoe pitchers to commercial possibilities and did a great deal to spread the vogue.

Mossman, who is now a staid 27 is no longer a farmer. He makes horseshoes for competition purposes. He is the Babe Ruth of the sport.

Recently the "Horseshoe World" reported a four-man match recorded as the greatest in history. The players were Ted Allen, California, 1934 champion, teamed with Guy Zimmerman, Iowa champion against Jimmy Lecky, Arizona champion, teamed with Fernando Isias, California champion.

Together the four men made 617 ringers, 240 double ringers with a total average of 78 percent. There were four dead 71 times. Which means there were four shoes on the stake - two from each pitcher - for which no score was made - 71 times. "In the fifth game," runs the report, "Lecky had

twenty dead ringers without a point and in the same game Zimmerman, standing with Lecky, had 21 ringers with only three points."

Virtually all national champions have been farmers or sons of farmers. Hardly a county fair or county picnic anywhere but boasts its horseshoe pitching tournament. First place may not bring down much of a prize but it is an objective - and a beginning. From county fair victories, the pitcher can go on to state contests where he will play against other county champions. Once a victor (or a high finisher) in the state tournament, the player can compete for the national crown - a crown well worth wearing.

National champions have ranged in age from fifteen to fifty. Larry Mahoney, a fifteen year old boy, is today champion of the state of New Jersey. Recently a twelve year-old youngster forced Ted Allen of Alhambra, California, 1934 champ, to pitch his best to beat him. On the other hand, we have Frank Jackson,

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aged 64, thirteen times a champion, who is still one of the country's best pitchers.

Even New York has its small devoted circle of "slipper slammers."

According to Secretary Howard of the national association, the game has 3,000,000 players. And it still grows. In recent years it has spread to the larger cities and we have thriving leagues in such places as St. Louis, Cleveland, Seattle and Dayton. Even New York has its small devoted circle of "slipper slammers." It is

growing too, as an indoor game, particularly in the cold weather states, and indoor leagues are being formed; which is well enough for "city fellers" but not for those among us who feel that horseshoes demand plenty of green earth and a sun beamed ceiling.

Our 3,000,000 pitchers are pretty well distributed. In winter they tend to concentrate in Florida. But in normal times Massachusetts has the greatest number of pitchers with New Jersey a close second. Ohio and Iowa, cradles of horseshoe pitching champions, are third and fourth respectively. But no state is without its club. Fashionable Bermuda has gone for horseshoe pitching and it is reported from Moscow that Soviet Russia is teaching the game to farmers. So that today the sport has a genuine international flavor.

From all the foregoing it would appear that the

game has come a long way from the days of the Civil War. Our only fear is that it will go too far, become fancified and overloaded with technical claptrap that will ruin its simple joyousness.

Some would even change the name to "Ringers." For shame, for shame! No siree, I'm for the ancient and honorable name - and for Horseshoes as an ancient, honorable, amiable, and random game. I dread the notion that some day it may be professionalized, its players suspected of trickery, its promoters rich and fat, with the knowledge of the game limited only to the box office.

That, to my way of thinking, wouldn't be Horseshoes.

Editor's note:

This is a re-write of an article from the Sept. 1935 issue of "Country Home." (5 cents) The Crowell Publishing Company also published "Woman's Home Companion" and "Colliers."

This particular article, evidently written on professional assignment, is not without error, would have been severely critiqued even in its day by real pitchers. It is presented here as an antique for general amusement courtesy of the magazine owner, Carl Gilbertson, a real horseshoe pitcher of Highland, WI

WHPA Doubles Tournament

It's the State Doubles tournament we're talking here - the only one of the year. Going to happen Sunday, April 26th, the day following the Club-Team. Telfer Park in Beloit is the place. Bring your shoes, everybody pitches their own in walking doubles.

Don't worry about missing church, Ken Heinritz, our resident chaplain, is going to bring it to you. He will conduct a Sunday morning prayer service in the halls of Telfer Park and guarantee to keep it short so that all contestants will have plenty of time to warm up their arms after they have warmed up their hearts. You may pitch better because of your better attitude.

The State Meeting (always the third Saturday in

March) is scheduled for March 17 at 1:00 PM.

Tom Steinke will be running two classes of the Jr Scholarship Tournament before the Meeting and two following. It's not for everybody, only the first 32 sign-ups.

Whether you have something to say at the Meeting or would prefer to listen, your presence indicates you care about the game and the way it is played in Wisconsin. (See Ron Berg's article. "Just a Few Thoughts.") Bring some of your own thoughts too.

The deadline of entry for the WHPA Doubles is the end of March and John Secord will be on hand at the Meeting accepting those entries.

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Whose the "talkigest" guy on the courts in and around Arena? If you said Len Mauthe you are reading the right column. You are not only in the ballpark, you are right-on.

Mauthe was seen lately pitching while wearing a cap announcing his latest title, "Old "Fart." One of his opponents taking stock of the new cap and the earthy message remarked, "Lennie, you're not so old."

Jim O'Loughlin - 65%? Unbelievable.

Well, the latest full report on O'Loughlin's personal tournament activity that he requested from Natstats did show a 65% tournament. The tournament was the 001. After reviewing the results, the tournament director, this writer, found the ringers column had an extra 100 for Mr. O'Loughlin.

Its all taken care of now but could have been more than embarrassing if it had gone unreported right up to time of World entry.

Do not be reluctant in requesting a printout from Natstats. Glenn Jamieson can be very accommodating when you include a stamped, self addressed envelope..

From Jane Smith

Congrats to Gramps and Grandma Curt and Beaty Bestul. Debby and husband Steve are the proud parents of two boys and a girl ranging in size 4 plus pounds to 6 plus pounds. All are well and in United Childrens Hospital in St. Paul, MN.

Rich Wisniewski of Arlington Heights, IL is tournament director for the Whiting, Indiana Horseshoe Club. Southern Wisconsin is his regular area for a horseshoe romp. A few years ago Wisiniewski was the recipient of a heart transplant and as evidenced by his pitching, he is now doing fine.



Ribs and Chicken

Ribs and chicken, all the fixin's, and free beer; made up the menu for the annual WHPA Christmas party.

The guests really make the occasion and although open to all WHPA members, just a few stalwarts came along for the ride.

This eating place is located just a few miles up the road from Dick and Paulette Hansen's place. They always make it close; they're the arrangers.

The guest list included such notables as Mark and Virginia Nord, Jim Haupt, Jane Meier, Tony Scrima,



Kathy and Ken Jaeger, Pam Aiken, Tom Steinke, Cliff and Elaine Troullier, the Beloit crew, Earl Paulson, Bruce McLinn, Harry Laws, and Ralph Maylahn, John and Sandy Secord, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hansen, Chuck Hansen, Terry and Lorraine Sternberg, and surprise couples, Mr and Mrs Rich Brower, and former leader of this organization, Rick Pritzlaff and new wife Lori.

In perusing the list, it may have It may have occurred to some sharp readers that one does not have to actually pitch horseshoes to come to this party. A few of the guests have never done it, a few don't do it anymore, a few don't care if they ever do it again, few can't anymore, a few can, but don't know where its going to land, and a few, just a few still can.

Put the WHPA number at a couple dozen then add about an equal number of guests who were attending to celebrate Paulette's retirement party. Paulette just celebrated a birthday too. Could be it was a milestone but certainly not a reason to retire



You too could be a part of the party, next year.

TIP'S DOUBLES at Arena

The word was out. Tip Wipperfurth was running another doubles at Arena, probably for the final time this winter. Consequently the number of entries exceeded the number of courts - nine teams in each class - meant a bye round for each team.

Ordinarily Tip calls for a lunch break after a designated set of games. This time it was; eat on the break as other teams kept playing. Shoes were limited to 24/man enabling 8 rounds completed in four hours.

Anybody tired of getting hammered by Bun Carley, watch out. There's two of them. Bun brought his son, Bun for his doubles partner. The new Bun says the old Bun introduced him to shoes years ago. May now be serious?

On front courts and in the money:

Arnie Walton & Ken Frame	7/1
Ron Lingard & Chet Hermansen	6/2
Tip Wipperfurth & Dale Bauer	6/2
Bob Anderson & Herman Adler	4/4

On the back courts; also cashing:

Gene Pribnow & Darwin Frye	7/1
Kerry Morris & Jim Haug	6/2
Bill Dahmen & John Carlin	6/2
Brad Behin & Tom Haugen	6/2

The computer has just underlined five names in red indicating misspelled or unrecognized. Would be nice to see each of those names on the State Tournament entry list. Good luck.

It's now tournament bowling time for Tip, so the popular host and his doubles series at Arena may be through for the indoor season.

Thanks, Tip.

Deansville Doubles

By Rudy Van Fleet

The first Deansville Doubles was held on Sat., Feb. 3, 2001 with a full house of eight teams of "A" division throwers and eight teams in the "B" division.

The "A" division was dominated by the two teams from Kenosha. Harry Nelson/Linda Johnson outshot Lloyd Johnson/Everett Stewart in the last game to win 7-0. Harry shot 64% for the tourney.

Results:

- 1st - Harry Nelson/Linda Johnson
- 2nd - Lloyd Johnson/Everett Stewart
- 3rd - Bun Carley/Julio Tijerina
- 4th - Steve Miller/Bill Dahmen

The "B" division was closely contested with three teams having a 5-2 record. Ringers ruled the day and the results are:

- 1st - Brad Behm/Fred Decorah
- 2nd - Kerry Morris/Jim Haug
- 3rd - Bob Fritz/Steve Kulow
- 4th - Bob Anderson/Tip Wipperfurth

The Deansville group looks forward to holding their doubles tourney at the same time in 2002.

Nelson's Crossing

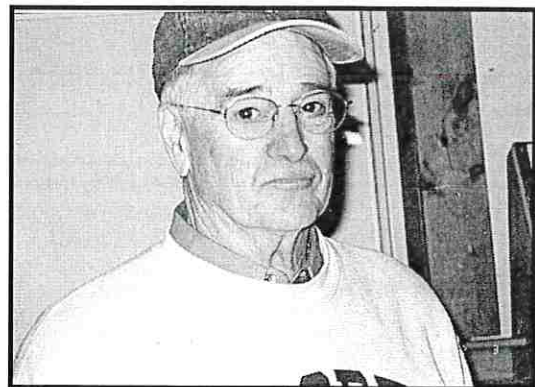
It's the horseshoe house in Deansville and one of the few buildings we saw there. Set up for archery and horseshoes, the four court building is separate from the sports bar. Canned beverages were on hand in the out-building along with coffee and doughnuts, provided by the owner, but for more food and other amenities it meant a trip to the main building with its double bar and pool tables.

Someone knew we were coming. There were big signs like, "It's a good night for horseshoes, and Miller beer."

It was a good day for Kenosha pitchers in "A." And, although not in the money, a "B" pitcher, Big Bob Anderson started out with 17 ringers in his first 24 shoe game - 70.8%.

The regular players at Nelson's Crossing pitch two leagues per week under the direction of our tournament host, the able:

Rudy VanFleet



Just a Few Thoughts

By Ron Berg, State Tournament Director

There has been much controversy in the WHPA these days, a lot of it dealing with the State Tournament. I have a few ideas on some things. Whether you agree with them or not, here they are.

1. The State Tournament deadline should be strictly enforced - no exemptions. You all know when it is, send your entry. This year's schedule was changed several times after I received it.

When using a computer program, this makes it very hard to make any changes. The World Tournament does not accept late changes; why should we?

2. At the Spring Meeting, I am giving the WHPA, the Walter Ray tournament program. It would prove much easier if the State Secretary would use it when setting up the tournament.

3. I would also like the elimination of scorekeepers in all classes except the championship classes where the chance of a perfect game is more probable. The hardest part of running any tournament, let alone the State, is filling the chairs. 90% of tournaments played

in Wisconsin are self score with ringers and points showing on the score devices. Statistics are so much easier and each and every player would save \$7.00. An \$18 entry fee for the State Tournament would be possible. I think the time is right for the change. The players are used to it and accept it very well. Let's put it to a vote.

4. There has been a debate over the length of the championship classes. I do believe in the nine man with a move-up. Tom Endler proved that point this past year. There are several options available. Thirty-five point games would shorten game times quite a bit, also in the case of 4-dead, give each player one point until one player reaches twenty, then 4-dead would revert to zero points just like they do now. Would fewer points affect the competitiveness of the class? I highly doubt it. Try it. If it is too few, modify it but don't scrap the move-up. It is one of the more exciting concepts of the State Tournament.

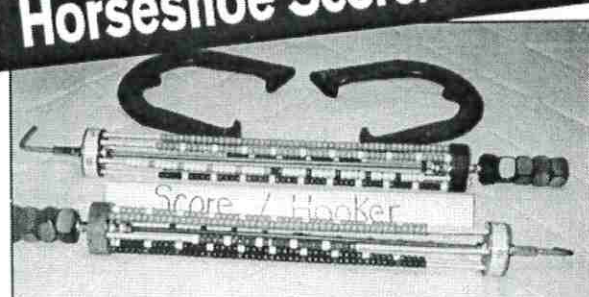
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FREEZEROO

Ron Berg's Freezeroo kept pace with other Arena tournament of the season with six classes except that class A looked a little out of wack. The entering averages of Pam Aiken and Randy Rein overshadowed the rest of the 8-player class.

Rein tried his best to even the odds. First game he played, the #8 seed, Ted Rohde of LaCrosse. Rohde was leading the State Champion by two ringers with one frame to go, until., Rein slapped on a double. Rohde lost because he was behind on points. Rein took the "W" with a sigh of relief.

Bun Carley kept cranking ringers trying to match Aiken as she set a steady pace for the lead pack. We don't have all the wins and losses but we see from the result stack that Rein managed to hang on in spite of Aiken's higher average and Carley made his presence known.

The man who jumped in with both feet when the Sandbar

needed a multiple event director, now find himself up to his eyeballs in employment.

Ron Berg, once a dairy farmer, had time to pitch horseshoes every evening after chores. Now the cows are gone and Berg is fighting the free job market holding down two jobs. Seniority, something cows wouldn't understand, keeps getting in the way. Two jobs make for a long day and no time for playing horseshoes and less time to conduct tournaments.

This month is 'Be kind to Berg.'

The River Valley Rumble, a team doubles event, orchestrated by Berg, is coming on March 25th. Entries will be accepted by Ron Berg but players are going to have to take the lead to promote and run their own show.

The percentage cap is still 180%. Team entry still \$60. RVR will be all day Sunday. Form teams; Limit 8 teams; Enter early.

The RVR traveling trophy never travels but can be seen forever residing directly above the Ladies room door at the Sandbar.

FREEZEROO Results

class A

Randy	Rein	61.43
Pam	Aiken	63.93*
Bun	Carley	57.50*

class B

Jim	Larson	40.36
Butch	Kohnen	41.43*
Ken	Frame	41.07*

class C

Bob	Fritz	41.79*
Fred	Decorah	40.00*
Bob	Anderson	30.00

class D

John	Carlin	38.57*
Rowen	Swick	37.50*
Harry	Laws	33.57

class E

Greg	Hehling	34.50*
Dan	Lessman	27.00
Jim	Heim	30.00

class F

Vernon	Rosenbery	21.25*
Jim	Mazan	26.25*
Dan	David	23.33

* Pitched over average. Most outstanding; Greg Hehling and Jim Mazan.

All the king's horses and all the king's men can't put the past together again. So let's remember: Don't try to saw sawdust.

Dale Carnegie

Fear not those who argue but those who dodge.

Marie Ebner-Eschenbach

If you scatter thorns, don't go bare-foot.

Italian Proverb

O Lord, help me to be pure, but not yet.

Saint Augustine (354 - 430)

Once a woman has forgiven a man, she must not reheat his sins for breakfast.

Marlene Dietrich

Schedule Notes

The 2001 WHPA schedule (page 15) for outdoor events has changed in form. Address information of tournament directors of multiple events have a separate listing. Save the schedule. This is the one time publication of the complete list.

There was a day when a mixed (30' -40') tournament was not the norm and the cure to the problem was thought to be to announce the fact. The phrase, "May be mixed," was born. It could be said of any tournament on the schedule these days. It's time we dropped that announcement.

Norm Mauthe and John Secord

could be considered the old-timers in this year's group of tournament directors.

Nineteen directors will handle the thirty-one listed events. Five of the nineteen are new to gathering entries, setting up classes, doing your stats, and reporting your results.

One 'like new' director, Kevin Brekke, and his Green Bay events will repeat this year. It should be noted those events have an unusual deadline - almost a month prior.

Eddie Wheeler, the new "Santa," will conduct three tournaments this year, The Sizzle, The Fall Classic, and Santa's, all at Arena.

Yes, you read that right, there will be no Muskego Doubles this

spring due to building and site construction but the traditional Muskego Open retains its June offering.

John Mills is named new director for the Windy Hill Club. He and Rueben Eckhardt are expected to run the Wausau Open as a one day event.

Dustin Dahl is celebrating his first year in the open mens division by directing both of the Eau Claire events.

Linda Johnson (no relation to Lloyd) has been appointed new tournament director for the Kenosha Club.

Our everlasting thanks to all tournament directors and best of luck, especially those volunteering for the first time.

That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong.

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28-01-009 mixed Paulson	D/L 4-21
MAY 12 EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD	skpg ex .50/ga \$5
28-01-012 Dahl	D/L 5-4
MAY 18-19-20 TEAM-WORLD in Beloit	\$200/team
28-01-010 Paulson	D/L 4-15
MAY 26-27 PLATTEVILLE NHPA SINGLES	\$15
28-01-013 608-348-9697 mixed Mauthe	D/L 5-13
JUN 2-3 WOLF RIVER OPEN ; New London	\$13
28-01-014 Limit 64 Jaeger	D/L 5-19
June 9-10 EAGLE RIVER OPEN	\$15
28-01-015 Limit 64 Jaeger	D/L 5-26
JUN 9-10 EAU CLAIRE OPEN skpg extra .50/ga	\$15
28-01-016 Dahl	D/L 6-1
JUN 9-10 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES	\$15
28-01-017 may be mixed Paulson	D/L 5-27
JUN 16-17 MUSKEGO OPEN	\$15
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186	
262-542-0252 28-01-019	D/L 6-5
JUN 16- MARSHFIELD ONE rain date 6-17	\$20
Dan David 282 Rangeline Rd Auburndale, WI 54412	
715-384-3612 may be mixed 28-01-018	D/L 6-2
JUN 23-24 GOLDENDALE; Germantown	\$15
Tom Costa 725 River Rd Apt 4 West Bend, WI 53095	
262-338-6905 tcosta@worldnet.att.net 28-01-020	D/L 6-9
JUNE 30 WAUSAU OPEN; Ringle	\$15
John Mills POB 44 27 Br... Rothschild, WI 54474	
715-359-2509 28-01-021 limit 48	D/L 6/16
JULY 7 SIZZLE at Arena Wheeler	\$15-\$17 at cts
28-01-022 mixed; outdoor or indoor	D/L 6-23
JUL 7 MARENGO OPEN Fairgrounds	Jrs free \$15
28-01-027 Mixed Singles Stevens	D/L 6-24
JUL 14 SANBORN PIONEER DAYS ; Memorial Park	\$15
28-01-023 singles/mixed Jrs free Stevens	D/L 7-1
JULY 14 MID-EAST OPEN; unsanctioned	\$13; at cts \$15
JULY 15 COM LOKS 28-01-024 limit 48 Kamps	D/L 6-30 \$17
JULY 22 OXFORD OPEN SINGLES; VFW Oxford	\$15
Francis Schalk 135 Edgewood Dr Oxford, WI 53952	Limit 48
608-584-5264 eandfschalk@hotmail.com 28-01-025	D/L 7-9
JUL 21-22 SOUTHERN WIS OPEN; Beloit	\$15
28-01-026 maybe mixed Paulson	D/L 7-8
JUL 31 thru Aug 11 WORLD TOURNAMENT	\$100
Dick Hansen 3085 S 76th St Franksville, WI 53027	
262-835-9108 nha.sec.treas@worldnet.att.com	D/L 5-18
AUG 11-12 MOUNTAIN OPEN unsanctioned	\$15
Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149	
715-276-6041 deblee@ez-net.com	D/L 7-28
AUG 18-19 PLATTEVILLE OPEN	\$15
28-01-029 Mauthe	D/L 8-5
AUG 25 ASHLAND OPEN; Fairgrounds	Jrs free \$15
28-01-028 Stevens no limit mixed	D/L 8-12
AUG 18 WATERING HOLE Unsanctioned	Brekke \$20
AUG 19 GREEN BAY 28-01-030 D/L 7/23	\$20
AUG 25-26 KENOSHA OPEN mixed	\$15
Linda Johnson 8439 103rd Av Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158	
262-694-0681 Limit 24 28-01-031	D/L 8-12

SEPT 1-2-3 STATE TOURNAMENT; Beloit Entry TBA
 John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937
 920-922-0080 whpa@execpc.com **28-01-032** D/L 7-31

SEPT 8-9 V.F.W. Doubles; Comb Locks \$25/team
 Don Navarrete 453Woodlawn Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113
 920-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L 8-26

SEPT ~~8~~ WET 'N WILD; Centuria **28-01-033** \$10
 Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake. WI 54810
 715-485-3057 jmismith@spacestar.net 8-27

SEPT 16 BELOIT DOUBLES unsanctioned \$20/TEAM
 limit 110% Paulson D/L 9-1

OCT 13 FALL CLASSIC Arena; Wheeler \$15-\$17 at cts
 mixed; indoor or outdoor **28-01-035** D/L 6-23

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