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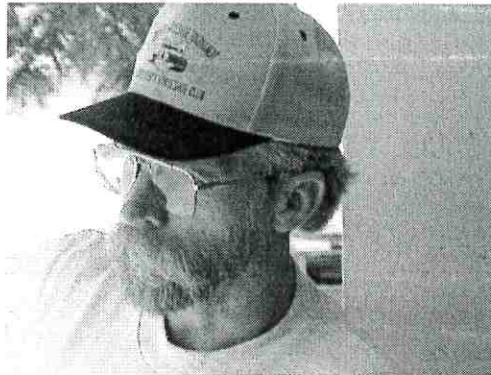
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JAEGER IS BACK IN



Jaeger is Re-elected for 3rd Term

Ken Jaeger, in a surprise move, was re-elected as President of the WHPA for another term.

Jaeger had indicated at the Spring Meeting that he was retiring as the association president. Three qualified candidates announced interest. Jane Smith, the 1st VP from Balsam Lake, was ready for the job. Tom Steinke, 3rd VP from Waukesha, announced he was going to try again. John Udelhofen, 3 time state champion from Barneveld, figured he also could adequately handle the WHPA presidency.

Jaeger turned over the gavel to 1st VP Jane Smith for presidential nominations. Ken Kosky, Newsletter publisher, was recognized first and led off by qualifying his impending nomination. He felt that this unusual response of three candidates for the presidential office should be conducted on neutral ground and suggested an election ballot be issued at the State Tournament wherein perhaps 200 members could be counted in the vote. It's the way Minnesota does it, he said.

Kosky then made the nomination for the incumbent, Ken Jaeger further explaining that Jaeger had a change of heart after several members had asked him to reconsider his decision of retirement made last spring. Randy Rein seconded the nomination citing Jaeger as a hard working officer. Evidently prepared, Jaeger accepted.

All the announced candidates were then nominated. Tony Scrima nominated Waukesha's favorite son, Tom Steinke. Edi McKinney nominated Jane Smith who in the light of the recent developments, declined. The Sandbaggers Club duly nominated their man, John Udelhofen.

Jaeger asked to be judged on past performance saying he had tried to be fair to all. Steinke said one of his goals would be to increase membership. Udelhofen stated that he would like to see whoever is the successful in today's election, conduct a survey to find the pulse of the membership.

All 64 eligible voters were counted. A majority of 33 was required. Jaeger received 27, Steinke 23, and Udelhofen 14 votes. Dropping the third candidate, a second ballot was taken. In the second run Jaeger picked up 10 more and Steinke received the other 4 outstanding votes for a final count; Jaeger 37, Steinke 27.

Ron Berg was nominated from the floor to oppose incumbent 2nd VP Terry Sternberg but preferred not to make it a contest.

Wrapping it up Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec-Treas, congratulated all candidates as treasured members saying it was a credit to the association to have three so willing to give of themselves for the sake of the game.

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Coming Events

NOV 6-7 SONNY'S SINGLES; Arena Sandbar \$15
Sonny Cockcroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560
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DEC 12 SANTA'S SINGLES; Arena Sandbar \$15
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 Sun only 28-99-040 D/L 11-28

Jan 8-9 2K-001 Singles at the Sandbar \$15 at cts \$17
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 28-00-001 D/L 12-25

Feb 12-13 FREEZEROO at the Sandbar \$15
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608- 924-5574 28-00-002 D/L 1-29

March 12 RIVER VALLY RUMBLE at Sandbar \$60/team
Ron Berg (add. above) This event is 4-man team doubles
entry cap 180% 28-00-003 D/L 2-27

March 18 SPRING MEETING at the Sandbar Bylaw
book open for proposals. (only open once every two years)
Open tournament same day by Tom Steinke

March 18 JR SCHOLARSHIP OPEN at Sandbar \$20
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
414-542-0252 One day Limit 32 28-00-004 D/L 3-4

April 8-9 ARENA SPRING SINGLES \$15
John Crook 6225 CTH-TZ, Spring Green, WI 53588
608-588-7392 28-00-005 D/L 3-25

April 29 CLUB -TEAM in Beloit \$80/Team
Jim Haupt 5075 N. Elkhart Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53217
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April 30 WHPA STATE DOUBLES in Beloit
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920-922-0080 28-00-007 use entry form please

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608-879-2304 28-00-008 D/L 4-22

May 13 EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD 009

May 13 MUSKEGO DOUBLES

May 14 MOTHERS DAY

May 19-20-21 TEAM-WORLD 010

KEY Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in bold numbers.
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64 Voters Attend Fall Elections

The Sandbar Sport Center began loading up around Noon for the mid-October WHPA Fall Meeting. The promise of the presidential election drew more members (64) than any previous meeting not held in conjunction with the State Tournament.

Despite some heavy expenditures of \$1400+ for a new computer and \$1200 for the Hall of Fame highway sign, the WHPA is still solvent with a bank balance of \$3000.



The sign is newly installed along Hwy 14 East of the Village Edge road entering the town of Arena. President Ken Jaeger, who crafted the sign says there was a mix-up on the title of the Sandbar that will cost an additional \$155 to rectify. Stuff happens, the membership said and agreed to pick up the extra charge. Jaeger should have received a rousing round of applause for all the work involved.

Jane Smith made the award for the best club at the State Tournament to Combined Locks and Tom Steinke submitted the latest figures for the Scholarship Fund –

balance now at \$6000.

New 3rd VP of the NHPA, Lorraine Sternberg thanked the members for the applause issuing the message to sanctioned clubs to get their top ten lists submitted.

The NHPA Sec-Treas, Dick Hansen spoke of a glitch in the prospective Bismarck, ND World Tournament. While on a recent trip to Next year's WT site, NHPA execs were informed that the Air-conditioning promised in

the original presentation is out. Construction cost overruns were blamed. Campers will have to commute as there is no camping on the grounds but plenty of accommodations are available. Also visited were Hibbing and Rochester both in Minnesota. A contract was signed for the

Hibbing site for 2001.

Hansen thanked the membership for making Wisconsin an active player in the NHPF fund drive and encouraged further participation. In promoting the national publication, *Newsline*,

Hansen offered to sign up sub-

scribers on the spot.

Hall of Fame Chair-lady, Edi McKinney reported ten active nominees on the list and reminded members wishing to make new nominations that February 1st is the deadline for those to be considered at the time of the Spring Meeting this year.

Randy Rein put out the call for pitchers willing to travel to Minnesota, probably in March, to continue the WI-MN Border Battle. Rein needs 8 full distance and 8 short distance pitchers. Top averages are preferred but Rein feels the out of state location may force him to accept some pitchers of ordinary caliber. Pitchers interested contact Rein at 715-693-1199.

Some new result forms distributed by Natstats were displayed showing necessary information required. Jaeger ordered that copies be included in tournament directors packets this spring.

Ken Kosky asked why we continue to generate, maintain and use state averages to seed tournaments while other states rely on Natstats averages available from the internet. Kosky said that Natstats now seems to be a



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reliable source. Jaeger pointed out that some bylaw changes are in order before we could go directly to Natstats thereby deferring the matter to the Spring Meeting, the time of bylaw changes.

Terry Sternberg reported that his daughter Heidi is building a WHPA website asking for clubs and officers to register with her for official listing. Heidi's online address is rpoppe@spacestar.net. Mailing add.: 1800 Aspen Drive #201 Hudson, WI 54016 Right now she needs: 1. Club Name 2. Club President or League Director
3. Phone Number OR Email Address.

A State Tournament host for the year 2001 was next on the agenda. Wausau representative, Ken Kosky withdrew his proposed tender in favor of Beloit. Earl Paulson of Beloit offered the 13 outdoor courts complimented by the six indoor courts expected to be in full swing in two years time. There being no other bidders, the 2001 State Tournament award went to the Beloit Club.

John Udelhofen, spokesman for the Sandbagger Club, updated the members regarding the Arena State Tournament for 2000. Udelhofen, getting an occasional nod from Dave Forseth, told of the plans of to build an additional 18 outdoor courts on the canoe

storage area north of the present parking lot. The plan is a temporary setup using platform courts set at ground level with concrete walkways. At this time, a tent or cover is still an unresolved option.

As a windup for the State Meeting, The Mauthe clan gathered as Norm Mauthe hung his plaque with others in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Norm is shown below with Chairperson, Edith McKinney, and assistant Chairperson, Jeff Secord. It is fitting that his plaque now hangs in a house of horseshoe that he discovered and helped establish.



Letters to the Editor

Just got back from attending our Fall Meeting at the Sandbar in Arena, and I heard some troubling remarks about our election process and the Sandbar location.

I have been a member of the WHPA since the early 1980's and have served as Junior Scholarship Chairman. I resent the comments that our election process is "unfair" and a "farce." When 66 voting members, many who drove over 200 miles, attend our Fall Meeting to vote for President of our association, I think the system works. The people who care were there!!

What is unfair is that the "Good Ole Boys" network resurfaced. Just like in 1988, a candidate by-passed the requested format of announcing their candidacy in advance, in our Newsletter, by being "drafted" the night, or day, before the election. Of course, nominations can come from the floor, but these 11th hour draftees are becoming too common.

As for location, the proprietor has gone out of his way to make us feel welcome and donated much of his

time and talents to our association. If members care, they will be there, regardless of where "there" is.

The proper way to handle these concerns is to involve the membership. A leader delegates. A leader works through and with individual members. A leader does not do all the work themselves.

If it is not broke, don't fix it.
Glenn Bogenschneider, Kenosha

Jim,

Last Saturday at the state meeting a lot of concern was given to the location of the state meeting site and the location for the election. I really do not understand the problem.

I do believe we had a large turn out for the meeting, some said "the best ever." Did the location have any thing to do with that? Possibly. But did our club, "the Sandbaggers," stuff the ballot box? After all, we are the host club for this meeting. I do not have the sign in sheet here but I do think we had 8 members at

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VFW

A week after the State Tournament is the standing date for the Heart of the Valley VFW tournament under the roof at Combined Locks. Its become a mostly local affair not attracting as many out of town players as in previous years. Numbers may have been off a little because of the Packer schedule. Could it be that Ron Wolf is not aware of the VFW Doubles in his own back yard?

Makes a guy wonder whether the directors team of, Leroy Meyer, and Don Navarrete are doing their job. Did Wolf receive an invitational flyer? Wonder who he'd draft for a partner.

Pitchers like the VFW because; there are old friends to see, it's a festive atmosphere, the competition seems to be well matched, and there's always a chance to get lucky and win a few games. Even last place finishers figure into the award money.

Play-off games are traditional at the VFW and that prospect hangs like a sword over those winners who may have stumbled and dropped a game – can easily happen in well matched doubles. After pitching a full tournament of 40 shoe games not many relish going into overtime. And until something drastic happens providing spectator appeal, the only people interested in a play-off game are those who rank second in ringer percentage.

RESULTS

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----|------|
| A | Cliff & Elaine Troullier | 5/0 | 53.0 |
| | Leroy Moose Meyer & Joe Gerrits | 4/1 | 43.2 |
| B | Myron Daily & Joe Groeschl | 4/0 | 37.8 |
| | Dale Prochnow & Dale Sampson | 2/2 | 38.1 |
| C | Cy Srenaski & Ray Buchberger | 6/1 | 37.8 |
| | Norb Stzrzewski & Steve Troullier | 5/2 | 36.6 |
| D | Scott Kate & Norm Carlson * | 4/1 | 25.2 |
| | Joe Felton & Kim Felton * | 4-1 | 25.2 |
| E | Dana Geboy & Ayote * | 4/1 | 30.7 |
| | Roger Behm & Dennis Behm * | 4/1 | 23.2 |
| F | Dick Schelfhout & Ken Kueil | 4/1 | 23.5 |
| | Ron Miller & Gary Miller | 3/2 | 22.5 |

* = play-off All classes paid: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$30, 4th 20, 5th \$15, 6th \$10, 7th \$7, 8th \$5.

Thanks for entering the VFW Doubles. 1998-1999 year this VFW Post donated a total of \$2876 into the community. Voluntary work – We got \$4567 credit dollars for the work our post did in the hospitals and

Combined Locks Club Rolls On

community work.

This is done by you. Thank you for helping. Don Navarrete, Moose Meyer, & Post Commander, John Rietveld

It must be the water. Combined Locks, still reeling from multiple success at the World Tournament can now claim to be the number one club at the State Tournament.

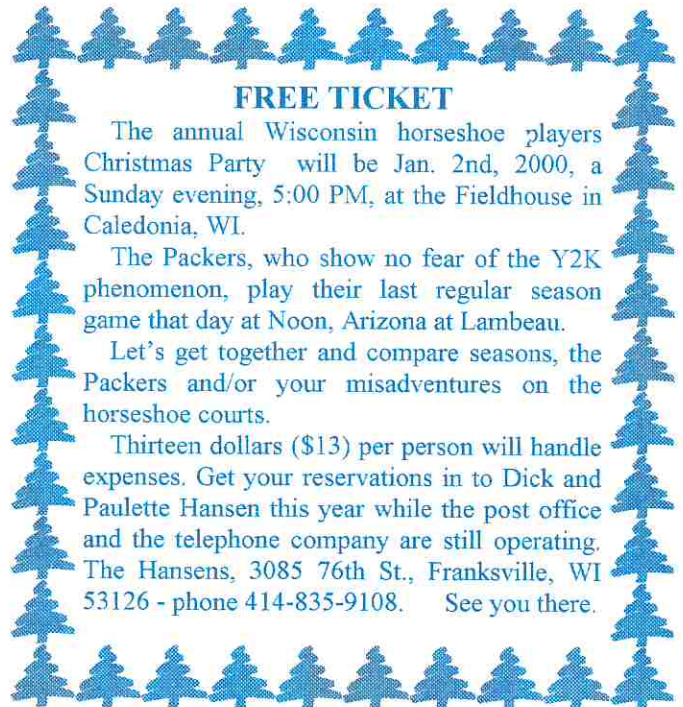
Jane Smith kept tabs on eight clubs entered in the State Tournament Club competition, more than 100 pitchers.

Smith, in her mysterious ways, turns placement positions into points and comes up with the mean for each team.

From bottom to top:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------|
| Kenosha | 8 pitchers | 4.62 |
| Goldendale | 12 pitchers | 5.00 |
| Sandbaggers | 18 pitchers | 5.16 |
| Eau Claire | 10 pitchers | 5.40 |
| Marshfield D.C. | 13 pitchers | 5.69 |
| Close X Count | 14 pitchers | 5.71 |
| Windy Hill | 19 pitchers | 5.84 |
| Combined Locks | 13 pitchers | 5.92 |

The Locks people received a traveling trophy and free entry next year. Others received token cash awards of varying degree.



FREE TICKET

The annual Wisconsin horseshoe players Christmas Party will be Jan. 2nd, 2000, a Sunday evening, 5:00 PM, at the Fieldhouse in Caledonia, WI.

The Packers, who show no fear of the Y2K phenomenon, play their last regular season game that day at Noon, Arizona at Lambeau.

Let's get together and compare seasons, the Packers and/or your misadventures on the horseshoe courts.

Thirteen dollars (\$13) per person will handle expenses. Get your reservations in to Dick and Paulette Hansen this year while the post office and the telephone company are still operating. The Hansens, 3085 76th St., Franksville, WI 53126 - phone 414-835-9108. See you there.

CATCHING UP ON THE STATE NEWS

While doing the last two Newsletters, we concentrated on chiefly the World and then the State Tournament and hope you enjoyed the full coverage. Unfortunately some timely contributions were omitted. We apologize for the delay in reporting these happenings and trust you will still find them interesting. The next two pages will be dedicated to those omissions.

Staff, WHNL

KAMPS KOURTS HITS RIGHT COMBINATION

MID EAST OPEN & THE COMBINED LOCKS SANCTIONED

For several years the Combined Locks Club has been searching for a better weekend and the opportunity for an NHPA sanction. It came together this year.

Their traditional date formerly corresponded with the opening of the World Tournament. Some active club members have also become active in the WT. The date was moved up accordingly.

Sanctioning the Mid-East would exclude many club pitchers. Although the very first NHPA sanctioned tournament in Wisconsin was hosted by the club in 1967, they later drifted away from the national affiliation. Club members lost the desire to be full NHPA members finding they could still pitch locally without a card. Meanwhile the greater part of the state schedule was becoming dedicated to sanctioned events.

To cater to more pitchers, the club divided the weekend into two separate tournaments, the Mid-East and the Combined Locks Sanctioned. A few players pitched both events. 56 pitched the Friday and Saturday Mid-East. 38 played the Combined locks Sanctioned on Sunday.

Class F, apparently adjusted to just three pitchers, played a triple round robin – one court, 12 games. Surprisingly it was over by Noon.

John Reitveld was the man in the shack again, been there since 1966. And the new owners are following through on their promise that things wouldn't change much. One change is that Jerry Kamps is now free to work the bar in the garage.

The Combined Locks Horseshoe Club thanks players for their participation in making the tournament a great success. The tournament date for next year has already been selected as 14, 15 of July for the Mid-East and the 16th for the Combined Locks Sanctioned.

Combined Locks Sanctioned Tournament Results:

A L Sternberg 67.9; Phyllis Davids 60.2; E Troullier 54.6
 B C Troullier 50.7; Roger Poutanen 50.7; Jack Algiers 47.1
 C Rox Selissen 47.5; Gene Mason 53.3; Dick Baeten 39.6
 D Bill Matey 39.6; Jim Haupt 42.2; Leroy Meyer 36.7
 E Mel Sorensen 27.4; Karen Henkel 33.9; W Srenaski 31.6
 F Ken Wood 16.5; Greg Kolterman 8.0; Steve Simonz 7.5

Neenah Valley Doubles

The big show may have been in Greenville, Ohio, but those left behind wanted their turn at the stakes too. Francis Schalk reported these winners from the Neenah Valley Doubles.

Two Freds, Ebli and Klawitta took first place followed by Father and son team of Rick and Wayne Coder. Al Holloway and Mike Cone settled for third. A singles contest later was won by Jerry Schroeder, Robin McDonough second. Fred Ebli rounded out the top three.

JERRY SCHROEDER

contributed by Francis Schalk
 Jerry Schroeder, who retired from the Janesville area to Oxford, WI, was among the missing when his class played the Fall Meeting Open.

A few games into the round robin, Tom Steinke took a call regarding Schroeder's absence. All we heard at the time was that he was in intensive care in St. Mary's hospital.

At this writing, less that a week later, the prognosis is good and getting better.

A SLAM DUNK BY COMBINED LOCKS



Pardon the photo quality

The "Moose," Leroy Meyer, was known as "Sandbag" as he pitched his way to first, at the World, dropping just two games. His battle cry became, "Get it up!" The Combined Locks Club as a whole has to be the club winner at the World. Eight of nine club members took home a piece of that nifty Ohio wood. Besides the Moose, Bill Matey and Cy Srenaski also claimed first. Ken Wood and Jerry Kamps, the two guys who started the trend, and Phyllis Davids were second place finishers. Wally Srenaski, Elaine Troullier, and Mer Sorensen won third place trophies.

When the local newspaper, The Post Crescent, got wind of their accomplishment they sent out a photographer, and lined up the winners on the club bleachers. It resulted in a great color shot we wish we could reproduce here. (Our scan of the original is a poor reproduction.) Hiding in the back row, the only one without the nifty Ohio wood, is Cliff Troullier.

SCHALK PUTS OXFORD ON THE MAP

If it has to rain on the courts and the guys are crazy enough to keep on pitching, it's better done in sand. Not everybody was crazy; a few chose to drop out to stay dry.

Sand is the surface of opportunity at the Oxford VFW – nice, friendly, soft, native sand, the kind made for horseshoes. Wet clay would have ended the day.

Keeping score for the early shift from outside the fence and mixed in with a few onlookers, was rewarding. "Why does that one man stand closer?" they asked referring to Harold Wendorf of Glenbeulah. "Over 70," came the reply. "Oh, is that right? He's pretty good," they recognized. Next they marveled at the high looping 1-1/4 that left handed Ed Hack of Wausau was tossing. "Just look at the way that guy holds the shoe," one remarked. "You wonder how it gets there." The back and forth banter agreed with Hack. He returned their remarks while on track for a 50% game.

Later Tournament Director, Francis Schalk was saying he wished it hadn't rained all through "A"

class so that the local folks could see the experts. Actually, for them, it was a better show watching "C." The folks on the sidelines saw journeymen pitchers making some of the same mistakes they themselves were capable of, just fewer of them. Good pitching looked attainable – a realistic goal.

| Class A | w | Class B | w |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Randy Rein | 5 73.5 | Julian Tijerina | 3 43.0 |
| Mark Mauthe | 4 65.0 | Ron Lingard | 3 42.0 |
| John Molling | 3 56.0 | Jim Haupt | 3 39.5 |
| Gus Schram | 2 45.0 | Len Mauthe | 2.5 39.5 |
| G Weikert | 1 45.0 | Tip Wipperfurth | 2 44.5 |
| | | Bob Power | 1.5 35.0 |

| Class C | w | Class D | w |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Ron Balsiger | 4.5 37.1 | Lee Hengen | 4 33.2 |
| Fred Decorah | 4 37.9 | Bob Cummings | 3.5 29.2 |
| Roger Juedes | 4 35.0 | Larry Danielson | 2 32.4 |
| Ed Hack | 3 37.9 | Don Burmeister | 2 29.6 |
| Harold Wendorf | 2.5 39.2 | Rob Struebing | 2 27.6 |
| John Carlin | 0 28.8 | Dave Miller | 1.5 22.8 |

Schalk thanks all diehard pitchers for participating.

Down and Back

By Jim Haupt

Now that Bill Schroeder has come on as an exciting receiver for the Green Bay Packers, people are speculating why Schroeder and former coach, Mike Holmgren mixed it up on occasion. The cocky Schroeder was known as Holmgren's whipping boy.

While up in Packer country we overheard what may have been a contributing factor. It may be just bar talk but snooping on a conversation it was overheard that while Schroeder was trying to make the team he was also trying to make a date with the coach's daughter.

The Newsline World Tournament issue appeared in my mailbox in the first days of October. Somewhere in there I read that Gene Burlingame of Iowa donated over \$400 to the Foundation called the NHPF. Burly is the white bearded guy you have seen always collecting scoresheets at World Tournaments.

Burly's generosity provides the opportunity to plug both the national horseshoe magazine, Newsline and the NHPF. The magazine, available from Dick Hansen (address page 2) should be in every pitcher's mailbox and the NHPF should be on every pitcher's mind.

At the Fall Meeting Ron Berg gathered signatures for and on an official Sandbaggers T-shirt. It was meant as a memento for fellow club member, John Aeschilmann who has been confined to a nursing home suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Aeschilmann of Black Earth, is credited with giving the Sandbaggers Club its distinctive name.

Francis Schalk, Oxford, is going in for a heart tune-up early in November expects to be fit to pitch in December.

Carl Gilbertson, Highland, has had the knee operation in good spirits and is looking forward to coming back when the new knee will take full weight.

Saw Ted Rohde, LaCrosse, at the Meeting. He's one more guy that owes his life to a quick response by the paramedics. Rohde did not enter the tournament but looked his usual smiling self.

Mark Stevens, Marengo, is wearing an eye patch and it's not just for swagger. He temporarily lost sight in one eye and is under treatment for what is hoped to be a temporary condition.

Lorraine Sternberg starts NHPA 3rd VP duty

www.horseshoepitching.com/

Have you been to the NHPA Online site lately? .
<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9587/index.html> is the old site. It's been reworked and the address is really easy now. www.horseshoepitching.com/ or just search for "horseshoepitching.com" no http, no www, just grab a search engine and Go, I used "Go To"

Look for, "Special Notice:
"Lorraine Sternberg has officially taken over the duties as 3rd Vice President and Sanction Club / League Director as of October 1, 1999. Mailing address is: W206, N13520 Woodside Lane, Richfield, WI 53076 Phone (262) 677-3300 or email at horshoewi@aol.com"

Natstats averages for WI show 401 pitchers. Does that mean we have over 100 members who did not pitch this year?

Pitcher's Profiles are featured in the Publicity area or direct:

<http://www.beaconcontrols.com/shoes/profile.mv>
Its interesting to read how friends and others perceive the sport. Presently just five Wisconsin pitchers are profiled. That list includes Gus Schram. Gee, does that mean that Gus is surfing the web?

If it doesn't work, hang in there and try again another day. The Internet is like the rest of the world - not perfect.

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Fall is doubles time in Beloit

SEPTEMBER BELOIT DOUBLES

Some call it the best time of year to pitch. Fallen leaves decorated the clay at the September Beloit Doubles and some were turned into the mix – biodegradable we hope. September and October we often turn to other diversions. The Packer game was on in the clubhouse. It was opening day for bow hunters. And a great day to pitch shoes.

This unsanctioned tournament attracted a slew of horseshoe pitchers not ordinarily on the tournament circuit – many new faces. An unsanctioned tournament serves players two ways. New players get to

pitch the pro layout, the Renley courts. Perhaps the appeal of a tournament format will be contagious. Journeyman pitchers like the unsanctioned bit for doubles. They have no fear of a sub par doubles average entering the computer - It's the opinion of some that percentages from doubles tournaments should not be included at all in the official Natstats average.

The suggested percentage cap was 110 but few teams came close. Just four teams comprised A class pitching a double round robin. There was no dominating team. Two guys from Madison however were well matched. Ron Lingard and Julian Tijerina may have struggled at times but won all matches of the day, 6/0.

BELOIT BUILDING BENEFIT DOUBLES

In need of funds, cash money, to purchase material for the new horseshoe building, the Beloit Club chose to conduct a benefit doubles tournament in early October.

The deal was, everybody contributes \$20 per person in entry, the club says thanks very much but there will be no cash awards we need buy building materials. About 48 gutsy players got into the action. There were a few trophies but absolutely zero cash awards. Amazing isn't it?

It was not a good day to pitch, cool, even cold, winds cut across the courts. Percentages reflected the weather.

The smarter option was to enter the event in spirit. Some generous players like John Carlin, Ken Kosky, Ray Hill and Carl Turman paid their entry fee saying, "Sorry I can't make the Benefit Tournament, keep the change". Also Frank Yohn and Tom Wasberg from IL. Tom Steinke, thinking the tournament was on Sunday sent his entry fee as a donation, but was able to come when he found out it was Saturday.

The Beloit Horseshoe wishes to thank everyone who entered whether in spirit or actuality.

THE BELOIT AWARDS BANQUET

Some 50-60 club members lined up for awards after a Sunday dinner at the Moose club.

Greg Snow earned the Rookie of the year award. He just stopped by to watch one night and agreed to fill in as Perry Yttri's partner. Snow returned and paired with Yttri, went on to win the doubles league for the year.

The highest annual honor bestowed by the Beloit Club is the Sportsmanship Award. This year, along

with grand applause, it went to valued club member, Ken Bebee.

One benevolent club member suggested the building fund donation jar be kept handy for awardees receiving cash bonuses this day. Without even looking, most of those lucky winners followed each others example, dropping their cash envelope in that jar.

A new plaque has been designated for Building Fund contributors. Classifications were for; 15 hours labor, \$100 cash (many) \$500 Cash (Moose Club) and over \$4000 cash (Red Ferguson).

If men could regard the events of their own lives with more open minds, they would more frequently discover that they did not really desire the things they failed to obtain.

André Maurois

Harmony seldom makes a headline.

Silas Bent

Strange how much you've got to know before you know how little you know.

Anonymous

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE HALL of FAME

WHPA Hall of Fame Guideline

To be eligible for nomination a candidate must be a WHPA member for 10 years.

PLAYER CATEGORY

- Outstanding State and World Tournament performance.
- State and World Tournament titles.
- Pitching records such as perfect game etc.
- Sportsmanship

ORGANIZER/PROMOTER CATEGORY

- Local and state promotion.
- Tournament Directors
- State and National officers
- State and National committee persons,
- Club or league organization.

PLAYER/ORGANIZER

A candidates accomplishments apply in both categories above.

JUNIORS

If a junior player participates in the workings of the WHPA as an adult, their junior performance as well as adult qualifications will apply for nomination into the Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

The state president shall appoint committee members; state officers as well as 2 WHPA members at large.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE WHPA HALL OF FAME

Nominations will be sent to the Hall of Fame Chairperson in written form. The nominee's history shall be included.

COMMITTEE VOTING PROCEDURE

Each year a list of eligible nominees will be given to the committee members. Your first choice would count as 10 points, second choice 9 points, third choice 8 points and so on. The candidate with the most points would be the inductee. In the case of a tie, the members would vote again. In a given year, when the committee decides there will be two inductees, the second high point total will be the other choice.

Following is some more of the past Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame Members listed by the year they were inducted.

HARVEY ELMERSON 1976

One of the first people to be honored in the newly formed Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame is Harvey Elmerston. He started pitching horseshoes in 1913 and won nine state championships. He won his first county tournament in Michigan in 1922. After moving to Wisconsin he won six consecutive state titles 1926 through 1931. he also won in 1934, 1941, and 1943.

Harvey was born March 23, 1904 in East Lake, Michigan. He was employed by International Harvester Co. for 36 years, retiring in 1965, when he moved to Wisconsin Rapids where he still resides. He and his wife, Virginia have been married 42 years and have two daughters.

This is Harvey's 50th year of organized horseshoe pitching. We congratulate him on his great record.

Harvey Elmerston, now deceased, has since been listed as a candidate for the NHPA Hall of Fame.

ARTHUR NIEMANN 1977

Arthur E. Niemann, of the Washington Park Horseshoe of Milwaukee, has been the backbone of their club for thirty-six years. He started pitching on 1941 and, although not a high percentage pitcher, has always been an enthusiastic one. His endless hours of court maintenance, teaching new pitchers, organizing tournaments, and spreading the horseshoe gospel have been unequalled. He has participated in some tournaments but is better known for his promotion of the game.

For twenty-five years Art held various offices in the Washington Park Club. He has organized leagues, driving to and from Madison to Milwaukee to run leagues at night, Taking care of the courts, keeping score, calling pitchers and encouraging reluctant ones, always willing to do everything necessary for the benefit of horseshoes.

Art, who is 78 years old, is also past vice-president of the state association. He worked for fifty-one years as a salesman of office supplies and printing for the H. Niedecken Company of Milwaukee. We congratulate Art for his many years of dedication to the game of horseshoes and the Washington Park Horseshoe Club.

Deceased

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Hall of Fame

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EDWARD WING 1978

Edward Wing, age 69 of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club of Germantown, Wisconsin, is the backbone and founder of the club.

Using shoes actually worn by horses, Ed began pitching in 1925. From 1934 until 1938 Ed pitched in the Milwaukee County League. During the period of 1939 through 1966 Ed did not actively participate in league pitching.

In 1967 Ed returned to league competition in joining the league in Lannon, Wisconsin, participating there until 1971 when he decided to begin his own league in Goldendale. With help on cement and electrical work, Ed constructed five courts. Completing these in 1972 he organized leagues, founded the Goldendale Club, and organized the Goldendale Horseshoe Tournament. During 1973 Ed incorporated the first junior class in the state into his tournament.

During the years since the club's inception, and prior to this, Ed has donated horseshoe books to the libraries of Germantown and Menomonie Falls, distributed the Horseshoe Digest to members, sought and received radio and press coverage for horseshoes, maintained the courts, and interest in the sport for the league members through his enthusiasm, dedication, and initiative for horseshoes.

Because he has been, and continues to be, an active member of the national and state organizations for over 15 years, an active participant in leagues and tournaments, a significant contributor, both past and present, to the sport of horseshoes, and an exemplary horseshoe pitcher and person, we are happy to name Ed Wing to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame in the year of 1978.

Deceased

TOMMY BARTLEN 1979

Vincent "Tommy" Bartlen is one of two horseshoe pitchers to be honored by the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers with a Hall of Fame award for 1979

In 1934 Tommy won first place in the Los Angeles City Tournament with 78.4%. In 1938 he was involved in one of the greatest four-handed games ever played. It was at Exposition Park (Los Angeles) where he was first called "Tommy" by the pitchers. Tommy was a Wisconsin State champion six times:

1949, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1965, & 1967; Milwaukee City Champ in 1949, 1950 & 1951. He also pitched in World Tournaments in 1950 (24th - 69.4%) 1951 qualified first with Casey Jones (finished 15th - 70.9%) 1952 (14th - 68.7). In all tournament games from 1934 to 1973 he had a record of 956 won and 322 lost. In 1950 he put on an exhibition at the Milwaukee Athletic Club and in 1955 appeared on "Pitching Horseshoes" on WTMJ-TV.

Tommy was born February 1, 1817 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He and June, his wife of 32 years, reside at 1964 S 97th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin. He is employed as a chemist assistant at Evinrude Motors, Tommy says, "I have always enjoyed the sport of horseshoes and have many friends through the years." We are happy to present this award to one who so richly deserves this honor.

Update 1999: Same address, retired as president of Washington Park after 32 years at age 82.

SWEN BOWMAN 1979

This Hall of Fame award goes to Swen Bowman who was instrumental in bringing horseshoes to the Northeastern Wisconsin area. He started pitching in 1955 and dedicated the ensuing years to the promotion of the game.

He was president of the State Association from 1969 to 1972. He has conducted pitched in, and assisted in many ways to insure the success of tournaments in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Florida.

He started horseshoes in Green Bay city parks, ran tournaments on his property in Mountain, and was involved in building eight clay courts in Green Bay where league play is still held. Through Swen's efforts eight new courts were built at the Armstrong Community Building in Mountain where he conducts the annual Mountain Open. Additional courts were added in 1977 when the State Tournament was held in Mountain.

Swen worked at Kimberly-Clark in Kimberly for 14 years, was in business until 1955, then worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1974. Swen will be 67 this July. He and Clara, his wife, celebrated their 45th anniversary this year. They have a son, Jim, a daughter, Marlene, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We appreciate all Swen has done and are happy to present award to him for his many years of dedication to the sport of horseshoes.

Deceased 1980

Wisconsin -Minnesota Border Battle-2

The news from the northwest is that Dick Dvorak and fellow gophers are laying plans to host a return match of the WI-MN Border Battle on the 25th of March.

Last year 16 top pitchers from Minnesota came to the Arena Sandbar. Eight forty footers and eight thirty footers from each state pitched the Border Battle in a day long event. Minnesota, still smarting from the drubbing at the hands of Wisconsin last year, seems eager for a re-match.

A new wrinkle this year will separate the 8-player teams into A and B pitching 4-man double round rob-

ins. It's designed to keep the competition even - no blowouts.

Dvorak has selected an 8 court house in the small town of Upsala, 25 miles northwest of St Cloud. Go through the Twin Cities, past St Cloud, on to Albany, then north to Upsala. New accommodations are available 14 miles away in Albany. Entry fee is still only \$25

Randy Rein, the player rep for Wisconsin is now signing on players. Sure he wants to field the best team we can offer but all pitchers over the fifty percent mark should consider themselves eligible. Date is March 25, 2000.

Want to see the world? See Upsala first. Pitch for Wisconsin by calling **Rein at 715-693-1199**

Fall Meeting Tournament

It was a nice fall day with a good turnout of pitchers. In Class D, Chuck Herman pitched steady and won the class. In Class C, William Wordel had a higher percentage than Bill Matey to win. In Class B, nobody saw Glenn Bogenschneider coming from behind to win.

In Class A, Randy Rein was the champ. The high point of the day was Pudge Dahl's personal high tournament of 71.79% with two 80% games. Nice job, Pudge.

RESULTS:

- X
- A. Randy Rein 70.4; Pudge Dahl 71.8; L. Sternberg 62.9
 - B. G Bogenschneider 50.0; E Troullier 52.9; Tom Endler 49.6
 - C. Bill Wordel 43.6; Bill Matey 37.1; Jim Larson 39.6
 - D. Chuck Herman 32.9; Maria Willms 35.4; Ron Willms 33.6

A VIEWPOINT

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Fall Meeting and supported me. It is hard to win an election against an incumbent, especially when he is doing a good job. There was one comment about

the presidential election being a farce. Maybe it was, but there were three people who announced they wanted the job, and spent time and effort in pursuing a job they were interested in.

There was also a comment that Ken was the hardest working and best president ever. Well, Ken is a fine president, but he still is not in the class with dedication, knowledge, and integrity as Dick Hansen was and still is.

Thank you,
Tom Steinke

The Word from Don Kangas

Don Kangas, Colgate, shocked his friends and family, when he suffered cardiac arrest a few days following the State Tournament. Kangas is now recuperating at home.

The word from Don Kangas is, "Thanks to my family, all my indi-

vidual horseshoe friends, and entire clubs for the cards and most of all your concern. I'm feeling better every day, doing physical rehab three times a week and on a 3 month schedule for doctor appointments."

The disturbing news is that my wife, Becky, broke her foot just klutzing around the house. The good news is that its her left foot

and she can still drive me around. I'm supposed to be able to drive again in five months. I'm figuring on going up to the UP deer hunting. No dragging for me, but that's no problem, I haven't seen a buck for three years.

Hope to see everybody on the courts and thanks again.

—Don Kangas

Letters to the Editor

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this meeting. Enough to swing an election? As the results of the presidential election vote shows; THE PEOPLE VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE. THE LOCATION OF THE ELECTION MEANS NOTHING.

I believe that the large majority of horseshoe pitchers in this state are oblivious to the government of horseshoes. To have people vote for a president at the state tournament is not the answer. Not all pitchers are there either, but people who are concerned about the WHPA, are at the state meeting. So isn't it the logical place to vote for leadership? I personally am offended by the assumption that locating the meeting at Arena makes it an unfair election. No one from our club or this area has, ever, held a position in the WHPA, so what is the beef, for pete's sake?

As president of our Sandbar Sandbagger Club, I pride myself in the fact that there is no finer place in the Midwest to play horseshoes indoors all year around. We host more tournaments than any other club in the state. Can we host the state meet? I would like to think so. If the election were held in Arena at the State Championships would they be fair? With a large number of new pitchers that are going to get their card for the first time in 2000? What town would be the right town for the election? You see, we are showing why most don't care about these political things. I like to think that Horseshoes is a game and games should be fun! When you play, think of that and when you vote, remember, it is only a game!

Ringers to ya all

R. A. Berg

Mr. Editor,

I don't usually give my opinions in the Newsletter, I just print what is handed to me. This time I feel the need to put in my two cents, for whatever it is worth.

I had the advantage of being able to read the other comments before I wrote this so I would like to print this commentary. I read in the other comments about this being a fair election. Where do they base their assumptions? On the fact that all candidates got a few votes and we ended up with a winner by a fairly close margin and it took two ballots to do it? I say that it just shows how geographically biased the crowd was. If that election were to be held in Eau Claire or Green Bay for instance, instead of in the south, perhaps it would have been over in one ballot.

I don't have a problem with holding the meeting in Arena. In fact, if you think back, I was one of the people who pushed for having the meeting there every time and I still support that. But the elections **should never** be held there as part of the meeting. Don't give me that nonsense about the people that want to vote will travel to do it. That doesn't mean that they don't have the right to vote. People have a known apathy against going out of their way to vote, but make it easy for them and they will do it. This is a sport for all people and not just for the ones that actively support a particular candidate. Why penalize the others because they can't or won't drive hundreds of miles to vote. Pitchers from the north deserve a chance to participate in the election also.

I would welcome a vote at the State Tournament in Arena next year. Sure we could have 30 or 40 Sandbar members there, but we would also have 160 or 170 other members there also. I'm not sure how many would be members of the "Good ole Boys" because I'm not sure who they are.

Thank You

Ken Kosky

News from Eau Claire

John Dolezel, Eau Claire Horseshoe Club's Publicity Chairman, reports that the Wilczek's are on the mend. Ron had open heart surgery on Sept. 9. They performed a quadruple bypass as they said two of his arteries were blocked 100% and two more were blocked 90%. Some doctors wondered how he was able to still get around.

Gert's shoes are gathering dust on the shelf while

her shoulder mends and she is also still doctoring her sore thumb. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that does the work.

Mark Twain

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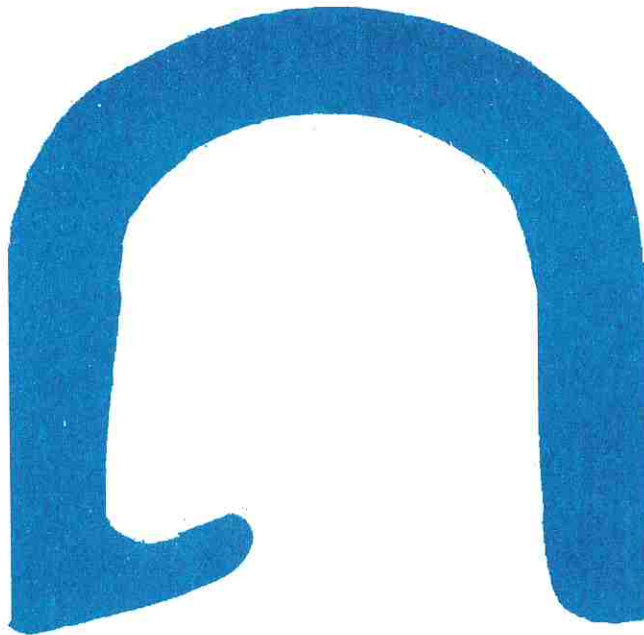
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