

❖ WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER ❖

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1996 SPRING MEETING

The WHPA entered a new era with the Spring Meeting of 1996. It was the maiden meeting for Ken Jaeger the new president.

Dick Hansen, the former president occupied Jaeger's usual chair directly in front of the speakers table. It proved handy. Jaeger double checked his rendition of Roberts Rules of order several times with the old pro in the front row

John Secord lead off with the treasurer's report - WHPA balance is at \$4,936. To set the stage Secord then read minutes of the Fall Meeting.

1st Vice President, Jane Smith furnished the complete statistics for the Pitcher-of-the-Year award. A comment was made that the award was first won by middle-class pitchers but now seems more readily available to top classes. Smith explained that each and every tournament entrant is no longer recorded. Points are awarded to just the first three places. It was a necessary move reducing record keeping considerably. No new ideas were forthcoming.

2nd Vice President, Terry Sternberg again asked for historical contributions for the WHPA scrap books. All newspaper articles are requested but the older material, including old pictures from private collections proves most interesting. Contact Terry Sternberg for contributing anything of a historical nature.

Junior Scholarship Fund Director, Lorraine Sternberg disclosed that her recent tournament at Arena, dedicated as a benefit event, raised \$232 for the Fund. She is presently monitoring a total of \$10,350, while carrying liabilities of \$4,800. Good news, she said, I have someone thinking about taking over the Junior Scholarship position. She leaked that the next Fund director could be Lori Matzdorf of Sheboygan.

The junior population of the entire WHPA is only 15 at present. Last year we had 47 Juniors. More are expected. Jaeger said we need some fresh ideas to get horseshoes into high schools. Lorraine thinks juniors should be starting before high school. Earl Paulson noted that Bob Dunn's junior program in Minnesota is evidence that we too need a Junior Promotional Director.

The Regional Director, Jim Haupt, in building the outdoor schedule now in distribution, expressed that it offers more sanctioned tournaments this year providing everybody a chance to meet the four tournament requirement for World entry. We passed out World Tournament posters and housing information.

NHPA man of the year, Dick Hansen, who was distributing campaign badges earlier, reminded the group, the '96 World is in Gillette, Wyoming where he will be on the ballot for NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. Actually he's doing the secretary job now, along with the 5th VP duties, and has the inside info' on most World Tournament questions. Hansen welcomed the opportunity to speak thanking all Wisconsin pitchers for their support

New Business:

There was no apparent old business. Jaeger briefly outlined proposals written by Curt Bestul: 1. Limiting Bylaw changes to

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MAY BRINGS ANOTHER TEAM-WORLD

Twenty-four teams will pitch the Team-World during the first days of May this year. Its the largest entry ever for the prestigious team tournament.

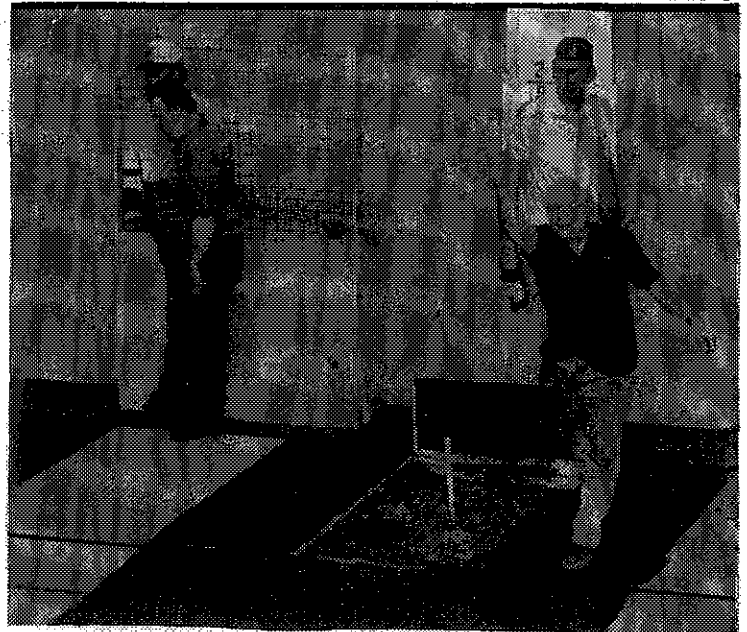
April Fools Day, a team representative of a neighboring state called during the final meeting of the T-W committee and withdrew an entry. It was no April Fool joke but it cut the field to the designed number, 24 teams. Had there not been a team withdrawal, one team would have received a rejection notice.

Wisconsin has entered four teams, all over 60%. Missouri and Illinois also have four. Minnesota and Iowa, are represented with two teams each. Michigan, a first time entry of a year ago has two teams. California, will brave Wisconsin weather once more. Colorado will make its second Team-World appearance. Indiana is again on the roster along with two Canadian teams, Ontario and Quebec. Kentucky, the defending champions, has a stronger team this year but will meet the best of competition.

Top pitchers include women's World Champion, Sue Snyder of Kentucky and Sylvianne Moisan of Quebec, the runner-up of 1995. We are looking forward to a rematch of that great final game at Perry, Georgia. Teddy Guillotte, The senior Ladies World Champion is part of the California team along with NHPA president, Dave Loucks. Sandy Janssens, who won the World Championship at age 17 is on the Ontario team. Three time World Champ, Dale Lipovsky is again playing with Minnesota

Wisconsin's chances this year are better. John Udelhofen, Barneveld, Don Kangas, Colgate, Randy Rein, Mosinee, Clayton Gage, Milltown, and Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield - It's a team of state title holders averaging over 70%. Sternberg is in with 80%.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRES...

As we begin the outdoor season, it seems appropriate that more clubs could consider raising the scorekeeping fee to \$1 per pitcher/game
-WHPA President, Ken Jaeger

COMING OUTDOOR EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES**MAY 7 DEADLINE WORLD TOURNAMENT ENTRY**

MAY 11 EARLYBIRD at Eau Claire \$3
Dennis Kieser 1628 5th St W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751
715-235-6535 **Sanc #28-96-012** D/L 4-27

MAY 11 MUSKEGO DOUBLES; Moose Lodge \$20/team
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
414-542-0252 **unsanctioned** D/L 5-5

MAY 18-19 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES; Renley Cts \$17
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Rd H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **Sanc #28-96-013** D/L 5-8

MAY 25-26 PLATTEVILLE SPRING SINGLES \$15
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-9697 **Sanc #28-96-014** D/L 5-10

MAY 31 LAST DATE TO PURCHASE NHPA CARD

AT THE \$17 FEE. Late fee is \$2 additional

JUNE 1-2 WOLF RIVER OPEN; New London \$13
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
414-982-6287 **Sanc #28-96-015** D/L 5-18

JUNE 8-9 EAU CLAIRE OPEN \$13
Dennis Kieser 1628 Fifth St W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751
715-235-6535 **Sanc #28-96-016** D/L 5-25

JUNE 15-16 MUSKEGO OPEN; Moose Lodge \$15
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
414-542-0252 **Sanc #28-96-017** D/L 6-1

JUNE 15-16 MARSHFIELD OPEN #1 \$15-\$20
Ron Zeppelin D3320 SHW 97 Stratford, WI 54484
715-384-4881 **Sanc #28-96-018** D/L 6-1

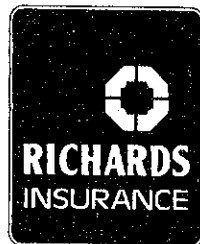
JUNE 21-22-23 GOLDENDALE OPEN; Germantown \$15
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 **Limited** **Sanc #28-96-019** D/L 6-8

JUNE 29-30 WAUSAU OPEN; Ringle \$15
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WHPA HALL OF FAME

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must have been a WHPA member of ten (10) years. Grandfather clause: The Hall of Fame Committee shall have the power to waive the 10 year membership requisite. A nominee that does not achieve nomination to the Hall of Fame within ten years shall be removed from the ballot.

I. PLAYER CATEGORY

- A Outstanding State & World Tournament performance.
B State and World Tournament titles.
C Pitching records, such as perfect game etc.
D Sportsmanship

II. ORGANIZER/PROMOTER CATEGORY

- A Local and state promotion
B Tournament Directors
C State and National officers
D State and National committee persons
E Club and League organization

III. PLAYER and ORGANIZER CATEGORY

Candidate's accomplishments apply in both above categories.

JUNIORS

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

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

State officers, Chair-person, and two WHPA members at large will form the Hall of Fame Committee.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame Chairperson with the nomination in written form.

Nominations for the current calendar year close March 1st.

SOCCER WORLD

Madison pitchers, Ron Lingard and John Carlin have been playing winter leagues, at Wisconsin's newest horseshoe facility. Along with other area pitchers, they have been doing it in a sports complex mainly devoted to indoor soccer.

Occasional practice and winter leagues leave the four horseshoe courts available most of the time. The two soccer fields are in active use 18 hours a day. In direct comparison, the four horseshoe courts are hardly used. Management is anxious for a positive change.

Encouraged by the owners, Lingard and Carlin hosted a doubles tournament there in February. It was the first tournament in the year old facility and the first time visit for many of the WHPA tournament entrants

An outdoor banner, half hidden in the snow, offered indoor pitching for \$3/hour but judging from the tournament prize money, the owners donated the court-time for this inaugural event.

Originally the event was set-up with a 90% cap for total team percentage. Creative rescheduling, the result of no-shows, caused teams to be adjusted and allowed players to pitch both sessions.

A.M. SHIFT

- 1st Herman Adler and Tip Wipperfurth
2nd Mike Cone and Al Hollaway
3rd Robert C Anderson and Carl Gilbertson

P.M. SHIFT

- 1st Tony Scrima and Jim Haupt
2nd Tip Wipperfurth and Dale Bauer
3rd John Carlin and Bill Dahmen

Entrants were asked to complete a house survey form. As I recall the first question was a no-brainer. How do you rate the facility? I gave it an "Excellent." The other questions regarded availability for leagues and the number of tournaments you would support in a year.

We don't have an indoor place in Milwaukee...yet. I think I may have signed up for leagues. That's the impulsive reaction when you see other guys have what you would kill for.

WHPA HALL OF FAME by Susie Pritzlaff

The Hall of Fame Committee met at the Royal Wood Sport Center prior to the Spring Meeting. Committee members are WHPA officers, Ken Jaeger, John Secord, Jane Smith, and Terry Sternberg plus Edi McKinney and Dick Hansen as members at large. Hansen was appointed by President Ken Jaeger at this meeting.

We reviewed our guidelines, made some changes and additions. Guidelines are a recommendation for determining a course of action. A person who wishes to make a nomination can use these as directives to make their decision.

There was some concern about the ten year WHPA membership rule and we decided to add the Grandfather clause to grant exemption to nominees already on the ballot from prior years.

Beginning this year the committee members will vote for the 1996 inductee by written ballot. The guidelines and voting process are something new and along the way we will make some changes but we are on the right course.

This is the list of nominees for the Hall of Fame: Since 1992, Jim Haupt & John Brezina; 1994, Howard Voiles, John Reitveld, LeRoy Wipperfurth, & Wes Taylor; 1995 Norm Mauthe, & Clayton Gage; and 1996, Ray Billen.

EAU CLAIRE HORSESHOE CLUB

We invite you to join us for our 1996 tournament schedule - the Earlybird tournament being held May 11, 1996 and our annual Eau Claire Open on June 8-9, 1996.

For your convenience we are providing a listing of motels that have supported us over the years. We ask that if your plans include spending the weekend, that you would consider staying at their facilities

Hope to see you in beautiful Eau Claire in 1996; Have a safe and successful pitching year.

Sincerely, Randy Hansen, Tournament Director

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Westgate Motel 834-3580 Otter Creek Inn B&B 832-2945

Excell Inn 800 356-8013 Comfort Inn 833-9798

Maple Manor Motel 800 624-3763

JR SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

When Lorraine Sternberg, WHPA Jr Scholarship Fund Director, followed through with her self-imposed obligation, scheduling the benefit tournament, little did she realize it would become, for her, a scorekeeping marathon. The field of 73 pitchers does not sound overwhelming but it required the services of scorekeepers 247 times. The four Sternbergs found themselves very busy.

It was serious stuff. A week later at the WHPA Spring Meeting, Lorraine was still smarting. She brought it to the attention of the membership saying something has to be done so that a tournament director is not responsible for providing scorekeepers.

A few notable pitchers came out of the woodwork for this event. Lenny Meistad, of Racine, hardly seen since his heydays at the Pitchin' Palace, apparently decided, "If you can't beat 'em - join 'em." He made his first on-court appearance in years, won a couple of games too. Don Kangas of Colgate made a rare wintertime appearance and tried using the old con, "*Haven't pitched a shoe since last fall. Even forgot where I left 'em.*" We hear you Kangas, also see you pitched over 70%. Honestly, people have said the guy does better without practice.

Results:

A Clayton Gage 72.2; Lorraine Sternberg 69.3; Don Kangas 71.5
 B Tony Scrima 58.2; Norm Mauthe 53.9; Gerri Meistad 51.4
 C Earl Paulson 43.2; Jim Haupt 46.4; Harry Nelson 41.4
 D Tip Wipperfurth 44.3; Ron Wilcziek 39.1; Greg Hehling 41.9
 E Rich Pichler 37.2; Harold Brockway 36.6; Bill Dahmen 35.4
 F Jon Mease 36.8; John Crook 42.5; Ken Frame 40.0
 G Milt Larsen 36.1; Don Stittleburg 35.6; Ron Willms
 H Gil Matzdorf 37.9; Norm Beckius 36.1; Gary Rackow 33.6
 I Gene Rhinehart 30.7; Frank Dohrwardt 27.6; Dick Schoener 18.8
 J Carol Crook 24.8; Mike Eddy 223.2; Ray Lopez 23.6

THE DIRECTOR'S PAGE

by Lorraine Sternberg

One nice thing about running a tournament at Arena, no rain or wind. It's always warm on the courts at the Sandbar so you know your tournament will be a success.

This year we raised over \$200 for the Scholarship Fund - now if we could only raise a few more juniors.

Class A played ringers only: We needed no scorekeepers. After the first game everyone had the system down. It went well. With few people willing to scorekeep, this may be done at more tournaments.

I feel it's time that *all* pitchers take on the responsibility of scorekeeping. This game is for all to enjoy. It's not fair to any tournament director to have to mark score the whole tournament. A tournament director is necessary or there won't be any tournaments. Players, please lend a hand before tournament directors wind up on the endangered species list.

Thanks to my whole family, Ken Kosky, Carol Crook, Sonny Cockcroft, and John Crook for helping out the entire tournament. Thanks also to the effervescent Gail, our happy hostess, and to Dave Forseth for once more providing the courts.

TIPPY'S ON ST PADDY'S DAY

If you're going to run a few tournaments, you might just as well win a few. Man of many doubles partners, Tip Wipperfurth wins this one.

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| A class | 1 Tip Wipperfurth and Dale Bauer |
| | 2 Lorraine Sternberg and Ken Kosky |
| | 3 Bun Carley and Jim Larson |
| B class | 1. Lavern Edge and Larry Lingel |
| | 2. Fred Decorah and Julian Tijerina |
| | 3. John Carlin and Bill Dahmen |

TIP'S SEASON FINALE

It was a nice April day, too nice to be indoors, a fitting end to the Arena indoor season.

A couple strangers out for a Sunday drive dropped in to the Sandbar to look over the latest crop of horseshoe pitchers. Bob and Faith Jackson of Sun Prairie, now show a reworked '32 Chevy rod in place of pitching shoes. They say they are reliving their youth. Showing cars was their original diversion of younger days. Through their visit they continue to keep the horseshoe avenue open. If Bob's back and hand heal, and Faith is willing, the horseshoe option is always there.

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| A class | 1. Lorraine Sternberg and Ken Kosky |
| | 2. Ralph Maylahn and Jim Haupt |
| | 3. Rick Poppe and Heidi Sternberg |
| B class | 1. Julian Tijerina and Fred Decorah |
| | 2. Bill Spahn and Joe Vondra |
| | 3. Herman Adler and Dave Miller |

The ordinary \$5 entry was bumped a dollar as a gratuity to everlasting scorekeeper, Karen Decorah.

SPRING MEETING DOUBLES

Ken Jaeger, in an effort to make the Spring Meeting tournament an easy fun outing, opted for a doubles format. And to make it a no risk social event, there was no sanction.

The synthetic clay at Royal Wood is considered by most pitchers to be tough to score on. It's fair and equal but the resilient conditions merely hold all to the same disadvantage.

The tournament may have been fun for the pitchers and easy for the director but it did not produce a full house turnout. Just ten doubles teams, 20 pitchers, signed on for the meeting tournament. The meeting itself was better attended.

Perhaps it's the better way to go on a meeting day... nothing on the line; just a ride in the park. This may catch on with others who ordinarily come just for the meeting.

We started this combination meeting-tournament to attract more to the meeting. Now we are trying to draw from the meeting for the tournament!

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| A class | 1. Randy Rein and Greg Hehling |
| | 2. Lorraine Sternberg and Ken Kosky |
| B class | 1. Harold Bestul and Bill Hildebrand |

BERG'S RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE

There's something about the team concept that breeds a sense of camaraderie. Your fate lives and dies with the team. Ron Berg was after that sort of feeling when he devised the River Valley Rumble.

The River Valley teams were two pair of doubles partners, four players, with a percentage cap of 180%.

Format was a double round robin. Captains' teams played each other in the first round and the other half of the team in the second round. No vacation during the bye rounds: The bye team played itself. Somewhere, mid-tournament, there was a lunch break. The guys, and one gal, needed it. It was some kind of marathon, starting at 11:00 AM, the courts weren't clear til after five.

Three teams tied for first place with seven losses each. Team percentage prevailed to determine placement. Oddly the entering

**SHOOT-OUT AT THE O.K. (O. KLARE)
OAKWOOD MALL CORRAL**

by Merrill Semingson

No, it wasn't the dusty old streets of Deadwood City, or the OK corral, but rather the tile floor of our Oakwood Mall, in Eau Claire. And the weapons weren't Colt 45's, but instead they used horseshoes, not from holsters but from wooden boxes.

So the scene was set between Wisconsin's four time Wisconsin State Champ, Randy Rein of Mosinee and Minnesota's sixteen time State Champion, Dale Lipovsky of Apple Valley, for a Saturday and Sunday in March. Randy was ranked tenth in the World in 1994 and Dale was World Champion three times. The two sharpshooters were ready for a showdown on two portable courts brought down from Chetek by Eau Claire member, Bill Schaaf.

In the forty point matches, Lipovsky drew first blood showing his world class form by quickly disposing of Rein with a blazing 80% mid-season form game. Rein pitched 70%; score, 40-28. The left-hander from Minnesota dominated most of the games on Saturday winning 7 of 8, three over 80%. Rein, in his only win of the day, the last game, edged Lipovsky 42-37 pitching 76% to Lipovsky's 75%. Even though he had lost seven games, the final win made Rein's day.

Lipovsky started out hot again Sunday pitching an 82% game to Rein's 67%. Not to be denied, Rein rose up and out-dueled his opponent the next two games hitting 68% and 76% while Lipovsky had 69% and 73%. Lipovsky went on to win the rest of the games Sunday.

For the two days, Rein averaged 66% winning three times. Lipovsky averaged 77% while winning eleven. It was fun. The bystanders couldn't believe the number of ringers. There was lots of interest shown by the public.

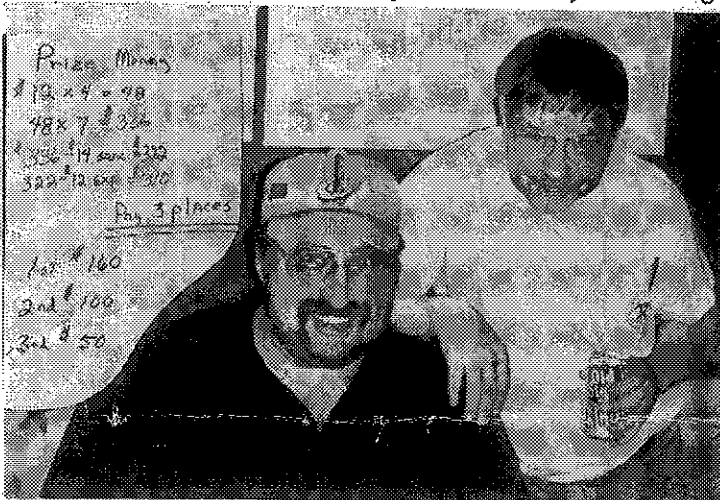
Much of the credit of hosting this event goes to E.C. President, Randy Hansen and Bill Schaaf. Elly McCarn took care of all the statistics of the nationally sanctioned two man tournament. Television Channel 13 was there and horseshoes had some exposure on the five and ten o'clock news, plus there was an article in the local newspaper about the horseshoe promotional event.

Oakwood Mall managers have already invited the club to come back when it's warmer and hold an exhibition or small tournament out in their parking lot. We also had a video playing constantly of Carl Steinfeldt's, "How to Pitch Horseshoes" and a video of the 1987 World Tournament held here in Eau Claire. Cliff Troullier brought up several different kinds of horseshoes for sale and we had club members passing out literature.

We think this may be a first of it's kind event in Wisconsin. Other clubs may want to pick up on this to promote the game of horseshoe in their area.

Don't forget, the State Tournament is in Eau Claire this year hosted by Jane Smith and the Close Doesn't Count Club of Centuria with the co-host Eau Claire Club at the Carson Park Courts.

EAU CLAIRE ACCOMODATIONS Listed on page 3



Ron Berg's work checked out by Mouse Beckius. Note the expenses.

seed proved to be the exact order of finish. Berg says we should have played Canasta. We think he just wanted in on the action.

1. John Udelhofen, John Aeschlimann, Ken Frame, & John Crook
2. Tony Scrima, Rich Conrad, Ron Brockway, & Jim Haupt
- 3 John Barden, Bing Noltmeyer, Carolyn Stittleburg & Bob C Anderson.

High ringer game; 19 ringers in 20 shoes; pitched by John Barden.



Rumblers - Harold Laws, Carl Gilbertson, Ken Frame. Strategy?

SPRING MEETING

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the Spring Meeting in *even* numbered years. Reason: Bestul suggested an even year change to give an incoming President (elected the previous fall) next meeting access to bylaw changes rather than wait two years.

#2. Setting calendar weeks for the WHPA general meetings; 3rd Saturdays in March and October. Reason: The dates were established at the last meeting. This makes it a Constitution change as it should be.

Membership approved by acclimation.

Hansen suggested adding another executive board member specifically to avoid anticipated deadlock votes within the council. No action was taken.

Clayton Gage proposed WHPA sponsorship for a second Wisconsin entry in the Team-World tourney. Some members picked up on it immediately but others wanted to see a specific order of selection. The vote, 14 for and 20 against said the proposal was not a complete package.

Jane Smith, in the capacity of State Tournament Director, set it straight that the event will be held outdoors at Carson Park in Eau Claire. They had all but contracted for an indoor site when it occurred to the host club that they did not have the personnel to move and set-up the temporary courts. At this time, Smith stated, we intend retain the inflated entry fee (\$20) for scorekeeping and if there proves to be an excess we will award something like high games, keeping all moneys within the class. Reservations for scorekeeping chairs will be included in the distribution of the tournament schedule.

Ken Kosky reported that his 1997 State tournament to be in Wausau is ahead of schedule. The building is contracted for and a commercial printer has been secured for the program book.

President Ken Jaeger in his first try presiding at a WHPA meeting, held the time to two hours and five minutes.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT

During the Spring Meeting, WHPA sponsorship of a second team for the Team-World tournament ran aground with a negative vote. There was no procedure offered for player selection.

John Secord, given the time, can often come up with a better way. He has presented the following as a Standing Rule.

"The WHPA will sponsor a five member team for the Team-World tournament of the top percentage pitchers for the calendar year using averages computed by the WHPA. Since the team can have only two 30 ft. pitchers, then the next highest percentage 40 ft pitchers will qualify, if more than two 30 ft. pitchers qualify in the top five."

Secord offered this next proposed standing rule as a simple solution to handle sponsorship of a second team, for Team-World.

"If after filling the number one team with five pitchers, there are a minimum of two pitchers that have a 70% or higher average but did not qualify for the number one team, the state Association would sponsor a second five member team using the same method as was used to fill the number one team."

It's likely these standing rule proposals will be a hot topic in the fall.

BERG'S ARENA SPRING SINGLES

Sure it's work directing all those tournaments at the Sandbar but Ron Berg tries to make it a happy experience.

He received a letter from a girl who requested a name change after making her entry. She entered the tournament as Tracy Sheppard of Beloit but wanted to compete as Tracy Pankhurst. It seems a wedding would occur Friday night before the Saturday morning class.

We know they must have been married Friday. Saturday morning Tracy was pitching, wearing a shirt with "Pankhurst" on the back.

Berg, the softie, decided to play it up. "Gail, I need a cake. Trouble is, I need it now," he asked of the Sandbar hostess. Amazingly Gail filled the order complete with decorative script by the time the class was over. Berg then leaned on Carol Crook and her camera to record the romantic moment. Somewhere Berg found some extra tournament money and gave the couple a newsletter subscription as a wedding gift. Berg says, "It's kinda cute and not often that a newly married couple spends their honeymoon pitching shoes at the Sandbar."

We were short one scorekeeper and one pitcher at 8:00 AM Saturday. John Crook, Spring Green, wound up carrying the clipboard and pacing. Next shift Crook took over the director's job to give Berg a breather. Apparently all the extra duty didn't hurt. He won his class big time.



Newlyweds, Rob and Tracy Pankhurst

RESULTS

- A Lorraine Sternberg 82.1; Ralph Maylahn 70; Larry Barber 61.4
 B Tony Scrima 56; Ron Brockway 48.2; Ken Olson 42.8
 C Mike Menden 41.4; Rick Poppe 46.8; LaVern Edge 42.5
 D Bill Dahmen 42.9; Fred Decorah 39.3; Tip Wipperfurth 40.4
 E John Crook 47.1; Harold Brockway 45.4; Bob Anderson 38.9
 F John Carlin 37; Milt Larsen 36.6; Don Stittleburg 33.3
 G Chet Hermansen 44.3; Jon Mease 34.6; Ken Davison 34.6
 H Gil Matzdorf 30.9; Gene Rhinehart 30.9; Mike Cone 33.3
 I Mike Eddy 23.6; Josh Erickson 24.6; Rowen Swick 21.6
 J Tom Hansen 19.2; Ivan Ruzic 10.8; Rick Zwick 9.3

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Arena Spring standout performers included; John Crook in "E" with 47%, followed closely by Harold "Duffy" Brockway with 45%, Tony Scrima in "B" with 56%, and Lorraine Sternberg in "A" with 82%. Berg's marginal notation - "wow."



from RON BERG ...

Thanks to all for helping with my tournaments at Arena. I am looking forward to just pitching this summer and keeping score!

No more tournaments for me to run until December.

December 14-15, 1996 Santa's Singles

February 8-9, 1997 Freezeroo

March 22or 23, 1997 The Rumble

April 4-5, 1997 The Sping Fling?

Thanks, Ron Berg

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Jim Poquette, Richfield, forever a Goldendale pitcher.

jimhaupt@aol.com

Jim Haupt, a sometimes writer and dubious pitcher.

So you see some people sort of hide behind a group of letters without revealing their real name. If you're online, try me. *

World Tournament entry forms are due May 7th. Dick Hansen advises two things will be different at the Gillette Wyoming World. Score keepers will receive 75 cents per pitcher and number 2, entrants will be expected to show their 1996 membership card.

Don't ask me why. I can't figure it out either. The NHPA will inform you of your percentage but you have to show them your card. You can't have one without the other.

John Secord would like to remind all that **NHPA fees are due** in the month of May. Late fee is \$2.

The **Fond du Lac tournament** has been incorrectly scheduled. Fairground availability is the concern. The club would like a tournament date before the State Tournament deadline, July 31, but not during the time of the World Tournament. Jeff Secord promises a new date will be announced.

The **Northern Wisconsin Championships** scheduled for August 17th by Steve Stevens will have new pitching times this year. To accommodate players with longer traveling distances, class A men will start a 12 Noon and classes B & C at 4:00 PM. If ladies or juniors sign on they will pitch at 12:30 PM. Stevens says, "We now have 8 courts with backstops at our County Fairgrounds and blacktop at 30 feet." The following day, Sunday, they do it again with four man teams.

"...Had the pleasure of keeping score for the lovely Wisconsin women pro's, Lorraine Sternberg, Cy Srenaski, Elaine Troullier, and the ever radiant Ann Opsteen. Lorraine took first but they are all #1 in my book." -excerpt of a letter by Dennis Jancoski, Floral City, Florida., while at the 1995 Mountain tournament.

To the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club

Am expressing my most sincere thanks to all responsible for having me pitch in the horseshoe exhibition in Eau Claire...at the Oakwood Mall. It was an honor to join those of you present and pitch with one of Wisconsin's top pitchers, Randy Rein. Hope it increased enthusiasm for our sport and helps your club to pick up new members. Eau Claire has always been my favorite horseshoe pitching city.

Team-World is coming up shortly, hope to see several of you in Beloit.

It was fun and exciting Saturday night, as we went to Old Country Buffet for dinner, then a few lines of bowling. Sure know how to keep a guy humble, as I received a few good lessons on how to roll strikes from Bill, Ron, and Randy.

Again, my utmost thanks to you all.

Sincerely,

Dale Lipovsky

DOWN AND BACK

by Jim Haupt

I suppose it's no news that these columns are produced with the aid of a computer. Got it about a year ago as a gift from a guy with the same by-line as appears on this page. Then Father's Day rolled around. I had served a modest apprenticeship when he put me online with a thing called a modem. The modem thing is a telephone connection for the computer. I get the terms mixed up once in a while. Used to call the screen thing a modem but it's really the monitor. So you see, in plain fact, why others call me a newbie to the world of Cyberesse.

Electronic mail is a reality when online. O yeah, you can get online if you sign up with an online provider like America Online. It costs about \$10/month for 300 minutes online. Anyway, E-mail is like suddenly going on ham radio except it takes only seconds of online time to send a page long message.

I started with just one address - the "by-line" person. In cruising the sports message boards, and receiving Email, I have picked up a few addresses. Some of the people you may know.

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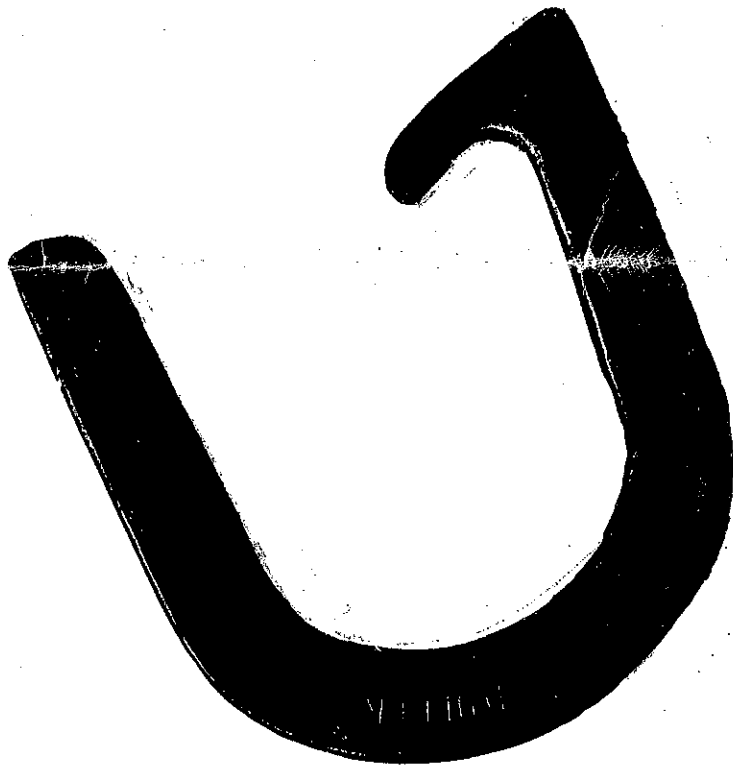
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