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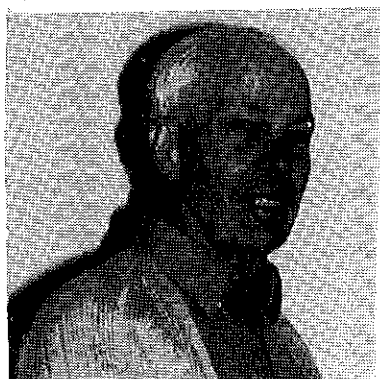
SPECIAL ISSUE

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A GOLDEN ERA

Some descriptions of the sport of horseshoes put the origin back to the days of the Norman Conquest. That may be accurate. The ancients invented horseshoe pitching. The game may have been "begot" by them but it "began" with us. The sport began with the open shoe, the resultant adoption of the NHPA and the likes of great pitchers such as our own Harvey Elmerson, Harold Sheets and Casey Jones.

A glance at the list of Wisconsin State Champions in the early years shows a regular repetition of three names; Elmerson, Sheets and Jones.



HARVEY
ELMERSON

Harvey Elmerson, 9 times State Champ, did it first at age 22 in 1926. That wonderful man still pitches competitively to-day.



HAROLD
SCHEETS

Harold Sheets won his first State title in 1932 at age 17. He repeated in 1933 and amazingly his third Championship was 40 years later!



CASEY
JONES

Casey Jones was only 16 years old when he began his domination of the State event in 1935. Casey went on to earn 16 State titles. It could have been more but some years he did not enter. Far and away, he is the best pitcher this state has ever seen.

FROM A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF THE DAY

Charles (Casey) Jones, 16 year old Waukesha boy horseshoe pitching wonder, last night earned the plaudits of a crowd of some 400 persons who crowded around the Cutler Park courts to see the home favorite defeat Ted Allen, World's Champion flinger and exhibitionist, 50-42 in a one game match. Allen, who had previously defeated Champ in two games by score of 50-25 and 50-26, was simply up against a better pitcher when he encountered Jones. The local lad started out shakily but after trailing 6-3 in the first few moments went into a double-ringer spree which left Allen dizzy. Jones kept Allen stalled at 15 points for more than 10 minutes while he piled up point after point and at one time led by a full 14 points, 29-15.

Midway in the match, Jones wavered and allowed Allen to stage a comeback which left the score 40-30 at one point. The local lad then pulled himself together and went on to pitch admirably for the rest of the contest.

Against Sheets the World Champ seemed to be easing up so as to not widen the gap; Sheets lacking the steady practice which made him state titleholder for two years was nowhere near the competition for Allen that was young Jones.

The figures for the Jones-Allen match showed that Charley pitched a ringer percentage of 80 to Allen's 77 to win or four shoes out of five nestled around the stake. Jones had 88 ringers and 32 double ringers to Allen's 85 ringers and 34 double ringers.

Sheets averaged 68 percent ringers in his first game and 70 in the second to Allen's respective 78 and 79 percents. Following the matches Allen performed a number of trick shots with Paul Zimmerman as the steel nerved stand-in.

You will have a most difficult time convincing any of the several hundred persons who saw Charley Jones defeat Ted Allen World's horseshoe pitching Champion here last night that Jones is not the present World's Champion. The Waukesha youngster walked away with the match in a fashion which made it hardly even close and although he has not the smooth rhythmic swing of Allen he flicks the slippers over the stake with monotonous regularity. It will be not a little surprising if Jones fails to capture the State Championship in the men's division this year and a few regional titles as well.

Allen performed for a good two hours and certainly gave full satisfaction in his exhibition. The collection he took up must have come to a good twenty or twenty-five dollars a percentage of which is retained by the local horseshoe pitchers club. Never the less Allen makes a good rake-off each week by pitching every night in a different stand and is said to average \$150 a week. In addition to guarantees in the bigger towns and percentage on collections in other cities he amplifies his earnings by selling pitching shoes and fancy cases after the exhibitions.

1935 STATE TOURNAMENT

STATE FAIR PARK - MILWAUKEE

1935 was one of the golden years for horseshoes in Wisconsin. The country was in the throes of the Depression. Model "A" Fords were stubbornly giving way to the V-8's. The iron wheeled street cars were the popular way to go. Horseshoe pitching was almost free, \$2.50 for a pair of shoes. No wonder we had three "World Class Pitchers" all in the same little area. May be that our strength was youth. The summer of 1935, Casey Jones was only 16 and would have his first chance to pitch in the "mens" class, Harold Sheets at 20 years was already a two time State Champ but dethroned the previous year by "Old Man" Elmeron who was a mere 31 and in his 7th term as #1 in the state.

Jones, Scheets and Elmeron qualified first second and third, respectively, all in excess of 70%. Glen Rust who would also compete in the Nationals this year was close behind with 69%. Friday was devoted to qualifying with all entrants pitching 200 shoes. [Qualifiers had the option to pitch an additional 100 shoes using the better total to gain entry to the top 24 class.]

Saturday they were divided into four six-man groups for the elimination round. Elmeron won all his games as did Jones. Sheets lost mone game but won his division on Percentage. These were point games. Average shoes per game to reach 50 points was 63 shoes. Eight lower average pitchers were eliminated but it was just a warm-up for the 16 mAN FINALS ON Sunday.

Sunday pitchers had to start early. All would participate in 15 games! That meant almost 1000 shoes each and then the top two would go into a best 3 of 5, game match. Youth and endurance must have been a diciding factor. Jones, Elmeron and Scheets; a boy and two young men were the top seeds.

Harold Scheets, trying to regain the State title at age 20 would have to wait another 40 years. His third ranking ringer percentage would hold but offer no better than 5th place and \$12.50 prize money.

Harvey Elmeron, the 31 year old defending champ won the percentage battle by one percent. Casey Jones, at 16, making his first

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attempt at the state in the men's class, tied Elmerston with 13 wins and 2 losses....Casey and Harvey to the finals.

In the final championship round, the two were to play 5 games. The first game went 90 shoes and although ringer percentages were equal (75.5) Jones won by a point. Second game, Elmerston got hot with 82.5% and took Jones by 14 points. The third game was a repeat of the first, Elmerston lost by 2 points. Fourth game, Jones dropped by 4 points. Darkness forced postponement of the last game. The following day, with pitchers tied at 2 wins each, it proved to be Elmerston's undoing as he gave way to make Casey the youngest State Champ for all time. Casey would go on to earn the State title 5 more times before Elmerston could win again.

For 21 years Elmerston, Scheets and Jones were the only State Champs....Scheets just twice....Elmerston 9 times and Jones 10 times. (Later Casey added six more State Championships for a total of 16 and Harold Scheets collected one more at age 60.

some newspaper clips of the golden era

1932 - STATE FAIR PARK, MILWAUKEE, WI
Three Beaver Dam entrants failed to qualify although E. Wrucke just missed when he scored 317 for 34th place.

1935 - TWO WAUKESHA BOYS, WAUKESHA WI
Two Waukesha boys are "working" their way to the west coast by one of the most ingenious methods yet developed. The pair, Harold Scheets and Dave Wolf, both horseshoe pitchers of note, are traveling from town to town via the jerked thumb system and subsisting on their earnings acquired in horseshoe tournament matches.

Sheets is a state men's horseshoe pitching champ and Dave Wolf is a former Waukesha High School star. They expect to be gone for three weeks and postcards sent along the way indicate that since Wednesday when they left, they have nearly reached Aberdeen, South Dakota.

1935 WORLD TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS featuring Elmerston, Scheets, and Jones

- Round 1 Jones, 50 Griggs, 49 in 100 shoes.
- Round 2 Jones (80.9) over Jackson; 50-29, Frank E. Jackson, the grand old man of horseshoes, was 65 yr. old and in his final world tournament.
- Round 5 Zimmerman (84.8) over Elmerston; 52-19.
- Round 6 Jones, 50 Zimmerman, 38,
- Round 7 Jones(85.9) over O Shea, 50-7.
- Round 9 Jones (88.6) over Milwaukeean, Glen Rust 50-6.
- Round 11 C.C. Davis beats Jones ; 50-46.
- Round 12 Elmerston (80.8) over Griggs ; 50-18 and Jones (81.8) Over Bozich ; 51-10.
- Round 13 Elmerston psyches Jones ; 53-33.
- Round 14 Scheets is not impressed by Jones and wins 50-42.
- Round 18 Jones finds Allen no problem with 50-42.
- Round 19 Allen (80.5) takes it out on Scheets ; 50-6.
- Round 20 Risk 50, Jones, a loser again at 48,
- Round 21 Elmerston (82.0) over Griggs ; 50-17.
- Round 22 Ted Allen and Harvey Elmerston both win.
- Round 23-final Allen strings a record 13 doubles to nudge Elmerston 50-47. Allen repeats as champion and Elmerston gains his highest ranking- #2 in the world.

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		W-L	Pct.
1.	Ted Allen	California 21-2	75.5
2.	Harvey Elmerston	Wisconsin 19-4	72.2
3.	C. C. Davis	Missouri 18-5	73.7
4.	Guy Zimmerman	Iowa 18-5	73.3
5.	Frank Jackson	Kansas 17-6	72.9
6.	Casey Jones	Wisconsin 17-6	72.7
7.	James Risk	Indiana 15-8	71.2
8.	W. O. Maxwell	Ohio 14-9	69.5
9.	Joseph Bennett	Illinois 14-9	69.1
10.	Ellis Griggs	Illinois 13-10	71.3
20.	Harold Scheets	Wisconsin 7-16	56.1
22.	Glenn Rust	Wisconsin 5-18	57.7

1936 - MILWAUKEE, WI
Like last year the crowd favored Casey this year as he stood in contrast with the older contestants a smile on his boyish face his white shirt open at the throat and trousers turned up to the knees. "Guess I always pitched horseshoes," Casey said, "When I was a kid I just picked up a couple of shoes and started tossing. That's the way it started."

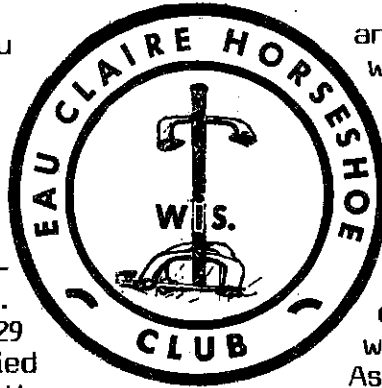
1935 - WORLD TOURNAMENT AT MOLINE, IL
Elmerston, Scheets and Jones joined by Glenn Rust, also of Milwaukee, renewed pitching competition by qualifying for the '35 World. For Rust and Scheets it would be a disappointment. For Casey it would be his grand entrance to the NHPA WORLD. Elmerston would show his seasoning by evening the score with the kid, Casey and finishing second only to the master, Ted Allen. -second in Wisconsin and SECOND in the WORLD!

Organized horseshoe in Eau Claire seems to have run in three major cycles or periods. The first period started shortly after World War I and the controlling agency was known as the Eau Claire Horseshoe Pitchers Association. It was well in operation in 1922 and ran past 1929. How long it continued after 1929 is unknown but it probably died out due to lack of courts and the depression.

The second era began with the New Deal, WPA and the City Playgrounds system. The city playgrounds were under the supervision of Ade Olson, horseshoe great of Eau Claire, and there was also extra playground help supplied by the WPA. Older people were encouraged to participate in recreation programs with horseshoe play and tournaments for each playground. In 1937, there were about seven playgrounds throughout the city and each one had at least two courts plus horseshoes. A tournament of playground champions was held to determine the city champion in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. This period lasted from 1934 until 1942 when World War II ended play.

Horseshoe was again revived on an organized basis by the efforts of Hod Hoepner and some of his friends. They prevailed on the Parks and Recreation Department to conduct horseshoe on a league plan and hold a city tournament at the end of the season. This was started in 1958 and continued until 1965 when the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club was organized, largely through the efforts of Curt Bestul, the first club president and Glen Holzemer, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The first mention in the press, that we know of about horseshoe in Eau Claire, appeared in The Free Press of August 8, 1877. William and James Bonell issued a public challenge to Alexander Kempt and Eben E. Chase to a game of horseshoe. The distance specified was 55 to 60 feet. Whether this challenge was presented to settle a dispute, win a wager or merely to satisfy boastfulness is not known. The results of the match, if it was ever played, were not published. (no tournament follow-up) The Bonell brothers conducted a wagon



and carriage factory, Alexander Kempt was connected with the Eau Claire Lumber Co. and Eben E. Chase was an Eau Claire lawyer who later became United States Marshal for Idaho Territory.

The first city champion that we have a record of was Ben Weiss, of the Eau Claire Coffee Co., who won the Eau Claire Horseshoe Pitchers Association tournament in 1922. They tried several methods of play to determine a champion but finally settled down to a tournament that consisted of a round robin play with everyone in the club. It started in August and lasted into September as the players had to get together at their convenience and play a 50 point game. All rules and regulations were those laid down by the newly formed NHPA. The winner was presented a large traveling trophy at the annual fall meeting.

Horseshoes in the ten years or so after World War II was strictly backyard - unorganized. Some threw indoors in winter over the Old Farmers Store on Graham Avenue. Many people had stakes driven in their yards and threw a few shoes now and then. One of the more organized, unorganized groups consisted of some fellows who lived in the Menomonie Street area. They made two crude courts in the ally between Menomonie St. and Water St., not far from 6th Ave. Lights were strung up and the summer evenings were devoted to horseshoe pitching. Due to having no higher authority or judge to have the last word on close disputes, there were always a few minor arguments. As the fellows became more enthused by becoming more proficient, the games began to last a little longer. The old saying "well, let's play just one more game," was heard again and again. One hot and humid night, when the shoes were still clinking at midnight, some scoundrel who had to get up early in the morning and had no sense of humor, put in a sneaky riot call to the police. They sent a squad car down to persuade the athletes to give up the game for the night. The next morning, the stakes were pulled up, never to be driven in again by that particular group.

The start of the present era of horseshoe pitching in Eau Claire was in 1963. Some of

EAU CLAIRE HORSESHOE CLUB (CONT'D)

the pitchers had heard of the State Tournament which was held each year at the State Fair in Milwaukee. A group went down and were happy to report that two of them even made it into the tournament. Word of the Northwest Open Tournament at St. Paul was the next step and several entered that in 1964. Qualifying could be done during the week before the tournament so a group went up one evening and pitched their 100 shoes. Frank Stinson was there that evening and qualified with 83 ringers out of 100 shoes and had two come off. This really got the Eau Claire pitchers interested in tournaments and they soon learned how to organize a club, run a tournament and also became members of the NHPA. The Eau Claire Horseshoe Club was then officially organized on May 18, 1965 and they conducted their own league play and city tournament on the four courts in Owen Park until 1967.

After attending the 1964 World Tournament at Greenville, Ohio and the 1965 at Keene, New Hampshire as spectators, interest grew some more. Donnie Bestul pitched in the Junior Boy's division at Keene and may have been the first Wisconsin entry as a Junior. The 1966 tournament was held at Murry, Utah where he won the Boy's Class C and Don's dad, Curt, became the first Eau Claire pitcher to enter a World Tournament in the Men's division. In the spring of 1967, twelve new courts were built at Carson Park and the first Eau Claire Open was held that August. A new Wisconsin State Association was also formed that year with the State Tournament being held at Combined Locks. The following year Eau Claire hosted the state tournament for the first of three times to this date.

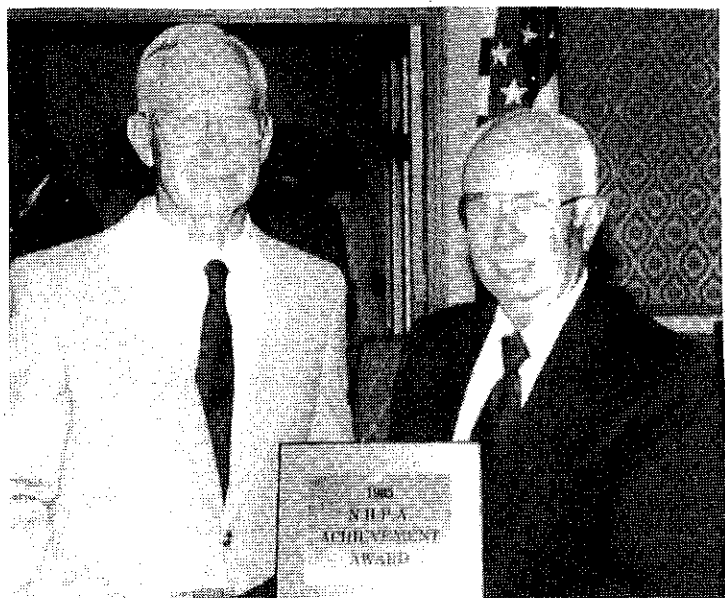
A subject which had been discussed before but was finally tried in 1974 was the formation of a Women's League. This turned out to be most successful and they have been very instrumental in the progress made by the club. Their pitching accomplishments in these first few years are something else. Pat Eaton has been Wisconsin State Champ 8 times, Shary Klopp 2 times and Debby Bestul the Girl's State Champ 5 times and World Champ 2 times.

1978 brought the addition of 3 courts at Carson Park. The next year, a building and 3 more courts were added making a total of 18 lighted

blue clay courts with cement walkways and enclosed with a cyclone fence.

Being chosen as the host of the 1987 World Tournament is no doubt the greatest thing that has ever happened for the sport of horseshoe pitching in Eau Claire. The development of a portable clay court to be used indoors and the addition of a second rink at the Hobbs Ice Center made this possible. The 18 courts at Carson Park being used for practice and the 32 at Hobbs for the competition.

It was interesting to find that some of the early pitching was done only three blocks from the site of this year's World Tournament. Even more interesting was the date of the first known mention in the press of horseshoe pitching in Eau Claire. That date, August 8, 1877, was exactly 110 years before the final day of this year's World Tournament.



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THE PITCHIN' not FISHIN' PALACE

STURTEVANT - Pitchin' Palace, an idea born on a fishing trip, four years later finds itself flowing on a river of yet greater optimism.

It's the same optimism that, not only kept afloat a full-scale commercial indoor horseshoe pitching facility, but has proved to be a breeding ground for innovations to a sport which is etching its way into American leisure time activity.

During its fall-winter "season" the Pitchin' Palace hosts more than 350 people on a weekly regular basis, to say nothing of the out of town group outings on weekends. Translated that means the nightly leagues are full and there are monthly couples leagues on weekends.

This year the emphasis is on Senior Citizen Leagues to fill some of the day time hours at the Pitchin' Palace. It looks good so far. After all, they don't call themselves "Gray Power" for nothing.

Horseshoes is an excellent sport to hinge a business on because of its tremendous flexibility. By that I mean, other than a few basic rules you can play the game any way you want which is evidenced at the Pitchin' Palace. Everyone of our leagues operates under a different format whether its singles, doubles, teams, 21-point games, shoe games, handicapped, round-robin etc., etc., etc.

This flexibility is "handy" for accomodating groups. Many times I set-up competitive formats which by design also forces everyone to interact. That way at the end of the outing everyone is at least acquainted.

The bottom line is to make it a positively, absolutely enjoyable experience. If that's the case, chances are a new horseshoe pitching enthusiast may be born and a new customer for the Pitchin' Palace. Very simply that is my job and that is the thrust of my efforts.

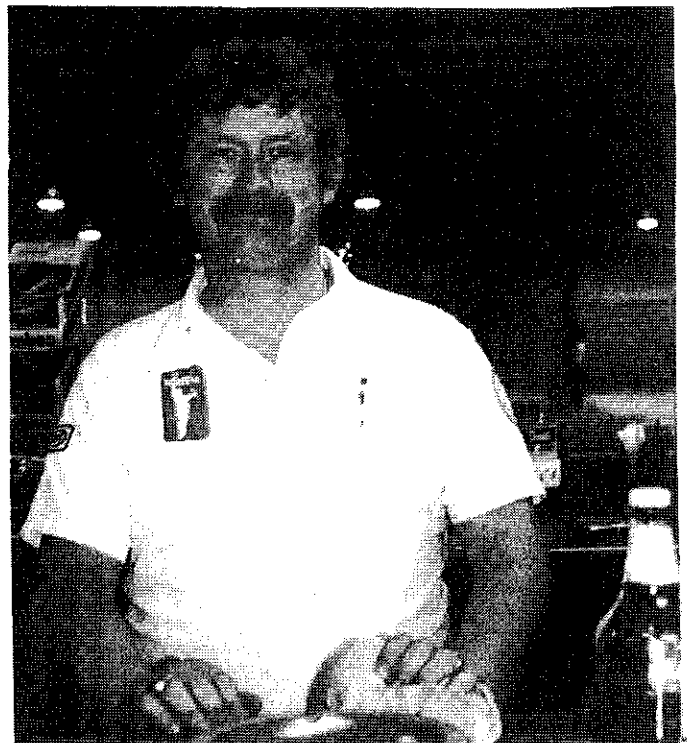
We must remember if indoor horseshoe pitching facilities are going to survive they must be geared for all horseshoe pitchers. Lets never lose sight of that. Everyone is entitled to use the facility in a way which they find most enjoyable.

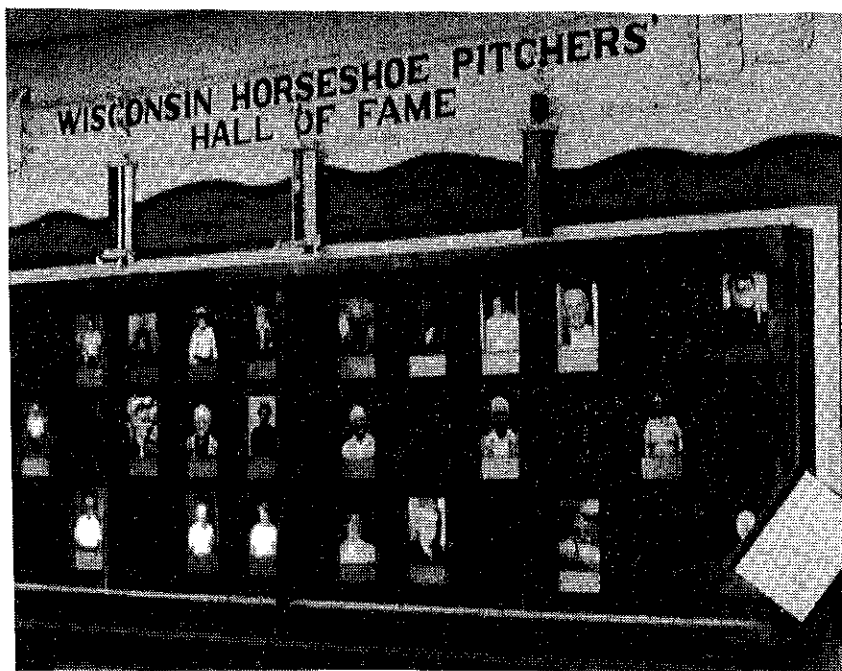
I'm happy with the progress of the business so far, but with additional capital funds to expose the Pitchin' Palace via advertising and planned promotional efforts the place could literally be booming. The Pitchin' Palace is the best kept secret in southeastern Wisconsin.

But what a population base we have to solicit. There are 320,000 people within 20 minutes of the Pitch' Palace and 11 million people within 100 miles. Slowly but surely, each one of these will learn about the Pitchin' Palace. It just takes time and hard work.

Because everything is new and nothing is paid for, to date the Pitchin' Palace does not generate enough revenues in its 8-month season to sustain itself for 12 months. That's why we tried archery (discontinued presently because of insurance reasons) and now have the "I-94 Speedway," a race track for summer racing of electric powered radio controlled hobby cars. Racing is Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Enough about how the Pitchin' Palace came about and why it is still here, I want to touch





on what I consider some innovations at the Palace.

First of all, and the N.H.P.A. might not agree, I believe the Pitchin' Palace should be an experimental center. I have not and will not say "no" to a new idea. The philosophy is "Lets try it" and get some feedback. I'd rather do something wrong than to do nothing. Nothing is backwards.

Because of this, the Pitchin' Palace founded the Can-Am (Canadian-American Friendship Open), a team tournament pitting states against one another in head-to-head competition. It's nothing but fun, fun and more fun. Don't take my word for it, talk to the players.

This has been so successful, it spawned a similar tournament in Wisconsin in which all the clubs get teams and compete in the same format. Again fun, fun and more fun.

We also have what we call the "Homer" tournament which is doubles, handicapped round-robin tournament. It's held once a month and is real popular.

Score-keeping - It always has been a problem at the Pitchin' Palace so we've made several attempts at trying to get a suitable solution. We've hired Boy Scouts and pay \$1 per game for the Can-Am and for the Wisconsin State Tournament. There's been some grouching about using non-experienced Boy Scouts, but you must consider the alternative.

Secondly, we tried last year and will incorporate it this year, is having no scorekeepers and playing

"Ringers Only" games with the players keeping their own score. It hasn't been wholeheartedly accepted, but it's a start. I think horseshoe is a "natural" for keeping your own score because when two people are playing one of them is doing nothing. I mean you are either pitching or watching your opponent pitch.

The complaint is that it breaks one's concentration. Horse feathers! Concentration by definition means focusing your thoughts on or in one particular area. It doesn't matter at what point this takes place. The alternative is for the player to be willing to pay a justifiable sum to compensate his or her time to sit and record your score.

I believe the sport of horseshoe pitching is growing and the opportunity for more growth is tremendous given society's appetite for recreational activity.

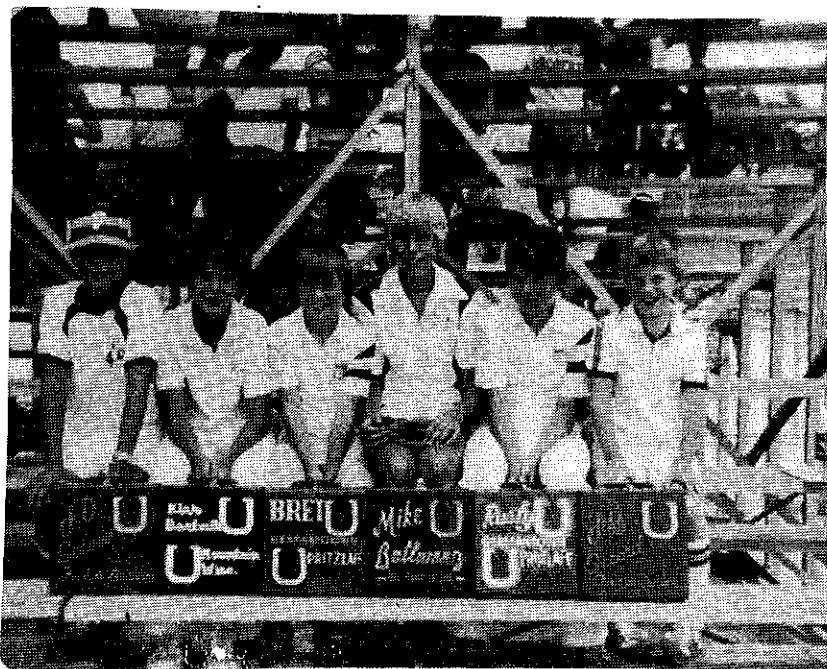
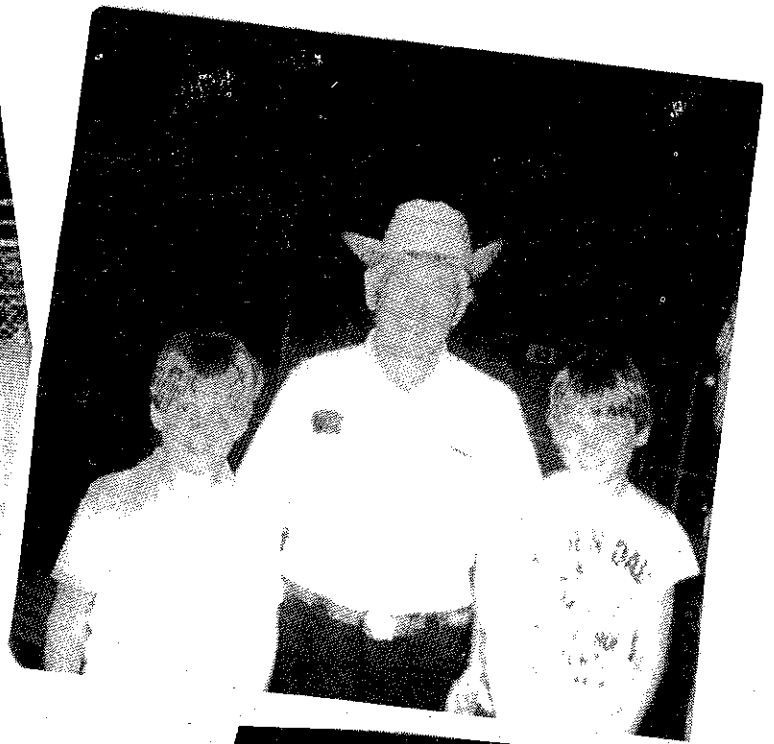
The greatest population base in the history of our country "the baby boomers" are just beginning to look for alternative recreational forms to occupy themselves the rest of their life. It's our chance and we can't ignore it.

Given that, I think it should be an internal growth. By that I mean instead of telling someone you pitch horseshoes, invite him or her to your next contest, league or tournament. Seeing is believing.

Sincerely

Tom Roanhouse

Pitchin' Palace



Top Left - 1985 World Tournament Debby Bestul, Allan Francis, Walter Ray Williams Jr. & Deborah Michaud, Top Right - Jeff Secord, Ted Allen, Bret Pritzlaff Middle Left - 1984 World Tournament, Debby Bestul, Bret Pritzlaff, Hank Schwartz Middle Right - Priemsberger Arena, Bret Pritzlaff, World Champion, Phyllis Negaard, Jeff Secord Bottom Left - 1978 World Tournament, J.D. Secord, Kirk Bartnik, Bret Pritzlaff Mike Balwantz, Rusty Pritzlaff, Jeff Secord

THE KIDS FROM WISCONSIN

Just a short time ago we of Wisconsin had a corner on the Junior pitchers market. Little did we know we were at the top of the mountain. Juniors horseshoe competition was at its peak. Have you taken a good look at the 1978 photo from the "Digest" showing the six Wisconsin boys seated behind their cases? That picture says more than these few lines could ever hope to tell. They came as singles; they came as pairs. Junior pitching was (and is) a family affair. Wisconsin's junior division, the envy of the NHPA, was an exciting contest.

The first and only World Champion from Wisconsin is DEBBY BESTUL from Eau Claire. Her first World Tournament was at Genola, Minnesota where she won Class C with a 7 and 0 record and 21.7% average. She was 10 years old. Her next World Tournament appearance was in 1984 in Huntsville, Alabama where she became the Junior Girl World Champ at the age of 13 with a 5 and 0 record and 42.5%. She defended her title in 1985 at Lafayette, Indiana with another perfect record and 63.8%

Her only loss in World competition came at Ainsworth, Nebraska in 1986 when she was defeated in the final game by Sandy McLachlin of Canada. In this game Debby pitched 68.4% and Sandy, 75% for a new World's record in the combined percent for both Junior Girl pitchers. She has been State Champ every year since 1982. As with all juniors Debby has to go begging for competition. Her performance at the Eau Claire World will depend on the hours of solitary practice she has chosen to devote.

In the Junior Boys division, Championship class, BRET PRITZLAFF of Germantown, has placed 2nd in 1981 at Genola with 83.8% ringers. His other 2nd was at Huntsville, Alabama in 1984 with 76.9%. Three more Championship class appearances were in 1980, Huntsville, 11th place, 63.8%, 1982, Huntsville, 6th and 71.6%, 1983, Statesville, North Carolina, 5th, 75.1%. Bret has 6 State Championships, the first one at the tender age of 8 in 1976. He holds the all time record high for a Junior Champ in Wisconsin at 84.8% in 1981.

HANK SCHWARTZ of Random Lake has been in the World Championship class twice. The

first time in Huntsville, 1984, he placed third with 77.9% and in 1985 at Lafayette placed 2nd with 82.8%. He has been State Champion three times.

KIRK BARTNIK of Mountain is the only junior from Wisconsin with a perfect game. This occurred in Genola, Minnesota in 1980 at the indoor Preimesberger Arena. 50 ringers out of 50 shoes! He also capped the win of that class with 87.8%. Kirk was in the World Championship class in 1981 at Genola and placed 5th, 77.0%. He also was State Champ in 1980.

JEFF SECORD of Fond du Lac placed 11th in the Championship class at Statesville in 1983 with 68.3%. His first World Tournament was in 1977 where at the age of 8 he was the youngest player in the tournament.

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Date 10/25/80 Court No. 2 Game No. 2

Kirk Bartnick vs. J. Holland

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX	3	3	2	X	—	0
XX	—	9	4	—	—	0
XX	—	9	6	XX	—	0
XX	6	15	8	—	—	0
XX	3	18	10	X	—	0
XX	3	21	12	X	—	0
XX	—	21	14	XX	—	0
XX	6	27	16	—	—	0
XX	6	33	18	—	—	0
XX	3	36	20	X	—	0
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XX	3	57	32	X	—	0
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XX	6	90	50	—	—	0

EXHIBITION GAME PLAYED BY
FRANK E. JACKSON VYRL D. JACKSON AT
GUS GLASOW HORSE SHOE COURT

FOND du LAC—65 YEARS OF CLUB HORSESHOES

In the year 1920 Gus Glasow who resided at 436 Center Street put in 2 horseshoe courts in the vacant lot next to his home. They started pitching on black dirt after which sand was added.

Two local men issued a call for a championship match. The first challenge came from Guy Domenget and M. French and was staged by Bill Sinske and Gus Glasow as opponents in 1922. This first match interested other local fellows and led to the formation of what was known as "The Fond du Lac Pitching Club." Gus Glasow was elected the first president of the organization and held the office for 35 years. The club has been continuously active since that time and this year we celebrate our 65th anniversary. Attracting early enthusiasts was an exhibition in 1925 by Frank Jackson, 10 time National Champion, played at the Center street courts,—100 spectators were present.

After the courts were moved to the Fruth Athletics Field, Putt Mossman who came here from Iowa started his audience with remarkable trick and blind horseshoe pitching. Guy Zimmerman of California performed at Taylor Park. Harold Scheets of Waukesha, in a 1934 exhibition appearance, pitched 75.5% while besting five Fond du Lac men....Mathwig, Jors, Mietzfeldt, King and Redman at the Senior High School Courts.

The club moved their courts several times, including Fruth Field, Taylor Park, Goodrich High School to our present location now at the Fair Grounds with 16 lighted clay courts. The local club hosted the State Meet two years.

A sand court was made up and was used for practice at the Alhambra Bowling Alley on the second floor, over the pagel Electric Shop. Due to the noise, it had to be removed.

I would estimate that Harry Reese was the clubs best man pitching about 65%. In the early 50's, the best percentage was held by Harold Bond at 52% with a flip shoe.

In 1934 a traveling trophy was given to the club by the Dutch Girl Laundry. County tournaments were held yearly and when the champion won any 3 different years it was his to keep. Sam Mietzfeldt became the champ in 1934-1941 and 1942. Sam passed away this year and the club was given the trophy in his memory. County championship competition faded from the scene. When reinstated lately, Lauer's Food Mart donated the trophy which is now held by Jim Bloemers, the club's first vice-president.

The club membership varied from 8 members to a total of 105 in 1987 with several playing in two leagues. 125 members pitch weekly, both men and women.

I, "C. L. Ollerman" joined the club in 1947. A spring meeting was held in 1949 and changed leadership. Sam Mietzfeldt who succeeded from the retirement of Glasow, then president, along with the Club Secretary, John Rowells were the only members present as I was elected Secretary-treasure. I have held this office since that time, 38 years.

I started playing with shoes from farm horses at age fourteen. Borrowed my first pair of horseshoes from Sam Mani' junk yard.

I have been the club's tournament director, was the State Association Vice-President in 1979 and 1980. I was named to the Wisconsin Hall of Fame in 1985. I am still active as a player in both the singles and doubles leagues. At the age of 75, I have been pitching from 37 feet this year. My top ringer percentage was at 48%. Now it is down to about 32%. IT'S THE LOVE OF THE GAME THAT KEEPS ME COMING BACK EACH YEAR!

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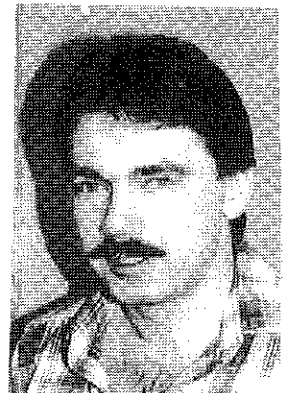
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PRITZLAFF

DECLINES



After serving as President of the WHPA since the spring of 1978, I have decided not to run for President again. The election will be held at the State meeting during the State Tournament on Labor Day weekend.

In order to have a smooth election, I would like members to send nominations to me for the office of President. Nominees must be told of their nomination and be present at the meeting. The purpose for this is that the nominee should be interested in being President.

The WHPA is also looking for a Publicity Director for Wisconsin. The Publicity Director helps in promoting horseshoes throughout the state. NHPA Publicity Director, Bob Champion, will provide guidance in this endeavor. This position would be very beneficial and important to our sport. If you are interested or know of someone, write to me.

I would appreciate your reply on these proposals by August 31.

Good Luck to all Wisconsin entrants in the World Tournament.

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THE 1948 WORLD TOURNAMENT MILWAUKEE, WI.

Fernando Isais, by a slight edge, out pointed his rivals at Milwaukee and for the third time in seven years, he has won a World Championship Tournament! During the past seven years, he has held the title six years.

At the National Convention, Arlo Harris of Indianapolis, Indiana, was elected President; Byron Jaskulek of New York City, was elected First Vice President; Guy C. Werts of Waukesha, Wisconsin, was elected Second Vice President; Louis Dean of Pomona, California, was elected Third Vice President and Harvey W. Clear of Santa Cruz, California was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. The Convention passed a resolution to issue a combined National-State-Local club card.

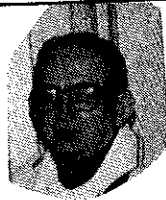
Soon after Mr. Woodfield took office in 1941, the United States was forced into the war. The sport of horseshoe pitching took a tail spin and looking back now to that time it seems that only Harry T. Woodfield and about a dozen other men in the United States cared enough about the game to do anything about it. But the efforts put forth by Mr. Woodfield was surely more than what those other men put into it by their combined efforts.

Mr. Woodfield scored a victory now and then. With an occasional magazine article, then the Army program, the horseshoe career of President Truman, three National Tournaments in three years, the commencement of the horseshoe pitching classes in a German High School at Giengen-Brenz, the promotion of the game through contacts made in Australia and the valiant attempts to put horseshoe pitching into the Nations High Schools and Colleges.

All in all, the career of Mr. Woodfield since 1941 has been marked by a general and wide-spread improvement of the situation of horseshoe pitching.

RALPH DYKES

REMEMBERS



Some memories of the 1948 World Tournament. Exceptionally high stakes, a lot of them 18 inches high or may be even higher. On account of pitching east and west, in the evening, play had to be held up until the sun went down far enough not to bother players. 32 players, only 12 courts, always at least 8 players not in action. Right behind the bleachers on the west side of the courts was a roller coaster that was going on a down incline with all the people on it screaming their heads off. Arlo Harris who was elected President of the NHPA, during his tenure tried his best to promote the count all system instead of cancellation.

Getting back to the tournament; there were ninety-one entries, which in itself, is a record. They came from thirty-eight different States! Each tossed two hundred shoes for points, the high thirty-two went into the finals. Guy Zimmerman set a new record of 546, then Ted Allen got 547 followed by Casey Jones who also came up with 546 to even up with Zimmerman. During the round robin of the thirty-two high men, the pitching appeared to be on a higher percentage basis among practically all of the players than the writer has ever witnessed.

Ted Allen ended a game with Russell Yaus of Canton, Ohio with seven consecutive double ringers; then he started the game with Arlo Harris by tossing twenty-nine consecutive doubles.

Guy Zimmerman completed his game with Ray Ohms of Salt Lake City, Utah, by throwing eight straight double ringers; then he pitched a perfect game of one hundred percent, twenty-two doubles to down Henry Pergal of Crane, Indiana, fifty to nothing and then he started his game with Arnier Lindquist of Morgantown, West Virginia with one double. The perfect game is a record.

Information for the 1948 World Tournament was based on excerpts from an article by Leland S. Mortenson in the September issue of "Horseshoe Pitcher," Editor Byron Jaskulek. - Courtesy of Ralph Dykes

1948 WORLD TOURNAMENT (CONT'D)

Casey Jones had an average ringer percentage of 87.4. This is a new world's record. During the finals, thirty-six games were won by ringer percentages of ninety percent or better. Isais won four such games, Allen six, Tommy Brownell of Gloversville, New York, won three, Zimmerman won ten and Jones won thirteen. The longest game of the tournament was between Jones and Guy Zimmerman. Casey Jones won, fifty to forty-eight. Each had one hundred twenty-eight ringers out of one hundred forty-eight shoes pitched.

Among the top five men, Isais lost to Tommy Brownell and Guy Zimmerman. Allen lost to Isais, Brownell and Jones. Zimmerman lost to Dale Dixon of Des Moines, Iowa, Allen and Jones. Jones lost to Brownell, Isais and Earl Bomke of New Berlin, Illinois. Brownell lost to Zimmerman, Bomke, Stan Deleary of Phoenix, Arizona and to Lowell Edmondson of Plainville, Indiana.

Now, let us see how close some other pitchers came to being the champion. Isais won from Jones fifty to forty-nine, by a margin of one point on a close shoe.

Zimmerman, in losing to Dale Dixon, went completely to pieces. He led Dixon twenty-two to two and Dixon scored thirty points in five time up to take a lead of thirty-two to twenty-two. It was Dixon's first victory over Zimmerman.

It appears that the final statistics will show that it was the greatest tournament in all horseshoe pitching history. It is very evident that a number of mistakes were made in planning for the tournament. The Officers are aware of what those mistakes were and it is not likely that the same kind of mistakes will soon be repeated. As the tournament came to its close, Mr. Arlo Harris announced that a bid for the 1949 World's Tournament is "in the Bag."

LADIE'S TOURNAMENT

In between the World's Tournament the Ladies held a tournament of their own. There were eight entries. Besides a trophy, substantial cash awards were made. Mrs. Arner Lindquist, of Morgantown, W. Va. came out on top, her highest game being better than 72 percent.

Mrs. Stan Deleary, of Phoenix, Arizona, was runner up and Mrs. Ralph Kampschroeder, Of Lawrence, Kansas, walked away with the third prize.

BANQUET AND PARTY

On Monday evening, the 16th, nearly all of the Horseshoe Fraternity attended a Banquet in the rooms of the Knights of Pythias. According to the amount of food which was served no one would think that food prices could be so high. We were entertained with dinner music and entertainment after which Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kampschroeder showed us movies of the Des Moines and Salt Lake tournaments. Next evening, Tuesday, we went to the Pabst Brewing Company where we had a big supper and plenty of Pabst beer.

JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Lee Mortenson, in his article covering the Milwaukee tournament says that a number of mistakes were made in planning the tournament. As I remember it the first mistake was made in laying out the courts. Instead of them being laid out from North to South they were laid out from East to West. The second mistake that was made was that there were only twelve courts instead of sixteen. This made it very difficult for Harvey Clear who had figured on having sixteen courts and laid out his schedule accordingly. This necessitated his changing the round robin completely. He had to rearrange his schedule to accommodate thirty-two players on the twelve courts. The third mistake was a very serious one as far as the National Association was concerned. At all previous tournaments of this kind it was customary for the Association to collect the entrance fees. Instead of following this customary procedure the entry fees were collected by the representative of the Fair Commission who used the money to pay for current expenses connected with the running of the tournament. To my mind this brings up the thought that it is about time that the Constitution and By Laws of the National Association are due for a change. I would suggest that some of the changes necessary are rules and regulations covering the layout of the courts, including the direc-

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tion of same and to specifically state that there must be sixteen of them. In regards to the entry fees it should state that this money was to be collected by the treasure of the National Association, said entry fees to be used as added money prizes or to be used any way seen fit by the Officers of the National Association. If these suggestions were adopted in the future these so called mistakes would not occur. I hope our Officers will give these suggestions serious thought before the next championship tournament.

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| 46. Jule Winter, Mich. 467 | (Last three did not finish) |

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| 1. Fernando Isais - 84.2% | 7. J. Lindmeier - 75.2% |
| 2. Ted Allen - 84.5% | 8. Earl Bomke - 72.5% |
| 3. Guy Zimmerman - 86.0% | 9. T. Brownell - 80.9% |
| 4. Casey Jones - 87.5% | 10. O. Harris Harris - 71.8% |
| 5. Alvin Gandy - 72.8% | 11. E. Griggs - 75.3% |
| 6. Stan De Leary - 77.5% | 12. Ellis Cobb - 67.6% |

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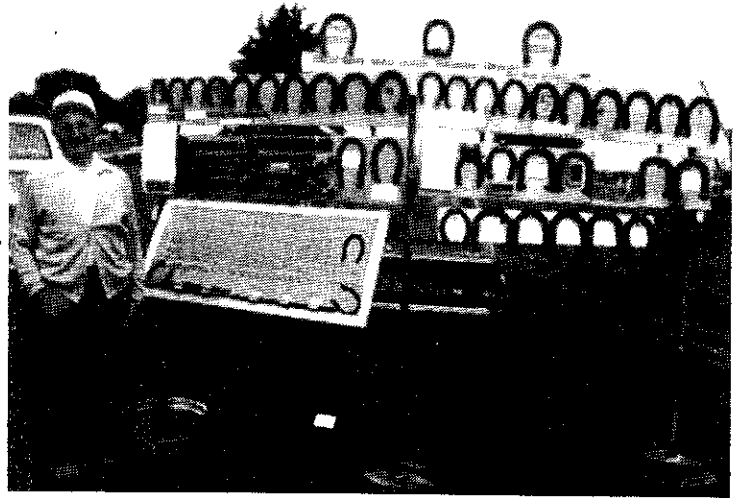
On the way home from the Spring Meeting, we stopped off to visit Hall of Famer, Bob Wilke. "It's just past the "S" curve east of Red Granite", he directed. "And I have something to show you." Once there, we were led to a shed that houses the "Bob Wilke Museum of Twentieth Century Horseshoes". Two large panels display a collection of shoes, stakes and other good stuff. Everything was tagged with a year and description. Perhaps some of you have seen the display at various tournaments in the state. He gave us the following little story.

"I started to throw horseshoes back in 1914 and I still do a little pitching today. I also still have those two little shoes that I threw when I first started playing this game with my father when I was just a five year old kid!" [While re-opening the pits, in the year 1940, Bob Wilke actually dug up his original pony shoes. He found them in the ground near the stake! We have to assume that he did not turn the pits very often, or he left the farm for a few years.] "Yes! Those two little pony shoes that I threw in those years were at stakes that stood just 6 inches high, 36 feet apart." [Time has a way of turning back on itself... Wilke's stakes are now driven at 30 feet as he practices for the 70 year class.] "No, I didn't throw my shoes the same distance. as my father did; only about one third that distance. I still have all the different shoes that I have thrown since that time. Now let's see; first there were the several different sizes of horseshoes, then in 1924 the Mossman, in 1928 the Diamond, in 1931 the Gordons, in 1932 the Ohio, in 1954 the Allen, in 1972 the Lee and in 1981 back to the Ohios. And oh yes! There are those illegal shoes, the ones with a 4 inch opening you could not use anymore in tournament play after the year 1927. [Wilke must be a saver. Out in back of the menagerie of sheds on his farm, there rests the rusting remains of a 1940 Ford DeLuxe, a collector's dream.]

Now last but not least, there is still one man around yet today, with whom I pitched horseshoes back in 1917. Some of that playing, with a neighbor, was done right here on this farm where I am living today, which is where I grew up. Yes, Today I'm not only living in

the same house but I am sleeping in the same room I was born in, 78 years ago.

I would be in remiss if I didn't say this; my father not only was a blacksmith and did horseshoeing but he also was an ardent horse-shoe pitcher back in his younger years.





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THE EVOLUTION OF A WORLD TOURNAMENT BID

Submitting a bid for a World Horseshoe Tournament and having it accepted is quite an experience. This happened to the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club and following is a summary of how it all came about.

Interest grew and the addition of a second indoor rink at the Hobbs Ice Center made it all seem more possible. Much had been learned from the research done before presenting the first bid. Curt and Beaty Bestul offered to be Co-Chairpersons of a committee to explore the feasibility of submitting a bid for the 1987 World Tournament. The city council was contacted and found to be very supportive of the endeavor. The Parks & Recreation Department met with them to determine how much they would be able to assist the club. The Hobbs Ice Center was also contacted to make sure that the facility would be available and could be used for an indoor horseshoe tournament.

All indications were that the club would receive the needed support and after much discussion at a special meeting, it was decided to submit a bid of \$25,000 for the 1987 World Tournament. The Eau Claire Convention & Tourism Bureau was another agency that had been contacted earlier for their support. They offered to handle the housing arrangements for the tournament, if we did get it. In addition they offered to have Glen Waterhouse, from their office, submit the bid for us at the 1985 tournament in Lafayette.

The sealed bids were opened at the convention with Pleasanton, CA bidding \$40,000, Huntsville, AL \$30,000, Eau Claire, \$25,000 and Statesville, NC \$20,000. A representative from each city was then given a chance to describe their facility and answer any questions from the delegates who would be voting and pick the site they preferred.

The preliminary work did take some time but it was worthwhile, Eau Claire, fortunately, was the successful bidder. The two factors that seemed to impress them the most were the indoor courts and the central location. Having 32 indoor courts where weather would be no problem is a big plus and the 18 outdoor courts for practice also was something they looked forward to.

The original indoor pits we had planned to use were quite cumbersome and expensive to build. Gene Hughes, of Bloomington, MN, described a court he had seen while in Florida. It was designed by Joe Holland of Michigan.

A court was built, tried out and taken along to the World Tournament at Lafayette, IN for the pitchers to see. After making a few modifications of our own, this court has proven to be very acceptable. Many suggestions were made about the court while at Lafayette and the problem was to sort out the best ones. It was a big help and it also led us to a source of some very good clay from Chenoa, IL.

The 1987 World Tournament was now ours to host and two years didn't seem like such a long time away with so much to be done. A lot of planning and preparation started at once. The first thing to start on was how to raise the \$25,000.

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Everything seemed to take forever to get the details worked out and the final OK to go ahead. It is hard to imagine how many letters, phone calls and personal contacts it takes sometimes to get things done. Conducting a raffle was one of the major fund raisers but this too just didn't happen. Having a very capable raffle chairman was a must and Al Lonning was the person that really did the job. The support of horseshoe pitchers all over the midwest was very much appreciated.

Selling ads in a tournament program was another of the major fund raisers and perhaps took more time than any other project. It is an experience that is interesting and can get you all encouraged one day and about ready to quit the next. The response from the business people as a whole was very good. Sometimes you would walk into a place not expecting to sell much of an ad and walk out hardly believing the great support. The next place may be just the opposite but after awhile you learn to live with it.

Constructing the 64 boxes for the 32 indoor portable courts was a project that involved many of the club members. It is not only the boxes but also the stakes and the backboards. The backboards were made of conveyor belt material as a result of one of the suggestions at Lafayette. New scoreboards were built and painted by club members as well as many other small but time consuming details. It would be impossible to list all of the many little things that come up and have to be taken care of but do take time.



TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, CURT & BEATY BESTUL

Hopefully this does not sound like hosting a World Tournament is such a big project that no one should attempt it. As was mentioned earlier, it does take time but all of the nice people that are met along the way and the feeling that you have done something for the great game of horseshoe makes it all worthwhile.

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Aug. 22-23 Loyal Corn Festival - Bob Gregorich SH2125 Mann Rd. Spencer, 715-255-8974 d/1 8-10

Aug. 22-23 Winnebago Land Open - Jim and Lynn Bloemers Rt. 6 2002 Hwy 23 E Fond du Lac, 54935 414-923-1882 d/1 8-8

Aug. 29-30 Boyceville Open - John Brezina Box 244 Boyceville, 54725 715-643-2732 d/1 8-15

Aug. 28-30 Fillmore USA Open - Dan Ebert 684 Hwy 84 Fredonia, 53021 414-692-2739 d/1 8-15

Sept. 4-7 WISCONSIN STATE TOURNAMENT - Pitchin' Palace Richard Hansen 3085 S 76th St. Franksville, 53126 414-835-1321 or 886-8555 DEADLINE JULY 31 *****

Sept. 11-13 Janesville Moose Open - Greg Relerson 1283 Co trk A Edgerton, 53534 608-884-8821 d/1 8-22

Sept. 12-14 Annual Players Jamboree - Carl Shade 621 E. Decorah Rd. West Bend, 53095 414-334-2826 d/1 8-25

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There will be two traditional eight-person round robin tournaments with scorekeepers provided. They are the "Hall of Fame" and the "Junior Scholarship Benefit Tournament." Entry fee for these will be \$15 per person.

New this year are the "Ringers Only - Keep Your Own Score," tournaments which are eight-person round robins, but only the ringers are counted and the players record their own score on the Pitchin' Palace's electronic scoreboards. This is an alternate pitch tournament and entry fee is \$10. Based on eight persons in a class, prizes will be \$30 for first, \$20 for second and \$10 for third. The balance of money will be put toward users fees.

Back again are the ever popular "Homer" tournament. "Homers" are doubles, round robin, 80 percent handicap tournaments. Double teams are placed in classes and the class winners advance to championship playoffs. Prizes are 40 percent of the entry fee for first, 20 for second and 10 percent for third.

The tournaments are:
Sat. and Sun., Oct. 3-4
"Ringers Only" Deadline is Friday,
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Sat., Oct. 17
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Sat. and Sun., Nov. 7-8
Hall of Fame Tournament Ceremony
for Hall of Fame inductees on Sunday after-
noon. Deadline Fri., Oct. 30

Sat., Nov. 28
Homer Tournament. Deadline, 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 5-6
"Ringers Only" Deadline Fri., Nov. 27

Sat., Dec. 19
Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sat. and Sun., Jan. 2-3
"Ringers Only" Deadline - Mon., Dec.
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Sat., Jan. 19
Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sun., Jan 31
"Super Bowl Sunday" Pitchin' Palace
has planned a gala football-horseshoe party. More info will be available later but a fun
tournament with special food treats will be
offered

Fri., Sat., & Sun., Feb. 12, 13, & 14
Pitchin' Palace Team World Tourna-
ment (FORMERLY CAN-AM). Teams from
the United States and Canada will compete
for thousands of dollars in prize money. The
top pitchers in the World will compete.

Sat. and Sun., March 5-6
"Ringers Only" Deadline Fri., Feb.
26th.

Sat., April 9
The Wisconsin Club Team Tourna-
ment. Clubs bring their top pitchers to the
Pitchin' Palace for a daylong team shoot-
out. Green Bay Club is the defending
champion.

Sat., April 16
"Homer" tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sat. and Sun., May 7-8
"The Junior Scholarship Benefit"
Tournament. Part of the entry fee will be
donated to this very special fund. Eight-
person round robin with scorekeepers pro-
vided. This is the first of Wisconsin's Sum-
mer Tournament Circuit.

Send all entries to PITCHIN' PALACE,
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53177 or to Tournament Director
Richard Hansen, 3085 S. 76th Street,
Franksville, WI 53126. Dick's
telephone number is 414-835-1321.

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1/2 Hour South of Milwaukee