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WHPA STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

It's going to happen. The development of the first State Doubles Tournament has swung into gear. In December the executive council of the WHPA met privately to discuss methods and formats and finally draft the entry form.

All information necessary to enter is clearly stated on the form. The State Doubles is open to, and limited to, any member who is listed on the 1996 year end average list. In addition, because it is an NHPA sanctioned tournament, a current NHPA card will be necessary.

Pitchers of all divisions, men, women, juniors, and elders will be mixed in class and may be further mixed as partners. Hopefully the number of entries will provide competitive classes. There will be no advantage in selecting a partner by percentage except for top level pitchers.

Players with averages over 60% are limited to a teammate whose average is under 60%. The ruling really applies to a very few players but it may create a demand for players averaging in the high fifties. Mathematically, combined averages for A class teams are estimated to be between 140 and 120. In reality expect anything over 110 to be "A" material.

In direct opposition to the WHPA Labor Day Tournament, all awards will be cash - no three trophies for this event. The entry form does not even mention the word trophy. It does indicate the top half of the class will be in the money. Players acting as their own scorekeepers will add appreciably to available awards moneys.

Beloit, the scene of action for the State Doubles, has changed the name of the hockey arena. It was called Telfer Park but is now known as Edwards Sport and Activity Center. Recent building additions have enlarged the heated area where players have gathered for conversation and a bite to eat. The location is the same; 2101 Cranston Road.

April 27th, date of the State Doubles is Sunday of the kickoff weekend at Edwards Sport Center. Saturday, the 26th is the day of the annual Club Team event. Many of the doubles teams will have the opportunity for a two tournament weekend, and, it's just the beginning. Two weeks later, May 3rd, Beloit will host a two day Encore tournament. The following weekend, Team-World pitchers have their go beginning May 16.

It's a fact in these parts, meteorological spring actually lags behind the vernal equinox, but 'horseshoe spring' comes to Beloit, Wisconsin the last week in April.

TIP TAKES STAB AT WALKING DOUBLES

Tip Wipperfurth, the Arena doubles maestro, heard about the planned State Doubles Tournament. Walking doubles? We can do that right here at the Sandbar, Tip thought

January 19th the plan went into action, 24 pitchers (12 teams) listened to their court directions with rapt attention. Tip said the team on the scoreboard end would start and pitch first on all occasions. After pitching two shoes down, the guys on the other end should call out the shoe tally and then pitch their own shoes back. Then everybody should walk. Getting there, the second two should add their score to the wheel. "Keep track of the shoes, we're playing 20 shoes per man," he added.

It took a couple of games before the new mechanics settled in. Some had to be reminded when to pitch. Others started walking a tad early. Almost everyone tried picking up shoes fired by the other guys. Hey, they were conditioned to the age old straight-out common doubles game. For most of their lives, these guys at the Sandbar believed you had to have four people to play an official game. Singles was mostly for practice. Quick learners, they soon found they could master one of the finer points of walking doubles - talking while walking

Marking shoes was a horse of another pitch. Anybody can turn the points wheel but it was soon discovered that just one of four players should be operating the shoe pointer. It's critical. The game often hangs on the balance of the final shoes. After a couple of run-on games, finishing on the wrong end, even an oldtimer said, "Let one man handle the shoe counter."

Walking doubles was generally viewed as Okay, we did it, but mostly not necessary. Then talk to a pitcher with unique shoes, maybe Ringle Singles or Cal Flips and they liked it - the fact they could finally pitch their own shoes.

The 12 teams were lumped into one class. Shoes were limited to 20 per pitcher. Ties stood (just one). Three teams had two losses each but placed by total points. Winners had one and one half losses. Competition could have been better with four more teams allowing two separate classes. Once the Sandbar group got the hang of it, the game interval was about 20 minutes.

Results - Tip's Walking Doubles

1st place; Mike Menden and Carl Gilbertson

2nd place; Bob Anderson and Herman Adler

3rd place; Tip Wipperfurth and Carolyn Stittleburg

WHAT IS WALKING DOUBLES?

by John Secord

Those of you who have pitched doubles, know that you sometimes have to use shoes that may not feel like your favorite pair and the pitching is from one end.

Walking doubles lets, both you and your partner, pitch your own shoes and you pitch from both ends - same goes for your opponents

To start the game, captains decide who will pitch against who. A flip of the shoe, the same as in singles, determines who starts. After the first two shoes are pitched by both players from one end,

the score is called and recorded. Now the other two pitchers pitch their two shoes and that score is recorded. Then all pitchers walk to the opposite ends and pick up their own shoes. Those that started the game now pitch back. First pitch is decided by whose partner scored, the same as in singles play.

This continues on until the game ends by a predetermined shoe limit. Sounds like fun. O.K., pick a partner and enter the first WALKING DOUBLES STATE TOURNAMENT.

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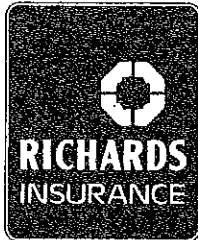
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER
In behalf of the WHPA, I'd like to thank Susie Pitzlaff for reorganizing the Hall of Fame as its chairperson and Lorraine Sternberg for her long time service to the Junior Scholarship Program. We appreciate their dedicated service to the game of horseshoes. I am sure Edie McKinney will do a fine job with the Hall of Fame. Tom Steinke already has the paperwork to run the Junior Program. Thank you both for filling these vacancies. If there are any questions regarding the State Doubles, feel free to contact one of the state officers. There is still no word on space availability for the Milwaukee Sport Show exhibition. The summer tournament schedule has a few open spots. Get your tournament dates in. The Georgia charter has paid its required amount of \$10,000 and is free of debt and in good standing with the NHPA. Support your indoor tournaments. They might not be here next year without your support now. your WHPA president, Ken Jaeger

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- FEB 8-9 FREEZER00 IV; Arena \$15 early or at cts \$17 Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-5574 Limit 96 NHPA #28-97-002 D/L 1-25
MAR 8-9 JR SCHOLARSHIP OPEN; Arena \$17 Lorraine Sternberg W206 N13520 Woodside Richfield, WI 53076 414-677-3300 Mixed NHPA #28-97-003 D/L 2-22
MAR 15 SPRING MEETING- PLOVER 1:00PM Show-up to sign-up for doubles 8:00 AM: unsanctioned
MAR 22 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE; Arena team doubles \$48 Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barneveld, WI 53507 (entry \$5 more at cts) 608-924-5574 4-man team limit 180%; NHPA #28-97-004 D/L 3-8
MAR 22 OAKWOOD EXPO NHPA #28-97-010 invitational
APR 5-6 ARENA SPRING SINGLES \$15 early, at courts \$17 John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588 608-588-7392 NHPA # 28-97-005 D/L 3-22
APR 26 CLUB TEAM at Beloit \$80/team early entry or \$85 at cts Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-964-2735 NHPA #28-97-006 D/L 4-12
APR 27 STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT at Beloit \$20 John Secord W6868 Brown Sr Fond du Lac WI 54937 414-922-0080 NHPA# 28-96-007 D/L 3-31
MAY 3-4 THE BELOIT ENCORE \$17 Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 NHPA #28-97-008 D/L 4-19
MAY 10 EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD \$5 Dennis Kieser 1628 5rh St Menomonie, WI 54751 715-235-6535 NHPA # 28-97-011 D/L 3-3
MAY 16-17-18 TEAM-WORLD at Beloit \$200/team Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 NHPA #28-97-009 D/L 4-12

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WHPA TOASTS A BANNER YEAR

Caldonia, Wisconsin, just up the pike from Franksville, was the destination of some horseshoe revelers the last Sunday of the year. They came for many miles to be with their kind. It's unsure just what they were celebrating. Horseshoe people are dedicated party people unaccustomed to question the reason for another party.

The dinner at the Fieldhouse Sports Bar may have been in recognition of an entire year with Ken Jaeger at the helm of the state charter. Ken and Kathy made the holiday trip but there was no speech on the state of the WHPA.

Paulette Hansen seemed be organizer. Maybe the party was for the lately elected NHPA Secretary, Dick Hansen. He became the NHPA man-of-the-year serving as interim Secretary for most of 1996. Dad and mom, John and Elna Christina Hansen, partook of the occasion. No speech from came from either Hansen.

The guests themselves spoke remembering days past, telling all the usual lies. Tony Scrima and bodyguard, Tom Steinke, cleaned up on chicken. Terry Sternberg was treated to this night out courtesy of Lorraine. The Zeisse family used this occasion to celebrate the season. Grandpa Ralph brought Trevor Malicki and female (was *she* his wife?) along with Dennis and Georgine (note new spelling of her name). The Beloit "family" sent entertainers Harry Laws, Red Ferguson and the Mouse Beckius.

Nice party, good food, loud music, guest list a little shy. The affair shows some promise. Maybe more will attend next year.

JOHN GREGORICH WINS NATIONAL HONOR

The NHPA Sanctioned Culb/league has released THE 1996 TOP TEN LIST. Leading the list, number one, for Men's high ringers over average is **John Gregorich** of the Waunakee Classic League. His Top Ten winning game was 36.89 percentage points over average - best in the nation for 1996.

In the same category a Goldendale pitcher, **Ken Lentz**, placed third with 35.9 over average. **Carolyn Stittleburg** of Waunakee placed fourth with high Women's ringer game of 28.79 percentage points over average. Other categories are dominated by higher average pitchers. High ringers over average is fair game for all.

In other categories: The National Division: **Lorraine Sternberg**, Goldendale, placed 3rd with high point average of 120.35. She was also third with a high point game of 136. Sternberg's high ringer average of 74% was fourth highest in the nation. **Clayton Gage** of the Close Doesn't Count league, had the 7th high ringer average with 72.15%.

Men's Division: Gage marked a high ringer game of 88%, good for fourth high while his overall average of 72.15% ranked third.

Women's Division: Sternberg's 74% average ranked third. **Edie McKinney** of Close Doesn't Count was 8th with 64.44%. Also of the Close Doesn't Count League, **Sue Helene** made the top ten, in tenth position with an 80% game. McKinney pitched an 86% game ranked 6th and Sternberg's 88% game was good for fourth. Two juniors were listed. **Chuck Costa** of Goldendale placed tenth with 27.56 points over average and **Elie Knutson** with Close Doesn't Count was mentioned as eighth pitching almost 10% ringers over average.

The Top Ten finishers receive an engraved plaque or certificate to commemorate the accomplishment.

Aside from those clubs already mentioned, Close Doesn't Count, Goldendale, and Waunakee, the state of Wisconsin has three more Sanctioned Clubs; Beloit, Eau Claire and Kenosha.

Most Sanctioned Clubs carry a roster of entirely NHPA members so that everyone is able to pitch in sanctioned leagues. Some of those clubs also have a few purely social members while a few clubs with fewer card holders may choose to sanction just one league.

All Sanctioned clubs benefit under the umbrella of NHPA liability insurance any time their league meets. Records are forwarded to and kept by the NHPA 3rd VP, Bev Born. Each league shares in patch awards for league champion, high average, high game, and more. A wealth of tournament opportunities are available to members. The greatest reward, however, is the inner sense of contribution to and being part of the group that supports the game.

Sanctioned league participation could be considered by many more Wisconsin horseshoe clubs.

SENIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT

There's something common to the sports of horseshoes and bowling. In this case it's the contestants. A couple of Sandbar horseshoe regulars switched tournaments recently. Arnie Walton of Lodi and Tip Wipperfurth, Waunakee, teamed to win the Senior Bowling Tournament held in the Madison area during January. Wipperfurth says he's still working on his first 300 game but gave the team a jump start running nine consecutive strikes on their way to the title.



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1996 WHPA MEMBERS YEAR END AVERAGE

compiled by WHPA Secretary John Secord

JUNIORS:

Penny Steinke	Waukesha	9	64.70
Wesley Rein	Mosinee	10	54.85
Dustin Dahl	Trempealeau	6	48.44
Erik Bottlemy	Owen	8	43.03
Carey Richter	Rosholt	3	40.15
Lee McFarlane	Wind Lake	10	35.03
Barrent Dahl	Trempealeau	3	32.81
Paul Fricano	Jackson	10	26.64
Tom Costa Jr	West Bend	2	24.60
Jesse Zeppelin	Stratford	3	22.75
Hope Berg	Eau Claire	1	21.79
Nicole Riehle	Auburndale	3	20.64
Amber Zeppelin	Stratford	1	19.20
Chad Parchem	Baraboo	4	17.41
Paul Iverson	Balsam Lake	1	15.60
Drew Parchem	Baraboo	4	15.53
Josh Willms	Racine	1	14.80
Richard Schaaf	Chetek	3	12.09
Chuck Costa	West Bend	2	11.75
Josh Schliem	Beloit	3	8.50
Dusty Schaaf	Chetek	3	6.60
Jordan Johnson	Basam Lake	1	5.83
Shawn McConnell		1	5.83
Heidi Pfeiffer	New Berlin	2	5.79
Julia Larsen	Centuria	1	5.00
Jeremy Norlander	Centuria	1	4.16
Jordain Chinander	Centuria	1	4.00
Jenny Larsen	Centuria	1	4.00
Mike Schaaf	Chetek	3	3.74
Katie Pfeiffer	New Berlin	2	3.29
Chad Hunter	Balsam Lake	2	3.10
Ben Matzdorf	Sheboygan	1	2.81
Johanna Alling	Clear Lake	1	1.00
Travis Hansen	Altoona	2	0.75

ELDERS

Clayton Gage	Milltown	10	80.40
Merwyn Sorensen	DePere	6	65.52
Harold Bestul	Plover	2	58.13
Carl Gilbertson	Highland	10	52.52
Harry McCartney	Eau Claire	10	49.55
Merrill Semingson	Eleva	5	49.10
Edwin Rupno	Fremont	7	48.44
Bob Runnas	Orfordville	4	47.77
Norb Strzyzewski	Manitowoc	6	44.05
Bill Hildebrand	Rosholt	8	42.95
Curt Bestul	Eau Claire	6	42.08
Herman Adler	Waunakee	1	41.79
Hank Zeisse	Franklin	10	40.91
George Drager	Marshfield	5	40.91
Ken Jevne	Eau Claire	2	39.07
Harold Wendorf	Glenbulah	3	37.54
Bud Kuhnert	Fall Creek	2	34.80
Mel Sorensen	Green Lake	3	29.61
Mal Barnitz	Wis Rapids	2	29.18
Bud Hammer	Janesville	1	26.85
Bill Floryance	Wis Rapids	3	25.30
Leroy Meyer	Appleton	4	19.93
Vic Paulson	Beloit	2	15.54
Robt W Anderson	Eau Claire	2	11.15
George Kuffer	Milton	3	10.60
Oscar Donar	Dickeyville	2	9.35
Carl Doughty	Rosholt	2	9.11

LADIES

Lorraine Sternberg	Richfield	10	80.02
Edith McKinney	Luck	10	71.62
Jane Smith	Balsam Lake	10	67.02
Carolyn Stittleburg	Waunakee	10	61.04
Pam Steinke	Waukesha	5	60.78
Suzanne Helene	Webster	7	59.18
Gerri Meistad	Racine	8	56.91
Cy Srenaski	Green Bay	7	56.76
Phyllis Davids	DePere	9	56.01
Gert Wilcziek	Eleva	5	54.15
Ida Hostrup	Frederic	7	52.81
Ev Goshaw	Eau Claire	8	52.74
Ann Opsteen	Comb Locks	3	50.82
Jane Meier	Fond du Lac	10	50.70
Judi Hayden	Mondovi	4	50.31
Heather Sternberg	Richfield	5	48.60
Heidi Sternberg	Richfield	10	47.24
Eliane Troullier	Manitowoc	10	46.22
Maria Willms	Racine	9	46.00
Teresa Donar	Cuba City	4	45.84
Gracie Reed	Balsam Lake	3	44.07
Kathy Hanson	Boyceville	8	43.41
Gloria Smith	Milltown	8	43.13
Roxanne Sellison	DePere	3	42.50
Darlene Sabish	Campbellsport	2	41.97
Shari Davison	Centuria	5	41.95
Sylvia Davids	Auburndale	4	41.60
Carla McFarlane	Wind Lake	10	39.91
Claretta Hansen	Milltown	4	39.75
Sonia Cook	Stratford	5	38.11
Lori Matzdorf	Sheboygan	7	37.98
Donna Zins	Balsam Lake	3	34.13
Karen Wistrom	Dresser	1	34.00
Linda Aber	Racine	3	32.69
Rita Boegel	Kewaskum	3	32.55
Joanne Alling	ClearLake	5	32.22
Michelle Gustafson	Balsam Lake	3	31.94
Joan Struebing	Campbellsport	4	31.13
Alice Noltmeyer	DeForest	2	31.08
Pam Woodard	Beloit	2	30.65
Christine Tashoff	Franklin	1	30.23
Cecelia Trossen	Suring	6	29.96
Myrna Leef	Siren	3	28.63
Marie Donar	Dickeyville	3	28.43
Debby Trossen	Mountain	3	27.48
Carmen Wozniak	Suring	4	26.17
Barbara Baxter	Briggsville	7	25.98
Carol Crook	Mazomanie	5	22.98
Tracy Pankhurst	Beloit	5	20.08
Judy Harder	Balsam Lake	1	20.00
Audrey Hendrickson	Beloit	2	16.34
Marion Van Hyftie	Amery	2	14.80
Jill Harings	Luck	3	13.15
Laurette Samain	Mukwonago	2	13.03
Elsa Peterson	Amherst Jet	1	9.43

MEN

Randy Rein	Mosinee	10	75.11
John Udelhofen	Barneveld	8	71.98
Don Kangas	Colgate	8	71.86
John Barden	Waunakee	10	63.34
Gus Schram	Ringle	10	62.07
Mark Mauthe	Platteville	10	61.94
Rick Poppe	Benoit	10	60.03
Marv Huffman	Brodhead	10	59.17
Larry Barber	Rhineland	6	58.90
Tim Maule	Independence	3	58.68
Vince Jakel	Spencer	8	57.29
John Koepp III	Pewaukee	8	56.71
Jim Larson	Madison	7	55.45
Ralph Maylahn	Genesse Dpt	8	54.62
Dale Bauer	Waunakee	1	54.20
Tony Scrima	Waukesha	10	53.95
Roger Comero	Cochrane	4	53.66
Dan Bloom	Janesville	3	53.50
Steve Wiegert	Green Bay	6	53.35
Arnie Walton	Lodi	10	53.18
Norm Mauthe	Platteville	8	53.16
David Schorbahn	Independence	9	52.92
Mark Stevens	Marengo	9	52.29
Ron Brockway	Onalaska	10	51.68
Harry Nelson	Kenosha	10	51.49
Brian Repinski	Plover	3	50.25
Tom Modl	Menomonie	4	49.80
Don Hostrup	Frederic	7	49.72
Ron Brownell	Mondovi	5	48.84
John Crook	Spring Green	10	48.74
Jerry Volz	Wis Dells	9	48.74
Ken Heinritz	Meno Falls	4	48.16
Roger Poutanen	Wausau	1	47.85
Harold Brockway	Seneca	7	47.46
Rick Pritzlaff	Oak Creek	2	47.37
Roger Hargrave	Cameron	4	46.93
Jim King	Green Bay	1	46.56
Greg Hehling	Merrill	10	46.55
Glenn Bogenschneider	Kenosha	6	46.42
Richard Hansen	Franksville	5	46.29
Bill Schaaf	Chetek	10	46.16
Jeff Secord	Fond du Lac	5	45.85
Lee Mathson	Eau Claire	4	45.81
Jim Haupt	Milwaukee	10	45.59
Mike Menden	Baraboo	6	45.41
Pat Spahn	Wausau	5	45.37
Jack Algiers	New London	1	45.31
Lloyd Johnson	Kenosha	5	45.24
Bernard Carley	Edgerton	5	45.17
Cliff Troullier	Manitowoc	10	45.17
Gerald Weikert	Marshall	4	45.00
Ron Yttri	Janesville	3	45.00
Lavern Edge	Platteville	7	44.19
Bill Dahmen	Waunakee	4	43.93
Ken Olson	Platteville	6	43.86
Ted Rohde	LaCrosse	10	43.84
Bob Gregorich	Spencer	5	43.55
Michael Hansen	Tomahawk	5	43.31
Wayne Vanderhei	Muskego	4	43.01
Greg Bottlemy	Owen	9	42.94
Otis Wessley	Oneida	5	42.76
Jerry Schroeder	Janesville	10	42.49

Chris Dahl	Trempealeau	4	42.38	Milt Larsen	West Allis	7	38.42	Duane Grossen	Monroe	9	34.37
Julian Tijerina	Madison	10	42.21	Terry Sternberg	Richfield	10	38.40	Don Stittleburg	Reedsburg	5	34.17
Lowell Kent	Mondovi	2	42.15	Jim Pouquette	Richfield	1	38.40	Ray Groskinsky	Adams	5	34.17
Rueben Ekhardt	Birnamwood	6	42.14	Kerry Morris	Johnson Crk	5	38.29	Al Johnson	Eau Claire	5	34.00
Frank Dunn	Platteville	4	42.11	Tom Costa Sr	West Bend	4	38.17	Ron Berg	Barneveld	6	33.81
Earl Paulson	Beloit	8	42.03	Jerry Gossen	DePere	2	38.13	Doug Baklum	Paddock Lake	1	33.80
John Secord	Fond du Lac	7	42.00	Wally Nelson	Racine	2	38.00	James Kerfoot	River Falls	1	33.80



Randy Rein, Ralph Maylahn, Murk Stevens, Gus Schram waiting for the pay-off after the Wolf River tournament in June of 96. In the foreground; Brian Repinski, Lorraine Sternberg, Merwyn Sorensen

John Aeschlimann	Madison	10	33.60	John Aeschlimann	Black Earth	6	33.54	Don Frane	Gilman	1	33.50
Charles Winters	Superior	1	33.42	Larry Danielson	Roberts	4	33.40	Gary Rackow	Browntown	7	33.24
Bob Kallstrom	Arkansaw	3	33.06	Don Burmeister	Brown Deer	10	32.97	Richard Baeten	Green Bay	1	32.81
Gene Rhinehart	Reedsburg	7	32.80	Larry McCutcheon	Pewaukee	10	32.31	Bill Matey	Appleton	4	32.16
Norm Beckius	Beloit	8	32.06	Gil Matzdorf	Sheboygan	8	31.95	Terry Looken	Beloit	1	31.94
Oscar Pynnonen	Pardeeville	2	31.51	Dennis Kieser	Menomonie	6	31.45	Emil Dick Blair	Milwaukee	3	31.10
William Spahn	Lodi	4	30.88	Paul Federer	Sun Prairie	7	30.79	Ed Wheeler	Lodi	6	30.70
Roger Olson	Westby	4	30.67	Virgil Beckius	Kenosha	1	30.60	Francis Schalk	Oxford	9	30.37
Joe Zoromskis	Kenosha	6	30.32	Gilbert Mahn	Mukwonago	2	30.32	Rob Struebing	Campbellsport	6	30.31
Carl Schleim	Beloit	5	30.19	Wally Srenaski	Green Bay	8	30.15	Dave Miller	Waunakee	4	30.13
Dave Richter	Rosholt	2	29.80	Tom Steinke	Waukesha	10	28.60	Pat Smith	Oconomowoc	4	29.57
Marv Lynch	Baraboo	2	29.39	Chuck Herman	Eagle	10	29.32	Orville Baker	Platteville	35	28.23
Warren Knipple	Waukesha	7	28.15	Scott Kater	Appleton	4	28.06	Rowen Swick	Beloit	9	28.04
Dan David	Auburndale	4	27.84	Sal Okon	Lowell	3	27.71	Gerald Dahl	Trempealeau	6	27.66
Robert Fritz	Watertown	5	27.19	Alvin Rydberg	Superior	1	27.14	Dick Burg	Hartford	4	26.93
Dean Baxter	Briggsville	7	26.88	David Volz	Reedsburg	2	26.88	Mel Cook	Stratford	5	26.69
Alan Hehling	Merrill	4	26.62	Jason Goldsmith	Janesville	4	26.60	Robert Rehm	Eau Claire	4	26.37
Ron Zeppelin	Stratford	4	26.01	Sam Satonica	Owen	2	25.86	Marv Bennett	Arkdale	3	25.83
Jerry Stefwater	Colgate	2	25.77	Ron Sabish Sr	Campbellsport	3	25.73	Mike Rousseau	Beloit	3	25.70

Dennis Bach	Dorchester	1	42.00	Ron Willms	Racine	9	37.97
George Eckstrom	Gilman	8	41.62	Bob Lindberg	Star Prairie	4	37.71
Tip Wipperfurth	Waunakee	10	41.39	Ken Kosky	Schofield	10	37.59
Wes Taylor	West Bend	1	41.30	Gerald Oleskow	Chetek	1	37.43
Ken Jaeger	New London	10	41.17	Jeff Mauthe	Platteville	4	37.38
Dave Semingson	Eleva	5	40.89	Bruce McLinn	Clinton	5	37.21
Dennis Ambuehl	Oconomowoc	4	40.83	Jeff Kunz	Eau Claire	4	37.10
Ron Wilcziek	Eleva	10	40.72	Jerry Kaplan	Kenosha	2	36.95
David Paul	Baldwin	4	40.61	Bernard Cockroft	Mazomanie	7	36.90
Don Goldsmith	Janesville	3	40.57	Dick Hanold	Green Bay	1	36.88
Randy Miller	Butternut	2	40.39	Ray Billens Sr	Kenosha	2	36.65
Ken Frame	Mazomanie	9	40.38	Galen Kozel	Mukwonago	6	36.64
Dave Klipstein	Janesville	6	40.37	Ed Hack	Wausau	6	36.62
Harvey Bilz	Janesville	4	40.27	Dan Williams	Arkdale	1	36.42
Fred Decorah	Baraboo	10	40.26	Steve Stevens	Marengo	8	36.42
Paul Wilson	Janesville	7	39.77	Ray Mallo	Gilman	8	36.28
John Carlin	Waunakee	10	39.64	Russ Burns	Janesville	8	36.18
Richard Pichler	Mondovi	5	39.61	Mike Cone	Reedsburg	6	36.15
Dick Muhlenbeck	Bristol	3	39.59	Leonard Lazar	Hawkins	3	36.04
Chet Hermansen	Madison	8	39.52	Rich Conrad	Pewaukee	10	36.02
Gene Mason	Appleton	3	39.52	Mike McDonald	Union Grove	3	35.71
Bill Hagen	Salem	6	39.50	Harold Laws	Beloit	10	35.23
Jim Ulrey	Kenosha	1	39.30	Dave Aho	Grafton	4	35.18
Gerald Gromowski	Oconomowoc	1	39.20	John Brophy	Galesville	3	35.18
Terry Schrage	Fond du Lac	2	39.05	Jerry Udelhofen	Platteville	5	35.14
John Gregorich	Waunakee	10	39.03	Allen Holloway	Wis Dells	6	35.14
Bob C Anderson	Waunakee	9	38.81	Leonard Mauthe	Cuba City	8	34.79
Randy Hansen	Altoona	6	38.76	David Lendosky	Balsam Lake	2	34.75
Dave Forseth	Arena	3	38.64	Ken Davison	Meno Falls	9	34.74
Jim Heim	Holmen	3	38.47	Jim Ganther	Eau Claire	5	34.67

				1996 WHPA AVERAGES							
				by John Secord							
Jerome Weis	Janesville	4	25.60	John Olson	Schofield	3	15.47	Terril Tech	Eland	3	15.34
Guy Flemming	Mukwonago	3	25.53	Jim Jakel	Schofield	2	15.18	Dan Bellard Jr	Beloit	1	15.00
Ivan Ruzic	Fennimore	10	25.51	Wayne Franzen	Franklin	3	20.42	Curt Novinski	Mineral Pt	5	14.71
Tom Dudenhofer	Oxford	6	24.48	Ronald Pierson	River Falls	3	20.38	Loyd Skarda	Kenosha	1	14.60
Layne Olson	Osseo	2	24.47	Ray Lopez	Cudahy	3	20.32	Don Peterson	Sheboygan	4	14.47
Frank Dohrwardt	Lomira	4	24.32	Jack Statema	Kenosha	3	20.03	David Richards	Bristol	2	14.35
Rob Pankhurst	Beloit	5	24.19	Laverne Noltmeyer	DeForest	4	20.00	Trevor Malicki	Caledonia	2	14.09
DeWayne Hazen	Eau Claire	3	24.14	Kieth Stanke	Wittenberg	1	20.00	Karl Wegner	Milwaukee	1	13.43
Duane Woodard	Beloit	2	24.09	Bob Hendrickson	Beloit	1	20.00	Ken Lovaas	Beloit	2	12.72
Harold Muma	Pewaukee	1	24.00	Ken Wood	Comb Locks	5	19.65	Stuart Bennett	Franksville	1	12.40
Bob Traber	Cedarburg	2	23.62	Andy Peroutka	Kenosha	1	19.60	Mike Rugg	Kenosha	1	12.00
Mike Eddy	Albany	5	23.33	John Dorcey	Janesville	4	19.59	Dale Schamberg	Kenosha	1	11.40
Wayne Wisnefski	Union Grove	1	23.30	Richard Plaisance	Dousman	2	19.38	Steve Guetzke	Milwaukee	2	11.20
Len Meistad	Racine	7	23.25	Bob Damkot	Sheboygan	1	19.20	Kevin Richter	Rosholt	2	11.10
Ken Hannula	New Berlin	2	23.09	Al Schuster	Platteville	2	19.12	Rick Swick	Beloit	3	11.07
Dan Jaglowski	Waukesha	4	23.06	Kip Gusner	Beloit	3	19.09	Bob Williams	Bristol	1	10.70
Everett Stewart	Kenosha	3	23.03	Ron Pritzlaff	Gremantown	1	18.80	Jim Uhlenhake	Salem	1	10.70
Bob Novinski	Mineral Pt	3	22.90	Thomas Hanson	Beloit	4	18.70	Bob Mattison	Meno Falls	1	10.40
Jerry York	Watertown	4	22.86	Harry Johnson	Milwaukee	2	18.60	Terry Jakel	Schofield	3	9.56
Josh Erickson	Monroe	4	22.81	Fred Kavalauskas	Kenosha	1	18.60	Jason Maki	Wausau	4	9.47
John Bentz	Platteville	2	22.53	Hugh Bertelsen	Eau Claire	1	18.57	Charles Aber	Racine	3	8.94
Arnie Esser	Kenosha	1	22.10	Ken Lentz	Colgate	1	18.30	Glenn Pozorski	Wausau	4	8.77
Cliff Van Natta	Platteville	1	21.78	Charles Collins	Kenosha	1	17.10	Kevin Brekke	Stevens Pt	3	8.77
Jim Schuster	Milwaukee	1	21.70	Ralph Zeisse	Caledonia	7	16.66	Brian Wheeler	Lodi	3	8.25
Joe Lipperer	Milwaukee	2	21.65	Gordy LaChance	Janesville	1	16.42	John Beckius	Beloit	1	8.21
Ron Hying	Platteville	2	21.64	Merlin Ludwig	Medford	5	16.20	Kip Kuester	West Bend	3	7.33
Ron Peroutka	Kenosha	5	21.49	Dick Schoener	Fond du Lac	3	15.77	Galen Ames	Edgerton	1	7.14
John Mills	Rothschild	2	21.48	Dan Volz	Reedsburg	2	15.52	Wes Podvin	Butler	2	5.70
Ed Kexel	Kenosha	2	21.40					Al Schlein	Beloit	2	4.11
Leo Zamzow	Markesan	1	21.07								
Jerry White	Arena	1	20.87								

110-01 DOUBLES AT THE SANDBAR

Thirty-eight pitchers, the die-hards, played the first sanctioned tournament of the year. It proved enough for three classes of doubles, the standard fare, during the indoor months at the Arena Sandbar. Sixty-four entries were available but perhaps Packer Mania kept the numbers in check. Scheduled for the day before the Ice-bowl, some prospective entrants had to be reassured of Packer game day.

Doubles for most pitchers is a different game. To participate requires the basic desire to just play the game. The thrill is pitching to win or laughing over a loss and sharing the experience with a partner. Forget protecting averages. Chance of excelling in a doubles format is slim. While some pitchers thrive on doubles, most are out for a good time.

With all that in mind, those good times were on a roll for some of the guys (check the results) like Jerry Udelhofen 34.7 (couldn't let the kid do everything) Russ Burns 41.7 (could be a poster-child for next NHPA logo) Gordy LaChance 22.7 (well over average) Tip Wipperfurth 46.5 (sandbagger) and Arnie Walton 61.1 ("Grouchy" was high guy over average).

It was especially gratifying to see players turning and covering the courts upon finishing. They must be doing it in respect for Dave Forseth, the owner. To top it off, a whole bunch of the guys actually thanked the tournament director. That's when the director can answer his own nagging question, "What for?"

Try it sometime. You might like it.

110-01 DOUBLES TOP THREE

A1	Jerry Udelhofen 34.7; & John Udelhofen 68.0	51.3
A2	Ken Kosky 29.3; & Gus Schram 51.3	40.3
A3	Bun Carley 42.7; & Ron Yttri 24.7	33.7
B1	Arnie Walton 61.1; Ed Wheeler 26.0	43.40
B2	Bob Anderson 36.8; Tip Wipperfurth 46.5	41.7
B3	Ken Olson 35.4 & Lavern Edge 41.7	38.5
C1	John Carlin 34.0 & Ron Lingard 26.0	30.0
C2	John Aeschlimann 32.7 & Sonny Cockroft 36.7	34.7
C3	Len Mauthe 25.3 & Frank Dunn 29.3	27.3

WISCONSIN NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Congratulations and best wishes to the new cadre of NHPA Regional Directors. Recently named are: Earl Paulson, the force of the Beloit Club, who will cover the south; Ron Berg, Arena tournament director, represents the west-central area of the state; and Dave Schorbahn of Independence will handle the vast northwest. Jim Haupt remains as east rep. Former RDs, Jane Smith and Ken Jaeger, both involved as executive council members, have earned our respect and gratitude for their years of unselfish service.

SCRIMA HAS CLOSE CALL BUT LUCKS OUT

Tony Scrima viewed the Super-Bowl from a hospital bed recuperating from surgery on a cranial aneurysm. Two days later he wondered whether he could be ready for the Freezeroo.

SANTA'S SINGLES

by Ron Berg

Santa's Singles had a small turnout. Forty-six pitchers competed in six classes on this warm Sunday in December. John Udelhofen of Barneveld was tournament champion in a runaway over the rest of the field. The rest of the class was very competitive with many close games. A first timer in the championship class, Carl Gilbertson pitched 8% over his average to earn 4th place.

Thanks to all who helped out with the chores and especially to Harry Nelson who saved the day by having some extra round robin cards.

- A **John Udelhofen 72.86**; Ralph Maylahn 54.58 Tony Scrima 50
- B **Earl Paulson 41.79**; Lavern Edge 42.25; Jerry Volz 45.71
- C **Bob Anderson 39.6**; John Gregorich 36.4; Fred Decorah 40.5
- D **Sonny Cockroft 38.21**; Ron Berg 33.57; Ron Lingard 33.93
- E **Gene Rhinehart 36.8**; Frank Schalk 32.5 Don Burmeister 32.4
- F **Dave Miller 28.40**; Mike Eddy 23.20; Tracy Pankhurst 20.47

In conducting an informal exit poll, 93% of the competitors preferred ringers only. It has occurred to me, as a survivor of Freezeroots, a Rumble and running 8 tournaments in two plus years at the mecca of horseshoes here in Arena, that I was getting close to T.D.B.O. (tournament director burn-out). Scorekeeping has always been the cause. I found, even after working two jobs for 19 hours the day before with only 3 hours sleep, this was the most enjoyable horseshoe event I ever undertook.

The stats were managed easily with few complaints. Heck, I even got to pitch! Also watched the Packer game, much to the disgust of many pitchers who thought that court-side TV could only improve the best horseshoe emporium in the mid-west (Give a break, for pete's sake!).

I would like to make the announcement that all further singles events that I manage will be ringers only with my only regret being the new scorer's chairs will be used only to record ringers on the R.R. cards. May they all be around the stake, -Ron Berg

1996 WORLD - SHOE CHECK RESULTS

BRAND	tot shoes	defective	% defective
Deadeye	1432	13	0.90%
Diamond	943	16	1.69%
Allen	725	30	4.13%
Imperial	496	6	1.20%
M & M	277	42	15.16%
Cal-Flip	261	8	3.06%
American	188	9	4.78%
Gordon	175	3	1.71%
Ohio	175	9	5.14%
Henton	116	7	6.03%
6-Pack	86	1	1.16%
Glory	83	6	7.22%
Hohl	42	10	23.80%
Star	41	3	7.31%
Ringle-Single	34	0	0.00%
Greeott- Grabber	33	4	12.12%
Reno	20	0	0.00%
Can-Am	19	1	5.26%
All Others	70	4	5.17%
<i>total shoes</i>	<i>5216</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>3.29%</i>
<i>Illegal shoes</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Altered shoes</i>	<i>7</i>
		<i>Dress code violation</i>	<i>6</i>

NOT EXACTLY PERSONAL COLUMN

BRIGHT LADY desires to hear from those who have real interest in famous horseshoe people who have not been recognized. Subjects can be any age (older the better) sex immaterial, single or married; helps to be well liked outgoing person of vast experience in the sport of horseshoes. Send resumes now to Edie McKinney, the Hall of Fame Director. Address appears on the page 2.

KAREN MOLITOR writes from Port Washington. "...Even though I've been 'off the circuit for a while the memories come rushing back every time I see the names of old friends and competitors. It's nice to know, in this hectic world, there are still people that get together to toss some shoes and make some memories..."

Regards, Karen Molitor

[Ed.- We miss you too Karen. See coupon on this page.

SOME 1997 OUTDOOR DATES SPOKEN FOR

Some clubs have chosen outdoor tournament dates.

- May 10 EC Earlybird
- May 24; 25 Platteville
- May 31, Jun 1 Bro-town
- June 7-8 Wolf River
- June 14-15 Eau Claire
- June 14-15 Beloit
- June 21-22 Muskego
- June 28-29 Goldendale
- July 5-6 Wausau
- July 12-13 Mid East
- July 14-26 WORLD
- Aug 16-17 Platteville
- Aug 30-31 STATE

Others are urged to communicate. Indicate if yours will be a sanctioned event. The outdoor schedule for 1997 will be published in the second newsletter issue of 1997- March. Write or call Jim Haupt with dates and patch order. 414-964-2735

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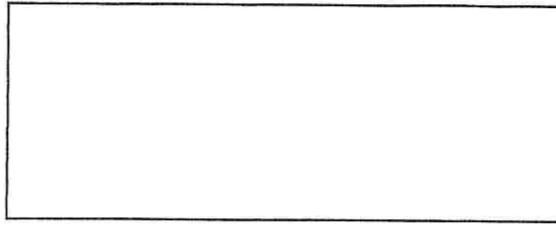
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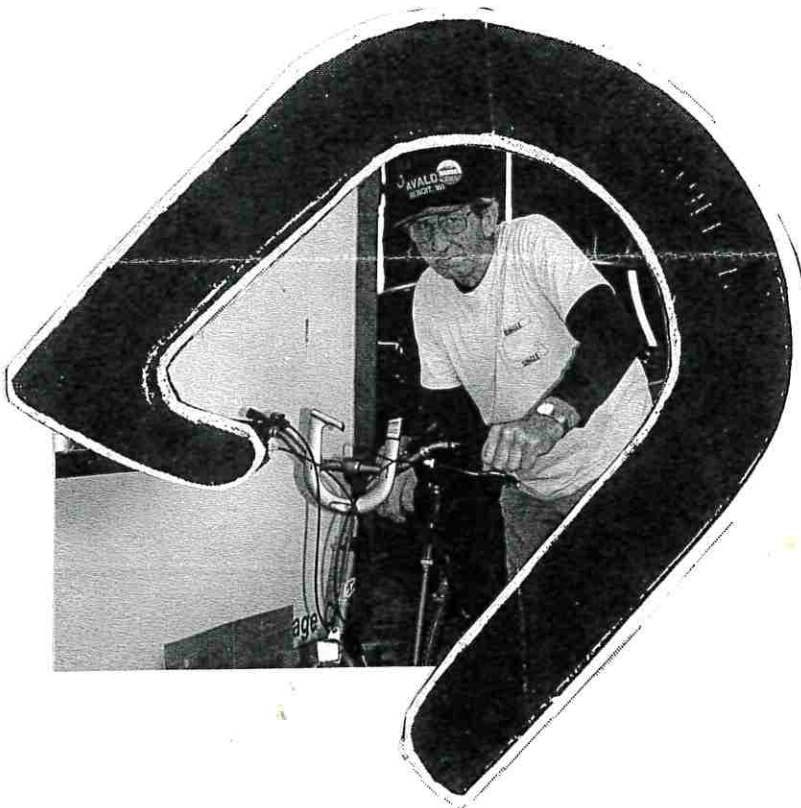
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