

❖ WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER ❖

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THE WAUSAU STATE

1997 WHPA STATE CHAMPIONS

State Tournament Director, Ken Kosky greeted Earl Paulson exclaiming, "Earl, Welcome to Beloit of the North."

For the Windy Hill members the State Tournament started Thursday. Lines were strung and measured twice. Marks went down and the courts, already loaded with new Chenoa clay began to arrive. Handling all critical measuring and ramroding the layout crew was visiting foreman, WHPA President, Ken Jaeger of New London. He had the foul lines and lanes taped and ready for practice early Friday PM.

This was a maiden voyage for the Windy Hill guys - first State T in this town, their first attempt at an indoor and the first real stats were fed into Kosky's new horseshoe computer program.

Weather, not the greatest, was not a concern. The indoor hockey rink covered all over with portable courts was a rewarding dry spot that allowed the games to proceed during Saturday's rain. O how sweet it is when a horseshoe pitcher can spit in the weatherman's eye.

Saturday was a day for the journeymen pitchers. A few cashed in on move-ups to championship classes. Elaine Troullier of Manitowoc, at 50%, moved in with the championship women. Ryan Anderson won his class and pitched again with the Boy's championship class on Sunday. Steve Weigert, Green Bay, had no losses in "A" moving up into the men's champ class. While none of the players moving up in class became State Champions, they all had a crack at it.

For the most part scheduled pitching times, always estimated, worked out well. First place play-offs involving more than the #17 court did conflict a bit. The worst time consuming play-off came Monday. The 9:00 AM classes slated to be done at 12:30 PM lasted until 3:00 PM before the last shoe landed. It was a four place tie handled by the book, step ladder fashion.

The Wausau hockey arena located on the fairgrounds is really two rinks. The ongoing joke was, you could hold the World Tournament here. Kosky was heard to have said, sure, if Jaeger runs it.

On the side there were more than a few raffles going on. A pair of the new portable courts, a Super Bowl football, some Green Bay Packer plaques, a WHPA team jacket, were some of the items offered. Raffles were the effort of the Windy Hill Club to pull the tournament out of the red.

All championship classes were played Sunday afternoon starting out with about one hundred spectators. At 8:00 PM when Don Kangas won the title over John Udelhofen in play-off about 50 fans were still in the stands.

The Monday classes may have been anti-climatic. Some say the classes should be stacked - championships last. The frivolous way lots of pitchers attend the State - pitch their class and cut out - makes a last day championship a questionable option.

Kosky and Windy Hill presented an exemplar 75th State Tournament and Jim Jakel, Schofield, gets our vote as MVP of all the State workers. He marked all the W's and L's passing those two dollar bills for incoming scoresheets, beginning to end.

KANGAS WINS - REIN SLIPS

It's the year of the Kangas - Don Kangas, Colgate, took this State Championship in a play-off game winning over John Udelhofen of Barneveld. Kangas who has been called "the best pure shot" in Wisconsin, won the title first in '89, again in '92. His third state title now equals Udelhofen's record and that of Mark Stevens of Marengo.

Defending Champion, Randy Rein, a five time title holder from nearby Mosinee, was the main object of the local media coverage but did not live up to expectations losing his last five games and pitching well below his usual winning average.

LORRAINE STERNBERG RECLAIMS TITLE

Pitching the high tournament game of 87.5%, Lorraine Sternberg, of Richfield, won her fifth state title in six years to continue her domination of the women's division. She had real competition from Edi McKinney, of Luck, whose only loss was to Sternberg while pitching a tournament average of 73.28% just one percentage point behind the leader.

CLAYTON GAGE RULES THE ROOST

True to form, Clayton Gage of Milltown won the Elder Mens title in straight games pitching high tournament average of 77.33%.

During pre-game ceremonies he was awarded the WHPA PITCHER-OF-THE-YEAR title for his total performance in all sanctioned tournaments in Wisconsin since the last State Tournament.

PUGDE DAHL UNSEATS WESLEY REIN

Formally known as Dustin, Pugde Dahl of Trempealau was setup into a play-off game with defending Junior Boys Champion, Wesley Rein of Mosinee. Each had lost just one game in their double round robin to each other. In effect the title went to the best two of three games.

NICOLE REHILE TAKES JR GIRLS

It appears the Nichole Rehile (sounds like 'really') of Aburndale, did it all this year. On the 24th of June her two tournament average was 10%. She became the 1997 Girl's State Champion winning all six of her double round robin games pitching over 30%. Just four entered the Girls division this year.

October 18

1:00 PM

WHPA FALL MEETING

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☆ **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** ☆
☆ *Actually the President is not in the office but one of his* ☆
☆ *secretaries released this information.* ☆
☆ Hey! Did everyone like the World and State tournaments? ☆
☆ I sure did. Hope to do better next time at both events but I ☆
☆ think I was a good sport about it. Sorry for being involved in ☆
☆ the four-way playoff at Wausau. I realize some pitchers had ☆
☆ to wait a long time to finally receive their awards and as a ☆
☆ result were delayed on the trip home. ☆
☆ Congratulations to the Windy Hill Club on a fine State ☆
☆ Tournament. Ken Kosky's new computer program left little ☆
☆ room for error, produced immediate results and is compatible ☆
☆ with the Natstats program. ☆
☆ I have enjoyed my first term as your WHPA President and ☆
☆ feel we have accomplished much. Come to the Fall Meeting, ☆
☆ October 18th. Remember, if you're not there, you can't talk ☆
☆ about it or vote. -Your WHPA President, Ken Jaeger ☆
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 20-21 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria \$5
Jane Smith 1481 180th Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810
715-485-3057 **28-97-032** D/L 9-6

SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES \$10/TEAM
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **unsanctioned** D/L 9-10

OCT 11-12 ARENA FALL SINGLES \$15
Mark Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville WI 53818
608-348-9697 **#28-97-035** D/L 9-27

OCT 18 WHPA STATE MEETING - 1:00 PM all members
ROYAL WOOD SPORT CENTER PLOVER, WI
Show-up doubles tournament sign in 8:00 AM unsanctioned

OCT 26 TIP'S DOUBLES ARENA
TipWipperfurth Hy K 6010 Waunakee, WI 53797
608-849-4655 Limit 16 teams call to secure entry unsanctioned

NOV 1 CARL'S NOV DOUBLES; ARENA \$13
Carl Gilbertson Bx 162 521 Isabell St Highland, WI 53543
608-929-7669 limit 16 teams - call to secure entry - unsanctioned

NOV 8-9 SONNY'S SINGLES ARENA \$15 w entry; \$17 at cts
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560
608-795-2573 **#28-97-036** D/L 10-2

DEC 6 CARL'S DEC DOUBLES; ARENA \$13
Carl Gilbertson Bx 162 521 Isabell St Highland, WI 53543
608-929-7669 limit 16 teams - call to secure entry - unsanctioned

DEC 13-14 SANTA'S SINGLES ARENA \$15
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 **#28-97-037** D/L 11-29

KEY

**All dates in bold print indicate WHPA approved events.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in bold numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.
Other events, on this calendar are listed for information only.
Call, 414-964-2735 6 wks. prior for listing in this column.

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EXPENSES FOR 1997 STATE TOURNAMENT

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Pitcher</u>
Building Rent	\$1025.00	\$5.25
Trophies (5-large, 70 regular)	1558.00	8.00
Scorekeeping (playoff games absorbed)	1458	7.00
WHPA Sec. Fee	90.50	.50
Book	635.00	
Offset by advertising	<u>-380.00</u>	
	255.00	1.30
Postage for schedule	62.50	
Postage for results	62.50	
Printing for schedule	45.00	
Printing for results	<u>70.00</u>	
	240.00	1.25
Wis. Newsletter expense. (publish flyer, etc)	50.00	.25
Court set (floor marking tape, paint, etc.)	130.00	.65
General supplies (score sheets, pencils, paper, name plates, etc.)	<u>80.00</u>	<u>.40</u>
TOTALS	\$4886.50	\$24.55

As you can see, we barely broke even on the tournament entrance fee. We didn't intend to make a profit. We did however make a profit on the beer sales, the raffles, and the t-shirts. Thank you for your generosity.

Windy Hill Club, Ken Kosky

How about that balance sheet..

a viewpoint by Jim Haupt

Ken Kosky's account of expenses for the State Tournament is the first!

In the ten-plus years this Newsletter has been in print the Windy Hill Club is the first to volunteer a real accounting, answering the annual question of many state tournament horseshoe pitchers "Where does the entry money go?"

Windy Hill figures show they spent almost the entire entry fee hosting the 1997 State. Using the actual number of paid entries divided into the total cost results in an even greater cost per pitcher - \$26.85

Looking over the report we see no reference to the pitcher's fee. Article VII, section 4 of the WHPA bylaws states, "A \$3.00 per adult entrant to be added to the entry fee and retained by the host club." That sum, the Windy Hill hosts should have retained is \$546. They already left \$337 on the table. Their real entry cost therefore amounts to \$29.85 per adult entry. State Tournament pitchers got the discount rate - \$25 for a \$30 tournament.

Windy Hill's cost list can serve as a primer for building an entry fee. Prospective State Tournament hosts can look to this accounting to gauge their own cost and responsibilities. For this first time accounting of a State Tournament, we indebted to the people of Windy Hill. In other years state tournament directors have been asked and promised such accounting but never produced.

MARSHFIELD-II

Greg Bolllemy, Owen, continues to run a fine tournament on the Marshfield courts in Braem Park.

This day was slightly overcast but great weather for pitching. With the thirteen available courts Bottlemy could accommodate all thirty-four pitchers in one day.

Ringers-only may not be the best method of scoring the game but most pitchers seem to prefer it to marking their own and/or paying scorekeepers. It was the method of choice in Marshfield.

And then there's the problem of how to handle tie games. At the World, ties stand merely to save time. Team-World recognizes tie games because of the possible disparity between pitchers. Ringer-only ties are some times hard to break. Ken Jaeger and Ted Rohde went to 52 shoes to settle a tied 40 shoe game.

Tournament Directors, Randy Rein and Greg Bottlemy are giving the Marshfield courts a needed boost. Once the place of State Tournaments, Marshfield interest, for unknown reasons, has waned. Fortunately we can look forward to another tournament by each of these directors next year- same time, same station.

Results- Take special note of the top two in "C."

A Randy Rein 71.2; Elaine Troullier 55.9; Dave Schorbahn 58.4
 B Bob Gregorich 45.6; Ted Rohde 46.6; Ken Jaeger 44.0
 C Ed Rupno 49.0; Sonia Cook 54.6; George Draeger 26.0
 D Dan David 31.6; Ed Wheeler 31.2; John Van Dyke 26.8
 E John Olson 19.7; Merlin Ludwig 21.7; Karen Rampalski 16.0
 Jr D Dahl 60.2; W Rein 52.8; B Dahl 45.0; N Riehle 24.0

NORTHERN WISCONSIN RINGER CLASSIC

Autum and the Northern Wisconsin Classic began on the same day. It wasn't really cold but short pants were better left in the closet. The fairgrounds were humping with activity. Horseshoes was just a small part of the affair.

Steve Stevens as ringmaster is in his glory on the Marengo courts handling all classes and pitching in turn. Stevens introductions are entertaining to behold. No microphone, no notes but he can do an impromptu bio on all his visiting pitchers. They must like the hype. Stevens gets top pitchers returning to Marengo year after year.

It was a two day affair, singles on Saturday and doubles on Sunday both sanctioned. Because its a fairgoing weekend, Stevens waited until Noon to start the Sunday doubles which may have to be for those anticipated spectators (and contestants) who party all night. The Marengo crew often drives though the night going home they must think anybody can, or is it Steve's revenge?

Results of Saturday

A Randy Rein 70.6; Gerald Stangland 64.5; Wilfred Korpela 63.8
 B Jeff Rapley 49.0; Randy Miller 46.0; Jim Haupt 43.0
 C Ed Hack 27.9; Steve Stevens 31.2; Ken Kosky 30.4
 D John Ollanketo 37.5; Al Hehling 28.8; Ken Wood 10.6
 W Elaine Troullier 42.8; Diane Mika 19.0
 Jr Wesley Rein 56.7; Jamey Miller 15.0

Sunday Doubles results

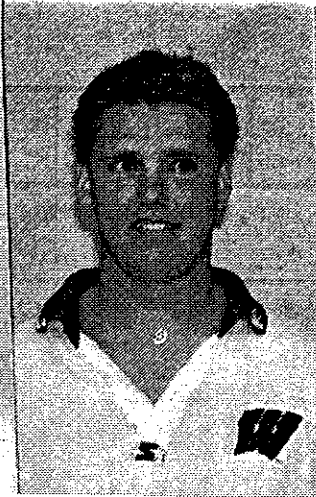
A 2 Reins 60.0; Stangland & Korpella 51.5; 2 Troulliers 47.4
 B Ollanketo & S. Stevens 28.8; Mika & M Stavens 22.3



Bill Spahn L 6/1 36.9



Dennis Kieser K 6/1 30.0



John Crook B 6/2 56.3



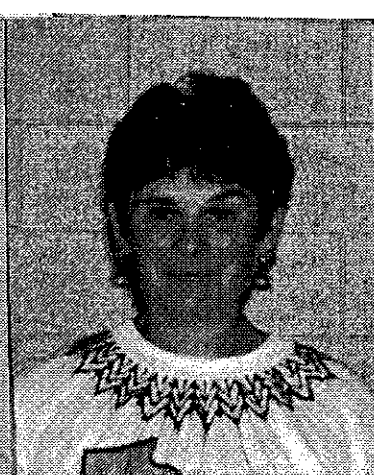
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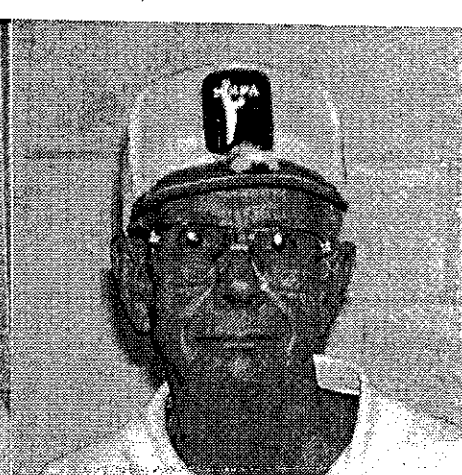
Dustin Dahl Ch Boys 6/1 61.9



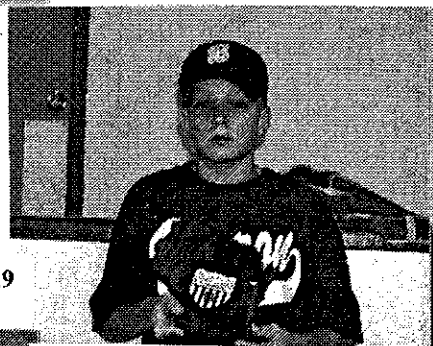
Don Kangas Ch Men 9/1 69.9



Lorraine Sternberg ChW 7/0 74.3



Clayton Gage ChE 5/0 77.3



Ryan Anderson A Boys 5/0 24.8



Jason Maki Q 6/1 19.8



Elaine Troullier AW 6/1 50.0



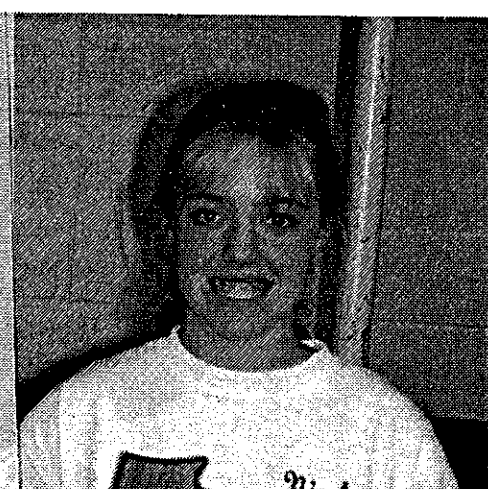
Shari Davison BW 5/1 51.3



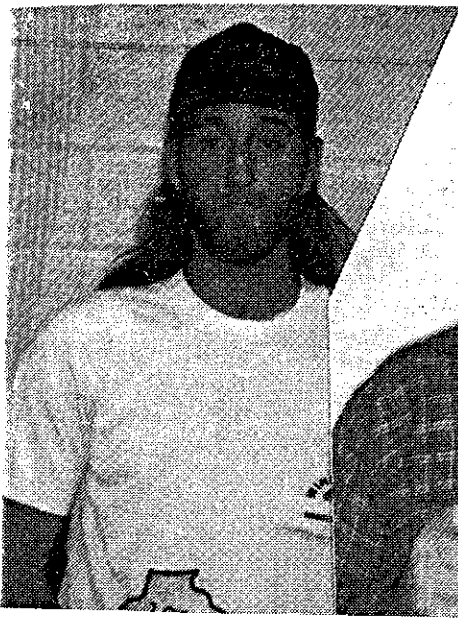
Myrna Leef CW 5/0 28.8



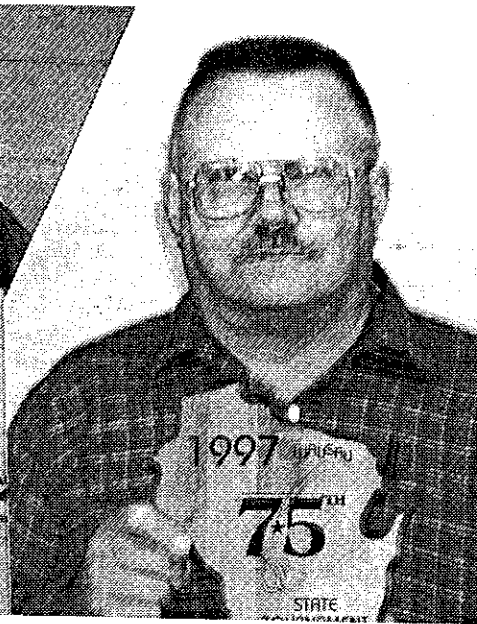
Steve Wiegert A 7/0 54.8



Nicole Riehle Ch Girls 6/0 31.1



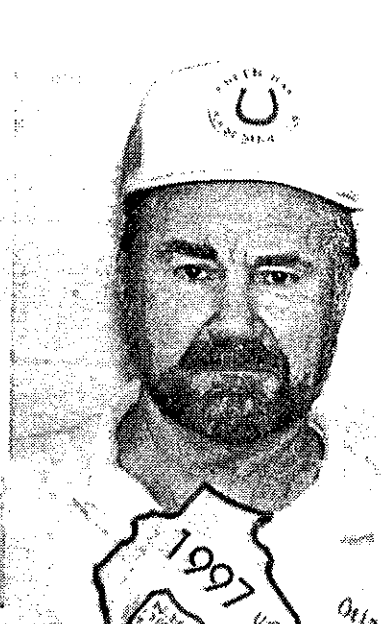
Kevin Brophy P 6/2 20.6



Roger Juedes J 7/1 36.0



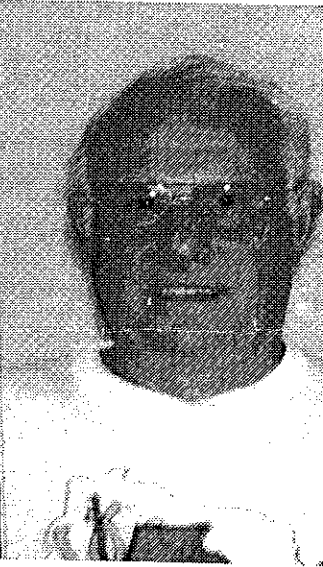
Ed Rupno AE 3/1 31.5



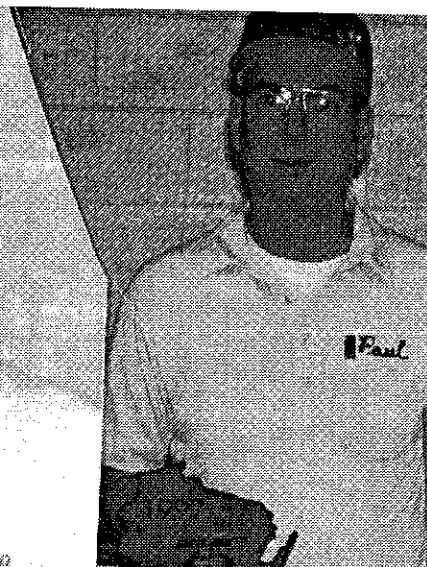
Otis Wessley G 7/2 40.6



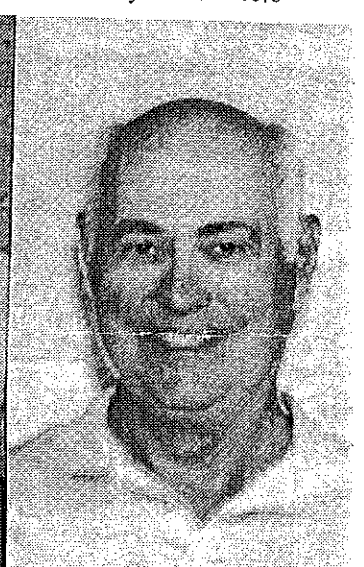
Gene Mason I 6/1 38.9



Cliff Troullier E 6/1 45.1



Paul Federer M 7/1 35.5



Lloyd Johnson D 6/2 45.5



Tom Costa Sr F 6/2 45.25



John Mills O 7/1 24.8



Bob Fritz N 7/0 30.9



Chris Dahl C 7/0 44.0

BOB WILKE AND THE 1931 STATE

by Jim Haupt

This year State Tournament horseshoe pitchers saw the Bob Wilke display of shoes used in earlier years. Some saw it for the first time.

Bob Wilke of Berlin is now 90 years old living with his wife Dorthy in the same house he was born in. Wilke hung up the shoes about ten years ago, doesn't travel much but was willing to lend the display to be exhibited at the State Tournament.

Recently while visiting with Wilke, we learned his first State Tournament was 1931 when he was 22 years old. (His skill level may have been well developed. He started the game when he was nine.) That year Art Klement, director at the State Fair, measured the opening of all shoes to see that the three and one half inch limit was not exceeded. There were 37 entries. Wilke, possessed with a keen memory, disagreed with the present listing of champions saying that was the year that Harold Sheets won, not Harvey Elmerson.

Credentials speak for themselves. Wilke must be the oldest eye-witness horseshoe authority in this state. He was on the scene in 1931. Still a fan in 1997, that's 66 years!

AN OMISSION

Some people are not to be trusted. Take Bob Anderson of Waunakee for example. When the last Newsletter failed to list his name as a World Tournament competitor, his wife got a little suspicious. She asked just where he had spent that week out of town. In view of the circumstances, we actually had to write Bob an explanatory note to give to his wife verifying his presence in Kitchner, Ontario.

The others listed below are above suspicion and other people believed it when they said the Newsletter just plain missed them.
5th Class E Women; Penny Steinke, won 10, lost 5 at 62.67 %
12th Class E Women, Pam Steinke, won 4; lost 11 at 52.83%
12th Class D Women; Ida Hostrup, won 6, lost 9 with 37.5%.
9th Class I-3 Men; Bob C Anderson won 7.5, lost 7.5 at 37.5%

SENIOR OLYMPICS OF WISCONSIN

Washington Park, Milwaukee, hosted the '97 Senior Olympics. Acting as scorekeeper/judges were members; Hal Muma, Al McGowan, Tommy Bartlen, Herman Pint. Sally Kubash won gold; Joe Lipperer, bronze and Ray Lopez had a high ringer percent but did not medal. Snow Jacobson, East Troy, gold and outstanding.


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HALL OF FAME

JOHN BREZINA

Jane Smith, who was personally acquainted with the late John Brezina made the presentation to the Brezina Family.

John Brezina was the force behind the Boyceville courts, the league, and the annual tournament conducted for 13 years from the late 70's through the early 90's.

Brezina "is especially remembered for his promotion to new horseshoe pitchers in the northern part of the state. He was one of the go-getters who challenged pitchers to do their best and have fun."

His extended family of five were honored to witness and receive the WHPA plaque in person.

RAY BILLEN

Dick Hansen was called on to honor his friend and area neighbor, Ray Billen.

When Ray Billen built two 'pro' horseshoe courts in his yard and began conducting a league there it was in effect the early beginnings of a Kenosha Club which he later helped form and accepted the job of Courts Chairman. Being close to the state line, he has many Illinois pitching friends as well.

About a week prior to the Hall of Fame Award the Kenosha Club officially named the club courts in Nash Park in his honor. The very day of the HOF presentation the mayor of Kenosha declared him the honorary citizen of the day. - "Ray Billen Day."

His dedication to the game has been aided and abetted by his wife of 55 years, Delores, who never pitches but has been an NHPA card holder.

FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS ASSEMBLED

All former State Champions and Hall of Fame members were personally invited to attend this the 75th anniversary celebration.

There was little more to do than recognize their accomplishments in the form of an honorary introduction and thank them for their contribution to 'our' sport. Champions are listed followed by reps

MENS: Ralph Maylahn, Mark Stevens (3) Tommy Bartlen (6) Don Kangas (3) Randy Rein (5) Curt Bestul, John Udelhofen (3).

WOMENS: Jane Smith (6) Edi McKinney, Lorraine Sternberg (5)

JUNIOR BOYS Mark Mauthe (3) Jason Goldsmith (2) Ken Jaeger Jr (3) Wesley Rein

JUNIOR GIRLS: Penny Steinke (3) Pam Steinke, Heidi Sternberg (3) Nancy Mulry (4) Debby Bestul (7).

ELDERS: Sid Anderson (3) Clayton Gage (3) Ralph Maylahn (3)

HALL OF FAMERS HONORING THE OCCASION

Tommy Bartlen, Ralph Maylahn, Jane Smith, Bob Phelan, Jerry Kamps, Curt and Beaty Bestul, Ann Opsteen, John Secord, and Jim Haupt

Note some former State Titlists are also mentioned as HOF members. One Hall of Famer, Ralph Maylahn, won the State both in the open men's and Elder's divisions.

Just as people are at the heart of the game of horseshoes, great numbers of people share in the honors received.

Following the WHPA ceremonial activities the championship classes were announced - all five divisions - by guest announcer Steve Stevens of Marengo.

DOWN AND BACK**WITH JIM HAUPT**

We were going down and back in Kitchner. The other guy said his name was Bruno, he was from the nearby town of Guelf and all he knew of Wisconsin was that his coon dog came from there. Bruno thought maybe the name of the place began with a "P." "Platteville?" I suggested. Bruno couldn't recall.

Later I checked with Ken Olson on the availability of coon dogs in his home town - Platteville. Olson said maybe Lavern Edge could have sold that dog. According to Olson, a fellow came to buy a dog from Edge but wanted to see the dog work first. Edge and his customer were in the field that night when the prospective buyer remarked what a fine sounding dog it was. They listened for a while and suddenly the woods were quiet. The would be buyer said, Hey there what kind of dog is this that quits the song of the trail? Edge told the man to be patient as they both listened for quite a spell. Like magic the dog resumed his call sounding every bit as good as before. The buyer was still inquisitive and wanted to know what had caused the dog to interrupt his song. Edge said, O that dog is smart and does that occasionally. He was just passing through posted land.

The next day Bruno said, Tell me that tale about the dog again. I gotta remember it for some of my friends.

The VFW doubles in Combined Locks was an up and down affair for most teams. It's fortunate when both members of the team can hit it during the same game.

Games over, Tony Scrima, Waukesha, who had won a minor cash prize, wandered into Jerry Kamps' bar, bought a scratch-off and connected on the first scratch for \$250.

When the results were mailed a few days later, one of the tournament directors, Don Navarrette, informed Scrima he had won a raffle prize, flashlight, but to avoid postage it was re-raffed and the resulting cash of \$8 was enclosed.

Next day Scrima receives another VFW raffle prize of \$100 worth of coupons good for free gas and groceries at the "Express" convenience stores located throughout the Fox River Valley area.

Even if the gas is free, the pumps are 100 miles away. He could move if they're looking for any part time carpenters in the area or if the fish are biting. It's his lucky town for sure.

Isn't it the universal rule that doubles partners split the prize regardless of who got more ringers and shouldn't that apply to the entire day on the road?

NEW! SCOREKEEPER OF THE YEAR

During ceremonies at the State Tournament, President Ken Jaeger passed the microphone to Randy Rein who announced that he was sponsoring a new award - Scorekeeper-of-the-Year.

The need, Rein said, occurred to him as a result of his responsibilities in directing the Marshfield-I tournament last June. He and Marge Yach put their heads together for the selection of this year's nominee who always, it seems, keeps some score.

Rein hopes the award will be an annual one wherein the recipient could not repeat for five years. Yach then revealed the recipient saying, So that means, Jane Smith, you can win this award again in five years.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD TO JOHN SECORD

President, Ken Jaeger picked the man who has had a steady influence on the WHPA for seventeen years. Like adding an oak cluster to his already earned Hall of Fame plaque, Jaeger, rewarded the man that helps him the most, John Secord.

The annual award was made during the WHPA ceremonial hour at the Wausau State Tournament.

Words on the plaque read, "Presidential Achievement Award To: JOHN SECORD for his dedication to the game of horseshoes. If he doesn't have the answer, he will check, if still not he will consult. THANKS A LOT—WHPA 1997."

The award is traditionally a secretive surprise announcement. Secord looked appropriately surprised and pleased.

RAY HILL TO HONORARY HALL OF FAME

Michigan man is awarded an honorary Hall of Fame plaque by Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers.

Steve Stevens of Marengo had the privilege of presenting, his league partner the honorary appointment. In the North they call him "The Man." Ray Hill established the reputation pitching the best tournaments he could find. Most were in Wisconsin. His first of two World Titles came in Wisconsin. Once, just once, he pitched and won the Michigan State Tournament.

On this day at Wausau, Hill had another appointment he opted not keep. The Michigan State Horseshoe Pitchers installed Hill into their Hall of Fame in absentia. Some might say they were coerced by the Wisconsin action. Reasons aside, Hill made the the horseshoe pitchers Hall of Fame in two states on the same day. The Wisconsin award is only "Honorary," and we are, honored.



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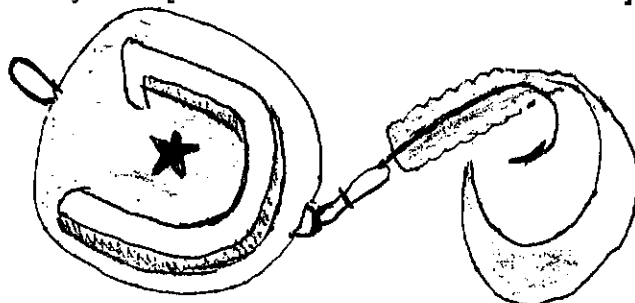
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