

# ❖ WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER ❖

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## NEW WHPA PRESIDENT - KEN JAEGER SR.

FALL MEETING, OCTOBER 1995

The Fall Meeting began like most others but it was evident something was afoot. The Royal Wood meeting room was jammed with standing room only for later arrivals of near fifty members and guests.

John Secord, as State Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting to set mode. Then John Secord, as State Treasurer reported a WHPA bank balance of near \$3000. Later we were to find that John Secord is also State Statistician although at this time it is an unpaid position tacked on to "Secretary."

Lorraine Sternberg is having a problem retiring her position as Junior Scholarship Director. The related Fund is now worth near \$10,000 actual and \$5000 net. Does anybody have the moxy to step forward and administrate the Fund. It is probably the most worthwhile venture of the entire WHPA.

Future meeting dates have been set to recur chronologically. The Spring Meeting will be the third Saturday of March and the Fall Meeting, the third Saturday of October. For 1996 Royal Wood has cleared both dates (Mar 16 and Oct 19). Regular dates will help schedule makers.

President Dick Hansen noted that a few pitchers were called for violating open pitching at the recent State Tournament. A 1983 reference to the open pitching was cited and at this meeting included in the present bylaws.

The ever vigilant bylaw re-writer, Curt Bestul, submitted six changes of which most were not considered or tabled for, of all things, re-write. Considered was; limiting percentage record keeping to only sanctioned tournaments. It was firmly rejected. Also considered was a clearly stated re-write for the recent weather bylaw, Article IX. Members objected to one word that limited the ruling to "sanctioned" tournaments. When the offending word was scratched, it passed. Expect some updated re-writes next time.

1997 State Tournament host bids were being tendered.

A letter offering the Mountain courts for 1977 came from Debbie Trossen supported by Ken Jaeger and Terry Sternberg.

Ken Kosky started in on the ready availability of indoor court facilities like hockey rinks, adding that the Minnesota people do it that way every year. He noted the modest rent of a Wausau building and had even looked into a Green Bay facility.

Norm Beckius, Beloit Club President formally offered their home courts for another State Tournament.

Somebody suggested to Kosky that when a viable indoor location is offered the WHPA will jump on it.

Kosky said that's what he was getting around to do. He then offered an indoor State Tournament in Wausau for 1997 at a minimal increase in entry fee to offset building rental. The membership took him at his word: 29 hands went up for Wausau. Beloit and Mountain were no longer in the running.

Gus Schram gazed at his own hand up for Wausau wondering if he really wanted it. Kosky started worrying about moving clay.



WHPA PRESIDENT ELECT, KEN JAEGER SR.

### Jaeger 22 votes - Steinke 18 votes - (Gus 2)

The election spurred additional attendance at the Fall Meeting. Tom Steinke and Ken Jaeger were the announced candidates and were so nominated. Vice President, Jane Smith, was also nominated but declined. Neither of the candidates attempted to further their cause with a pre-election address. Secret ballots were passed to all eligible voters.

Two not-so-serious votes went to unannounced candidate, Gus Schram. They could have been reserve tie breakers. It is also speculated that a couple of members did not vote or turned in empty ballots. Eighteen votes were counted for Tom Steinke and Ken Jaeger topped the polls with twenty-two votes.

Everybody congratulates to the new president, Ken Jaeger, but Steinke supporters have threatened to return with a campaign bus in two years. In retrospect, it is unfortunate that there was not a first vote deadlock.

Terry Sternberg received two presidential votes on absentee ballots (postmarked Hawaii) and declared invalid but he was re-elected 2nd VP.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Horseshoes has been pretty quiet right now, at least for me. My main interest right now is ideas on developing more local interest, in your area.

Fun tournaments on a week night with a raffle drawing seems to pull in a few non members. Good publicity is a must, such as posters or a local cable TV channel.

As for our state organization; it's one of the best.

I am submitting this proposal for approval.  
(Existing)

Article IX. Bylaws

The Association may adopt such Bylaws as it deems necessary. Bylaws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present at any regular meeting.

(Change to this)

Article IX. Bylaws

The Association may adopt such Bylaws as it deems necessary. Bylaws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present at the Spring Meeting.

By the way, to all you hunters out there, I passed up four bucks bow hunting then got an 8-pointer.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, Ken Jaeger

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CHRISTMAS SEASON  
BE WITH  
YOU AND YOURS  
THROUGHTOUT THE NEW YEAR

FROM THE EDITOR AND STAFF  
OF THE  
WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

#28-95-031 FALL MEETING TOURNAMENT

Ordinarily when signing up for a Plover tournament pitching time is of great concern. The WHPA business meeting is at one o'clock. Four classes may pitch before the meeting and two more afterwards. Those who pitch at ten o'clock (usually A & B classes) are considered to enjoy prime time.

This time at Plover everyone had prime time. Just two classes, A & B, of seven players each entered the Fall Meeting tournament. The seven player format automatically provided a scorekeeper each round. Mercifully, Ralph Maylahn, was not an entrant but arrived early to pull a full shift marking.

Brian Repinski, the resident 'pro', took over the director's job aided by the ever present Michelle. Repinski, himself, is once more on a horseshoe hiatus - trying to forget double misses past through disassociation. He did not enter his own tournament.

RESULTS

- A Cliff Troullier 52.1; Jim Haupt 41.3; Ted Rohde 34.6
- B Phyllis Davids 44.6; Bill Hildebrand 38.8; Al Leintz 33.3

KENOSHA #28-95-026

A horseshoe tournament is just an ordinary contest unless food and drink are served courtside. To our good luck it has become tradition in Wisconsin to tempt the palette of visiting players with cakes, brownies and other little delicacies.

At the Kenosha courts the main entree seems to be beef barbeque - good in itself but the best comes after one wipes up the sauce and begins making a dessert choice. Fortunately there were only four or five choices and we felt obligated to try them all. Never met a dessert we did not relish at a Kenosha tournament.

Doesn't it say someplace that roads running East and West are called "Avenues"? And aren't the North-South roads "Streets"? George Washington probably started it. The City of Kenosha has it backwards. Could be the Kenosha Indians had all the roads named before the white men came.

It's really not a problem. The courts at Nash Park are very close to the intersection of 60th and 60th - street, avenue, whatever.

Each year Kenosha plans to save their pennies to upgrade the courts. The city has provided the land but improvements are the responsibility of the club. All five courts are now clay and some have ribbons of connecting concrete. They also have a new equipment shed with a custom horseshoe latch by the resident blacksmith, Ray Billen.

This one day event ran the day after the Beloit Doubles and two weeks after the State Tournament. Three classes participated. Tournament director, Glenn Bogenschneider, ends his result sheet thanking all the entrants and anybody who did a lick of work on the tournament.

Results:

- A Ralph Maylahn 71.4; Lou Bensinger 50; John Koepp 49.3
- B Jim Ulrey 37.1; Dwayne Hein 40.7; Mike McDonald 32.9
- C Joe Zoromskis 21.4; John Carlin 30.7; Lloyd Skarda

THE TOLL OF TIME FOR HALL OF FAMER

CARL PFEFFER 1906-1995

Carl "Chuck" Pfeffer of Milwaukee passed away this October shortly after his eighty-ninth birthday. His large and extended family included a great-great grandchild. They knew of the importance he reserved for the sport of horseshoes. Fully half of the many pictures displayed at the funeral home were of Carl's horseshoe days. His 1981 Hall of Fame plaque was proudly displayed along with just a couple of old horseshoe trophies. His playing days go back to the old Auer Avenue playground era. Carl won the State Championship at the Milwaukee Fair Park in 1956 and again in 1958. Tucked into the casket we saw a pair of Carl's horseshoes. It was reassuring to find that this nice little man we knew from the Washington Park Club had such a caring family. His granddaughter and apparent namesake, Carlene, had been living with and caring for him in his final days.

APPLICATION FOR 1996 NHPA CARD

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1996 NHPA CARD



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THE ARENA HOTLINE

Tip Wipperfurth has kicked off his doubles series. Sunday, October 29th was number one. Next date is December 3rd. Entry, if available, must be arranged with Tip at 608-849-4655.

Wipperfurth reported that the one hook Ringle Single craze has spread. Two guys from down state, Buck Huffmann and Bun Carley borrowed a pair of Ringle Singles from the maker, Gus Schram. Used effectively, they were enough to to beat the tar out of the team of John Barden, Waunakee and Arnie Walton of Lodi - 36 to 7.

Ken Kosky says, "Now here's the rest of the story..."

Buck and Bun did use the Ringle Single shoes to beat Barden and Walton quite handily. The reason they switched to the Ringle Single is that their trusty old M&M's had let them down. They had just gotten beat by the Mauthe's, Norm and Mark, by a score of 36 to 1.

Meanwhile Gus Schram says, "To make your pockets jingle, pitch the Rinle Single."

ARENA FALL SINGLES

One month before the event the first director had to drop out.

Ron Berg, fast becoming the resident tournament director of the Arena Sandbar, recovered the fumble - saved the day. The creator of the "Freeze-r-oo is listed five times on the indoor schedule; it's not his favorite job but there were no other takers

Berg has the ball; wants to make an occasional handoff. If you're going to play the game, once in awhile, you have to carry the ball. Huddle with Berg. He may call your number.

Table with 4 columns: Name, A class, B class, C class, D class, E class, F class. Lists players and their scores in various classes.

OFFICIAL WHPA SCHEDULE AN ALL-INDOOR SCHEDULE

- NOV 12 110 DOUBLES; Arena \$22/TEAM D/L 10-28
Bernard Cockroft 608-795-2573 #28-95-029
DEC 9-10 BERG'S DEC. DOUBLES; Arena D/L 11-25
Ron Berg RR1 Bx96 Barneveld, WI 53507 110% limit
608-924-5574 sanc #28-95-030 \$22/team
JAN 13 110% - 01 DOUBLES; Arena D/L 12-31
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 52317
414-964-2735 #28-96-001 \$22/team
FEB 10-11 FREEZE-R-OO; Arena D/L 1-27
Ron Berg RR1 Bx96 Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 #28-96-002 singles \$15
MAR 9-10 JR SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT; Arena D/L 2-24
L. Sternberg W206 N13520 Woodside Richfield, WI 53076
414-677-3300 Singles #28-96-003 \$17
MAR 16 WHPA SPRING MEETING; Plover D/L 3-2
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
414-982-6287 unsanctioned fun doubles 110% top. \$30/team
MAR 30 RIVER-VALLEY-RUMBLE team doubles D/L 3-9
Ron Berg RR1 Bx96 Barneveld, WI 53507 4-man limit 180%
608-924-5574 #28-96-004 will form teams of 4 \$48/team
APR 13-14 ARENA SPRING SINGLES D/L 3-30
Ron Berg (again) RR1 Bx 96 Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 #28-96-005 \$15
APR 27 CLUB-TEAM; at Telfer in Beloit D/L 4-13
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 52317
414-964-2735 #28-96-006 4 or (5)-man team \$80/team
APR 28 THE BELOIT ENCORE at Telfer Park D/L 4-14
Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 #28-96-007 24 courts \$17
MAY 3-4-5 TEAM-WORLD at Telfer in Beloit D/L 3-31
Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 #28-96-008 \$200/team
Watch for complete outdoor schedule published early Spring
NHPA sanctioned tournaments numbered. For complete tournament information save this Official WHPA schedule or see flyer.

BUILDING 1996 OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

Open weekends are going fast. Tournament directors - please return official registration forms promptly. World Tournament dates for 1996 - July 22 through Aug 2.

1996 LAS VEGAS OPEN

DEC 20 Preliminary Deadline; Vegas Open \$60
Jim Haupt 414-964-2735 for entry forms or information
JAN 21-25 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FUNFEST OPEN
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: 2 PM January 21, 1996 \$75

### Snapshot: CLAYTON GAGE Sixty Years of Pitchin' Shoes

### SANCTIONING A TOURNAMENT

In 1933, I was 10 years old living on a summer resort in Milltown, Wisconsin.

My dad had a lot of old horseshoes in an old shed that probably came off dead horses and none of them matched but this is how I got to playing horseshoes - 21 points a game, 3 points for a ringer and 2 points for a leaner.

My dad liked to go to bring home a lot of brought home a nail keg horseshoes. I can't kind - maybe Diamonds. how to throw the open threw them back and turns and once in awhile ringer.



auctions and junk. One day he full of old picnic remember what We didn't know shoe so we just forth with many we would get a

In about 1935, a man came to our resort on vacation from Indianapolis. He showed me how to throw the open shoe ( a turn and a quarter). In 1936 we started a small league consisting of four teams. We would play once a week. This is how I got started.

After the second World War (1945) I started playing in the St. Paul Municipal Horseshoe Association (107 members). I started out in the B league in 1949 with a 44% average. I don't know anybody that is still playing form that year of 1949.

I played in the St. Paul league until 1958. At that time the league moved to North St. Paul and had all new courts. I played there for half a season and had to quit for a while because of working nights. I came back in the late 60's and played in North St. Paul and also in Bloomington, Minnesota until 1983.

I then moved back to Wisconsin where I am still playing in the Close Doesn't Count league.

From 1949 to 1993 my league and tournament average was just about 50%. I started going to tournaments in 1975. I've played in 190 tournaments, winning 745 games and losing 536 games. Out of these 190 tournaments, I've taken first place 32 times and second place 41 times.

I've also played in nine Senior Olympics, in which I've won 3 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze metals.

I've been to six World Tournaments starting in 1981 to the present date, winning 36 and losing 26 in World play.

I moved up to 30 feet in 1993.

In 1994 my tournament average was 71.6%.

Something I will always remember is my 92.5% game in the '94 Wisconsin State Tournament.

These days most everybody wants to play a sanctioned tournament. The State Tournament next year has a 3 sanctioned tournament prerequisite. The World Tournament requires four.

We find some pitchers asking for leads to available sanctioned tournaments in their area because their own club tournament is still unsanctioned.

Every club could sanction one day of their tournament. Most often the Sunday pitchers are all sanctioned pitchers. Their numbers and support they show indicate they are the primary reason for conducting any kind of horseshoe tournament. It is a disservice to expect them to play the tournament just for fun. Your unsanctioned tournament weekend may be a good time for a "card" pitcher to take a week off.

It's easy to sanction. Just contact an NHPA Regional Director and say yes. There is no charge. Championpatches are provided along with a sanction certificate and the requirements are few.

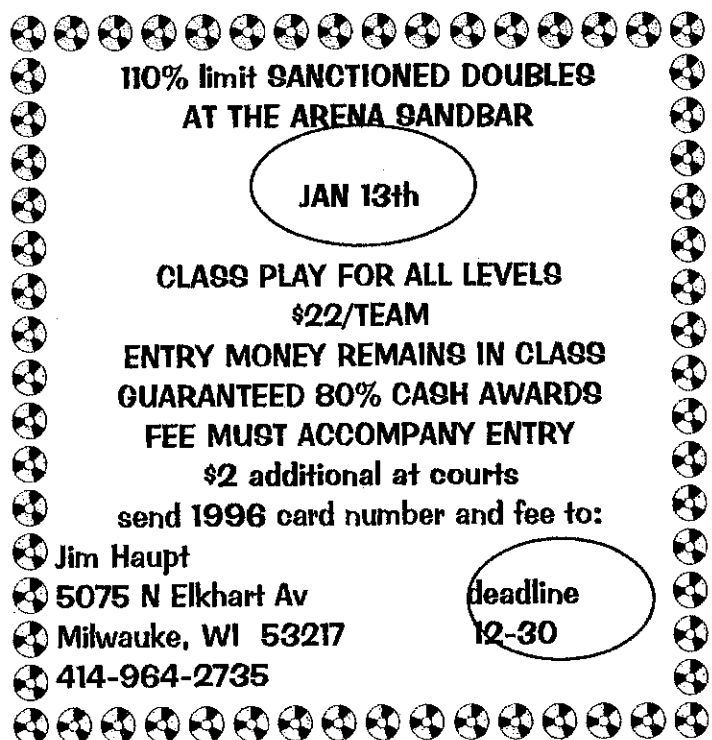
Two basic rules govern a sanctioned tournament: 1. All players must have an current NHPA card. 2. Legal (official ) shoes must be used.

The directors will have to record card numbers and list them when the results go in to the state secretary . The results must include the number of shoes pitched and ringers.

If, in the occasion of a two day tournament, only one day is sanctioned, that day is considered a separate and distinct tournament.

It would not be surprising to see some pitchers entering both days.

Still undecided? We have three Regional Directors in the sate who can help with your decision. In the Northwest, call Jane Smith. Ken Jaeger is located East-Central. Southeastern Wisconsin is Jim Haupt's area. All addresses and phone numbers on page 2.


  
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## THE BELOIT COLUMN

### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OPEN

#28-95-019 AUG 12-13

A Mark Mauthe 63; Ralph Maylahn 50.5; Pam Steinke 55.5  
 B Larry Fettes 50.7; Felix Kubly 54.3; Dick Hansen 37.9  
 C Harvey Bilz 42.1; Mike Menden 37.9; Harry Nelson 31.7  
 D Marie Donar 36; Paul Federer 37.5; Rich Conrad 27.5  
 E Ron Lingard 40.4; Dave Sikorski 42.1; Russ Burns 33.9  
 F Red Ferguson 32.9; Harold Laws 38.2; Terry Hlavac 32.1  
 G Galen Kozel 32.9; Duane Grossen 30.4; Bill Spahn 27.9  
 H Bruce McLinn 33.8; Bob Traber 24.6; Gary Rackow 31.3  
 I Bob Fritz 32.1; John DeVault 32.1; Jerome Weis 26.7  
 J Dick Burg 29.7; Rowen Swick 22.5; Debbie Kijek 15.6  
 K T McConochie 22.1; T Dudenhoefer 18.9; Bernice Lokken 23.9  
 L Dan Stieber 19.3; Rich Contreras 9.6; Jesse Contreras 10  
 Jrs Penny Steinke 49; Jason Goldsmith 34

### BELOIT DOUBLES - SEPT 16 **unsanctioned**

Top three of primarily six-man classes

- A**
1. Lorraine Sternberg and Ken Kosky 5/0
  2. Jason Goldsmith and Jerry Schroeder 3/2
  3. Gus Schram and Terry Sternberg 2/3
- B**
1. Bob Runnas and Harold Laws 4/1
  2. Rich Conrad and Larry Mc Cutcheon 3/2
  3. Ken Beebe and Georgia Beebe 3/2
- C**
1. Bob Mitchell and Tom Smith 4/0
  2. Ralph Zeisse and Hank Zeisse 2/2
  3. Terry Hlavac and Wayne Fry 2/2
- D**
1. Gary Rackow and Josh Erickson 5/0
  2. Vic Paulson and Ed Haakinson 3/2
  3. Duane Woodard and Pam Woodard 2/3
- E**
1. Rowen Swick and Lloyd Woodard 4/1
  2. John DeVault and Emery Cole 3/2
  3. Gordy LaChance and Dave Reid 3/2
- F**
1. Bob and Audrey Hendrickson 5/0
  2. Todd McConchie 3/2
  3. Tom Hansen and Harold Bertelsen 3/2

Fifteen Non-members competed in this tournament. Hopefully about half of them will be NHPA members next year. E.P.

### BELOIT - 1995 CLUB OF THE YEAR

Rightfully, we have devoted an entire column to the Beloit Club. All tournaments considered, they have entertained more pitchers than any other location in Wisconsin. The Club Team; The Beloit Encore; The TEAM-WORLD; The Beloit Spring Singles; The Southern Wisconsin Open; The Beloit Doubles; plus the 1995 State Tournament and a Club-Mini tournament - greatest contribution *ever*, to the WHPA. Congratulations Beloit!

### MUSIC CITY TEAM TOURNAMENT

Jack Freeman played the complete host at the Music City Team tournament this year. His pitching arm is mending from two operations and although his range of motion is better, he is still unable to pitch.

Undaunted, Freeman invited others to fill the indoor courts for two days of team action. As an added bit of enticement, the Music City Team paid cash awards exceeding entry fees in all classes.

Thirty-five teams or team fragments attempted to enter. Twenty-four were accepted - two classes of "A"; one "B" class; and a "C" class.

This Music City format calls for each member of a three-pitcher team to play one game with each member of every other team within the class. Classes were six teams. Extended it comes to 15 games per pitcher. Play ten games Saturday, five Sunday and then Sunday afternoon the top five teams from the two A sections began a stepladder play-off.

Some teams had homes - Tennessee, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ontario, Kentucky - others were mixed. The percentage cap being prevalent. The sixth place team, for example, was; Mark Seibold of Indiana, Don Titcomb of Kentucky, and Dave Loucks from California.

On the play-off ladder, in fifth place, were the Tennessee twins, Max Griffith and Mar Ray with their apparel designer, Paula Hunsicker. The only true regional team won the best dressed award but lost their first match to World Champion, Sue Snyder, Ron Meredith. (both Kentucky) and Ralph Guffey (Indiana).

Snyder and company won again setting the team of Ron Powell, Charlie Meredith (both Kentucky) and Al Morris, (Indiana) back one place.

In the third game Snyder went head to head with the other World Champ, Alan Francis of Missouri. Francis won. His partner, Amy Brown of Ohio won. They carried Fred Brown, also Ohio into the final match against the tournament leaders.

The team with a name, Tuff-E-Nuff, of, Art Tyson, (New York) Phil Fleshman and Pete Shomete (both Maryland?) could not hold up against the combination of Francis and Amy Brown. This last time they gave Fred a ride all the way to a spot on the Music City Team trophy for 1995.

Francis never lost a game. Amy dropped just two. Fred won 1.

### A SIGNAL FROM NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CLOSE DOESN'T COUNT GIVES NEWSLETTER AWARDS

A narrow column of white smoke was reportedly seen on the Northwest horizon in the latter days of October. It could mean the Close Doesn't Count league has settled their Autumn horseshoe wars and are back to normal life in their encampment - hunting, fishing, gathering wild rice, whatever.

Additionally, this Newsletter received a packet laden with funds from the North-of-8 people with directions to send the Newsletter to some others of their group.

Apparently they are using Newsletter subscriptions as tournament awards or gift subscriptions. We thank them heartily for their support.

**WISCONSIN PITCHERS CHECK OUT  
NASHVILLE**

Wisconsin pitchers toured Nashville, Tennessee, early November while pitching in the nearby town of Joelton. Although the main drawing card was the Music City Team tournament, entertainment, dining out, and the Nashville malls filled their off-court hours.

Three Wisconsin teams had entered. Two were accepted. State champs, Lorraine Sternberg and Randy Rein recruited Mark Stevens for his low average but great potential. They qualified for one of the two "A" sections limited to a percentage total of 215. Jim Haupt, Terry Sternberg, and Ken Kosky made the "C" bracket - the lowest and last seeded of 24 teams. Earl Paulson, Harold Laws, and Red Ferguson had their entry rejected, evidently for low entry percentage. 35 teams and team fragments tried to enter. 24 were selected.

Paulson, determined to see the Joelton horseshoe complex, promised his wife a side trip to Branson and contributed to the tournament effort as scorekeeper. Our 5th VP, Dick Hansen and Paulette were on hand to check it out. Renee and Heidi Strenberg had a taste of Music City last year and returned to fill out the family motel room. Rick Poppe, lately of Wausau, found a ride and stood by as a possible alternate. John and Sandy Secord felt it obligatory to put some more miles on one vehicle in their collection and made Nashville their destination.

So, you see, Wisconsin was well represented. At one point the tournament emcee, Donny Roberts, calling for more help, announced that the dependable Wisconsin contingent had half a dozen scorekeepers presently working the boards.

Always keenly interested in extracurricular fun, Lorraine booked a block of Opryland tickets Friday night. Alas the offtime Nashville visitor, Haupt, couldn't find the celebrated Opryland, despite its myriad of millions of lights, and missed the action that went on late into the night.

Saturday night Kosky led the Badger pack in search of the "Stockyards," a local restaurant of some renown. Secord mentioned that he passed Kosky's Lincoln several times going in the opposite direction before the entourage found the place. Somewhat puzzled about the sign, "Park Here at your own Risk," Secord nonchalantly took the empty stall.

Dinner was very special they said but when the check came we thought we were buying the room. On returning to the parking lot, Secord suddenly understood the sign. The tree above must have been home to a thousand birds all with the same mission - like snowballs from Hell. The wash job took a dozen pails of water.

And those were the good times. Court action saw no Wisconsin team in the money. The brutal pitching results are final.

<u>A1 TEAM 6</u>		<u>won 20 ga.</u>		<u>C TEAM 6</u>		<u>won 18 ga.</u>	
Randy Rein	8/7	60.93	Jim Haupt	8/7	45.07		
Lorraine Sternberg	8/7	72.67	Terry Sternberg	6/9	38.40		
Mark Stevens	4/11	59.87	Ken Kosky	4/11	35.47		

**JACK FREEMAN COURTS WINTER SCHEDULE**

Jan 6 New Year Open	Mar 2 Winter Thaw Open
Jan 20 Mid-Winter Open	Mar 16 Windy Open
Feb 3 Deep Freeze Open	Mar 30 Indoor State (Closed)
Feb 17 Presidents Open	Call 615-794-5620

**DOWN AND BACK**

*with Jim Haupt*

We went down and back a few times in Nashville with a unique sort of a guy. His name is Al Morris. He lives in Southern Indiana. Met him a few years back hanging around the World Tournament courts at Spearfish, ND. Ron Powell, the high roller from Kentucky, was trying to con Al into a wager with some points involved. Al seemed to be pitching almost 30% at the time so the point spread was heavy. I didn't stay for the execution. Then Al passed the 70 year mark and stepped up the allowed distance. Things began to change. He challenged me to a game at the Team-World last year. Had all I could do to lead by five points after half an hour.

Al showed up next in Perry, GA. Did not enter the tournament but worked twice a day as a pacer in the 30ft classes. The accelerated practice had results. His last session was well into the sixties.

Powell must have noticed too. Charlie Meredith and Powell needed an anchor to allow their own entry in the Music City Team. The percentage limit was 215 with Meredith and Powell consuming most of it. Al Morris was their selected sleeper - low enough to qualify their entry but also able to surprise the opposition and win a few games.

Al did his job. Pitched an even 60% and won 6 of the 15 games. Powell won 13. Meredith, with a greater percentage (75) won 10 times. It was good enough for the ladder finish and fourth place. Warming-up for the tournament Al and I resumed our game on the Joelton courts. I'm still leading but not by much, 204 to 199

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Jack Pine Bowl at Hys 13 & 21 in Adams County is the place that converted alleys to four horseshoe courts - just what we all would like in our neighborhood.

Had another look at the place when the sun was high and they deer were resting this Fall. Tom and Sharon Robinson were covering the courts, setting up for a wedding reception but we saw a familiar device. Four of the electric scoreboards from the old Pitchin' Palace were setup, one for each court - still bearing the Pitchin' Palace logo.

Also heard that Francis Schalk was scheduled to run a December tournament at The Jack Pine. Sure wish it was in my neck of the woods.

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Pass the envelope please...the winner is... Loyd Skarda of the Kenosha Club voted , Rookie of the Year. Club officer, Harry Nelson made the award of a one year subscription to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter. Make us feel like winners too.

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World Champion, Alan Francis will not be able to play with the Missouri team when Team-World rolls around. When the invitations go out his address will be Defiance, Ohio.

It seems that's also home for Amy Brown, the number three horseshoe lady in the Perry, GA World Tournament. The number one man and the number three lady plan to be married in late April 1996.

Funny thing, neither of them think a team horseshoe tournament would be the place to celebrate their honeymoon.

Hey! Alan and Amy, if you come to Team-World we'll throw a special party with all your friends, just for you. It'll be a ball!

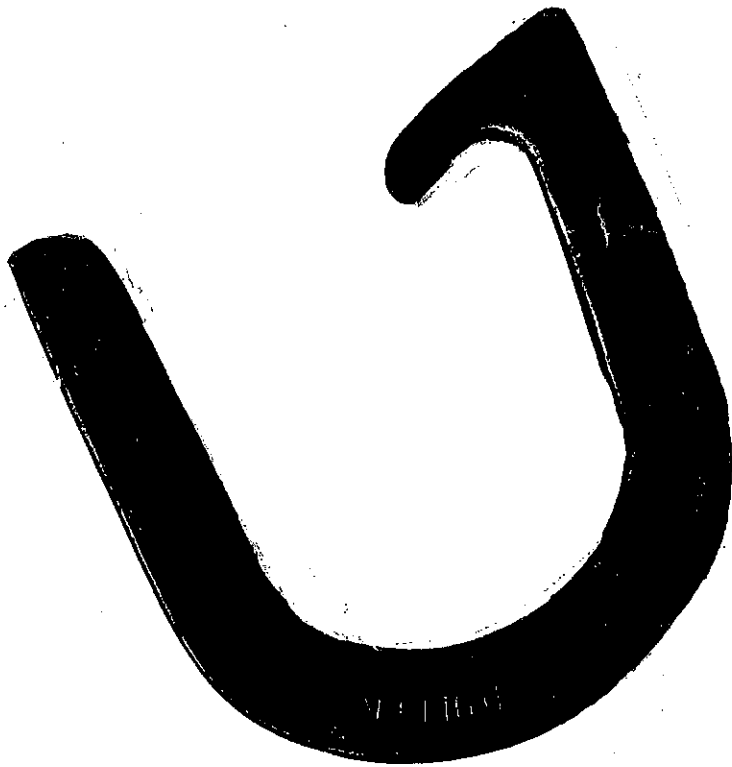
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