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### **RANDY REIN SURVIVES PLAY-OFF FOR 1995 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Always a tough pitcher, John Udelhofen, former champion of Barneveld, altered the championship men's result sheet when he copped a game from another former champ, Don Kangas of Colgate.

Kangas took the last game of regulation play from defending Champion Randy Rein of Mosinee. It was the only defeat for Rein leading to a play-off game. Udelhofen, finishing third, had given Rein another chance.

Kangas has had the edge on Rein throughout this year and continued to match double ringers in the play-off. This final game the lefty reverse fireballer lost a few hard shots and could not match all the ringers of the softer methodical delivery punctuated with the Rein hop.

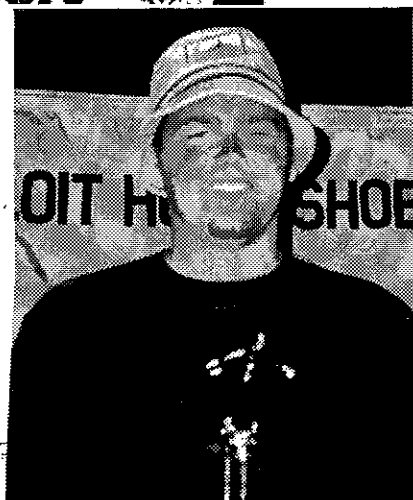
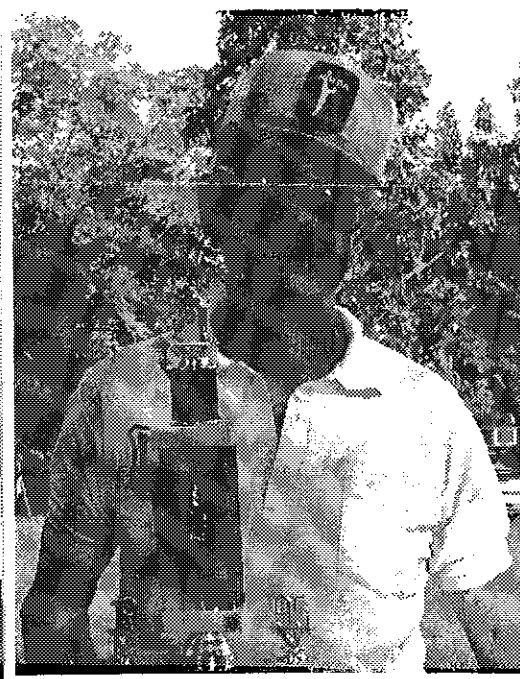
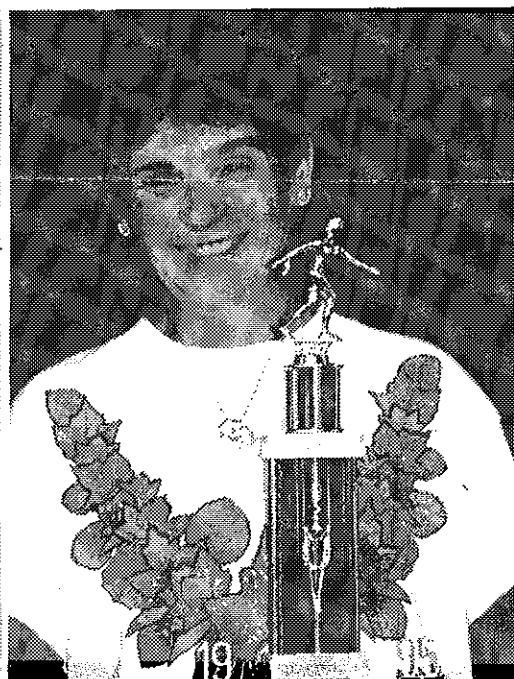
Randy Rein becomes the 1995 State Champion - the fourth of six years.

### **LORRAINE STERNBERG WINS IN STRAIGHT GAMES PITCHING RECORD 81.81%**

Well into the championship rounds three women were still undefeated - Pam Steinke of Waukesha, Edie McKinney of Luck, and Lorraine Sternberg of Richfield. Jane Smith had one early loss. The real championship got going when the top four played each other.

Resurging, Smith topped friend McKinney. Steinke lost to Sternberg and again to McKinney. Spectators speculated. They figured a way to wind up with three former champs in extra games. Sternberg was just too good to lose this day pitching 81.8% - a personal record and undoubtedly the state record for the Women's Division.

Lorraine Sternberg, 1995 State Champion lady from the Goldendale Club made this one number four in four years.



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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Some things are better left unsaid. Our emotions can also get the best of us, as I found out at the State Tournament. It was a State Tournament I will always remember, from inducting Rick Pritzlaff into the Hall of Fame to surprising Jim and Susie with the Presidents award for the Wisconsin Newsletter. It was great. Congratulations to all the champions, but I must single out one. Lorraine Sternberg's championship at almost 82% not only won the day but will make her one of the top 4 or 5 pitchers in the World - truly something to be proud of.

I did have one speech to make that day that I could not get out and for that reason I feel I should try one more time - in writing.

*There are many I should thank over the last 8 years, so many that I could fill all these pages. But there is only one person that is always there. At this State Tournament you could find her anywhere from posting scores to cooking fries and even kept score for a game or two when asked, yet she does not even pitch. She can talk horseshoes with the best of them and for all this and much much more, I just wanted to thank her publicly. Thanks Paulette.* The WHPA has come a long way over the years and I alone cannot take all the credit. It takes a hard working group of state officers and a host of others to make it all come together. Our membership will go over 500 for 1995. We have over 30 NHPA sanctioned tournaments. We have many members who are willing to give thier time to the sport. They are the ones who deserve the credit. The new State President we elect will have my complete support. I am not leaving. I have just taken a new road. Thanks again to all.

**-Dick**

**WAUSAU OPEN - JULY 1-2 1995**

by Ken Kosky

The 2nd annual Wausau Open Tournament was attended by 77 pitchers. Saturday morning started off with a 25 mph wind that felt like it was coming right off Lake Superior. Lorraine Sternberg was keeping score wearing every article of clothing she could find in the van. And still she froze.

The wind kept up all day and the averages reflected it. Only one of the class A-40' pitchers managed to average over 50%. On Sunday the wind settled down and although it wasn't hot, it turned into a fairly decent day for pitching.

Gus Schram, ever the inventor, debuted the new score marking system he has been working on this past year. Not very many negative comments. Even Ken Jaeger, "the clothespin king," from New London, gave it his somewhat reluctant approval. More about this in the future. Results follow;

- A30 Lorraine Sternberg 78.0; Clayton Gage 67.9; Jane Smith 63.8
- A40 Brian Repinski 53.0; Randy Rein 48.4; Gus Schram 46.8
- B Elaine Troullier 51.8; Ken Jaeger 45.7; Bill Schaaf 45.0
- C Pat Spahn 42.5; Gloria Smith 40.0; Carolyn Stittleburg 45.0
- D Rueben Eckhardt 37.5; Bob Lindberg 35.7; Red Ferguson 29.6
- E Ken Kosky 32.8; George Draeger 30.4; Harold Laws 27.8
- F Rich Conrad 30.0; Carla McFarlane 30.3; John Gregorich 29.0
- G Hank Zeisse 28.9; Tom Steinke 27.5; Dave Richter 21.1
- H Jason Maki 14.3; Dan Bellard 13.6; Carol Crook 12.1
- Jr Penny Steinke 50.0; Paul Fricano 27.5; Cary Richter 27.5

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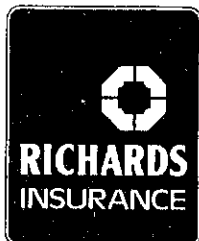
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## F.D.L. - WHAT A BAGGER!

Every Fond Du Lac Club member will agree. The 1995 FDL open was a bagger!

Rain beset the FDL area for days prior to the August event. That end of the fairgrounds was saturated. Then, on opening day, it was more rain. The court area was flooded - ankle deep on some courts - and nowhere to go.

Saturday classes were scratched entirely. Club members began the bailing process carrying water to the nearby area drain. It was a futile effort. Ground water levels were matching the level of the ground surface. Overnight the water level subsided to four inches below the concrete walkways. The shovelers turned-to again heaping the clay hoping for drying weather.

John, the elder, Secord got an idea and came up with 50 potato sacks, the burlap kind. Each pit was thus covered and the first classes started. It worked! Staying close to the stake was paramount. The grounds were squishy : the concrete was dry. Wild pitches found the moat with water flying everywhere. Through the diligent efforts of the working club members and the careful aim of the pitchers, the job was accomplished. After Noon some of the clay could even be turned.

Will we ever run out of Secords? Jeff Secord ran the FDL show but his bride, Ann ran the booth. Megan, Ann's sister, was checking scoresheets. Sandy kept score, a skill she would rather forget and she marked the boards while David paid out the dollars. And John, when he wasn't pitching, mostly sat around and marveled at his industrious relatives. Isn't it nice that horseshoes is a family affair.

For some pitchers, being "in the sack" was a new and pleasant experience.

### RESULTS; SKIN'S OPEN unsanctioned

A Chuck Goldapske 42.9; Bob Traber 29.6; Carrol Boldt

B Chuck Fritsch 24; Bob Damkot 22.8; Willard Smith 23

C Erin Fliess 6.8; Tammy Luedke 8.2; Scott Fideler 3.8

F D L OPEN sanc #28-95-022

A Lorraine Sternberg 72.3; Randy Rein 66.3; Don Kangas 61.1

B Ron Butz; 47.4 Steve Wiegert 57.1; Elaine Troullier 49.4

C Phyllis Davids 49. John Secord 42.1; Cliff Troullier 41.2

E Dick Baeten 31.2; Tom Steinke 22.4; Bob Traber 23.6

F Hank Zeisse 33.6; Joan Struebing 27.2; Don Burmeister 22

G Dick Burg 20.4; Ken Wood 14.6; Wes Podvin 7.5



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## SOUTHERN WIS OPEN - BELOIT IN AUGUST

### HURRICANE FELIX VISITS TORRID RENLEY COURTS

Blame the hot spell on the on the Southern location - closer to the Equator. The Southern Wisconsin Open will be known as the hot one of the 1995 season.

Anticipating the heat, Mouse moved his bar and grill to west side shade which apparently agreed with his customers who stayed on long after the last shoe.

Presumably the weather was cool and blue in Mountain. Via the horseshoe grapevine we heard that 170 pitchers chose the Northern climes.

Just as Mountain caters to pitchers of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the folks of Northern Illinois find Beloit both convenient and hospitable. The common thread seems to be, a full weekend tournament, two days, and pre-registered. WHPA pitchers are accustomed to it. Other states may offer more tournaments, but usually smaller and the show-up variety.

Hurricane Felix really did dump on Beloit - in the form of an old pitcher from Watertown, Felix Kubly. Now pitching from thirty feet, Hall of Famer, Kubly enjoys the respect of many of his younger opponents. They even offer to turn both courts before the game to rest the old gent.

Fully rested, Kubly is apt to bury that Samaritan opponent with a flurry of ringers. He did it at Beloit - laid on 29 ringers in a 40 shoe game giving his younger overheated and beleaguered opponent one more "L."

### A COUPLE OF LOYAL GUYS



Dear Sirs:

Cayuga, Indiana

Enclosed is a check for \$7 to renew my subscription to the Wisconsin Newsletter. I really enjoy all the articles + tournament results. Your paper was the only news of the World Tournament that I received.

Thanks again, Respectfully, Karl Van Sant,

P.S. Am enclosing an extra dollar for the last issue.

Tell Jim Haupt and Ralph Maylahn, I said Hello!

**JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

by Lorraine Sternberg

I would like to thank two very special people for helping me this year with raising money for the Scholarship Fund.

*Thank you Dick and Paulette Hansen.*

Without their special donations of the hand made items, done by Paulette's mom, it would have been a poor season for the Scholarship Fund.

We raised a total of \$225 from; the Team-World, Goldendale, and the State Tournaments. Thank you very much.

*At this time I would like to find someone who would be interested in taking over the Jr Scholarship Fund. I feel it's time for some new ideas and I don't feel that I put as much into it this year as I should have. If anyone wants more information, please give me a call.*

*Ferry and I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone who made our 25th anniversary very special. A special thanks to our three daughters and their friends, to Dick and Paulette Hansen, Jane Meier, and Dick Schoener. You all made it a most memorable State Tournament for both of us. Thanks to all of you who were there to share this special time with us.*

*-Ferry and Lorraine Sternberg*

**THE LOYAL CORN FEST**

A Cornfest has something for everybody.

The rip snorting pullers were there grinding the humps off another roadway this year. The air-conditioned craft show was indoors. The Loins Club was selling a ton of hot dogs and brats and the intricate mechanical corn serveing operation was in full swing.

A ten-man "A" was this horseshoe tournament's feature attraction. Tournament Director, Greg Bottlemy, had ten entrants proffering averages in excess of 60%, eight men and two women, no problem, make it a ten-man, or a *ten-person*. The entering percentage is the dominant factor.

Good junior pitchers can also be good workers, contributing when given the opportunity. Eric Bottlemy took over recording statistics while his dad was on the courts. His class result sheets looked every bit as good as the others. Maybe someday he'll be the director.

The Cornfest was everywhere; lots of things to buy. One horseshoe pitcher offered to sell a key to a semi-private restroom. Trouble was, it was located ten miles down the road in the town of Spencer.

The key was attached to a piece of broomstick and this character wound up with it in his pocket after a rest stop.

Local pitcher, Vince Jakel returned the key - said the line was not too long at the Citgo station but they were glad to have it back.

Results

- A Randy Rein 67.5; Mark Stevens 68.3; Edie McKinney 66.7
  - B Dave Schorbahn 46.3; Bill Schaaf 36.8; Tony Scrima 42.1
  - C Rick Poppe 49.3; Ted Rohde 46.4; Merrill Semingson 41.1
  - D Ron Wilcziek 38.0; Hank Zeisse 31.0; George Draeger 29.5
  - E Dan David 24.5; Steve Stevens 24.5; Ron Pierson 19.5
  - Jr Jesse Zepplin 26.0; Amber Zepplin 17.5; Erik Bottlemy 18.0
- Thanks to everyone who helped. -Greg Bottlemy

**PLATTEVILLE OPEN**

SANC #28-95-020 AUG 19

by Norm Mauthe

Ringer percents were high in Platteville as perfect weather brought out 56 horseshoe pitchers. Frank Dunn cruised to victory in class C averaging an outstanding 48%. Mark Mauthe took his first Platteville championship. Our thanks to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra prizes. - Platteville Horseshoe Assn.

Results

- A Mark Mauthe 66.0; Marv Huffman 54.3; Bill Grobstick 49.1
- B Norm Mauthe 50.0; Ken Olson 48.6; Dave Klipstein 44.9
- C Frank Dunn 48.0; Ted Rohde 40.9; LeRoy Wipperfurth 39.4
- D Teresa Donar 42.3 Jim Brown 39.6; Jerry Schroeder 41
- E Norm Beckius 28.5 Mike Cone 29.2 ; David Volz 28.5
- F Al Schuster 27.4; John Gregorich 26.6; Gary Racknow 26.0
- G Mike Edge 23; Orville Baker 20.5; Gary Volz 20

**Ruth Sanders**, known to most as a tournament director of the Mid-East Open, passed away shortly before the State Tournament. In former years she also served the Combined Locks Club as Secretary. She was originally stricken with her illness in 1976 and battled back for nineteen years. Ann Opsteen described her as a dear friend, an extremely active woman and top notch horseshoe pitcher.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

- SEPT 23 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria D/L 9-10
- Jane Smith 715-485-3057 #28-95-027 **WHPA**
- SEPT 23-24 ARENA FALL SINGLES D/L 9-7
- Ron Berg 608-753-5574 #28-95-028 **WHPA**
- OCT 14 FALL MEETING & TOURNAMENT; PLOVER
- BRIAN REPINSKI 715-341-4729 #28-95-031... **WHPA**
- NOV 4-5 MUSIC CITY TEAM; Tennessee D/L 10-16
- Mary Bastian 615-795-5620 **NHPA sanctioned**
- NOV 12 110 DOUBLES; Arena \$22/TEAM D/L 10-28
- Bernard Cockroft 608-795-2573 #28-95-029 **WHPA**
- DEC 9-10 BERG'S DEC. DOUBLES; Arena D/L 11-25
- Ron Berg 608-924-5574 sanc #28-95-030 **WHPA**
- JAN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FUNFEST OPEN
- JAN \_\_\_ 110% - 01 DOUBLES; Arena
- Jim Haupt 414-964-2735 #28-95-001 **WHPA**
- FEB \_\_\_ FREEZE-R-OO
- Ron Berg 608-924-5574 **NHPA sanctioned WHPA**
- TIP'S ARENA DOUBLES SERIES to be announced
- Tip Wipperfurth 608-849-4655 **unsanctioned**
- MAR RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE TEAM DOUBLES

*WHPA Scheduled tournaments noted; WHPA. NHPA sanctioned tournaments numbered.*

*For complete tournament information see Official WHPA schedule or flyer. From time to time this Newsletter may list events and dates other than WHPA scheduled tournaments.*

## RESULTS OF 73RD WISCONSIN STATE TOURNAMENT 1995

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEN

1 Randy Rein	9-1	69.8
2 Don Kangas	8-2	68.8
3 John Udelhofen	6-3	62.5
4 Mark Mauthe	5-4	61.1
5 Jim Larson	5-4	52.5
6 Buck Huffman	4-5	52.2
7 Gus Schram	3-6	54.8
8 Brian Repinski	3-6	53.6
9 Tim Maule	2-7	48.5
10 Jeff Secord	1-8	44.7

### CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN

1 Lorraine Sternberg	9-0	81.8
2 Edith McKinney	7-2	68.8
3 Jane Smith	7-2	64.3
4 Pam Steinke	6-3	66.1
5 Cy Srenjaski	5-4	50
6 Suzanne Helene	4-5	57.8
7 Ann Opsteen DNF	3-6	57.1
8 Heidi Sternberg	3-6	43.3
9 Shari Davison	1-8	48.8
10 Gerri Meistad	0-9	50

### CHAMPIONSHIP ELDERS

1 Clayton Gage	6-0	67.5
2 Merwyn Sorensen	4-2	66
3 Felix Kubly	2-4	56.3
4 Curt Bestul	0-6	43.4

### CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS

1 Penny Steinke	6-0	58.1
2 Nicole Riehle	4-2	11.2
3 Josh Schliem A Boys	2-4	6.1
4 Erin Schliem	0-6	1.8

### CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

1 Jason Goldsmith 7-0	39.6
2 Shannon Rein	6-1 40
3 Lee McFarlane	4-3 37.5
4 Wesley Rein	4-3 30.5
5 Jesse Zepplin	3-4 26.2
6 Paul Fricano	2-5 22.3
7 Erik Bottlemy	0-7 19.6

### MEN CLASS A

1 Jim Larson	6-2	53.8
2 John Barden	5-3	54
3 John Koepp	4-3	54.9
4 Jeff Secord	4-3	46.6
5 Don Hostrup	4-3	46.6
6 Vince Jakel	3-4	50.9
7 Ron Brockway	2-5	37.7
8 Ken Jaeger	1-6	26.3

### MEN CLASS B

1 Tony Scrima	6-1	48.6
2 Rich Brower	5-2	54
3 Dave Schorbahn	4-3	52.9
4 Jim Haupt	3-4	45.4
5 Bill Schaaf	3-4	43.4
6 Greg Bottlemy	3-4	42.3
7 Bernard Carley	2-5	41.1
8 Michael Hansen	2-5	41.1



### WOMEN CLASS A

1 Shari Davison	6-1	52.6
2 Heather Sternberg	5-2	48.6
3 Ida Hostrup	4-3	50.9
4 Gloria Smith	4-3	45.1
5 Jane Meier	4-3	43.1
6 Kathy Hanson	3-4	32.3
7 Carolyn Stittleburg	2-5	42.6
8 Elaine Troullier	2-5	42.0

### WOMEN CLASS B

1 Teresa Donar	7-0	47.1
2 Sylvia David	5-2	43.7
3 Darlene Sabish	4-3	43.7
4 Claretta Hansen	4-3	36
5 Maria Willms	3-4	42.6
6 Marie Donar	3-4	38.6
7 Lori Matzdorf	2-5	42.3

### WOMENS CLASS C

1 Carla McFarlane	5-1	38.3
2 Lois Gaulin	4-2	31.3
3 Joanne Alling	3-3	36.7
4 Pam Woodard	3-3	36
5 Cathy Horn	3-3	25
6 Ceil Trossen	2-4	32.7
7 Christine Tashoff	1-5	27.7

### MEN CLASS D

1 Wayne Vanderhei	7-1	44.5
2 Dick Hansen	6-2	42
3 Ron Yttri	5-2	40.9
4 Cliff Troullier	4-3	41.1
5 Dave Klipstein	3-4	42
6 Ken Olson	2-5	41.4
7 Julian Tijerina	2-5	33.7
8 Eark Paulson	0-7	36.9



### MEN CLASS E

1 John Secord	7-1	49.8
2 Dick Muhlenbeck	6-2	50
3 Ted Rohde	5-2	45.4
4 Terry Sternberg	4-3	36.6
5 Harry Nelson	3-4	37.4
6 LeRoy Wipperfurth	2-5	35.7
7 Jim Heim	2-5	34.6
8 Bernard Cockcroft	0-7	32.3

### MEN CLASS F

1 Don Goldsmith	7-1	40.8
2 Bill Hagen	6-2	39.8
3 Gene Mason	4-3	45.1
4 John Brophy	4-3	43.1
5 Paul Wilson	4-3	38
6 Rich Conrad	2-5	35.7
7 Paul Federer	2-5	33.
8 Warren Knippel	2-5	30



### MEN CLASS C

1 Mark Stevens	7-0	57.1
2 Rick Poppe	5-2	44.9
3 Lloyd Johnson	4-3	44.9
4 Jeff Mauthe	4-3	32.6
5 Mike Menden	3-4	37.1
6 LaVern Edge	2-5	48.6
7 Jerry Nordlee	2-5	41.4
8 Norm Mauthe	1-6	34.6

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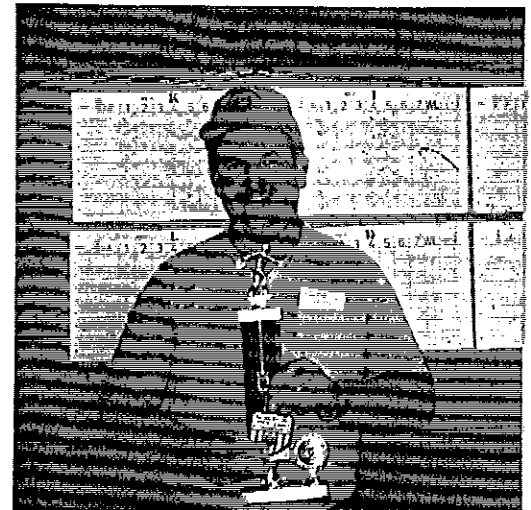


WOMEN CLASS D

1	Gwen Unz	6-0	28.3
2	Bernice Lokken	3-3	23.7
3	Carol Crook	3-3	20
4	Darla Thill	0-6	14.3

ELDERS CLASS A

1	Ed Rupno	6-0	47.3
2	George Draeger	5-1	30.7
3	Hank Zeisse	4-2	35.3
4	LeRoy Meyer	3.3	24.3
5	Bill Hidebrand	2-4	20.7
6	George Kuffer 1-5	8.8	



MEN CLASS G

1	Fred Decorah	6-2	39.3
2	Jerry Schroeder	5-3	46
3	Ron Lingard	4-3	40.3
4	Russ Burns	3-4	39.7
5	Ken Kosky	3-4	39.4
6	Larry McCutcheon	3-4	33.7
7	Ken Davison	3-4	28.6
8	Chet Hermansen	2-5	31.1



MEN CLASS K

1	Tom Steinke	7-2	30
2	Gary Rackow	5-3	31
3	Don Burmeister	5-3	31.3
4	Sal Okon	4-3	26.3
5	Rick Horn	4-3	25.4
6	Guy Fleming	3-4	21.4
7	Ron Sabish	1-6	21.4
8	Jerome Weis	1-6	18.3

Oscar Pynnonen, pictured left, won a six-way ladder play-off to decide "I" class.



MEN CLASS I

1	Oscar Pynnonen	5-3	39.5
2	Al Leintz	6-4	33.8
3	Leo Zamzow	4-4	35.3
4	Ron Willms	5-4	36
5	Tom Cutts	5-4	33.6
6	Bill Matey	4-4	32.8
7	Galen Kozel	3-4	35.1
8	Chuck Herman	2-5	31.1

MEN CLASS L

1	Joe Zoromskis	6-2	31.3
2	Frank Look	5-3	28.8
3	Mike Rousseau	4-3	29.1
4	Bob Fritz	4-3	27.4
5	Francis Schalk	4-3	26.9
6	Frank Dohrwardt	3-4	22
7	Bob Novinski	2-5	21.7
8	Scott Kater	1-6	21.1

MEN CLASS M

1	Tom Costa Sr	7-0	32.3
2	Wayne Franzen	6-1	27.4
3	Ken Hannula	5-2	21.7
4	Ralph Zeisse	3-4	16
5	John Germanson	2-5	20.3
6	Rob Pankhurst	2-5	19.7
7	Trevor Malicki	2-5	16.3
8	Weldon Gaulin	1-6	11.7

MEN CLASS N

1	Dick Schoener	6-1	25.1
2	Karl Wegner	5-2	23.7
3	Rowen Swick	4-3	27.1
4	Dan Jaglowski	4-3	21.1
5	Jim Bird	3-4	26.3
6	Robert Bird	3-4	22
7	Dick Burg	2-5	12.6
8	Kip Gusner	1-6	19.7

MEN CLASS H

1	Gil Matzdorf	5-2	28.3
2	Ron Wilcziek	4-3	38.9
3	Terry Lokken	4-3	33.1
4	Bob Kallstrom	4-3	32.2
5	Harold Laws	4-3	26.3
6	Wally Srenaski	3-4	18.9
7	Jerry Udelhofen	2-5	30.3

MEN CLASS J

1	Duane Grossen	7-1	37.3
2	Dave Aho	7-2	33.6
3	Ron Berg	6-2	32.8
4	John Gregorich	3-4	30
5	Bruce McLinn	3-4	30
6	Ron Zeppelin	2-5	29.7
7	Rob Struebing	2-5	24

MEN CLASS O

1	Tom Dudenhoefer	6-1	23.7
2	Duane Woodard	5-2	18
3	Tod McConochie	4-3	22.3
4	Gordy LaChance	4-3	21.7
5	David Hansen	3-4	16.9
6	Ivan Ruzic	3-4	16.9
7	Dan David	2-5	20.9

MEN CLASS P

1	Carl Schliem	7-0	21.7
2	Ken Wood	6-1	16.3
3	Steeve Stevens	5-2	22
4	Tim Tresoor	4-3	13.7
5	Curt Novinski	3-4	11.4
6	Larry Unz	2-5	8.6
7	Kevin Brekke	1-6	6.0

## KEWASKUM

by Rob Struebing

It was a perfect day for horsehoes, although I spent most of the time in the shade of the big oaks and not in the hot sun.

Don Kangas successfully defended his title for the seventh straight time. Ralph Maylahn winning in 1988 has been our only other men's champion. Steve Wiegert had a fine tournament and tied Kangas for high ringer game at 74%.

Dick Burg, worried about his sore back and not knowing if he could go the distance, pitched the tournament of his life. Berg had games of 44 and 56 percent.

We would like to thank all who entered and those that helped in any way.

## RESULTS

A Don Kangas 64.40; Steve Wiegert 66.0; John Koepp 58.0  
 B Ron Butz 50.4, Tony Scrima 44.8; Wes Taylor 44.8  
 C Mike Struebing 31.6; Leo Zamzow 30.4; Ritas Boegel 27.6  
 D Hank Zeisse 34.4; Cecilia Trossen 30.8; Marv Guetzke 26.8  
 E Jerry Stiefvater 27; Hans Boegel 22.5; Francis Schalk 23  
 F Dick Burg 34.8; Forrest Averbeck 16.8; Will Smith 20.4

## HEART OF THE VALLEY V.F.W.

by Anudder Van Looser

We made some of our friends in the Combined Locks VFW doubles tournament happy. Lost every game - 0 for 6 - and still cashed to the tune of ten dollars. Evidently the VFW guys want us to return next year. They must have a soft spot for losers.

Three organizers are named on the flyer, Ken Wood, Moose Meyer, and Don Navarrette but it takes a gang to make the event fly. Outwardly it appears the Veterans of the VFW are indeed vetrans. We see the same old timers running and pitching this horseshoe tournament year in and out. Aren't we having enough wars to keep this organization into new members?

At Kamps place a game is 50 shoes. It follows that doubles' games are two times 50 - half a hundred for each pitcher. Even the modest six -team round robins take a long time. Don't make any after horseshoes dates, you'll be late or sorry or both.

This year the 'Vets' made the decision to be included on the WHPA schedule and contribute fifty cents per pitcher to the state organization. Is this a great country, or what?

Sure we bought some raffle tickets but their raffle has so many winners it takes an hour to draw. Believe it. The raffle winners will out-number tournament winners.

## Results

A Mer Sorenson & Joe Gerrits 49.2; Cy Srenaski & Joe Felton 51.6  
 B Steve Troullier & Ted Anderson 34; Joe & Dan Van Cuyk 36.1  
 C Ken Wood & N Carlson 20.6; Don Navarrete & J Schroeder 17  
 D Ray Schommer & John Reitveld 32.6; John & Rita Boegel 25.8  
 E Leroy Meyer & Al Vanden Boogard 26.4

Roger Behm & Joe Vanden Boogard 21.6

## Payoff all Classes:

1. \$50 2. \$35 3. \$30 4. \$20 5. \$15 6. \$10 7. \$7

The horseshoe committee would like to thank you for pitching in this tournament, hope you had a great time. As we want this tournament to be a GOOD TIME TOURNAMENT.

## DOWN AND BACK with jim haupt

On the 16th of September, Ralph Maylahn, Genesse Depot, joined a select group of pitchers past the 70 year mark who have pitched a tournament average *greater than their age*. Maylahn averaging 75.5% at Dwight (Illinois) Harvest Days just made it under the wire. He will turn 76 later this September. The question in his mind is, can he do it again, after this birthday?

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## WHEW!

Ida and Don Hostrup of Fredric were at the World Tournament in Georiga with their 5th wheel rig when the puller truck started acting up. Out of town with nowhere else to turn, Hostrup reluctantly placed it in the care of the local Chevy dealer for a day long examination.

To his pleasant surprise the bill came to just one hour's labor charge. A plug wire was found hanging too close to the computer. Releived, Hostrup picked the right guy to tell his tale of good fortune. John Secord is also into those puller trucks and coincidentally spends his working days at a Fond du Lac, Chevy dealership.

Hostrup has found new high regard for Chevy dealers!

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## RANDY REIN SAYS THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beloit Horseshoe Club for doing such a fine job of hosting the 73rd Wisconsin Horseshoe Tournament.

Mother nature certainly cooperated with three beautiful days of sunshine and no wind. It was a little warm but we made it.

My fourth state title was far from easy. I was hot and tired my last game and just wanted to win and end it. But Don Kangas had other plans in mind. He won and sent us into a play-off game.

I am also very honored to be tied with the Ladies State Champion, Lorraine Sternberg for **Pitcher of the Year Award**. I was surprised to hear my name mentioned. I was going to say something when I received this award but was afraid I would take my mind out of my game. But I would like to now...

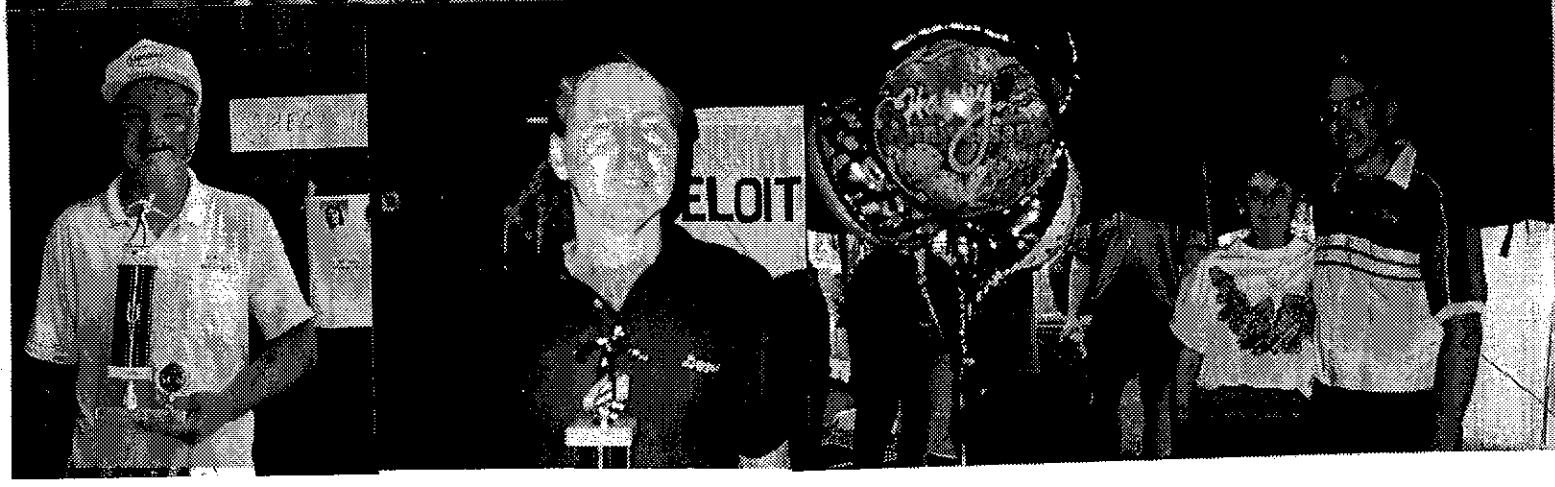
Behind me there is one very special person who came into my life and helped me win four state titles. Marge Yach is her name. She makes sure I have time to practice every night by helping out with cutting the grass etc. Marge is very understanding and has a lot of patience. She can motivate me to go out and do the best that I can. Very seldom will you see me at a tournament without her. When I need something to drink during a tournament, she goes and gets me something. When I need to know wins and losses of my opponents she gets the information. Its nice to have someone like this behind you. Marge also enjoys the company of all the ladies she has met and made friends with.

I would also like to thank all the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitcher Association members for making horseshoes such a great family sport.

Once again being the Men's State Champ, I will promote the NHPA whenever I can.

Thank you all again.

- Randy Rein





**STATE TOURNAMENT - CENTER COURT****STATE CHAMPS TIE FOR P.O.Y. AWARD**

"The 1995 Wisconsin pitcher of the year award is given to the pitcher earning the most points competing in Wisconsin tournaments. To earn points a pitcher must place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an NHPA sanctioned event held in Wisconsin.

this year 293 individuals vied for the award. Three pitchers accumulated over 100 points. This year's winner had 16 first place finishes, 7 times second, and 3 thirds. If you're adding, that's only 26 tournaments! For the first time since the conception of this award, we have a tie!

Lorraine Sternberg 13 events: 8 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third 165 pts

Randy Rein 14 events: 8 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds 165 pts

Congratulations to two very accomplished pitchers!"

-award presentation by Jane Smith, center court, Beloit, WI

**RICK PRITZLAFF - HALL OF FAME**

Grandfather, Ed Wing built the courts he started on. His mom, Susie, was described as the most active non-pitcher contributing to the WHPA. Rick Pritzlaff became the third of his family inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame. Pritzlaff, after winning the State Championship at the age of 19 was elected WHPA President and served for nine years.

Presenting the award was Dick Hansen, WHPA President, hand picked by Pritzlaff to succeed himself for the office eight years ago.

Rick Pritzlaff made lots of friends along the way. Over a hundred of those friends applauded his new award.

**PRESIDENTIAL AWARD TO NEWSLETTER**

President Dick Hansen called it "*The best charter Newsletter in the NHPA,*" and presented the responsible parties, Susie Pritzlaff and Jim Haupt with matching plaques.

The award caught the editor and the writer by surprise. Pritzlaff thanked the many contributors and subscribers for their support. Haupt was impressed and only later wished he had produced his receipt book to take extended subscriptions on the spot.

We really do appreciate the confidence shown by *many multiple year subscription renewals.*

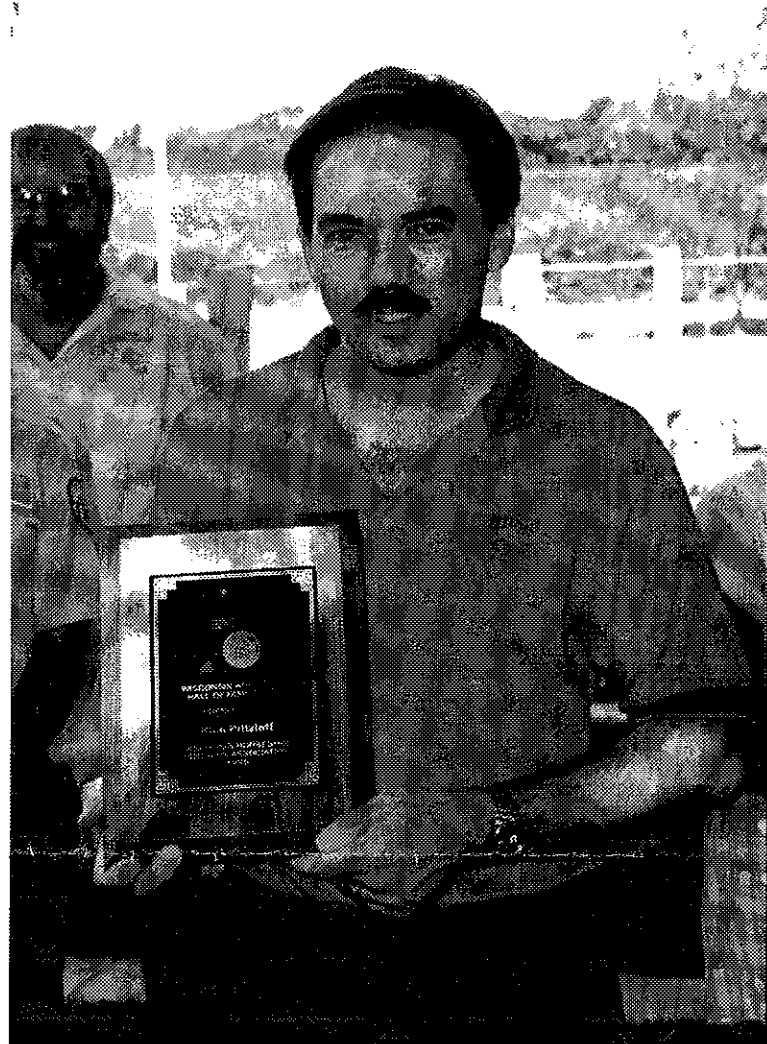
**IT WAS ONLY A ROSE - A VERY NICE ROSE**

-Dick Hansen was rolling along with the award ceremony saying all the right words at the right time. We were beginning to doubt his claim that he still gets nervous making these awards. The final award, a rose, was his undoing

Hansen, became totally unglued when he tried to honor his wife Paulette. He was holding a single rose but suddenly it must have weighed a ton.

We can only guess he was about to thank Paulette for sticking by and sharing his trials and tribulations as WHPA president and NHPA vice president.

Hansen began to explain the significance of the solitary rose when he cracked and could only utter the word "Paulette?" - like, come help me get out of this mess.



**LaVern Richard** of Hazel Green died during the days of the State Tournament. At 78 years, he enjoyed a percentage surge and took new interest in horseshoes being allowed to step up to a shorter distance. He was an avid pitcher at Bob's recreational center in Hazel Green and at Floral Park in Dubuque. He was buried from St Mary's Catholic Church.

**SID IS STILL A KID!**

**Sid Anderson**, 1987 World Champion Elder, made a cameo appearance at the Beloit State Tournament renewing old friendships since a severe automobile accident 18 months ago. He has a grocery list of self-prescribed vitamins and has tried acupuncture with some success. Sid who is pushing 80 years, claims the doctor says he's in the shape of a twenty year old kid!

**ANN OPSTEEN IS OK**

Six games into the Championship Ladies class in Beloit, Ann Opsteen was forced to drop out. It appeared to be the heat. She accepted on site aid from the para-medics but declined further treatment. Back in Combined Locks she is continuing to undergo medical tests.

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