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Tava Cook
2003 Junior Girls World Champion

Wisconsin has another Junior Girls World Champion

Smile of a Champion

By Sonia Cook

Wisconsin's junior pitcher brought the trophy back home. This title has been in WI seven years: One with Heidi (Sternberg) Poppe, Two with Penny Steinke, and Four with Debbie (Bestul) Halverson. Tava Cook from Stratford earned it for the eighth year with grace.

Most of the games were extremely close. The toughest mentally was Tava's win over Shalee Shebastian, PA. The closest and most nerve racking game for Tava's Grandparents

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Wisconsin's four Junior Girl's World Champions
Penny Steinke, Tava Cook, Debbie Bestul, Heidi Sternberg
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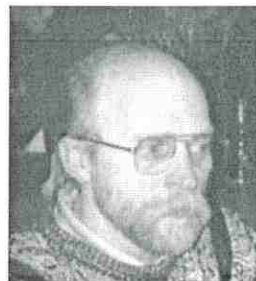
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The President's Column

With nothing left but memories of the 2003 World Tournament, I was just as happy to put the last piece into the NHPA trailer and close the semi-trailer doors as I was when we originally got the bid to host the 2003 World Tournament. I want to thank the World Tournament committee for hanging tough right to the end. I also want to thank all the volunteers that helped to make this World Tournament a great success. An adventure of this size can sometimes be abusive to your closest friends. Believe me when I say this, "Thanks" we could not have done this without your help.

Hey, how about that Tava Cook, Your new 2003 Junior Girls Worlds Champion. Great job Tava! Tava is the fourth Junior Girls Champion from Wisconsin. Preceding her are Penny Steinke, Heidi Sternberg and Debbie Bestul.

With the Fall Meeting fast approaching it brings up some agenda that you should be aware of. The President and Second Vice-President, are up for election, Tom Steinke has informed myself and the Newsletter Editor that he was running for President. Tom is running unopposed so, by mere acclamation at the Fall Meeting, he will be your new WHPA President. The Executive Council will appoint someone to fill the vacant Third Vice-Presidents' half term. Terry Sternberg also informed myself and the Newsletter Editor that he would run for another term as your Second Vice-President. Terry is also running unopposed. The WHPA Fall Meeting will be held October 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the Lonestar Tavern in Germantown, home of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club. A horseshoe tournament will be held before and after the Fall Meeting. It is Limited to the first 24 entries. Contact Terry Sternberg (262-677-3300) if you wish to enter.

Bylaw changes are to be submitted to me by, or at the Fall Meeting.

Wishing everyone the best of luck at the State Tournament, and **always practice good sportsmanship.**

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

Mens classes

World Tournament 2003

Going into the final day Francis retained a perfect record. McCrink was down two. Foster and Ellis had both lost just one game. They would meet the master this day.

Allan Francis the modern day Ted Allen allowed only one opponent, 15th place Jim Walters, into the 30 point range. Other opponents old and new fell to a fairly constant barrage of reverse ringers. His last game came in at 93.3%, his best of the tournament.

Francis plans to keep playing at his present pace. He made note of and especially liked the new comers to the championship class.

This year the front row of the finalists photo looked a little different. Francis was flanked Tony Hankins, Dale Lipovsky, Adam Ellis, Shannon Foster, Joe McCrink, Mandell Proctor, and Kurt Von Kleist

Joe McCrink, number two of the 2003 World from New Jersey had been in the championship class one earlier time, Syracuse, where he said he wound up 20th in a different type of format. This time he said he really enjoyed it even when his body language said no. "It was a lot of fun."

Shannon Foster, number three of Tennessee says, of his first trip to the championship class, that as a competitor, you must be there for every game, there's no let-up.

Adam Ellis, ranked fourth from Ontario appeared to be fresh from the Junior Division but claims to have played last in 2000. He's twenty years old today and promises to be back again for what he thought to be a "tough" class. Says he was cool at the beginning and got into it more later.

Tied with former champion, Dale Lipovsky, of Minnesota, Mandell Proctor of Maryland took the percentage nod. His one word description of his four days in the championship class is the echo of some others, "tough."

We always look to the senior members of the championship class to bolt to greener pastures. Rich Pintor, Colorado and 14th, promises he will keep coming back as long as he can make the championship class. "That's my goal."

Paul LaCrosse, a giant killer also from Colorado finishing 13th is undecided about the division choice for next year. It may depend upon conditions like the promised air-conditioning.

Gary Opper, Idaho, is suddenly ninth in the world and certainly hopes to be back to this championship class

Smiley Tom Westbrook of South Carolina finished 23rd (of 24) and said amid laughter that he hates this game, can't stand the pressure, hates Alan Francis and Walter Ray too but he will be back for more of the same next year.

Sr Men

A move from last year's Open Men to this year's Senior Division paid off for Bob Hayes of New York as he walked through the class with all wins holding all comers to 31 points or less.

He pointed out that first place Senior Men meant a shot at more money and fewer games. His health is also a factor. Senior Men is now his choice.

John Mathys record shows he dropped three games on his way to second place. Last year Mathys was Senior Mens class A champion. More importantly Mathys defeated close competitor Paul Stewart. Four losses put Stewart in third place. Down a bit from his entering average perhaps anticipating his forthcoming years at the helm of the NHPA.

Bob Garber, defending champion, placed fourth this year will be back to the Seniors next year, thinks he did well except for a couple of games.

ELDERS

The fastest growing division of the NHPA, the Elders, the men over 70 years who are allowed to pitch from shorter distance seem to change their lineup more readily than other divisions.

This year it was Marvin Kramer's of Illinois turn without a doubt. He let a few come close, almost dropped one to Cooly Smith but the record stands, 11 wins—0 losses at 77.8 In business like fashion he dis-

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patched all comers.

Eldon Sarbaugh has been around the block a few times in this horseshoe game but this was his first crack at the Elders title. Losing only to Kramer and Smith, Sarbaugh pitched 75% to place second in the Elders division.

Ed Arionus, Texas, an all around former champion in this and other divisions probably surprised himself

dropping four games to wind up third pitching a bit below entering average, 74.5%

Cooly Smith of Indiana saved his own bacon in the last game over Arionus creating a tie for wins. Smith, fourth, dropped the final decision pitching one percentage point less than Arionus.

The 03 Eau Claire World

By Jim Haupt

It shall ever be known as the aught-three World hosted on the University of Eau Claire Campus by the Chippewa Valley Tourism Bureau.

While the 1987 Eau Claire World was a club venture, and club members continued to be involved, this undertaking was statewide, a cooperate effort of principally the WHPA with the Chippewa Valley Sports Commission.

The 48 platform courts of the NHPA were set up in two buildings on the Phy-ed campus—24 in each building. The Ade Olson building was the main center with a second floor running track surrounding the courts below set on a composite gym floor. The other building at grade level had a new floor protected by the now familiar green carpet. Actually the second building had better air circulation with the doors open.

True to tradition Eau Claire weather was warm—hot by some standards. One guy said even his socks were wet.

(Ed Quigley wasn't there, the secret is safe.)

Carson Park, headquarters of the Eau Claire Club was the site of the practice courts. Seemed to make a hit with visiting pitchers.

The traditional chapel service was switched to Sunday afternoon by pastor Jerry Holt. Wisconsin's Ken Heinritz was the speaker and Amy Francis, the soloist. Seemed fairly well attended and conducted at the con-

vention center.

The evening before was the traditional banquet. As part of the frivolous entertainment the Brown-Francis family sang a new "Stewlie" song while Fred Brown played the guitar.

The NHPA support entities were spaced around the track in the Olson center, the shoe check area, the awards center and two playoff courts were also on the second floor.

Pocatello, Idaho had a booth manned by the new membership phenom, Bobby Faulkner. Bob Dunn came to town with his tons of old shoes. It really is unbelievable the vast number of shoes that man has collected. You must see it sometime. By the way, this was the time.

The computer projector was again used to present a running scoreboard of the championship classes. This time the screen was larger but it also seemed faster. Names clicked by too quick to be readily absorbed.

Playoffs again became the bane of the moment. Sure a few people are interested in the last ditch efforts of players who couldn't get it done in regular play. Many more people sit and wait out the extra games to get their awards and the whole world moving once more.

At one point Dick Hansen, doing awards, was most apologetic explaining that he could not begin awards until the playoff games were complete because of competing noise and the proximity of those playoff games.

Other than small glitches like that the whole event seemed flawless, undoubtedly due to a well planned scheme.

Down and Back

By Jim Haupt

A sledge hammer played a big part in presenting the Eau Claire World Tournament. This particular sledge was used to realign the portable courts when they might slide a bit.

First you should understand something about sledges. Any construction stiff may handle an 8# sledge on occasion. When the work demands it may become 10# or even 12#. A 16# sledge is used to split field stone and the biggest this man has ever seen.

So it was with some surprise that we saw John Mills nudging those courts with a bona-fide 20# sledge—big enough to shape armor plate.

When he was asked where the goliath came from it should have been no surprise that the owner was Ken Jaeger. He is known by his hammer.

The World Tournament man-in-charge, the walking boss is often referred to as the push. The push for this World Tournament was Ken Jaeger.

It is not often that the producers become the most honored people on a World Tournament site. Jane Smith, host chairwoman leads her long list of volunteers by doing. Doing the same labor she expects of her people. Her reward must have been a near flawless presentation of a World Tournament as we have come to know it.

May this recognition of her job serve as a big thank you to her many, many volunteers.

Two of the hardest working people on Jane Smith's staff were actually a chancellor, and the Chairperson of Kinesiology & Athletics, of the UW Eau Claire. Dressed in conventional clothes, at times with a red vest Gary Bartlett looked the part of a custodial worker. His constant aid was foremost.

Marylyn Skrivseth, counterpart to Gary was said by Ken Jaeger to have been the best clay shoveler in camp.

Kinesiology (computer can't spell it either.) is the study of human motion, a dollar sized word for Phy-Ed is one of the words in her formal title.

She bought a few raffle tickets on the portable courts. Edi McKinney bought a few tickets on some pillows and won. Hearing that, Marylyn asks the gruru Edi to pass her hands over the tickets she was

still holding for the courts. Hey! It worked! Marylyn wins the courts, Ken Kosky throws in some shoes. Ken Jaeger gives her a few buckets of clay.

She's tough. It could mean a new face in the WHPA women's' division next year.

The resident Texas Cowboy of Wisconsin horse-shoes is Wes Podvin often seen in uniform of navy blue, cowboy hat and high cowboy boots. Podvin spent the World tournament in a wheelchair after taking a tumble from the motor home where he was staying in Eau Claire. Wes wanted so much to say he once pitched in the World Tournament. Too bad, but through his constant presence on the deck between the two buildings in Eau Claire many NHPA pitchers got to meet him.

Word was that Randy Rein was hurt in a cycle accident and may not pitch the World. Turns out the bike was falling and he hurt his back lifting it. He did pitch the championship class. Had to sit out four games with aching back. Finished 21st with 65.2%

Ken Wood, of Combined Locks, had to drop out of the World Tournament. After winning his first three games, he became ill and ended up spending the next three days in the hospital. Apparently he has some blockages in the arteries to his heart and may need bypass surgery. He is at home now and has been consulting with a heart specialist.

We tried to post everyone's finish at the World Tournament but there's just too many of you. We congratulate each and every pitcher who partook of the World and hope you had as good a time as we did.

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Regional Directors Column

Jim Haupt

Your RD made the convention not as a delegate but in order to report the happenings of the NHPA.

Pocatello, Idaho, site of the next World tournament seems to be ready and more than willing to accept the influx of NHPA visitors in 2004. Their dates will be July 26 through August 8 or about a week earlier than this year.

Two bidders for the 2005 World were reduced to one when Kitchner, Ontario dropped out. Bakersfield, California became the default selection. The dates for the 2005 World will be the last two weeks of July. Although we were warned that the weather in Bakersfield can be quite warm, the promise of a completely air-conditioned arena effectively cooled the question.

All, repeat, all rule changes brought up at this convention passed. For complete information, please read the proposed changes and reasons for same on the NHPA website. What you may read here is merely a reference to the full change.

1. Backboards now will be located three feet from the stake. That's new backboards, older models are not likely to be changed.
2. Court preparation during a tournament should be only done after the last game of the class is complete. It was stated that some people find the court turning activity distracting while finishing their games.
3. It is illegal to step completely off the pitchers platform with either foot before releasing the shoe.
4. Waiting opponent. Same deal: New words.
5. Some new rules cut a fine line with the English language. This is one. I don't see the difference in the new and old here except that "the shoes were picked up."
6. No longer have to remove a foul shoe if you and your opponent agree that it is not in your way.
7. Length of game; Scoring a game is expanded to include a combination point and/or shoe limit for example a 35 point or fifty shoe limit game whichever comes first.
8. Ringers only is specifically recognized as an option for scoring a game.

Bonnie Seibold announced plans to revise rules and guidelines by 2005.

Paul Stewart was nominated by Ken Walters for the presidency of the NHPA. There was no opposition and Stewart was elected by acclamation.

Allen Baptist and Lorraine Sternberg accepted another term of office on the NHPA board.

Three were nominated to the position, vacated by Stewart's election, know as 5th Vice President.

Dan Sanders, currently Regional Director of Ohio, presented a lengthy nomination speech. Nominated, Stewart Sipma, World Tournament Director of Bismarck, ND cited leadership as his strong point. Steve Summerlin, the NHPA webmaster and a winner of the Arch Stokes award presented his capabilities.

Two votes were necessary to reach a majority with 69 votes going to Sipma and 50 to Sanders.

Casey Sluys reminds all that NHPA funds are available for membership advertising. The newspaper is you best value but could also be applied to a Yellow Pages ad.

Lorraine Sternberg once more announced the dates of the Sanctioned League tournaments in Joelton, the weekends of November 15 the 22nd. Teams of three must emanate from the same Club.

Finally Glenn Jamieson said its still in the works but you will soon be able to punch in your number to Natstats on the internet and receive your record of NHPA tournaments and percentage over the previous 12 months.

This brief convention was over by Noon.

This is last time this RD will be making a written report. Verbally you may hear from me at the coming fall meeting.

I am applying to the NHPA first Vice President for an honorable discharge and early retirement. I realize that I am quite young but hope they won't hold that against me. I really don't recall just when I started in this position but do remember making an appeal on behalf of some mistreated pitchers at the 1987 World tournament.

I am going out with my entire crew of assistants. My thanks to Earl Paulson, Dave Schorbahn, and Ron Berg for their service. One of the perks of the Regional Director is the opportunity to coerce or cajole the successor. My pick of the best man for the RD is simple. I know of a good man who will be looking for a job soon, and owes me a favor, Ken Jaeger.

I will handle sanction numbers and related patches for the balance of 2003, after that your contact will be Jaeger. If you will accord him with the same cooperation I enjoyed from you I'm sure he will have an easy job.

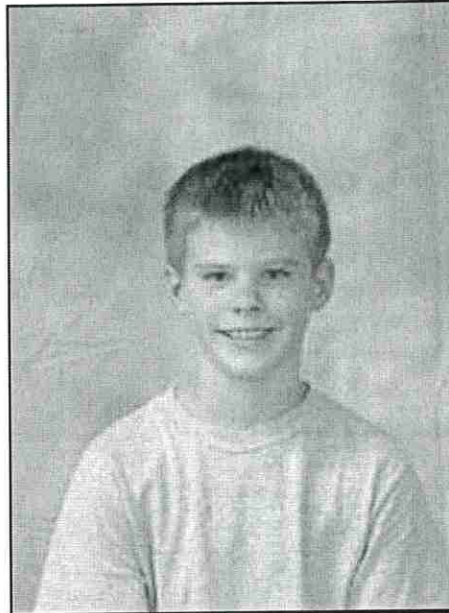
So, I said it before and it's still true. You tournament directors are pillars of this organization, you make it go. Thanks for having me.

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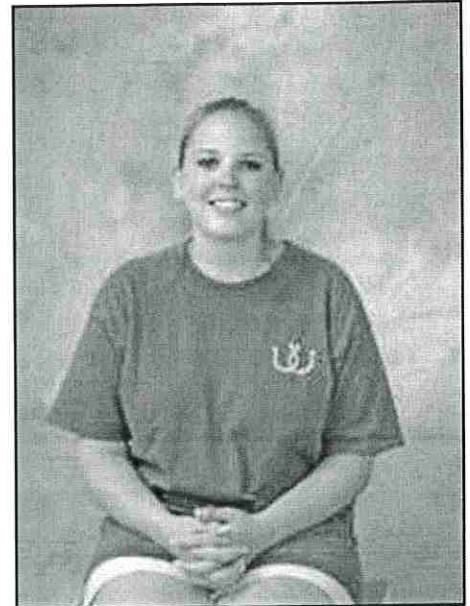
This is a new addition to our Newsletter and one we hope to continue now that we have an RD that is not directly affiliated with the Newsletter. Welcome Ken!



Cola Hickethier
Champion - Juniors Class G



Rush Hickethier
Champion - Juniors Class E

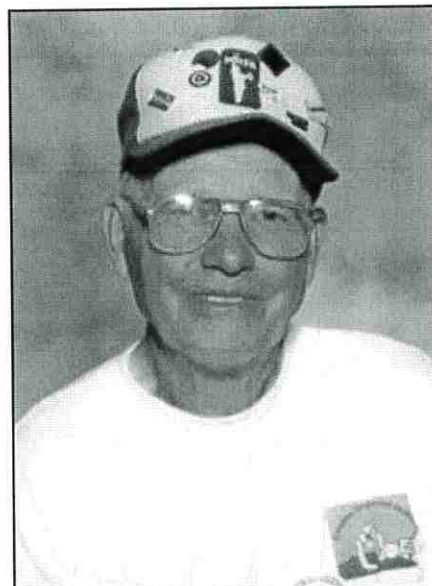


Penny Steinke
Champion - Womens Class B

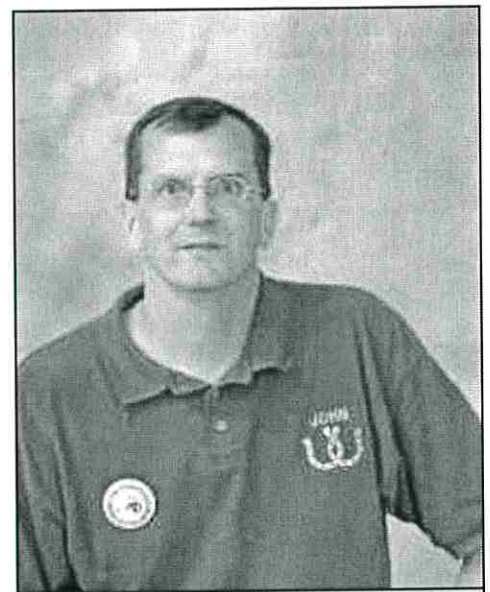
2003 World Horseshoe Class Champions



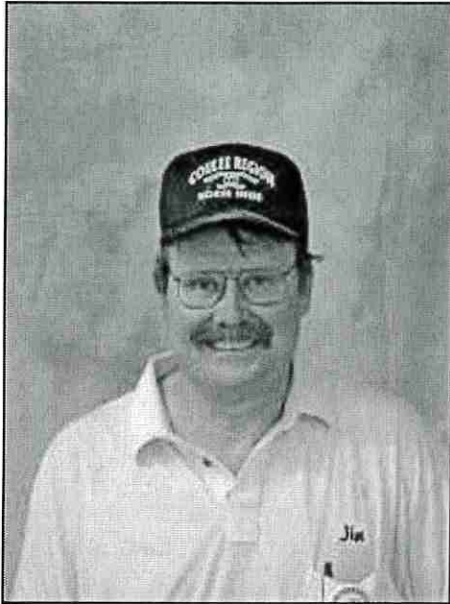
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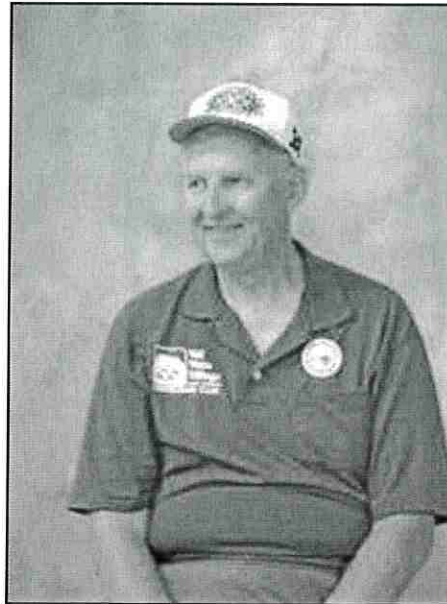
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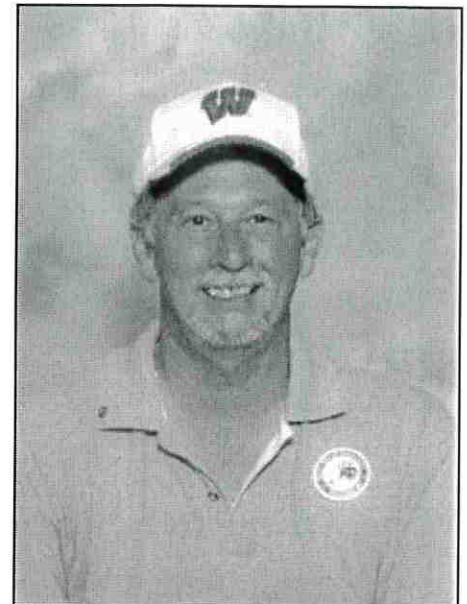
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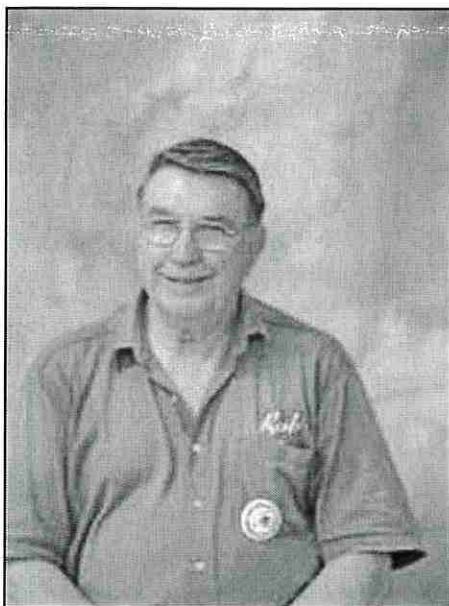
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Champion - Mens Class N-1



Don Jacobson
Champion - Sr Mens Class D



Dennis Ambuehl
Champion - Mens Class J-2



Rob Rehm
Champion - Elder Mens Class M

Wisconsin Champions

Tava Cook (CH Class)	5	0	52.52
Tava Cook (Junior Class C)	10	5	42.00
Rob Rehm	15	2	27.79
Cola Hickethier	9	2	29.55
Rush Hickethier	12	1	5.19
John Carlin	11	4	42.83
George Eckstrom	13	2	34.83
Jim Heim	14	3	33.38
Don Jacobson	14	1	19.17
Penny Steinke (CH Class)	6	17	64.42
Penny Steinke (Class B)	12	1	63.46
Dennis Ambuehl	11	2	37.12

2003 World Champions

Men

Allan Francis 23 - 0 83.9%

Undefeated record says it. Closest competitor, Jim Walters, scored 31 points.

Walter Ray Williams finished 17th

Randy Rein, 21st

Women

Sylvianne Moisan 22 - 1 82.7%

Only loss to Gert Wilcziek who finished 5th

Penny Steinke, 21st

Elders

Marv Kramer 11 - 0 77.8%

Sr men

Bob Hayes 11 - 0 71.55%

Switched this year from the Open Men to Seniors.

Sr women

Rivers Prewette 10 - 0 72.88%

Edi McKinney, 4th place

Jr Boys

Drew Becker 7 - 1 79.2%

Wins in a playoff with Keith Boone

Jr girl

Tava Cook 5 - 0 52.52%

Wisconsin owns Jr Girls Championship again

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old."

James A. Garfield

You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

Bob Hope

During their silver anniversary, a wife reminded her husband: Do you remember when you proposed to me, I was so overwhelmed that I didn't talk for an hour?" The hubby replied: "Yes, honey, that was the happiest hour of my life."

It feels great to be nearly 100. I mean, for those parts of me that still have feeling. I do the same things I did when I was 50. I just take a nap after each one now

Bob Hope

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(Sylvia and Dan David) was tied at 39-39. Kelly Mallette, ON, pitched first. Laid one ringer and one point. Tava stepped up to the approach, turned and glanced up to the crowd with no expression. Sonia (the proud Mom) thought she was just verifying that we were on edge. Tava turned and pitched a perfect ringer. She repositioned, took aim, and pitched a second ringer. Mel (the proud Dad) started hopping around but Sonia held her breath until the points were called. Tava held up three fingers and stated "Three Ringers Three". Whew!

Tava called the points out to end her last game, shook hands, picked up her shoes, and appeared to be looking for her next opponent. At that time, we (the fan club) erupted with clapping and cheering. Our large "WI Horseshoe Family" shared tears of joy, hugs, smiles, and handshakes. Tava kept her cool by concentrating on each pitch and one game at a time. She was in a zone, on a mission, reaching for her goal she set last year in Red Deer, Alberta. CONGRATULATIONS TAVA! YOU EARNED IT!

Gert Wilcziek,

of the Eau Claire Club placed 5th in the Women's Championship class. She first attracted attention at the Ainsworth World by qualifying for the Women's Championship class although she was unable to participate. This year she lost just five games, in the four day race, a few that she should have won. She pitched 75% overall. Her standout game against Sylvianne Moisan, the eventual champion, was her best of the event over 84% and the only loss for Moisan. The record shows it came only after defeats from two polished pitchers, Amy Francis and Joan Elmore. Wilcziek has what it takes to become champion the ability and determination.

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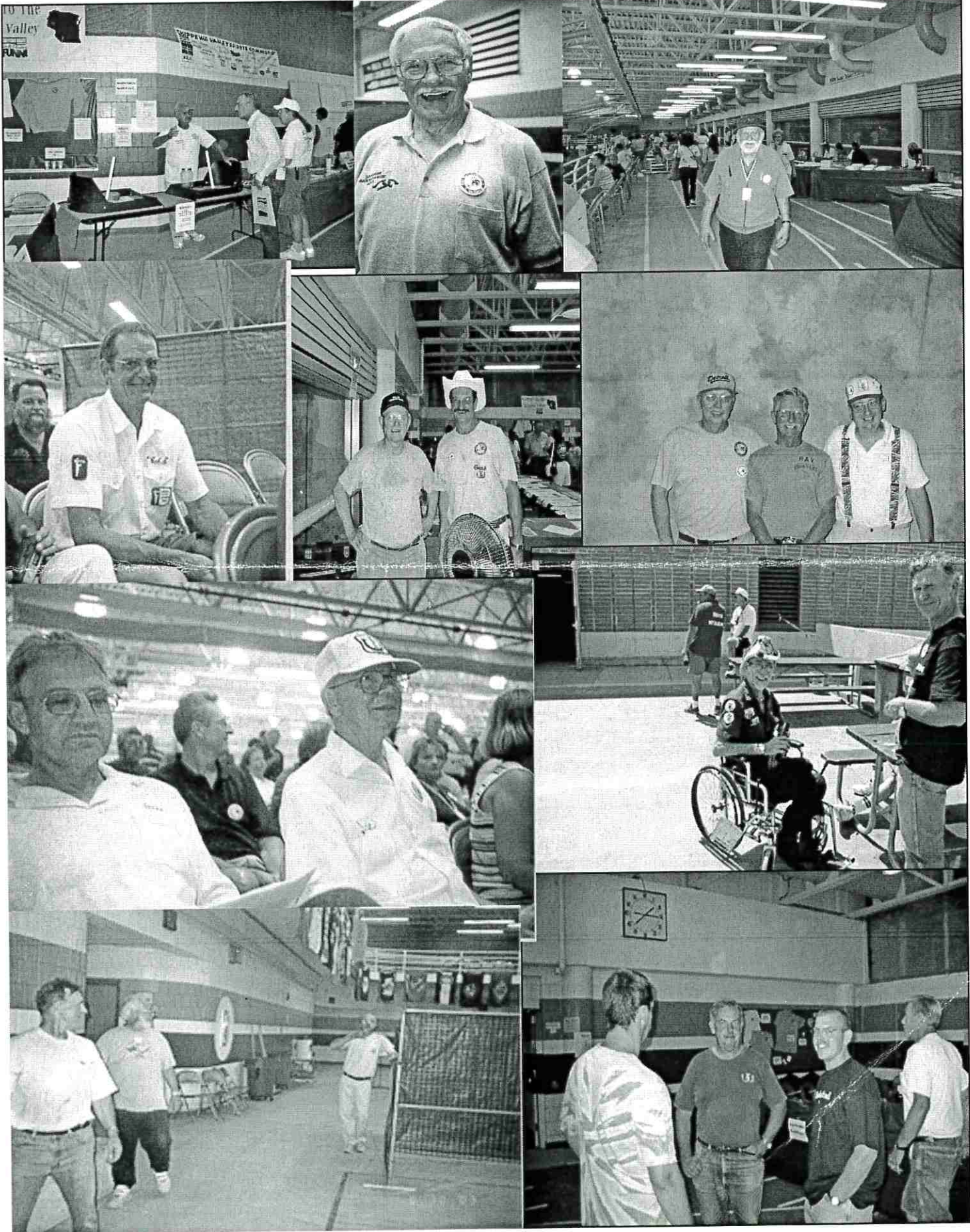
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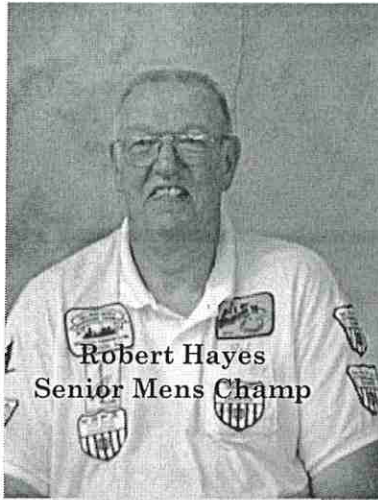
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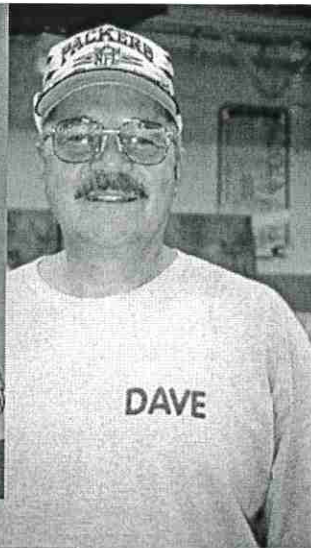
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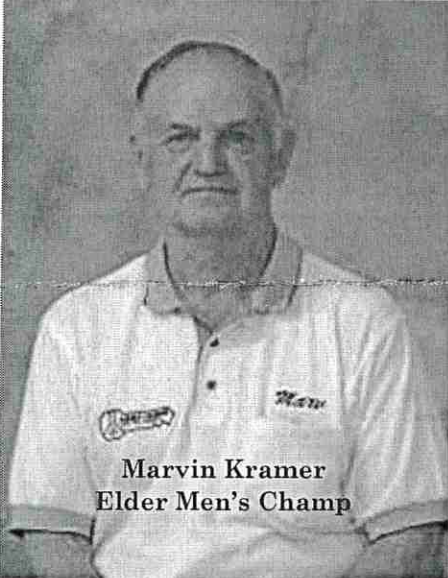
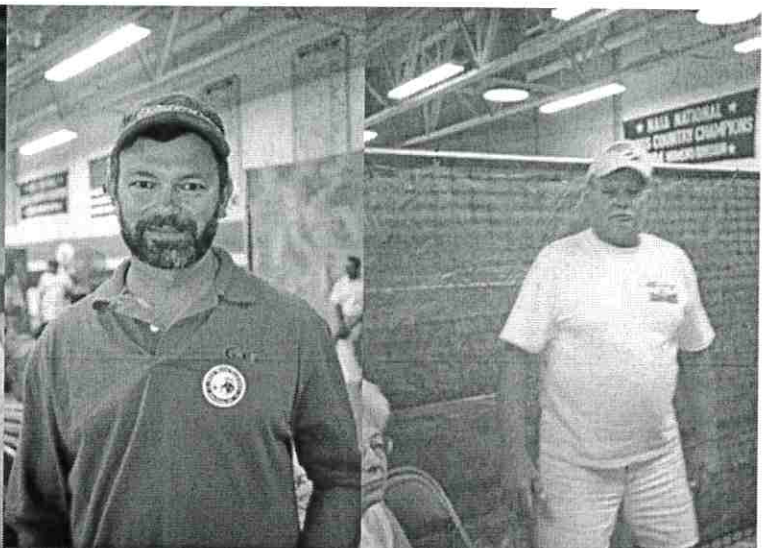




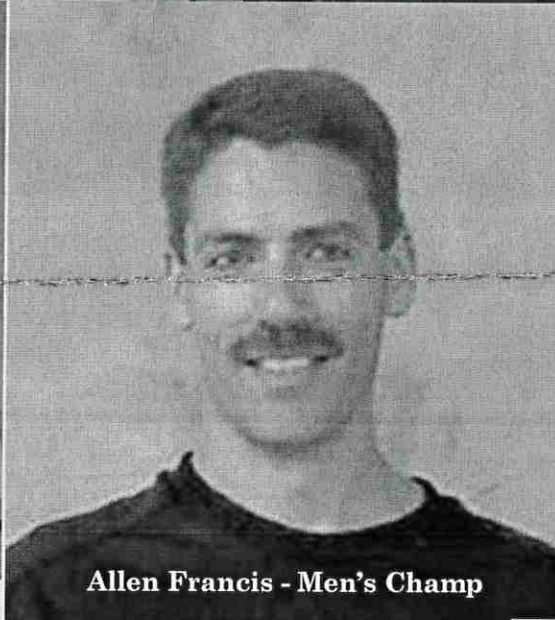
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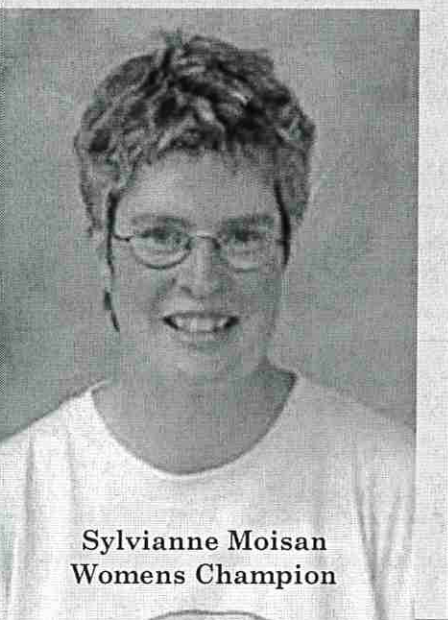
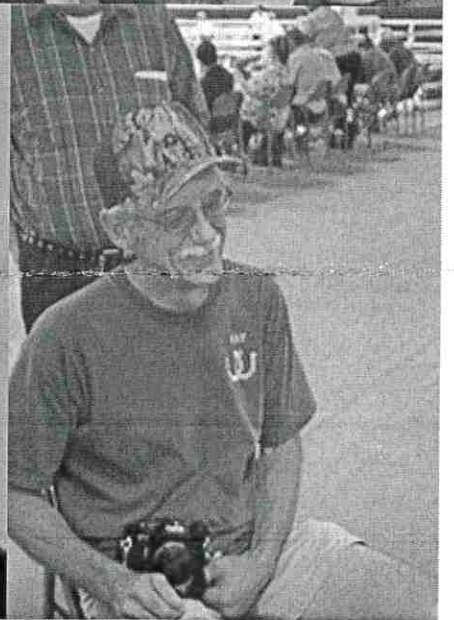
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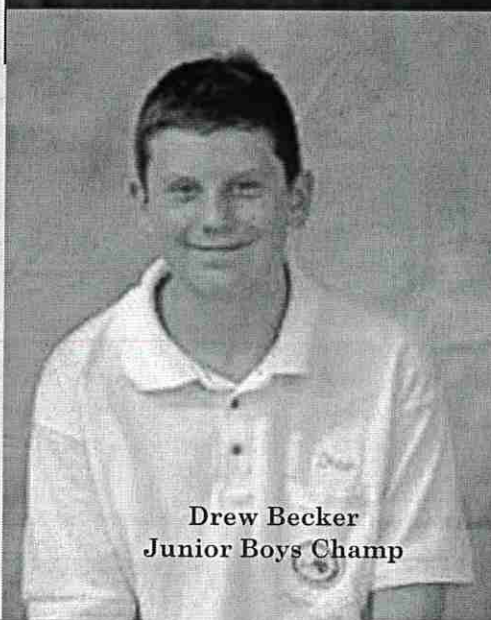
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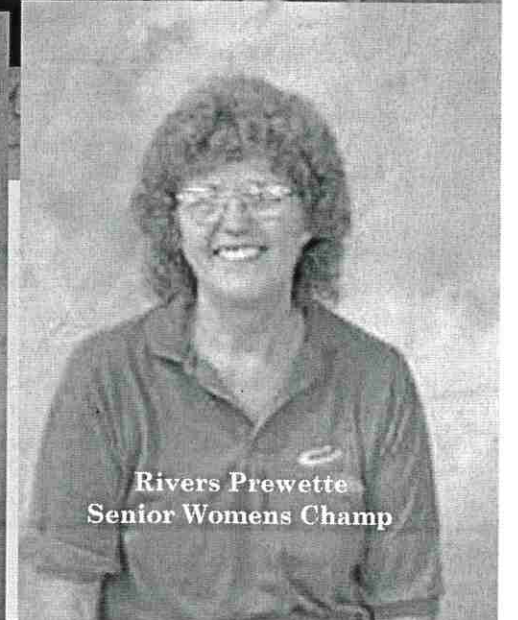
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Womens Champion



Drew Becker
Junior Boys Champ



Rivers Prewette
Senior Womens Champ

No More Sandbar

The Arena sale of the Sandbar has thrown the coming horseshoe schedule into a dither. Some tournaments scheduled for the Sandbar will never happen while others may find a way to go.

Eddie Wheeler's tournament of "No Reason" will be played outdoors at Arena on the date previously set, the 20th of September.

At the same time, Saturday and Sunday, the 21st, Beloit will host their annual unsanctioned doubles.

Because of the Arena shutdown, Beloit is planning more events. Deansville hopes to schedule one per month through the winter season. And some former Arena events will be hosted at the Beloit facility.

The new schedule will appear as "Coming Events" in this Newsletter as they develop but it may not be settled until after the State Tournament.

Deansville Notes

Winter league meeting will be Tues., Sept. 9, 2003 with the League opening on Tues., Oct 7 and Thurs., Oct. 9, 2003. Individuals or teams interested in joining should contact Rudy Van Fleet at vanfleet@centurytel.net or 920/623-4924. A new Wed. evening league will begin on Oct. 8. This is a ringers only with 200 shoes each night. A Friday morning shift for interested individuals will begin on Oct. 10, 2003. Courts will be open beginning at 10 a.m.. For more information contact Rudy Van Fleet.

Oxford

The bridge is out in Oxford and there are no Oxen but the VFW post, scene of the horseshoe tournament, is accessible off of Co trunk I, no problem.

There are two sets of four courts. One is on the gun range and is dismantled after the event. The sand in those Oxford courts has been said to be the best available. It comes with the territory and does make very good landing ground for horseshoes. These courts preceded the current proliferation of short distance pitchers. Consequently the women, not many, and elders, a few, have to use the grass for their approach and delivery.

Beloit New Tourney Format

There will be no advance registration. Pitchers will show-up pay and pitch the same day. Show up times will be as follows.

October 12 at Red's Pitching Palace, Beloit will try a new format. Depending on acceptance, this format may be standard operating procedure

Pitchers under 35% will register by 8:30 AM and pitch at 9:00 AM. Pitchers above 35% will register by 11:30 AM and pitch at 1:00 PM.

The following will apply to all classes:

No pitcher will pitch in a lower % bracket than his average. A lower % pitcher may pitch in a higher % bracket if he chooses.

This is a show-up and pitch situation, no prior registration will be accepted.

Tourney participation will be strictly on a first come, first serve basis. All events sanctioned.

Club phone 1-608 365 9901 Show up and pitch method will be used as printed in WHNL. First come/first served will apply. Maximum 14 players per shift.

Shifts pitch at 9:00AM and 1:00 PM Pitching may be inside or out per weather.

Give the new method a try!

Ralph Maylahn

Nancy Laws

Nancy Laws, wife of Harold Laws of the Beloit Club, passed away recently. Last week at the World Tournament we got the word that Harry had to drop out and the reason why.

I never met Nancy Laws but I know Harry and I want to say something that might soothe his feelings at this time. I heard she was quite ill and I asked several times but Harry just shook his head like there wasn't much hope. Harry is usually a gregarious guy full of fun and I hope to see that side of him again very soon. So let's tell Harry we understand and have hope for good days ahead.

MFLD One

From Dan David

Class A	
Randy Rein	61.7
Don Burmeister	47.1
John Molling	47.8
Class B	
John Carlin	45.0
Tava Cook	43.5
Jerry Niemuth	41.4
Class C	
Kiri Cook	37.1
Ron Wilcziek	16.7
Ed Hack	22.8
Class D	
Dan David	13.5
Strohman	25.0
Mel Cook	19.6

Only had four classes. The weather was beautiful, a little hot but no rain. All had a good time.

Green Bay Results

Class A		
Randy Rein	7/0	72.9
Mark Stevens	5/2	58.9
Otis Wessley	4/3	56.1
Class B		
Mark Stevens	5/0	57.2
Norb Fuhrman	3/2	49.2
Moose Meyer	3/2	47.2
Bill Matey	2/3	41.2
Class C		
Dennis Ambuehl	4/1	42.4
Jerry Kamps	4/1	30.8
Al Rude	3/2	36.8
Dick Hanold	2/3	38.8
Class D		
Kim Felton	7/0	26.8
Mike Zahn	6/1	24.3
John Olson	4/3	19.6
Jeff Gabriel	4/3	16.4

Mountain

We don't have a lot of information on the tournament in Mountain. We do know that Mark Stevens averaged 68% to win Class A. Mark and Otis Wessley were tied at one loss each after regulation and Mark prevailed in a playoff. Ken Maki, the perennial Class A pitcher from Michigan's U.P., finished third.

There wasn't any softball being played this year so what spectators were there were watching horse-shoe.

Sizzle Tournament

by Ed Wheeler

Well another Sizzle Tournament has come and gone. With a near perfect day, and lots of eager horseshoe pitchers, this event was yet another success. Not quite a full slate, but still, 41 pitchers came out, to try their luck on the Arena outdoor pits.

Class A was short a few familiar faces on this go-around. With only five entries, Lorraine Sternberg (6.5/1.5) worked herself into first place, while Roger Comero (5/3) took second, and John Crook (4/4) ended up in third. Class B saw Tom Costa walk away with a 5/0 first place finish, while Don Burmeister was second with 4/1, and

Ken Frame held onto to third place with a 3/2 record. Class C saw a red hot Norm Mauthe, walk away with a 6/1 (48.93%) first place finish. John Carlin took second place with a 5/2 (41.07%) record, over a charging Sonny Cockroft, who also had a 5/2 (36.43%) record. In Class D, Ray Lopez took first place, with a 6/1 count, while Galen Kozel (5.5/1.5) and Milt Larsen (5.5/1.5) battled for second, with Galen coming out on top by ringer percentage. Class E had it's own hot handed pitcher also. Jim Haupt served up a 36.07% average, while enroute to a 7/0 win. Tony Haas took second place honors, with a 5/2 record, while Dave Miller ended up in third, with a 4/3 count. Not wanting to be out

done, Class F had two players, that did not want to stop after 250 shoes. Tom Steinke and Dan Schulz ended up tied for first, and went another fifty shoes. When the dust settled, Dan came out on top, with the overtime win, to take first place with a 5/1 count. Tom ended the day with a 4/2 count, with Gene Satterstrom picking up third place, with a 3/2 count.

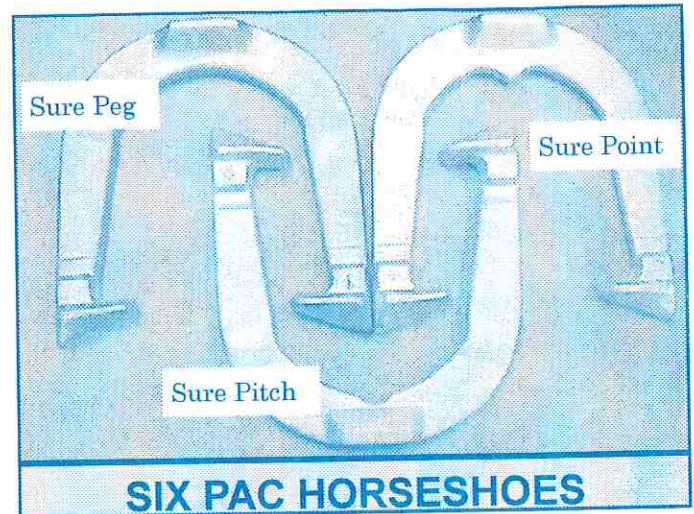
I want to thank all those who entered, and all of the Sandbagger club members who helped make this event a success. These events are not possible without your continuous support.



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By Ken Kosky

I was supposed to be using this space to say thanks for supporting me when I was the horseshoe dealer for Wisconsin and then I was going to be retired. Well it's not going to happen that way. After talking with incoming President Paul Stewart and others involved in the NHPA Game Related Sales, I have decided to stay on.

My procedures on sales in Wisconsin will change somewhat. I have sold my small trailer, in anticipation of retiring, and my intentions right now are to not replace it. I will only be bringing shoes and other items to the larger tournaments such as Team World, The Club Team & State Doubles weekend, and the State Tournament. I will be pitching in other tournaments but will only bring with what someone may have asked for.

On another matter, at the World Tournament in Eau Claire, the NHPA semi trailer was parked behind the facility. It carries all of the pitching courts and scoreboards from one tournament to the next. It looked very shabby and was starting to rust exten-

sively. The NHPA Executive Committee decided to purchase a new 48' trailer and send the old one to the bone yard. To effect the purchase, NHPA President Dave Loucks asked Ed Domey, of Game Related Sales for \$10,000. This funded the bulk of the purchase price of the new Stoughton Trailer. The point I am making is that the profits NHPA Game Related Sales makes on the sale of horseshoes and other items goes back to help with the special needs of the NHPA. Instead of taking the funds out of the general fund, purchases like this are made using funds from Game Related Sales. Other items over the years have been purchased in the same manner.

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