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## TEAM WORLD 2005

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**STATE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FLYER ENCLOSED (ENTER TODAY) STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO GET 3 TOURNAMENTS**

Colorado walks with the Team-World title for the third time. Emphatically in their final game against the formidable team of Michigan, the Colorado gang won all four face-offs.

In that last game, Paul LaCrosse, Colorado, was destroying Judy Curtiss of Michigan. It was well into the game when a spontaneous cheer went up from the crowd. Curtiss, the only pitcher winning all of her preliminary games had just broken the spell of double zeros preceding her name. Sure, LaCrosse really smoked her with 33/40 ringers but Curtiss did get on the board.

Upon receiving the Team-World trophy, LaCrosse took the mike to publicly announce that Tony Piaz has now won four T-W play-off games and, that Rich Pintor's string of 11 T-W play-off wins is unbroken. Michigan's Larry Kemp is the last who can attest to Pintor's record.

Michigan became a threat to the winner's circle when they started bringing Judy Curtiss. This was their best finish at Team-World. Jim Wiltse



held up his end for the MI team being number 12 in the percentage race. Clayton Bonham, Michigan's fourth team member contributed some pivotal games.

With 20 teams entering the T-W this year, the finish was new. Only five went to the finals.

Sandy Janssens, Lucille Leis, Stan Leis, and Kevin McLachlin made up the Ontario team finishing a solid number three. Lucille entered with a mere 42.18 percentage but was the 15th ranking finisher with an excess of 69%.

The defending champions, Tennes-

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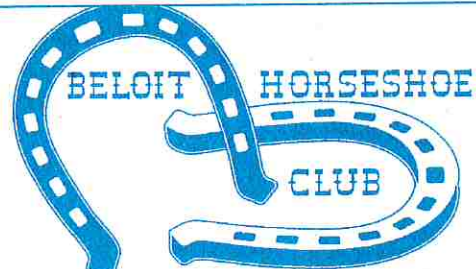


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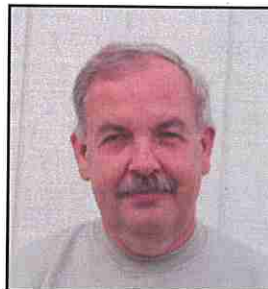
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## Coming Events

<b>June 11-12</b>	<b>Eagle River Open</b>	<b>Limit 32</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Arthur Collien 1855 Adams Rd Eagle River, WI 54521 715-479-6136 <b>28-05-021</b> D/L 5-28			
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Eau Claire Open</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Wayne Totten 2926 Kohlhepp Rd Eau Claire, WI 54703 715-858-9470 <b>28-05-022</b> D/L 5-28			
<b>June 11-12</b>	<b>Beloit Spring Singles</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 <b>28-05-023</b> D/L 5-28			
<b>Jun 18</b>	<b>Winnebagoland Team</b>		<b>\$42/team</b>
Jeff Secord 615 Western Av Fond du Lac, WI 54935 920-924-1521 NHPA Sanctioned D/L 5-21			
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Marshfield Open</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Dan David 282 Rangeline Rd. Auburndale, WI 54412 715-384-3612 <b>28-05-024</b> D/L 6-5			
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Windy Hill @ Wausau</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Ed Hack 3501 Wildwood Lane Wausau, WI 54401 715-842-0150 <b>28-05-025</b> D/L 6-11			
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Jerry Volz Memorial</b>		<b>\$20/team</b>
Lake Delton Gary Volz 608-444-8563 or Dave Volz 608-547-2769 4-person teams, unsanctioned, start Noon.			
<b>June 25-26</b>	<b>Goldendale Open</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Terry Sternberg W206N13520 Woodside Lane, Richfield, WI 53076 262-677-3300 <b>28-05-026</b> D/L 6-11			
<b>July 9</b>	<b>" The Sizzle " @ Arena</b>		<b>\$18</b>
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 <b>28-05-027</b> D/L 6-26			
<b>July 8-9</b>	<b>Mid-Eastern Open</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Rosemary Kamps 101Kamps Ct., Combined Locks, WI 54113 920-788-3229 Unsanctioned D/L 6-25			
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Lox Classic</b>	<b>Limit 48</b>	<b>\$17</b>
Rosemary Kamps 101Kamps Ct., Combined Locks, WI 54113 920-788-3229 <b>28-05-028</b> D/L 6-25			
<b>JUL 10</b>	<b>JUNIORS ONLY,</b>		<b>NO</b> entry fee
VFW, Sun Prairie, WI Sharon Derr PO Box 224, Marshall, WI 53559 608-576-1205 <b>#28-05-041</b> D/L 6-30			
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Green Bay Open</b>		<b>\$16</b>
Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis St. Green Bay, WI 54302 920-435-6310 <b>28-05-029</b> D/L 7-2			
<b>July 17</b>	<b>Oxford Open</b>		<b>\$17</b>
Ron Balsiger Box 168 Westfield, WI 53964 608-369-1869 <b>28-05-030</b> D/L 7-2			

**THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS PREPARED BY NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR KEN JAEGER. ANY ERRORS, OR ADDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN JAEGER.**



## The President's Column

Again this spring, the Beloit Horseshoe Club rented Telfer Ice Arena and did a fine job of hosting Club Team, State Doubles, Encore, another small sanctioned tournament, and the grand finale of Team World. The Team World committee makes sure each year that this national team event is a well-run tournament. The wins for each team were posted quickly and seemed to be easier to follow this year. There was a nice turnout of scorekeepers, thanks to Earl Paulson. As always, there was plenty of good food and drink.

This year, the tournament attracted 80+ of the world's best horseshoe pitchers. Of course, there were plenty of top pitchers that were not in Beloit this past weekend, but we got to enjoy visiting and watching the ones who came. There's always somebody to watch, and a team to pull for. I was watching a number of different pitchers and it still amazes me how many ringers they pitch and how smooth most of the styles are. I can also see, as good as they are, once in awhile pressure gets to them and they can miss, just like a league player, but not too often.

If you missed the tournament this year, make a point of making it next year. You will enjoy yourself. After watching these top pitchers for a couple of days, I was eager to pitch a few shoes, and after a few shoes I was back to reality.

Take a look at your schedules and enter your favorite tournaments.

Good pitching,  
Tom

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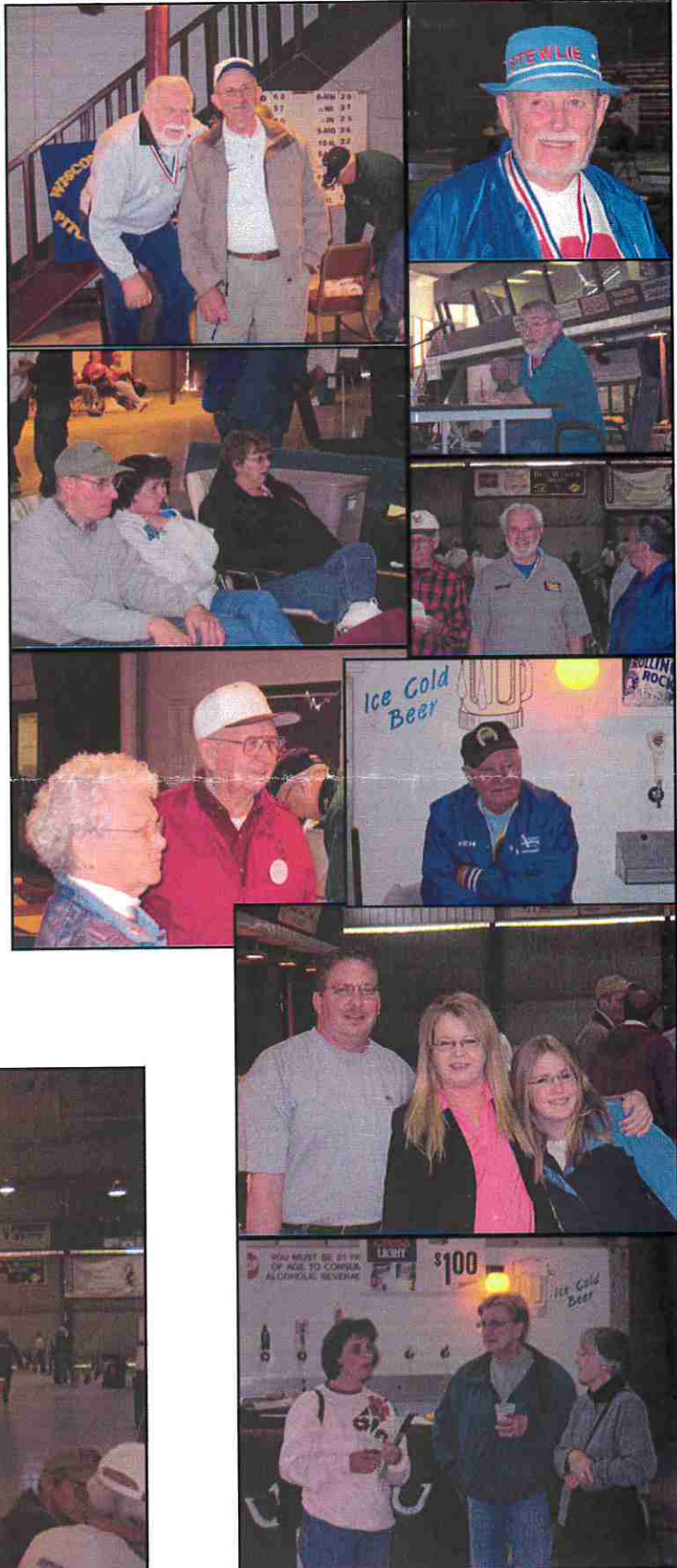
see and the Illinois teams pitched to a flat out match game tie, 2 games each, 110 points each and 97 ringers each. For the first time the Team-World called a tie to share fourth place. The last cash award, 6th, went to Missouri.

Team -World always enjoys some VIP visitors. Burly and Paul Stewart have been regular spectators for a few years. Burly says the Stewlies are pushing 700 nutty members which, incidentally, is the price of a pair of the new Stewlie shoes, (\$688). Second pair is about \$50.

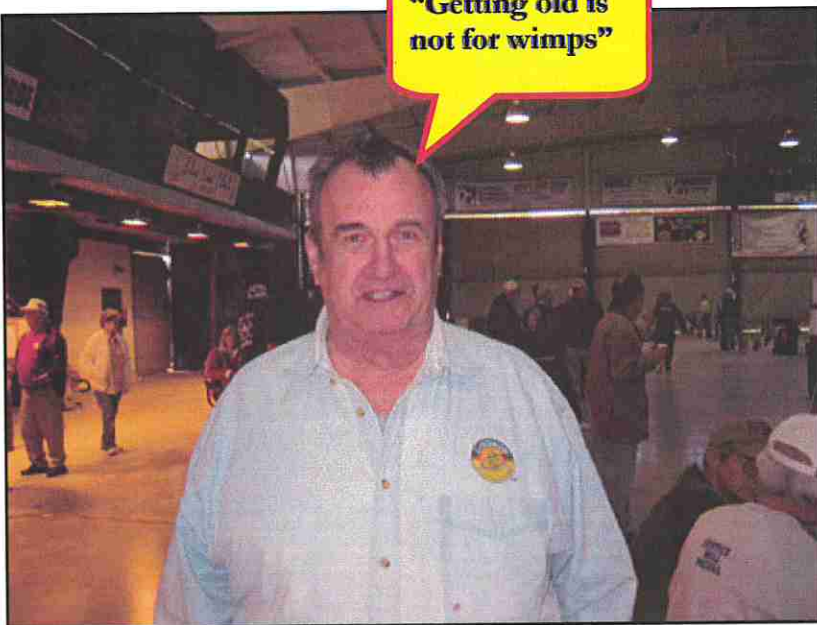
This time some people were noticed for not attending. Dale Lipovsky, did not pitch for the first time in 21 years. MN missed the finals. Wisconsin's big average pitcher, Gert Wilcziek, was in attendance but out with a hurting back. WI also missed the finals. TN signed on Shannon Foster at the last moment but could not live up to his ordinary overpowering game.

Cliff Baker of Illinois, rivaling Dale Lipovsky for consistent Team-World pitching, asked if we knew how many all 40 ft teams have claimed the Team trophy. Just one, was his quick response, Illinois, back at the Pitchin' Palace.

Nowadays even the Team World is tabulated by computer but the event retains some the imprint of Ralph Dykes, heavy on charts. John Secord was caught doing a 'like Dykes,' color-coding results of team match-ups. Jeff Secord, stats, delivered constant team standings and individual percentages to Terry Sternberg for the big boards. Team-World definitely carries on the Dykes tradition of the big signboards.



**"Getting old is not for wimps"**



## Behind the Mask

With Ken Heinritz

A brief synopsis of who I am appears to be necessary since many of you don't know me.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and raised in a family of ten children, I thoroughly enjoyed my childhood. I am now 40 years old, married to Kelly for 19 years, and blessed with a sixteen-year-old daughter, Hannah. I have been a faithful employee at Church Metal, Inc. for over 21 years, where I am a manager/welder of the welding and fabricating departments.

When I was young, my father sought out recreational opportunities to keep us occupied and that is where I picked up horseshoe pitching. I was very competitive, striving to outdo my five older brothers in this game I learned to love. It wasn't until around



1993 at the Milwaukee Sports Show that my passion was rekindled after observing some of Wisconsin's top horseshoe pitchers in action. The next summer I joined

the Goldendale club and entered the tournament action.

My excitement for this game has been contagious, as evidenced by my father, two brothers, three nephews, and at least fifty friends becoming involved at one time or another in the horseshoe league I started seven years ago in Menomonee Falls.

Personally I have been involved in several ministries at church. My passion is to help people, particularly to discover the full satisfaction that can be realized both now and here after. People in every walk of life have difficult situations to work through - horseshoe pitchers are no exception! Perhaps in some small way, I can help individuals who are searching for inner peace, lasting joy, and purpose in life.

## Newsletter for All

by Jim Haupt

The suggestion at the last WHPA meeting was to include a newsletter subscription in the state dues package. Presently the dues are \$5 per year which is augmented by a 50 cent tournament participation fee.

The ordinary Newsletter subscription fee is \$8/ yr. The newsletter goes to over half the WHPA members. On occasion we have mailed the Newsletter to all WHPA members to promote subscriptions.

This issue, for the month of June, is being mailed to all WHPA members to provide them with a State Tournament entry form in an effort to increase the pitching population at our best event, the State Tournament.

Keeping horseshoe news alive, presenting it to members is thought to be good publicity and may make members more active. We understand the reason behind an all member subscription base but we hesitate to make the newsletter compulsory, desired yes, com-

pulsory, no.

The fee for a year of the newsletter for all could be less, perhaps \$7. Would that amount added to the present dues reduce acceptance to the NHPA?

Present subscribers would consider \$7 a bargain. How would present non-subscribers feel?

**We urge all members to return a ballot. Hope you enter the State but above all, vote.**

Rebates. The present subscription base includes many with multi-year paid up subscriptions. Surely they would expect a rebate or an exception to the dues hike created by the inclusion of the Newsletter.

Pitchers entering the State this year will have a great deal to do with further talks regarding the Newsletter issue.

We urge all members to return a ballot. Hope you enter the State but above all, vote.

## Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Is this a retraction? Well maybe. Last time we published a picture of class F Club Team champions, three Heinritz's and Roger Sundsmo. They really are not from Germantown as stated. They represent the Menomonee Falls Club. At least they pitch in the Menomonee Falls city park on Monday evenings.

Ken Heinritz has some of his family and many friends who have literally learned the game by association in the Monday league.

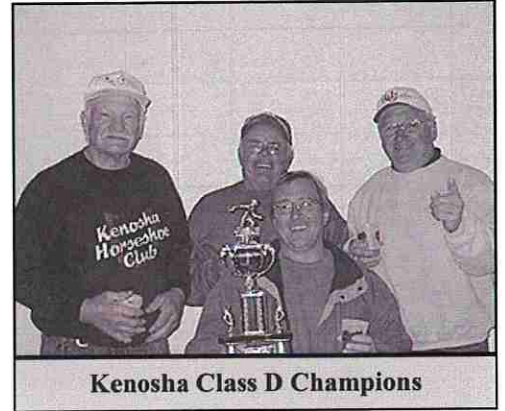
"Some" of the family means two brothers, Russ and Randy. Dad is Roger. The boys are Nathan and

Ben. Seven Heinritz's pitched the Club Team, Some how I expect the Heinritz name will be even better known in years to come.

Welcome to our columns to the 'man behind the mask.' on pg 5.

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Finals for TEAM-World were a little different this year but the necessary scorekeepers were the same. The hand picked crew included Edie McKinney, Jane Smith, Kevin Brekke, Ralph Maylahn, Virgil Smith, Guy Modde, Ken Hopp, and Elly McCarn. These are the pros among the pros. Take note of how many of these scorekeepers have already been cited as 'Scorekeeper of the year.'



**Kenosha Class D Champions**

The Newsletter, and in particular the Publisher, apologizes to the Kenosha Club for inadvertently omitting their picture in the last issue.

## ENCORE

Beloit, the most popular place to play horseshoes in the state of Wisconsin hosts one event that outdraws all others, the Encore. It formerly followed the Club Team by a day and thereby became known as the celebration that follows another celebration or, the Encore.

It's a case of the more you eat the more you want. A cursory look at the results shows a preponderance of club members as winners. The results we are publishing were said to be the newspaper variety, just the winner of each class.

The monster is, the more shoes the Beloit club plays, the more they want to play shoes.

Because the platform courts are setup and Telfer Park is being leased, over Mother's Day, the club promoted a team tournament, a form of competition between the indoor locations, Beloit, Deansville, Kenosha, and Arena. They misjudged the desire of those other clubs, thought everybody was as nuts about it as they are. Scratched, it became another singles event.

So, a week after the Encore, they were at it one more time at Telfer. It never ends. Next sign up is for the outdoor opener, June 11 12, Spring Singles, at the Renley courts.

### Class A

Glenn Wicklund	5/0	60.0
Penny Steinke	4/1	66.0
Jesse Garza	2.5/2.5	52.4

### Class B

Hallie Romanellie	6/0	47.9
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### Class C

Bud Hammer	4/1	40.0
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### Class D

Marvin Robers	5/0	30.8
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### Class E

Virgil Smith	5/0	3.2
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### Class F

Dianne Leopold	7/0	37.14
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### Class G

Joel Ramsdell	6/1	33.21
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### Class H

Ken Hopp	4.5/1.5	22.8
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### Class I

Carlton Rittweger	5/0	35.2
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### Class J

Randy Naef	5/0	24.4
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### Class K

Jerry Palmer	4/1	23.6
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### Junior Class A

Jimmy Paulson	5/1	17.92
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### Junior Class B

Antonia Guzman	4/2	4.58
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# 2005 TEAM WORLD RESULTS

Rounds Completed : 41

38 Total Rounds in Prelims.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Rds</u>	<u>Ringer %</u>	<u>70% +</u>
1-Colorado	64.5	20	66.75%	33
2-Michigan	60	22	59.66%	26
3-Ontario	60	21	63.66%	26
4T-Tennessee	58.5	21	66.73%	39
4T-Illinois # 1	61	21	61.16%	21
6-Missouri # 1	53.5	19	60.92%	16
7-Minnesota # 1	50	19	58.13%	10
8-Missouri # 2	46	19	58.62%	13
9-Wisconsin # 1	45	19	56.15%	10
10-Minnesota # 2	32	19	51.78%	2
11-Wisconsin # 2	32	19	49.80%	3
12-Minnesota # 3	29.5	19	48.59%	6
13-Wisconsin # 3	28.5	19	45.59%	1
14-Indiana	26	19	49.87%	6
15-Missouri # 3	26	19	44.97%	4
16-Missouri # 4	25	19	46.48%	1
17-Iowa	23.5	19	43.22%	0
18-Illinois # 3	22	19	46.64%	0
19-Illinois # 2	20	19	46.05%	1
20-Missouri # 5	17	19	39.38%	0

## Finals

Ontario def. Tennessee 98-94 total points (2 games each tie)

Michigan def. Illinois # 1 112-84 (2 games-each tie)

Illinois # 1 tied Tennessee 110-110 & 97 ringers each  
TEAMS FINISHED TIED FOR 4th PLACE

Michigan def. Ontario 3 games to 1

Colorado def. Michigan 4 games to 0

Paul LaCrosse threw 33 Out of 40 shoes in Final Match

## 2005 TEAM WORLD INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

NAME	TEAM	WINS	RINGERS	SHOES	RINGER %	
Elmore	Joan	TN	18	682	840	81.19%
Curtiss	Judy	MI	21	648	880	73.64%
LaCrosse	Paul	CO	17	560	800	70.00%
Kramer	Marvin	IL	19	585	840	69.64%
Leis	Lucille	ON	17.5	583	840	69.40%
Shepard	Sheila	CO	17	552	800	69.00%
Henderson	Pam	MO	13.5	516	760	67.89%
Fields	Bobby	TN	17.5	568	840	67.62%
Foster	Shannon	TN	16	568	840	67.62%
Wiltse	James	MI	16	583	880	66.25%
Ebers	Tom	MO	14.5	500	760	65.79%
Pintor	Rich	CO	16.5	523	800	65.38%
Leis	Stanley	ON	16	547	840	65.12%
Reid	Dennis	IL	17	545	840	64.88%
Rein	Randy	WI	14	490	760	64.47%
Schaver	Robert	IL	14.5	536	840	63.81%
Turner	M.O.	MO	13.5	476	760	62.63%
Piaz	Tony	CO	14	501	800	62.63%
Kowatch	Ed	IN	11	473	760	62.24%
Janssens	Sandy	ON	13	520	840	61.90%
Nathe	Bev	MN	15	470	760	61.84%
Sullivan	Oden	MO	14	469	760	61.71%
Holland	Edi	MN	12	459	760	60.39%
Diraimo	Nick	MO	12	452	760	59.47%
Gillette	Mick	MO	9	446	760	58.68%
McLachlin	Kevin	ON	13.5	489	840	58.21%
Laffoon	Pat	IN	8	439	760	57.76%
Knop	Larry	IL	8.5	437	760	57.50%
Stangland	Gerald	MN	12	436	760	57.37%
Hokkala	Jerry	MN	7.5	426	760	56.05%
Wolf	Lloyd	MN	11	426	760	56.05%
Totten	Wayne	WI	10	426	760	56.05%
Leyk	Rosie	MN	8	425	760	55.92%
Mauthe	Mark	WI	12.5	425	760	55.92%
Altis	Rich	MO	12	424	760	55.79%
Gage	Clayton	WI	4	245	440	55.68%
Kemp	Larry	MI	14	479	880	54.43%
Vogel	Mary	MO	10.5	412	760	54.21%
McKinney	Edie	WI	8	367	680	53.97%
LaBrosse	Jerry	MN	13	410	760	53.95%
Killgore	Charles	MO	14.5	408	760	53.68%



<u>NAME</u>		<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>RINGERS</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>RINGER %</u>
Wicklund	Glenn	IL	6	408	760	53.68%
Hughes	Dave	MN	11	402	760	52.89%
Halvorson	Deborah	WI	10.5	397	760	52.24%
Pogue	Ken	MO	7	395	760	51.97%
Knop	Michael	IL	7.5	395	760	51.97%
Barber	Larry	WI	11	370	720	51.39%
Logsdon	Bert	MN	8	390	760	51.32%
Garza	Jesse	IL	10	389	760	51.18%
Beeson	Mary	MO	11	387	760	50.92%
Dvorak	Dick	MN	6	387	760	50.92%
Schrum	Milburn 'Boxie'	MO	5	386	760	50.79%
Morgan	Harold	TN	7	424	840	50.48%
Heinritz	Ken	WI	6.5	322	640	50.31%
Endler	Tom	WI	8.5	353	720	49.03%
Larson	Alan	MN	7	371	760	48.82%
Schorbahn	Dave	WI	5	362	760	47.63%
Mercier	Don	MO	5	263	560	46.96%
Schaver	Ken	IL	10.5	389	840	46.31%
Kollasch	Vern	IA	7.5	340	760	44.74%
Bonham Jr.	Clayton	MI	9	390	880	44.32%
Baker	Cliff	IL	3	334	760	43.95%
Dolezel	John	WI	7.5	333	760	43.82%
Reed	Gary	IA	6	330	760	43.42%
Carter	Sam	MO	4	243	560	43.39%
Sexton	Archie	IN	4	328	760	43.16%
Lucas	Larry Joe	MO	6	327	760	43.03%
Fishnick	Mike	IA	6	324	760	42.63%
McKee	Bob	IA	4	320	760	42.11%
Andrysiak	Richard	IL	2	312	760	41.05%
Thompson	Luke	IL	4	309	760	40.66%
Buskirk	Joe	MO	7	305	760	40.13%
Abbott	Nile	MO	5	300	760	39.47%
Dahl	Pudge	WI	5.5	294	760	38.68%
Vogel	Sam	MO	1	285	760	37.50%
Jaeger Sr	Ken	WI	2.5	210	560	37.50%
Graber	Joe	IN	3	276	760	36.32%
Henderson	Tim	MO	0	215	600	35.83%
Sternberg	Terry	WI	0	13	40	32.50%
Hassler	Ron	MO	3	177	560	31.61%
McBride	Mike	IL	1	234	760	30.79%
Howard	Jim	MO	0	225	760	29.61%
Cave	Lu	MN	1	216	760	28.42%

## WORLD TOURNAMENT TRAVEL

### 2001 Hibbing, Minnesota

**Day 1, Wednesday, August 1:** Edie and Gloria waited patiently for Jane to arrive and be on our way. 12:00 was the target departure time. Jane had promised to help Joe get his computer mail operating; this took about 5 minutes. Once on the road there were several stops to make before heading to MN: visit Inez in the nursing home in SCF (Cliff had heart problems and was sent to United) we left our WT schedule as Inez knew some of the AZ pitchers; stopped to deposit \$\$\$ from the YSU for the CDC Jr league, and of course cheap gas. We arrived in Cambridge at McDonald's to pick up Rosie. We met her brother, sister in law and nephew. We loaded 8 suitcases, a case of Zima, a case of water, four horseshoe bags and numerous other items. We were finally packed and ready to take off for Hibbing. We had a beautiful, pleasant, no traffic or construction trip arriving at our motel at 4:00. We had a bit of trouble finding the Park Inn but after asking for directions found it easily. After moving into the room, we went to the courts and discovered Pudge was an undefeated CHAMPION! We waited very patiently for his award and helped celebrate his success at Grandma's. We ate very well and everyone was ready to kick back and relax for the night.

**Day 2, Thursday, August 2:** We did not have to be to the courts until 2:00 so had a restful morning enjoying coffee in our room. April called at 7:30 to make connections with us as she traveled to Hibbing with Rick Wright but was staying with us. They arrived in Hibbing around 2:00 AM. Rick had to pitch so April used his truck to get her stuff to the Park. We had a great breakfast at Country Kitchen each eating what we thought would be ringer food. April and Rosie went to the practice courts while Edie, Gloria and Jane went grocery shopping. We rested at the motel until 1:30 when we went to the courts. Jane, Gloria and April registered for the 3:00 shift. Rosie and Edie kept score while Gloria and April pitched ringers. Jane managed to complete five games without killing anyone as her shoes were landing everywhere but the pit! One of the highlights of the day - SUPPER-- arrived. Ward, April, Rick, and the 'Fab 4' ate at Grandma's. Rick and April entertained us with their antics of the night before. Our stomachs hurt not only from the great food but constantly laughing for hours. Got back to the motel around 10:00 and lights and TV out at 11:00. Of course we can still visit in the dark!

**Day 3, Friday, August 3:** It has been nice getting up

when we wanted - no alarm! Coffee was always on as Edie woke early and turned the pot on. April went to the courts to watch Rick; Edie and Gloria arranged pictures of past world tournament travels, and Jane began working on the logs Gloria kept about the trips. Gloria did a wonderful job and everyone added things they remembered about the trips. We went for breakfast at the highly recommended Sports Bar downtown. The food again was excellent and reasonable. We met other horseshoe pitchers there (Sue and her husband) and have continued to see them at future tournaments. Jane went back to the motel to "meditate" while Edie, Gloria and Rosie went shopping for medications for bad backs, ingrown toe nails and lost fillings. They returned with all of the necessary remedies. April's toe was the topic of many laughs as "mini condoms" were purchased to keep the band aids on. Needless to say, these were the topic of many comments which included Rick. Gloria had lots of "hot spots" on her back so she could finish her games. Consensus was Jane should withdraw from the tourney and enjoy the week. A few tears but also laughs were shared. Good friends make every day better! Completed the pitching and went to "Palmer's" a sports bar owned by Patti Hansen's mom. She was very generous and sent round up for our beverages. We had about 30 to use in ten days. Shari arrived this afternoon and we decided SHE could use the remainder. Dick, Pudge, Dave, April, Hank, Shari and the "Fab 4" did a bit of gambling (pull tabs), ate a few snacks, tipped a few and finally headed to Sammy's for pizza. Once again, a good time was had by all!

**Day 4, Saturday, August 4:** Hot! Hot!! Hot!!! 98 degrees with the heat index over 100! Rosie, Jane and Edie went for breakfast and a bit of downtown shopping for medical supplies and Edie's white sandals. Gloria rested in the motel and took the shuttle to the courts. Jane and Rosie had meetings at 11:00 and 1:00. Edie and Lu kept score. Gloria and April both finished fifth in their classes taking home \$120! Jane had a WI delegate meeting and everyone else headed to the awards ceremony. Got lots of pictures of Gloria, April and Sue (from breakfast). Went to Old Howard for supper: Hank, April, Autumn, Shari, Dick, Wayne, and the "Fab 4" ate great food. The conversations were rambling from topic to topic depending on whom a person was listening to. The service left a bit to be desired but we were entertained by flying bats-- outside the restaurant. We had to duck as we headed to our cars. It was another good day and more friends had arrived: Don, Ida, Norm, Clayton, Tiffany, Curt and Beaty. As seems to be the horseshoe universal greeting - hugs were shared :-)

**Day 5, Sunday, August 5:** The alarm got Edie, Rosie

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uled to begin at 8:30 at the courts. We were hoping for an air conditioned meeting room as the temp again was HOT -99 degrees and the heat index at 105! Coffee, ice, and rolls were served before the meeting. Edie and Jane saw rolls in the box rather than on the plates and were rewarded with hard stale rolls for their pigginess! there was a short 15 minute break and the meeting adjourned at 12:30. We (Fab 4 and Shari) headed to Grand Rapids and the Sawmill Restaurant for lunch. There was also a craft show but it was too hot for serious shopping. We went to the taconite mine and were amazed at the size of everything. We took lots of pictures and had a very enjoyable afternoon. This was the earliest we got back to the motel 7:00PM It was a relaxing evening watching the Lynx basketball game. Jane and Rosie made their calls home to the gentlemen taking care of the home place. Lights were out relatively early as we needed to be at the courts by 7:45 Monday morning.

**Day 6, Monday, August 6:** HOT! HOT!! HOT!!! 98 degrees at 6:00 AM. Alarm set for 6:15 so everyone could get physically and mentally prepared for a morning of pitching ringers. Edie, Rosie, Tiffany, Lu and Sue all pitched in the "cool" building while Shari was in the "hotbox." Jane kept score for Shari's class and had the best spot- right in front of the fan! Courts were groomed for ladies coming to her courts. Everyone was grateful as it was too hot to groom and pitch. This was the first of three very busy days; the girls at 8:30, Clayton and Don at 12:30; Dick and Wayne at 3:00. We left the courts at 6:00. Went to Sportsman Bar for supper. Rosie had octopus with her other Greek food and the rest of us had taco salads. Went back to the courts to check on Randy and Mark as their shift began at 6:00. Went back to the motel, opened the Zima's, talked over the day and lights out.

**Day 7, Tuesday, August 7:** Believe it or not it is still HOT HOT HOT! 98 degree when we left for the courts at 8:00. Ice and neck bands were common cooling devices. Shari had a very challenging day while the rest were satisfied with their games. Went to "Palmer's" to celebrate Lloyd Wolf's 10- 0 record! Lloyd, Dick, Shari, Don, Ida, and "Fab 4" went for a Chinese supper. Lloyd was not impressed with Chinese food! Sue Helene's folks came to watch her pitch ringers and spend quality time with her. Clayton was not a happy camper and needed to be 'disciplined' regarding language and behavior. Got back to the motel around 10:30.

**Day 8, Wednesday, August 8:** Hot again! Last day of pitching the round robins. Clayton, Edie, Wayne and Lloyd all made it into their Championship finals. Tiffany lost her playoff game so took second, Lu took 5th, Edie, 8th, Clayton 7th and Lloyd 1st. After the awards went to the "Atrium" for supper: Fab 4, Lu and Les, Dick, Don, Ida, and Lloyd. As usual we ate well

AGAIN! Jane and Rosie went to the courts while Edie and Gloria walked back to the motel for early rest. Retired around 11:00

**Day 9, Thursday, August 9:** Cool! Finally. A rain storm went through to cool things down a bit. Lorraine and Terry said there was quite a light show at the campground. Edie, Clayton, and Lloyd played at 10:00. Edie's group was finished by 2:00 and Edie did WI proud by making the finals and placing 6th! Jane, Lu, Gloria, and Ida kept score all day. By 7:30 we were ready to peel ourselves off the chairs and leave the courts. We went to the Atrium again for supper but with a larger group: Jim Haupt, Ward, Ken Kosky, Terry Koivisto, Lori Rubin, Lu and Les, Fab 4. Before our orders were taken Mark Bauman walked in so he also joined us:-) Good food, good conversation and good friends just can't be beat! Checked on Randy and Mark at the courts before going back to the motel for the evening. Debby Bestul Halvorson and her husband Steve and their triplets were at the courts so we visited with them and Curt and Beaty. They were all in the Bestul camper... it must have been a bit crowded as well as WARM! got back to the motel for coffee, beer, and Zima. Lights out around 11:00

**Day 10, Friday, August 10:** 6:30 Edie has the coffee on and catching up on the daily journal. Did a bit of shopping before heading to the courts for another day of scorekeeping responsibilities. Went for supper with Ken, Jim, Les, Lu, Ward, and Fab 4. Decided to invest in the lottery and won \$100! Had to begin packing as the tourney was over on Sat and we were leaving Hibbing as soon as we knew who the Men's world Champ was. Our room and gas expenses for the 10 days was \$220 per person. Not too bad:-) Packed some stuff and rearranged the van so there would not be too much to fit on Sat afternoon. Coffee, beer, Zima and lights out!

**Day 11, Saturday, August 11:** Had coffee, checked out, packed the van, went shopping. Nothing was open until 9:30 or 10:00 so had breakfast. did some shopping and were disappointed that no jewelry stores were open on Saturdays. Went to the courts for the final five ladies championship games. Sylvianne defended her title:-) Watched the men final games. Dale and Alan had a great game over 100 shoes with 86% and 91% games. Men's championship came down to the last game - Alan and Brian Simmons. Alan had an exceptionally good game and Brian his worst of the tourney. Alan Men's champ for the 7th ??? time. We left Hibbing and headed to Mora where Richard was going to pick up Rosie. Of course we needed a dairy queen treat first and it was on the way out of Hibbing:-) Met Richard around 9:15 PM, Had the usual good bye hugs and good luck wishes until Ramsey in a few weeks. Arrived in Milltown about 10:30. As usual it is good to be home!



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