

About 48 members made the trip to the Royal Wood Sport Center at Plover. Some came to do double duty and pitch the weekend tournament. That event attracted 58 pitchers.

John Secord, WHPA secretary held the floor the longest reiterating the minutes of last time. Then he got to the good part; We have \$2300 left in the treasury even after purchasing the new computer. He's in the process of transferring data from the old to the new. Once done, current averages will be available to tournament directors upon request. It is assumed all tournament percentages will be the high three over the prior twelve months. Secord requested more complete names on result sheets. First names and towns are needed for full identification.

Lorraine Sternberg reported a net balance of near \$5000 for the Junior Scholarship Fund. Some minds are now busy figuring how we can spend it faster but they have agreed to wait until the Fall Meeting to make their suggestions.

Ann Opsteen had the best news of the day. JANE SMITH and JOHN SECORD made the HALL OF FAME... It was particularly rewarding to have the two of them right there for the announcement. Noon Sunday at the State Tournament we will hear of their contributing qualifications.

(Don't you sort of wonder who nominated them?) HAROLD BESTUL (in the Hall) says its getting crowded hanging in the 'Hall'. Dick Hansen thinks we can squeeze the 'Famers' to allow for two more. Ralph Maylahn (another inmate) suggested a certain carpenter should assess the problem. Ken Jaeger stared at Tony Scrima who quickly offered to design an ornamental iron display befitting the skills of a New London welder. And so it goes.. No one was directed to do anything.

Hansen has room for 6-7 delegates for the NHPA convention being held the day following the World Tournament. He is also dealing with the folks at the Wisconsin State Fair. They want to showcase horseshoes as nostalgia. Hansen wants to have a tournament. Time and further negotiations will tell.

After a moderate amount of discussion, members voted to conduct State Tournament championship classes in the same manner as last year. After the vote it was asked how long this format would be in effect. At that time President Hansen eloquently replied, "This will be this way until it is changed". And that's the way it is...

Selection of the WHPA sponsored team for the TEAM-WORLD tournament will no longer start with the State Champions. Next year the four ranking percentages as of December 31st will have first option. As an added thought Secord offered that we may want to also sponsor the two State Champs for possible inclusion on a second team. Nothing developed.

State Champions, all five each year, will receive personalized jackets as testimony of year and accomplishment sponsored by the entire membership.

The non-profit thing is still being kicked around. There a few more wrinkles the WHPA must iron out before approval.

Harold Bestul remembers when there was money in the State Tournament. Others kind-of wish it could happen again in some form. About a third of the raised hands were in favor of raising State Tournament entry fees to provide for cash awards. But its not dead, we'll hear it again maybe with a new twist. If we could only get rid of that trophy for third place...

Finally; Secord would like all members, in particular the old timers, to report their years of NHPA membership. The parent organization, the NHPA, will award membership patches for 10, 20, etc. years. 50 years is considered lifetime. Have we got any lifers?

Fall Meeting dates favor October 24th but will be officially announced in the President's column.

It was a good meeting and deserves a, 'Well-done'.

TEAM WORLD

TEAM-WORLD, the premier of team horseshoe tournaments, is scheduled for April 24-25-26. Born in Wisconsin at the former Pitchin' Palace, it remains a Wisconsin event. Beloit, a progressive club, has hosted TEAM-WORLD the past two years with the original committee.

Early entries include most top teams of a year ago. Missouri, the '91 winners will return with the same first team led by Vicki Winston. Surprisingly, former World champ, Allan Francis, will honor the integrity of the first team. Francis will pitch for Missouri II. Minnesota has entered two teams. Their big hitters, Phyllis Negaard and Dale Lipovsky head the top team. Indiana's Sue Snyder and the Siebold's will compete again along with Cliff Baker and Charley Webb of Illinois.

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TEAM WORLD CONTINUED

California has changed team personnel. Wisconsin pitchers, Jane Smith, Edie McKinney, John Udelhofen, and Randy Rein are the #1 WHPA team. Other Wisconsin teams and teams from Iowa are on the list. Canada will be represented by Saskatchewan and Ontario.

On a lesser note, Kentucky can't make it this year. Tennessee is not yet up to it. Michigan and Colorado have yet to be heard from.

The scene of this 'world class' action is Telfer Park, a Beloit sports complex, including a professional hockey arena. Once the ice season is over the building becomes the scene of various large events. It has proven to be a fine indoor pitching arena.

Twenty-four portable courts are to be set-up early April. One week before Easter, two separate tournaments are planned; Saturday, April 11, the Wisconsin Club Team and Sunday, April 12, the Beloit Encore.

As implied Saturday is a team event but Sunday is one on one; a regular singles tourney. Because Telfer Park is the site of the WHPA State Tournament this September, WHPA members may be testing the waters; trying those same portable courts.

Some pitchers are qualified to pitch all three events. A few pitchers from nearby states will tune-up at the 'Encore'. Its evident. Beloit will see some great horseshoe pitching in April.

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- 4th 10/5 Norm Beckius & Gary Schwartz
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John Udelhofen

John Udelhofen, is the current Wisconsin State Horseshoe champion. He won that title at Fond du Lac last September for the third time over an eleven year period. He's been around for a while but he's still perceives the conception that he's 'the kid'.

Udelhofen; pronounce the U, drop the h, to come closer to the real sound of the family name. The family's game was pitchin' shoes. "There was always a couple of stakes back then".

"Back then" was when Udelhofen was 6 or 7. At least that's when he thinks he started pitchin' shoes - with Grandpa, no less. Never knew there was anything besides a one and one-quarter turn. It was just the Udelhofen way. "All the Udelhofen's pitch a one and one-quarter".

As a kid he pitched the leagues at Dickeyville. [A little closer to Dubuque than Platteville.] If someone knew that juniors were allowed to pitch at thirty feet, they kept it a secret. Udelhofen discovered thirty foot juniors in his class when he pitched his first State Tournament at age 15. [1978] Not acquainted with the lesser toss he competed, as a junior, from forty feet. "Think I finished second". [actually 3rd in Jr's "B" with 35.3%]

The next State Tournament despite his junior status, Udelhofen pitched the men's class "E"; result, 7th at 43.6. At age 17 he used a kitchen table average to place himself in the championship class. It was the last year of the Bill Glass era. Udelhofen gave Glass his only loss while finishing third.

He was 18 in the 'year of Curt Bestul' and once more finished third

1982 at Green Bay, John Udelhofen won his first State Title. The following year at Eau Claire he finished second to Harold Bestul.

At Marshfield, when class "A" went to 12 pitchers, Udelhofen earned championship number two.

Udelhofen pitched four of the next six State Tournaments - one 2nd, two 3rds and one 4th place.

That brought 1991 and Udelhofen's present title from the Fond du Lac State. Each of his ten class "A" placements indicate he has always been in the hunt. Certainly he's the most aggressive performer of the decade.

In earlier years when he had the 'fever' Udelhofen pitched every day either in practice or competition. Now that he been to the well a few times practice is not as important. If age could be measured by shoes pitched, it seems he wants to stay young.

His other life in the real world keeps him close to Madison, (WI) where he works as a mechanical designer. Recently he purchased a home in Barneveld located only 12 miles from the Arena Sandbar. Already he's a regular league pitcher there.

Three memorable moments are outstanding in the 15 years Udelhofen has been pitching shoes on the State level. That's over half his life.

Number one, was winning the 1991 State title. His earlier title years were not as well remembered. He came close in 1990 at Eau Claire and that created desire. The '91 State Championship is a rewarding memory - he wanted it.

2. Udelhofen made the championship class at the World Tournament and felt real accomplishment to have ranked 18th in the World

3. In 1983, Eau Claire State, it was the four-way play-off. Roger Poutanen, Steve Koehn, John Udelhofen, and Harold Bestul were tied after regulation play in the championship class. Understand - it was three young lions and one old guy - everybody was for the old guy. Udelhofen in the final game finished second. Bestul won his first title at age 67.

This, last of Udelhofen's three memorable moments, aptly betrays Udelhofen the man.

Sure, he's young, but he's no kid. He is definitely one of the guys - class A all the way.

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All WHPA scheduled tournaments placements receive the following points: 1st, 13; 2nd, 8; 3rd, 6; and the rest, 3. NHPA tournament points are doubled right down the line.

Tournament directors, keep on sending a results copy to Dick Hansen for this P.O.Y. update.

1. Bob Traber	93	14. Dan Jaglowski	51
2. Tom Steinke	86	15. John Barden	50
3. Ken Jaeger Sr	69	16. Lorraine Sternberg	48
4. Edith McKinney	68	17. Kevin Brekke	46
5. Paul Federer	67	18. John Udelhofen	46
6. Randy Rein	64	19. Don Kangas	44
7. Cliff Troullier	56	20. Jeff Mauthe	44
8. Marie Donar	55	21. Jim Haupt	43
9. Betty Dennison	52	22. Ron Sabish Jr	42
10. Don Hostrup	52	23. Ron Sabish Sr	42
11. Lloyd Johnson	52	24. Sue Winge	42
12. Tony Scrima	52	25. Kent Lowell	41
13. Joan Guetxke	51	26. Ron Kmieciak	41

ARENA AGAIN

FEB 15

The returning doubles teams are often are put in the same order as the previous event. Like not shuffling the cards; the deal is a repeat of last month with a few new faces. The winners this time are new.

1st	12/3	Buck Huffman and Jerry Weikert
2nd	11/4	Norm and Jeff Mauthe
3rd	11/4	Tip Wipperfurth and Dale Bauer
4th	11/4	Jerry Volz and Rick Weller
5th	10/5	LaVern Edge and Dan Bloom
6th	10/5	Bun Carley and Ron Yttri
7th	10/5	John Barden and Paul Fedderer
8th	8/7	Tony Scrima and Bob Traber

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Recently after pitching with guy from Alabama, I complimented his smooth delivery. He looked like a guy on his way up - a quality we all see with jealous admiration. When we got around to percentages, he allowed that his high three was 63%. But that was last season, he said, my indoor average at this house is 47%; so that's the percentage he used for entry.

Well, well, that's how he got into my class. With no hesitation I rebelled. "That's your average man, you've got to go with it - live or die, its all yours."

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In the sport of horseshoes, average/percentage is as important as a pitcher's name. It is more important than a pitcher's home town, club, or state; even more important than a first name.

Average/percentage describes your level of competition - your class. It is the base for tournament entry. Without it class play is not possible. Only top pitchers could then be competitive; like days gone by.

To align all states the NHPA has described a pitcher's current average to be; the TOP three tournament percentages pitched within the last 12 months set to a common average value. Consequently, pitchers should be using tournament entry average, as published, on the three best tournaments over the period of a year. Overall averages and/or self adjusted (unpublished) averages are passe - out of fashion - no longer considered - amen.

For tournament entry we use WHPA average. It is kept and published by John Secord, state secretary. It includes all state scheduled tournaments and any NHPA sanctioned tournament average, even those performed out of state. [Pitchers themselves are responsible to provide verified out of state percentages to Secord.]

Another average/percentage is most often used only once a year to enter the World Tournament. It is based on only NHPA sanctioned tournaments and also the three highest.

Both of these average/percentages are used for tournament entry but time frame represented is different. Wisconsin State Tournament time is September : Therefore our horseshoe year ends July 31st and percentage is based on the preceeding 12 months. The WHPA percentage list is published in the Fall.

The World Tournament demands a May 15th entry : Therefore the preceeding 12 months of NHPA tournaments determine that percentage. It will only be published in the World Tournament schedule.

With new computer capability the WHPA will be able to update the percentage list periodically. Tournament directors can request that update for seeding their tournaments. It should follow that those latest percentages would appear on that tournament schedule. Informative, yes, but most of all its is another form of a published average.

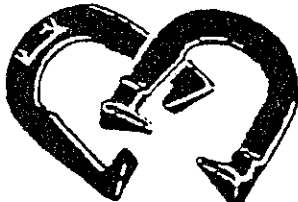
Its your average. Respect it. Use it at full value. Do not allow it to be diminished, altered, or violated in any way.

What the rich and famous do when they are not following the tour:

Ordinarily LaVern Edge is a respected horseshoe pitcher of the Platteville club. Lately he has shown a flair for picking the right doubles partner. When his first pick, John Udelhofen couldn't make it, Edge turned to the horseshoe pitchers directory, under the class "A" column, and found Dan Bloom, a creditable sub. Off the courts Edge earns his entry fees raising hogs for market.

Kathy Huffman has lately been holding down her end of the Horseshoe Watchers Social Club of Arena. She sits in the 'Winner's Wives' section. This Huffman watches the Buck, as in Marvin. She also raises canaries, in quantity. The garage is the aviary. (I suppose they keep the car in a big bird house.) Like Edge, she raises her birds for market.

Edge learned that Huffman's canaries sell for \$50. His hogs go for about \$150, at going rates of \$60/100#. Edge does a little arithmetic; figures Huffman's canaries at two ounces each compared to one hog at 250#. Well then; one hog should be worth \$30,000 at canary rates, Edge grumbles. Huffman cedes, any hog that can fly and sing would be well worth it!

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NASHVILLE

[At considerable effort and expense, the publishers of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter in the person of its 'national reporter' has traveled afield for another on the spot report.]

NASHVILLE : A city without a horseshoe court. Its a fact, there is not one horseshoe court in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. The city parks, we were told, converted former courts to croquet layouts. Its a mystery that any pitcher could become interested in the game without a place to see it happen.

But then there is Joelton, Tennessee; its a rural community near Nashville, and home for a new, 10 court, indoor horseshoe house. The sign says, "Tennessee Horseshoes, Jack Freeman Courts". Its the place called, "The House That Jack Built..." in a recent article of NEWSLINE. It is also destined to be the newest, large pitching complex in mid-continent United States.

Jack Freeman, the doctor who pitches horseshoes is not impressed with the pitcher-doctor paradox. He built his own indoor courts proving his sincerity. Although it says "Doc" on his shirt, he seems to be just "Jack" to all.

Really, he started pitching a short time ago and took to the game immediately. Playing with masters, studying technique he is already a top pitcher (70%). The desire for top flight competition in Tennessee is thought to be Freeman's ultimate goal. The building is only a start.

The structure is rectangular covering the 10 court layout. Open trusses provide a cathedral type ceiling, white contributing to spaciousness. One side, twenty-some feet wide, serves spectator traffic separated with an adequate chain-link fence. Pits are in the concrete floor filled with "Shepardsville" clay. There's plenty of room between courts and when the weather is right four large sliding doors will open the building ends. Backboards are inovative - the stake never has to be painted because the the backboards are - white! May not be new but it is a stunning idea.

The site, said to be 65 or 165 acres, is already graded for more construction. The building will become 8 courts longer and heated much the same as exists. If that's not enough, 20 outdoor courts are slated to be built soon. A shelter will cover the in-line 20 court layout. All this, Freeman promised, will be in place within a year. Right now, 'Port-a-johns' servivce the premises and the water connection is outside. Certainly inside facilities are in the over-all plan.

Regional play "like the NCAA" is Freeman's motive and its apparent many, many pitchers will get to know this place as THE horseshoe mecca. Two miles away, the Days Inn looks like good investment property. In all probability the Highway commission will have to sign the I-road exit "Jack Freeman's Horseshoe Courts, Exit #35".

WHITING, INDIANA

Three guys from Wisconsin made the January tournament at Whiting, Indiana. Its not so crazy. Whiting is as close to Milwaukee as is Green Bay. Except for the constant stopping for tolls, it can be an enjoyable tour.

We elected to use the for-sure but longer route around Chicago on the toll-way until intersecting with Highway 41. From there it was straight north to Whiting. Next time we are going to use the DanRyan expressway to the Skyway to Indianapolis Boulevard, just a few blocks from the Whiting Horseshoe Club.

The converted water utility building, provided by the city, is big enough for four courts, a fence, a john, and a coffee pot; what else could you ask for? About 50 members pay \$20 yearly and do all the maintenance.

There is a bank of courts outside the building so they conduct year-round play. Club organizers publish a schedule for the year that includes: four open tournaments, two club tournaments, three meetings, and six parties. What's a club without parties?

One party is a SOX game; at another they host the Senior Games. A pitching clinic might qualify as a party and of course there is a Christmas party. There are two other events that demonstrate the success of this club - Work Parties; (followed by) "ALL MEMBERS REQUIRED".

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With Susie Pritzlaff

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I'm receiving checks for \$6.00 for renewals of the newsletter. The newsletter subscription fee has been raised to \$7.00 as of January, 1992. The need for the \$1.00 increase was to keep our newsletter self-sustaining. It's fortunate that the two positions on this paper are non-salaried or we would be in the red. Without our ads and the few tournament announcements we wouldn't be keeping our heads above water. We did receive a boost from two clubs who gave our newsletter as part of their tournament awards. We appreciate everyone who is supporting the newsletter.

There has been some mistakes made by us with some of the renewals or new subscribers. We receive letters that say their friend is not receiving the newsletter. I would like these people to write to me themselves. I may not have their address and need all information on just what happened.

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Ray and Deloris Billen of Kenosha had their golden wedding anniversary on March 19th. They have three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They will have a celebration with family and friends in June. Ray has been active with horseshoes for many years even having league in his backyard where he has courts. He also has been known to help beginners and helped out at the Pitchin' Palace often. Deloris always attends tournaments rooting Ray on. Congratulations!

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Our State Champ, John Udelhofen was called upon to put on an exhibition with World Champ, Walter Ray Williams Jr. recently at Harvard, Illinois. It took place at Harvard Bowl where they also have horseshoe courts besides bowling lanes. John and Walter Ray played three 20 shoe games. Walter Ray won the first one and John the second game. In the third game they both tied at 20 shoes and kept playing until John missed and Walter Ray didn't. There were about 80 people including some from Wisconsin who went down to cheer John on. And they had alot to cheer about because John pitched well.

Hats, jackets, shirts etc., imprinted, a new business for Brian and Michelle Repinski from Plover. CENTER STATE SPORTS is located at 604 Fox Lane in Stevens Point.

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PUBLICITY, that's what our sport needs, we, at Germantown are trying something for the first time. There are several TV cable systems in our area. We have several contact people listed with telephone numbers for anyone to call who may be interested in horseshoe pitching. Jim Haupt has the biggest area in Milwaukee so he can send them to other clubs if they happen to live in that particular area. If every club would do this we could have the whole state covered.

LETTER

As far as tournaments and the cost is concerned; I'm not opposed to the present cost if a person has a chance to win part or all of it in prizes. Some tournaments don't pay enough.

State Tournament - I have pitched in only a few, mainly because there is no chance of winning any money back.

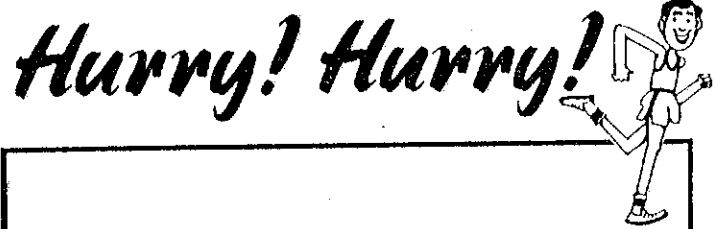
The trophies have gotten out of hand. They are simply too large and I assume very costly. Here is a spot to save some money.

The other criterion I use when choosing to pitch in a tournament is, 1. how far is it, 2. does the date fit into my schedule.

Jim King, Green Bay

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the December newsletter, I asked for comments from members on how they feel about having money in our state tournament. This letter was the only response I received. If there are some thoughts out there on this subject, let me know. Maybe this is the time of year when you're thinking more about horseshoes.

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The Spring Meeting tournament at Royal Wood was a mix of diehard regular tournament pitchers and season starters. Although 58 players made it a full house many WHPA pitchers seem reluctant to dust off their shoes.

Of the shoes pitched, not as many made it all the way to the stake as will in the heat of summer but some people apparently were not aware of the degree of difficulty.

Self-scoring at Royal Wood has helped to instill a charitable quality among the tournament goers. When blanks were available, some players of previous classes kept the X's and O's - notably the 'North of 8' crew.

RESULTS

class:	1st place		2nd place
A EdithMcKinney	66.4	Jane Smith	57.8
B Norm Mauthe	60.0	Larry Barber	60.4
C Elaine Troullier	44.0	Wayne Vanderhei	39.6
D Mike Hansen	42.0	Bill Floryance	39.6
E Lyle Roberts	34.8	Jim King	30.4
F Pam Steinke	50.8	Mel Barnitz	42.8
G Bill Matey	28.4	John Pionke	21.6
H Frank Dohwardt	25.2	Tom Steinke	22.0

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Some who did it right: Pam Steinke started this season with a 62% game! This tournament may be her personal record. For Edie McKinney, "A" class was no-problem. Larry Barber is a happy player again. And, although he still did not enter, Brian Repinski did buy a new pair of Imperials. Things are looking up!

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Winners: Cliff and Elaine Troullier 6-1
2nd Place Gary Schwartz and Curt Behrends 5-2
Other teams competing were: Jim King and Dick Baeten; Ken Koehn and Otis Wessley; Steve Wiegert and Tom Leair; Bob Traber and Tony Scrima; Norb Strzewski and Al Troullier; Ken Jaeger and Jim Haupt.

It was truly a long day of horseshoes. Beginning early, at 9:00, the fifty shoes per pitcher games took til near dark to complete the round robin. Only eight teams had entered; we had the place to ourselves.

We knew we were late when the Mall shoppers society began to return to help Kathy Jaeger with full waiting. Mss. Schwartz, King, and Leair agreed with the no-playoff finish.

Games went along O.K. until a foursome decided to take a hamburger break and set the schedule behind at least a full game. Rumor is; Green Bay guys are all students of the languid 'Joppe-method'.

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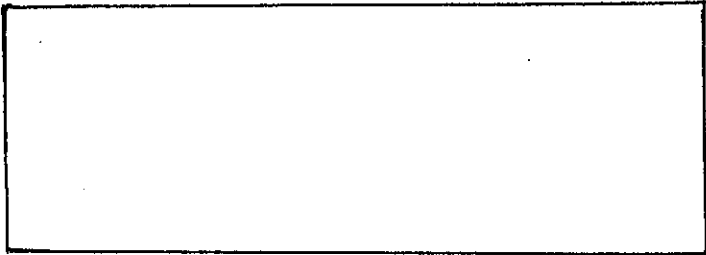
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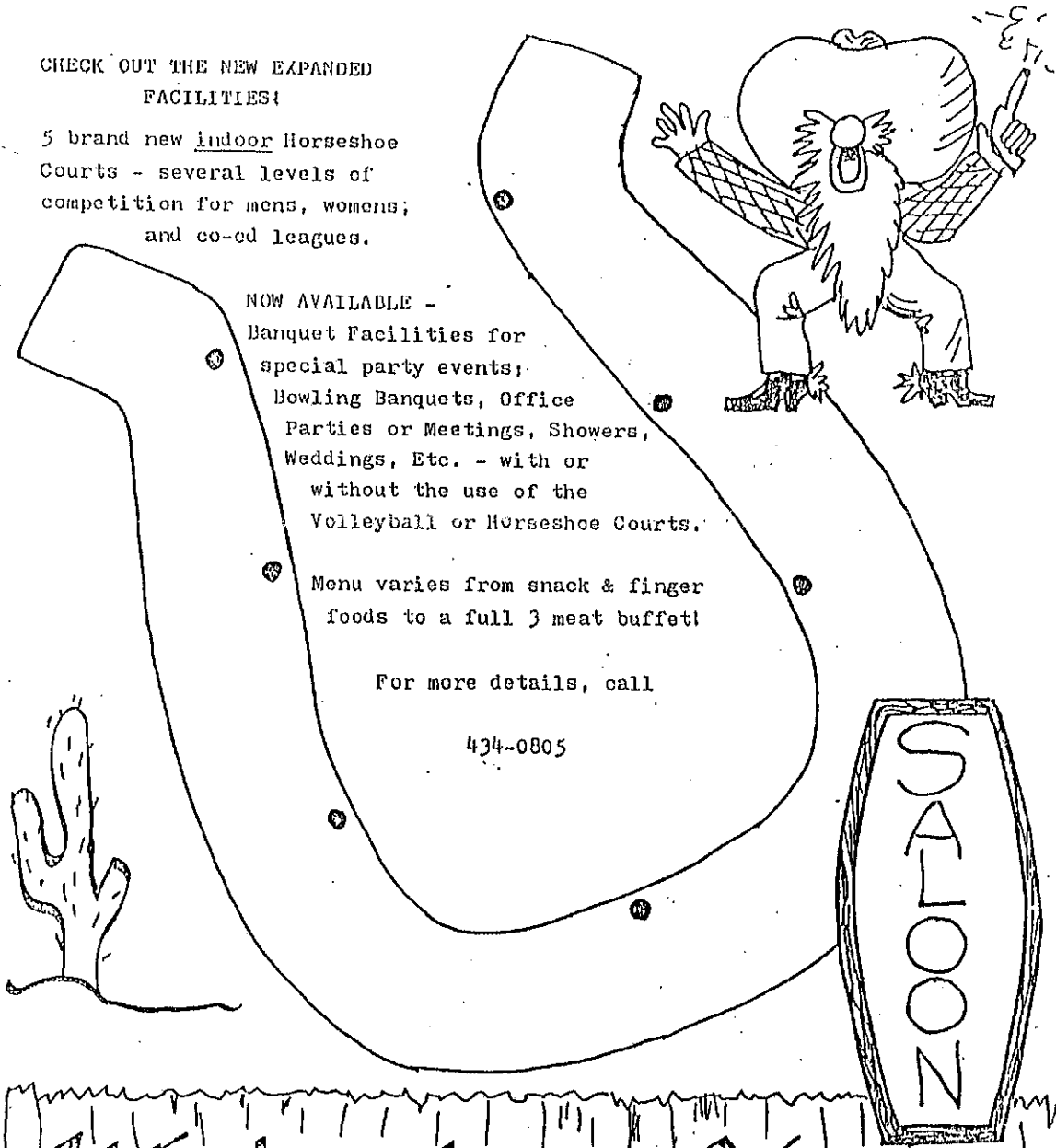
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