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SPRING MEETING

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The third Saturday in March in even numbered years is the only time the WHPA rule book is open for amendments. 56 WHPA members filled the chairs at the Arena Sport Center to review changes for the year 2000

Two weeks prior the WHPA executive board met in Plover, WI to map the strategy for this meeting.

President Ken Jaeger opened the meeting shortly after 1 PM calling on John Secord for the previous minutes and a treasury report. Presently the WHPA balance is a respectable \$4273.

First VP Jane Smith, forestalling the demise of the Player-of-the-Year award, announced that the board was in favor of continuing the practice and adding a most improved category with a plaque or trophy to be awarded to each but the former \$50 additional would be eliminated.

John Crook speaking for the State Tournament host, the Sandbaggers Horseshoe Club, said as soon as the weather is conducive work will begin on the proposed 17 outdoor courts temporarily installed for the 2000 event. July 9th the club will host the 'Arena Workout,' as a forerunner to the Labor Day event. Jaeger pushed for an announcement of the State entry fee suggesting \$25. Crook, one of the few sandbaggers in attendance, could not answer for the committee regarding the entry fee nor name the official State Tournament director.

VP 3, Tom Steinke read the balance sheet for the Junior Scholarship Fund and shifted to the action he had created for this day in trading older

shoes. Collectable older shoes were donated to WHPA by Jack Algiers, Earl Paulson, Carl Gilbertson, and Orville Baker.

Second VP, Terry Sternberg, who is still looking for horseshoe related newspaper articles congratulated his daughter Heidi, there in person, for her work in presenting the WHPA web-page. Jane Smith had recognized her work at the get go and mother, Lorraine, announced that Heidi, who was a World Champion in her junior days, has been appointed NHPA Junior Promotions director taking Lorraine's former position.

Dick Hansen, the NHPA Sec-Treas., reported that air-conditioning is back on the amenities list for the Bismarck World Tournament. He congratulated Wisconsin players in their support of the national foundation, the NHPF. The Wisconsin charter ranks high on the list of contributors, higher than many states boasting more members. Hansen later petitioned the group, successfully, for a WHPA contribution to the NHPF of \$200 for the year 2000.

It took Hansen and Jaeger to explain the benefits of a new web-site they say promises to bring some publicity.

<http://www.activeusa.com/moresports/horseshoes/> or in our language, Active-USA, is a web-site listing possibly every horseshoe tournament in the US and Canada. It is also possible to register online with credit card for listed tournaments for the nominal cost of 1% of the entry fee.

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Coming Events

- April 29 CLUB-TEAM** in Beloit \$80/team
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 4 or 5 player team **28-00-006** D/L 4-15
- April 30 WHPA STATE DOUBLES** in Beloit
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937
920-922-0080 use entry form please **28-00-007**
- May 6-7 BELOIT ENCORE**
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **28-00-008** D/L 4-22
- May 13 EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD;** Carson Park \$5
Dennis Kieser 413 W Stanley St Thorp, WI 54771
715-669-5272 **28-00-009** D/L 5-5
- May 13 MUSKEGO DOUBLES**
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
262-542-0252 unsanctioned D/L 5-5
- May 19-20-21 TEAM-WORLD;** Beloit \$200/team
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **28-00-010** D/L 4-15
- MAY 27-28 PLATTEVILLE NHPA SINGLES** \$15
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-9697 **28-00-015** D/L 5-13
- JUN 3-4 WOLF RIVER OPEN;** New London \$13
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
920-982-6287 Limit 72 deershoe@aol.com **28-00-016** D/L 5-22
- JUN 10 - 11 EAGLE RIVER OPEN** \$13
EAGLE RIVER, WI VILAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
920-982-6287 Limit 48 Mixed **28-00-039** D/L 5/27
- JUN 10-11 EAU CLAIRE OPEN** skpg extra .50/ga \$15
Dennis Kieser 413 W Stanley St Thorp, WI 54771
715-669-5272 dkieser@discover-net.net **28-00-017** D/L 6-1
- JUN 10-11 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES** \$15
Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
may be mixed
608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com **28-00-018** D/L 5-27
- JUN 17-18 MUSKEGO OPEN** \$15
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
262-542-0252 **28-00-019** D/L 6-5
- JUN 17- MARSHFIELD ONE** rain date 6-18 \$15
Dan David 282 Rangeline Rd Auburndale, WI 54412
715-384-3612 may be mixed **28-00-020** D/L 6-6
- JUN 24-25 GOLDENDALE;** Germantown \$15
Tom Costa 725 River Rd Apt 4 West Bend, WI 53095
262-338-6905 tcosta@worldnet.att.net **28-00-021** D/L 6-10

KEY Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.
Call, 414-964-2735 six wks. prior for free listing this col.

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Edi McKinney, chairlady of the Hall of Fame Committee revealed the selection for the year 2000 to be Sid Anderson, 3 times a State Champion in the elders division and a World Champion in the year 1987.

President Jaeger felt the qualification for move-ups from class A to the championship class needed some discussion. Members felt the traditional method, the winner of class A, should continue to be the move-up.

Averages was another subject discussed by the board two weeks prior and now tested among the members. The present system used by the State Secretary, although good in its time, was outmoded by the Natstats practice of using total ringers divided by total shoes for the best three tournaments in the past year or ten events. Natstats averages also include the ringers and shoes from sanctioned leagues. In addition the leagues too are considered as participation events. Natstats includes all sanctioned events both in and out of state. The recommendation of the board was to use Natstats for all averages.

Jaeger pointed out that Ken Kosky has been tracking the entire WHPA data system, average included for the past year using a program developed by a Canadian, John Hasell. To assume that program would cost the WHPA \$200/yr.

Unintentionally overlooked during the meeting is the cost of a computer program which will better interpret incoming and outgoing result files for Natstats. The one time cost of Excel is normally about \$200.

Three tournament participation remains the requirement for State Tournament entry. Some members did not understand that only Wisconsin approved

tournaments are considered. Tournaments listed on the once a year state schedule and other sanctioned events such as exclusive club tournaments are considered "Approved." Out of state events do not qualify for the State tournament participation requirement.

A motion was made and passed to use Natstats averages to seed all tournaments hereafter.

Officer candidates will be required to announce their availability for nomination by July 31st of the election year – passed with a show of hands.

Another deadline was established. Bylaw changes must be submitted by or at the fall meeting preceding the spring meeting of even numbered years when the book is open for change. Newsletter publication was given as the reason.

Members settled on the word "quorum" when considering officers present a special meeting.

A motion to extend availability of Junior Scholarship awards to age 30 was defeated. Present age is 25.

A motion reaffirming no cash awards to Juniors was upheld.

A motion to strike the word "only" from the phrase, "Trophies only to be awarded for the State Tournament...", failed miserably. Along with it members opted to retain a trophy award for a third place finish in an eight-man class

When Player-of-the-Year award came up for discussion, there was none. Apparently members like it the way it is.

A proposal to open the bylaw book at any of the WHPA general meetings, spring or fall, for necessary changes was approved with the stipulation that 2/3 of the membership would endorse it.



Arena Regulars

Arnie Walton, Ron Berg, Clayton Gage, John Crook, Ray Groskinsky, Jeff Gustafson

From Your President

The Spring Meeting with all the Bylaw changes went quite well. The biggest change I felt was doing away with our current method of figuring an average. Our present program was created by John Se-cord twenty some years ago. The program worked and served its purpose but, became outdated per NHPA Bylaw Art. 12 Sec. 3 , last sentence. An average is arrived at by dividing the total number of ring-ers by the total number of shoes pitched for those three events. As of March 18, 2000 John will no longer be figuring averages, all averages will be maintained by Natstats (Glen Jamieson). John will still keep records for the three tournaments from the State Schedule needed to pitch in the State Tourna-ment, one of which can be a sanction league. (*See ac-companying article about the format for turning in tournament results on page 12 of this Newsletter.*)

The new WHPA Constitution and Bylaws books should be available in the next month or so.

Promotions; We are still working on a tourna-ment up in Eagle River. We are tentatively planning, for now, on the second weekend in June. I sometimes feel that there are not enough tournaments. Some pitchers have to do a lot of traveling. Maybe there should be one in Rhinelander, or how about Trem-pealeau by the Dahl boys? With the World Tourna-ment being hosted in Hibbing, MN next year and even the rumors that maybe Eau Claire is in the run-ning for one in the near future, this is the time we should all be promoting horseshoes.

In the March - April issue of the NHPA Newslin-e , are the proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws . Check them out, each club should do a survey, and let your State Officers know the outcome .

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

How is this BC from BC?

Eagle River Update

It has just been confirmed that there will be a sanctioned tournament at the Vilas County Fair-grounds in Eagle River on the weekend of June 10 & 11. It is a joint effort between Art Collien and Ken Jaeger.

This culminates a campaign to get a sanctioned tournament in this area that started last summer when several WHPA members spent a weekend in the area promoting the benefits of NHPA member-ship.

Ken Jaeger was unrelenting (as only he can be) in his pursuit of the people up there and his persever-ance paid off. It will be on 4 sand courts with con-

A Gift from Santa

by Bob Bennett

'Twas the night of the tourney and all through the league.

all the pitchers were suffering from summer fatigue.
Beany in straw hat and Edge in suspenders,
were there to make trouble for last year's contenders.

The rosters were ready, all figured with care,
in hopes that the handicaps weren't too unfair.

'Twas then to my senses and frightful dismay,
I saw the list that made up class A.

These were seven fine pitchers so calm and so tough,
I knew my six handicap would be hardly enough.

More hungry than a vulture Ken Olson came,
and by one tiny point, I won the first game.

On Johnson, on Mauthe, on Edge I did shout,
This is the night I'll take them all out.

Then what to my wondering eyes should I see,
Norm Mauthe came forth and beat me by three.

Now with my single loss and Johnson with a double,
my last game with Carl could cause me real trouble.

So laying his fingers around each shoe,
Carl proceeded to teach me a thing or two.

He matched my ringers on every toss,
and I feared this would be my second loss.

On throw forty-six Carl was down one in score.
then he threw again and added four more.

I matched the first three but my second flew by,
if the point didn't make it the game was a tie.

I measured it as carefully could be,
and then said to Carl, "You call it for me."

Carl slowly and carefully measured my shoe,
then said, "It's awful close but I'll give it to you."

With my slim lead of one and the very last try,
If Carl makes them both, I may start to cry.

With a confident air and without a hitch,
Carl ended his game with a perfect pitch.

The onlookers laughed at my forty-ninth throw,
"How that ever went on, we'll never know."

But number fifty was right on line,
and that one little point made the championship mine.

If you say you believe in Santa Claus, I heartily agree,
He lives up north in Highland, and that winning point was his gift to me.

Author/Poet, Bob Bennett, is a member of the Platteville Horseshoe Association as are all characters mentioned. The man from Highland is Carl Gilbertson. Dated Aug 22, 1996.

WI-MN Border Battle #2

Minnesota, 78.5 Wisconsin, 49.5

By design, the Minnesota Gopher people lured their eastern cousins of Wisconsin to their central prairie, to the place where they can call the great Mississippi their own.

Wisconsin, drawn into this land of nowhere, still reeling with the rigors of the journey, stepped unaware into the slaughterhouse they call Upsala

The Gory Details

by Dick Dvorak

For the second year in a row the Minnesota - Wisconsin horseshoe pitching rivalry continued. This year the two top teams met in Upsala, a small but accommodating town in central Minnesota. The contest was held in the Upsala Recreation Center which is an excellent horseshoe pitching arena. Our most gracious and accommodating hosts were Joyce and Mel Larson, residents of the Upsala area.

The entire event was once again organized over the Internet with the outstanding cooperation of Jim Haupt of Milwaukee and Ken Kosky of Schofield Wisconsin and player recruiter Randy Rein of Mosinee.

Sixteen players from each state were chosen and preparations and scheduling began.

Players were placed into classes according to their ringer percentages for each division, full distance or short distance with four players from each state in each class (A-B)

In the first round of four games the MN 30B's jumped to an early lead winning 11 1/2 games to WI's 4 1/2 with Tiffany Gage and Rosie Leyk leading the way. The MN 40B's followed suit with a 12-4 win margin lead by Ron Craigmile and Tim Bayerl to end round one. At this point it's MN 23 1/2- WI 8 1/2.

Round 2 featured the Class A 40's and the Class A 30's with WI's 1998 State Champion, Randy Rein leading the way for the Badger State full distance pitchers and

five-time Ladies World Champion Phyllis Negaard leading the way for the MN short distance pitchers. The results after four showed MN earning 10 1/2 more points in the 30 foot group and WI winning 8 1/2 out of 16 in the 40 foot group. The score at the halfway mark now rests at MN=41 1/2 and WI =22 1/2.

Round 3 found the Gopher State 30B's accumulating 10 more points lead again by Tiffany Gage's 4 wins while the WI 30B's were able to earn only 6 points in this final outing. Simultaneously, the MN 40B's led by Ron Craigmile were splitting 8 -8 with the WI 40B's lead in this stanza by 3 game winner Gus Schram, founder, developer and pitcher of the World Famous "Ringle Single" pitching shoe. With 64 1/2 wins required to win "the whole ball of wax" and the standings now

MN=59 1/2 and WI=36 1/2 the Gophers were only 5 wins away from evening the series at 1-1.

Round 4, the last chance for the Badgers to pluck victory from the hands of defeat, was spent when the MN 30A's outpointed their far-traveling opponents by 11-5 with two-time Ladies World Champion Bev Nathe winning her last four games. The MN 40A's finished the afternoon splitting the final shift 8-8 with Three-time World Champion Dale Lipovsky picking up three more wins while past WI State Champion Don Kangas also notched three victories.

So, when the smoke cleared and the dust settled, the final standings showed Minnesota earning the tournament victory with 78 1/2 points to Wisconsin's 49 1/2.

A short award ceremony followed the conclusion of play with the Minnesota Association presenting the Wisconsin contingent an Appreciation Award (pg 6) for their interest and aggressiveness in getting the Border Battle Series started in 1999. Following that the BORDER BATTLE 2 trophy was presented to Minnesota for winning the Y2K event.

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CLASS 40A

Dale Lipovsky	MN	5-3	74.06
Eric Sandquist	MN	5-3	59.69
Gerald Stangland	MN	4-4	60.00
Jerry Hokkala	MN	1.5-6.5	52.19
Randy Rein	WI	6-2	68.75
Don Kangas	WI	4.5-3.5	62.19
John Crook	WI	3-5	52.50
Ron Brockway	WI	3-5	47.19

CLASS 40B

Ron Craigmile	MN	7-1	57.81
Dan Carlson	MN	5-3	50.63
Tim Bayerl	MN	5-3	45.94
Dave Hughes	MN	3-5	45.63
Gus Schram	WI	4-4	39.06
John Molling	WI	3-5	52.19
Tom Endler	WI	3-5	47.81
Ken Heinritz	WI	2-6	43.44

CLASS 30A

Phyllis Negaard	MN	7-1	67.19
Bev Nathe	MN	6 2	69.38
Edi Holland	MN	4.5-3.5	62.19
Len Lipovsky	MN	4-4	64.69
Clayton Gage	WI	5-3	68.13
Gert Wilcziek	WI	3-5	58.44
Edi McKinney	WI	1.5-6.5	56.56
Lorraine Sternberg		1-7	52.50

CLASS 30B

Tiffany Gage	MN	7.5-0.5	60.63
Rosie Leyk	MN	5-3	52.81
Lu Cave	MN	5-3	39.06
Christy Cave	MN	4-4	47.19
Sue Helene	WI	5.5-2.5	58.13
Elaine Troullier	WI	2-6	42.81
Leroy Meyer	WI	2-6	38.44
Teresa Donar	WI	1-7	37.81

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Upon completion of the award ceremony players enjoyed an on-site dinner thanks once again to the arrangements made by Joyce and Mel Larson.

One additional highlight:

How many games were pitched where at least one ringer was made each frame?

Dale Lipovsky had four games wherein he pitched at least one ringer in each of the twenty innings, Phyllis Negaard had two such games and Bev Nathe, Edie McKinney, Randy Rein and Clayton Gage each had one. TOTAL of TEN games!!

How many games were pitched where only one inning was left open?

Eric Sandquist had four, Clayton Gage had three, Randy Rein, Phyllis Negaard, Edie Holland, Bev Nathe and Dale Lipovsky each had two such games and John Crook, Dan Carlson, Len Lipovsky, Gerald Stangland, Ron Craigmile and Tiffany Gage each had one.

Author, Dick Dvorak, a past president of the Minnesota Association, has been the key organizer in developing and directing the Minnesota - Wisconsin series.



Some of Wisconsin's Border Battlers



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No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man.

Heraclitus

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle if it is lightly greased." --

Kehlog Albran,

I have seen the future and it is just like the present, only longer. --

Kehlog Albran,

Down and Back

By Jim Haupt

CASH is a "four letter" word

"Trophies only" for State Tournament awards was recently supported at the WHPA Spring Meeting. It was coupled with a move to eliminate the (meaningless) third place trophy from eight man classes. The result was akin to asking pitchers to play in a downpour.

..Later, a move was made to revise the proposal by removing the word "only" and leaving any other awards including (the four letter word) *cash* to the discretion of the Tournament Director. With just a few supporters that idea also died a quick death.

Is everybody (that's the way the vote went - everybody) aware of what they are missing?

Let's suppose, for a moment, that "Lands End" of Dodgeville wanted to support the WHPA State Horseshoe Tournament now in the works at Arena. Their plans were to give all participants a monogrammed shirt and all class winners were to receive \$100, seconds \$50, all five State Champions to receive \$500 each sponsored, of course, by "Lands End." In trade they would feature a splashy write-up with glossy pictures in their worldwide catalog showing those down to earth people, horseshoeing in the rural Wisconsin River valley, wearing their new shirts of every hue, the entire line, having a great time - major publicity for "Lands End." Well dream on. The shirt is OK but any cash award is out.

The rule book should read trophies only in adult classes. Juniors are eligible for a cash award if they continue their education beyond high school.

"Only" is a definite limit, the end of the line, there is no more. Don't even think of ever having a cash award of any sort as a result of the State Tournament.

New Life for Old Shoes

by Tom Steinke

The old shoe board displayed at the Jr Scholarship tournament was the subject of a lot of conversation. Some shoes sold, some traded, but most important, shoes were donated to the Wisconsin Memorabilia Board. This board will be seen next at the Wisconsin State Doubles tournament in Beloit.

Shoes Donated:

Oshkosh Giant Winners (hookless)
Chicago Steel Fdry (hookless)

Ohio (hookless)

Eagle Ringer (picnic) Tom Steinke and Tony Scrima
J.C. Higgins (picnic) Tom Steinke and Tony Scrima
Health Guardian (picnic) Tom Steinke and Tony Scrima

Donated By:

Jack Algiers
Carl Gilbertson
& Orville Baker
Earl Paulson

This display will be seen at different tournaments, and eventually it will find a permanent home. Each donated shoe will be displayed with a description and a the name of the person who donated it. If you have a shoe that is not on the board and you would like to donate it, contact me: Tom Steinke 262-542-0252, or write to me at the address in the front of the Newsletter.

Karen Decorah is OK, thank you


from Fred Decorah

Thanks everyone for signing the card for Karen who had a successful surgery for cancer. We thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers.

She hopes to see everyone around the courts as soon as good weather comes around.

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Curt Bestul-Page Two

by Jim Haupt

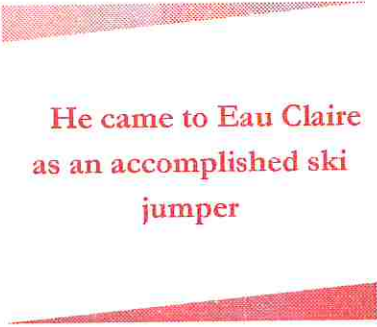
Last issue we ran our selection of WHPA Man of the Century, Curt Bestul. Elly McCarn of Eau Claire photocopied the article and sent it on to the Leader Telegram where Ron Buckli, sports writer embellished the story based on a revealing interview with Bestul.

Some excerpts from Buckli's column, Buck-shot, follow:

Bestul's interest in horseshoes didn't develop until 1963, fifteen years after he came to town as a ski-jumper.

He grew up in Scandinavia, WI and skied for (or at) such clubs as Iola, New London, and Milwaukee Wood. Bestul (also) served with the fabled 10th Mountain Ski Troops as a telephone lineman during World War II.

He came to Eau Claire as an accomplished ski jumper and was the key man behind the construction of Hendrickson Hill in 1950. Bestul retired from the sport in 1955 and was inducted into the Eau Claire Ski Club Hall of Fame in 1992.



**He came to Eau Claire
as an accomplished ski
jumper**

So where did horseshoes come into the picture? "I saw somebody pitch and decided to get a pair of shoes," he said. "I put stakes in the back yard and then some-

body asked me to sub in the league."

Pitching was at Owen Park courts at the time and as the number of participants grew, Bestul eventually organized the club.

"I went to a tournament in St. Paul, and that really got me interested," he said. "In 1965, I attended the World Tournament in Keene, NH."

Bestul called horseshoes an individual sport with a lot of competition.

"After seeing how good the pitchers were in the World Tournament, it presented a challenge," he said "Like anything you have to have a talent for it. I was not the most talented, but I worked hard at it. I have seen athletes good in other sports try it, but it just didn't work.

I would practice every day, all summer long, I just enjoyed it."

So did his family. Bestul's wife, Beatty, two sons and two daughters got involved. Don won the Jr Boys class C title in Salt Lake in 1966 and Debbie was a four time girl's World Champion in the 80's - including 1987 when the World Tournament was held here (in Eau Claire.)

Bestul points to the 1970 World Tournament where he averaged 68 percent ringers as one of the highlights of his career. He was 1981 State Champion and had two 90 percent games (45 ringers of 50 shoes) in city league play.

Bestul, who retired from NSP as a lineman in 1987, left the sport completely a few years ago but still pitches for fun once in a while.

"I started having a vision problem," he said, "and when you start going downhill, it's frustrating, you're not so gung ho."

Beloit, Home of Team World

At this writing, near deadline, Team-World entries will close with just one more team. **Iowa**, usually a four team state has entered only one team. Popular with other nearby states, WT has four teams each coming from **Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin**. **Minnesota** is in with their ordinary two teams. The 1999 champion Ohio team is back adding the talent of John Walters. Michigan is in. **Indiana** entered one team this year and the very first entry. **Colorado**, is back for another try at the title of Team -World 2000.

Earl Paulson, who has been monitoring entries, seems confident on the eve of the deadline that the next few days will produce that final team. The tour-

namment committee will fill the field, promised Paulson.

The Beliot Club with a sense of urgency has called a meeting to lineup crews available to setup courts in the big hockey arena. Apparently it will be 'time-out' for the workers already involved with the construction of the new Red Ferguson building.

Twenty-four courts will be necessary for prior events; the Club-Team, next day State Doubles, and the big Encore. If pitchin' shoes tempers the clay it should be in great shape for the experts of Team-World.

Some call it "Telfer" others say "Edward's but the address remains, 2101 Cranston Road for the Team-World show. A purchase of a raffle ticket is the price of admission to see some of the finest of the NHPA. See you in Beloit.

FREEZEROO #28-00-002

Opening Day 6/29

Sonny Cockroft ran the show Saturday. Ron Berg took over the Sunday stats. That's when the Freezeroo became the Snoweroo.

Saturday, getting to and from the Sandbar was easy enough. Sunday it was a different story. Calls from distant dropouts started at 4:45 AM to the Berg household. Too much overnight snow dampened the competitive urge for many pitchers.

Class A, originally an 8-man was reduced to four. Other class adjustments were necessary as the original entry of 55 was trimmed to 36. Berg had his hands full recruiting area pitchers with the short haul, 4 wheel drives, and or snowmobiles expressly to keep the snowy Sunday crew up to par. As usual he duked himself out of a berth.

Those who braved the storm found it a piece of cake going home. During the pitching plows and salters were out. Pavement was bare once more.

Tournament Director, John Crook opted for a Sunday only event for the 44 entrants to the Arena Spring Singles - 4 classes of eight and two sixes, all 40-shoe games.

Being the season's last indoor tournament at Arena it brought out some summer hopefuls. The feeling of a new season unfolding was in the air.

Ron Berg, doffed his usual Arena director's cap celebrating with a super 25 ringer game (62.5%) in class E where the normal ringer total hovers around 10. Debbie Marshall, of the Kenosha club, although third, was also over 40%. The 'tough' got going in E class.

High ringers for the 40 shoe games in other classes were: Jerry White in F with 18, Bob Anderson and Dave Klipstein both with 19 in D class, Tony Scrima marked 31 in B class and Randy Rein went 35 for 40 in A. Leroy Hubbard, class C, of nearby Hide, WI (pop, 6) bought an NHPA card and led off with 21 ringers in his first sanctioned game.

Results of top three at the Arena Spring Singles:

- A Randy Rein 76.8; Mark Mauthe 63.2; Barrent Dahl 66.4
- B Tony Scrima 56.1; Ron Lingard 47.85; Jerry Schroeder 42.1
- C Fred Decorah 41.4; Jamie Blynn 40.4; Len Mauthe 37.1
- D Bob Anderson 38.6; Dave Klipstein 35.0; Son Cockroft 34.3
- E Ron Berg 41.5; Pat Smith 27.0; Debbie Marshall 40.5
- F Greg Hehling 27.0; Dan David 22.0; Roger Olson 26.5

Because of Barrie Dahl's Junior status, third place money in A class went to Ron Brockway pitching 55.4.

Not in the top three; Ralph Maylahn, ever hopeful, tried the flip style. As a former member of the Washington Park Club where the motto is "Pitch the Open Shoe," he has mastered the 1 & 1/4, the 1 & 3/4 and dabbled with the 3/4 turn. What's next for the versatile veteran, a reverse?

Class A 4-man		Class B 8-man	
Clayton Gage	66.67	Ron Lingard	50.63
John Crook	50.83	Gerald Weikert	52.81
Arnie Walton	55.83	Hiram Chaffin	48.21
Class C 7-man		Class D 7-man	
Ray Groskinsky	41.79	John Cox	46.43
Jeff Gustafson	36.07	Don Goldsmith	37.14
Wayne Vanderhei	40.00	Terry Sternberg	31.43
Class E 7-man		Class F 10-man	
Pete Kumlien	38.57	Ray Lopez	27.04
Jim O'Loughlin	38.57	Bernard Cockroft	32.59
Rich Conrad	32.86	Ror Yttri	28.89

Junior Scholarship Tournament

By Tom Steinke

CLASS A		
CROOK JOHN	58.57	52
TROULLIER E.	51.79	52
ENDLER TOM	56.79	43
NELSON HARRY	51.07	3.5
BROCKWAY RON	48.93	3.5
MAYLAHN RALPH	50.36	34
AIKEN PAM	52.14	25
POPPE RICK	43.21	25

CLASS B		
SCRIMA TONY	50.50	41
VYHANEK MITCH	47.	41
LINGARD RON	50.00	32
TROULLIER CLIFF	42.50	23
DAVID SYLVIA	44.00	14
MAUTHE LEN	43.00	14

The classes were competitive. Richard Conrad started the pace in class C with a 60% game and went on to win the class.

Class B, Mitch Vyhanek beat Tony Scrima the first game, but Tony came back and tied Mitch for the tournament and won on percentage.

Class D, Karen Henkel played consistently and won the class outright.

Class A champ was John Crook. John pitched very well, and under pressure got ringers when he needed them. Nice job.

It was nice to see new people at Arena. Mitch, Gordy, Augie, Mike, Linda, and Debbie. Hope to see all of you this summer.

CLASS C		
CONRAD RICH	36.07	61
VANDERHEI WAYNE	40.71	52
POTTER AUGIE	35.00	52
POTTER GORDY	29.29	43
LANGE MIKE	23.93	43
HAUPT JIM	26.43	34
HERMAN CHUCK	30.71	16

CLASS D		
HENKEL KAREN	36.43	61
FLEMING GUY	35.71	52
MARSHALL DEBBIE	32.50	52
JOHNSON LINDA	29.64	52
PITEL CAL 25.	36.00	43
HENKEL DICK	15.36	25
FRANZEN WAYNE	7.14	16
DAVID DAN	12.14	07

Kenosha Benefit Tournament Raises \$300

by Harry Nelson

The Kenosha Horseshoe club held a Hospice Benefit tournament March 25-26, 2000. There were 25 pitchers in four classes and three hundred dollars was raised for the Hospice Alliance of Kenosha. Tournament was conducted in the indoor pitching facility at 6011 29th Av.

Joyce and Darlene of Hospice wish to thank all the pitchers who participated in this Benefit tournament.

A three way tie developed in class C among Debbie Marshall, Greg Wickersheim, and Joe Zoromskis with Debbie coming out on top. There was also a three way tie in class D for first place among Bob Williams, Jim Ulenhake, and Vera Johnson with Bob Williams winning top honors.

We had an anonymous donor for our benefit tournament. He donated four \$25 gift certificates from Menards as first prize for each class and he is already talking about some bigger and better prizes if we have another benefit next year Tournament Directors; Harry Nelson and Joe Zoromskis

Full Results

Class A

Harry Nelson	5/0	56%
Lloyd Johnson	4/1	47%
Jim Hill	3/2	37%
Jan Fisher	2/3	41%
Ray Billen	0/5	32%

Class C

Deb Marshal	4/2	28%
Joe Zoromskis	4/3	18.6%
Greg Wickersheim	3/3	20%
Greg Bergles	2/3	22%
Jack Statema	2/3	18%
W. Wisnefski	2/3	17.6%

Class B

Linda Johnson	6/1	38.4%
Denny Hartman	5/2	32.9%
Jane Hartman	5/2	31.7%
Wally Nelson	4/3	31.7%
Everett Stewart	4/3	28.3%
Dale Schamberg	3/4	20.4%
Wayne Berger	1/6	18.8%

Class D

Bob Williams	6/1	15.4%
Jim Ulenhake	4/2	14.6%
Vera Johnson	4/2	06.7%
Jane Powers	2/3	09%
Ben Powers	1/4	05.5%
Frank Craig	0/5	06%

SCHEDULE CORRECTION

The proof reader missed a 30 day error for the late summer tournament in Kenosha. The correct date is:

AUG 26-27	KENOSHA OPEN	\$15
Joe Zoromskis	6011 65th St	Kenosha, WI 53142
262-652-6200	28-00-033	D/L 9-5

Essentially the Kenosha Club has moved up the tournament date to the weekend before the State Tournament, a date formerly used by the NHPF.

Kenosha's Winter League

By Joe Zoromskis, TD.

The ringers' only handicap winter league in Kenosha is finally over. There were many great games and a lot of not so great games. Tom Endler had the high game of the Tuesday night league with an 85% ringers game. The leader on Wednesday night was Ray Billen with 80%. The club also picked a rookie of the year for each night. Kurt Wisnefski on Tuesday and Linda Johnson received the honors for the Wednesday league. The rookies will receive a subscription to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter for their efforts, also receiving subscriptions to the Newsletter were

Jan Fisher and Ray Billen for sportsmanship of their respective nights.

After the noise had subsided and the dust had settled, the Kenosha Horseshoe Club have their first champions of the year 2000. Ted Padgett and Frank Craig had fought their way to the top spot. A testament to handicap play this duo did not have the highest average nor did they win the most games in league play. The fact of the matter is they were dead last, but when crunch time came they put forth the effort to finish third in the two weeks of playoffs and qualify for the championship round.

The final shoot-out was held on Feb. 29th when the top four teams of Tuesday clashed with the top four on Wednesday. After seven games there was only one team

on the top with a record of five wins and two losses, but there were five teams tied for second with the same record of four wins and three losses. Rather than playing to the wee hours, ringers were counted for the next five spots. Tom Endler and Stogie Wisnefski finished in second place, and Dale Schamberg with partner Loyd Skarda came in the third spot.

The Kenosha club had forty-six players this year with much interest in expanding the league to three nights a week next year. Harry Nelson does a very fine job of running this league. He is always coming up some sort of a extra twist to keep up the interest extra money, special nights, and prizes. Thank-you Harry for making the winter go by a little easier.

WHPA WEBSITE

Members.tripod.com/WHPA

by Terry Sternberg WHPA
2nd Vice President

We were given a format back at the Fall Meeting, in October and those present, decided to give it a try. November 17, 1999, the WHPA Website was born and has been updated every month, plus new links added each time.

Many of you online, have been

receiving e-mail notices about current updates and added information. The most recent is the Hall of Fame, including the list of State Officers, Clubs, State Scheduled Tournaments, State Champions (past and present), WHPA State Averages, Special Award Winners, Copy of the WHPA Constitution and Bylaws, a link to NHPA Nat-stats, Wisconsin Newsletter information and you can also sign up for your year 2000 NHPA/WHPA

membership.

All this has been the hard work of many long hours by Heidi Sternberg. She's done a great job on this and should be applauded for it. Also thanks to those of you who helped with supplying some of the information used on the Website. This is a great informational tool for our State Association, so make use of it. It's FREE. Thanks again to Heidi Sternberg.

Eau Claire is On The Air

compliments of Dennis Kieser

This is to notify you of the completion and placement of the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club web page posted at the following address.

<http://members.cvol.net/echc>

When I get time I will update the site to include a means for pitchers to submit On-line entries into the Eau Claire sponsored tournaments.

For now, entry by e-mail with name / class /percent etc followed up with a check sent to the club is very much acceptable.

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OOPS, We Goofed
Eau Claire Earlybird
entry fee is \$5 not \$15

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

WHNL Website

<http://www.ksfuel.com/horseshoes>

The Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter was recently installed on the internet. It is part of the Ken Kosky Horseshoes' site which also includes the soon to be finished Windy Hill Horseshoe Club page.

This Newsletter site will have articles and news that will, in all likelihood, be different than what is in the paper copy. It will be worth

your while to "bookmark" the site so you can check back often or go through the WHPA site and that will bring you directly into the Newsletter.

The Horseshoe site has a complete listing, for all the horseshoes that are available. There are pictures showing what each different pair looks like plus a listing of the prices per pair. Also shown are the other "Game Related Sales" items that

are offered by the NHPA.

We hope you like our sites and find them interesting and informative. Comments and suggestions are of course always welcome.

Blessed are they who Go
Around in Circles, for they
Shall be Known as Wheels.

Sanc#, date, card#, Ringers, Shoes, Last name, First name, State, Category

by Jim Haupt

This progression of result values is what the tournament director's meeting at Arena was all about. It's the preferred order of reporting results to Natstats. Now that we depend on Natstats for averages, it only makes sense to talk in their language with a computer driven report. Anything else is a keyboard chore for Natstats guy, Glenn Jamieson. In reality we report results to the State Secretary, John Secord and he, in turn, does all the reporting to Natstats. Tournament directors who report to Secord through an e-mail attachment are encouraged to "save-as" in a text form, preferably text and commas. When Secord receives such a transmission, it becomes an easy job to merely forward it.

Communicating with the Jamieson through trial and error, I have developed a couple of ways to transmit results in an acceptable text form and will offer my services to any and all tournament directors who may not have the time or a computer for the task. Simply send results to me, could even be the tournament W/L sheet, with shoe and ringer totals and I'll rewrite and send them on to Secord together with a copy back to the tournament director.

Email Note from Natstats

from Glenn Jamieson

There is a new "box" on the NHPA Web page. Along the top of the page in the blue boxes where you get the different states averages, there is now a box that reads Reported Events. We will be updating this listing once a week at the same time we update the averages. (each Wednesday) This list will show

what events have been recorded in Natstats as of the date listed. So you will be able to see what tournaments have been recorded, but not the actual day, just sometime during the previous week. I hope this listing might help some people to realize when their average is off, as they can see if certain tournaments have been recorded yet. Hope this helps.



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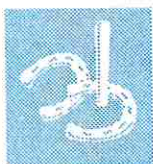
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