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## Game of Horseshoes satisfies competitive urge"

Carl Gilbertson has always been a competitor. He played baseball as a catcher on several area teams until he was almost 40. Then the double punishment of crouching to catch baseballs and crouching to milk cows caught up with his knees and he had to quit both.

In 1980, he and his wife, Betty moved from their dairy farm northeast of Highland, WI to a house in town. That was when Carl discovered horseshoes, a game his brother Leo had enjoyed.

"Some people I knew used to get together every Monday night at the park," Carl recalls. "They invited me up and I found out what it takes to make a ringer."

A "ringer" is a thrown horseshoe that comes to rest around a 15-inch tall stake. It must encircle the stake so that a straight edge can touch both tips of the shoe without touching the stake. A ringer is worth three points and a close shoe, within six inches, earns one point.

Players pitch with an underhand motion and fingertip control gives the shoe a flip or a turn so the open end faces the stake as it lands.

"The best part of playing horseshoes is all the nice people you meet," Carl says. "There's a saying you often hear in horseshoes - **'I'm not winning a lot, but I'm making a lot of friends.'**"

The game is widely promoted and loyal players continue to gather and pitch horseshoes all around the state. In the Arena area the sport is promoted by Ken Amble, who helped Carl get started running doubles tournaments at the Sandbar Sports Arena.

The Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers

Hall of Fame is located at the Sandbar and the State Tournament will be held there in the year 2000.

Also promoting horseshoes are Ron



Berg of Barneveld and Norm Mauthe in the Platteville area, among others.

Carl, at age 72, has won at the State Tournament twice. In 1992 he placed first in the open class at Beloit and in 1996 he won the Elders class in Eau Claire.

Before he turned 70, Carl pitched an average of 50% from 40 feet. Now he averages 43% from 30 feet. He tells about his pitching going downhill as he's gotten older and is modest about his achievements.

"He's good," Betty states, showing off a cabinet in their living room that fairly sags under the weight of the trophies he's collected over the years.

Last summer Carl competed in the World Tournament in Ainsworth, Ne-

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**July 31 DEADLINE FOR STATE ENTRY** \$25  
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**Aug 1** Neenah Valley Doubles - Oxford \$10  
Frank Schalk 608-584-5264 round robin 10:00 AM

**Aug 7** Northern Ringer Classic **28-99-026** \$15

**Aug 8** Ashland Doubles **28-99-027** \$20 per team  
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715-278-3473 **Mixed**

**Aug 6-7-8** EAGLE OPEN; Eagle, incl sckpng \$15  
Al Salmela 504 Homesteaders Ret Eagle, WI 53119  
414-594 2431 limit 140 unsanctioned D/L 7-23

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## RACE TO 40

By Gus Schram

I have watched and played in many "40 point" games both at the World Tournament and the State Championships. I think that "40 point" games, where players pitch a large number of shoes with little or no change in score, are boring to play and even more boring to watch.

Our state and national rules call for "40 point" games to be played in all Championship matches. These rules were conceived before we had electric lights or TV. All qualifying tournaments are played with fixed shoe games. All other class championship games are fixed shoe games.

If championship games were shortened to 20 or 30 shoe games with ringers displayed on the scoreboard, more people could play in the Championship class. TV viewers could watch several championship games in a 1/2 hour time slot without falling asleep. Instead of begging for coverage, maybe we could sell it. If the

games become interesting to watch, people would watch them. Televised, several games could be viewed simultaneously, split screen in a half hour time slot, with time for commercial breaks.

If this archaic scoring method was used in other sports, the World Series would be a race to ten runs, or the NBA would be a race to 100 points. Maybe the Super Bowl would go to 40 points and the winner in bowling would be the first to reach 500 pins. And the TV ratings would plummet because everybody would be falling asleep. The way it is now, turning the pits over might be the highlight of the whole championship game.

I have been told that we have to use the "40 point" game for championships because the national rules are that way. I think that if we would make the change in our state, the rest of the world would follow suit.

We might not be able to fit people to the game of horseshoes, but we can fit our game to the people, and maybe to the media.

## THE FLIP SHOE

By the Old Duffer

On the other hand, Mr. Schram, there some perhaps conditioned people who call themselves horseshoe pitchers and should be the most interested in following the game, that take great joy in watching point games.

Agreed you do make the point (no pun) that the ringers should be displayed and goal could be reduced from 40 to 20 but would that mean a double round robin or the best 2 for 3?

Not too many years past the Ohio State Fair played a 20-shoe format inviting world class pitchers under the direction of a professional, Donnie Roberts. Haven't heard that it made any great impact and doubt it carries on today.

Remember the robbery of 1989? Sandy McLachlin won the World in the traditional regular rounds but because ESPN was filming they wanted a ladder play-off format. The extra games provided the edge allowing Phyllis Negaard to become the World Champion that year. Sandy was quoted saying she would

only feel slighted if that format were not to continue. Sandy, you may now feel gypped!

If memory serves correctly, there were plenty of commercials in that TV special. Editing made it appear to be succession of re-plays, not much game drama presented. Last remembrance of the TV experiment was that if we came up with the \$10,000 or so required for filming, they would try to sell the necessary commercial time. Seems like a fair offer. What's the holdup?

What's wrong with a 100 point round-ball game? And ten runs in baseball is plenty but it should be 10 runs or nine innings whichever comes first – like the old horseshoe rule – 11/0 was an automatic skunk. Bowling, the 20 or less ball game is suffering because we are only interested in the last three frames – football, the last two minutes.

When horseshoes was hot, in the 1920's and 30's crowds of people marveled at the skill. The modern day world has changed people and their ability to just sit still. We can't wait to get going somewhere – anywhere. Car racing is the hottest fan related sport going where there is tremendous interest in the pit stop. Hey maybe you're right about that turning courts. Think I'll work on my shovel skills

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braska. He said it was a great experience, although he didn't pitch as well as he wanted to. Of 13 matches, he won six, lost six and tied one.

At the World contest, Carl encountered something for the first time - a horseshoe player who didn't share most players' high minded values for the game. Although a judge was called to settle the question that came up, Carl didn't involve himself because he's accustomed to horseshoe players agreeing on what is true. His opponent played less honorable and once Carl had moved his shoe it was too late.

With its straightforward rules, horseshoes "is a sport that hardly needs any policing," he explained. Traditionally its kind of a gentleman's game in which players' honesty and good sportsmanship are assumed. That's how 95% of horseshoe players are. "Most would rather give a bit than take," Carl said. This friendly courteous attitude is an important part of the game's attraction. "People don't pitch for the prize money they play for the fun," he added.

From boyhood days Carl can remember his great uncle pitching older horseshoes without hooks on the

ends, which were passed on to Carl. Now regulation shoes are used and inspected before major competitions. Players are allowed any shoe sanctioned by the NHPA. They may weigh as much as two pounds, ten ounces with no more than a 3 and one half inch opening. Some are strange looking. One, designed by a man near Wausau has just one hook.

During the winter months players seek out indoor courts. Carl has a friend (Orville Baker or LaVern Edge) near Platteville who has built two courts in a machine shed and he also plays several times a month at the Sandbar.

Lately he's switched to doubles play because it involves less walking. He partners with Buren Hoffman of Boscobel. Due to the pain in his knees Carl may not be pitching much this summer. Knee surgeries might be scheduled for early summer followed by recuperation. But his wife says she wouldn't be surprised to see him at the matches, maybe even pitching from a wheel chair.

"It's been done," Carl says.

*Adapted from a story by Jean Bernes Jones in the Dodgeville Chronicle in April of 1999.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Even though I am a flatlander, it was disheartening to read in the June Newsletter that we lost a horseshoe pitcher to bowling.

Horseshoes is a great sport but cannot afford to lose players. The sport of horseshoes should be bigger than our own egos and everything should be done to attract players not drive them away.

The 30 foot rule has brought and kept a lot of pitchers in the game.

I have no problem playing 30 footers in my class Everyone has a chance to win and that makes the sport fun.

Stop the bickering and put our energy towards making this a sport for everyone.

—Bob Power, Round Lake Park, IL

I have been reading a lot of the class A getting hard to keep close. I know, I was tournament director for the St. Paul Northwest for 12 years from 1975 to 1987. At first it was easy but it was getting harder so I went to 6 people classes and had 2 position rounds after five games and, went to 1 position round. If it would (have) got worse, I was going to have to 4-man classes, A-1 and A-2, then position the two classes to pitch 7 games and have a lottery ticket for the winners - didn't get to try it.

I only had to do the 6-man classes the last four years there. If I had a strong 7-man I even put myself in there to try and help out. So I don't know if any of this will work out.

Thank You,

Bob Lindberg, Star Prairie, WI

P.S. I was President of the St. Paul Club for 15 years and I had a little to do with the Fridley Club and their tourney.

The Northwest Tournament has been going since 1954 with Dick Dvorak now at the helm.

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I would like to thank Cliff and Elaine Troullier for their eight years or so as NHPA Game Related Distributors. It has been a great convenience for us as pitchers in this state. When we needed horseshoes or other game related items, the majority of the time they had it on hand. On behalf of the WHPA, I again would like to thank them for a fine job as Game Related Distributors.

Well, we as WHPA members got "lucky" again. As of July 3, Ken Kosky has taken over the Game Related Sales. Thanks, Ken.

State members pitching in the World Tournament please remember "Good Sportmanship" and wishing you good luck and have fun.

Don't forget the deadline to enter the State Tournament is July 31. Please send entries to John Secord.



Chad Holstein— Manager Keith Buchert – Owner  
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## MAUTHE MAKES WHPA AWARD TO COUNTRY KITCHEN

At the suggestion of Norm Mauthe, the WHPA agreed to sponsor an award to the primary sponsor of Platteville horseshoe tournaments, Country Kitchen. Before the afternoon shift of the Platteville Spring Singles Mauthe made that presentation. The plaque was accepted by Chad Holstein, manager and Keith Buchert, owner of the Country Kitchen of Platteville. Even though the entry has dropped from previous years, the sponsors continue to donate \$150 to the club for tournaments. They say they are proud to be sponsors and will display the plaque at the restaurant.

They call it the spring singles but it turned out to be the first day of virtual summer. This tournament over the Memorial Day weekend has had its share of crazy weather over the years. This year it was more like the 4th of July.

Five classes, not many for Platteville, were completed in one day, Saturday and oddly class A was scheduled for the AM shift. Saturday afternoon used to reserved for the A group and we used to watch a playoff game between the likes of Red Henton and

John Udelhofen. Henton has given it up in his old age. But that was then and this is now. All of a half dozen fans watched this year's afternoon show.

- A Ralph Maylahn 62.9; Tom Endler 48.7; Jim Larson 49.3
- B Jerry Schroeder 41.8; Hi Chaffin 42.1; Jeff Gustafson 38.6
- C Frank Dunn 36.4; Gary Rackow 36.4 Carl Gilbertson 32.5
- D Carlton Rittweger 30.6; Marie Donar 33.1; Jerry Weis 30.0
- E Cliff VanNatta 22.9; John Horton; Pat Smith 23.3

## MAUTHE'S MESSAGE

It was really a nice day in Platteville for the one day tournament on Saturday. Class D was the most exciting as Carlton Rittweger edged Marie Donar in a play-off game that went down to the last shoes. Overall the scores were pretty good for early summer pitching. A couple of guys even pitched with injuries.

With the gift certificates and self scoring there was a total of 100% of entry fee returned as prizes. Once again thanks to the Country Kitchen and all the pitchers and workers.

PLATTEVILLE HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION

# 1999 NEW LONDON "WOLF RIVER OPEN" RESULTS

JUNE 5-6 SANC.#28-99-015

CLASS A		
1	STERNBERG, LORRAINE	72.86
2	REIN, RANDY	66.43
3	SORENSEN, MER	58.21
4	TROULLIER, ELAINE	52.14
5	WIEGERT, STEVE	41.07
6	MAYLAHN, RALPH	54.29
7	REPINSKI, BRIAN	53.21
8	SCHRAM, GUS	48.93

CLASS B		
1	DAVIDS, PHYLLIS	52.86
2	SRENASKI, CY	47.5
3	ALGIERS, JACK	47.5
4	JAEGER SR, KEN	48.57
5	SCRIMA, TONY	40.71
6	TROULLIER, CLIFF	43.93
7	SCHROEDER SR, JERRY	43.93
8	COSTA SR, TOM	36.79

CLASS C		
1	RICHTER, CARY	49.69
2	MAHN, GILBERT	45.63
3	MASON, GENE	44.06
4	GROSKINSKY, RAY	38.13
5	KOSKY, KEN	35.63
6	STERNBERG, TERRY	35.01
7	ROHDE, TED	32.81
8	ECKHARDT, REUBEN	32.81
9	BAETEN, RICHARD	31.56

CLASS D		
1	WENDORF, HAROLD	37.5
2	SELISSEN, ROXANNE	37.14
3	HAUPT, JIM	43.21
4	McLINN, BRUCE	37.86
5	SCHALK, FRANCIS	31.79
6	RICHTER, DAVE	29.64
7	ZEPPLIN, JESSE	26.07

## NEW LONDON

By Jim Haupt

No clothespins! You read that right. All courts were newly adorned with wheel type scoring devices on loan from Windy Hill. Ringers went on the wheel; single points, at times important, were tabulated with the magnet. Scorekeepers lined the bleachers, all unemployed.

"Do Not Run," it says on the walkways from the days when these sand courts were a municipal swimming pool. The old change house and covered patio area makes an ideal setup for this horseshoe tournament.

CLASS E		
1	MEYER, LEROY	43.33
2	GRAVES, JERRY	33.75
3	HERMAN, CHUCK	32.91
4	KING, JIM	30.01
5	O'LOUGHLIN, JIM	27.92
6	TROSSEN, CECELIA	27.08
7	SAMAIN, LAURETTE	24.16

CLASS F		
1	DAVISON, KEN	34.01
2	RICHTER, KEVIN	30.01
3	SORENSEN, MEL	28.8
4	ZEPPLIN, RON	34.4
5	RUZIC, IVAN	30.01
6	KATER, SCOTT	27.6

CLASS G		
1	STRZYZEWSKI, NORB	24.8
2	SRENASKI, WALLY	20.01
3	BAXTER, BARBARA	31.6
4	DUDENHOEFER, TOM	23.2
5	BAXTER, DEAN	21.6
6	BESAW, MARV	17.6

CLASS H		
1	SELISSEN, JESSICA	21.6
2	JAGLOWSKI, DAN	18.01
3	LUDWIG, MERLIN	16.01
4	DAMKOT, BOB	15.2
5	WOOD, KEN	10.01
6	FLANAGAN, TOM	12.8

As in other years, a set of neat portable courts was available for the mere price of a raffle ticket – an opportunity to show support for this New London event.

Beer was going for the give-away price of one buck. Ken's Specials were at \$1.50. Money added to the prize fund must have come from the portable court raffle.

Ken Jaeger in his benevolence is a hard guy to compete with when it comes to fine tournament presentations. He can make other tournament directors look like pikers

Wolf River gets one black mark. Any tournament worth its salt should serve sweet rolls with the coffee to early AM classes. The sweet roll lady, Kathy Jaeger, was working this Saturday they said.

I'd give the event a "9" this year – subtracting 1/2 for the lack of sweet rolls and 1/2 more cuz I missed Joe Bieser.

## EAU CLAIRE Horseshoe Club

President: Eli Lucas  
 Vice President: Lowell Kent  
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A sunny sky and warm temperatures greeted 65 pitchers for the Eau Claire Open Tournament at Carson Park in Eau Claire on Sunday, June 13. Clayton Gage of Milltown maintained his tournament champion status in Class A with a 7-0 record and 72.9% average. Others with perfect records for the day were George Eckstrom, Class E, of Gilman 7-0-1 Jim Heim, Class H of Holmen, 5-0; and Jamey Miller a junior pitching in Class I from Butternut with a 5-0 record. Pitchers from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Terry Koivisto of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada participated in the tournament.

Tournament Director Dennis Kieser and Eau Claire Club officers Lowell Kent and Eli Lucas presented trophies or cash to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each class, along with a one year's subscription to the Newsletter.

### Tournament Winners:

Class A	Clayton Gage	7-0	72.9%
	Kent Anderson	5-2	60.9%
Class B	Suzanne Helene	5-2	58%
	Roger Comero	4-3	58.9%
Class C	M. Semingson	6-1	52.9%
	Ev Goshaw	6-1	42.4%
Class D	Judi Hayden	6-1	48.6%
	Tom Modl	5-2	42%
Class E	George Eckstrom	7-0	42.1%
	Sonia Cook	5-2	43.4%
Class F	George Draeger	6-1	42.3%
	Doug Maier	6-1	37.1%
Class G	Mel Cook	6-1	27.1%
	Rob Rehm	5-2	26%
Class H	Jim Heim	5-0	34.4%
	L. Danielson	4-1	25.6%
Class I	Jamey Miller	5-0	33.6%
	Tom Cutts	3-2	18.4%

Submitted by John Dolezel, Publicity Chairman

## Muskego doubles

Sure Tom Steinke runs a nice little doubles tournament every spring and he purposely doesn't sanction it hoping to attract a few new people to the tournament game. But really he should use the people of the Moose Club kitchen to promote the event.

There's a lady there who prepares a table of delicacies to go along with her uncommon menu of ordinary fare. Its not just some guy grilling brats or burgers. For a pleasant change, there's a nice lady who knows how to cook in the kitchen.

Steinke has been researching court construction

early this year. Rumor was the Moose Club was rebuilding and would usurp the present courts. The evidence was found in the clubhouse. New building plans and prospective renderings were on display. Expect a new court layout next year.

Sometimes Rich Conrad of Waukesha takes his daughter to do research at the public library. It's a job he has come to enjoy. For an hour or so he can pour over old newspapers looking for interesting stuff. Look for accounts found in the Waukesha Freeman archives to be published in future issues of this Newsletter.

## 62 WISCONSIN Pitchers entered in the 1999 Greenville, Ohio World Tournament

Robert C Anderson, Waunakee  
Barbara Baxter Briggsville  
Dean Baxter, "  
Ron Brockway, Onalaska  
Russ Burns, Janesville  
Bun Carley, Richland Ctr  
John Carlin, Waunakee  
Bernard Cockroft, Mazomanie  
Rich Conrad, Pewaukee  
Tom Costa, West Bend  
Barrent Dahl, Trempealeau  
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Phyllis Davids, DePere  
Ken Davison, Menomonee Falls  
Teresa Donar, Cuba City  
George Eckstrom, Gilman  
Tom Endler, Twin Lakes  
Guy Fleming, Jefferson  
Bob Fritz, Watertown  
Clayton Gage, Milltown  
Evelyn Goshaw, Eau Claire

Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva  
Randy Hansen, Altoona  
Dick Hansen, Franksville  
Jim Haupt, Milwaukee  
Ken Heinritz, Menomonee Falls  
Sue Helene, Webster  
Don Hostrup, Frederic  
Ken Jaeger, New London  
Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha  
Jerry Kamps, Comb Locks  
George Kuffer, Milton  
Harold Laws, Beloit  
Gilbert Mahn, Mukwanago  
Ray Mallo, Gilman  
Bill Matey, Appleton  
Ralph Maylahn, Genesee Depot  
Edi McKinney, Luck  
Bruce McLinn, Clinton  
Jane Meier, Fond du Lac  
LeRoy Meyer, Appleton  
Kerry Morris, Johnson Creek

Harry Nelson, Kenosha  
Earl Paulson, Beloit  
Ted Rohde, LaCrosse  
Dave Schorbahn, Independence  
Gloria Smith, Milltown  
Jane Smith, Balsam Lake  
Mer Sorensen, DePere  
Cy Srenaski, Green Bay  
Wally Srenaski, Green Bay  
Penny Steinke, Waukesha  
Tom Steinke, Waukesha  
Terry Sternberg, Richfield  
Rowen Swick, Beloit  
Julian Tijerina, Madison  
Cliff Troullier, Manitowoc  
Elaine Troullier "  
Steve Wiegert, Green Bay  
Tip Wipperfurth, Waunakee  
Ken Wood, Comb Locks  
Joe Zoromskis, Kenosha

### FROM THE SIDELINES (in Milwaukee)

Hooray for the horseshoe pitchers,  
those many tried and true.  
And many who never made class A,  
before their days were through.

But, still the clang of horseshoes,  
returns them to the courts,  
Unable to throw ringers.  
But devotees, none the less,  
Old timers feel a twinge of pain,  
Yet somehow feel twice blessed.

Hail to all who threw the shoes,  
no matter what the class.  
And though you miss the stakes today,  
it's the memories that will last.

And here's to the sport's promoters,  
who nary threw a shoe,  
But made the great game possible  
for the likes of me and you.

.....H.J. (6-30-99)

### WORLD TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

World Tournament entrants received a cover letter announcing a less than expected number of 1542 entries. 920 are Open Men, 207 Women, 189 Senior Men, 143 Elders, and 83 juniors. That's 81% men; 13% women, 5% Juniors.

NHPA officers are listening! Name tags are back and its yours to keep. No more meaningless numbers.

### Cliff & Elaine say thanks

We would like to thank all the horseshoe pitchers and their families for their patronage, kindness, and friendship. We enjoyed the time spent as the distributors for the NHPA Games Related items. We hope it will be the same for the new salesperson Ken Kosky. See you at a tournament!

Elaine and Cliff



# THE CLASSIC

Kewaskum with beautiful spacious Kiwanas Park was the site of Archie's Classic in May. Rob Struebing and his partner Al turned out at 6:00 AM to prepare the courts for the 8 AM start. The weather cooperated nicely for the Saturday only outing – lucky choice, Sunday was wet.

The ten courts at Kewaskum lend themselves to interesting and creative scheduling. A full court shift on ten is two 7-man and one 8-man class running con-

currently. Because of that restriction this event pitted some of the most competitive classes seen outside of the WHPA State Tournament.

As the flyer promised class A was handicapped (80%) the percentage spread being near 20 points but we can think of only one game where the swing went in favor of the receiving pitcher. However that one game did create a turnabout for 1st and 2nd place in A class.

Whether handicapping produced the desired effect in this first attempt is not a valid ques-

tion. The handicap did level the disparity in seeding that one class. For this tournament director, it is here to stay in future events.

This tournament was open for two but reduced to a one day event. Numbers here may have been down but because we have so many events more players are pitching tournaments than ever before. A tournament director has to be creative to maintain true competition. Handicapping classes exceeding 15% is not only justified, but in demand.

## RESULTS FROM "THE CLASSIC"

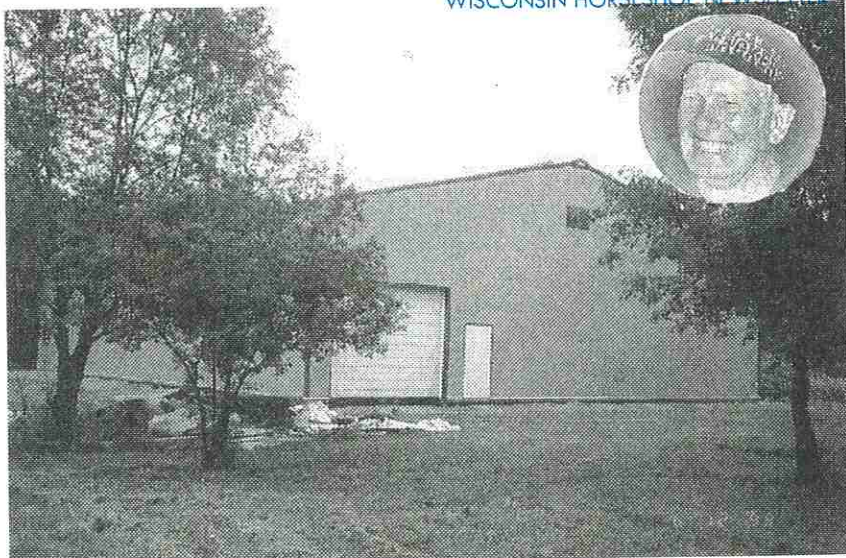
					<u>class E</u>				
						<u>ringers</u>	<u>shoes</u>	<u>percent</u>	
					1	Ray Coleman	94	250	37.60
					2	Leroy Meyer	84	250	33.60
					3	Ron Molitor	76	250	30.40
					4	Bruce McLinn	83	250	33.20
					5	Ceil Trossen	59	250	23.60
					6	Don Burmeister	64	250	25.60
						<u>class F</u>			
					1	Ken Davison	66	250	26.40
					2	Gerry Zeija	54	250	21.60
					3	Chuck Herman	55	250	22.00
					4	Scott Kater	51	250	20.40
					5	Leo Zamzow	46	250	18.40
					6	Roewn Swick	44	250	17.60
					7	Tom Steinke	43	250	17.20
						<u>class G</u>			
					1	Ray Lopez	66	250	26.40
					2	Norb Strzyzewski	77	250	30.80
					3	Rob Struebing	66	250	26.40
					4	Wally Srenaski	49	250	19.60
					5	Mike Zahn	48	250	19.20
					6	Dick Burg	29	250	11.60
						<u>class H</u>			
					1	Roger Heinritz	57	280	20.36
					2	Bob Damkot	61	280	21.79
					3	Bob Traber	44	280	15.71
					4	Geo Siira	53	280	18.93
					5	Dan Jaglowski	39	280	13.93
					6	Steve Guetzke	42	280	15.00
					7	Wes Podvin	24	280	8.57
					8	Ken Wood	11	280	3.93
<u>class A</u>					<u>ringers</u>	<u>shoes</u>	<u>percent</u>		
1	Mer	Sorensen	155	250	62.00				
2	Ralph	Maylahn	166	250	66.40				
3	Brian	Repinski	157	250	62.80				
4	Tony	Scrima	104	250	41.60				
5	John	Koepp	89	200	44.50				
<u>class B</u>					<u>ringers</u>	<u>shoes</u>	<u>percent</u>		
1	Phyllis	Davids	162	280	57.86				
2	Lloyd	Johnson	141	280	50.36				
3	Cy	Srenaski	108	280	38.57				
4	Ken	Heinritz	122	280	43.57				
5	Ken	Jaeger	112	280	40.00				
6	Jack	Algiers	105	280	37.50				
7	Tom	Costa	103	280	36.79				
8	Bob	Power	102	280	36.43				
<u>class C</u>					<u>ringers</u>	<u>shoes</u>	<u>percent</u>		
1	Hiram	Chaffin	104	240	43.33				
2	Roxanne	Selisson	90	240	37.50				
3	Rich	Wisniewski	68	240	28.33				
4	Len	Mauthe	80	240	33.33				
5	Ken	Kosky	73	240	30.42				
6	Hank	Zeisse	69	240	28.75				
7	Harold	Wendorf	72	240	30.00				
<u>class D</u>					<u>ringers</u>	<u>shoes</u>	<u>percent</u>		
1	Dave	Aho	84	250	33.60				
2	Jim	Haupt	80	250	32.00				
3	Harold	Laws	83	250	33.20				
4	Rich	Conrad	76	250	30.40				
5	Gene	Satterstrom	33	250	13.20				

## BELOIT GOES UNDER

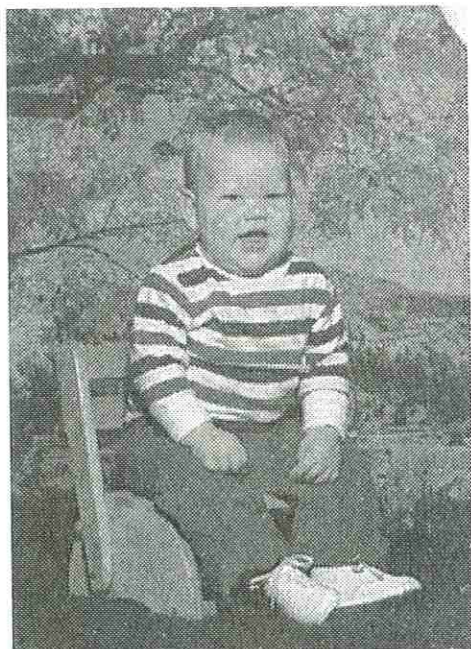
Saturday at Beloit, second weekend of June, scheduled classes played as planned. However, we believe the Sunday half of the tournament was washed out. Could be the river rose and the courts are gone. Haven't heard a peep of what may have happened Sunday or how the classes that did play on Saturday fared from that south border town.

The new horseshoe building is up complete with roof and exterior walls. The pole building made possible through the generosity of Red Ferguson is ready for a name and some have been suggested. Among the many flip choices are these:

**BELOIT IRONWORKS** *Div. of Red Ferguson Enterprises,*  
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 How about *Seneca's Retreat* or maybe **Red's Hideaway?**



Beloits' new building with their benefactor keeping a close eye on it.



Is there any doubt as to where the nickname "Pudge", as in Dahl, came from?

Feb. 1983

## JOHN UDELHOFEN Announces

*"To all Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers,*

*I would like to announce my candidacy for President of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association. It is my goal to now give back to the Association what I've been fortunate enough to be a part of and experience in my 20 years as a member of our Association.*

*For those who know me, if given the opportunity to serve as your President, I fully intend to continue my approach of always being a good listener, open minded to anyone's ideas to help improve the WHPA, and lastly, being willing to work with our members and officers to make sound, rational decisions in order to continue strengthening our Association.*

*For my fellow horseshoe pitchers out there who don't know me, please feel free to give me a call anytime or just catch me at some of the upcoming tournaments I will be pitching in to say hi, and to get to know me.*

*I would very much appreciate your support and vote at the WHPA Fall Meeting..*

*Good Pitching to All,*

*John*

## WAUSAU OPEN '99

### WINDY HILL WAS A BREEZE

ok  
On the long drive to Wausau, we encountered rain wet enough to prevent playing. Certainly we agonized over the thought of arriving at a tournament that was already two hours behind. It happened!

The tent was much bigger this year and Ken Kosky somehow influenced players to hang around, then play abbreviated games of 30/40 shoes.

Two "A" classes, 30' and 40', were awarded that big money once again this year. Some say Kosky did it one more time just to lay a huge hug on the number one seed and eventual winner Edi McKinney of Luck. Pitching like his old self, Mark Mauthe, of Platteville in what has become a rare appearance, won the A-40 title with 65.65%, without a hug.

The club pro and raconteur Gus Schram, contributes as a worker to his club event mostly by entertaining the visiting guests. He's had some serious business lately with an eye doctor and hardly looks himself without the familiar frames. Says he can now shoot the eye out of a sparrow at 200 yards with iron sights.

Meanwhile, back on the courts, the shortened games were paying off. What began two hours behind, actually finished about ten minutes over schedule.

I would like to thank everyone who had the patience to wait for the weather to clear. We ended up having a decent day after all. Even the wind behaved most of the day. Next year you will probably find us in a different time slot. I would like to move away from the July 4th weekend. Stay tuned.  
Ken Kosky

Class A - 30'		
Edie McKinney	4 - 1	67.00
Pam Aiken	4 - 1	57.50
Barrent Dahl	3 - 2	55.50
'Pudge' Dahl	2 - 3	57.00
Elaine Troullier	1 - 4	50.50
Jane Smith	1 - 4	47.50

Class A - 40'		
Mark Mauthe	5 - 0	65.50
John Crook	3 - 2	48.00
Gus Schram	2 - 3	48.50
Brian Repinski	2 - 3	46.50
'Bun' Carley	2 - 3	44.00
Tony Scrima	1 - 4	34.50

Class B		
Cliff Troullier	7 - 0	48.57
John Molling	4 - 3	44.76
Tom Endler	4 - 3	42.85
Dave Schorbahn	4 - 3	42.85
Cary Richter	4 - 3	41.42
Pat Spahn	2 - 5	35.71
Tip Wipperfurth	2 - 5	26.19
Ken Jaeger	1 - 6	35.23

Class C		
Ray Groskinsky	6 - 1	39.04
Red Eckardt	4 - 3	37.61
Jim Haupt	4 - 3	36.19
Roger Juedes	4 - 3	33.80
Len Mauthe	4 - 3	33.33
Ken Kosky	4 - 3	30.47
George Draeger	2 - 5	30.95

Class D		
John Mills	6 - 1	28.57
Dave Richter	4.5-2.5	26.19
Ed Hack	4 - 3	30.95
Rich Conrad	4 - 3	27.61
Jim Ganther	4 - 3	22.85
Chuck Herman	3.5-3.5	26.19
Frank Schalk	2 - 5	21.90

Class E		
Tom Steinke	4 - 1	22.50
Don Burmeister	3 - 2	27.00
John VanDyk	3 - 2	22.50
Dave Miller	2 - 3	25.00
Art Collien	1.5-3.5	21.00
Kevin Richter	1.5-3.5	17.50

Class F		
Keith Stanke	5 - 0	29.60
Mike Spahn	3 - 2	20.80
John Olson	3 - 2	20.00
John Pijan	2 - 3	22.40
Jason Maki	2 - 3	18.00
Merlin Ludwig	0 - 5	11.60

Class G		
Josh Chaney	4 - 1	15.20
Terrill Tech	3 - 2	22.40
Ron Truman	3 - 2	11.20
Mike Stanke	2 - 3	10.40
Justin Schulz	2 - 3	10.40
Randy Benaszkeski	1 - 4	14.00

### WAUSAU, WI 3 HRS. CHENOA, IL 2.5 HRS.

Why can't we follow a sport where the games are a little closer together? If a two guys fished two lakes 375 miles apart on two successive days, you'd have to wonder about their sanity. Trouble is horseshoe pitchers are scarcer than fish and harder to catch.

The real problem began when the Windy Hill event came to be and selected the July 4th weekend. At the time the Chenoa, IL appearance had already become a habit.

Cliff Baker is the perennial winner at Chenoa sure as Nick Bryant and Don Peters are forever tournament directors. Also at the head table was a guy named Sloan? but his construction company is called "Slown." The other difference this year was that Mike Knop made the play-off game with Baker. Something more than the heat got to Larry Knop who could not pitch. When court time came he was taken to the hospital instead.

It's been said before. The

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## Wausau/Chenoa

Chenoa tournament is the most well prepared event we have ever seen. Well made name sticks are already on court with neatly typed round-robin cards showing all opponents. Clipboards are prepared typing in all required information, names, court, game number. Result board features color matched opponents.

But, there's no ringers on the board. Not necessary you might say because they use a different method to settle standings. No losses appear on the board; just W's and the number of points the loser earned. If numbers appear in the box, it indicates a loss. Winner is the pitcher with more W's. If the W's match, place is determined by the pitcher with more "losing" points. Seems to be unproductive math.

"See you in Danville? O yeah,

they're having a "little World" there next week. The guy from New York, Tyson, Francis, Williams, a lot of the big guys are coming. They had eight states last year." Danville, they said, was another two hours south - bad time to ask. Illinois pitcher, Tom Reid says his calendar is marked for July 11. He printed the words, "Alan Francis, Walter Ray, - Tom Reid."

## MUSKEGO OPEN

The weather was sunny and hot, sure better than rain. It was nice to see some new people at the tournament as well as the regulars.

Lorraine Sternberg won Class A with a great 75%. Milt Larsen went into a 4-way tie for first. He pitched 57.5% in both of his playoff games, then asked who was next.

Dave Aho stayed hot in 1999 by winning Class C. Rich Conrad pitched his highest tournament ever at 41.1%, but didn't even finish in the top half of his class. He was sure happy anyway.

Bruce McLinn's first time in Mus-

kego was good for him, 1st place in Class D. Dick Henkel and Guy Fleming both had good days winning their classes.

Thanks to Tony and Ken for helping with the board and Wayne, Scott, and Gordy for grounds keeping.

Class A	
Lorraine Sternberg	75.0%
Pam Aiken	57.1
John Udelhofen	57.9

Class B	
Milt Larsen	46.7
Cliff Troullier	42.8
Gilbert Mann	45.6

Class C	
Dave Aho	44.3
Hank Zeisse	38.6
Ken Kosky	42.9

Class D	
Bruce McLinn	40.4
Harold Laws	42.5
Cal Pitel	36.4

Class E	
Dick Henkel	32.1
Karen Henkel	31.4
Michelle Doorn	28.9

Class F	
Guy Fleming	26.0
Mike Steinke	22.8
Dan Jaglowski	18.0

## Tom Steinke says me too

I'm sorry to see Ken Jaeger retire from the Presidency. I think he has done a great job.

I have attended a large number of tournaments over the last 15 years as a NHPA member. This year also makes the 12th World

Tournament I have attended. During my trips to the World Tournament I have been a 4 time delegate to the World Convention. I have met and talked with a great number of people in those years and I have listened to a large variety of views on the subject of horseshoes.

I feel these experiences will go a long way toward giving me the insight I would need to lead the WHPA into the new millenium. I

have gotten a lot out of my association with the people in the WHPA and I would like to do something in return by running for the Office of the Presidency. I feel I could work well with the executive board and when we work together progress could be made.

I would appreciate your vote at the fall meeting.

Tom Steinke



## MARSHFIELD ONE

The Marshfield tournament was another success. We had nine juniors that entered. Every year we have had an increase. All juniors received either a trophy or a medallion, no matter how they finished.

We would like to thank the Marshfield Horseshoe Club again, the scorekeepers, and others who helped with the tournament in any way.

Great News! The Marshfield Horseshoe Club would like to run the tournament in 2000. This is great to have the club involved again in running the tournament. The tournament director will be Dan David.

Marge and I enjoyed running the tournament for three successful years along with the help of the Marshfield Club. Everyone was nice and we received many nice compliments on the tournament. We will help the Marshfield Club next year if they need assistance.

Thanks again to everyone and good pitching.

Randy and Marge

### Class A - 40'

Kent Anderson	64.6
Randy Rein	70.6
Mark Mauthe	63.5
Bun Carley	51.0
Larry Barber	48.2
Ron Brockway	47.8
Vince Jakel	47.1

### Class A - 30'

Clayton Gage	78.4
Edie McKinney	68.0
Jane Smith	46.0
*Barrent Dahl	63.2
*Dustin Dahl	63.2

\* Won 1st & 2nd in Junior division of Class A-30

### Class B

Sylvia David	46.4
Ken Jaeger	44.0
Ev Goshaw	36.4
Gus Schram	48.0
Merrill Semingson	42.8
Harold Brockway	39.2

### Class C

Cary Richter	49.6
Randy Miller	49.0
Pat Spahn	44.6
Sonia Cook	43.5
Ted Rohde	40.3
Dave Semingson	30.0
Len Mauthe	35.3
Bob Gregorich	30.0

### Class D

Doug Maier Sr	36.6
Jim Ganther	36.0
Don Stittleburg	28.9
Dave Richter	35.7
George Eckstrom	31.3
Ray Mallo	29.2
George Draeger	28.9
Cecelia Trossen	25.7

### Class E

Mel Cook	28.1
Ron Zepplin	29.6
Ivan Ruzic	25.9
Kevin Richter	22.5
John VanDyk	19.0

### Class F

Dan David	17.5
John Olson	23.5
Merlin Ludwig	15.8
Jim Jakel	17.5

### Class B Juniors

Jesse Zepplin	40.3
Jamey Miller	38.3
Nicole Riehle	27.6
Tina Riehle	25.3
Mike Spahn	21.3
Tava Cook	15.3
Doug Maier Jr	0.3

## Nifty Numbers

Bill Matey of the Combined Lock Club gets the nomination for the best adaptation of magnetic strips to the familiar wheel scoring devices.

He made large metal strips, had them painted white and silk screened with red numerals. Magnets the size of a nickel were epoxyed to black golf tees. His next wrinkle he said will be longer pointers for the shoe clock and adding a red dot to the even inning numbers - even as in 4,8,12,16, etc. - to facilitate an accurate shoe count.

## IN UPCOMING ISSUES

- The WHPA Hall of Fame in Review. We will look at the past inductees, beginning with arguably the greatest pitcher in WHPA history.
- The September issue will have the results of the 1999 World Tournament in Greenville, OH.
- Computers and horseshoe. We will look at how the computer has made the game better and how we can better put the computer to use in our local tournaments.

## GOLDENDALE OPEN '99

Thanks to all who entered our tournament. Sorry to the ones we had to turn down because of requests. Our tournament entries were down this year compared to past years, an apparent trend of tournaments this year.

It was nice to see our horseshoe friends that traveled from as far north as Combined Locks, Green Bay, Manitowoc, New London, Oxford, Suring, Wausau area, and as far south as Illinois.

Our club's only "Wild Wes" Podvin is no longer a virgin to tournament play after winning his first horseshoe tournament ever. Congratulations Wes !!

Looks like Mark Mauthe is back in form, winning all of his games and averaging 62.86%. Look out Class A guys. We finally worked the Barneveld mailman into our schedule. It was nice seeing you again, Ron.

Another club member, Jim "Sandbagger" Poquette (just kidding Jim) beat out his friend, Shorthy Gromowski, and four other fellow opponents for top spot and a great average. Way to go, Jim!

We had three other club members winning their class, Ken Davison with 5-0 and 33.2%, Hal Muma breaking a tie in wins over Chuck Herman, with high average. Class A 30ft and 40ft divisions pitched a 40 shoe, eight person round robin with Lorraine Sternberg winning the 30ft division and Don Kangas beating Randy Rein for the 40ft title.

We would like to thank Dick Schoener and his son Mike for taking time to serve us hot sandwiches and refreshments from "Dicks Concessions" lunch wagon.

Hope to see you all again next year.

Terry Sternberg

### Class A - 30ft

1	Lorraine Sternberg	6-1	68.21
2	Mer Sorensen	4-3	63.21
3	Elaine Troullier	4-3	59.64
4	Penny Steinke	1-6	52.86

### Class A -40ft

1	Don Kangas	6-1	68.57
2	Randy Rein	5-2	68.57
3	John Koepp III	1-6	53.21
4	Steve Wiegert	1-6	45.36

### Class B

1	Mark Mauthe	7-0	62.86
2	Tom Ender	5-2	49.64
3	Dick Hansen	5-2	44.01
4	Cliff Troullier	4-3	47.18
5	Ken Jaeger	4-3	44.64
6	Tony Scrima	2-5	43.21
7	Gus Schram	1-6	41.20
8	Bob Power	0-7	38.73

### Class C

1	Roger Schwebke	5-0	41.24
2	Kerry Morris	3-2	44.49
3	Gilbert Mahn	3-2	41.20
4	Gene Mason	3-2	39.20
5	Dennis Ambuehl	1-4	35.60
6	Tom Costa Sr	0-5	28.80

### Class D

1	Ken Kosky	6-1	36.62
2	Dave Aho	5-2	34.86
3	Terry Sternberg	4-3	41.79
4	Rich Conrad	3-4	31.43
5	Milt Larsen	3-4	31.43
6	Dick Blair	3-4	31.07
7	John Secord	2-5	31.43
8	Renee Sternberg	2-5	30.71

### Class E

1	Jim Poquette	3-2	42.40
2	Gerald Gromowski	3-2	35.60
3	Bob Kabella	3-2	33.20
4	Ron Molitor	3-2	32.00
5	Cecelia Trossen	2-3	30.40
6	Bob Fritz	1-4	32.80

### Class F

1	Hal Muma	5-1	30.24
2	Chuck Herman	5-1	28.23
3	Ken Kremnitzer	4-2	36.67
4	Cal Pitel	3-3	28.33
5	Ron Berg	3-3	25.42
6	Frank Schalk	1-5	25.00
7	Ed Klauck	0-6	21.25

### Class G

1	Ken Davison	5-0	33.20
2	Karen Henkel	4-1	32.40
3	Norb Strzyzewski	2-3	27.60
4	Leo Zamzow	2-3	20.00
5	Dick Henkel	1-4	26.00
6	Tom Steinke	1-4	22.00

### Class H

1	Mel Sorensen	7-0	28.21
2	Pat Smith	5-2	26.06
3	Jerry Zieja	4-3	22.53
4	Jerry Kamps	4-3	17.14
5	Dick Burg	3-4	25.71
6	Wayne Franzen	2-5	18.40
7	Ray Lopez	2-5	13.93
8	Guy Fleming	1-6	25.50

### Class I

1	Mike Steinke	5-0	18.00
2	Bob Traber	4-1	16.00
3	Dick Mackay	3-2	16.40
4	George Siira	1-4	17.20
5	Bob Seramur	1-4	14.40
6	Dan Jaglowski	1-4	11.60

### Class J

1	Wes Podvin	3-1	14.00
2	John Jansen	3-1	13.50
3	Steve Simonz	2-2	16.50
4	Greg Kolterman	1-3	6.00
5	Glenn Burke	1-3	5.50

Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow.

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

Chinese Proverbs

A man ninety years old was asked to what he attributed his longevity. "I reckon' he said with a twinkle in his eye, 'It's because most nights I went to bed and slept when I should have stayed up and worried"

Dorothea Kent

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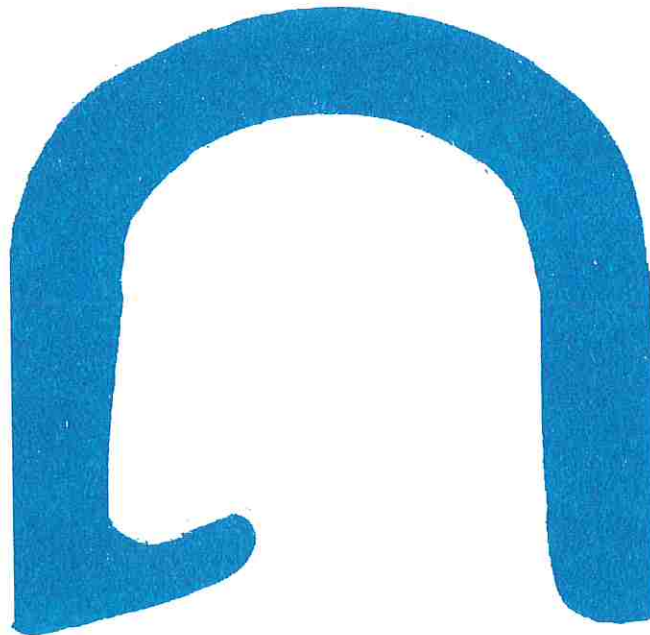
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