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Wolf River Open

New London is a relatively new stop on the WHPA tournament schedule and fast becoming one of the best.

Your agent, with this Newsletter, makes many of the Wisconsin tournaments throughout the year and can say even though he never met a tournament he did not like. There is something special to like about the Wolf River event. Even when considering the sand courts, New London ranks as the number one tournament on the WHPA schedule when it comes to down home hospitality.

The design of the park building with all the picnic tables for relaxing and gathering lends itself as an enjoyable area to spend the day.

We can tell that there is something added to the prize money for this tournament. Maybe part of it comes from the annual raffle for portable courts. Each year director, Ken Jaeger, finds time to build a set of portable courts of his own design and of his favorite material – steel. Without much fanfare they are raffled during the Wolf River tournament. Ken Wood of Combined Locks was the lucky winner of the raffle for the portable courts this year.

Concessions at Wolf River are handled by club members for the bottled goods but the food is self serve from various roasters set out for the purpose. One menu item missing this year was what we fondly call Ken's Special or Road Kill in the Nesco. Beef barbecue was the able substitute this time. The current Chronic Wasting Disease scare haunts us all.

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Goldendale 30 times

Situated just outside the actual court area at Goldendale is a large milestone type of boulder inscribed with the year 1972. Simple math puts this year's tournament at number thirty.

Times have changed. The games are new. We no longer see pit crews assigned to turning courts. No longer see dedicated scorekeepers sitting center court. Players keep their own score. Games have gone from point total, to fifty shoes, to forty shoes. The early Goldendale events began on Friday, went on into the nighttime even the early morning hours. Saturday afternoon was formerly reserved for women's classes. This year – four women. The schedule now shows a great number of new names with one exception. John Secord of Fond du Lac has played in every Goldendale tournament from the beginning to the present. Couple of years ago the Goldendale Club recognized Secord's accomplishment with a plaque. Now it has become more like, "Oh, hi John, you here again?"

Tournament director, Tom Costa says, A couple days directing the Goldendale tournament is better than 'Slim-Fast.' The story is that Costa lost 16 pounds in the two days of the Goldendale event. Not a recommended procedure but the result may be considered better than the finest first place trophy.

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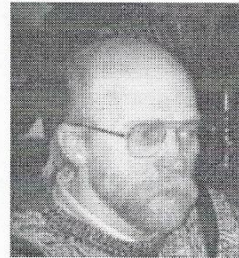
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JUL 13 SANBORN PIONEER DAYS ; Memorial Park Steve Stevens Rt 1 Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855 28-02-027 singles/mixed Jrs free Stevens D/L 6-29	\$15
JULY 13 MID-EAST OPEN; unsanctioned Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113 920-788-3229 Rjkamps@aol.com	\$15
JULY 14 COM LOKS 28-02-026 limit 48 Kamps D/L 7-1	\$17
JULY 21 OXFORD OPEN SINGLES; VFW Oxford Francis Schalk 135 Edgewood Dr Oxford, WI 53952 608-584-5264 eandfschalk@hotmail.com 28-02-028 D/L 7-7	\$15
JUL 20-21 SOUTHERN WIS OPEN; Beloit Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 28-02-029 may be mixed D/L 7-8	\$15
JUL 29 AUG 10 WORLD TOURNAMENT	
RED DEER, AB. CANADA Scheduled	
AUG 2,3,4 EAGLE OPEN; Village Park Al or Kathy Salmela 504 Homesteaders Ret Eagle, WI 53119 262-594-2431 unsanctioned limit first 140 D/L 7-19	\$15
AUG 17-18 PLATTEVILLE OPEN Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818 608-348-9697 28-02-030 D/L 8-3	\$15
AUG 18 Green Bay Open Steve Mielke 1731 Preble Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302 (920) 432-8064 28-02-031 D/L 8/10	\$15
AUG 25 KENOSHA OPEN mixed Linda Johnson 8439 103rd Av Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 262-694-0681 Limit 24 28-02-032 D/L 8-11	\$15
AUG 31, SEPT 1-2 STATE TOURNAMENT; WAUSAU Entry \$25	
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937 920-922-0080 whpa@execpc.com 28-02-033 D/L 7-31	
SEPT 7-8 V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks \$25/team Don Navarrete 453 Woodlawn Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113 920-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L 8-24	
SEPT 7-8 WET 'N WILD Centuria \$10 Jane Smith 1481 180th Ave., Balsam Lake, WI 54810 715-485-3057 28-02-034 D/L 8/24	
SEPT 22 БЕЛОИТ DOUBLES unsanctioned \$20/TEAM limit 110% Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit WI 53511 608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com D/L 9-8	

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

"Success is the ability to go from
one failure to another with no loss of
enthusiasm"

Winston Churchill



The President's Column

The State Tournament entry deadline is **July 31st**. The entry form for the State Tournament is in the May-2002 WI. Horseshoe Newsletter. Please include your three qualifying tournaments when entering, this will help out in case there is a discrepancy in your entry average. A Sanction League may be used in lieu of one Tournament. Also list what division you are entering; Men, Women's, Elders, Jr. Girls, Jr. Boys. Your entry average will be taken from Natstats the first Thursday in August, which this year falls on August 1. All State Tournament Entries are to be sent to John Secord. I will be leaving for the World Tournament on July 26, and won't return until about August 11 so if you have any questions, please contact John Secord at 920-922-0080.

A list of available lodging in the Wausau area is on page 9 in this Newsletter.

Good luck to all pitchers going to the World Tournament in Red Deer, Alberta.

Your, Pres. Ken Jaeger

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

Jim Rohn

New NHPA/WHPA Members for 2002

Aaron Anderson	Pepin	Veronica Hendrick	Aniwa
Patti Baxter	Pewaukee	Greg Highstrom	Cedarburg
Roger Beffa	Birchwood	Ron Holder	West Bend
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Pam Bianchi	Germantown	Katie Jakel	Spencer
Winnie Bigalke	Winter	Les Karpel	Chetek
Paul Brisk	Lac du Flambeau	Randy Klockow	Jackson
Brian Busby	Manawa	Louie LaBarge	Lac du Flambeau
Bob Busch	Eagle River	Scot Learned	Germantown
Roger Cateria	Plum City	David Lewien	Ellsworth
Dan Cooper	Chippewa Falls	William Litzer	Schofield
Russ Dennis	Manawa	Randy Luedtke	Fall Creek
Frank Espinoza	Eau Claire	Pat Maki	Lac du Flambeau
Pam Falls	Menomonee Falls	Steve Mandle	Madison
Joe Felton	Green Bay	Ernie McCarn	Eau Claire
Kim Felton	Green Bay	Max Relken	Eau Claire
Michael Flanscha	River Falls	Todd Schultz	Tomah
Glen Foust	Rice Lake	Ron Siebarth	Germantown
Jeff Gabriel	New London	Alyssa Simonz	Jackson
Jay Ganther	Eau Claire	Victor Strey	Granton
Randy Ganther	Eau Claire	Beth Strohman	Marshfield
Rod Ganther	Eau Claire	Scott Stuhr	Ringle
Charles Goldsmith	Beloit	Frank Tilleson	Orfordville
Roger Hefty	Rice Lake	Orv Torgerson	Winter
Dan Holding	Mosinee	Donald Wagner	Wild Rose
Jason Holding	Mosinee	Steve Wallin	Onalaska

2002 Pitcher of the Year

By Jane Smith

There is a close race between Randy Rein and Mark Mauthe with 23 of the 36 tournaments results recorded. Only 10 points separates these two pitchers. Clayton Gage, Tony Scrima, Bun Carley, Ron Berg, Don Burmeister, Bob Fritz, Chuck Herman, and Otis Wessley round out the Top Ten. Results are still needed from most May and June tournaments. If anyone has any suggestions for improving the selection of the recipient of this award, feel free to share your ideas. Good Luck everyone at Red Deer!

There are quite a few tournaments yet to be recorded, and some yet to be held.

The closing date for this Award is July 31. Tournament directors who have sent result to me have their tournaments recorded, other results will be researched in the Wisconsin Newsletter. It is helpful when tournament directors place both the name and NHPA sanction number by their tournament name. With over 200 entries already recorded, any little bit of help, no matter how trivial it may seem, makes this tally easier and less time consuming. With the many tournaments yet to be recorded, anyone could still win this award.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

The NHPF formed as a result of a most generous gift, the NHPF offers to all of us who love horseshoe pitching, an unprecedented opportunity to advance our sport. The NHPF, supported by your **tax-exempt contributions**, will be able to preserve the history of Horseshoe Pitching through construction of a Hall of Fame and Museum, showcase the present by using its facilities to present World Tournaments and other horseshoe pitching events, and build the future through nation-wide educational and outreach programs. By supporting the efforts of the NHPF, you are giving our sport a voice whose exclusive purpose is to tell the nation about Horseshoe Pitching.

The NHPF is funded solely by the public; the Foundation depends upon individual contributions for its operating revenue. Your generous ongoing support of this unique facility is invited and encouraged. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation is the custodian of your horseshoe-pitching heritage. It is about good sportsmanship, history, and tradition, public education, and assuring the continuance and growth of the game of Horseshoe Pitching.

For decades, many members of the NHPA have looked for the opportunity to build the NHPA Hall of Fame Building and Museum. The high cost of property and building the structure was prohibitive. The site in Joelton, TN was felt to be ideal. With a relative central location in the U.S., ample property, and the indoor and outdoor courts in place, much of the expense has already been met.

The property was given to the NHPA with the provision it would form a tax-exempt foundation. This was done and the NHPF was officially incorporated in the State of Tennessee on Sept. 25, 1996. The NHPF is led by seven directors appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Council of the NHPA.

Located in Joelton, TN, about 12 miles northwest of Nashville, the Jack Freeman Courts complex at this time consists of 18 indoor courts with restroom facilities, office space, a break room/eating area, storage space, heating & lighting. 20 covered outdoor courts with lighting, about 200 parking spaces, city water, and sits on 64 acres.

The NHPF is also looking to prepare the facility as a host site for an occasional world, national, or regional championship, or whatever play might be scheduled for a large turnout of the membership. There is much work to be done to get the site ready to accommodate these anticipated needs.

The NHPF can do much to keep horseshoes alive in the coming years, but it will take the financial support of all the NHPA members and friends of horseshoe pitching. Serious horseshoe pitchers who are willing to donate their time and money to horseshoes will make the NHPF a viable reality. There are many creative ways in which you can contribute; send a check on your or someone else's birthday, make a pledge in the name of a loved one, sponsor special tournaments, contribute as a club, and perhaps pledge enough money to build another court, or add lighting at the facility. Through our joint efforts, the NHPF will serve as the physical and mental focal point for our sport to which all can turn to learn about our sport and in doing so grow to love it as we do. Let us all take this unprecedented opportunity to advance Horseshoe Pitching.

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Wolf River Results

Thanks to all, Ken Jaeger Sr.

Class A

1	Steve	Wiegert	55.00
2	Randy	Rein	63.21
3	Brian	Repinski	60.00

Class B

1	Mer	Sorenson	61.42
2	Larry	Barber	48.57
3	Otis	Wessley	52.50

Class C

1	Cliff	Troullier	40.35
2	Ron	Balsiger	36.07
3	Jerry	Schroeder	41.07

Class D

1	Ken	Kosky	46.42
2	Jerry	Niemuth	40.35
3	Dick	Hansen	32.85

Class E

1	Rueben	Eckardt	39.28
2	Bruce	McLinn	38.92
3	Marv	Bennett	34.28

Class F

1	Edward	Hack	32.85
2	Jim	Haupt	33.57
3	Bill	Matey	27.85

Class G

1	Dave	Richter	32.85
2	Norb	Fuhrman	37.50
3	Mike	Zahn	23.92

Class H

1	Mark	Blank	31.78
2	Jim	Jakel	28.57
3	Al	Rude	24.64

Goldendale Results

By Tom Costa

Class A

1.	Mark Mauthe	5-2	65.36
2.	Don Kangas	5-3	58.44
3.	Penny Steinke	4-3	55.71

Class B

1.	John Koepp III	6-1	49.64
2.	Tom Endler	5-2	43.57
3.	Steve Wiegert	4-2	44.17

Class C

1.	Tony Scrima	5-1	46.67
2.	Glen Bogenschneider	4-2	42.92
3.	Len Mauthe	3-3	36.25

Class D

1.	Rich Conrad	5-2	36.07
2.	Jim Poquette	5-2	26.07
3.	Terry Sternberg	4-3	33.21

Class E

1.	Milt Larsen	6-1	32.50
2.	Dennis Ambuehl	5-2	33.93
3.	Emil Blair	5-2	32.50

Class F

1.	Ken Davison	5-0	30.00
2.	Thad Engle	3-2	26.40
3.	Bruce McLinn	3-2	25.20

Class G

1.	Norb Fuhrman	5-1	31.67
2.	Chuck Herman	4-2	28.33
3.	Wes Podvin	4-2	22.92

Class H

1.	David Hansen	6-1	28.93
2.	Ron Molitor	5-2	23.57
3.	Ray Lopez	4.5-2.5	20.00

Class I

1.	Wayne Franzen	6-1	16.56
2.	Mike Keagle	5-3	16.88
3.	Roger Heinritz	4.5 - 2.5	15.00

I would like to thank everyone who entered the 2002 Goldendale Open, and invite everyone back for next years tournament. The weather was hot, and so were some of the pitchers! Mike Keagle in Class I tripled his entering ringer percentage. Glen Bogenschneider seems to have his reverse 3/4 turn working just fine, as he had a few games over 50%.

Tony Scrima is another pitcher that is making a come-back. It won't be too long until he is back in Class A. The high game for the tournament went to Mark Mauthe - 82.50% - it probably should have been higher! I had 'front-row' viewing of that game, as I got to throw second for most of the game.

Thanks again to all of the pitchers who entered. It was a pleasure being your Tournament Director!

Platteville Drip, Drip, Drip

By Norm Mauthe

Due to rain the Saturday only tournament was delayed for 2 hours. Then the rain slowed to a slight drizzle and the morning shift was pitching by 11:00 A.M. Games were cut to 30 shoes for this shift. The weather warmed up and hit 60 degrees with sunshine in the afternoon. High ringer game gift certificate winners were as follows:

- A - Mark Mauthe 80%,
- B - Tony Scrima 52.5%,
- C - Ron Berg 60%,
- D - Red Ferguson 46.66%,
- E - Thad Engle 33.33%,
- F - Curt Novinski 23.33%.

We ended up with 44 in the event. Thanks to all entrants, who waited out the rain delay, the tournament workers and the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the gift certificates.

Platteville Horseshoe Association

<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>%</u>
Mark Mauthe, Platteville	6.5-0.5	71.42	Tony Scrima, Waukesha	6-1	40.00
Bun Carley, Richland Center	5-2	51.42	Julian Tijerina, Madison	5-2	33.92
Chet Hermansen, Madison	4-3	47.14	Marie Donar, Dickeyville	4-3	34.64
<u>CLASS C</u>			<u>CLASS D</u>		
Earl Paulson, Beloit	6-1	40.00	Jim Haupt, Milwaukee	7-0	28.57
Don Burmeister, Brown Deer	5-2	36.78	Orville Baker, Platteville	5-2	26.42
Ron Berg, Barneveld	4-3	28.57	Red Ferguson, S. Beloit, IL	5-2	22.85
<u>CLASS E</u>			<u>CLASS F</u>		
Chuck Herman, Eagle	5-1	20.00	Sheiran Henry, Platteville	1-6	19.64
John Bentz, Platteville	4-2	21.11	Bob Novinski, Platteville	5.5-.5	12.22
John Horton, Savanna, IL	4-2	15.55	Curt Novinski, Platteville	5-1	13.33
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Eagle River Open

Another great weekend in Eagle River. Host Art Collien was his usual congenial self. Gary Simac, Art's partner, was off to his son's wedding so Art drafted his wife Jean, on her birthday no less, to assist with the refreshments. Jim Haupt, who is never late for a tournament, was missing so that was the question of the day. "What happened to Jim? See page 10 for the explanation.

Class A			
1	Randy	Rein	58.93
2	Steve	Wiegert	50.00
3	Brian	Repinski	55.63
Class B			
1	Otis	Wesley	45.31
2	Ray	Groskinsky	42.52
3	Jerry	Niemuth	41.56
Class C			
1	Ralph	Marthaler	38.21
2	Jerry	Graves	32.14
3	Rueben	Eckardt	28.31
Class D			
1	Al	Rude	32.50
2	Art	Collien	30.36
3	Jim	Jakel	23.90

World 2002 Pitchers Off to Red Deer, AB

Ron Berg	Al Huizenga
Russ Burns	Bernie Human
Bernard Carley	Ryan Hyatt
Bernard Cockroft	Ken Jaeger Sr
Aleena Cook	Don Kangas
Kiri Cook	Ken Kosky
Tava Cook	Pete Kumlien
Pudge Dahl	Ray Mallo
Dan David	Edie McKinney
Ken Davison	Bruce McLinn
Fred Decorah	Ron Molitor
Teresa Donar	Rick Poppe
Ken Frame	Tina Riehle
Clayton Gage	Ivan Ruzic
Ray Groskinsky	Dave Schorbahn
Edward Hack	Gloria Smith
Dick Hansen	Jane Smith
Jim Haupt	Wayne Totten
Suzanne Helene	Steve Wiegert
Don Hostrup	LeRoy Wipperfurth

Wilcziek Wins Eau Claire Open

Gert Wilcziek tossed a 77.9 % ringer average to post a 7-0 record on her way to winning Class A at this years Eau Claire Open. Why is this lady, who appears to be at the top of her game, not entered in this years World Tournament? Maybe she's saving herself for next years' world in Eau Claire.

This years Eau Claire Open was a huge success. Attracting 70 participants in 10 classes. Sunny skies and warm weather provided ideal pitching conditions.

In addition to cash awards the top three places in each class received a one year subscription to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

The crew from Marshfield brought the banner announcing the 2003 World Tournament in Eau Claire

which was displayed during the open.

Special thanks to Elly McCarn who assumed her customary role of recruiting "volunteers" for scorekeepers and to Tournament Director Pudge Dahl for jobs well done.

Once again the Eau Claire Club found Carson Park to their liking by claiming six of 10 first places.

Class A		
1.	Gert Wilcziek	77.90
2.	Dave Hughes	60.40
3.	Clayton Gage	68.60
Class B		
1.	Dick Dvorak	56.40
2.	Sue Helene	55.40
3.	Vince Jakel	47.10
Class C		
1.	Merrill Semingson	47.60
2.	Jerard Mageland	44.40
3.	Ida Hostrup	49.20
Class D		
1.	Tava Cook	37.60

2.	Bob Gregorich	41.20
3.	Butch Kohnen	37.60
Class E		
1.	Chris Dahl	28.80
2.	Ray Mallo	32.00
3.	Jim Ganther	31.60
Class F		
1.	John Dolezel	38.20
2.	Les Karpiel	36.10
3.	Nelson Richason	32.10
Class G		
1.	George Draeger	25.20
2.	Tom Dudenhoefer	26.20
3.	Lori Rubin	26.80
Class H		
1.	Mel Cook	26.10
2.	Orv Torgerson	25.70
3.	Roger Caturia	19.30
Class I		
1.	Bob Lockhart	21.30
2.	Tom Torgerson	14.60
3.	Chuck Reineke	12.10
Class J		
1.	Winnie Bigalke	12.00
2.	Bev Johnson	9.60
3.	Jay Ganther	6.00

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Mosinee
Full service campground (18 miles south)
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STATE TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 31.

Not 3/31 as printed in the Newsletter. I understand John Secord received a couple of really early entries. The Newsletter apologizes for any inconvenience.

Join us for the 80th State Horseshoe Pitching Championships in Wausau. It promises to be a special tournament with a large entry as many pitchers are looking ahead to the World in Eau Claire next year and obviously this tournament can be used as one of the four qualifiers needed to enter the World.

Hall of Fame ceremonies will be held on Sunday at a time to be announced. You don't want to miss this as one of Wisconsin's most recognizable and popular pitchers, **Lorraine Sternberg** will be inducted.

Join us! The Close Doesn't Count, Marshfield, and Windy Hill Clubs absolutely promise to make this, the 80th State Tournament, a memorable one.

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Cancer Research

Thanks to everyone who helped me raise \$216 for the Cancer Research fund. In the 3 mile walk/run, I finished in 39.42 minutes. The whole day raised about \$100,000. Thanks again! Your friend, Danny Kangas

We are saddened to hear that Danny Kangas' Grandfather, Becky's dad, Andy Brown, 81 passed away early in June. Formerly of Arizona, he had lately been living with the Kangas family in Colgate, WI.

We also learned that Kathy Jaeger's father passed away on Tuesday morning July 2. He was 79 yrs old. Kathy is the wife of WHPA President, Ken Jaeger of New London.

"Angels around us, angels beside us, angels within us. Angels are watching over you when times are good or stressed. Their wings wrap gently around you, whispering you are loved and blessed."

Beloit Spring Singles Leads to Waunakee and Other Happenings

By Jim Haupt

Trying to make it a two tournament weekend, your adventuresome reporter made quick work of the Spring Singles in Beloit in order to get on the road towards Eagle River.

Made it almost to Endeavor before the Ford ran out of coolant and the engine was thoroughly cooked. Sat there chastising the driver for letting such a basically dumb thing happen for hours, five hours to be precise. Had plenty of time to think about what may happen next.

What did happen next was a tow truck took the car and driver back to Portage. Once there I placed a call to Bill Spahn of Lodi. He came, took me back to Lodi and said to Marlene, "What are we going to do with this Guy?" They offered me bed and breakfast, I had to accept.

Next day, Sunday, Spahn and I took a ride to Waunakee to visit St John's Church Bazaar, a church festival with a horseshoe tournament, you remember,

it's the one that Tip Wipperfurth runs. Luckily I found a partner in Kevin Brekke. My tale of woe, no car, made the rounds and up comes Ken Frame to offer me a ride to Milwaukee. I said as how Milwaukee is kind of a far piece from Mazomanie and Frame acknowledged that to be true but he said, "What the hey, that's OK". I could only say wow! As the news of the out of the way trip was passed around, Steve Kuhlow picked up on it saying rightfully, he should be the one offering the ride as he lived closer, in Jefferson. I mentioned that Jefferson is still two counties from Milwaukee but he said, 'What the hey' and I said OK!

And that's how a lost horseshoe pitcher got back on track. I could say here there's nothing like a horseshoe pitcher but I think my friends are just plain good people.

"Friendship without self-interest is one of the rare and beautiful things of life."

James F. Byrnes

Wausau Open

By Ken Kosky

The Wausau open was played at Windy Hill Tavern for the 9th consecutive year. And for the 9th consecutive year it was windy. But only on Sunday and then not too bad, although Clayton Gage had a few colorful comments regarding his shoes changing direction during flight. He still won his class but his average wasn't anything he'll want to brag about.

The World Tournament in Eau Claire next year is bringing out the new pitchers (see page 4). We had at least 10 pitchers that were new to the NHPA circuit and they were in Wausau because of World 2003. This is great for the NHPA and Wisconsin horseshoes.

Class A

1	Clayton Gage	56.43
2	Randy Rein	54.64
3	Don Hostrup	49.64
4	Kent Anderson	48.93
5	Brian Repinsky	38.93
6	Kirby King	48.57
7	Ken Jaeger Sr	47.14
8	Roger Comero	39.29

Class B

1	Steve Wiegert	47.86
2	Otis Wessley	51.43
3	Larry Barber	34.29
4	Ray Groskinsky	35.00
5	Gloria Smith	28.57
6	Pat Spahn	40.71
7	Jane Smith	31.79
8	Wesley Rein	18.57

Class C

1	Don Burmeister	35.40
2	Jerry Niemuth	39.60
3	Richard Conrad	33.90
4	Ken Kosky	32.10
5	Steve Mielke	32.90
6	Michael Spahn	37.50
7	Paul Brisk	26.00
8	Robin Mahn	25.70

Class D

1	Louie LaBarge	37.86
2	Rueben Eckardt	34.29
3	Todd Schultz	32.86
4	Roger Beffa	31.08
5	Gilbert Mahn	29.00
6	Roger Hefty	23.57
7	Jim O'Loughlin	27.14
8	Jim Ganther	23.93

Class E

1	John Mills	37.92
2	Chuck Herman	20.83
3	Edward Hack	16.25
4	Kevin Brekke	20.42
5	Scott Kater	18.33
6	Pat Maki	11.67
7	Don Kampfer	17.08

Class F

1	Dave Richter	30.70
2	Jim Jakel	25.00
3	Gary Simac	25.00
4	Al Rude	26.40
5	John Brophy	20.00
6	Ron Zepplin	18.60
7	Art Collien	22.10

Class G

1	Jason Holding	17.50
2	Dan Holding	12.00
3	Ron Truman	11.00
4	Jennifer York	7.50
5	Joshua Chaney	12.00

Class H

1	Rod Ganther	12.40
2	Merlin Ludwig	7.60
3	Randy Ganther	8.00
4	Roy York	8.00
5	Veronica Hendrick	3.20
6	Beth Strohman	6.00

Oops! I Goofed.

By Ken Kosky

Lorraine Sternberg asked me to put the following in the LAST issue of the Newsletter. She sent it direct to me to make sure I got it. Well I got it alright, but then I proceeded to misplace it. Well after the second request, here it is. Sorry, Lorraine!

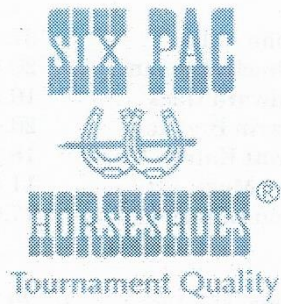
On behalf of the Wisconsin #2 team, I wish to thank the Wisconsin charter for their support at the Team World Tournament. Unfortunately our efforts to make the step-ladder fell short and we were not able to come through like the Wisconsin #1 team. I congratulate Team #1 for their great performance at the tournament.

Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road."

Dag Hammarskjold

So long as there is breath in me, that long I will persist. For now I know one of the greatest principles on success; if I persist long enough I will win."

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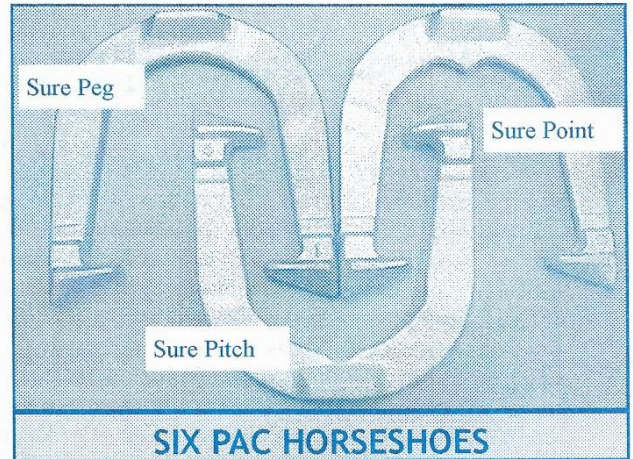
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