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## WHPA Fall Meeting

John Secord, State sec-treas, the first to report, says we are currently in the bucks, a few anyway, about \$3500 is the WHPA balance.

Next, the words of Jane Smith.

“This was the 15th year of the State tournament Club mini tournament. We had a record 10 clubs participating. Points are awarded to each member of the club participating in the State tournament. The higher the pitcher places the more points for the club. After all points are totaled and divided by the number of pitchers pitching in the tournament, a winning point average is determined. The top four teams receive a certificate, money and the championship team receives free entry into the 2005 competition. The remaining club receive certificates for their participation. Thanks to the club leaders for your effort and time in getting your organization involved in this event. It is fun and creates a bit of rivalry between clubs and of course bragging rights. The results:

- 10th Place: Plattville Horseshoe Club**, our host club, 12 pitchers and a winning point average of 3.91
- 9th Place: Combined Locks** with 10 pitchers, and a winning average of 4.4
- 8th Place: Heinritz and Friends Club** with 1 State Class champion, 8 pitchers, and a winning average of 4.78
- 7th Place: Sandbaggers**, co host club for the 2nd year in a row and the most pitchers with 15 and a winning point average of 4.93
- 6th Place: Marshfield Horseshoe Club**, 1 State champion, 1 state class champion, 13 pitchers and point aver-

age of 5.46

**5th Place: Coulee Region Horseshoe club** 1 state Class champion, 8 pitchers and a 5.5 average.

**4th Place: Washington Park Club** 1 state Class Champion, 5 pitchers, and 5.8 point average

**3rd Place: 2 years in a row, Golden-dale Horseshoe club**, 3 State Class Champions, 7 pitchers, and a 6.42 winning point average

It was a very close race between the 1st and 2nd place clubs. the first place club had a winning point average of 7.18.

The 2nd place club had 7 points. So **2nd place, 2 years in a row Close Doesn't Count**, 1 State Champion, 1 State Class Champion, 8 pitchers. Congratulations to! the **Eau Claire Horseshoe Club as Champions** for the third year in a row with 1 State Champion, 3 State Class Champions and 11 pitchers.”

Terry Sternberg, 2nd VP got the report from Beloit that they are ready to host the 2005 State Tournament as scheduled..

Sonia Cook, 3rd VP announced that her Scholarship Fund raffle was a financial success raising \$1014. A raffle for next year is already in the planning stage. Donated prizes are being accepted. so that tickets may be available at the time of the spring meeting. Don Kangas made a special appeal and received four tickets to Admirals games. Cook will draw from the original raffle ticket supply and award the hockey tickets good for this year.

Lorraine Sternberg, faced with the closure of the Joelton complex, reported that her Sanctioned Club tournament will be hosted in an indoor house 35

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Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511			
608-879-2304	<b>28-04-052</b>	D/L 10-25	
<b>Dec. 4 - 5</b>	<b>Deansville Open</b>		<b>\$15</b>
Rudy Van Fleet 202B Parkview Dr. Columbus, WI 53925			
920-623-4924	<b>28-04-053</b>	D/L 11-22	
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Arena</b>		<b>\$18</b>
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555			
608-592-4424	<b>28-04-054</b>	D/L 11/28	
<b>Dec. 18-19</b>	<b>Snow Flake</b>	<b>Beloit</b>	<b>\$18</b>
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511			
608-879-2304	<b>28-04-055</b>	D/L 12/6	

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**Jan 15 - 16, 2005 001 - Arena**  
**Jan 29 - 30, 2005 Deansville**  
**Mar 12 - 13, 2005 Deansville**

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

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

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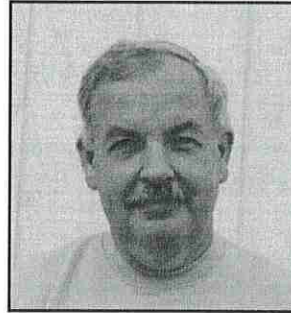


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## The President's Column

The winter season has started and there are plenty of openings at Arena, Deansville, and Beloit. Sign up and have some fun! Remember, if you know someone who was not a member this year, they can purchase a 2005 NHPA card now and finish the 2004 season with the new card.

I recently finished a fall league and one thing bothered me about it. The second night, a pitcher, 30-foot, nearly 90 years old, came up to me and if he should stop playing this league. I asked him why? He said all of the 30-foot jokes and comments are getting to be too much. Some examples:

- "You pitch too good to be moving up to 30 feet."
- "You have a big advantage at 30 feet."
- "You really have no handicaps, you're just old."

This really bothers me. After talking to the two guys who made the comments (non-WHPA members, because we all know better, right?), they did lighten up and the league turned out fine. I tell you, with the number of men moving up, it has really taken the pressure off the women. I give these men credit for moving up and making the game fun for themselves. Maybe 30-foot pitchers have an advantage when it's windy, but if you are in a tournament and they are in your class, 30 or 40 feet doesn't matter. It is an average you are playing. When you are having a bad day, it usually is not the distance your opponent is pitching from, it is the lack of ringers you are pitching yourself.

Remember, 30-foot pitchers have feelings and do not need inappropriate comments. Encourage your fellow pitchers and give credit to the 30-foot men who didn't just quit. They moved up and are having fun again.

Good pitching,

Tom

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miles south of Indianapolis, IN. on the 8th and 9th of October, next year, 2005 limited to 24 teams.

Medical exemption forms are necessary for pitchers desiring to move to a short distance category prior to their 70th birthday.

An example of the form appears in another section of this publication. Dick Hansen reminded pitchers who are looking forward to moving up to the short distance that they may do so at any time once they pass their 70th birthday.

Regional Director, Ken Jaeger told of 56 sanctioned tournaments conducted in Wisconsin this year. In an effort to get all tournament directors on the same page he will be contacting them with a proposed schedule. One schedule for outdoor, another for indoor at the appropriate time of year. Complete outdoor schedule will be published in March.

Bun Carley announced that the former doubles tournaments at Arena will commence starting with November 6th.

Edi McKinney, the director of the Hall of Fame asked that HOF submissions be done in a formal manner if possible indicating all pertinent qualifications as the committee measures one individual to another considering all good works.

President Tom Steinke answered some of the "How Comes," as they appeared in the last Newsletter.

How come? The newsletter asked that we switched from 50 to 40 shoes and kept the same 4hr time interval for classes. The question was directed to the executive board asking why they allowed it and who sets the pace at the state.

Steinke explained that it was entirely a host club decision for 1. The number of shoes and 2. For the time proposed.

Another "How come" asked why only the state hosts that lose money are willing to publish a balance sheet.

Steinke thought the question was premature and that Platteville had planned to publish that balance sheet.

The editor who proposed the "how come?" questions declared that he was referring to all prior State tournaments and not Platteville.

How come the entry fee is now \$25 for an outdoor event was another question.

Actually there is no good answer for that one except that Platteville did assume a \$192 trophy expense for the Juniors that rightfully should have been covered by the state association. The fact that the Platteville Association received a grant from NHPF with strings attached was made known. They feel they are expected to make some

effort to repay the grant as if it were a loan.

On the question of moneys, the members seemed partial to the state tournament host club moving to allow any surplus monies to be retained by the hosts.

Steinke declared the absence of a move-up in the Elders class was largely his own doing and based his decision on the history of the Elders championship class.

No one could answer why we do not attract more pitchers to the big one, the State Tournament although one wise observer made a comparison by asking why we don't get more members attending the state meetings.

Good news came from the exec board that they are entertaining the idea of an exemplar member award. Something to excel even the Hall of Fame award. The standards were not set forth but the name is there, "The Casey Jones Award."

This past State Tournament when all pacers were included entertained a grand total of 188 pitchers – a pretty fair number.

When further discussing the Platteville State event we heard said. "It was one of the best State Tournaments we ever had."

Bun Carley complimented Ken Kosky of the Newsletter for the fine pictures of all the State winners in living color.

Kosky thanked him but said it may be the last of the color photos as they are a little expensive. He said, "We formerly mailed the Newsletter to over 400 subscribers but now we are down to near 380, so if you have the opportunity to promote a subscription or two, we would appreciate it."

All incumbent officers were re-elected by acclamation—1st VP, Jane Smith; 3rd VP Sonia Cook, and Sec-Treas John Secord. After all, what would we do without them?

Dick Hansen would like to see the voting record of the Wisconsin delegation to the national convention published in our Newsletter, Steinke agreed. Even before that Hansen would like to discuss the proposals that might occur during the national convention at our own spring meeting. He said he may have an inside track on providing such proposals.

The bids tendered for the 2006 State Tournament came from Rob Rehm and the Eau Claire club claiming it would be under the direction of and in cahoots with the CXC club and their leader Jane Smith.

Bun Carley made the bid for the 18 courts and possible pavilion of Arena together with the Deansville crew.

Neither club went overboard trying to sell their location and the vote reflected it – 18 for Arena and 22 for Eau

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Claire.

We did not hear about it until it happened. The head table drew an attendance number and the Mouse Beckius won an extra large blue sweatshirt embroidered with the WHPA emblem. A Newsletter subscription went to Edi McKinney and to Ted Rohde.

Encouragement came from Steinke to, if you have the mind, sign the subscription over to someone you might know who is on the fence regarding an NHPA card. It might be the little push they need.

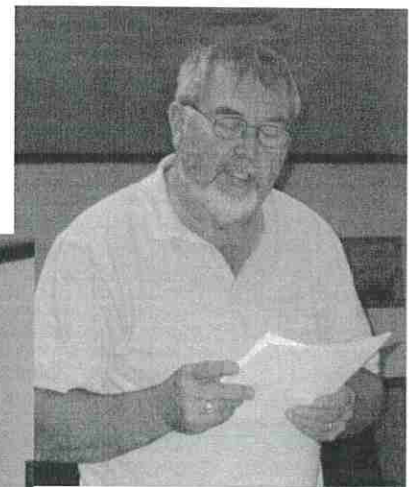
Steinke, who runs a nice meeting and has sold us too. So if you know of someone that needs that little push, let us at the Newsletter know.

Finish each day and be done with it.  
 You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

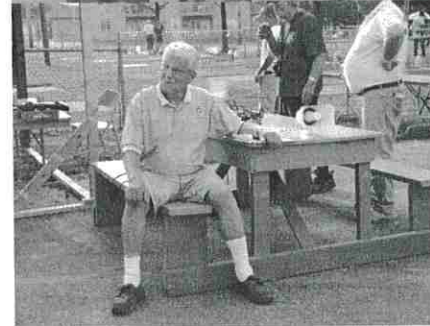
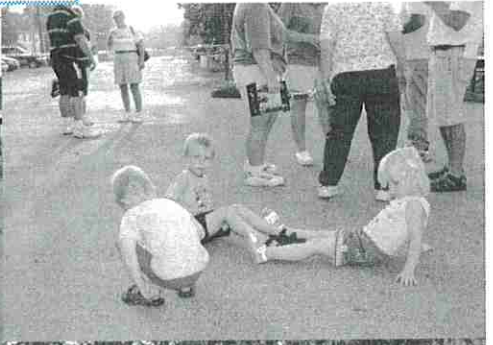
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

## WHPA OFFICERS

- Top left: 1st VP Jane Smith*
- Bottom Left: 3rd VP Sonia Cook*
- Middle: President Tom Steinke*
- Lower Right: 2nd VP Terry Sternberg*
- Upper Right: Sec-Treas John Secord*



### More Pies from the State Tournament



Kevin Brekke Photos

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There's nothing like eavesdropping to show you that the world outside your head is different from the world inside your head.

--Thornton Wilder

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm

--Vince Lombardi

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either.

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**W6868 Brown Rd**

**Fond du Lac, WI 54937**

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## Heart of the Valley VFW Doubles

### Results

#### Class A

Jack Algiers & Gene Mason 44.8

Norb Furman & Bill Matey 44

Otis Wesley & Mer Sorensen 44.

#### Class B

Clarence & Leon Voight 36.7

Dale Prochnow & Norm Kuen 40

Cliff & Elaine Troullier 35.7

#### Class C

Jerry Niemuth & Al Rode 33.8

Frank Warmbrun & Dick Hanold 31.6

Don Wagner & Norm Carlson 23

#### Class D

Dick Baeten & Martin McAvoy 26

Randy Amend & Greg Zimdars 21

Ben Stutleen & Ray Jaeger 20

#### Class E

Norm Carlson & Scott Kater 25.2

Jerry Kamps & Don Reitzner 27

Jack & Mark Trepanier 23.5

#### Class F

Joe Jaskulski & Todd Buettner 30

Gary Mueller & Ken Eslinger 27

Ken Kuehl & Russ Hebbe 19

#### Class G

Kamps Team #4 Viki - Sue 9.3

Kamps team #1 Jackie-Jeanne 9

Kamps Team #3 Bruce - Gary 8.1

2003-2004 year this VFW Post 10544 donated a total \$8985.79 into the community.

Voluntary work - We got \$7633.99 credit dollars for the work our post has done in hospital and community work.

Thank you for helping.

## Down and Back

With Jim Haupt

Doing this Newsletter with Ken Kosky has become more gratifying lately. Kosky is now taking all the pictures and is producing them in color. Unheard of! By far the most appealing horseshoe publication in print. Thanks Ken Kosky, you make me proud to be on the Newsletter staff.

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The Rockford, IL horseshoe club is hosting their second sanctioned tournament. Glenn Wicklund asked to advertise in this Newsletter even had the copy sent.

Alas the copy turned up missing when it came time to publish. We apologize but will print the results when they come.

“My first and foremost association with accuracy in journalism was avoiding the bushes and aiming for the front door.”

It brings to mind a few choice words of Charles Osgood, “My first and foremost association with accuracy in journalism was avoiding the bushes and aiming for the front door.”

Personally the front door stuff has been my only association with accuracy in journalism.

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The big surprise at the recent state meeting was that 38 people actually found the place. We walked in late and sure as heck there were 36 people already

there! How did they do it? We finally found two signs on the way – a hard to see silver horseshoe on a blue background.

Later on in the meeting, Kevin Brekke unfolded his wild idea to award Player-of-the-Year points to all those attending these WHPA meetings. The POY bean counter, Jane Smith likes it. You may want to heed these directions back to the Lake Delton Sportsman Club because the spring meeting is also in the same place.

I-94 to exit 89; turn south to “P.” Right on “P.” Look at the fire numbers. You are in the 131 series. Keep going past the Bunker Hill farm up the hill and look for a T intersection going right Take it. The fire numbers have changed to less than 100 series.. You might see a sign here. Proceed to next road. See sign and turn right. Half mile up that road is a large gate post sign on the left indicating the Sportsman club. At that point you may say, Oh, I guess its not a bar. Proceed down the driveway road about one quarter mile and you’re there. Eureka!

And there is Kevin Brekke in the parking lot passing out POY points.

Another plan by Dave Volz might be to run a shuttle from Walmart.

## America’s Cup

Its old hat now but I experienced an unusual occurrence while following the television ventures of the America’s Cup challenge a few years ago. This story is just too good to let die.

The background begins with the

author at the tender age of thirteen. I attended a boarding school, Campion high school in Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin and there met a kid from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. His name is Dick Spence. His older brother was Mel and they actually lived in Williams Bay, a town on Lake Geneva. Their folks ran a supper club there called Spence’s Five O’clock Club.

During the summer of 1944, my cousin Dan Gellerup and I took a bike ride from Milwaukee to see the Spences in Lake Geneva. Dan also attended Campion High School and turned out as an inveterate adventurer. The Spence boys lived on a converted farm on the lake shore. The house was a remodeled barn and there was a remote two car garage they had turned into summer sleeping quarters for the boys and in this instance, guests.

We were told on no uncertain terms that we both had jobs while we were there. Dick worked at the yacht club and he and Dan took a small boat to work each day. In the evening Dan worked for Dick’s mother making salads. I became helper to the dishwasher. Daytimes Mel had an ice route and I was his designated helper. Mostly I rode along and listened to him holler, “Ice today, any ice?”

The boys had a cub type sailboat that they raced weekly. I was told of but do not remember meeting a younger kid who was winning all the races by name of Buddy Melges.

Fast forward most of a lifetime. Dick Spence went to Villanova became an engineer, moved to Florida to build a very successful construction business. Unfortunately his brother Mel was killed in an automobile accident while still a youth.

Buddy Melges had made his mark as a manufacturer of

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sailboats and a champion Olympic sailor. He was the captain of the boat in the America's Cup competition called "The Heart of America" artistically symbolized cruising under full sail through a field of wheat bending with the wind.

The television geniuses put the audience right on board even introduced the crew. I watched the kid working the forward hold known as the sewer. He was frantically stowing the spinnaker. Somehow I

learned his name as Spence! He was the image of his deceased uncle Mel, teeth flashing and all. I knew in a tic the whole deal.

Melges needs a mainsail full of money to finance his venture into international ocean racing. A good source might be his boyhood friend who has made it big in the construction field. Spence gets his kid a ride in the America's Cup. And I get the thrill of a lifetime witnessing and realizing the development that ensued.

I had only to check my facts and share the joy of the occasion with my cousin Dan, who had actually kept in contact with his old Campion High School classmates and now spends his time as a fly fisherman in Vancouver, Washington.

## 2004 STATE TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME

164 pitchers @ \$25	\$4,100.00
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### EXPENSES

Schedules	\$41.57
Postage	\$53.28
Round Robin cards	\$13.88
Name Cards	\$20.66
Scoresheets/Master Sheets	\$39.24
Paint	\$33.76
WHPA Fee (\$.50 x 164)	\$82.00
Host Club Fee (\$3 x 164)	\$492.00
Trophies/Medals	\$1,710.15
Scorekeeping	\$1,166.00
Misc.	\$19.28
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,671.82</b>

<b>* NET GAIN</b>	<b>\$428.18</b>
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\* To be donated to the NHPF

## THE BELOIT PAGE

### Annual Beloit Doubles

It was fortunate that we saved this day to enjoy some of the most perfect fall weather for a horseshoe event.

When things are going so right, one might say, "I wonder what all the poor people are doing today?" It was one of those sort of days.

Saw many unfamiliar people pitching. Saw a few guys we know not to be WHPA members. And that's what its all about – an introduction by the Beloit Club to pitchers who may be interested in organized horseshoes.

This tournament provides an opportunity to showcase what the NHPA has developed and the Beloit club is a prime example.

The days of little reward for membership in the NHPA are gone. The advent of the computer has given Natstats a platform. Any NHPA pitcher has only to consult the Natstats individual column for his up to date pitching percentage over the past year. It may change any Wednesday and is the last word for your average. We got it going now. Better than bowling.

#### Class A

1. Dan Bloom	4/1	44.67
Glenn Wicklund		53.33
2. Dalton Simmons	3/2	58.00
Richard Andrysiak		40.00
3. Paul Wilson	3/2	46.70
William Wordel		43.33

#### Class B

1. Jeff Gustafson	5/0	37.3
Norm Beckius		32.0
2. Linda Hycnar	3/2	48.7
Ernie Rakstad		25.3
3. Carlton Rittweger	3/2	28
Bruce McLinn		31.3

#### Class C

1. Rowen Swick	5/1	38.9
Carl Schliem		35.56
2. LaVere Roesslein		36.11
Greg Kahl		27.28
3. Kenneth Lovaas	3/3	30.5
Gary Rackow		31.11

#### Class D

1. Russ Burns	5/1	13.33
Karen Keelin		36.11
2. Randy Elder	4/2	21.11
Andy Elder		27.22
3. Kevin Brekke	4/2	20.0
Jim Huckabee		12.78

#### Class E

1. Brett Condon	5/0	12.0
Earl Paulson		41.33
2. Bob Bird	2/3	26.67
Tom Bird		18.67
3. Ed Bonebright	2/3	16.67
Ed Thomas		18.67
Wayne Goers		7.33

#### Class F

1. Thomas Wasberg	5/0	24.67
Jim Mazan		18.0
2. Dan Stieber	3/2	22.67
Hedy Stieber		11.33
3. Orville Schurr	3/2	18.67
Bill Nehls		9.33

### Beloit Indoor

The indoor season began with the Beloit Show-up only very few showed-up. The attempt at a show-up tournament has further emphasized that Wisconsin pitchers prefer pre-registered events with the schedule in the mail and the whole ball of wax.

Tournament director, Ralph Maylahn should be congratulated for making the effort at easy regular tournaments at the indoor club but it just did not take.

The under 35% group was just four pitchers who had to do a double round robin. The PM group was filled with regular club members—12 of them.

### Beloit Awards

The Beloit club gets together in the fall to divide the spoils. It was done this year in their new house. With many leagues the tables extended the length of the building.

Ralph Maylahn was introduced as the member of the club that has been around for the long haul. He has made a mark in horseshoes since the age of fifteen – for seventy years, he's 85 now.

Maylahn is secretary for the old timers league on Mondays, same as any other league except that most are short distance pitchers. They award the same set of NHPA patches as the other leagues and that's how Maylahn became the most improved pitcher of the year, increasing his average nine percentage points. Think about it, 85 years old, been in horseshoes since he was 15 and he finally gets the most improved award. Our congratulations. How do you think that most improved patch is going to look on his brag jacket – the vest he wears overloaded with tournament champion patches.

There were other pitchers also receiving a suspicious most improved, Paul Wilson received a high game award of 75% and uncharacteristically another most improved patch.

Earl Ramquist was a former state champion from Beloit and a member of the WHPA Hall of Fame. It was rewarding that a fourth generation Ramquist was called out for a 10% award, Jamie Woodruff, a great-grand daughter.

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The Beloit club has a raft of volunteers keeping the organization going from the president, Mouse Beckius on down. Almost every person you may know from Beloit contributes to the club's well being. Jimmy Paulson was called out for special mention as a club computer whiz. He also developed the online site: Team-World.com.

## The Casey Jones Award

What do you call it, a Casey?

Why do you give it? Who gets it?

Is it an award limited to members already in the Hall of Fame? Hopefully this new award will be reserved for special occasions and not necessarily awarded every year..

Everyone ought to have a say regarding the qualifications. The time and place would be the next state meeting. Until then let these columns be your sounding board. What's your idea?

## Hall of Fame Stuff

from Edie McKinney and Jane Smith

The Hall of Fame nominations are due to Edie McKinney by February 1, 2005. When making a nomination, please include the vital information like name, address and phone number. A formal or written list of accomplishments should also be sent. Members of the HOF committee use the information as it is presented to Edie. Copies of the nomination are made and shared with the committee before the Spring meeting when the new selections are made.

Members of the WHPA who have been nominated are: Dave Forseth, Ken Jaeger Jr., Ken Kosky, Ken Lovaas, Noval "Bud" Renley, Gus Schram, Terry Sternberg, Wes Taylor, John Udelhofen. The WHPA has an Honorable Hall of Fame which features people who have influenced Wisconsin horseshoes and are not members of the WHPA. We have many possible people for both of these prestigious "Halls" so do your thing; write the nomination and send to Edie.

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A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on the beach in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. "What a peaceful & loving couple". A local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage.

"Well, it dates back to our honeymoon in America," explained the man.

"We visited the Grand Canyon in Arizona and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon by horse. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's horse stumbled and she almost fell off. My wife looked down at the horse and quietly said, "That's once." We proceeded a little further and the horse stumbled again, this time causing her to drop her water. Once more my wife quietly said, "That's twice." We hadn't gone a half-mile when the horse stumbled for a third time. My wife quietly removed a revolver from her purse and shot the horse dead.

I shouted at her, "What's wrong with you, Woman! Why did you shoot the poor animal like that? Are you crazy??"

She looked at me, and quietly said, "That's once."

## The World Tournament

### A Narrative by Jane Smith and in later years by Edie McKinney

#### 1984 Genola Minnesota

Jane Smith, Karin Wistrom, Willie Loberg, and Don Hostrup pitched in this tournament. It was the first time anyone who was an NHPA member could enter by sending in their average and NHPA number. Jane, her Mom, and Grandma spent several nights in St. Cloud and traveled to Genola to pitch. Jane's first game was against Opel Reno, defending World Champion. No butterflies Here!!! Shari Klopp and Pat Eaton of Eau Claire, made it into the Finals and did Wisconsin proud. This was the first World Tournament any of us had participated in. Karin drove over with Edna Moran on the day she was to pitch. Karin pitched about 42% and finished in the middle of her class.

#### 1985 Lafayette, Indiana

Debby Thompson, Edie McKinney, and Jane Smith traveled to Lafayette for first time experiences for Edie and Debby pitching on clay. We got stopped for drunk driving about an hour before we got to Lafayette. Jane really was not drunk just weaving because we were on unfamiliar roads looking for our turn-off. We finally arrived around 11:00 PM. We were glad to get out of the car. This was about an eleven hour drive. We did a bit of shopping in between games. We also found time to visit Purdue. The campus was colorful with flowers everywhere. Debby Bestul won Junior Girls championship. Tari Powell was defending World Champ and was unable to finish the tournament as she was holding onto her shoes. Look-out scorekeepers! Phyllis Negaard was pitching the last game against Debby Michaud for the World Championship. Debby won. Jane missed the championship class by tenths of percent while finishing 2nd in Class D. She pitched an 80% game:-)

#### 1986 Ainsworth, Nebraska

Nina Vold, Edie McKinney, Debby Thompson, Myrna Winge, Jane Smith drove "to the middle of Nowhere" to quote Walter Ray Williams. We stayed about 30 miles from Ainsworth in Bassett. Once we left the motel we stayed at the courts. We went to the practice 'sand' courts and met Art Tyson and Joe from New York. Edie pitched lots of ringers in her practice. Jane placed 8th in the Ladies Championship (12 in the group.) Edie and Debby???? It was Hot! HOT!! HOT!!!. The compass melted. Phyllis Negaard nearly dropped out

but toughed it out and WON!! Kenny Rogers and Art Moran vied for Edie's attention. Jane and Debby rolled their eyes! But Debby thought Andre LeClerc, Canada was OK!!! This was the beginning of a great friendship.

#### 1987 Eau Claire

Gloria Smith, Lila Larson, Gloria Fisher, and Caryl Sass met Sue Helene on Highway 8. Sue and Gloria rode together to Eau Claire. Gloria took 6th (trophy and \$75.) Jane Smith and Debby Thompson went down for the 'Whole' tournament. Edie McKinney and Nina Vold drove separately because they had to work after they pitched. They did go the 'Wrong Way' on a one way freeway entrance. Dorothy Heilig, Gracie Reed, Myrna Winge, Irma Thompson, Helen Clark, and Phyllis McDonald also pitched. It was unbelievably HOT! Irma was unable to finish. When we were score-keeping the sweat ran down our backs. Edie had a play off for position. She lost :- ( Sue Helene and Phyllis McDonald had a playoff at Carson Park. Sue won. Sandy McLachlin (16 years old) and Diane Canton played many shoes until late into the night. Lu Cave and Rosie Leyk stayed at the Super 8 on Hwy 12 outside of town. Rosie, Lu and Jane were in the Championship class. Gloria went home after she pitched but returned, with husband Joe, for the finals on Saturday night. Debby was glad when the tournament was finally over. Eau Claire made a great deal of \$\$\$ and were very instrumental and helpful in promoting the formation of our Close doesn't Count league.

#### 1988 Pleasantville, California

We did not go and have regretted it ever since!

#### 1989 Spearfish, South Dakota

Gloria Smith, Shari Davison, and Caryl Sass drove in Caryl's car (Shari drove and I (Gloria) paid for gas and Edie McKinney, Nina Vold, Myrna Winge, Debbie Thompson, and Jane Smith in another. Sue Helene came a few days later with her son Mark. This was to be mom-son quality time. Don and Ida Hostrup also pitched. We stayed in a family operated motel. It left a bit to be desired. Sue moved to the Holiday Inn. The rest of us wished we could have moved too. Shari, Caryl and Gloria left after they pitched. Wall Drug, the monuments, and Spearfish Drive were typical tourist sights. The clay was awful. Red and sticky. Special brushes were needed to get the 'stuff' off of our shoes. The National meeting ran overtime and some of our pitchers were 1 1/2 hours late. The whole schedule was off. Some of us were pitching into the night and the mist was making it difficult to see the stakes. There was creek running through the courts. This was the first and only year the finals were televised by ESPN.

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There was a stepladder playoff. Sandy McLaughlin was the winner after the usual round robin. Phyllis Negaard and Diane Lopez (defending Champion, and a underhand double flipper) played the final game. Alan Francis and Kevin cone had a very good final game. Kevin's last ringer was on and fell off so Alan won the first of many championships.

1990 Stone Mountain, Georgia  
 Edie McKinney, Gloria Smith, Debby Thompson, and Jane Smith left Balsam Lake heading to Chicago and a stay at Mary's (Jane's sister) house. We arrived after dark but had a nice visit into the night. We left early to try to avoid the rush hour traffic. We arrived in Nashville and made reservations at Grand Ole Opry for our trip back. We also changed our motel reservations because we had a dirty, icky room. On our way to Nashville and Stone Mountain we saw a lot of beautiful sights like mountains, hills, Civil War battlegrounds, and forts. Each historical place we visited had information that reinforced our knowledge of American History. We also drove to a tourist viewing spot where we should have seen 5 or 7 states. We could not identify which states these were. The road was long, narrow, and very winding and curvy. We arrived in Stone Mountain...very late and there were no signs directing us to "the mountain". It was a REAL stone. Our room was picture perfect. We had a huge comfortable room with two double beds, a large walk in closet, a full width double sink on the outside of the bathroom, a davenport, two easy chairs, a wardrobe (dresser), coffee table, and a balcony with two wicker rocking chairs. Gloria and Debby pitched shoes while Edie kept score and Jane judged. Jane had a horrible headache so she and Edie headed back before they were finished pitching. Debby and Gloria enjoyed a few wine coolers on our verandah after they were done pitching... late .. after 10:30. Gloria got a headache the next day but still pitched. Gloria and Debby finished and Jane and Edie began. In between pitching we rode the tram to the top of the mountain, rode the train around the mountain and enjoyed the laser show every night. People came from miles around for this show. A person had to get there by 8:00 to get a good place for their blanket or chair. We found time to shop the Stone Mountain shops looking for good Stone Mountain bargains. We found none:- ( Don and Ida joined us for supper one night. We went to a new restaurant on a Thursday evening. They were having a practice night at 5:00. All food and beverages were free and all we had do was tip the serving person. We had great food and service. We did return the next evening for the 'real thing'. Debby went exploring and hiking with Beaty Bestul and Ida Hostrup. They saw mansions, gardens, old vintage cars

and other stuff. We left Georgia and headed for Nashville for a few days. We saw Minnie Pearl and other entertainers at the Grand OL Opry house. It was a great show. We walked through the Grand Hotel in awe. It was huge!! We also went to Opryland and were entertained by all kinds of dance and music: blue grass, clogging, square dancing, singers, violinists, harmonicas, mandolins, washboards, spoons. It was warm but interesting and something we would do again. We also went downtown Nashville and spent a few \$\$\$ in their shops. There were all kinds of amateur entertainers on the streets hoping to make it big. We left for home and as we drove through Louisville, KY we looked at the atlas for the Kentucky Derby race park. We stopped in their gift shop and bought a few earrings with double ringers on them. We moved west and north to Indiana. In Indianapolis we thought about the Indy 500. Yes we visited the gift shop. Did not have time at either the Derby or Indy park to ride the bus around the track. We stopped at Mary's on our way home. It was late again but we still visited for a while before heading to sleepy time. Mary set the automatic bread machine so we woke up to the smell of freshly baked bread. As we headed north we stopped at the mall in Beloit. This was a great mall for shoes, shirts, cookies, and fire starter. We had to pack carefully to get all of our STUFF into the car. Left Beloit and headed home.

1991 Biloxi, Mississippi  
 Jane drove Edie, Gloria, Debby and new comer Sue Helene to Biloxi in Edie's red blazer. Sue brought her video so we could 'remember' everything that we did. We left Balsam Lake and our first overnight was in Indianapolis. We did not stop in Chicago because Mary was not home. We stopped in Memphis and visited Elvis' Graceland. It was interesting as we toured the house, grounds, and various buildings. We were not allowed to go to the top floor as there were relatives living on the grounds. We took the Natchez Trail from Memphis to New Orleans. We ran out of patience so looked for a quick trip to the freeway. The Natchez Trail was scenic but after awhile trees were trees. Gloria and Edie wanted to stop to go into a field to check out the cotton crop. Sue was an understanding driver and stopped for them. We continued on to New Orleans and drove through some interesting swamps and cypress tree country. Once we got closer to New Orleans we saw there was a very long bridge (Lake Pontchartrain) so Sue gave up the driver seat. We arrived at our motel in NO and after a few minutes decided to take off for the French Quarter. We encountered a traffic jam and found out a terrible accident had taken place a few miles ahead. We were stopped for about one hour when

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we decided to go through the center area and return to the motel. We went to the shopping center for a few hours. Of course we spent our money wisely :-0 The next day we took off for the French Quarter. It was a Sunday morning and there were a few Sat night revelry things left. It was quite an experience walking through the streets with ladies of the night on balconies trying to cool off. We had coffee and 'special donuts' covered with powdered sugar for breakfast. We walked through the market of fresh fruits and vegetables. there were also stores with crafts for sale. It was hot and we thought about taking a carriage ride around but decided to walk a few blocks. As we drove through the city we noticed the cemeteries were all above ground. We did not have time for bus tours of the city but maybe another time. We headed to Biloxi, checked into our pool side motel room and decided to head to this world famous shopping mall in Foley, Alabama (only another 100 miles). It was not as big or as bargain special as we thought it would be. It was a nice trip along the gulf though. We enjoyed our pool side room during the time we were in Biloxi. The courts were within walking distance so when people were tired of watching it was a few blocks home. We were careful that there were always two of us. We took time to shop the local shops, walk the coast line, and enjoy coffee and other various beverages by the pool all during the day. After the tournament we headed to Branson, Missouri. Don and Ida left a day early so they were set when we arrived. They wanted to go to Silver Dollar City but we did not have enough time to take a day. We went to a few shows with the Bald Knobbers being the most entertaining. There was a great shopping outlet that nearly filled the blazer. That was OK because we were just stopping in Kansas City at Beverly's house (another of Jane's sisters). On our way to Branson we stopped in Mississippi at a famous restaurant that had special tables that rotated the food and a person helped themselves to what they wanted. It was not open when we passed through but we were lucky to get a tour and found other eating places. We usually are planning our next meal before we finish our present meal. It was a pleasant and interesting trip to Kansas City through the hills and valleys and winding roads. We tried to avoid K.C. at rush hour but caught the beginning of it. Sue was driving and we needed to find a place to trade drivers. We finally made it to Bev and Bruce's and kicked back for a few hours before heading to a local shopping mall. There were so many GREAT VALUES we needed to go back again the next day. By the time we packed the car to head home there was not enough room for a stick of gum.

1992 Columbus, Ohio

We took two vehicles, Edie's blazer with Sue, Gloria, Edie and Jane; and Claretta Hansen and Sylvia Kaiser in Claretta's car. We stopped in Beloit for the evening and of course shopped the Beloit Mall. We had talked over our route to Columbus and decided to skirt Chicago. Maps and roads were coordinated but Claretta and Sylvia still took the 'short cut' through Chicago. They arrived a couple hours later than the other car. Once in Columbus, we had two rooms in a Holiday Inn but it was in a 'questionable' area so we looked for a 'safer' place to stay. Claretta and Sylvia pitched their games and then headed back to Wisconsin. While there though we saw so few of the Columbus sites: flowers, parks, a few shops. The tournament had a different format as Jane and Edie pitched well enough to pitch in finals in their classes. Edie had a great first day as she was NUMBER 1 with an 80% average. The arena was to be air conditioned for the whole two weeks. Only a few rooms were 'on' the first week as rumor had it the unit needed repair. Miraculously, when the hot shots began pitching the second week... the air was on. There was also a lot of rain and many campers were sleeping in soggy tents and had muddy grounds. The parking lot for the campground was about 6 inches deep in mud and water. After the tourney, we stopped in Chicago to see Mary. She was a great hostess as she had fresh bread in the bread maker. She took us down town Chicago on the train. We had quite an experience. We walked the main street and stopped in a few of the stores. We went to the top of the Sears tower, ate at Hard Rock cafe (where Gloria did a bit of Christmas shirt shopping), and shopped the 'Water Tower Mall'. We had a great day before heading back to Mary's in Elgin. We visited with Gary, Sammy and Brian for a while. We were not hungry BUT were told we needed to have 'Chicago' pizza before we went back to Wisconsin. it was very good and we were stuffed.

1993 Spearfish, South Dakota

Edie McKinney, Nina Vold and Jane Smith rode in Jane's car. Gloria rode with Sue Helene who drove her car as she was visiting relatives in Wyoming during the tournament. It was a good thing we had two cars as Sue's car had a tire that sprung a leak we repaired temporarily with gum. We stopped in a very small town to have it fixed. Shari Davison drove because she was coming home after pitching. Don and Ida Hostrup. Clayton Gage and Tiffany Gage also pitched. It was hot! We stayed in Days or Comfort Inn. We also found time to see a movie.. Sleepless In Seattle. We stopped at Wall drug to spend a few \$\$\$\$ wisely probably both coming and going. We took a trip to Deadwood for supper with Sue's relatives and a little gambling. No one made lots of money...some of us were out our money in five hands of cards:-(

(To be continued)

**MEDICAL EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM  
NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

The *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching* states that "All Open Men and Senior contestants shall observe the 37-foot foul lines. Physically impaired males in these categories may be given permission by the governing NHPA officials to move onto the extended platform and observe the 27-foot foul lines." (See Rule 3, Section A, number 2) The NHPA has further delegated the responsibility of this decision-making to the various State Associations for acceptance or denial. The steps of this process are outlined below. Please complete Parts I and II of this form and return it to:

Dick Hanson Charter Officer      Franksville, WI address

**PART I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

I, MOUSE BECKIUS, am applying for a medical exemption which would allow me to pitch horseshoes in NHPA sanctioned events from a distance of 30 feet, instead of 40 feet, due to the following medical condition and other information described below which I proclaim to be true and accurate.

- What is the name of this medical condition? TOO SHORT - 5' 4 1/2" and under
- For how long have you had this condition? ALL MY LIFE
- Do you consider this condition to be permanent? DON'T YOU?
- For how long have you pitched horseshoes? 20 YEARS
- What is your current age? 60
- Explain what area(s) of your body are affected and why this condition prevents you from being able to pitch from 40 (add an additional page if necessary) I don't know if it's the bottom of my feet - OR the top of my head that are too short!
- Have you seen a specialist about this medical condition? MANLY
- If so, for how long have you been under his/her care? ALL MY LIFE - JUST ASK MY WIFE
- Have you undergone surgery or other medical procedures for this condition? JUST the STRETCH Machine
- If this medical exemption is denied, will you continue pitching from 40 feet? WHY NOT?
- The medical doctor most familiar with my medical condition is:

Name DR. LONG  
Address 123 Short St zip code 53511  
Beloit, WI  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION  
NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

Dear Doctor Long,

As you may know, horseshoe pitching is a nationally organized sporting event with an official set of rules. "Mouse" Beckius, a patient of yours, has requested a medical exemption from Rule 3, Section A, number 2. (see top of other form) and has given permission (see Part IV of other form) for you to complete *this* form and send your responses to the WHPA Council. This exemption, if granted, would allow him to pitch from a shorter distance before reaching the age of 70; when men are officially given the option of pitching from this shorter distance. Your patient has completed Parts I and IV of the other enclosed form. Please look over this information and then respond to the questions below. We need this information and your professional opinion before we can act upon his request. Please return this completed form in the enclosed, addressed/stamped envelope. Thank you for your help.

- What is the name of this medical condition? Bad luck
- What area(s) of the body are affected? head
- For how long has this condition existed? 60 yrs
- For how long have you treated the patient for this condition? 1 day
- Do you consider this condition to be permanent? Yes
- Have other treatments been recommended by you? Physiological evaluation
- Has this patient discussed with you the possibility of a medical exemption which would allow him to pitch horseshoes from a shorter distance? Yes
- Will you recommend that this patient NOT pitch horseshoes from a distance of 40 feet if the request for this exemption is denied? No

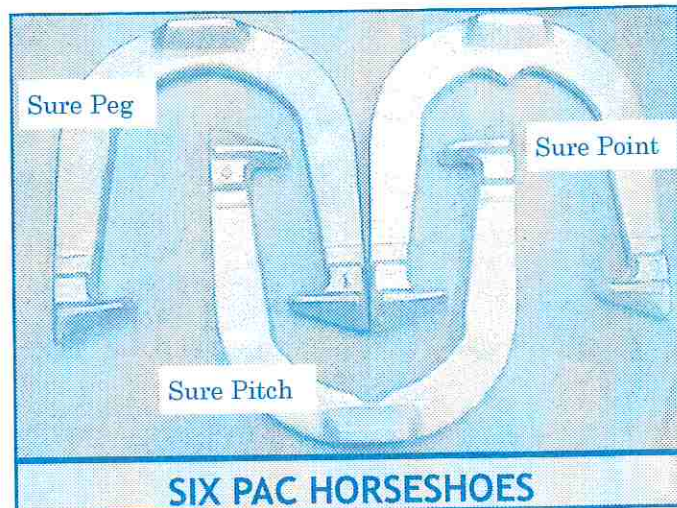
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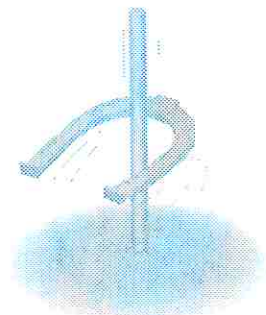
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