

❖ WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER ❖

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SECORD PITCHES GOLDENDALE 25 YRS

The Goldendale Club hosted their first horseshoe tournament in 1972. Rick Pritzlaff (He was Ricky then) was the tournament director. His grandfather, Ed Wing was the promoter.

A few saplings were growing on the hill. Four new courts had been built by club members behind the barn. Club carpenter, Harold Kloehn, recalls building the little white score-house the following year.

Twenty-five tournaments later the club, looking for a continuous competitor discovered only one person had pitched the event every



State Secretary, John Secord - 25 years deserves an award.

year without interruption. No club member could claim that distinction. Rick Pritzlaff can mark the birth of his daughter by the tournament date. He had to drop out that year.

John Secord of Fond du Lac played the '72 tournament and each year thereafter. He says it was one of his first tournaments ever entered. Twenty-five years later he serves as the State Secretary and is a member of the WHPA Hall of Fame.

The Goldendale Horseshoe Club, celebrating its 25th anniversary, was proud to honor John Secord as a 25 yr. competitor and present him with an inscribed desk set.

SEE YOU AT THE WORLD

Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers are looking forward to the World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming. NHPA Secretary, Dick Hansen, while still counting entries, remarked that Wisconsin would be well represented in Wyoming.

The World schedule was mailed June 7th from Grass Valley, California - the earliest mailing in memory. As Hansen had predicted, it shows over 90 WHPA pitchers, will be going West to the prestigious NHPA event.

Most will go the motel route but there is bound to be an all Wisconsin contingent in the campground. There always is. Terry Sternberg, WHPA vice president, says there will be sixteen campers in their group. Most are also World contestants.

Although NHPA members indicated last year, they wanted 50-shoe World tournament games, the executive council overruled the suggestion. A 40-shoe format was found imperative to handle the near record entry of 1536 players. Starting out, the tournament, will operate with six full-house shifts scheduled daily with five classes per shift. The 40 courts will handle 450 pitchers from eight in the morning until sometime after midnight.

The graveyard shift begins at 11:00 PM and nine lucky guys from Wisconsin are slated to do it. Toll the bell slowly for Ron Willms, Racine; Robert C Anderson, Waunakee; Ken Kosky, Schofield; Rich Pichler, Mondovi; Al Holloway, Wisconsin Dells; Bruce McLinn, Clinton; Mike Cone, Reedsburg; and Ken Davison, Menomonee Falls. Tough duty, but it may be a blessing. Has to be cooler at that hour. Davison should feel right at home : It's his usual pitching time at World tournaments.

Ralph Maylahn and Clayton Gage are ranked #6 and #10, respectively, in the top class of the Elders division. Both have an excellent chance of advancing to the championship class if they can equal their recent performances. Class champion last year, Ed Rupnow, is in for some tougher competition with his new average of plus 49%. In all, six Wisconsin men are pitching in the fastest growing division of the NHPA. The over 70, short distance pitchers number 160 this year. Their numbers are approaching the the entire senior division of 192.

Wisconsin's top seeds at the World are Randy Rein and Lorraine Sternberg. Rein, ranked #20, has only a remote chance at the World title but his goal certainly is the championship round. On occasion he can handle the best of the NHPA. Sternberg, is up there with the cream of the Women's division. She has a real opportunity for the #1 spot but must be on the very tip top of her game. Only five ladies rank higher but they are all proven winners. This is the ultimate level - where the tuff get going.

Yes, World pitchers will have to actually show their NHPA card. This writer earlier doubted the necessity of producing the card but was brought up to speed.

A very few pitchers were found to have pitched in prior World tournaments without renewing their cards. A current card is not necessary at the time of entry, only necessary at the event itself.

If we see you at the World, we don't want to hear that old refrain, "Well, I'm 5 & 5. Looks like I have to win 'em all tomorrow." Lots of luck partner.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 5-6-7 BROTHERTOWN CLASSIC; Archie's Pl \$16
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 *Limited* **Sanc #28-96-021** D/L 6-23

JULY 13-14 FIELDHOUSE OPEN; Racine \$15
Dick Hansen 3085 S 76th St Franksville, WI 53126
414-835-9108 *Limited* **Sanc #28-96-022** D/L 6-30

JULY 19-20-21 MID-EAST OPEN; Combined Locks \$13
Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113
414-788-3229 *Covered Courts* *unsanctioned* D/L 7-1

JUL 22>AUG 3 WORLD TOURNAMENT; GILLETTE, WY
JULY 31 DEADLINE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

AUG 3-4, SWEN'S OPEN; Green Bay \$15
Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis Green Bay, WI 54302
414-435-6310 *unsanctioned* D/L 7-20

AUG 2 3-4 EAGLE OPEN \$15
Al Salmela 405 Homesteaders Ret Eagle, WI 53119
414-594-2431 *unsanctioned* D/L 7-19

AUG 10-11 MOUNTAIN OPEN \$13
Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149
414-276-6041 *unsanctioned* D/L 7-13

AUG 10-11 SO WISCONSIN OPEN #17
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Rd H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **Sanc #28-96-024** D/L 7-15

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the current state NHPA membership being right around 500, our Wisconsin charter is apportioned five delegates to vote on bylaw changes at the 1996 convention during the World Tournament. Representing Wisconsin will be; Jane Smith of Balsam Lake, Terry Sternberg of Richfield, John Secord of Fond du Lac, Jim Haupt of Milwaukee, and Ken Jaeger, New London This list was submitted to NHPA President, Dave Loucks.

Two bids have been submitted for the 1998 World Tournament site - Ainsworth, Nebraska and Greater Morgantown, West Virginia.

Our former WHPA president, Dick Hansen is running for the office of NHPA Secretary -Treasurer, the position he is now performing on a temporary basis. In the list of qualifications on his election flyer he neglected to mention that he has had over six months of direct experience on the job, including registering 1536 entries for this World Tournament. Hansen will have Wisconsin's five votes and hopefully a majority of other charters will recognize his value and do the same.

Just a reminder to tournament directors, you have a full 14 days to get you results to John Secord. About ninety percent of tournament directors have results in within five days. This helps in keeping updated averages, especially important prior to the World and State tournaments.

Deadline for entering the State Tournament is JULY 31.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL AT THE WORLD.

Your Pres., Ken Jaeger

AUG 17-18 PLATTEVILLE OPEN \$13-\$16
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-9697 **Sanc #28-96-025** D/L 8-2

AUG 17 NOR WI CHAMPIONSHIP; Sanc #28-96-026 \$12
AUG 18 FOUR PLAYER TEAM TOURNEY ; Marengo \$50
Steve Stevens Rt 1 Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855
715-278-3473 *may enter one or both events* D/L 8-2

AUG 17 SKIN'S OPEN; F.D.L. unsanctioned \$11

AUG 18 FOND DU LAC OPEN Sanc #28-96-023
Jeff Secord N6337 Gardenia Ln Fond du Lac, WI 54935
414-922-9698 *may enter one or both days* D/L 8-3

AUG 24-25 MARSHFIELD II \$15
Greg Bottlemey W5810 Cloverdale Rd Owen, WI 54460
715-485-3057 **Sanc #28-96-028** D/L 8-10

AUG 31, SEPT 1-2 STATE TOURNAMENT \$20
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937
414-922-0080 (in Eau Claire WI) **Deadline 7-31**

Some tournament dates have been established for the indoor season, October through April.

SANDBAR; Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14; Jan ??, Feb ?, Mar ?, Apr ?

JACKPINE; Oct 5

SOCCER WORLD; Nov 2nd

Will confirm and publish indoor sched hopefully Sept.

WOLF RIVER RINGERS

June 1-2

Formerly a one day event, Wolf River went over the top in its maiden attempt as a two day outing. Nine player classes were common. It was designed as a "homogenized" tournament.

Director, Ken Jaeger put the assigned percentage behind each name, set the machine on sort, from top to bottom, and then inserted a space every nine players. The result; a thoroughly mixed 30 and 40 foot tournament - homogenized.

Lorraine "A" Sternberg, the "A" is for automatic winner. If we kept track of her consecutive first place wins, her record would rival the celebrated race horse, "Cigar."

- A Lorraine Sternberg 71.6; Mer Sorensen 60.3; Randy Rein 69.1
 B Steve Wiegert 57.1; **Carolyn Stittleburg 55.4**; Jim Larson 50.7
 C Ed Rupno 51.1; Rick Poppe 61.3; Phyllis Davids 53.6
 D Jim Haupt 47.5; **Greg Hehling 47.8**; **Ted Rohde 47.2**
 E Otis Wessley 51.1; Reuben Eckardt 44.3; N. Strzyzewski 47.5
 F **Wesley Rein 46.9**; **Jim King 46.6**; Harold Wendorf 36.3
 G **Bill Hildebrand 41.4**; Eric Bottlemey 40.7; Rob Struebing 38.2
 H Scott Kater 32.9; Leroy Meyer 26.8; Ray Groskinsky 33.6
 I Barbara Baxter 26.9; Ken Wood 17.2; Ivan Ruzic 16.3

Some pitchers on the "first three" list obviously had a very good day, like Carolyn Stittleburg, Greg Hehling, Ted Rohde, Wesley Rein, Jim King, and Bill Hildebrand. What doesn't show is Hank Zeisse's fourth place record in class F. In his opening game Zeisse hooked 65% ringers and produced an overall record of 40%.

Jaeger is justifiably proud that his Wolf River tournament is known as one of the big money events on the WHPA tour. He manages to do it by selling chances on a pair of custom made portable courts worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100. Otis Wessley won the courts this year. Of course he played Saturday and his name was drawn Sunday so delivery became the immediate problem. Mer Sorensen's trunk is not that big.

Other raffle prizes included a couple of neat rag dolls made by Kathy Jaeger. And Greg Hehling was seen carrying a red whirly-gig as his trophy.

If WHPA pitchers listen to and act on the suggestions of the President and director of this tournament, there could be some interesting feedback.

BELOIT SPRING SINGLES

MAY18-19

Breathe a big sigh of relief, you people of the Beloit Club. Your Spring Singles winds up the work of hosting tournaments for an entire two months. Go to the World. See you again, Aug 10.

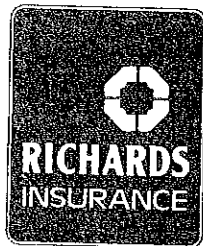


The Beloit Club, and President Mouse Beckius, will turn themselves inside-out if need be welcoming visiting players.

RESULTS #28-96-013

- A Lorraine Sternberg 72.2; Ralph Maylahn 69.2; Randy Rein 65.4
 B Rick Poppe 52.9; Larry Fettes 55.4; John Koepp 46.5
 C Harold Lange 38.9; Bob Runnas 42.9; Lloyd Johnson 33.9
 D Ron Derry 36.3; Dalton Simmons 36.4; Terry Sternberg 25.7
 E Larry McCutcheon 36.6; Ken Kosky 35.3; Kerry Morris 34.7
 F Lorraine Lange 34.3; Terry Hlavac 32.9; Pam Woodward 29.3
 G Emil Blair 29.4; Bill Spahn 28.1; Bud Hammer 26.9
 H Rick Romanelli 28.6; Rowen Swick 26.8; Ron Knutson 25.4
 I Wayne Fry 27.5; Carl Schliem 26.8; Rob Pankhurst 20.4
 J Debbie Kijek 15.0; Jim Jakel 17.5; Gordy LaChance 16.4
 K Duane Woodard 26.0; Jerry York 19.6; Sean McLernon 24.7
 L Vic Paulson 19.6; Tracy Pankhurst 10.0; Barbara Baxter 15.4
 Jr A Wesley Rein 35.0; Lee McFarlane 21.3
 Jr B Paul Fricano 22.5; Josh Schliem 6.3

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PLATTEVILLE NHPA SPRING SINGLES

by Norm Mauthe

This year's entry of 70 pitchers was larger than usual. Saturday started with over one hour of rain delay. The rest of the day was cold and windy.

It's true, Platteville had rain again - fourth year running. Sunshine-rider, Chet Hermansen of Mad-town still enters but we don't see the Harley anymore.

Because of the weather, the adult classes on Sunday went to ringers -only and kept their own score. In the afternoon, Class D was rained out after four games. Half of the "A" pitchers left for home and the other half finished up at Lavern Edge's indoor courts.

Wesley Rein had an excellent tournament the Junior class while dad, Randy Rein, pitched an outstanding game of 92.5% - 46/50. In winning class A, Lorraine Sternberg set a tournament record for Platteville with 77.6%.

Thanks to the pitchers, workers, and to Country Kitchen of Platteville for the gift certificates.

FOUND: Ladies green lined jacket and one judging tool.

PLATTEVILLE HORSESHOE ASSOCIATION

P.S. Interesting comment from a class A contestant, "Platteville should schedule a tournament in Texas. It sure would put an end to their drought.

Norm Mauthe took a little break Sunday morning to pay a social visit to the pitchers in the campground. At the time, Jane Meier, Ken Kosky and others were gathered in the Sternberg shanty involved in a coffee klatch. They immediately recognized the Mauthe truck pulling up and bolted the door. The befuddled Mauthe figured they were afraid he had come looking for score-keepers.

Platteville Results:

- A Lorraine Sternberg 77.6; Randy Rein 63.6; Dan Bloom 54.5
 B Carolyn Stittleburg 50.3; Ken Olson 41.4; Jerry Volz 37.5
 C Arnie Walton 39.3; Teresa Donar 45.7; Jim Haupt 36.1
 D Fred Decorah 38.1; Harold Brockway 41.3; Carl Gilbertson 36.9
 E John Carlin 33.2; Hank Zeisse 30.7; Rich Conrad 35.7
 F Red Ferguson 34.4; Oscar Pynnonen 35.3; Ron Berg 33.5
 G Gene Rhinehart 26.6; Orville Baker 20.9; Ron Hying 23.6
 H Pat Smith 16.3; Bob Novinski 15.9; John Bentz 16.8

MARSHFIELD I

by Ron Zeppelin

We had a beautiful sunny day for Marshfield I. All of the courts were full for the A.M. shift. Unfortunately all of the score keepers chairs were not. A few volunteers helped out. The rest of the pitchers carried clipboards.

The afternoon shift had all score keepers chairs full and they had ringers to mark. Randy Rein led things off with a 90% game. Clayton Gage notched a 90% game himself in the fourth round. Gage and Rein met in the final game, both undefeated. Thirty-eight

MUSKEGO UNDETERED BY RAINDROPS

by Tom Steinke

It was just a few raindrops but enough to halt play for 30 minutes Sunday afternoon.

Good to see all the familiar faces along with some newcomers. Some first time attendees include a carload from Waunakee, John Carlin, Ron Lingard, and Carolyn Stittleburg. Jerry Stiefvater came with his coach, Don Kangas.

Lorraine Sternberg pitched a 75% tournament hoping to keep it going for the World Tournament at Gillette, WY. Ken Heinritz and Glenn Bogenschneider had outstanding performances- 51.79% and 50.36%, respectively. Dick Burg crept up from behind pitching 30.57 in D. His competition didn't even see him coming! Guy Fleming had a perfect day, 7 and 0 with 31.14%. Penny Steinke had a good day against some newcomers, Heidi and Katie Pfeiffer. Good to see some new young faces - hope they had a good time and stay interested. Hank Zeisse seems to have found something at the 30ft distance. He's been pitching the shorter distance for the better part of a year, up about ten percent. Some players are counting the months to the day they are 70 years old but Zeisse waited until he was near eighty yr. old before he stepped up.

We have said it before but it still holds true. Wayne Franzen may have retired as tournament director when Tom Steinke took the reins but Franzen is still very active. Joyce Franzen, it seems, is always there. The team at the Moose Club runs a nice show.

Results

- A Lorraine Sternberg 75; Don Kangas 63.6; Dan Bloom 60.7
 B Ken Heinritz 51.8; Jim Haupt 47.1; Wayne Vanderhei 40.4
 C G Bogenschneider 50.4; Carla McFarlane 38.9; Milt Larsen 38.9
 D Hank Zeisse 41.1; Galen Kozel 37.1; Larry McCutcheon 31.4
 E Dick Burg 30.6; Mike McDonald 36.7; Don Burmeister 33.6
 F Guy Fleming 31.1; Dan Jaglowski 22.6; Ken Hannula 26.6
 Jr Penny Steinke 56.5; Lee McFarlane 32; Heidi Pfeiffer 4.5

MUSKEGO DOUBLES

by Tom Steinke

The weather was cool and the ringers thrown were a little cold also. The number of teams was down this year, but the competition was good.

Thank you to Wayne Franzen for all his groundwork, to our surprise cook, Gordy Schaefer, and to bartender, Joyce Franzen.

RESULTS: A-Tony Scrima and Jim Haupt, 37.2

B-Mike McDonald and Gary Welkat, 39.7.

C- Ralph and Hank Zeisse, 34.2. D- Mark and Dave Zeske, 20.8

shoes into that final game they were still tied. Two shoes to go. Gage laid on two ringers while Rein could match only one.

RESULTS

- A Clayton Gagee 75.2; Randy Rein 72.8; Gus Schram 60.4
 B Ron Brockway 53.4; Vince Jakel 52.3; Dave Schorbahn 52.6
 C Harold Brockway 46; Evelyn Goshaw 44; Rox Sellison 45.8
 D Mal Barnitz 35.5; Rueben Eckhardt 41.5; Otis Wesley 36.8
 E Bill Hildebrande 36.8; Al Johnson 36.8; Don Stittleburg 30
 F Dan David 25.7; Ron Zeppelin 28.9; Steve Stevens 28.9
 Jr Erik Bottlemey 37.6; Wesley Rein 28; Jesse Zeppelin 17.2

GOLDENDALE OPEN - XXV

Full results Sanc #28-96-019

In keeping with WHPA suggested guidelines, Goldendale Open score keepers were paid two whole dollars per game. The inflated fee was readily accepted. Pitchers did not object, rather, they seemed willing to pay the extra amount. Providing personell was not the usual hassel but there were very few outright volunteers. People continue to wait until asked to fill the chairs.

It's not evident in the result column but, Friday night starting with the lower classes, Pat Smith, Oconomoc, in his very first game, put on 24 ringers in fifty shoes - exceptional for a pitcher with a 20% average!

Traditionally, the Goldendale Club runs separate "A" classes for men and ladies but this year the tournament was divided strictly 30ft - 40ft. It really wasn't the end of the rainbow. We even had one dropout after the schedule was revealed. The moral of it all is: No matter how nicely you slice the pie not everybody will be pleased with their portion.

FRIENDS OF HORSESHOE

Well are you? - A friend of Horseshoe, that is. Edie McKinney is collecting names to include in the State Tournament souvenir booklet. Send \$5 to Edie at 2339 205th St Luck, WI 54853 by July 20 and You're In!

NEXT ISSUE - SEPTEMBER

-Handicapping Work? - The Windy Hill Experiment. T.D. Ken Kosky tries it with the A class. Did the wind blow added points away?

-Bro-Town Classic features new Gustomatic score devices, self operated. Adds \$56 to awards for 8-man.

-Eau Claire Open has outstanding "A" percentages, or so we hear through the grapevine.

-Wisconsin at the World -Results of WHPA pitchers making the trip to Gillette, Wyoming.

-The Gillette World Tournament - Championsip Round results and an overview of the NHPA prize tournament.

-Wisconsin Tournaments-Results and happenings of the Fieldhouse; Mid-East; Swen's Open; Eagle Open, Southern Wisconsin Open if tournament director's care to contribute.

-WHPA Hall of Fame committee has selected two members for 1996 induction. Find out who the mystery inductees are in the next issue

-WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER will publish again after completion of the World but before the State Tournament.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Jane Smith reports results so far with 11 events not accounted for are: Lorraine Sternberg 135 points, Mark Mauthe 85 points, Randy Rein 75, Hank Zeisse 75, Rick Poppe 65, Ralph Maylahn 65, Fred Decorah 60, Jim Haupt 55, Clayton Gage 55, Carla McFarlane 55.

<p>30-A</p> <p>1 Lorraine Sternberg 81.4 2 Carolyn Stittleburg 54.6 3 Cy Srenaski 55.4 4 Gerri Meistad 53.6 5 Phyllis Davids 51.8 6 Jane Meier 50.7 7 Pam Steinke 47.1</p> <p>30-B</p> <p>1 Heather Sternberg 51.6 2 Heidi Sternberg 43.2 3 Maria Willms 43.6 4 Norb Strzyzewski 38.4 5 Elaine Troullier 36.4 6 Darlene Sabish 36.8</p> <p>30-C</p> <p>1 Carla McFarlane 40.4 2 Hank Zeisse 34.8 3 Harold Wendorf 39.6 4 Rita Boegel 33.6 5 Mel Sorensen 28.4 6 Ceil Trossen 25.2</p> <p>40-A</p> <p>1 Randy Rein 65.2 2 Mark Mauthe 62.8 3 Gus Schram 60.8 4 Don Kangas 65.6 5 John Barden 61.2 6 Brian Repinski 48.8</p> <p>40-B</p> <p>1 John Koepf 54.8 2 Tony Scrima 48 3 Marv Huffinan 55.2 4 Cliff Troullier 46.4 5 Dennis Ambuehl 39.6 6 Ken Jaeger 38</p> <p>40-C</p> <p>1 Jim Haupt 44.4 2 Rick Pritzlaff 47.6 3 Ken Heinritz 45.6 4 Dick Hansen 38.8 5 John Secord 43.6 6 Julian Tijerina 29.6</p> <p>40-D</p> <p>1 Don Goldsmith 42.5 2 Harry Nelson 47.9 3 G Bogenschneider 47.1 4 Wes Taylor 41.3 5 Terry Sternberg 33.8 6 Tip Wipperfurth 27.9 7 Ron Willms 23.8</p>	<p>40-E</p> <p>1 Kerry Morris 37.2 2 Gerald Gromowski 39.2 3 Rich Conrad 37.2 4 Milt Larsen 39.2 5 Ken Kosky 36.8 6 Larry McCutcheon 21.2</p> <p>40-F</p> <p>1 Jim Poquette 38.4 2 Ken Davison 30 3 Tom Costa 33.2 4 Dennis Jancoski 22 5 Harry Johnson 27.6 6 Hal Muma 24</p> <p>40-G</p> <p>1 Dave Aho 37.2 2 Bill Matey 34.4 3 Wally Srenaski 28.4 5 Warren Knippel 27.6 4 Tom Steinke 26.8 6 Gil Matzdorf 26.8</p> <p>40-H</p> <p>1 Bob Fritz 28.3 2 Donny Burmeister 31.3 3 Francis Schalk 25 4 Jerry Stiefvater 22.1 5 Ken Lenz 18.3 6 Jim Schuster 21.7 7 Bob Damkot 19.2</p> <p>JR</p> <p>1 Penny Steinke 43.2 2 Lee McFarlane 32.8 3 Paul Fricano 8 4 Tom Costa 25.2 5 Chuck Costa 6 6 Josh Willms 14.8</p> <p>40-I</p> <p>1 Ron Sabish Sr 34 2 Pat Smith 34 3 Ken Hannula 19.6 4 Guy Fleming 24.3 5 Richard Burg 22.4 6 Dan Jaglowski 21.6 7 Wayne Franzen 20.4</p> <p>40-J</p> <p>1 Jerry York 24.8 2 Don Peterson 16.4 3 Bob Mattson 10.4 4 Steve Guetzke 11.6 5 Kip Kuester 7.6 6 Wes Podvin 6</p>
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**Full results are published by the Newsletter for an average tournament fee of \$15. Flyers published, quarter page, \$15. A normal tournament expense is reduced more that 50%.

BADGER STATE GAMES

by Jane Smith

A gentleman named Axel Anderson of Madison is interested in promoting horseshoe pitching as a qualified event in the Badger State Games. He is filing the formal request, just as we have already done, but would like to add a petition listing names of interested pitchers to the application. We could circulate the petition forms.

To facilitate the petition signature drive, we are sending petition forms to tournament directors throughout the state. We expect everyone would be willing to sign and circulate the form. When signing indicate as directed if you are a prospective participant.

The Badger State Games take place two weekends in June. The first weekend would be regional qualifying in 10 to 12 sites around the state. Top qualifiers would move on to the finals in Madison a week or two later.

Divisions may include, men, women, seniors, and hopefully juniors. Classes in each division would depend on entries. The entire format at this stage is merely speculative.

The apparent matter at hand is to convince the Badger State Games that horseshoes would be a popular event and a positive addition to their list of sports.

Target date for completed petition forms is September 1, which isn't much time but where there is a will there is a way! If you have further questions, please contact Axel Anderson (608-222-5784) or Ken Jaeger (414-982-6287).

DOWN AND BACK

by Jim Haupt

We were on a rain break taking refuge at the Moose Lodge bar in Muskego when it appeared that some people in the place were using guns at the dart machine.

There was that Florida guy, Dennis Jancoski, formerly of Washington Park, and a nice looking young lady pointing these three foot long pea shooter things at the dart board, blowing little plastic darts. She is using an ordinary \$8 blowgun but Denny is puffing into a new \$50 model shooting groups any old gunnery sergeant would be proud of. Jancoski says the blowguns have been around for the past year in his home state.

Turns out, the nice looking young lady is Amy, Jancoski's daughter. She was a little young to be Denny's girlfriend anyway. And it was Father's Day, who else, but a devoted offspring would accompany 'Dad' to a horseshoe tournament.

DOWN AND BACK

We'll never know for sure but it seems Ron Berg had nefarious ideas of entering a large fish of questionable origin in the Ringle-Single, "One Hook Will Do," fishing contest.

Folks in the know are aware that Gus Schram, originator of the Ringle-Single horseshoe also developed a look-alike fish lure and actually caught fish on it. The contest is to out-fish Schram with his own lure. Send a picture of the fish and the fisherman to this Newsletter.

One of John Udelhofen's uncles is said to be running trot lines on the Mississippi. Berg, up to no good, put in an order for a large rough-fish. The order was filled and the fish being stored live in a large live-box/cooler was on its way to delivery to Udelhofen's place in Barneveld. The dark of night intervened. The live-box/cooler was stored outside the back door. Next day, half of the winning specimen was missing.... Some raccoon found some easy pickin's.

Thus it became an ignominious end of an ignoble purpose.

DOWN AND BACK

Mark Mauthe, Platteville, recent winner of the Windy Hill 40ft A class and all-around "A" pitcher will be taking leave of Wisconsin horseshoes for a time. Mauthe has signed-up for a five year tour with the U.S. Army. After basic training he hopes to specialize with the Military Police.

Active duty won't start until after the State Tournament. He get's one more try for the State title.

DOWN AND BACK

On the opposite page is a story on Rick Poppe that appeared in the last issue of Newline. It would not have been possible without a substantial contribution from Marge Yach. She and Randy Rein "interviewed" Poppe while driving to Team-World. We are unaware if the subject himself knew this piece was in the works.

Rick Poppe (artile opposite page) is an ex- Junior who had no trouble moving back to 40 ft.. His easy jump from the juniors to the open division was probably planned. Other pitchers noticed in his last year as a junior, he began to move back a few more feet. Another reason is, commitment. I believe he looked forward to further competition. Finally, this guy Rick Poppe, was introduced to the horseshoe game by his uncles who are, naturally, a little older. Their friends became his friends. When he began pitching 40 ft, it was with friends.

It was a kick to do this piece on Rick. Although we are years apart, I regard him as simply, my friend.

JH

SWEN'S 1996 OPEN**GREEN BAY HORSESHOE CLUB****AUGUST 3 & 4**

UNSANCTIONED

Location: D&B Midway Bar
1757 Velp Avenue
Green Bay, WI

Entry Deadline: July 20, 1996

Entry Fee: \$15.00 (50 cents/game for scoremarkers is extra)

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8-Person Classes (classes may be mixed)
Cash payoff for 1st four places.

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RICK POPPE**HORSESHOES AND HOCKEY****by Jim Haupt**

...In these days of two sport athletes it should be no surprise to find a few horseshoe pitchers with other sporting talents. This time the other sport is the exciting, fast moving, rough and tough game of Hockey. Actually this is an account of a young, already accomplished athlete who also plays horseshoes.

Rick Poppe, 20 of Benoit, Wisconsin is an outstanding hockey player.

He's also an up and coming pitcher for the Windy Hill Horseshoe Club in Ringle, Wisconsin.

If you're from Wisconsin, you may know of Rick Poppe through his uncles, Mark and Steve Stevens. Mark Stevens, is a three time State Champion.. Could be you know of Poppe as a recent junior pitcher who has successfully weathered the forty foot switch; or maybe you're beginning to notice the Poppe name on the top of a few result sheets lately.

Born just twenty years ago in Benoit, Wisconsin, near the shore of Lake Superior, Rick, the son of Ralph and Joyce Poppe, started playing hockey when he was just seven years old. The early imprint endured. Eventually he became captain of the high school hockey team in nearby Ashland, Wisconsin. Despite a year out for a knee injury, he made "All-Conference" two years. Could be the down time of the knee injury served to hone his skills as an excellent pool and dart player.

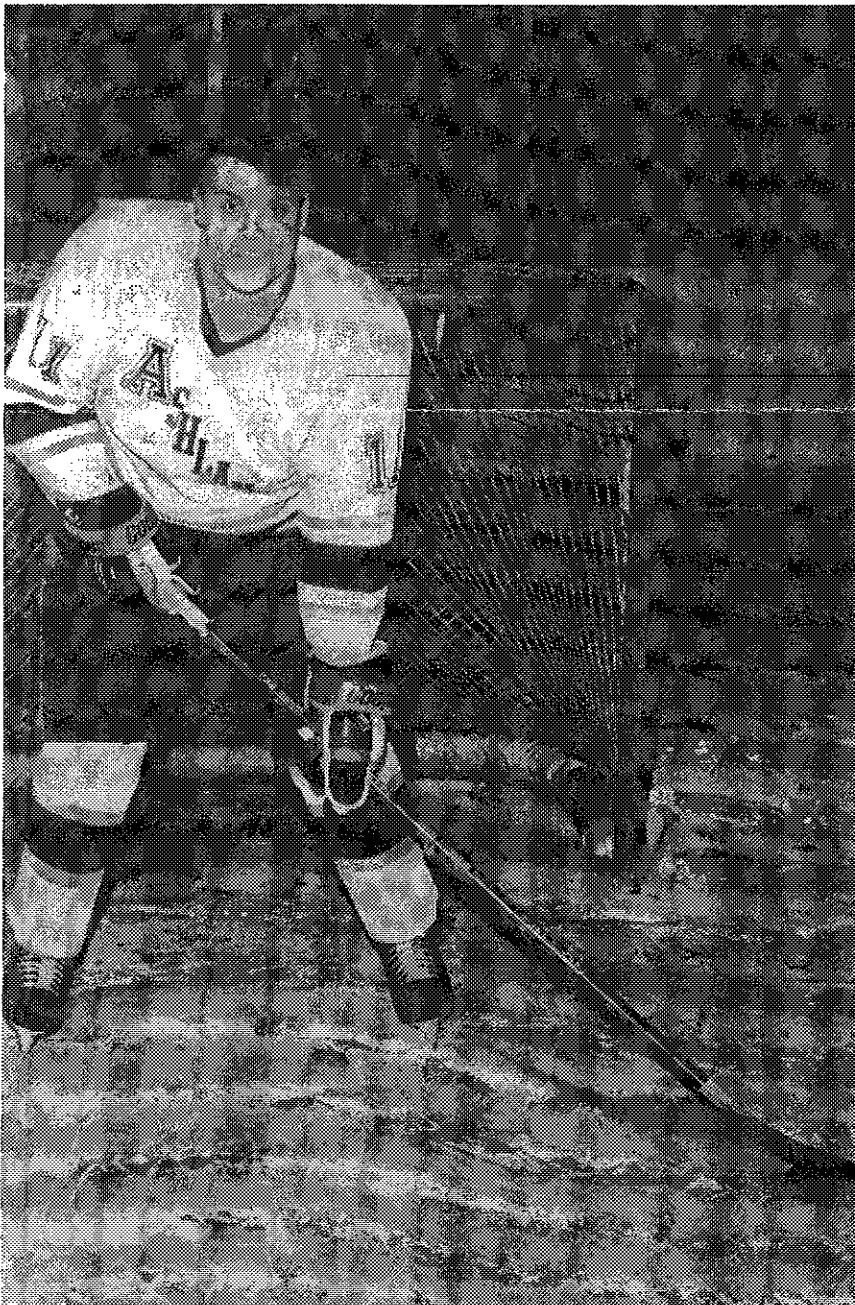
His horseshoe pitching days also started early. Influenced by the Stevens boys, Poppe played his first State Tournament as a junior in 1988. By 1993

his state entry average had developed to 54.5%. The following year he made the switch to open men's division dropping back to a 35% average. Just recently he hit on his first 60% tournament, just two weeks after cracking the 50% mark.

In March, last year, Poppe traveled to Finland to play hockey at the World Winter Games for the Deaf. He was honored to be named the team "starter" at left-winger.

The team defeated Canada to set-up a final showdown with Russia. Their victory over the Russian team earned for them, the gold medal.

Poppe is currently a second year Marketing & Business student at North Tech in Wausau, Wisconsin. Education brought him to this central state location, a short distance from the town of Mosinee.



He became affiliated with the Mosinee Paper-Makers, a hockey team in the Badgerland Conference where he plays defense and left wing. He was not only team captain during this past season, but as leading scorer he was voted "Most-Valuable-Player." In their 15 game schedule, Poppe earned 32 points with 22 goals and 10 assists.

This Summer, Poppe expects to attend try-outs in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the hearing impaired baseball team. It may lead to a trip to the Pan-Am Games to be held in Venezuela.

Down the road, Poppe plans on being part of the 1999 World Winter Games for the Deaf in Davos, Switzerland. Part of the plan is to be captain of the hockey team.

So..., good luck in your travels, Rick Poppe. Would you have the time for a little side trip to Gillette, Wyoming this summer?

UPDATE.

Poppe has been chosen for the baseball team. Will be going to Venezuela! and Gillette.

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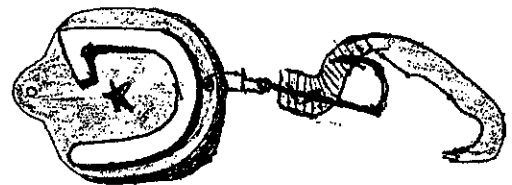
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