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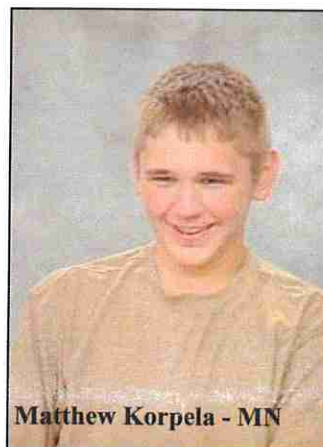
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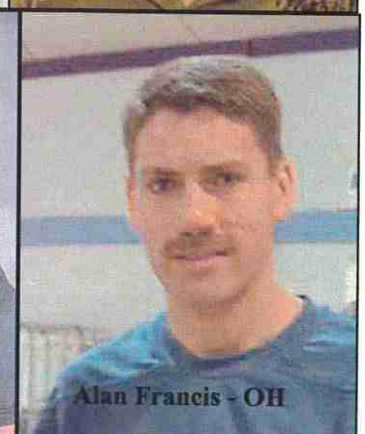
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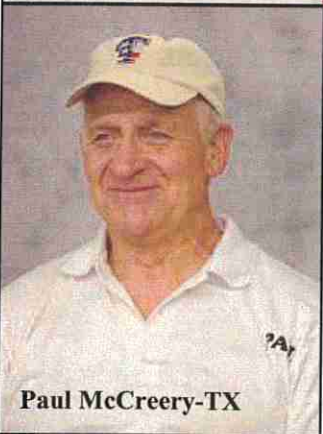
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Angeline Moisan - PQ



Alan Francis - OH



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The 2005 World Tournament

Bakersfield, CA was the sight of the 2005 World Horseshoe Tournament and only about 800 pitchers attended. It was less than an ideal setting. The pitching was in two different buildings and with 24 courts in one building it was difficult for the spectators. The other building only housed 18 courts and that was much better for the spectators. So much for the need for sweaters for the scorekeepers be-

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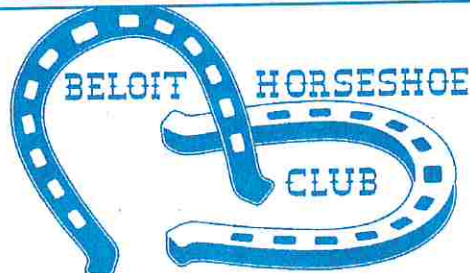


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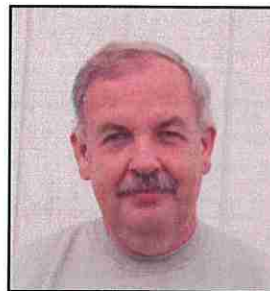
Coming Events

Sept. 3-4-5	State Tournament @ Beloit	\$25
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI 54937 920-922-0080 28-05-038 28-05-039 (you're late)		
Sept. 10-11	"Wet'n Wild"	\$10
Jane Smith 1481 180th St. Balsam Lake, WI 54810 715-485-3057 28-05-040 D/L 8-27		
Sept. 9-10-11	VFW Doubles, Comb. Locks	
Don Navarrette 534 Woodlawn Ct. \$25.00/Team Combined Locks, WI 54113 920-788-1633 Unsanctioned D/L 8-27		
Sept. 17	The No Reason @ Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-05-045 D/L 9-04		
Sept. 18	Beloit Doubles per team	\$20
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 Unsanctioned D/L 9-08		
OCT 1	Northern WI Open - Marengo	\$15
Steve Stevens 39860 Pelt Rd Marengo, WI 54855 715-278-3473 28-05-054 D/L 9/18		
Oct. 15	Fall Meeting	WI Dells
Oct. 8-9	Beloit Singles	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-05-046 D/L 9-28		
Oct. 22-23	Deansville Singles	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925 920-423-4924 28-05-047 D/L 10-08		
Oct. 29	The Fall Classic @ Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-05-048 D/L 10-16		
Nov. 5-6	Autumn Harvest @ Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-05-049 D/L 10-26		
Dec. 3-4	Deansville Open	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925 920-423-4924 28-05-050 D/L 11-19-05		
Dec. 10	The Santas Singles @ Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-05-051 D/L 11-27		

THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS PREPARED BY NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR KEN JAEGER. ANY ERRORS, OR ADDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN JAEGER.

KEY: Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event. Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.

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The President's Column

One of the most asked questions that I hear is, "How are averages determined? Mine seems a little high..."

Well, averages are calculated using the top three of the last ten tournaments you've pitched, if they are pitched within the past 12 months. If you pitch a lot of tournaments, your last 10 may be only three or four months old. If you only pitch three or four tournaments in a year, they will be part of your average for 12 months after they were pitched.

If you play two or three tournaments a year, you will have a true average. If you play a lot of tournaments, you have an inflated average because it is calculated using the top three of the last 10.

Now you ask, why only the top three? I can't tell you that answer. I was told that it would be too expensive to change how things are done. Maybe? I know it is easier for championship players to keep their high averages under the current system, and high averages do make our sport look better. Any class below championship might have people with inflated averages as well as pitchers with true averages.

This way of keeping averages may not be perfect but it has done well over the years, making the classes a lot fairer. It has helped do away with people turning in averages 15% to 20% below what they normally pitch.

To look up your average in NATSTATS, follow the steps outlined in "How to Look Up Your NATSTATS Average, on page 10 of this issue.

Good pitching,

Tom

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cause it was too cold, as we were told by the Bakersfield people. The "Swamp Coolers" were hard pressed to do much with the 108° temperature outside.

The NHPA office was in a third building and, it being one of the oldest buildings in the complex, had "swamp coolers" that did little more than blow the hot air around. The NHPA ended up renting 3 portable coolers to keep the air to a liveable temperature. It is really hard to work and concentrate with the sweat running in your eyes.

The championship classes had diluted averages with the entering numbers being at about 65% of normal. The only good thing that came out of that was that pitchers that normally may not get to the championship group were this year able to pitch against some of the worlds finest pitchers.

Walter Ray Williams, in past years a right-handed pitcher, pitched this years tournament left-handed and came in second with a 72.48 average. Very close to being the same average as he does right-handed. You have to give the guy his due. He's a very remarkable athlete.

Wisconsin's championship class representatives were very competitive. Kiri Cook beat Amy Horton in the final game to force a tie but she couldn't quite pull out another win against her in a playoff. Mark Mauthe and Gert Wilcziek came in sixth and seventh respectively in their classes and had some very good matches. Gert just can't seem to raise her game to the same level on the raised courts as she does on the ground level ones. Aleena Cook was 5th in the Jr Girls, Nathan Heinritz ended up 9th in the Jr Boys, Sue Helene 14th in the Ladies class, and Edie McKinney was 6th in the Senior Ladies.

2005 World Tournament Results from Bakersfield, CA

Allan Francis cracks the record with his 11th World title in top fashion winning all games and adding a perfect game to boot.

Horseshoe fans saw Francis wipe out the competition. No other pitcher could score more than 20 points with Francis on the other approach.

Pinch yourself. Are we all aware that the present World Champion is a contender for the best horseshoe pitcher ever?

Just sixteen years ago Francis stepped up to the championship class winning his first open men's title in Spearfish., SD

Seems fitting that second place this year should go to Walter Ray Williams.

His five World titles are second only to Francis in the past 25 years.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1. Allan Francis	OH	23/0	84.65
2. W.R. Williams	FL	21/2	72.48
3. Gale Greene	VT	19/4	69.73
4. Shannon Foster	TN	17/6	73.18
5. Andre LeCLerc	PQ	16/7	63.50
6. Mark Mauthe	WI	15/8	63.75

Sue Snyder retains the World title with her sixth win.. Her only loss was to Debra Odum the fifth place finisher.

Joan Elmore, 2nd, actually looked stronger but gave it up in the last game to third place and former champion , Sylvianne Moisan.

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1. Sue Snyder	KY	22/1	82.39
2. Joan Elmore	TN	21/2	84.29
3. Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	20/3	76.73
4. Rivers Prewette	NC	20/3	69.67
5. Debra Odum	TX	19/4	75.10
6 Shelia Shepard	CO	19/4	70.07
7. Gert Wilcziek	WI	15/8	70.33
14. Sue Helene	WI	9/14	57.44

Cooks continue onslaught in JR GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Kiri Cook made a run for it with her best game defeating Amy Horton in the final regular scheduled game. It caused a playoff of the longest game, 68 shoes. Kiri was just a few points shy of the world title at 36/41.

1. Amy Horton	CA	5/1	38.17
2. Kiri Cook	WI	4/2	36.53
3. Katie Thomsen	NE	3/2	37.24
4. Shania Stover	SD	3/2	34.02
5. Aleena Cook	WI	1/4	34.02

Good news in the Juniors classes. **Nathan Heinritz** came through A class to the championship class finishing 8th & 9th respectively.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

1. Matt Korpela	MN	1/0	73.06
2. Tony White	PA	10/1	74.17
9. Nathan Heinritz	WI	5/6	56.14

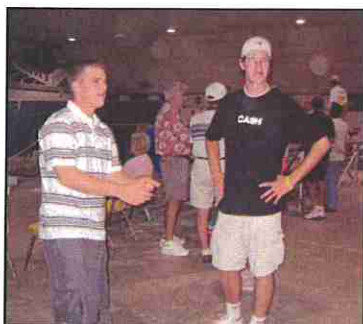
ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Paul McCreery	TX	11 /1	76.41
2. Ed Arionus	TX	10 2	79.14
3. D W Story	TN	9/ 2	72.28

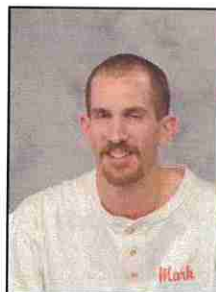
CHAMPIONSHIP SR LADIES

Angeline Moisan wins the Senior Womens title

1. Angeline Moisan	PQ	5/0	68.70
2. Mary Ann Peniger	KS	4/1	75.24
3. Edi Holland	MN	2/3	56.36
4. Elaine Butcher	CA	2/3	47.11
5. Joan Douglas	PA	1/4	48.72
6. Eddie McKinney	WI	1/4	48.71



Wisconsin has some winners!



Platteville's **Mark Mauthe** wins A class and goes on to the Championship Class finishing 6th in the World. with 15 wins and just 8 losses pitching 63.8%.

Gert Wilcziek was an automatic seed to the Womens championship class. She placed 7th in the World winning 15, dropping 8 while pitching the fifth high percentage of 70.33

Sue Helene takes a lock on women's B going 14 and 1 pitching 56.83. She went on to the championship class winning 9 games increasing her percentage to 57.44



Ken Heinritz, nailed the class B top spot with a 13/4 record pitching 49.12%. It took some play off games to do it.



Looking at the rest of the World through rose colored glasses , we are reporting pitching records of our top pitchers while acknowledging other participants as well.

In the Open Men **Ken Jaeger** pitched the A-2 class, **Tom Endler** also pitched the B class. **Terry Sternberg** and, **Pudge Dahl** played C. **Tom Costa** hung on to - fourth in D-1 winning 11 and dropping four at 35.0%. **Ralph Marthaler** played D-2 class. **Dick Hansen** did it in E-1. **Pete Kumlien**, F-2, **Russ Burns**, I-2, **Wayne Franzen** and **Jim Uhlenhake**, K class.

Dave Schorbahn played Sr A. **Don Burmeister**, listed as a California entrant carries a Wisconsin card and pitched Elders C.



Down and Back

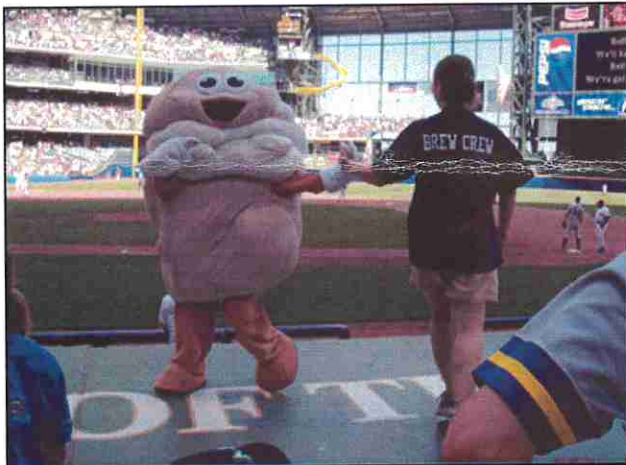
with Jim Haupt

The July /Aug issue of Newslines, the NHPA magazine, carried a few Wisconsin related articles.

The cover picture featured winners of Team-World submitted by Ken Kosky. Last page, the story of Team-World by Jim Haupt with results submitted by Jeff Secord.

Lisa McTavish, a pitching member of the Goldendale club was awarded an NHPA scholarship from Lorraine Sternberg, the NHPA sanctioned league director.

McTavish is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Key club, Red Arrow club, was a member of the volleyball team and a three year Varsity Letter Girl's track team.



Jennifer McTavish was the Wisconsin State Fair mascot, Cravin' D. Cream Puff. She also had the opportunity to be Cravin' at a Brewers Game and yes, that is her dancing the polka during the 7th Inning Stretch on top of the Home Team Dugout.

And the list goes on, you name it, she has done it at her school, Wauwautosa East.

She is a tough pitcher who can beat me with a handicap of 41. Besides that she is a nice person and we are glad to see she was recognized.

Finally, President Paul Stewart announced the appointment of Ken Heinritz as an NHPA Assistant

Chaplain and feels that he is well qualified and will do a great job.

Congratulations to our WHPA Chaplain, Ken Heinritz.

That's it from Newslines specifically regarding this state. To receive the entire publication on a regular basis write to NHPA sec-treas, Dick Hansen.

Here's a PS to Newslines stuff. The patron saint of flippers is going into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Not heard of much these days is Jesse Gonzales who has a career average of 75.31% for world tournament competition. Last competed in the World in 1991.

God must love those flippers: We are having another big year long raffle to benefit the Junior Scholarship Fund, right? Prior to the Club Team tournament I wrote Sonia Cook regarding raffle ticket sales. She said Sylvia David would handle sales for the Club Team.

I approached Sylvia for tickets at the time. She informed me that the tickets were not in print as yet but she was selling tickets for something else. I had showed my hand, thought I had better buy. Two weeks later some outfit from upstate sent me \$50.

Dave Volz says the Jerry Volz Memorial tournament was an smashing success. 32 teams played on a day, the 25th of June, when there were two other sanctioned events playing in Wisconsin.

Team-World is unique to the NHPA scene, different because it is a team event, the premier team event of the NHPA. The tournament committee and the Beloit hosts can take a bow for this one from Paul LaCrosse who was recently quoted in the "Double Ringer" after Colorado had won their third Team-World saying that the event, "Without a question the most-sociable tournament there is in the United States or Canada."

Another great tournament opportunity was shot down with the cancellation of Kewaskum. The note from tournament director, Dan Schulz lamented that only eight entries were received. Too bad, its such a nice place. Beloit and Eagle, two popular horseshoe destinations, also scheduled tournaments for the same weekend.

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Alan Francis Pitches a Perfect Game at 2005 World

The First in the Men's Since Elmer Hohl in 1968

Round 14:		Court : 3:		Date 7/30/2005		
1. Alan Francis - OH		VS		11. Buddy Dyrda - BC		
Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
X X			2	X X		--
O X	3	3	4	X --		--
O O	6	9	6	-- --		--
X X			8	X X		--
O X	3	12	10	X --		--
O X	3	15	12	X --		--
O X	3	18	14	X --		--
O X	3	21	16	X --		--
X X			18	X X		--
O X	3	24	20	X --		--
O X	3	27	22	X --		--
X X			24	X X		--
O X	3	30	26	X --		--
O O	6	36	28	-- --		--
O O	6	42	30	-- --		--
42		SCORE	0			
30		RINGERS	16			
30		SHOES	30			
100.0		PERCENT	53.33			

Convention Results

From the internet

For the first time in convention history we had a tie in voting for the location of the world tournament site. After a meeting of the executive council and the bidders involved it was decided to award the 2007 World Tournament to Ardmore Oklahoma and the 2008 World Tournament to Decatur, Alabama. Congratulations to Both Bidders.

As was recommended by the Council the rules re-write has been tabled for the next year to provide more time for the committee to receive additional input from the membership.

Election of officers resulted in Dan Sanders, regional director of OH, being elected to office as the NHPA 1st VP replacing Allen Baptist who was not seeking re-election.

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Down & Back

We have heard the number of entrants for the State tournament in Beloit this year is a meager 179. With near 500 card members in Wisconsin we should be doing better than that. It was the subject of some discussion at the last meeting and appears to be an ongoing quest. We are open to any suggestions to increase the participation at our state tournaments.

One suggestion has been that we do it indoors in 2 days on a weekend other than Labor Day. Maybe a week earlier or the following week. Only indoors would work because of weather concerns. Labor Day is always a family holiday and many pitchers have other commitments.

A Tale from Bakersfield

By Ken Kosky

Burly 'The Prezz' and I had been out to dinner numerous times during our stay at the World Tournament. They were always enjoyable with Burly telling stories about his colorful life of 70-some years. On this particular evening Burly and I hooked up with the Close-X-Count ladies and several more pitchers from Minnesota. There was Jane and Gloria Smith, Edie, Lu Cave, Mary Denzin, Ward Lutz, and Jane's sister and her family from California.

We went to a place called Logan's Roadhouse and it wasn't long after we got seated that Burly started entertaining Edie, who was lucky enough to be seated next to him. Jane had ordered a Long Island Tea and it was reddish color and came in a quart jar. Burly told the waitress that he and Jane were married when she was very young but he couldn't control her drinking so he divorced her. That started the laughing.

It wasn't long until there was some hooping and hollering and the whole gang of waitresses came out to the table next to us and brought ice cream and cake and everyone sang happy birthday. With Burly's fertile mind it didn't take long for him to come with an idea that would entertain for a good part of the evening. Pretending he was going to the bathroom, Burly found our waitress and told her that it was Jane's birthday. (It really was 3 or 4 months ago but Burly didn't let the truth get in the way of some fun)

When our meal was about over, here came the troops carrying a big bowl of ice cream and plopped it in front of Jane and everybody sang happy birthday.

When the waitress brought Burly his check he told her to give it to Jane. He said he was still paying her

alimony and she had all the money.

The next day at the courts, between shifts, Burly gathered a bunch and they went over to where Jane was keeping score and they sang happy birthday. Even some of the crowd joined in.

Burly wasn't done with her yet. The next day he picked up a greeting card about Best Friends, etc. He went around to everyone and had them sign it. Even such notables such as Alan and Amy Francis, and Walter Ray Williams signed the card. And just to top it off he had Jane sign the card too. He was telling



everybody that it was for a "Stewlie" friend that needed cheering up. When the Women's Champ Class was over he gathered his group of cohorts and

'again' they sang happy birthday to Jane and Burly gave her the card that everyone had signed. "You got me to sign my own card" exclaimed Jane. Burly had signed the card as BURLY, YOUR EX.

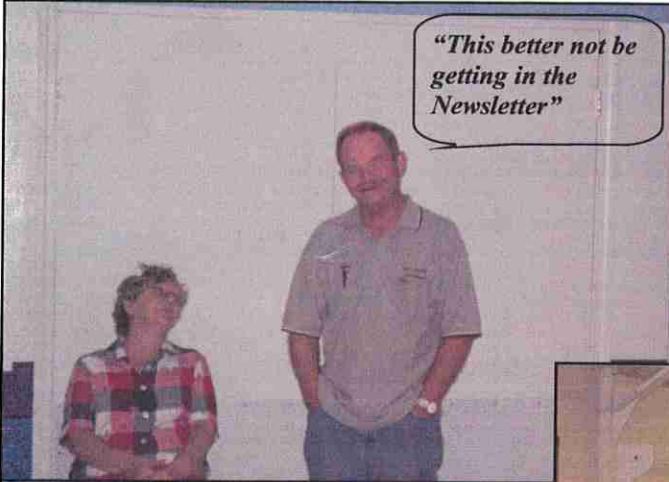
Jane promised to get even when Burly came to Beloit for the WI State Tournament..

A footnote: Gene Burlingame, Burly, from Iowa, is the founder and affectionately known as "The Prezz" of the STEWLIES. 700 plus members and still growing.

WI Horseshoe Newsletter

1. We are changing things up effective January 1, 2006. We will only be publishing 6 issues per year. They will be every other month; January, March, May, July, September, and November. It is the same price per issue and everyones due date will be adjusted to reflect the change.
2. We can't get the Newsletter to you if you don't give us a current address. The PO will not forward them. If you move, tell us!

Thank you, Jim, Jane, Ken.



"This better not be getting in the Newsletter"



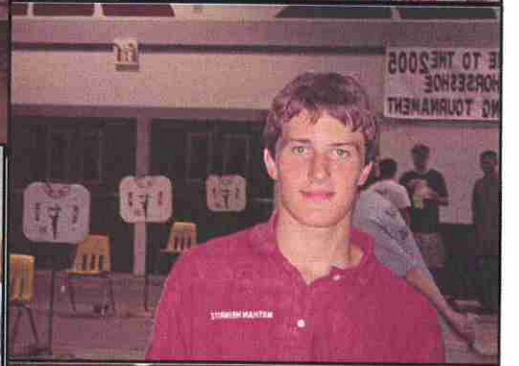
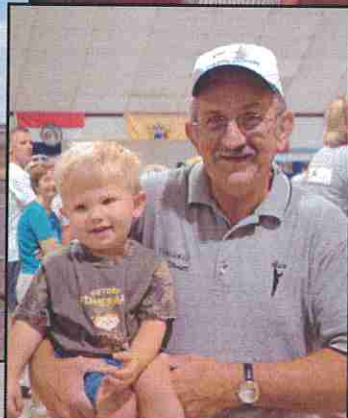
Ken and Kathy Jaeger helping out at the "Game Related Sales" booth.



This is the condition of the shipping box Delta Airlines used to ship Ken Heinritz's horseshoes to Bakersfield, CA. Remarkably nothing was missing.



Game Related Sales headed west



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4. While hovering over NATSTATS, move the mouse cursor to the right and click on Individual Search. You will be directed to the web address:
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The page at the top will say "National Horseshoe Pitchers Association" followed by a gray box, saying "Search for:" and then a search box.
5. Enter the name of the person whose average you want into the search box, then click on Search (or else hit Enter key).
6. The search will find all people who match the description of your search, displaying the person's full name and NHPA card number. If there is more than one search result for the name you entered, choose the person you are looking for from the numbered list by clicking on either the name or the NHPA card number.

TIP: Bookmark the address

<http://www.horseshoepitching.com/natsearch/search.htm>

By clicking on this bookmark, you will go directly to Step 6.

For help on using Bookmarks, please refer to your web browser's help menu.

While Under the Mask

with Ken Heinritz



With a few travelers' cheques, a tent, some clothes, an air mattress and of course the Ringle Singles, my 15 yr. old nephew Nathan and I were headed for California. Not exactly a trip the 'Clampits' took but rather a 'faith' trip you might say as we opted to forgo a rental car and make do with plenty of peanut butter and jelly sand-wiches. With seatbelts fastened and ready for take-off we had no idea what kind of ride we were in for.

Bakersfield was HOT, felt like a blast of an oven as we were greeted with 116 degree temperatures leaving the air-conditioned airport in Bakersfield, easily averaging over 100 degrees the 11 days we were there. The two buildings that housed the competition were a bit cooler than outside heat. The clay was a yellow/orange desert color and sort of collected on your shoes, like a snowball.

The heat and inconvenience Nathan and I put up with was minor because we were there to pitch, so we got down to business.

Since the Junior Class started at the beginning of the 1st week, Nathan began warm-ups in the morning. My 1st plan of attack was to have NHPA President Paul Stewart check out Nathan's pitch. Was it legal or not? He has a very quick follow through step that had several individuals squawking. Paul sent his two vice presidents to do the dirty work. They set up a large 'state of the art' camera on a tripod because one said 'he's fouling' and the other said 'no'. After videoing 9 deliveries, we re-wound the tape, and then watched in slo-mo. Then we studied the tape frame by frame. It was clear that his shoe left his hand before the follow through step occurred. It was close because the foot was a blur. All was legal. Even though his approach was cleared, some 'judges' were trying to tell Nathan that he was fouling by three feet. Oh well! Wiping the sweat off his brow even before the competition began, Nathan went out there and through a 62.88%, good enough for the fifth seed in the championship division. He went on to finish ninth, even

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Friends We'll Miss

Tommy Bartlen

Vince Bartlen, to other than horseshoe pitchers, passed away in his 88th year early in July 2005. He had been confined to a nursing home for the past few months.

"Tommy," by his horseshoe name, was the Wisconsin State Champion five times, last in 1967. Recently we observed his horseshoe box was autographed by Casey Jones, Fernando Isasis, and Ted Allen. He liked being associated with those three great pitchers and really was of their era.

He began his pitching career in California and shall be forever remembered as part of a famous doubles match therewith Dean Brown.

He was known as the czar of dartball and commissioner at Milwaukee's Washington Park Dartball Club for many years where he also served as everlasting president of the horseshoe club.

Fortunately, several years ago he was feted at an appreciation banquet in his honor by the Washington Park Dartball Club for his many years of service.

He was inducted into the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1979.

Just as Tommy measured his life associating with famous pitchers, we too value our friendship with Tommy.

He is survived by his wife, June who continues to live in West Allis, WI

Clifford A Baker

Cliff Baker, 62, of Sheldon, IL, died as a result of an automobile accident early August.

He was Illinois state champion horseshoe pitcher nine times and a regular Illinois team member at the Team-World tournament. Known as a friend and fine competitor to many Wisconsin pitchers.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Linda and son, Vince Allen Baker of Tracey, CA.

(Continued from page 10) **Behind the Mask**

with whisperers and the countless times he was asked why he 'flipped' the shoe! All the other juniors in the championship class chose the 'turn shoe'.

We had a guest the third night in the sweltering tent – none other than Tom Costa. Only this night we pulled the mattress out of the tent and slept under the stars, not much cooler. I still can't get used to seeing the word 'NEVADA' on the back of his shirt. Tom 'tilled' his way to a fourth place finish, only one game behind the class champion.

The friendships we made were many and will have a lasting impact. I must say that horseshoe pitchers are a unique breed. We will do just about anything for each other. Rides to and from the airport, 7 nights in a motel with air conditioning and SHOWERS, rental car use for several days, use of a phone, breakfasts and other meals, rides to the practice

courts, even a trip to the Sequoia National Forest were just some of the blessings heaped our way. You know who you are. We know and God knows too. In fact, the kindness you showed reminds me of some words from Scripture which says that we are 'not to lay up treasures on earth' but 'treasures in heaven where moth and rust cannot destroy and where thieves cannot break in and steal.' Thank You! Our memories at the Bakersfield World were not about stats or winning (Believe me, I was thrilled with my finish), but rather the kindness showed by so many.

Be careful or you too may catch that contagious 'disease' carried by those kind-hearted individuals known as 'horseshoe pitchers'

On The Cutting Room Floor

And missed by your publisher for the last issue.

By Ken Kosky

I apologize to the people whose events we missed, and in particular to Ted Rohde of LaCrosse who's tournament on August 28 was not listed. The following page(s) will hopefully catch us up.

Rockford Spring Open

by Glenn Wicklund

On June 4 we had a turnout of 27 players on a warm spring day made for a great tournament.

Hurray hurray! History was made today, when long time pitcher, Dan Lessman, won his first class champion patch after years of trying.

A brief shower interrupted the afternoon classes. Four classes played a double round robin and two with 250 shoes.

Outstanding pitcher of the day was a real go-getter. Ten year old Brice Rose took a third in Class F.

THE SOMETHING TO DO July 9, 2005

Another Eddie Wheeler offering.

CLASS A

- 1) RANDY REIN 7-0 70.36%
- 2) JOHN MOLLING 6-1 50.71%
- 3) DAN BLOOM 5-2 51.79%

CLASS C

- 1) RICH BONNER 7-1 35.00%
- 2) DAVE KLIPSTEIN 6-2 33.33%
- 3) BOB ANDERSON 5-3 27.05%

CLASS B

- 1) RAY LOPEZ 7-1 38.75%
- 2) RAY GROSKINSKY 5-3 40.42%
- 3) JULIAN TIJERINA 5-3 38.75%

CLASS D

- 1) STEVE RICK 8-0 22.08%

- 2) RODNEY JOHNSON 6-2 21.67%

- 3) PHIL HAAS 5-3 17.21%

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One more Eddie Wheeler event at Arena

CLASS A

- 1) BUN CARLEY 8-0 49.06%
- 2) ARNIE WALTON 6-2 44.06%
- 3) WILLIAM SPAHN 5-3 45.94%

CLASS B

- 1) DAVE VOLZ 6-1 39.64%
- 2) TIP WIPPERFURTH 5-2 30.71%
- 3) LEN MAUTHE 4-3 32.50%

CLASS C

- 1) MILLARD HARDING 6-0 21.25%
- 2) JIM RICK 4-2 21.72%
- 3) DANIEL NALEPINSKI 3-3 23.77%

Class A

- Glenn Wicklund 6/0 52.5
 Jesse Garza 4/2 39.16
 Tom Endler 1.5/4.5 40.83
 Paul Wilson 0.5/5.5 38.75

Class B

- Red Ferguson 4/1 33.6
 Dennis Simler 3.5/1.5 38.0
 Rowen Swick 3.5/1.5 30.8

Class C

- Dan Lessman 4/1 28.0
 Ken Lovaas 4/1 22.8
 Dan Strieber 3/2 32.4

Class D

- Dutch Rittweger 5/1 31.66
 John Geschwind 3/3 21.66
 Jim Wells 2/4 22.8

Class E

- Booty Lange 3.5/2.5 20.41
 Jim Huckabee 3/3 26.25
 Tony Elder 3/3 22.08

Beloit Spring Singles

From Jimmy Paulson

Class A

1. Mark Mauthe	5/2	65.36
2. Glenn Wicklund	5/2	64.64
3. Ralph Maylahn	5/2	62.86

Class B

1. Virgil Smith	5/0	45.20
2. Mel Daily	3/2	45.20
3. Jerard Mageland	3/2	41.60

Class C

1. Milt Larsen	5/2	36.43
2. Dennis Simler	4/3	40.36
3. Bud Hammer	4/3	37.86

Class D

1. Daniel Lessman	5/0	38.00
2. Dianne Leopold	3/2	40.00
3. Guy Modde	3/2	32.80

Class E

1. Marvin Robers	4/2	38.7
2. Bruce McLinn	4/2	36.67
3. Dave Klipste	4/1	30.40

Class F

1. Pete Kumlien	4/1	34.00
2. Mike Rousseau	4/1	30.40
3. Ed Dolan	3/2	35.20

Class G

1. James Gaspers	5/1	24.17
2. Karen Keelin	4/2	35.00
3. Jim Huckabee	4/2	25.42

Class H

1. Jim Haupt	4/1	37.20
2. Duane Grossen	4/1	25.60
3. Julie Petrovski	2/3	25.6

Class I

1. Tom Steinke	4/1	26.00
2. George Moraza	4/1	25.60
3. Hank Zeisse	3.5 1.5	26.00

Class J

1. Wayne Goers	5/0	19.60
2. John DeVault	4/1	20.80
3. Marv Laidig	3/2	4.80

Junior

1. Ben Holznagel	4/1	7.60
2. Joshua Yungen	4/1	6.40
3. Tristen Tonstad	4/1	4.40

Extra! Extra!

Illinois pitcher usually found in the kitchen of the Beloit clubhouse, ridiculed during the WHPA banquet meeting for the lack of a class champion patch gets his second in two weeks.

Yes, Dan Lessman has done it!

Rather than devoting an entire extra issue to the well driller from south of the border, the staff of this newsletter realizing the edifying importance of the occasion has chosen to honor the chicken gumbo king on his recent victories in this the, Lessman column.'

His intention is to create a 'brag jacket' emulating his idol, Ralph Maylahn. Despite his late start, Lessman now has a patch for front and back, coming and going, "Class Champion 2005."

His success should be an example of devotion to a cause to all pitchers. Keep smiling, act like a winner, and your day will come.

To all future opponents of the "Great Less- One," we have this advice, play him like you did before, this beam of great expectations can't last forever.

A Computer Glitch

We of the Newsletter collect and assemble ordinary news articles for every issue by computer Email. It all goes to Ken Kosky who publishes it.

The last issue had some kind of computer glitch that prevented some articles from going through.

Begging your indulgence, we will publish some of the stuff that was found on the cutting room floor that we believe is still of some interest.

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."
The Dalai Lama

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

Benjamin Franklin

MARSHFIELD OPEN RESULTS
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - BRAEM PARK
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005

Sanction #28,05,024

Director: Dan David

<i>CLASS A</i>			<i>CLASS B</i>		
7 wins	Randy Rein	62.5	6 wins	Gene Mason	59.28
5-1/2	Clayton Gage	56.07	5	Nelson Richason	43.57
4	Ron Wilcziek	55.35	4	Vince Jakel	44.64
3-1/2	Roger Comero	51.78	4	Doug Bakkum	41.42
3	Tava Cook	51.07	3-1/2	Sonia Cook	38.21
3	Mark Stevens	46.07	3	Jerry Niemuth	38.21
2	John Molling	47.14	2-1/2	Ken Schumann	35.
0	Ray Allman	30.71	0	Tina Riehle	27.5

<i>CLASS C</i>			<i>CLASS D</i>		
5-1/2	Kiri Cook	33.92	5-1/2	Gary Wegner	30.35
5	Ivan Ruzic	40.1	5	Bob Kallstrom	35.35
4-1/2	Reuben Eckhart	32.85	5	Robin Mahn	32.85
4-1/2	Jim Jakel	31.42	4	James Ganther	26.07
4	Dan David	36.42	4	Ted Rohde	22.14
3-1/2	Ralph Marthaler	29.64	3	Ed Hack	23.57
1	Merrill Semingson	24.64	1-1/2	Rodney Johnson	24.28
			0	Ray Mallo	21.42

<i>CLASS E</i>			<i>CLASS F</i>		
7	Aleena Cook	27.5	5	Jeff Wilke	8.0
5	Beth Strohman	19.58	3	Jay Ganther	6.5
5	Malachi David	19.16	3	Jeff Jakel	5.5
5	Justin Wilke	16.25	3	Dave Cravillion	5.0
3	Dave Semingson	11.25	1	Elisha Bryant	2.5
2	Dustin Duerr	14.16	0	Dan Craft	2.0
0	John Olson	.04			

The day produced beautiful sunshine with a gentle breeze. Many games were won on the last two shoes, or tied. All classes were competitive. Class A boasted three current title holders: State Elders Champion-Clayton Gage, State Mens Champion-Randy Rein, and Junior Girls World Champion-Tava Cook.

Platteville in Spring

CLASS A

Mark Mauthe,	6-1	62.85
Bert Logsdon,	5½-1½	54.64
Dan Bloom,	4-3	47.85

CLASS B

Jan Warwick,	6-1	40.71
Dennis Simler,	5½-1½	42.50
Jerry Schroeder, 4-3		38.92

CLASS C

Earl Paulson,	6-1	31.78
John Brugger,	4½-2½	34.64
Dutch Rittweger, 4-3		30.00

CLASS D

John Bentz, 5½-½	25.00	
Dale Griffith,	4-2	35.83
John Brugger,	4-2	30.41

CLASS E

Dave Miller,	6-1	36.07
Bob Novinski,	5-2	23.92
Cliff VanNatta, 4-2		20.41

JUNIORS CLASS

Ben Holznagel,	5-0	5.50
Josh Yungen,	4-1	10.00
Tristen Tonstad,	3-2	7.00

The junior class was headed for a possible 3 way tie, but Ben Holznagel clinched first place by winning his last game. Dave Miller took class E in a playoff win over Bob Novinski.

In class D Dale Griffith pitched 10% better than John Bentz, but John beat Dale by one point and only lost half a game while taking first place.

Earl Paulson won 6 of 7 games in class C to win first while John Brugger was second 1½ games behind. Jan Warwick of Iowa took first in class B by ½ game over Dennis Simler of Illinois. In class A Mark Mauthe finished first place by ½ game over Bert Logsdon of Minnesota.

High Ringer % Game Winners

Class A	Mark Mauthe	70.00%
Class B	Jan Warwick	55.00%
Class C	Dave Klipstein	57.50%
Class D	Dale Griffith	50.00%
Class E	Dave Mille	47.50%

Thanks to all who helped out and to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the gift certificates.

Platteville Horseshoe Association

So Wisconsin Open

Class A

1. Mark Mauthe	5/0	70.80
2. Paul Wilson	4/1	58.00
3. Ralph Maylahn	3/2	60.80

Class B

1. Kerry Morris	4.5 /0.5	50.40
2. Allen Gonnerman	3.5/ 1.5	46.00
3. Al Huizenga	3 /2	45.20

Class C

1. Rowen Swick	4 /2	45.83
2. Jerry Niemuth	4/2	41.67
3. LaVere Roesslein	3 /3	45.00

Class D

1. Carlton Rittweger	4/1	50.00
2. Dave Amorose	4/1	35.60
3. Dianne Leopold	2 /3	35.60

Class E

1. Marvin Robers	5 /0	45.60
2. Earl Paulson	4/1	39.20
3. John McTigue	3/ 2	32

Class F

1. James Gaspers	5 /0	30.40
2. Jim Huckabee	4 /1	22.00
3. Jerry Palmer	3/2	20.80

Class G

1. Lou Braggio	6/1	21.43
2. John DeVault	4./5 2.5	23.21
3. Matt Austin	4/3	20.36

Comb Lox, 10 July

The Sunday event in Combined Locks is sanctioned and limited to 48. Entries came close to the limit.

Kamps Courts continues to be one of the best places in this state to pitch, watch, and generally have a good time. Pitchers are accommodated with the roof. Spectators are benefited with the viewing area of the deck. If you have company to bring to a tournament, this is the one. The members go out of their way to help enjoy the day.

Com Lox Results

Class A

Ralph Maylahn	5.5/1.5	62.85
Lorraine Sternberg	5/2	64.28
Gene Mason	5/2	63.21

Class B

Bill Matey	6/1	50.71
Norb Fuhrman	6/1	47.14
Cal Pital	4/3	42.14

Class C

Cliff Troullier	7/0	49.28
Milt Larsen	5/2	40.71
Jerry Kamps	4/3	42.50

Class D

Dennis Ambuehl	6/0	37.00
Bob Kabella	4/2	30.83
Steve Mielke	4/2	29.58

Class E

Cecilia Trossen	3.5/0.5	25.00
Ken Wood	3.5 0.5	22.50
Bill Beschta	2/2	24.37



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