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Wakefield horseshoe pitcher elected to U.P. Sports Hall of Fame

IRON MOUNTAIN — Ray Hill, Wakefield, Michigan's world senior horseshoe pitching champion extraordinaire, has added another fitting accolade to his great achievements — being named to the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.

The Sports Hall committee named Hill at its annual selection meeting held in Iron Mountain in July.

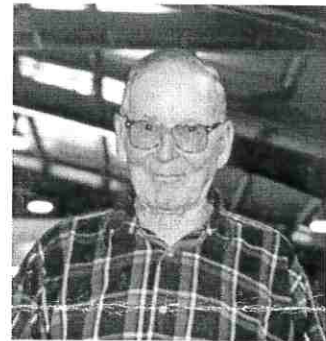
Already a two-time world senior champion, he also finished as runner-up three times, and was named to the horseshoe pitchers halls of fames for the states of Michigan and Wisconsin (honorary) simultaneously.

The U.P. Hall of Fame really gets close to honoring Hill on his home turf, although Hill seems to be right at home anywhere competition takes him.

Hill has competed at a charter level in the Gogebic County Range League and consistently performed at championship level. He reigned as U.P. champ in 1973 and 1974, and continued to conquer all comers in meets at Mountain, Wis., Duluth, Minn., and Marshfield, Wis. Held during the summer of his greatest achievements in world championship play.

When he rose up, accomplishing

his greatest feats at that point, Hill pitched a record 76.6 percent ringers, defeating horseshoe legend Glen "Red" Henton, an Iowan, who placed second with 69.3 percent ringers.



Another conquest that week was topping defending world champion, Willard "Spud" Napier, of California.

In his title march Hill captured 18 matches without defeat in three days of competition at the National Horseshoe Pitching Tourney, in Eau Claire, Wis.

In 1989, Hill won his second world title defeating Henton 40 - 38, in a sudden death playoff. He had a masterful 78 percent ringer percentage. In that title march he kept his overall ringer percent at 78 percent.

Hill will be honored at the annual U.P. Sports Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Iron Mountain.

Special congratulation, Ray, for your fine achievement in the horseshoe pitching arena during your years of successful competition.

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608-795-2573 28-02-037 carolc24@chorus.net D/L 10/26
 Dec 7-8 RED'S GRAND OPENING BELOIT (indoors) \$18
 Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 28-02-049 Limit 72 D/L 11-25
 DEC 14-15 SANTA'S SINGLES at Arena \$15
 Eddie Wheeler W9070 CTH - K, Lodi, WI 53555 28-02-038
608-592-4424 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com D/L 11/30
 Jan 4-5 SNOFLAKE; BELOIT (Indoors at Red's) \$18
 Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 28-03-001 Limit 72 D/L 12-17
 JAN 11-12 001 Arena \$15
 Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 28-03-002 jimhaupt@aol.com D/L 12-29
 Jan 25 - 26 Something to do Arena 28-03-003 \$15
 Eddie Wheeler W9070 Co Hwy K Lodi, WI 53555
608-592-4424 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com D/L 1-12
 FEB 1 DEANSVILLE Singles \$15
 Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925
920-623-4924 28-03-004 vanfleet@centurytel.net D/L 1-19
 FEB 8-9 FREEZEROO Arena \$15
 Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 28-03-005 berg_ron@hotmail.com D/L 1-25
 FEB 15-16 VALENTINE Beloit \$18
 Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 28-03-006 Limit 72 D/L 2-3
 MAR 1 WHY NOT Arena 28-03-007 \$15
 Eddie Wheeler W9070 Co Hwy K, Lodi, WI 53555
608-592-4424 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com D/L 2-15
 MAR 15 SPRING MEETING Arena Free
 For real WHPA members 1:00 PM
 MAR 22 Nelson's Corners Deansville \$15
 Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925
920-623-4924 28-03-008 vanfleet@centurytel.net D/L 3-8
 MAR 23 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE Arena \$60/team
 Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 28-03-009 berg_ron@hotmail.com
 4-man teams; cap 180%; limit 8 teams D/L3-9

Many events show a \$15 entry fee. Make it easy on the tournament director and prepay with your signup.



The President's Column

With only 37 members present at the Fall Meeting, you would of thought the meeting would be short. Not true. There was alt on the agenda, plus what other new business came off the floor.

Arena along with the Goldendale Club decided to bid on the 2003 State Tournament, and to host it at Arena. They were successful in getting the bid by a majority vote.

The Platteville Club won the bid by a majority vote to host the 2004 State Tournament at Platteville.

The Chippewa Valley Visitors Bureau along with the rest of the 2003 World Tournament Committee was unsuccessful in their bid for either the 2003 or 2004 State Tournament. If nothing else you can say the 2003 World Tournament Committee is ambitious. Thank you to Chippewa Valley for their enthusiasm.

The 2003 State Doubles will be regular doubles play, with awards given out after the completion of each class. The same as it was in 2002.

Wishing everyone the Best of Holidays

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

Going Hunting

Note: Some tournaments are scheduled for two days but are subject to response and may be limited to just one of the days scheduled.

Eddie Wheeler is going to host yet another event. What do you suppose he's going to call it? "Something 2 do." He said it first. Wheeler submits dates for seven tournaments and signs off as the "Tournament Monster."

At long last the Beloit club is opening the doors to an indoor event. The first of what they plan to be a monthly offering is "Red's Grand Opening" on Dec 7-8.

FALL MEETING

Just like the Autumn leaves, this is the way it went down.

John Secord read the minutes of the last meeting. Hearing that stuff once more set the tone for the 36 members in attendance. The current bank balance is \$3720. Down a little but explainable. Remember the total. Some one is going to bring it up later.

The WHPA keeper-tracker, Jane Smith, announced the results for the competition among clubs at the State Tournament. Nine clubs participated. Eau Claire won, Goldendale second, and Close doesn't Count third.

Lorraine Sternberg, 3rd of the NHPA brought a supply of the new Red Books and reminded interested parties to submit qualification sheets for the NHPA scholarship award.

Lorraine took the opportunity to make an NHPA Sanctioned League award to Close Doesn't Count. The fifteen year award went to the Junior league considered to be the oldest and largest in the nation.

Tom Steinke, 3rd VP and Jr Scholarship Fund Director presented the annual balance sheet noting the total receipts to be less than \$500 when it used to average \$1000. Published elsewhere this issue.

Terry Sternberg, 2nd WHPA VP, Explained the impending relocation of the 2003 State Tournament. In one word it's "Harley" as in "HOG." The HOGS are expected to inundate the state around Labor Day next year. Later in this meeting new bids will be tendered.

Sternberg reminds the group that he is accepting articles of a historical nature for that display box on the wall at the Sandbar.

NHPA Sec., Treas., Dick Hansen gave the members advance notice that the NHPA home office did a double take on a rule change requiring people other than RD's and officers to be Newsline subscribers. No way to enforce it so they dropped it. Perhaps it could be an advisory that all tournament and league directors keep in touch by being Newsline subscribers.

The Christmas Party is a go., IF. The big if is a minimum of 40 guests. Tentatively scheduled for

the 28th of December at the same place on 76th Street a little south of Ryan road. Are you game? Call Paulette or Dick 414-835-9108.

Ken Jaeger wants to bring this to the attention of all tournament directors but without ruffling any feathers. Says Jaeger, Folks we have got to get better when reporting results. We are catching heck on a national level. Correct and full names are important but timing is most important. Our bylaws suggest 14 days but could we try for just one week in getting results to Secord?

World Tournament Host director, Jane Smith, Passed out a job sheet asking for volunteers. Please sign in on a job of your choice was her message. We will try to include the Job Sheet in some form in this issue. There is something for everybody. Would be great if you could get on board.

Ken Jaeger announced that three WHPA officers were running unopposed. Jane Smith, Tom Steinke, and John Secord. Each duly appointed to another term.

Terry Sternberg was first to present his case for the 2003 State Tournament. It would be in concert with the Arena Sandbaggers and on their grounds. Counting both indoor and outdoor 24 courts would be available. Temporary lighting could be arranged. Area motels are free of the Harley commitment at this time. Clubs involved would be Goldendale, Sandbaggers, and possibly the Fond Du Lac Club in the person of John and Jeff Secord.

Joel Everts, the professional of the Chippewa Valley Association, presented a State Tournament bid from the 2003 World Tournament Committee to be conducted on the Eau Claire courts at Carson Park.

It was a world class presentation

with colored slides splashed on the wall— He admitted he was a professional representing the interests of the present World Tournament Committee.

Amazing! The Harley thing first - appeared to be insurmountable and suddenly there were two options.

24 members raised their hands for the Arena location. That being 2/3 of the vote ended it. Arena and Goldendale will host the 2003 State.

The next thing on the agenda was the 2004 State Tournament. Mark Mauthe offered the Platteville courts saying three more courts would be built for

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the occasion for a total of 16. They had the blessing of the Park Commission and use of a couple of buildings. Platteville enlisted the Sandbaggers as co-hosts

The World Tournament Committee made another spur of the moment offer for Carson Park again, same deal just a year later.

A show of hands made short work of the decision. The vote was hands down for Platteville-Sandbaggers.

Dick Hansen announced that the NHPF, read that right, the Foundation will make eight \$1000 grants this coming year for court upgrades such as Platteville is planning. Newslines will carry full details.

Marring the discussion of the virtues of available State Tournament sites were some complaints regarding the format of the last State Tournament at Wausau. Some people lulled into a sense of tradition established over the past few years, made other plans for the actual Labor Day holiday. When the schedule showed Monday as a day of competition it suddenly became a conflict for the anticipators. The words heard were not pleasant. People were definitely disappointed and felt let down saying the three day format should have been made public earlier. In defense Jane Smith said she had promised at the spring meeting Spring Meeting that things would be different saying they were emulating the World Tournament in scheduling the championship classes on the third and final day. That third day has lately been reserved as a rain day however, the event is without a doubt, always scheduled for three days. Pitchers are expected to be available the third day.

It was proposed that the executive board do the scheduling and the resulting format. Tom Steinke squelched that idea indicating that the host club is competent, should be honored to do their own scheduling and would see any interference as unnecessary encroachment.

Last year the State Doubles format was common or regular doubles. The walking part was shelved for a year. The members voted to continue the common variety of the game.

Ken Jaeger went to bat for the 2003 World Committee citing cost now up to and maybe exceeding \$70,000. He suggested the WHPA donate \$500 as the Minnesota people had done for the Bismarck World. It passed by acclamation.

Paulette Hansen says, Ok now we have \$3200 in our treasury. Maybe we ought to think about an increase in state dues. Feeling was that was not going to fly.

Sonia Cook asked about club dues. Jaeger likes increased tournament fees.

The need for more funds is not pressing right now and further discussion was left for another day.

Other complaints heard was the length of time that some classes consumed throwing the rest of the schedule out of whack. Tom Steinke agreed placing the blame on a few people. "It's Mickey Mouse stuff," says Steinke, "Eventually the last guy done knows who he is."

Pregnant suggestion for our State Tournament was the use of the tri-copy score sheet like the NHPA uses at the World.

When the meeting opened Jaeger reminded members that only previous year members (2001) would be allowed to vote. We know it's in the bylaws but doesn't it seem a little silly that at a fall meeting present year members are not recognized?

Presently members renewing their card must do so before June 30 or a late fee is imposed. That is thought to be an imposition or a deterrent in obtaining new members. Next time the book is "open" it will be changed.

Hansen reminded all that after October 1 new cards are issued for the next year.

Mark Mauthe submitted a few ideas to toss around before the spring meeting.

1. The 10 player championship class should be charged \$2 each for extra scorekeeping.
2. What should be the charge for move-ups?
3. How to handle drop-outs vs. move-ups?
4. 10 player championship rounds or 9 games may be too much for quality pitching.
5. 40 shoe games instead of 50.

We will add to this list as ideas are submitted to the Newsletter.

Adjourned at 3:15 PM

Dick Hansen helped Lorraine Sternberg mount her plaque in the Hall of Fame cabinet on the wall at the Sandbar.

She said first she would like to thank everybody. She has made lots of friends through horseshoes and finally of the HOF induction she said how much she appreciates the honor.

2002 State Club Championships

By Jane Smith

This year featured the most ever number of clubs participating in the State Tournament Club competition. Nine clubs vied for bragging rights. Club average points ranged from 9th place with 4.09 points to first with 6.33 points. Marshfield averaged 4.09 points with 11 pitchers and one state Champion. Not too bad for a host club. Windy Hill also had 11 pitchers, one state champion and point average of 4.72 for 8th place. The wear and tear of hosting may have taken its toll on these two clubs. First time entry Neenah Valley

Horseshoe Club placed 7th with point average of 4.8, Six pitchers and one State Class Champ. There was a tie for 5th and 6th place as both Kenosha and Combined Locks Clubs averaged 5.1 points with 10 pitchers. Kenosha claims one state class champion while Combined locks claims two. 4th place went to the all male Sandbar Sandbaggers Club with 15 pitchers, three state class champs, and point average of 5.26. 3rd place went to the only club in the state, and maybe nation, where there are more junior pitchers than adult pitchers. The land of the thirty foot pitchers where the Close Doesn't Count league reigns totaled 5.88 points with 17 pitchers, 3 state class champions and one state champion. It seems the Goldendale

Horseshoe pitchers believe in the Gold as their six pitchers averaged 6 points with one class champion and one remarkable state champion. That leaves Eau Claire as the 1st place winners in the 2002 contest. They had 15 pitchers who averaged 6.33 points and have claim to three State Class Champions.

Money was paid to the top four places. Certificates were awarded to all clubs listing the names of the participants and number of champions. Eau Claire also receives free entry to the 2003 State Tournament Club contest. Thanks to all clubs, large and small, who accepted the challenge to participate in this event.

Sculptor's Attitude

"I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friend or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or I can feel honored because the Lord has provide shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a GREAT DAY.....unless you have other plans."

2002 FALL FINANCIAL REPORT of WHPA

ENDING BALANCE MARCH 16,2002	4499.73
DEPOSITS:	
246 NHPA.....	\$4182.00
34 JRS.....	170.00
10 LATE FEE.....	20.00
TOURNAMENT FEES.....	920.00
STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	1420.00
STATE TOURNAMENT.....	4336.50
4 NEWSLETTER.....	<u>32.00</u>
	\$11080.50

EXPENSES:	
TEAM WORLD ENTRY 2 TEAMS	400.00
TEAM WORLD AD.	25.00
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD (WESLEY REIN JACKET)	50.00
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD (JOHN CROOK JACKET)	50.00
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD (REIN/MAUTHE/GAGE/WILCZIEK/COOK)	250.00
CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES (CARLEY/TOTTEN JACKETS)	100.00
STATE DOUBLES EXPENSES. RR CARDS/TROPHIES	62.55
STATE DOUBLES PRIZE MONEY	1632.00
STATE TOURNAMENT EXPENSES	4336.50
JUNIOR AWARDS & SCOREKEEPING	470.20
HALL OF FAME AWARDS	77.58
SEC-TREAS FEE	998.00
NHPA	3122.00
PHONE	8.35
POSTAGE	90.49
FLOWERS PRITZLAFF FUNERAL	55.13
NEWSLETTER	32.00
PRESIDENT EXPENSES (KEN JAEGER)	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	11859.80

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CHRISTMAS

The WHPA Christmas party is scheduled for the 28th, of Dec., BUT we must have a minimum of 40 guests. The party will be at the Hide-a-away on So 76th St a little south of the Ryan road. Cost is also unknown but may be in the neighborhood of \$16-\$17. It is important to call now to get this show on the road.
1-262-835-9108 Dick or Paulette will be happy to take your reservation. We heard Bun Carley talk about taking a busload. Maybe you could call him. 1-608-647-6679.

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.
Henri Bergson

PLATTEVILLE OPEN 2002

By Norm Mauthe

The Platteville Open was held on August 17. Entries were up a little bit compared to last year. Class B ended up as even as a class can be as only 2-1/2 games separated first and last place. In Class E, Oscar Donar was outstanding with his new roto-tiller delivery.

High ringer game gift certificates (Country Kitchen) winners were; A - Mark Mauthe 70%, B - Les Karpriel & Ted Rohde 45%, C - Gary Volz 45%, D - Frank Dunn 42.5%, and Class E - Oscar Donar 40%.

With the extra cash and gift certificates all classes apid back over 116% of entry in prizes. Our thanks to Country Kitchen of Platteville and to all of the entrants and club workers.

Class A

Mark Mauthe	7-0	58.21
Teresa Donar	5-2	46.42
Mike Fishnick	5-2	44.28

Class B

Julian Tijerina	4.5-2.5	32.14
Les Karpriel	4-3	35.35
Vern McGrath (IA)	4-3	32.50

Class C

Sharon Derr	7-0	28.32
Gary Volz	5-2	28.92
Ed Wheeler	5-2	27.14

Class D

Craig Novinski (IA)	6-1	28.92
Ken Olson	5-2	28.21
John Bentz	5-2	24.64

Class E

Oscar Donar	7-0	30.35
Vern Rosenbery (IL)	5-2	12.14
Dave Miller	4-3	20.35

MARSHFIELD in OCTOBER

By Sylvia David

We had four classes and all went well.

It was only 40 degrees for the first classes at the start but it did warm up for the second shift. It was a good tournament.

Class A

Tina Riehle	4/1	43.5
Vince Jakel	3.5/1.5	52.0
Tim Maule	3.5/1.5	46.0

Class B

Sonia Cook	5/0	33.5
Sylvia David	4/1	34.0
Terry Brown	2/3	22.5

Class C

Vince Strey	5/0	23.
Mel Cook	3/2	22.0
George Draeger	3/2	19.5

Class D

John Van Dyk	5/0	30.0
Aleena Cook	4/1	15.0
Dan David	3/2	18.0

Vince Jakel tied in a couple of games and wondered why ties weren't played off.

From the Official NHPA Rules book, rule 12: "The tournament committee shall decide how winners are to be determined and how ties are to be broken and announce these procedures before tournament play begins."

Actually the reference is to ties in the standings but it is clear that the format is to be round robin and completely regulated by the tournament committee or director. Instances of tournaments where ties stand without further play are Team-World and the NHPA World tournament itself.

So the answer is, Ties stand was the tournament director's choice.

"Life is too short to spend your precious time trying to convince a person who wants to live in gloom and doom otherwise. Give lifting that person your best shot, but don't hang around long enough for his or her bad attitude to pull you down. Instead, surround yourself with optimistic people."

Zig Ziglar

Fall Classic

By Eddie Wheeler

The weather did not look very promising on the outside, things were starting to look like another super turn-out at the infamous Arena horseshoe courts.

As everyone checked in, not only did I see the usual familiar faces, but also faces of pitchers, that were making their first trip to Arena. One of the new faces belong to Robin Mahn, of Park Falls, WI. This guy drove five hours, to come to Arena and pitch shoes. If Robin wasn't hooked before, he is now.

Well it appeared that Ted Rohde, was using all of his horseshoe experienceduring his class D event. He held off a charging Robin Mahn, to win first place, with a 6 and 1 record. Meanwhile, on the back courts, someone forgot to tell Auggie Potter, that he was pitching in class E! Not only did Auggie walk away with first place honors, but he did it in style, with a 6 and 1 record, and a 41.79%! Not bad, considering he came in with a 29.76% average. Nice job Auggie, and we will see you in class D next tournament.

Along with some super good averages, being thrown, the day would not be complete, without an upset. Our own Bun Carley, managed to pull of the upset of the day, when he outlasted Mark Mauthe in class A. Mark was off to his usual steady and true form, but somewhere in the fifth game, Mark let down his guard, and ended up dropping his last three games. Bun seemed to have his old form back again. Winning all but the second game, and in that one, he ended in a tie, to finish with a 6.5 and 0.5 record, and a tournament average of 60.71%!

I think that Jim Larson wants to get out of class B and move up to class A. His 6 and 1 record and 56.79 average, was more than enough, to walk away with first place honors in class B. Tony Scrima did tried to slow Jim down, by beating him in the last game. But Tony's 50.36% average and 5 and 2 record, was not quite enough. In class C, Tom Costa appeared to be back on track, with his multiple flip shoe today. Tom walked away with class C, by pitching 8 wins and 0 loses, and threw 47.92%.

Now last, but not least, we also had a first time winner today. Tony Haas, 2nd year pitcher, walked away with first place honors in class F. Tony pitched 32.86%, while winning 6 and losing only 1. He also held off Ray López, Virgil Smith and Glen Wicklund, who all fin-

ished with 5 and 2 records. Needless to say, Tony was one very happy horseshoe pitcher.

CLASS A

1) BUN CARLEY	6.5/0.5)
2) MARK MAUTHE	4/3
3) WAYNE TOTTEN	4/3

CLASS B

1)JIM LARSON	6/1
2)TONY SCRIMA	5/2
3)MITCH VYHANEK	4/3

CLASS C

1)TOM COSTA	8/0
2) BRUCE McLINN	5/3
3) TIP WIPPERFURTH	5/3

CLASS D

1) TED ROHDE	6/1
2) ROBIN MAHN	5/2
3) EMIL BLAIR	4/3

CLASS E

1) AUGGIE POTTER	6/1
2) AL HOLLOWAY	5/2
3) SHARON DERR	4/3

CLASS F

1) TONY HAAS	6/1
2) RAY LOPEZ	5/2
3) VIRGIL SMITH	5/2

I want to thank all the people for entering, and helping, make this event a successful one. These tournaments can't happen without you people, and my hat is off to each and everyone of you. Thank you again. For a complete listing of this tournament, go to the NHPA website and look in publicity, and then tournament results.

Respectfully submitted
Eddie C Wheeler

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."
Vince Lombardi

"No one can whistle a symphony.
It takes an orchestra to play it."
H.E. Luccock

Once told tales

By Bob Wilke

The following first appeared in a Berlin, WI publication in a column with the heading, "sound off" Asides in italics by this ed.

I was born May 6 1909 right here in this house where I'm living today.

Stop right there.

Who's that? Continue. Consequently, when I go to bed at night I can say that I'm sleeping in the same room that I was born in 93 years ago.

Don't tell me you don't know now.

My memory can take me as far back as 1912. Gypsies were a common sight. By 1914, that's when I started going to school with my older brother and sister. This one room school had an enrollment of 32 that year, but on the day the yearly picture was taken there were only 28, which was about the average attendance. I have that picture.

My older brother was a trapper and by 1916 I started following him around. He trapped muskrat, weasel, mink, and skunk. On a sunny afternoon nothing was more fun to do than to go along with him and help dig out a den of skunks that had been holed up for the winter.

By the year 1926, at age 17, I left home to seek my fortune. I went to Oshkosh, worked at the Diamond Match factory for 27.5 cents an hour. In 1929 the bottom fell out of everything, even the banks closed. You couldn't buy as job. I remember a guy telling me that if I came to work for him for room and board, I could, but didn't—then wished I had.

By the year 1932, things to brighten up a little, very little. I recall three other guys and myself got a job working for the Noffke Fuel Co.. All four of us sawed wood 8 hours a day for which all we got was 75 cents per day. and in cold cash. The bad thing was it didn't last six weeks

Yes! Back in the year 1932, at the age of 23, I worked for as little as 9.5 cents an hour and today at 93, it makes me wonder, oh where, oh where did all that money go!

Hi Jim,

Do you remember a couple of old people by the name of Bob and Dorothy that lived on a farm near Berlin? Well we are still here alive and well but since last December 19th Dorothy went to a hospital in Neenah, WI and stayed there 11 days, then to a nursing home for another 8 days. She had heart bypass surgery sort of emergency like but today she is her old self again.

As for me, no more horseshoe pitching, tried it several times this spring but just can't, so now I have to say 2001 was my last year and my first year was 1914. It all started right here on this farm 87 years, that's right 87 years of playing this game called horseshoe pitching.

And now Jim I must tell you this. I write stories like the one enclosed.

Sincerely, Bob Wilke

87 yrs of Horseshoes Pitching

By Bob Wilke

Horseshoe pitching was my father's favorite pas-time so that's how I got started playing this game with him, way back in the year 1914, when I was just a five year old kid. Yes I still have those little pony shoes, as well as all other kinds of regulation shoes that I have thrown during all those years that I have played the game. I also have many fond memories of pitching not only with the poorest but also with the world's best.

It is now three years ago at the age of 90 that I competed in State Tournament play for my last time and I can say that I didn't wind up in the cellar although I was dangerously close.

Today-Oh! I can still get around without any kind of aid but no more horseshoe pitching for me. But I still like to talk about it. For Instance, it was the month of February 1974 that a former

World's Horseshoe Pitching champ was touring the country, pitching exhibition games with whosoever might challenge him. When he was at the Park Plaza in Oshkosh, I challenged him and won. We pitched 20-shoe games he missed three times, I missed twice. Lady luck was on my side, no question.

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Yup, those were the good old days. It's been just great to have been a horseshoe pitcher.

Back in the year 1932, I pitched my first State Tournament at State Fair Park; 15, fifty point ringer cancellation games. As I recall it took about eight hours. To me at the time, I thought it was more like an endurance contest, rather than a game of skill. Yup, those were the good old days. It's been just great to have been a horseshoe pitcher.

Today I believe that I am the oldest living active horseshoe pitcher.

This year the State Tournament was held in Wausau playing on eighteen indoor courts. The World Tournament was in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Next year the 2003 World Tournament will come back to Wisconsin.

Eau Claire will again be the host city, the same as it was in 1987 when over 1600 horseshoe pitchers from forty-four states, Canada, and Honduras competed in their respective classes. These were held on thirty-two indoor courts over a period of eleven days. I was one of those 1600 wonderful memories.

Ed note: from a newspaper article made available by Jim O'loughlin.

Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2002 Fall Meeting Junior Scholarship Fund Report

Liabilities Balance as of Mar 16 2002 \$5,300.00
 Cash Balance as of Mar 16, 2002 \$6,874.98

Receipts

Tournaments \$178.00
 Clubs \$146.85
 Platteville, Eau Claire, Beloit
 Interest \$129.52
 TOTAL \$454.37

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Respectfully submitted, Tom Steinke, Coordinator

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Beloit Club Awards

The Beloit club has their award banquet each year at the Moose Club which is actually another horseshoe organization in the area.

Rookie of the year, Mike Schroder also celebrated his 16th birthday and the club 64 strong, sang loud. Another young guy, Dustin Tanner was cited for academic achievement. He's done well locally and hopes are he will be mentioned in Newsline as an NHPA award winner

The Club has very special regard for the sportsmanship trophy. The Beloit man of this year is Ed Bonebright. You'd think he single-handedly put up the new building the way he was applauded.

Paul Tillison received a few awards. Said he was thankful merely for the opportunity to play with such a nice bunch of people. He grew up between Eau Claire and Menominee and told of a horseshoe game there that lasted into the night. They wrapped the stakes with burlap soaked with axle grease and set it

afire. He said traffic on highway 12 stopped for the sight.

This writer had reported that the club was serving hamburgers and no onions at the last event. Mouse Beckius keenly aware of past offences awarded said writer one golden onion with the provision that it be returned the date of the next Beloit tournament.

Bruce McLinn remembered pitchers who passed away during the year, Bob McGarry and Bud Wicks. A special traveling trophy that once belonged to Wicks was turned over to the club. This year's selection for the Bud Wicks memorial trophy went to ace member-worker, Dan Lessman. The inscription reads "*WITHOUT US, YOU ARE NOTHING.*"

Earl Paulson announced that the final city inspection for the new building is coming shortly and hopefully it will lead to an occupancy permit which in turn will set the stage for indoor sanctioned tournaments there.

"Red's Pitching Palace" is the name inside the building. They will try to get it up on the outside as well.

These are the people of the WHPA who have listed their profile in Pitcher's Profiles section of the NHPA website.

Kent Anderson	Larry Barber	Ron Berg	Tom Costa Sr.
John Crook	Dustin Dahl	Richard Hansen	Tom Hansen
Jim Haupt	Kenneth Jaeger Sr	Bob Kabella	Ken Kosky
Ron Lingard	Randy Rein	Nichole Riehle	Tina Riehle
Gus Schram	Michael Stanke	Heidi Sternberg	Wayne Totten
John Udelhofen	Jerry Volz	Steve Wiegert	

Here is something that costs nothing and is highly entertaining. Go to the NHPA website, Horseshoepitching.com and find pitcher profiles. Read the others, you might learn something, and add your own.

2003 World Tournament Jobs looking for people

Jane Smith and her partner Melissa can't do it all. Will you help out? These are some areas where your help would be appreciated. Please call and talk it over. 715-485-3057

SET UP COURTS

Jul 31 thru Aug 3rd work with Ken Jaeger, Ken Kosky, Dave Schorbahn.

Involves placing the portable courts in the two sites, 24 to each, and then filling all the courts with clay. Also carpeting will be needed for around the courts in one of the buildings to protect the floor. Fencing needs to be installed between the courts, scoreboards set up, and 101 other things that will come up.

TAKE DOWN COURTS

Aug 13 thru Aug 16 work with same crew.

REGISTRATION TABLE

Both weeks any day or days you can.

One or two people will be needed most of every day.

WELCOME BAGS

Donate? or pick up stuff through month of July.

DOOR MONITOR /SECURITY

All days both weeks, when you can.

HOUSEKEEPING Have to keep it clean.

All days both weeks, when you can

PARKING

No valet parking but it is a block away and should be monitored. All days, both weeks, any time you can.

Jane's phone 715-485-3057.

Jane or her secretary will be waiting for your call. Don't be real surprised if Jane or one of her associates calls you. She needs lots of volunteers. Please help!

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You're invited to be a friend of horseshoe by donating any amount of dollars to the World Tournament 2003 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Dollars will help cover some of the expenses of the tournament such as arena rental, transportation of NHPA courts to Eau Claire from Red Deer, court maintenance during the tournament and assorted miscellaneous expenses incurred by the WT Committee. Feel free to empty your pockets by sending donations to:

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It will be greatly appreciated.

Jane Smith—Tournament Host Director

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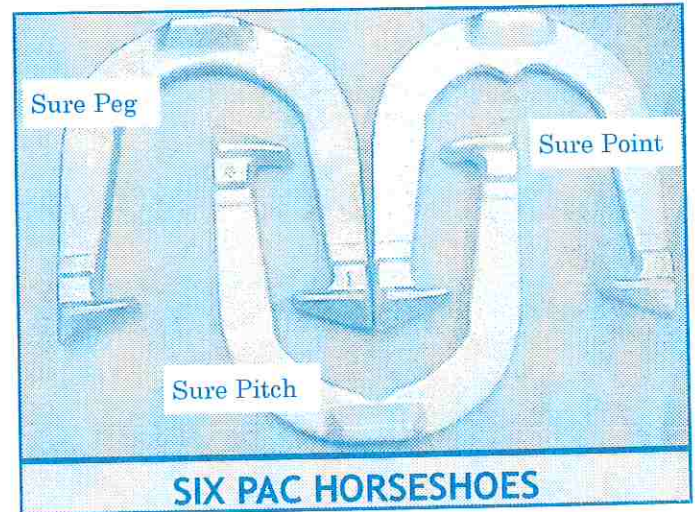
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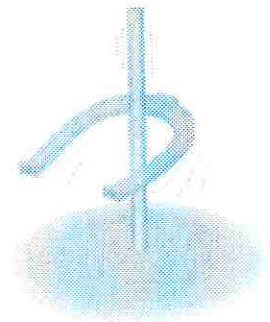
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Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Pretty soon we are going to publish a list of Horse-shoe people with an Email address. Contact HauptJim@yahoo.com if 1. You do not wish your address published, or 2. You do want it published and are not sure if I already have your address.

Last time in reporting the LaCrosse Open results we neglected to include a guy who tied for first but made second on ringer count. I myself was fourth at the courts but third by the time the results were published. So., Eddie Wheeler, you are right, I even recall that you cleaned my clock too that day. But, "Don't cry to me Argentina," the Coulee region boys must have forgotten you were there. Hope your ringers went to Natstats OK

Ann Opsteen wants to set the record straight. We referred to a former State Tournament in LaCrosse. Ann Opsteen was there. The year was 1970 and it was her second State Tournament.

Ann relates this story of the day.

"The people in charge had neglected to get a beer permit for the event. That required a few trips into town to get a few six packs.* That's not the worst of it. From the Park we could see the brewery across the water and cases and cases of beer being loaded via conveyor onto trucks or a railroad car. In combined Locks we just might have had it piped in.

Jim, I've been around a long time and have pitched in 28 State Tournaments starting in 1969 in Combines Locks and ending in Eau Claire in '96. Hope you find all this interesting."

* they weren't for me

See ya next summer. Love, Ann O.

Thanks Ann. We see that not only you and Len Mauthe pitched this one but also Ralph Maylahn, Tommy Bartlen, Gene Mason, Rosemary Kamps, George Kuffer and 90 others. Heard a guy named Wally Schmeckpepper was leader.

None of us is as smart as all of us."
Ken Blanchard