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We blamed the bumper to bumper traffic of I-94 to the Wisconsin football fans. It took a while to get to the Arena Sandbar. As a result President, Ken Jaeger did not bang the gavel bringing the meeting to order until well after the slated Noon start time.

Maybe he was waiting for a quorum. Only 31 voting members made the show.

John Secord read the lengthy report of the spring meeting, lengthy because the bylaw book was opened for changes, only a once in two year occurrence. The treasurer's report followed showing expenditures of \$10,400 and a WHPA balance of some \$3,400. See the published report for details.

1st VP, Jane Smith who tallies points for the club competition within the State Tournament named Eau Claire as Club Champion. Check her article in this Newsletter to see how your club fared.

Terry Sternberg, 2nd VP, thanked the Sandbaggers Club of Arena for all their hard work in producing the State Tournament of just six weeks past. He reminded members of the



2001 State Tournament in Beloit. At the moment he had no tenders for the 2002 State Tournament, only whispers. Finally, as keeper of the WHPA scrapbooks, Sternberg asked that horseshoe memorabilia or newspaper articles be sent to him. (Address; page 2)

Third VP, Tom Steinke reported on the condition of the Junior Scholarship Fund. The balance sheet is also reproduced in this Newsletter edition.

NHPA third VP, Lorraine Stern-

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JAN 13-14 001 at Arena #28-01-001 \$15; at cts \$17 Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milw, WI 53217 414-964-2735 jimhaupt@aol.com D/L 12/30
FEB 10-11 Freezeroo at Arena #28-01-002 \$15; at cts \$17 Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-5574 bfarms@mhtc.net D/L 1/27
MAR 17 WHPA Spring Meeting at Arena 1:00 PM
MAR 17 Jr Scholarship #28-01-003 \$20 Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186 262-542-0252 Limited D/L 3/3
MAR 25 River Valley at Arena #28-01-004 \$60/team Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-5574 4 player team doubles D/L 3/11
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APR 8 Arena Spring Singles #28-01-006 \$15; at cts, \$17 John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588 608-588-7392 crook@execpc.com D/L 3/24
APR 28 CLUB TEAM at Beloit #28-01-007 \$80/team Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milw., WI 53217 414-964-2735 4-player club teams D/L 4/14
APR 29 WHPA State Doubles - Beloit 28-01-008 \$40/team John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937 920-922-0080 use entry form WHPA@execpc.com D/L 3/31
MAY 5-6 ENCORE at Beloit #28-01-009 \$ Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com D/L 4/21
MAY 18-19-20 TEAM WORLD at Beloit #28-00-010 \$200/team Earl Paulson 7105 S CO Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com D/L Apr 15

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

The President's Column

2001 State Doubles Tournament, will be walking doubles again. After quite a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the same two pitchers carry the clipboard, and score the entire game. The intent was to make the flow of the game more consistent. When the vote was taken on whether it would be walking or regular doubles, it was 8 for walking, 5 regular doubles; the rest didn't care what was played. A motion was then made for the Officers to decide what kind of doubles we were going to play. I guess that *if you want something different you have to attend the meetings.*

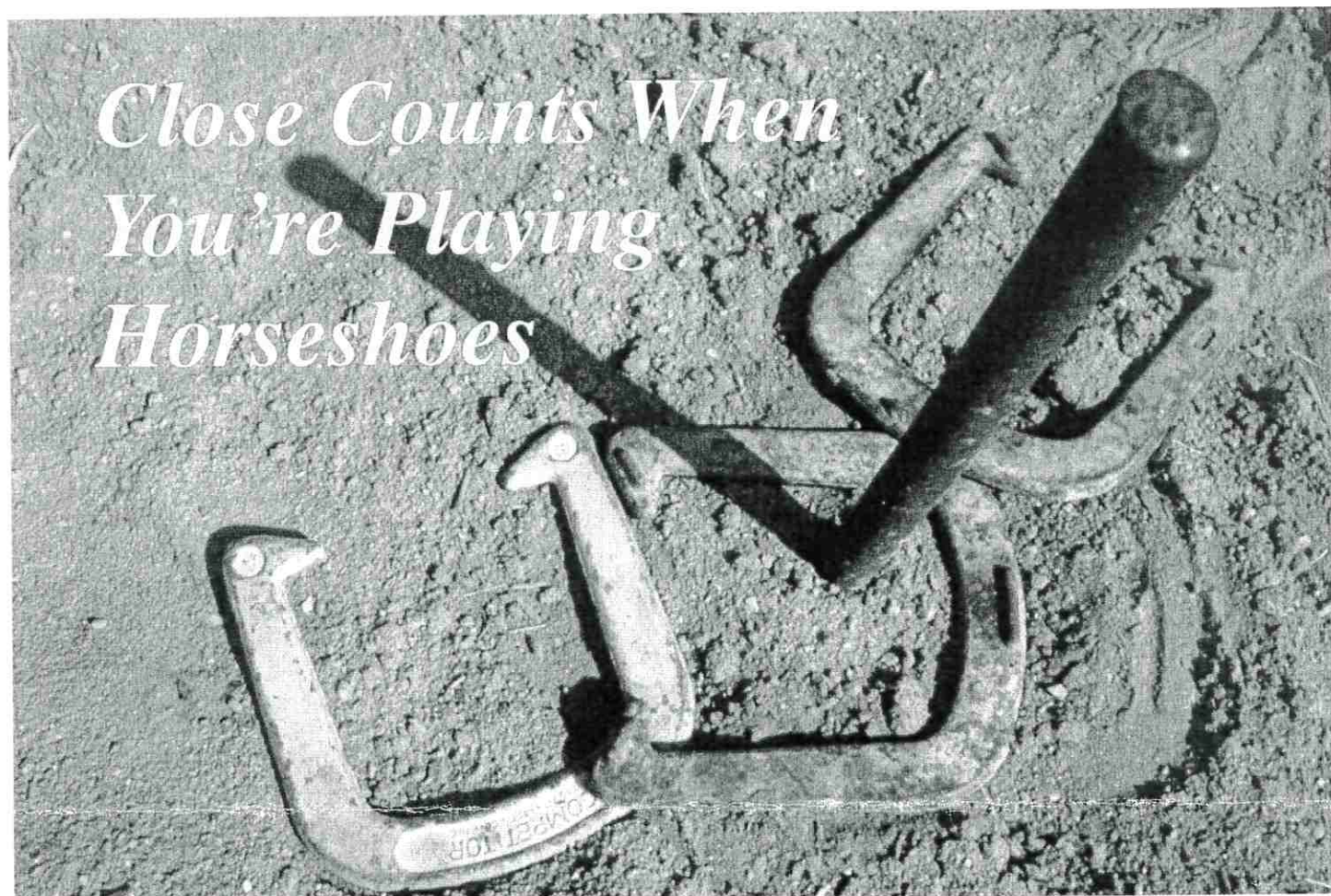
The three-tournament deadline to qualify you to pitch in the State Tournament stayed the same, July 31st. Per Article IX (Bylaws) of the Constitution, last sentences. A new sentence was added to, Article IV Section 2B. Paragraph b., which will read: "All averages will be taken from Natstats the first Thursday in August". This is to establish the entry average for the state tournament.

So if you host a tournament on the last weekend in July, you have as little as 2 days to get the results to John Secord. He in turn has to E-mail the results to Natstats on Tuesday evening at the latest because Glenn Jamieson at Natstats downloads the tournament results every Wednesday so we have the updated averages on Thursday mornings.

Wishing everyone the Best of Holidays

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

**"After all is said
and done, a lot
more will be said
than done"**



Close Counts When You're Playing Horseshoes

IT'S THE SPORT where you toss a Deadeye Clydesdale in hopes of scoring a ringer. You have to decide if you're better at turning or flipping, and the shoes you need to play aren't worn on your feet.

We're talking about horseshoes, a game so old it dates back to ancient Rome and Greece. The object of the sport is to toss a horseshoe so it lands around or very near a metal stake. Sounds easy....until you try hitting a ringer from 40 feet away.

Some people claim horseshoes is a game of luck, but champion pitchers disagree. They say it's a sport of skill, but one that can be mastered by anyone who's willing to practice.

Although horseshoes was once considered a "poor man's game", it's now enjoyed by more than 3 million people across the U.S. The game has moved from country roads and small backyards to big city parks and indoor arenas.

What's more, it's good, clean fun for

Dead ringers and leaners are all part of the fun.

the entire family, and it doesn't cost much to play. That's why we're pitching horseshoes for this issue's "Country Primer".

Soldier's Sport

Horseshoe pitching was first played by Roman soldiers back in 100 A.D. They used round shoes with a hole in the middle that were worn by their warhorses.

Nowadays, pitchers don't use real horseshoes, but instead buy specially designed regulation shoes that weigh up to 2-1/2 pounds.

Just as a golfer selects a special set of clubs, horseshoe pitchers have a variety of shoes from which to choose. With names like Deadeye Clydesdale, Diamond Super Ringer, Ringle Single and Mister D, it's as much fun to buy the shoes as it is to pitch them!

A regulation set of horseshoes will cost from \$15 to \$80. Before you start pitching, however, you'll also need a pair of sturdy metal stakes that cost from \$20 to \$40.

Regulation horseshoe courts are 40 feet long with a "pit" area, made from clay or sand, at each end. Pound a metal stake into each pit, and you're ready to go.

Horseshoe expert Jim Haupt says horseshoes is an easy game to learn: You pitch two horseshoes, the other player pitches two shoes, then you both walk to the other end and do it over again.

Can't Stop Playing

"It's a crazy sport and so compulsive," warns Jim, editor of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter. "Once you get started and find out you have a knack for tossing a little piece of metal at a stake, you just can't stop."

Jim has been playing competitively for 20 years. He belongs to several

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leagues and plays in tournaments each weekend.

"The people are the best thing about this game," he adds. "You see the same players each weekend and pretty soon you become friends. It's like a big family."

Most horseshoe games are played one-against-one. Normally, the winner is the first player to reach 40 points or the player with the most points after 40 shoes are pitched.

Points are awarded depending on how close the horseshoe lands near the stake.

The best throw is called a "ringer", which is when the horseshoe comes to rest encircling the stake. Each ringer is worth 3 points. If you're really accurate, you might score two in a row, or a "double ringer".

As the old saying goes, being close actually counts in horseshoes. A "close shoe" or "shoe in count" gets 1 point. This occurs when any portion of the shoe comes to rest within 6 inches of the stake. This also includes "leaners" — horseshoes that lean against the stake but don't ring it.

When pitching shoes, you have to decide whether you'll play a "count-all" game or a "cancellation" game.

In a count-all game, all ringers and close shoes are awarded points. In a cancellation game, if both players throw a ringer or a close shoe, then they cancel each other out and no one receives a point.

Pitching Pointers

The key to the game is knowing how to pitch the horseshoe so it lands "open" to the stake each time, and can ring it for maximum points.

The "pros" have perfected techniques for doing this by tossing their shoes in such a way that they rotate or turn a specific number of revolutions in the air. The most popular pitches are the 1-1/4- and 1-3/4-turns. Some players make their shoes rotate just 1/4-turn in the air, while others can land a ringer by pitching a 3/4-turn.

"A 1-1/4-turn looks like the shoe is spinning like crazy, but it actually only turns one and a quarter times before

hitting the stake," says Dick Hansen, secretary and treasurer of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

"The 1-1/4-turn is the best shoe to pitch because it stays on the stake better and doesn't flip off."

But other horseshoe pitchers score big points by tossing their shoes in a flipping manner. "There really isn't a wrong way to pitch a horseshoe. If you can make it stick on that stake, then you're doing it right," Dick says.

If you serious about learning how to pitch a 1-1/4-turn, Dick suggests checking out the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's official Web site at: www.horseshoepitching.com. There you'll find an 11-page guide that explains the proper stance, grip, delivery, follow-through and even a few warm-up exercises.

World Champ

It may not be an Olympic sport, but each year a World Championship tournament is held to determine the best pitchers.

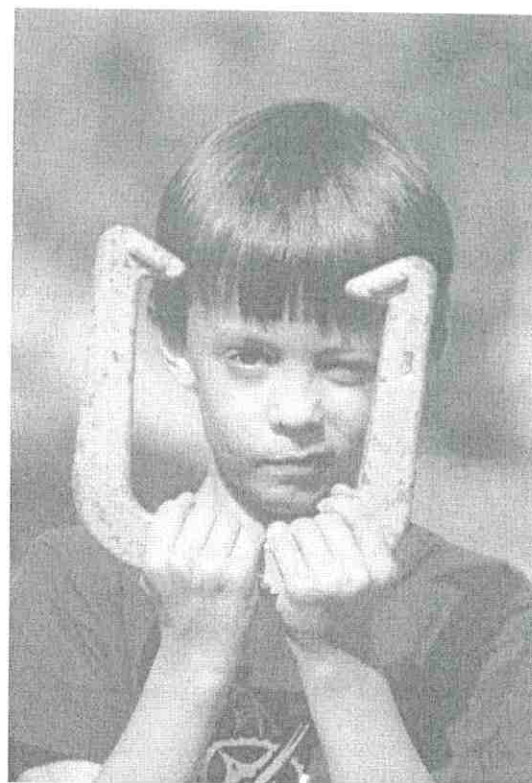
Former Girl's World Champion Heidi Sternberg, 23, has been pitching horseshoes for half her life. When

The girl's champion hit 401 ringers out of 614 horseshoes pitched

she was just 17 years old, the Richfield, Wisconsin native won the world title at the 1994 tournament in Syracuse, New York.

In that tournament, she played 15 games and hit a whopping total of 401 ringers out of 614 shoes pitched!

"When I started pitching at age 12, my average was 2 percent, which means I was only throwing 2 ringers for every 100 shoes pitched," Heidi remembers. "But I stuck with my goal of winning at the World Champion-



ship."

Heidi agrees that one of the best parts of playing horseshoes is meeting people who share a common interest. In fact, Heidi can thank the game of horseshoes for getting a ring of a different sort—it's how she met her fiance, Rick Poppe.

They played against each other at junior tournaments and became good friends. They're planning to be married next summer.

What does it take to become a champion like Heidi?

"I consider a good player who *will*, not *can*, pitch against the top pitchers with a willingness to win," she says. "Some people give up before the game is over, but pitching horseshoes is anyone's game. Literally."

This article is being reprinted in its entirety from the November issue of "Country". A magazine for those who live in or long for the Country.

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berg, thanked all sanctioned league directors for their reports adding that clubs should submit

tions within walking distance of the courts. He also noted the hosts are enthusiastic and he enjoyed the visit.

WHPA – 2000 FALL FINANCIAL REPORT

ENDING BALANCE MARCH 18,2000	\$4272.88
DEPOSITS:	
187 NHPA.....	3179.00
52 JRS.....	260.00
5 LATE FEE.....	10.00
TOURNAMENT FEES.....	773.00
STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT	1085.00
STATE TOURNAMENT..	4275.00
	\$9582.00
EXPENSES:	
TEAM WORLD ENTRY.....	250.00
TEAM WORLD AD.....	25.00
STATE DOUBLES EXPENSES.....	1541.33
STATE DOUBLES CHAMPION AWARD (LORRAINE & PAM)...	100.00
EXCEL PROGRAM.....	100.00
PRINTING BYLAWS.....	70.00
STATE TOURNAMENT EXPENSES...	4189.50
STATE TOURNAMENT JUNIOR EXPENSES.....	294.00
PITCHER OF THE YEAR (RANDY REIN).....	25.00
MOST IMPROVED AWARD (EVERETT STEWART).....	25.00
HALL OF FAME PLAQUE.....	44.31
NHPF.....	200.00
SEC-TREAS FEE.....	860.00
NHPA.....	2504.00
PAPER.....	6.80
PHONE.....	46.70
POSTAGE.....	66.00
PRESIDENT EXPENSES (KEN JAEGER).....	100.00
	\$10447.64
BALANCE OCTOBER 21,2000	\$3407.24

Submitted by John Secord, WHPA Sec/Treas

data now for the forthcoming top ten of the year awards.

Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec/Treas., had just returned from a good visit to the World Tournament of 2001, Hibbing, Minnesota. Seems like some wheels will be necessary. The event will be conducted using 50 courts in two buildings about a mile apart. Hansen knows of no accommoda-

The hosts in Hibbing expect an entry of near 1500. Minnesota has a large number of pitchers and because of location many from Wisconsin are expected.

Entry forms will be out in January with a deadline, to be announced, near the middle of May. Entry fee will be the same, \$100.

The long awaited NHPF bro-

chure has been published and will eventually be mailed to every NHPA household. Hansen gave the very first copy to Jaeger who has advocated NHPF publicity for some time.

Jeff Secord explained his presence representing the Hall of Fame committee. He's a member 'at large' as is Dick Hansen. Edi McKinney chairs the committee also served by all five people at the front table, the executive board.

Jeff outlined the procedure. Nominations come from any member and remain on the list of consideration for ten years. The committee meets for final voting at the spring meeting to select. February 1, 2001 is the final date to submit nominations. Direct correspondence to Edi McKinney listed on page 2.

NHPA Regional Director, Jim Haupt, wound up reports reading some remarks (see "State of the Region") on the importance of timely results.

Elections were first on the New Business schedule.

Vice Presidents, Jane Smith and Tom Steinke were running unopposed so that no contest.

The State Secretary/Treasurer's job interested two aspirants.

New to the electoral process, but well known, Paulette Hansen said she would genuinely like the position and would be honored were she selected.

Incumbent John Secord thanked members for the help he has received over the years and hoped his present association would continue.

[Gore and Bush should be so brief]

Written ballots were passed and counted. Within minutes, it became; Hansen 7, Secord 24.

After a welcoming bit of applause, Pres Jaeger moved right into the State Doubles format. Specifically speaking, the ques-

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tion was walking or non-walking.

Tom Steinke cited general confusion as the culprit but his class solved it when just one person began carrying the clipboard.

Ralph Maylahn suggested that keeping only the point total and eliminating the sanctioned label would be less shocking to one's average.

John Secord countered that one poor tournament does not affect the NHPA average.

Paulette Hansen mentioned that we could always use scorekeepers.

Jaeger then counting a show of hands found that most in attendance were former participants in the walking doubles.

Ken Kosky noted that the yes/no walking survey conducted with the entry form was skewed. Only entrants voted.

Jeff Secord offered, alternate year scheduling. Walk a year: Switch the next.

And other members contributed their own take on walking doubles vs. plain old fashioned stay on your end doubles.

Jane Smith brought the members back to reality stating that it's still the officers choice but all comments will be seriously considered.

The State Tournament entry deadline is July 31st. The averages for seed were taken from the Natstats file of July 26th. The last tournament reported at that date was from July 9. This year six events missed the cut. A discussion developed on how to adjust and separate the date of qualifying averages so that more or all of the qualifying events could be included.

The members hemmed and hawed over this one and eventually settled on selecting the first Thursday in August as the final date for NHPA averages to be used in seeding the State Tournament. For some reason they saw

fit to open the bylaw book to accomplish it.

The Championship Mens class in the State Tournament is nine 40-point games. (this year 10 ga.) The champion from class A (next lower class) is a move-up to the Championship class. At least three men in that class contacted by Dick Hansen think it's a chore they would rather pitch in two days. Hansen passed on their feelings to the executive board for consideration proposing that class A pitches first thing Saturday morning and subsequently the Championship class to pitch four games also on the first day.

The people of the executive board, who set up the format for State Tournament format seemed anxious to talk to the other six pitchers in the championship class before making any changes mentioning that the format was originally designed to eliminate two day classes.

A member wanted to know if the procedure for the "Most Improved" award would be changed. Anticipating the question, Jane Smith spoke for the board saying they had decided to give a like award to Tom Costa, the 40 foot pitcher who experienced the greatest average increase in his

division.

Smith then presented her thought provoking plan for State Tournament hosts that really is a story in itself and appears on another page.

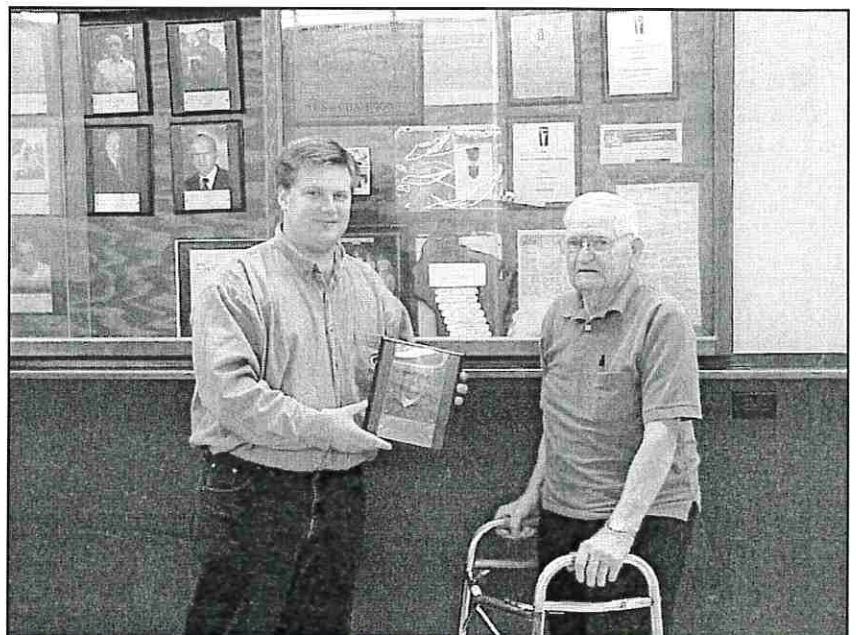
To repeat, there actually were no State Tournament bidders for 2002 but a few people were thinking it could be a possibility.

Ken Kosky was asked if the Windy Hill Club would take it in association with others. Kosky said OK. Dan David of the Marshfield Club conditionally offered their assistance. Close Doesn't Count, probably in on the asking, also offered their help, conditionally. At this time we don't know exactly who is hosting the 2002 State but we do know where its going to be - Wausau.

Tony Scrima, sensing adjournment, asked that the Hall of Fame Ceremonies proceed while all the members were still on hand.

Jeff Secord took over, making the formal address and assisting Sid Anderson, the year 2000 inductee, in the actual hanging his pictured plaque in the WHPA Hall of Fame.

Ken Jaeger adjourned the Fall Meeting shortly before 3:00 PM in total consuming over two and one half hours.



IDEAS SUGGESTED — PROPOSED — THOUGHT PROVOKING
Wisconsin State Tournament Rotation
Tournament Site; Wausau Hockey Arena

2003/? Combined Locks Green Bay Marshfield Marengo Mountain	2004/? Platteville Arena Waunakee Madison	2005/? Eau Claire Windy Hill Close Doesn't Count Eagle River	2006/? Kenosha Beloit Muskego Caledonia Eagle	2007/? Goldendale Fond du Lac Kewaskum New London
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Pros

1. Indoor; Weather doesn't matter (rain, hot sun, cold)
2. Central location (no more than 3-1/2 hr drive for anyone)
3. Same schedule every year (know when you pitch).
4. More members experience thrill of doing the "Big Show."
Each club could have different responsibilities such as programs, scorekeeping, computer, food, refreshments
5. WHPA officers available for help??
6. Clubs could still host at home courts if desired.
7. Good Campground/Motels adjacent

Cons:

1. Windy Hill could get heavy duty every year.
2. Rental fees
3. Same location
- 4.
- 5.
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Alternatives?

The flyer above was passed out at the State Meeting by Jane Smith as a feeler towards building a bigger and better State Tournament. Her words in the heading go a long way in explaining the concept.

The words, "Suggested," "Proposed," and "Thought

Provoking" indicates nothing is or would be cast in brass. The ideas are up for grabs.

Smith is a past master at sharing responsibilities while hosting a State Tournament having done the duty first at and with Eau Claire and with Windy Hill at Wausau.

Right now the rental fees at Wausau are affordable. Courts and clay are available. It's the best available indoor location

More importantly Smith's idea sheet tickles the mind, spurs the imagination, to better State Tournaments through interaction between clubs.

"Game Related Items"

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Letter to the Editor

from Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec/Treas.

This letter is in response to the Editor's response to "A Former Pitcher" in the last issue of the WHNL.

The issue of forfeits was on the NHPA Convention floor this past summer in Bismarck. The delegates were given the option to change the present forfeit rule to a forfeit one forfeit all. The Editor must feel this change would be better than the way it is now. I for one do not and 118 delegates also did not for it was voted down 118 to 15.

WHY? Put the proposed change in effect, forfeit one forfeit all, and consider this at this year's State Tournament. As we all know Ken Olson had a little problem with the heat. Let's say Ken is about to start his 7 game with a 6 and 0 record. No one else has 5 wins so he has the tournament won. But wait, the heat gets him and down he goes. Guess what, Mr. Olson, you just finished last. Forfeit one forfeit all.

You (the Ed.) stated that the problem with the present rule is, the tournament director at the World, that would be me, "readily accepts ANY reason as valid".

Well I have heard a thousand different reasons why someone is dropping out. Everything from a bad back to a death in the family and we have to go home. As the TD what are you going to do ask them to prove it? I know many of their reasons are "flimsy" but to not accept them is to accuse them of lying! You just can't do that.

The present rule is by no means perfect, but it is better than what was proposed. I look at Randy's final position in the World Tournament somewhat different than you. Randy did not lose 2 places in the championship class because a pitcher from Ontario dropped out with a bad back. Randy lost 2 places in the Championship class because HE lost to the man from Ontario. He had his chance to beat him. I bet every pitcher in that class would have rather pitched him than the pacer. - D.H

Editor - To D.H. You fell for the trap! Unfortunately, confrontation seems to be the most popular for way people to write creatively for this Newsletter.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Jim,

Thank You for getting the word out on my recent surgery. I want to take this means to thank all my friends in the WHPA for their cards. It was comforting to hear from so many of you.

Also a special thank you to Ken Amble and the rest of the "Sandbaggers". These kindnesses will long be remembered. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Carl Gilbertson

P.S. I also want to compliment the "Arena Sandbaggers" on an excellent job of hosting the State Tournament.

Clayton Gage

The late word we have is that Clayton Gage is doing very well after his recent surgery. He has returned home after spending several weeks recuperating at his son's home in Minnesota.

◆ **No matter how thin you slice it, there are always two sides"**

◆ **Make sure you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening.**

Dorothy Sarnoff

◆ **Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first.**

Ernestine Ulmer
(or was it Jane Smith?)

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

The Stewlie Nooz, published in another column, is the brainchild of Gene Burlingame otherwise known as "Burly," alias, Bag-man. He's the guy pictured in the Newsletter World Tournament issue wearing a brown paper bag over his head with the message, "Paul Stewart Fan Club."

- I donno, maybe it had something to do with the way Stewart pitched his class at the World. Anyway, Bag-man Burly has this P.S. Fan Club going for other crazy people like unto himself.

Send him a "YES" to get the current list of members. You'll see some other crazies there from Wisconsin.

Picked up a copy of the "Ten Pin Journal" from the local bowling alley. What attracted my attention was the headline, "The Costa Perfection." A full front page picture of a gal who hit a 300 game is Donna Costa, sister of Tom Costa, a Goldendale horseshoe pitcher

from West Bend.

From the book of Jane Smith

We had a great group of kids this summer from several different communities in Polk county. Most of them were under 10 years old so it will be awhile before they are ready to pitch in "REAL" tournaments. Our school did not offer horseshoes in the summer school program or we could have had another 60 playing shoes for fun. Maybe next year. I plan to get a few articles written about the CDC juniors but need another few hours in the day. Take care ...J.S.

The Wi-MN Border Battle will be on home grounds this year. (Apr 7 -Coming Events)

Acting as partial sponsor, this newsletter will begin sending invitations to the top 8 pitchers in both the 30 foot and 40 foot divisions. A second mailing will follow as unfilled openings occur. If you are in or near the top 8, your reservation for the Border Battle can be accepted now. Please contact Jim Haupt

TOP 30 FOOT PITCHERS

Clayton Gage	75.83
Dustin "Pudge" Dahl	70.18
Lorraine Sternberg	68.5
Edith McKinney	65.81
Ralph Maylahn	65.08
Don Hostrup	63.53
Pam Aiken	61.97
Merwyn Sorenson	61.94
Gert Wilcziek	60.2
Barrent Dahl	59.73
Suzanne Helene	58.97

Unfortunately Junior pitchers are not yet eligible for Border Battle.

TOP 40 FOOT PITCHERS

Randy Rein	68.18
Brian Repinski	65.58
Mark Mauthe	65.23
Don Kangas	62.38
Kent Anderson	61.6
John Udelhofen	61.56
John Crook	60.64
Roger Comero	60.18
Ron Brockway	56.28
Tom Endler	56.25
Tom Costa Sr.	55.67
Arnie Walton	55.42

"STEWLIE NOOZ"

Issue # 1, Oct, 2000

Attn. All Stewlies:

The PS Fan Club NEEDS your HELP and IN-PUT.

We have come to a stand-still at 75 members. Please contact any other friends and pitchers etc. and see if they will JOIN in the Paul Stewart Fan Club. It would be nice to see if we can get at least over 100 Charters.?

Remember all it takes is a YES to the Prezz at Burly7@aol.com.

The Club has purchased a Button-Pin making machine. I

printed all the Stewlie Names and Charter numbers and sent them to Paul and he has made buttons for the 75 Stewlies and he is taking some to Joelton the 1st of Nov. to give to the Stewlies that are there. The others will be given to All the Stewlies as we see you the next time etc.

I had the LOGO put on a T-shirt and it looks GOOD. A little problem getting one for ya'll cause we have NO dues or fees. We're trying to get something worked out. With winter on the way, it might look good on a sweatshirt.

We have had some inquiries as to 2 and 4 legged animal Stewlies. However the Executive Council

has voted this down for the present. Maybe some time in the future we'll have a Sub-Club.???? We don't need any law suits from the Humane Society. ha-ha

If you are aware of any Charter that can't receive this Stewlie Nooz please let me know and I'll mail it to them, surface mail. Also let me know if you think we have missed anyone.

All suggestions and improvements to any parts of the PS Fan Club will be greatly appreciated. I'm new to all this kind of thing so bare along.

Till next month.

Bag-Man Bur'ly The Prezz

Year end Reminder list

1. It's time to renew NHPA membership.

We could provide a coupon renewal slip but your check alone provides most of the necessary information. The fee is still \$17. Make in favor of the WHPA and send to John Secord W6868 Brown Rd., Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Mark your present NHPA number on the check. Junior fee is \$5. A self addressed, stamped envelope will facilitate receipt of your 2001 card by return mail.

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Gloom Settles over Beloit

by Ralph Maylahn

The gloom that settled over Mudville when the mighty Casey struck out, was a happy day compared to Wednesday, November 1st. On that day a Rock County committee ruled that the BHC could not install a holding tank at their new facility. Instead, a mound system would have to be constructed at a cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$15,000. That amount is beyond the financial ability of BHC to meet.

The County did suggest that the City of Beloit now had the ball in it's court. Perhaps the City would consider extending the sewer past the new building. The BHC believes this to be a pipe dream, that will never come about.

Some socially active organizations do exist in Beloit, that may assist BHC in it's current dilemma. The BHC feels that when the City of Beloit issued a building permit for the building, it incurred an obligation to provide an available sewer hook-up for same.

All avenues are being explored to bring the building project to a successful conclusion. The old saying "it's always darkest before the dawn" seem to apply here. Stay tuned for further developments.

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Obstacles are those
frightful things you see
when you take your
eyes off the goal.

Hannah Moore

Imagination is the one
weapon in the war
against reality.

Jules de Gaultier

2000 State Tournament Club Championship Results

by Jane Smith

This is the 11th year the State tournament has had a side event to create a little friendly club competition. Of the 20-25 clubs in the state only about 7-10 participate each year.

The entry requirements are simple: minimum of 5 pitchers, a fee of \$10.00, and a list of pitchers and classes turned in during the State tournament.

There have been several repeat winners and not always the "home team" either. It is more difficult for the home team to win because they generally have more pitchers and it is important to place in the upper half of a class to help the club. Because of the responsibilities of hosting the tournament, home team members are usually tired and find it difficult to concentrate on ringers. Enough – no more excuses. It is a fun side event to the State Tournament.

The results:

8th place with 10 pitchers and a point average of 3.3, Goldendale Horseshoe Club.

7th Place Combined Locks, Defending Champion, 10 pitchers, 4.3 point average.

6th Place, first time entry, Legion Post 494, Caledonia, 1 Class Champion, 5 pitchers, 4.6 point average;

5th Place, just out of the money, tournament host, Sandbar Horseshoe Club, 1 State Class Champion, 18 pitchers, 5.1 point average.

4th Place, first time in the money, Kenosha, 1 State Class Champion, 11 pitchers, 6.09 point average.

3rd Place Marshfield Horseshoe Club 1 State Champion, 2 State Class champions, 10 pitchers, 6.1 point average.

2nd Place, league of (our own) 30 foot pitchers, Close Doesn't Count, 1 State Champion, 3 State Class Champions, 12 pitchers, 6.91 point average.

The 200 State Tournament Club Champion is the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club with 1 State Champion, 5 State Class Champions, 13 pitchers; point average of 7.23.

Each club that participated received a participation certificate with the names of pitchers listed, the State champions, and State Class champions names head the list. The clubs that finished in the top four received money back, and the winner, Eau Claire, has no entry fee in 2001. Perhaps in 2001 we can have a minimum of ten to twelve clubs participating. Congratulations and Thanks to those organizations competing this year. Have a great...white... winter!

Things to do this year:

1. Enter the **001** tournament
first event of 2001

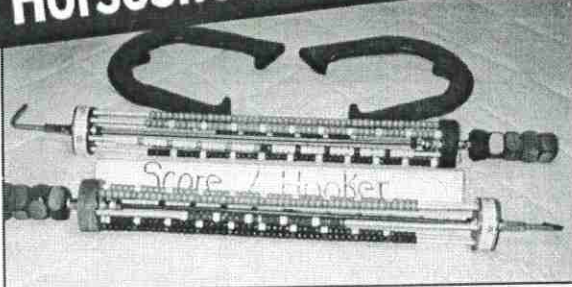
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Felix Kubly 1994

Felix Kubly was born August 2, 1914 on a farm a few miles north of Rice Lake, Wisconsin. In March of 1922 his parents moved to a farm south of Watertown. He had five brothers and three sisters. He helped on the farm and (later) belonged to the 185th Cavalry for three years.

On October 22, 1938 Felix and Doris were married. They have three sons and one daughter, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

Kubly retired from Motor Transport working there as a semi-truck driver for over thirty years.

In September 1949, Felix took his family to visit his wife's parents in Fort Atkinson. A celebration was going on at Jones Park where he saw horseshoes for the first time. He really got the bug to find out what it was all about. Some of the pitchers he talked to that day were Carl Pfeffer of Milwaukee and Joe Maddon of Waukesha. Joe inspired him and even came to his home in Watertown to teach him. By 1951 he bought two pair of horseshoes and two stakes.

There were three courts at Riverside Park in Watertown where he got together with some fellows to pitch on Monday nights.

Hi,

I thought you would like to know that Felix passed away on October 16th. He had a very peaceful death.

He had a problem breathing for the last three years and was trying to stay active until we had to take him to the hospital. He was in the hospital ten days.

He is in Heaven, no more inhaler and getting short of air. He always missed his horseshoe with friends. He hasn't played for the last two years. He talked about a lot of players and kept up with the magazines.

Take care, Doris Kubly

It was not organized. Then in 1956 went to the Wisconsin State Fair horseshoe tournament but they didn't do so good. In those days everyone had to qualify pitching 100 shoes. Going back each yea, Felix won his first trophy in 1958 in class C. He was in classes C, B, and A at the State

Fair through 1971, the last year a tournament was held at the Fair.

In 1968 Kubly was asked by the City Park and Recreation Department to organize horseshoes for the Watertown City League. He and others built six courts at the park including clay and lights. The league is in existence today (1994). Felix also played in the Tri-County Horseshoe League from 1959 through 1986. Over the years he purchased 131 pairs of Ohio O's for himself and other pitchers.

In 1974 while talking to horseshoe pitchers about the need of a site for the State Championship for 1975, Kubly told them he would run the State Tournament at Watertown. Ralph Maylahn helped him insetting up the tournament for 104 players that year.

Felix's other interests include bowling, dartball, and he recently started playing his accordion again.

The Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association is pleased to present this 1994 Hall of Fame award to one who has shown so many others the pleasure of this sport.

All classes were decided in their last games. Class D ended with Sherian Henry of Platteville defeating John Horton, Savanna, IL. This was Sherians first NHPA tournament. Glen Wicklund, Rockford, IL, pitching in his first Platteville tournament, won Class C. Marie Donar pitched well to win Class B and Mark Mauthe successfully defended the tournament title.

Platteville Results #28-00-029 Aug 20, 2000

from Norm Mauthe

Class A

Mark Mauthe 58.80
Tom Costa 53.60
Teresa Donar 45.60

Class C

Glen Wicklund 31.66
Gene Satterstrom 34.58
Ken Olson 32.50

Class B

Marie Donar 46.40
Amy Larson 45.20
Jerry Volz 36.00

Class D

Sherian Henry 21.80
John Horton 24.68
Vern Rosenbery 19.28

With self-scoring and extra cash, prizes were more than 131% of entry in all classes.

Thanks to Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra prizes and thanks also to the food stand workers and other helpers for a great tournament.

Platteville Horseshoe Association

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from the Lindbergs,
Star Prairie, WI

The picture enclosed might be of interest to the Newsletter. I and others have never seen it before.

We, Jean and Bob Lindberg, were tournament director and finance chair-person in the early 80's when this took place. We were members of the St Paul Club from 1971 through 1993. Bob was also a member of the Fridley Horseshoe Club during that time.

This happened at the Northwest Tournament that started in 1952 and is still going strong. The St Paul Club started in 1935 and I was president of the club from 1976 through 1988.

Hope to see you all at the courts someday.
Bob and Jean

Saturday July 25 1.00 P.M.
Court 13-14-15-16

PLAYERS	Points	Games Won or Lost						Total		Pos.	
		W	L	W	L	W	L	Won	Lost		
1. Harvey Peterson New Richmond W.	37.00	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	4	3	6 th
2. Jerry Larson Osseo Mn	36.90	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	4	3	10 th
3. Ray Volkers St. Paul Mn	36.80	L	L	W	W	L	W	W	4	3	5 th
4. Gene Schneck St. Paul Mn	36.50	W	W	W	W	L	L	L	4	3	3 rd
5. Yell Gleason Boyceville W.	36.00	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	4	3	4 th
6. Tim Ahles St. Paul Mn	36.00	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	4	3	2 nd
7. Bob Lindberg Fridley Mn	35.90	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	3	4	7 th
8. Jerry Harwell Fridley Mn	35.00	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	1	6	8 th

This could have been a 7-way tie for first if Bob Lindberg had won the last game. Instead he lost in double overtime.

Editors note:
Very interesting result sheet and a most evenly matched class. How were the places determined? We counted ringers. The first two had 103 as did the #4 man. #5 had 99 and #6 had 100. #4 had 104 and should have won based on ringer percentage. Don't tell us you ran a 6-way play-off!

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT	
WHPA 2000 Fall Meeting	
Liabilities balance as of March 18, 2000	\$5600
Cash balance as of March 18, 2000	\$6820.08
Receipts	
Tournaments	\$467.50
Clubs	0000.00
Personal	\$100
Interest	\$273.79
Total	\$841.29
Liabilities	
10 Scholarships @ \$150	
1 Scholarship @ \$200	
13 Scholarships @ \$300	
Total	\$5600
Disbursements	
Pudge Dahl	\$900 Minnesota State College
Liabilities as of October 21, 2000	\$5600
Cash balance as of October 21, 2000	\$6761.37
Respectfully submitted by Tom Steinke, Coordinator	

WHPA Christmas Party
special from the Hansen's

Hope you are planning on coming. The date is set for Dec 30th a Sat. The place is set for the Hideaway Pub 9643 S. 76th St. Franklin. That is 6 miles north of my house or 1 block south of Ryan Rd. (Hwy 100). The same cook and bartender that were at the Fieldhouse are now there. The favorite menu will again be chicken and ribs. Cost this year, \$15.

This is an open invitation to all members and their guests and your last chance this year to see the people who walk your walk and talk your talk, your horseshoe friends, .

RSVP by December 18 to the NHPA number, 414-835-9108.

Regional Director's Report

by Jim Haupt

From the State Meeting:

This past year we again used 40 some sanction numbers. Most were weekend tournaments. Just 8 were club events, or non-invitational.

Over the year I closely followed the Natstats "Reported Events" column in NHPAOnLine. Some tournament results were a long time coming before appearing as "Reported." By pointing this out in a recent newsletter article I hoped to bring attention to a serious omission that we have created. I sincerely hope everyone sees the importance of timely results.

Last time we had the book open I wanted to change the requirement, "14 days for results" to 7 days -what a joke. Until this year, following the results reported column in the Natstats program, I did not appreciate the duress John Secord was going through with late results.

Finally, I want to assure you that at this date all tournaments prior to and including the State Tournament, now part of your present Natstats average.

Sanctioned League averages, treated as tournaments, are also reported and included.

Incidentally, in my job as Regional Director I award sanction certificates and distribute NHPA patch awards. I often wonder what happens to all those left over patches. Just some directors rightfully return unused patches: The others, who knows?

Now, right now, is not too early register your tournament for next season. For instance, I already know there will be a tournament next year in Green Bay. Kevin Brekke has reserved the 18th and 19th of August but will have a deadline almost a month prior which puts it a week before the World tournament. July 30 is the first day of the World at Hibbing, MN.

All tournament directors know the information required to get on the schedule. I'll accept any registrations starting today.

Tournament Directors: There must be someone in your club with a computer. I will be happy to correspond and help with results but it should start with the schedule set-up. Write me early; Jimhaupt@aol.com

Tournament of the Month

It was November and one after another pitchers were setting the stage with the announcement, "I haven't touched a shoe since..." Number one ending was, the State Tournament, others said summer, another liar said July. It's part of the 'con.'

Sonny's Singles was the first scheduled tournament in six weeks. Most pitchers really did feel out of touch with the game. Watching the wonderful weather of October slide by with no horse-shoe action was foreign to regular tournament pitchers. And this day, the 4th of November, the frost was still not on the pumpkin. It was another mild day and could have been an outdoor event.

For some, other fall activities sometimes conflict. John Crook called in, "Can't make it. Knocked down a deer late yesterday afternoon and I'm still tracking it."

Pam Aiken, State Champion doubles pitcher suffering from 'morning sickness,' called in Ralph Maylahn to play in her place.

Tournament Director, Sonny Cockroft, had six classes running the event two days. Last we saw he was doing the stat job all by his lonesome and expecting to pace in the next class to boot.

4/24 *use*

Class A	
Ralph Maylahn	62.85
Bun Carley	53.21
Larry Barber	51.07
Class B	
Jeff Gustafson	44.64
Len Mauthe	38.57
Jerry Schroeder	41.07
Class C	
Herman Adler	48.57
Julian Tijerina	41.07
Pete Kumlien	38.93
Class D	
Bernard Cockroft	40.71
Paul Wilson	34.64
Jim O'Loughlin	33.93
Class F	
Harold Laws	32.86
Gene Satterstrom	30.36
Don Goldsmith	26.57
Class E	
Russ Heinritz	29.50
Francis Schalk	23.50
Rick Payne	21.50

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