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THE WHOLE WORLD

If there was just one word to describe the World Horseshoe Tournament at Hibbing, MN it would have to be HOT. It would be a good bet that those who write the Farmer's Almanac could fill in the dates of upcoming World Tournaments with words like "Overly high temperatures expected." Darn hot weather follows us around like a black cloud. Wonder what the main complaint would have been if it weren't so HOT.

There were two ice (Ha-ha - ice) arenas where the World courts were set-up. The coliseum wasn't so bad, some air was moving but didn't someone say it was to be air-conditioned? That's where the championships were played and the better classes. Those players in the trenches were shunted off to the fairgrounds a mile away, the place of less-air, lower ceilings, and less light. Actually the ceilings were high enough but still some pitchers found the steel beams occasionally.

The green carpet used at Bismarck last year found its way to Hibbing, made the courts look and feel great.

Thanks to Tom Keppel, secretary of the Hibbing horseshoe club for being the hands on guy for the hosts with his brother Tim. The success of the tournament was largely due to their tireless efforts.

The World is a time to renew old friendships made over the years. Recognize and be recognized by people of your kind. It's truly, family.

Met some pitchers at the Paglarini

practice facility. Among them was Art Tyson, fun loving black man of the championship class. He wanted to have a impromptu tournament, 21 points, \$1 entry, winner take all. So, what's a buck? Played games with five Colorado guys; Rich Pintor, Tony Gentry, Gustavo Romero, Don Conklin, and Ken Heinritz, Chris Sebastian, and Tyson.

Admission to watch these stars was set at \$1. However, appointed ticket taker, Ron Negaard neglected to turn in the receipts. All Tyson won was the \$8.

We met a legend horseshoe pitcher making a pilgrimage to the Hibbing arena. Curt Day was in the stands wearing the familiar red, white, blue NHPA cap. Day is singularly the one noted pitcher of the past who visits World Tournaments. The 84 year old Day won the World three times over 18 years, last in 1974.

In comparing the championship class of then to today's he saw one of his former opponents, Mark Seibold, still on the courts. Subscribing to the old sailors adage of "wooden ships and iron men," Day recalled the days of 50 point games and 36-man classes, "When you're out there pitching, you don't take it easy." He recognized, however, that we presently have a lot of good women pitchers.

Other differences of then and now would be the cost of lodging in 1956 in Salt Lake - \$3, or his award of \$600 when he first won the World in 1966.

He also told of a game in 1957 against Ted Allen wherein they both had pitched 89% with 155 ringers of a record 174 shoes, the score was tied at

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Coming Events

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John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937 920-922-0080 whpa@execpc.com 28-01-032	D/L 7-31
SEPT 8-9 V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks	\$25/team
Don Navarrete 453Woodlawn Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113 920-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned	D/L 8-26
SEPT 16 BELOIT DOUBLES unsanctioned	\$20/TEAM
limit 110% : Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit WI 53511 608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com	D/L 9-1
SEPT 22-23 WET 'N WILD; Centuria 28-01-033	\$10
Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake. WI 54810 715-485-3057 jmismith@spacestar.net	D/L 9-8
OCT 13 FALL CLASSIC Arena; 28-01-035	\$15-\$17 at cts
Eddie Wheeler W9880 County Line Rd Lodi, WI 53555 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com 608-592-4424	D/L 9-23
OCT 20 WHPA FALL MEETING	FREE
At the Arena Sandbar; Village Edge Rd	1:00 PM
NOV 3-4 SONNY'S SINGLES 28-01-036	\$15
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St., Mazomanie, WI 53560 carolc24@chorus.net 608-757-2570	D/L 10-20
DEC 9 SANTA'S SINGLES 28-01-037	\$15
Eddie Wheeler W9880 County Line Rd Lodi, WI 53555 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com 608-592-4424	D/L 11-24

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

CHECK IT TWICE CHECK IT TWICE

The Wet 'n Wild Tournament has been re-scheduled. This year dates are two weeks later.
Sept 22 - 23 Call Jane Smith if you are interested in a farm auction on the original date.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ken Jaeger is running for re-election as WHPA President.

Ron Berg is a candidate for WHPA President.

Terry Sternberg will be running for re-election to the WHPA board as 2nd Vice-President.



The President's Column

Being that there were no other bidders for the 2003 Worlds at this years Worlds Convention in Hibbing, MN all that was needed was a gracious round of applause from the delegates, to ensure that the 2003 World Tournament would be hosted in Eau Claire, WI and believe me when I say, when the applause came, it sounded great.

The host of the 2003 World Tournament, is the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, with the guidance of Kent Appleyard, the Sales Manager for the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau and Dr. Marilyn Skrivseth, Athletic Director of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The World Tournament will be at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire facility, which has space enough for 50 courts, but 40 plus the 2 play-off courts would be the ideal setup.

At the 2001 Worlds Award Ceremony, WHPA received an Award for the Largest Junior Membership Increase in 2000. This award was due impart to the hard work of the Close Doesn't Count, Marshfield, and the Windy Hill Horseshoe Clubs.

Congratulations to Dick Hansen, this years winner of the prestigious Art Stokes Award. Established in 1958, the Stokes Memorial Award commemorates the memory of Arch Stokes, one of the most beloved and important figures in the history of horseshoe pitching. The award is presented each year to the person who has done the most during the preceding three to five years to promote, foster and build the sport.

Entry's for the State Tournament is done slightly from previous years, with 169 entry's. Which is about one third of the members. Per, Article IV Section 3B of the WHPA Bylaw; All participants in the State Tournament must have their name on the back of their shirt. A five-dollar (\$5) fine shall be imposed for failing to comply.

The Hall of Fame and Awards Ceremony at the State Tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 2nd at 12 noon, after the completion of the 8:00 PM scheduled shift.

Constitution and Bylaw changes should be submitted to me before, but no later then the Fall Meeting. If you feel there is a need for a change please submit it.

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

Sternberg - Poppe

Horseshoe pitchers celebrate the wedding of match made on the courts.

Heidi Sternberg and Rick Poppe were married June 30, 2001 in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Heidi was the 1994 World Champion Girl. She is now NHPA Junior Promotions Director and webmaster of a very professional WHPA web page. Her interest in horseshoes stems from her family. Mother, Lorraine Sternberg, is the NHPA 3rd V.P. and Sanctioned League Director.

Rick Poppe also began his horseshoe pitching as a Junior. He was the subject of a 'cover' feature article in Newsline as a two sport competitor. His winter sport is semi-pro ice hockey.

The following account of their gala day was submitted to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter by one table of wedding guests.

WE WERE THERE

By "We"

We, are a staff of very keen observers (Randy, Marge, Ken K., Blondie (wife of Rick's hockey buddy) Gloria, Edie, and Jane) and if you missed it, you certainly missed quite a celebration.

The Social Time:

Heidi was a beautiful bride with a long flowing white sparkly gown. Rick was debonair and suave decked out in his tuxedo. The bridesmaids dresses were dark and light purple with the groomsmen complimenting the wedding party. There were many handsome, well dressed men of all ages and well as fashion-statement dressed ladies joining in the wedding celebration. One gentleman in particular caught our attention as he sported an elegant dress shirt complete with tie and no hat! We wondered if his attire was influenced by Ken or Regis.

The five most essential words for a healthy, vital relationship: "I apologize" and "You are right."

- Unknown

The Dinner:

Every table was equipped with a disposable camera for candid pictures of the evening. Ken Davison used one camera and was checking out cameras at other tables to compliment his photographic talent. Pictures should be interesting and hopefully not used as 'blackmail' in the future. Dinner was interrupted quite often with the clanging of horseshoes. Rick and Heidi had ample opportunity to 'perfect' their kissing technique. The best man shared a few of his and Rick's pre-Heidi adventures. It seems Heidi has been a very positive influence on Rick.

The Dance:

The Bridal party was introduced individually as they marched into the ballroom forming somewhat of a tunnel to formally introduce the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Poppe. The celebrating couple began the dancing to the continuous music of a DJ. Before long other guests joined the bridal party on the dance floor and the temperature began rising! It seemed as though the dancing ladies had more stamina than the men as they kept dancing song after song. Some of the men needed 'liquid energy' to continue dancing all through the night. One vivacious and energetic couple danced up quite a storm. Dick and Paulette Hansen know how to dance the dance! What a fun loving couple!

A dollar dance started and it looked as though the dance would go on forever as the line to dance with both the bride and groom was never ending.

At this point the three 'Cinderella's headed for home before the bewitching hour of midnight.

Check with other 'keen observers' for the details of the wedding and late night experiences.

This article submitted by Jane Smith was written in collaboration with Edie McKinney and Gloria Smith.

A Presidential Sale

A short time ago a US governmental agency called Ken Kosky's 800 number regarding availability of horseshoes. They wanted four pair, top of the line brand, whatever is best and please give us a quote on boxes, stakes and anything that may be necessary. Every thing must be first class for THE man.

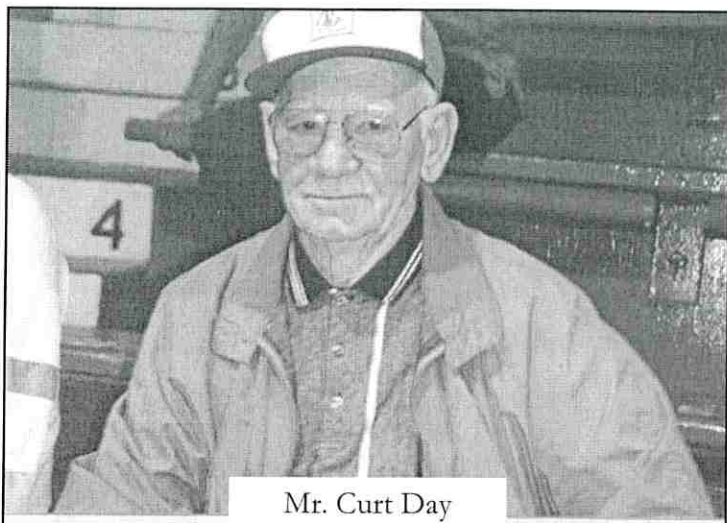
Confirmation came shortly. Kosky shipped four pair of "Mustangs," a shoe considered to be adaptable to either the flip or turn.

You read that right, Ken Kosky actually sold shoes to the President of the USA, George W. Bush for use at Camp David.

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49 each when Allen experienced a double miss. Day also missed! He out-lagged just one of Allen's shoes. - Allen 50; Day 49.

Even the super-pros have had mediocre moments.



Mr. Curt Day

What a pleasure to meet Curt Day.

At the NHPA banquet Wisconsin was named as the charter with the largest increase in Junior members, 15. All other membership awards went to Minnesota including the largest membership. 481 new members raised their total to 1130.

Jim Schilling of Indiana included his wife, Pam, upon receiving the regional Director of the year

award.

Don Harris, MO, was cited for his sponsorship and construction of an indoor house, the Don Harris Arena.

Another Achievement award went to Dean Schmitz, MI, (brother of newer WHPA member, Gary Schmitz, Cleveland, WI) for his avid contributions despite being an NHPA member for just four years.

The Arch Stokes award is annually made to the one person who has proven to be most outstanding in promoting, fostering, and building the sport of horseshoes. Dick Hansen is that man. He was credited as more than aptly handling his position as NHPA Secretary Treasurer. Loucks actually roasted Hansen in making the award.

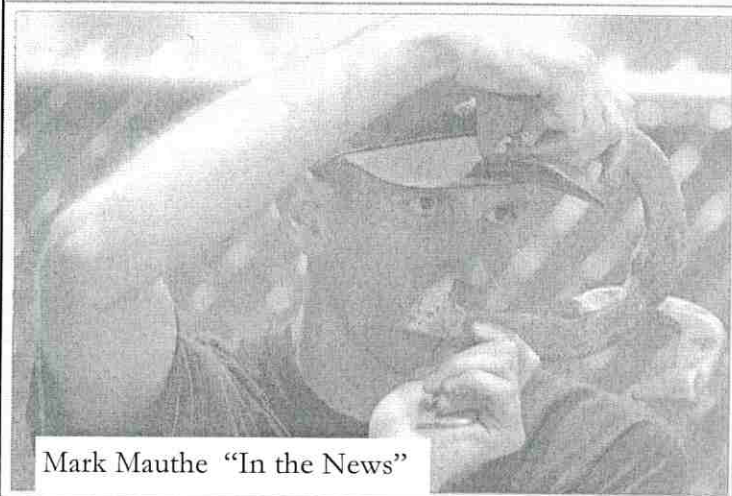
We of Wisconsin are duly proud to have him in our midst from his time at the Pitchin' Palace to and including his years as WHPA president and beyond.

Also of interest to Wisconsin players is the induction of Sandy (McLachlin) Janssens into the NHPA hall of Fame neatly done by Steve Hohl. It was here, in Eau Claire, where she won the World at the tender age of 17.

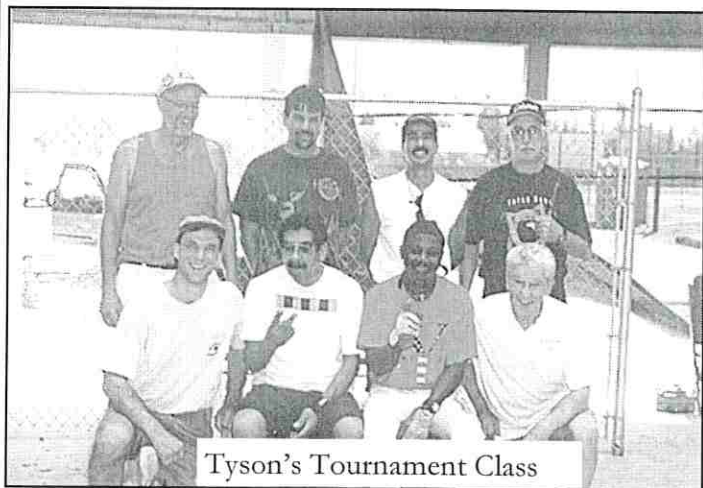
Gene Burlingame, otherwise known as "the Prezz" of the Stewlies club was honored by surprise towards the end of the banquet. He has been a tireless worker often between the courts and the World NHPA office. Dave Loucks called him a, "...great asset to the to the World Tournament office." The award moved him. He snapped back to reality interpreting some of the nutty nick-names he has assigned to his followers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2001

SPORTS



Mark Mauthe "In the News"



Tyson's Tournament Class

WORLD CHAMPIONS 2001

OPEN MEN

Alan Francis is the World Champion of this year, 2001 marking the 8th time he's done it since 1989 and with a great average of 85.86.

The story to Brian Simmons, the defending champ is more like how he lost it. Simmons started out with an average associated with the past - over 91% on the first day! Over the three day championship class Simmons saw his average slip ever so slightly. Meanwhile Francis, also on the win streak, was average building. They met in the last game, neither player had a loss and Francis simply pitched his best game against Simmons pitching his least (still over 80%) productive attempt.

Simmons with his 87.56 tournament average equaled the numbers of Casey Jones, a record that lasted twenty years.

Wisconsin can boast of two men in the championship class, Randy Rein and new guy Mark Mauthe. Mauthe was lucky to get in. He came to Hibbing on the chance there may be a drop out and it worked. His first two games in the championship class he pitched well issuing both John Kapnis and Art Tyson a loss. Next Mauthe met Rein - head-on. Rein had Mauthe looking at 84%. Mauthe cooled to 61%. Mauthe finished 13th, won four games pitching 67.9% Rein was 9th, won 7 games tossing 70.1%.

ELDER MEN

Ed Arionus got in a hole dropping a game before he faced the defending champ, Bob Logan with a spotless record. With emphasis he knocked off Logan in two successive games pitching both over 80%.

The new champ won the Goldendale event this year in Germantown, WI., while visiting the area.

He's also a two time World Champion of the Sr Class (40 ft) and won the World once in Intermediates.

Clayton Gage and Ed Kowatch of the Elders class pitched a record breaking game of 110 shoes. Both pitched over 80%. Final score; Gage 31, Kowatch 42

SENIOR MEN

The new champion, Howard Weitzel of Saskatchewan, was so tickled that he finally won one at the World that the 79 yr old gentleman stated, "This is the

The 2001 Champions

Alan Francis, Ohio

Regains Men's - 8th time 85.68

Sylvianne Moisan, Quebec.

Retains Women's - 2nd time 83.64

Howard Weitzel, Sask.

Senior Men NEW 64.54

Ed Arionus, Texas

Elders NEW 81.75

Lance Albrecht, MN

Junior Boys NEW 74.38

Shalee Sebastian, PA

Retains Junior Girls 3rd time 60.29

Jan Turnquist MN

Retains Sr Women's 2nd time

joy of my life to win this one time."

It wasn't that easy in a twelve man class where the percentages varied by only six points. Along the way Weitzel admitted, "I was just so darned lucky to come back on three of those games."

Wayne Totten, a transplanted Minnesota Gopher now living in Eau

Claire gave Weitzel one of his closest games. They pitched 64 shoes. Totten had 42 ringers to Weitzel's 41. The surprising score: Weitzel 40 - Totten 37.

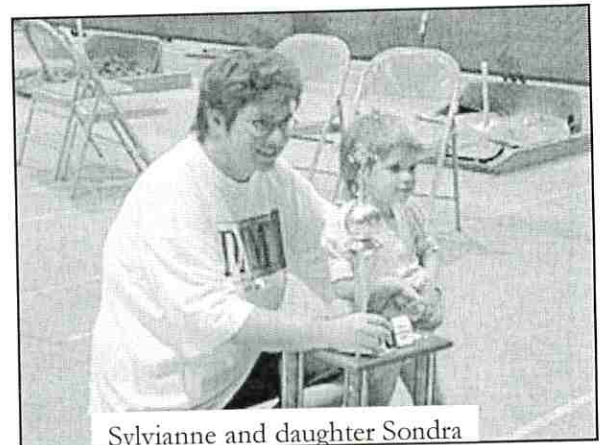
Weitzel and John Brown, a former champion himself, through a couple of misadventures ended up in a play-off game. Weitzel had earlier lost to Brown but this time he was boss. Pitching 65% - average for the event.

JUNIOR BOYS

Lance Albrecht right at home in Minnesota won the Boys championship suffering a first game loss at the hands of Keith Boone who gave Albrecht his top game of 75% - Albrecht 66%.

THE WOMEN

Sylvianne Moisan put it together to retain her World



Sylvianne and daughter Sondra

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Women's title. On the way she gave some others hope when she halted at 39 points playing the Minnesota favorite and two-time World Champion, Bev Nathe. After that one loss, Amy Francis, Judy Curtiss, Sue Snyder, and Joan Elmore were on even ground but each had yet to play the champion.

Gert Wilczek of the Wisconsin Eau Claire Club, new to the championship class, had her moments with four games over 80% and victories over Amy Hall and Elmore.

Sylvianne went the rest of the way defeating all others. Hall came closest with 38 points. The Quebec lady won with a 14/1 record pitching 83.6% for her second World title in as many years.

SENIOR WOMEN

Eddie McKinney of the Wisconsin Close Doesn't Count Club did it again. She's just too nice to take the scoreboard to the top without giving her opponents a more than even shot at it.

The two Minnesota women in the class, Edi Holland and Jan Turnquist, took an extra game to decide who was going to the winner's circle. First Holland thought she'd take it as long as Turnquist wasn't pitching so good but that bad game must have been an



Women's' Championship Class

alarm to the champion as she got going in the final game to win the title she first earned last year. Jan Turnquist did it this year pitching 67.3%.

JUNIOR GIRLS

Tina Riehle and Tava Cook, both from the Marshfield, WI area (and we believe, 1st cousins) placed 4th and 5th respectively in the championship class. Shalee Sebastian, however, played her five games without a loss marking her third successful bid for the title.

Parting Shots

Art Tyson: "Good tournament. Thought Simmons would win. For me, it's back to the drawing board."

Brian Simmons: I'm probably going to Red Deer. Francis? He was awesome."

Dale Lipovsky: "Had to switch shoes for the finals." They told me the shoes I used in class have gotten too wide in the opening.

Mark Baumann: "Well., I made the top ten.,"

Tom Westbrook: "No surprise, I enjoyed it."

Mark Mauthe: "Could have been more consistent, have some thing to build on."

Jim Walters: "Accomplished my aim - made the top three"

Randy Rein: "The people were nice. The "A" championship made my tournament, Championship class was a bonus."

Howard Weitzel; "It's the joy of my life to (finally) win this one."

Alan Francis: "...Some ups and downs but this ices the cake. What a great feeling!"

Kosky Moves Toward NHPA Game Related Sales Director

Ken Kosky spent most of his time in Hibbing with Ed Domey in the horseshoe sales area. It seems they struck a deal.

Kosky has been approved by the NHPA board as Game Related Sales Director - West, a new position wherein he will work directly with Ed, the NHPA, and other sales distributors while still maintaining his direct dealership in Wisconsin.

He left town with the entire stock that had been on display during the World event.

The young man knows the rules, but
the old man knows the exceptions.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Dig the well before you are thirsty.
- Chinese Proverb

Name	Place	win	lost	%
David Aho	9	7	8	28.17
Russ Burns	10	6.5	8.5	26.33
Charles Busick	6	8	7	44.33
Bun Carley	16	4	11	49.00
Bernard Cockroft	13	5	10	31.67
Art Collien	5	9	6	21.83
Aleena Cook	9	5.5	9.5	5.83
Kiri Cook	5	9	6	25.67
Tava Cook	8	8	7	32.83
Tava Cook	5 ch	1	4	38.93
Tom Costa Sr	2	10	5	51.50
Dustin Dahl	1	15	0	51.00
Dan David	12	6	9	17.33
Ken Davison	4	10.	4.5	29.00
Shari Davison	15	3	12	33.83
Fred Decorah	7	9	6	38.50
Teresa Donar	13	6.5	8.5	34.17
George Eckstrom	7	9	6	34.50
Ken Frame	2	11	5	37.73
Wayne Franzen	11	6	9	15.50
Bob Fritz	11	7	8	31.67
Clayton Gage	7	9.5	5.5	67.67
Clayton Gage	10 ch	3	8	63.89
Jim Ganther	5	11	4	32.83
Ray Groskinsky	5	10	5	38.00
Ed Hack	14	4	11	26.17
Dick Hansen	16	3	12	22.17
Suzanne Helene	11	6	9	56.33
Jim Haupt	3	11.	3.5	26.33
Dewayne Hazen	4	9.5	5.5	21.83
Greg Hehling	1	13	2	36.00
Ken Heinritz	15	4	11	41.33
Russ Heinritz	4	10	5	25.83
Karen Henkel	7	6	7	32.69
Dick Henkel	14	4	11	17.00
Don Hostrup	15	2.5	12.	51.67
Ken Jaeger Sr	12	6	9	39.83
Lloyd Johnson	11	6	9	41.17
Jerry Kamps	13	6.5	8.5	20.00
Scott Kater	9	6	9	19.50
George Kuffer	14	4	11	8.00
Pete Kumlien	4	10.	4.5	36.00
Milton Larson	11	6	9	22.17
Harold Laws	10	7	8	29.17

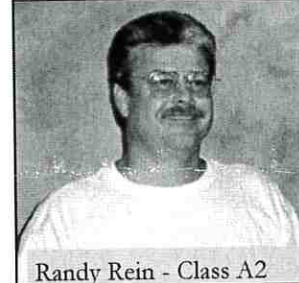
WORLD CLASS WINNERS



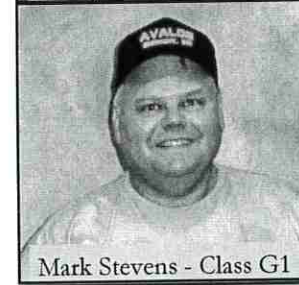
Gert Wilcziek - Class B



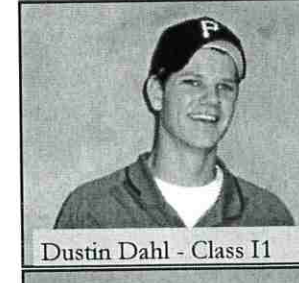
Tina Riehle - Class Jr C



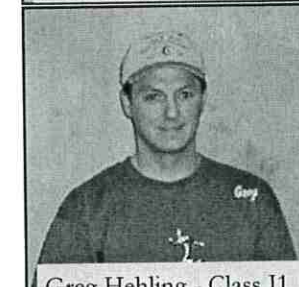
Randy Rein - Class A2



Mark Stevens - Class G1



Dustin Dahl - Class I1



Greg Hehling - Class J1

Name	Place	win	lost	%
Gilbert Mann	15	5	10	21.33
Ray Mallo	2	11	4	33.50
Bill Matey	7	8.5	6.5	21.00
Mark Mauthe	3	11	4	71.67
Mark Mauthe	13 ch	4	11	67.87
Edith McKinney	8	6.5	8.5	61.67
Edith McKinney	6 ch	0	5	50.00
Bruce McLinn	7	9	6	27.33
Leroy Meyer	9	6	9	25.67
John Mills	14	3	10	24.81
Ron Molitor	3	10	5	24.00
Kerry Morris	2	11.	3.5	39.33
Harry Nelson	15	2.5	12.	42.83
Mark Nord	15	4.5	10.	11.83
Earl Paulson	15	1	14	5.83
Randy Rein	1	12	3	72.67
Randy Rein	9 ch	7	8	70.15
Nicole Riehle	13	6	9	23.50
Tina Riehle	1	13	2	40.33
Tina Riehle	4 ch	2	3	43.53
Ted Rohde	10	6	9	32.83
Ivan Ruzic	16	1	15	14.50
Gene Satterstrom	2	12.	2.5	24.17
Gary Schmitz	2	10.	2.5	20.00
Dave Schorbahn	7	6.5	6.5	48.08
Gary Simac	13	5	10	21.33
Gloria Smith	5	9.5	5.5	33.33
Penny Steinke	4	9	6	56.83
Tom Steinke	10	8	7	20.00
Terry Sternberg	9	8	7	37.33
Mark Stevens	1	13	2	39.67
Rowen Swick	5	9.5	5.5	27.50
Wayne Totten	5	8	7	58.00
Wayne Totten	9 ch	4	7	60.45
Cliff Troullier	15	2	13	32.83
Elaine Troullier	14	5.5	9.5	36.67
Ed Wheeler	8	8.5	6.5	26.17
Steve Wiegert	5	10	5	48.33
Gert Wilcziek	1	14	2	74.53
Gert Wilcziek	10 ch	7	8	74.25
Ron Wilcziek	13	5.5	9.5	26.83
Paul Wilson	6	10	5	35.33
Tip Wipperfurth	11	6	9	31.83
Ken Wood	4	9	4	17.12

NHPA Business

Thankfully the NHPA officers found a cool room for the annual meeting. The rules were laid down; Twenty minutes per subject and two minutes per speaker. Jim Quist, appropriately dressed in black and white stripes acted as official time keeper.

The disbursement of the \$100 World entry fee was questioned. Dick Hansen assured that it was justified with perhaps 82% returned as payback.

126 delegates Listened to the representatives of future World Tournament sites. Red Deer, Alberta, Canada is set for July 29 through August 10, 2002 with R-Vs on site, air-conditioning, room for 58 courts. Early booking of accommodations advised.

The Chippewa Valley Sports Commission (Eau Claire to us) will take an active part in setting up the McPhee Center for the 2003 World. Buildings are part of the University complex on Clairmont Blvd. An August 4th start date was of some concern but said to be unavoidable.

13 rules changes were discussed and although important, it makes rather dull reading although it is interesting to note some of delegates often at the microphone. "Walter Ray Williams, Florida" were the words preceding a good share of rule comments, questions and suggested revisions. Elwyn Cooper, Missouri, was also an oft-time contributor, and George Nick of Minnesota added his spin from time to time. Sure, sometimes we may sigh, "another comment?" But these people led the discussion and just as we need allies, so too we need to hear the opposition.

The latest adaptation of the Junior age rule is that kids up to 9 yrs old will be allowed to pitch at 20 feet.

John Brown, of Ohio said sure, I'm an old guy, don't like change too much but I have been swayed to believe the "three point touch" ringer would save time and headaches Thirty-five delegates voted with Brown, eighty-nine did not. **The ringer rule remains; "... there must be a clearance..., etc."**

And for you tournament directors who cannot find scorekeepers, it's officially OK to have players keep their own score.

For the full load of rule changes, see Newslines or here's a checklist.

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| 1. Pass 103-21 | 8. Pass 93-28 |
| 2. Pass 110-14 | 9. Fail 62-62 |
| 3. Fail 68-56 | 10. Fail 35-89 |
| 4. Pass 103-21 | 11. Fail 35-89 |

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|----------------|----------------|
| 5. Pass 114-10 | 12. Fail 61-63 |
| 6. Fail 73-50 | 13. Pass 121-? |
- (84 votes (2/3) necessary to pass.)

Jim Gorth projected an outline for the NHPA under his helm. Dave Loucks reviewed just some of his accomplishments. The vote for NHPA president - Gorth 36, Loucks 89. Loucks thanked and congratulated Gorth hoping he would find some way to continue to serve the organization.

The NHPF has been active. Construction of the Hall of Fame building (however small) is under-way and expected to be stocked with pertinent paraphernalia perhaps by November but not until seeking out a professional curator for advice.

The Joelton situation remains chiefly in the hands of the benefactor, Dr. Jack Freeman. He has already turned over some 57 acres to the NHPF. Ownership transfer of the back 20 outdoor courts is in process. The main building transfer of ownership is promised and on Freeman's schedule but subject to the best time frame suggested by his financial advisors.

Maintenance expenses for Joelton are anticipated at \$25,000 annually additionally a caretaker will be required. There has been some thought of providing a RV parking place or two and asking for volunteer RVer's to act as temporary caretakers.

The back 40 acres at Joelton are hilly and separated and, under consideration for sale as residential lots.

At the present time NHPF funds have risen to \$313,000 of which \$100,000 will go for the Hall of Fame.

Members ratified the ongoing practice of awarding interest accrued on NHPA funds to the NHPF for one more year, expected to be in the \$14,000 to \$15,000 range.

John Passmore of Maryland told of his horseshoe association with new President George Bush. He wants to learn the turn, says Passmore who looks forward to more horseshoe games on the presidential courts

The meeting broke up shortly after the membership agreed to retain the present format for next year's World in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

And for you tournament directors who cannot find scorekeepers, it's officially OK to have players keep their own score.

Let those that love us, love us. And those that don't, may God turn their hearts. And, if He cannot turn their hearts, May He turn their ankles so we may know them by their limping!

- Irish blessing

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

The news from Marshall is that Jerry Weikert's wife has a broken foot. Unfortunately there was no report on the condition of Jerry's backside. He is now home after spending 8 days in the hospital for bypass surgery in July.

Time Out!

The class at Combined Locks was fifteen minutes away when a call came in to Jerry Kamps from a distraught pitcher on his way, but cramped for time. Seems this guy picked up the wrong schedule on his way out the door early that morning. As he was leaving the environs of Milwaukee his destination read, "Oxford." He arrived a week early and then called Combined Locks ("Hi, Burmeister from Time Out, here.") to confirm his pitching time. Kamps was heard to say, "But Donny, you are still 110 miles from here, I don't think you can make it."

Undaunted he continued to drive, on the chance that someone else in the following class may be right now also heading for the wrong tournament. Fat chance. When he got there his name was "Bye." Should have stuck around for A class Donny, they needed a pacer.

Karen Rampalski, it was later noted, did not pitch the Oxford event a week later, but was in evidence, perhaps as co-pilot.

Mark Mauthe experienced a bit of an average surge early the season but not soon enough to enter the World Tournament. He did go to Hibbing though on the chance that maybe there would be an opening. Hanging around, pestering Dick Hansen, and a little luck paid off. He was allowed to fill-in the class competition due to a late dropout.

He then qualified for the championship class (lowest qualifier came in with 68.33).

His first trip to the championship class was at times rewarding against some top pitchers. Trouble was this affair was lasting longer than his wardrobe. During the last days his shirts said "Norm."

Mark thought he could have been more consistent but regards the first time experience as "something to build on."

Banner seen in Hibbing horseshoe parade;
"Life's A Pitch."

Hey, second place is not so bad.

Brian Simmons, with his little pony tail, was grabbing a smoke outside the coliseum after the fatal final game entertaining some well-wishers.

Three women approached and immediately began asking Simmons what he was doing this evening, and would he be interested in making an appearance at a local nightspot. They were nice looking and actually begging the guy- three of them! So, now tell me, what's so bad about second?

Pat Canally, South Dakota sage, was telling anyone who inquired about his games that he pretty near drowned on and off the courts. "Yeah, I was crying on the inside."

Art Tyson took Ken Heinritz aside just before making a five game shift. "I want to make you a little bet," Tyson proposed, "If I win all five games today, you have to give me your black dog."

Sitting outside the fairground courts, grousing about the heat, when a little rain shower miraculously appeared. At that moment Moose Meyer strode by, raised his hands to the heavens saying, "Holy water."

Editor's dream;

When I grow up I want to be like Howard Weitzel.

Gene Burlingame, or "Burly," Leader of the Stewlie's club has announced an exclusive banquet for club members is in the works. The menu will soon be published online and everyone is invited - invited to prepare it and partake on their own time.

Nuts, would be an appropriate appetizer.

The Iron Mine and other slag in Hibbing, MN

By Jim Haupt

Dick Dvorak, former president of the Gopher Horseshoe Association conducted a tour of the sights in Hibbing, MN for your agent.

Going north through town, that didn't take long, we came to the north end of a big park where the Andy Paglarini horseshoe building is situated. Belongs to the Hibbing Horseshoe Club. Was made possible through a \$35,000 gift from Bill Grillo's friend Gino Palucci.

Grillo is the club president and driving force behind the presentation of the Hibbing World Tournament. Palucci, the benefactor, is a well known area businessman also

known for his gifts to the people of Hibbing, owns the Hibbing Park hotel (providing complimentary rooms for the NHPA officers) and owns the Palucci Planetarium, an ultra-modern structure on the main drag.

The horseshoe house that Palucci all but paid for served as the practice facility for World visitors. 12 courts in the two part building, 4 courts with screened walls and 8 courts behind solid walls, really, a nice facility recently re-built, Snow overload was the demise of an earlier structure. Here's the odd part - no heat! I guess they must really love hockey, curling, and snowmobiling and have no time for winter horseshoe-ing.

On to the mine, but first see where North Hibbing once was. The town was moved, maybe for

the mine, now it looks like a park with streets, ornate street signs, and dotted with the old foundations.

Along the way there's the Greyhound bus museum. The company started right here hauling miners back and forth. Somewhere along the way the tour business took over -- right here in Hibbing!

The Mine, couple miles wide, 3-4 miles long, described as the largest open pit mine in the world. Looked dead to us, hardly a thing moving in there. Course the mammoth trucks look like Tonka Toys from our viewpoint. Some of the stuff that came out of the mine must have been shipped out. The remaining big piles of slag would hardly fill the hole. Best thing about it was the mine visit was for free!

Kenosha goes all out for Special Olympics

By Harry Nelson

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club held its annual benefit tournament on Saturday, July 21. This year we decided to do our benefit for Special Olympics and conducted a ten team round robin doubles event with an 85% team limit.

We held it on the five outdoor courts of Nash Park. To make extra money besides the entry fee, the pitchers went out and got businesses or other pitchers, or just other people to sponsor them for so much per ringer or a set amount.

At 12 O'clock we started by introducing Jim Ryan, a representative of Special Olympics. After a short speech he introduced Kim White, the area director who explained what Special Olympics is and what it does. Then we introduced all the pitchers and gave them a Special Olympics towel. Jim Ryan then pitched the first two shoes to start the tournament.

There were four World Class champions in this benefit; Harry Nelson 1996, Fred Decorah 1997, Lloyd Johnson 1999, Hi Chaffin also 1999 and six Wisconsin State walking doubles champions; Ray Billen 1999,

Dick Muhlenbeck, Jane Hartman both 2000, Denny Hartman, Scott Muhlenbeck, and Bill Hagen all 2001. They all belong to the Kenosha Club except for one.

The one thing that made this benefit unique is that we had pitchers not in the tournament sponsoring pitchers that were entered. That could be one reason it was such a great success. The name of the game for this event was "Ringers for the Kids of Special Olympics."

The Kenosha Club is very proud of all the pitchers and workers who participated in this tournament because together they raised over \$1925.00 for the kids with just one class of doubles, especially the teams who worked so hard getting sponsors. Our top team in fund raising was Harry Nelson and Glenn Ellis, they pitched for \$4.17 a ringer. The team of Linda Johnson and Dan Birch pitched for \$3.17 per ringer. The Dick and Scott Muhlenbeck team pitched for \$2.78 per ringer and the team of Fred Decorah and Debbie Marshall pitched for \$1.07 a ringer.

The temperature was so hot, around 100 degrees, that after four games one pitcher had to drop out so we changed from 30 shoes to 20 for the last five games. Three of our workers; Pat Nelson, Vera Johnson, and Bonnie Hagen started soaking towels in water and put them around the pitcher's necks. Nobody

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ARENA SIZZLES

WELL AFTER SOME CONSIDERABLE WORRY, AND WITH THE HELP OF SEVERAL DEDICATED PITCHERS, THIS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WAS VERY RELIEVED, WHEN THE FINAL TALLY CAME UP WITH 32 PITCHERS FOR THE SIZZLE TOURNAMENT. THAT WAS HELD ON 7/7/01. EVEN MOTHER NATURE TRIED TO DAMPEN THINGS, BUT THIS DAY WAS FOR PITCHING SHOES.

I KNOW THAT HORSESHOE PITCHERS ARE A DEDICATED GROUP. BUT, WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL TRAVELS 1500 MILES TO GO ON VACATION, AND ENDS UP PITCHING IN A TOURNAMENT, THAT TO ME IS REAL DEDICATION TO THE SPORT. YES, YOU READ IT CORRECTLY. TERRY LAST, WHO HAILS FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AND ALSO, ORIGINALLY FROM WISCONSIN, SENT ME AN EMAIL, AND ASKED TO BE ENTERED IN MY TOURNAMENT. EVEN THOUGH TERRY DID NOT WIN ANYTHING, HE ENJOYED THE COMPETITION AND THE ALL THE PEOPLE HE ENCOUNTERED.

IN CLASS A, MARK MAUTHE LIT UP THE SCORE BOARD, WHEN HE THREW 40 RINGERS OUT OF 50 SHOES, FOR AN 80% GAME. MARK ENDED THE DAY WITH 208 RINGERS OUT OF 300 SHOES, FOR A 69.33% AVERAGE.

IN CLASS B, TIPPY WIPPERFURTH HAD TO OUT LAST LEN MAUTHE AND BILL SPAHN, TO WIN A THREE WAY PLAYOFF FOR FIRST PLACE.

IN CLASS E, GREG ZIMDARS OUTLASTED RON BERG, AND JERRY ZIEJA, TO WIN FIRST PLACE HONORS.

I WANT TO PUT OUT A WORD OF WARNING, TO

ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. BE ON THE LOOKOUT, FOR A FELLOW HORSESHOE PITCHER WHO LIKES TO MAKE WOOD CARVINGS FOR HIS BIRD HOUSES. IT SEEMSTHAT BILL SPAHN HAS TOO MUCH SPARE TIME DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. BILL SHOWED ME A WOOD CARVING OF A BEARDED FACE INDIVIDUAL, AND ASKED IF I RECOGNIZED WHO IT WAS. IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE FACE OF THIS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. WHEN I RAN THE SANTA'S SINGLES IN DECEMBER. SO DON'T BE SURPRISED, WHEN BILL WANTS YOU TO LOOK AT SOME-THING THAT HE HAS CARVED. BY THE WAY BILL, YOU MADE ME LOOK PRETTY GOOD!! THANK YOU.

- CLASS A
- 1) MARK MAUTHE - 69.33%
 - 2) BUN CARLEY - 51.00%
 - 3) ARNIE WALTON - 51.00%

- CLASS C
- 1) JASON GOLDSMITH - 38.33%
 - 2) DON BURMEISTER - 30.00%
 - 3) GENE SATTERSTROM - 26.67%

- CLASS E
- 1) GREG ZIMDARS - 25.43%
 - 2) JERRY ZIEJA - 29.33%
 - 3) RON BERG - 28.33%

- CLASS B
- 1) TIP WIPPERFURTH - 35.14%
 - 2) BILL SPAHN - 34.67%
 - 3) LEN MAUTHE - 32.67%

- CLASS D
- 1) NELSON RICHASON - 23.20%
 - 2) CHUCK HERMAN - 24.40%
 - 3) DICK BURG - 25.20%

I WANT TO THANK TOM COSTA FOR ALL HIS HELP IN ROUNDING UP PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK KENNY FRAME, WHO TOOK CARE OF THE SCORE SHEETS AND BOARDS, WHILE I TOOK MY TURN AT THE COURTS. AND MOST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT SIGNED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT, AND MADE IT A SUCCESS.

THANKS AGAIN, AND WE WILL SEE YA IN OCTOBER.
ED WHEELER TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

SANBORN

A Tradition goes into the next Century

By Steve Stevens

For the past twenty-eight years, a horseshoe tournament has been held in a small northwoods town to determine the local champion. There were no such words as "sanction," "blue clay," or even "legal shoes." Pegs were pounded into the ground and single elimination was played.

Today we try to build sanctioned courts and record ringer percentages. Back in the days when Fred Hay and Putt Mossman were champions, the names Ernie Kuepher and Les Sovari were champions here.

They pitched the "real" horseshoes. No one could afford trophies

or bothered to record results.

So as we start this new century, we will always remember the legends of the past as we crown the champions of the future

Cl A	Randy Rein	67.5
	Edi McKinney	53.8
Cl B	Dick Dvorak	42.1
	Jane Smith	29.3
Cl C	Robin Mahn	37.5
	Ron Stevens	24.5

MARENGO

A Moose, A Woodchuck, A Gopher, & A couple of Hodags

By Steve Stevens

There were just a few entrants into this sanctioned tournament. A Green Bay Packer found his way to this little Northwoods title-

town.

A champion is crowned despite a surprise "L" from a one hook friend.

Food and refreshments are plentiful here from morning til darkness.

Forgotten scorekeepers are used to please the Horseshoe gods.

I'm sure Swen Bowman would have been proud.

Cl A	Randy Rein	69.2
	Gus Schram	50.4
Cl B	Louie LaBarge	42.5
	Tim Bayerl	42.9
Cl C	Jerry Niemuth	38.0
	Leroy Meyer	40.0
Cl D	Ken Wood	17.5
	Al Rude	14.5

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Schalk at Oxford

July 22

Oxford, where the great Wisconsin glacier left soft sand, nice to the touch, and near perfect for the game of horseshoes.

Francis Schalk devoted himself entirely to running the show. Of the eight courts, four have to be set up expressly for tournaments with slip in stakes on what is normally the VFW rifle range. A temporary fence separated it from the parking lot. Eight new scoring devices were set out along with a few picnic tables and trash cans. All the work fell upon the director, Schalk.

He spent forty years in the sheet metal industry and his experience shows in his new scoring devices. Red, white, and blue metal standards keep track of ringers, points and shoes in vertical order with black magnets. No loose wheels or pointers, those magnets make a sure stop. The highly visible devices indicate many hours of planning and construction - a really nice job.

A welcome afternoon rain shower chased away some of the morning heat.



In A class, Randy Rein never lost a game but was tied twice. Brian Repinski did loose to Rein but took the day with his superior ringer percentage.



New to the upper reaches of "B," Ron Balsiger, Germantown, likes the courts well enough to permanently relocate to the area and join the league.



'C' became a five man because of a dropout and Dave Balsiger, also Germantown, took advantage.



Wes Podvin, another of the Germantown Club, fresh off a win the previous day at Beloit, kept the streak going. Lost just one game in "D" class and by just one point. These shoes were among his first pitching from short distance.

THANKS

Why is it that it's always the tournament director who wants to say, "Thanks for coming."

Directors should be busy saying, "You're entirely welcome," to all those pitchers who had the class to say, "Thanks."

So be it. Francis Schalk continues the tradition, "Thanks to all who entered the Oxford Open."

Southern Wisconsin

By Earl Paulson

My computer bombed out. Would have fixed it but I couldn't find an ax. (Ed. - Copy- US mail.)

Hot weather resulted in several people having to quit Sunday morning. The afternoon classes were rained out after three games. We decided to go inside and allow each class to pitch one more game so that the tournament would qualify for the records. The first class just got started when the rain stopped but they finished on the indoor courts. The other two classes pitched in and pumped out the courts and finished their games outside. It amounted to about a one hour rain delay.

In spite of the interruption, Mark Mauthe cleaned

up on class A winning all games with an average of 73.93%. A three-way tie developed in class B on Saturday with Bob Fritz winning the ladder play-off.

In class H, Ryan Hyatt, a Junior pitcher from Racine went undefeated at 42.966%. He handed his mother, Cindy Hyatt her only loss. This was Cindy's first sanctioned tournament. Another Junior pitcher, Dustin Tanner of Beloit, took third place in class J. These are two Junior pitchers to watch.

Ed. We got a peek at the results but in Natstats form interpretation is difficult. Looks like Mark Mauthe pitched 74%; Larry Fettes 56%, Lorraine Sternberg 55.7%, Tom Costa, 50.7%, Ron Lingard 49.3%, and Hallie Romanelli was clocked at 48.5%.

CLASS A			
DON KANGAS,	5	1	68.00
TOM COSTA	3	2	55.90
JACK ALGIERS	3	2	50.30

CLASS B			
ELAINE TROULLIER,	4	1	52.40
VINCE JAKEL	3	2	43.60
EUGENE MASON	3	2	40.40

CLASS C			
OTIS WESSLEY	6	1	40.30
DENNIS AMBUEHL	5	2	37.10
LEROY MEYER	4	3	30.00

CLASS D			
GREG HEHLING	4	1	40.80
JERRY GRAVES	4	1	30.80
KAREN HENKEL	2	3	28.40

CLASS E			
NORB FUHRMAN	4	1	31.50
PAT SMITH	3	2	27.00
RICHARD HENKEL	3	2	17.50

CLASS F			
WES PODVIN	4	0	10.00
CHARLES HOFFMAN	1	3	5.00
JEFFREY JAKEL	1	3	4.40

2001 MID-EAST OPEN HORSESHOE

Combined Locks, Kamps' home of horseshoes for over forty years, runs a two event weekend, in an attempt to offer a venue for all, including casual pitchers - sort of a "pro- am" weekend.

Tom Costa, with a seemingly unquenchable thirst for shoes, won Saturday, took second on Sunday when Don Kangas came to town. Up for the occasion, Kangas led off with 39 ringers in the first 50-shoe game.

First stop at Kamps Kovered Kourts is usually the outdoor bar and grill and who's the bartender? It's none other than John Reitveld, the man we expect to see manning the score booth.

Reitveld says thirty six years in the booth was enough, serving beer and brats is his new calling.

Imagine that, one day in 1965 Reitveld just wandered past the courts and wound up writing the numbers in the score booth. He was so good at it that the club had him back there every year. He was subsequently chosen as WHPA president. It's written in the concrete between courts 7 &

8 - "John Reitveld WHPA President 1976."

Reitveld has been on the nominee list for the WHPA Hall of Fame for several years. The hitch is, he is no longer a WHPA member. Although he does compete in the game of horseshoe on a local level, Hall of Fame selection is now limited to members of ten years standing.

Will the concrete inscription be his final reward?

SATURDAY (UNSANCTIONED)			
CL A	TOM COSTA	5/0	58.80
	E TROULLIER	4/1	50.40
	EUGENE MASON	2/3	44.80
CL B	STEVE MIELKE	6/1	41.70
	N STRZYZEWSKI	5/2	40.00
	H WENDORF	5/2	35.30
CL C	NORM CARLSON	6/1	19.60
	JERRY KAMPS	6/1	24.60
	DAN NOENNIG	4/3	23.30
CL D	GARY MILLER	5/0	25.50
	RON MILLER	4/1	25.00
	DICK WALL	2/3	24.00
CL E	MARGO SCHINKE	4/1	8.00
	S VANDER VELDEN	4/1	4.00
	GERI LYNN BAUER	3/2	6.10
CL F	MILT KEMP	4/1	7.30
	KRISTI KEMP	3/2	6.00
	JACKIE AUSTIN	3/2	6.00

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complained and they all finished the tournament. No one pitched their average because of the heat yet when we finished, everyone stayed to hear the results and helped to take everything down and clean up.

Lou Bensinger from Florida and Bill Hagen from Salem, WI took first place with eight wins and only one loss.

1st	Lou Bensinger	57	25.9	8/1
	Bill Hagen	68	30.9	
2nd	Dick Muhlenbeck	99	45.0	6.5/2.5
	Scott Muhlenbeck	44	20.0	
3rd	Linda Johnson	79	35.9	5.5/3.5
	Dan Birch	33	24.1	

Other teams in order of finish: Lloyd Johnson-Ray Billen, Everett Stewart-Dale Schamberg, Fred

Decorah-Debbie Marshall, Hi Chaffin-Bob Power, Glenn Bogenschneider-Don Peroutka, Denny and Jane Hartman, and Harry Nelson-Glenn Ellis.

A person needs only two tools in life: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the tape.

- Unknown



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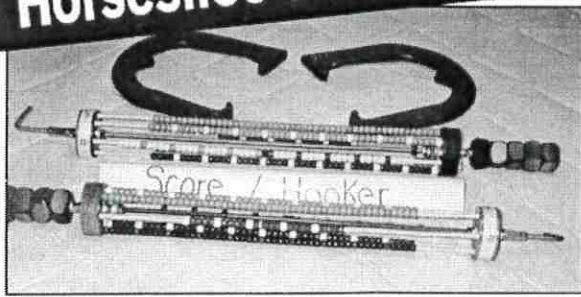
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