

1988 Team World Tournament

Team horseshoes is nothing new but the Pitchin' Palace has put team horseshoes on a new plateau. World class pitchers gathered at the Palace in Sturtevant, Wisconsin in mid-February to have a go for the gold. They found it was close-by in Illinois. Two teams from Illinois finished in the top four.

Illinois had to double down for the win at the Team World tournament. Minnesota, the defending champs, had held Illinois to a 2-2 tie forcing a repeat of the final match. The last game of the match was never finished, called, as the Illinois team swept the first three for undisputed first place. In the ladder finish, Minnesota had defeated Indiana, who had earlier won from the fourth place Illinois #2 team.

The final four finished in the same order of their seed determined in the 105 preliminary team matches. 1st, Illinois; 2nd, Minnesota; 3rd, Indiana; 4th, Illinois #2.

In the race only "Michigan" was close, within 1½ wins of fourth. The Illinois #2 team was the surprise. Unseeded and a second team, they showed poise in winning 35½ of a possible 56 game points.

Indiana, as expected, were finalists. Led by Clarence Bellman with 71% in the pre-lims and 80% in the finals, they only held their #3 position losing to Minnesota 3-1.

The key to the finals was the match-up between the reigning World Champions,

Dale Lipovsky and Sandy McLachlin. It was the last game of the pre-lims that Lipovsky dropped to McLachlin. Although his Minnesota team would go to the finals, Lipovsky who had no losses prior would not win again. Bellman claimed him next and Baker got him twice, back to back.

In retrospect, the teams with a superior top two pitchers won out. Ontario with Sandy McLachlin, had no depth. Minnesota's one big punch, Dale Lipovsky, faded..they needed Negaard. Missouri could attribute 13 wins to Viki Winston, but Charley Kilgore's ~~SEVEN~~ wins were not enough to make the finals. Mann's, 11 wins and Sarbough's 13 wins had no help. The winning combo was Baker and Webb, who did have help.

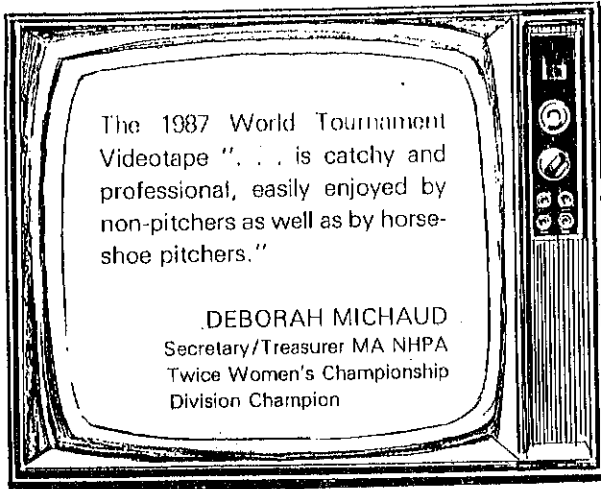


All things considered, for most of the pitchers, this tournament was a gathering of friends, a time to renew old acquaintanceships, make some new ones, and have some fun. Competition among the leaders was keen....all they could handle. Most went away from this event hoping to be included on the "TEAM" next year.

Club Team Tourney

The deadline for the Club Team Tournament is near. Entry fee is \$64 per team of four pitchers. NHPA sanctioned, send card # with entry. Deadline is March 26, 1988, tournament date is Saturday, April 9, 1988.

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Team World Results

1988 Team-World #16-88-001

1st Illinois	44	68.1	9th Ontario	28	58.8
Cliff Baker	12	76.7	Sandy McLachlin	13	80.7
Charley Webb	10	70.8	Kevin McLachlin	2	46.0
Bunny Ward	12	64.4	Tom Stroh	5	51.4
Jerry Dumstorff	10	60.7	Edward Neeb	8	57.1
2nd Minnesota	38½	65.6	10th Ind. #2	26	57.7
Dale Lipovsky	12	77.4	Mike Blankenship	5½	62.1
Len Lipovsky	9	67.3	Greg Rathburn	7	49.1
Jack O'Connor	8½	58.7	Ron Parrish	6	57.7
Dave Hughes	9	59.1	Darrel Toulbee	7½	62.1
3rd Indiana	37	64.1	11th Iowa	25	56.6
Jerry Mills	11	66.7	Ron Burgess	6	55.1
Chuck Grothe	10	67.0	Bill Vandegriff	8	61.9
Clarence Bellman	11	71.0	Harlan Hass	8	57.8
LeRoy Rowe	5	52.0	Bill Wilson	3	51.7
4th Illinois #2	35½	60.7	12th Wis. #2	22	56.4
Mike Knop	12	64.5	Dan Bloom	5	60.1
Larry Knop	5	53.7	Al Lonning	3	47.8
Booty Lange	10	60.4	Steve Korhn	6	55.7
Don Peters	8½	60.4	Edie McKinney	8	62.0
5th Michigan	34	61.9	13th P. Palace	15½	51.6
Oscar Manns	11	68.5	Dick Hansen	4½	51.6
Feldon Sarbough	13	71.4	Gerrit Melstad	4½	49.3
Clayton Bonham	6	57.8	Lloyd Johnson	5	54.0
Jim Haupt	4	49.8	Grant Hintz	3	55.1
6th Wisconsin	32	59.4	14th Iowa #2	14½	48.5
Don Kangas	10	59.0	Jerry Russell	8	56.7
Rick Pritzlaff	7	58.1	Dick Holdridge	0	39.9
Ralph Maylahn	7	58.4	Dorrance Pitz	2½	43.7
Jane Smith	8	62.0	Dick Hafel	4	53.6
7th Iowa #3	30	58.5	15th Saskatch'wn	10	48.8
Red Henton	9	60.0	Al Ross	3	59.7
Harold Darnold	8	61.7	Irvan Finnie	1	47.1
Loras Grant	11	65.5	Perry Spltchen	1	39.9
Tony Scrima	2	46.6	Lyle Mroske	5	48.4
8th Missouri	28	63.5	STATISTICIAN		
Sam Carter	6	57.4	and charts by		
Vicki Winston	13	78.2	Ralph Dykes		
Earl Winston	2	52.0			
Charles Killgore	7	66.5			

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Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. came to our house, the Palace, while on a week long promotional bowling tour in Wisconsin. The Miller Lite golden boy, one of bowling's big hitters, asked that the Pitchin' Palace be included in the Miller Lite twenty stop tour. He likes pitching shoes. So in between bowling center appearances, the limo pulled in for a horseshoe exhibition.

The warm-up was two shoes. The next two were right on, and on and on. What a beautiful stroke. If horseshoes gave style points, he'd be close to perfection. We just came off the Team World Tournament; saw a number of stellar horseshoe pitchers and thought it would be anti-climactic for Walter Ray's scheduled exhibition. Wrong. We were overwhelmed with his easy style. Misses? He made a few, not many, although he looks good even when he misses. Right handed, left handed, over the blanket, then, Lorraine Sternberg, confidently seated on

a chair, ten feet in front of the stake, watched as Williams tossed ringers over her head. In a 20 shoe game with Lou Bensinger, he had 19 ringers.

He apparently knows precisely what to do when he addresses the stake; the definite aim, the full controlled back swing, stepping out and delivering with smooth confidence.



Dick Hansen
WHPA
President

With the coming of spring comes the time of the year more of us start thinking of getting back into playing horseshoe. This is also the time of the year when we look in our mail for that list of summer tournaments. We can plan our weekends to make those tournaments and meet our friends in horseshoe from all over the state.

It should also be the time we make that commitment to attend the spring meeting.

This past winter its been talked about that the WHPA has very little money carried over from year to year. In my mind this is not a good situation. At this spring meeting I will bring up a plan to improve on our ballance from year to year.

With all the tournaments around the state, there are a great number of scores that are sent in to John Secord. This service is for all to use. There is a computerized average for everyone that has pitched in any of the tournaments around the state and is a usefull tool for all of us to use.

To offset the expense of providing this service a fee of \$1.00 per player for each tournament could be sent in with the scores to John.

Think about it and come to the spring meeting. It will be discussed at that time.



Pat Eaton

We have lost Pat Eaton. On January 22, 1988, Pat Eaton, Eau Claire Club President, succumbed to cancer after a long courageous battle. She was State Champion eight years; served many years as WHPA vice president and in 1986 was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame.

Her credits are impressive but we will remember her first as a lady and recently as the cheerful, spirited lady who welcomed all of us to the Eau Claire World Tournament. Our condolences are offered to her husband, Eldon and family and the Eau Claire Club.

In Memoriam

Delton "Toby" House has passed away on January 4, 1988. Toby was a member and past president of the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club. Our condolences are extended to his family and the Eau Claire Club.

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Junior Scholarship Fund

The days are getting longer, warmer weather is on the way. That means the summer tournament circuit will soon be here. This will be the fourth year of our Junior Scholarship program and we want to make it the biggest and best year ever.

To help us activate this goal, 1988 will see an increase in the scholarship amounts and the addition of a second place scholarship for both class A boys and girls. The first place scholarship will be an increase from \$200 to \$300. A second place scholarship of \$150 will be added this year.

The reason we can raise the award is because of the fine support last year from our clubs and individuals. A special thanks should go to John Gomoll, Watertown, who for the third straight year contributed \$100 to the fund. Thanks, John, and thanks to all the other contributors.

Also, to get 1988 off to a good start, the first summer tournament in May at the Pitchin' Palace will donate part of the entry fee to the fund. We are hopeful that we can repeat the junior participation that we had at the state tournament. Hey, all you pitchers, bring your juniors to this tournament, thereby supporting your association and the Junior Scholarship Fund.

Attention: TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS - The next issue, I will highlight the procedures for you to follow in supporting the fund at your individual tournament. If you want information sooner, please contact:

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Team World Comments

RED HENTON: ...on the Team World

"You people are blessed with bringing in some of the finest horseshoe talent in existence. And they come from quite a distance too."

DON KANGAS: ...will you be back?

"I don't know if they want me next year. I think I won 9 (actually 10) for fourteen."

DAN BLOOM: ...how was it?

"O.K. I just wish I could have played Don Kangas. I didn't get a crack at him."

DON KANGAS: "...didn't you have enough losses already?"

DAN BLOOM: ..."I needed one more win. I did tie the Minnesota state champ."

RICK PRITZLAFF: ..."I think the tournament was super. The schedule worked out great. The whole weekend has been fantastic. The competition was the best I've seen since the inception of this tournament."

RALPH MAYLAHN: ..."I've enjoyed this tournament very much. It gives a guy a chance to see other pitchers, see how they hold their shoe, how they grip it, and get different ideas. I wouldn't say I'm satisfied with my performance but maybe next time around we'll be better...as long as we don't get old too soon."

DWIGHT WIEDERHOLD: ...(a new fan)

"I read an article in the Chicago Tribune yesterday and tried to convince my wife to spend Valentines Day here. She got sick so I came alone from Des Plaines. Never heard of this place before, even got a little lost on the way. I wish I could get my buddy here. Sure it's worth the one hour drive. Came here to learn some of the techniques the fellows use."

MIKE KNOP: ..."think this tournament was bigger and better this year. A lot of real credited teams that surprised a lot of people, and it's no run-away."

...on their fourth place finish...

"It's just unbelievable. We didn't come here figuring to win half our games and we end up winning two-thirds of them. We're just lucky, that's all."

JERRY MILLS: ...what's the strategy here Jerry?

"You sacrifice your low man to their top man, especially to somebody like Viki Winston or Sandy McLachlin, because you're going

to lose anyhow. They are almost unbeatable. Minnesota sure missed Phyllis Negaard. I think she lost only one or two games here in the last three years."

ENTIRE ILLINOIS TEAM: ...(after winning)

"No big deal, no big deal."

BUNNY WARD: ...on the tie and rematch You caused the rematch?

"Oh yeah, I worked these guys (his own team) over. Gave the first one away and I tried to give the last one away."

ALL THE ILLINOIS TEAM: ..."It's hard to beat a guy two times in a row."

AL ROSS: ...thanks to all you guys from Saskatchewan for comming.

"Thanks for having us here, we really enjoyed it. We'll be back again and we are going to be tougher than before. We're going to knock off some of the biggies."

John Secord Sec/Treas

Would those members that purchased their cards early please send me the additional \$2.00 for the NHPA insurance fee. The NHPA-whpa membership cost is \$14.00 this year which includes the NHPA insurance.

Saturday, April 30th is the start of your '88 season by attending the spring meeting at Wautoma State Bank in Wautoma at 1:00 P.M.

The Wisconsin Club Team Tournament held at the Pitchin' Palace is a NHPA sanctioned tournament. Each member of your team must hold a 1988 NHPA card. Please purchase your cards prior to the tournament.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A NHPA/WHPA membership form is in this issue.

Wanted: Nominations

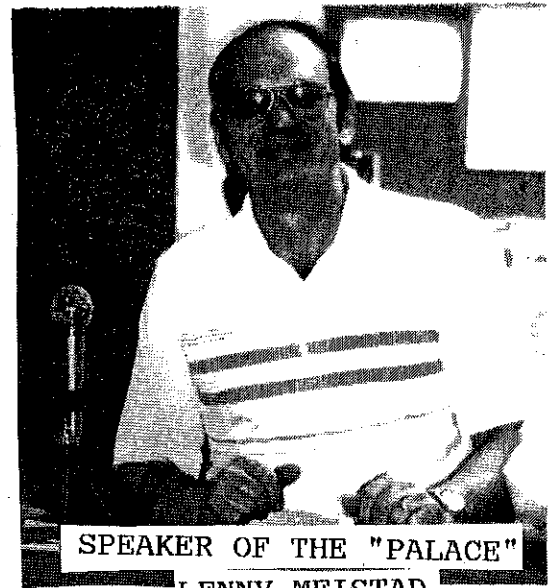
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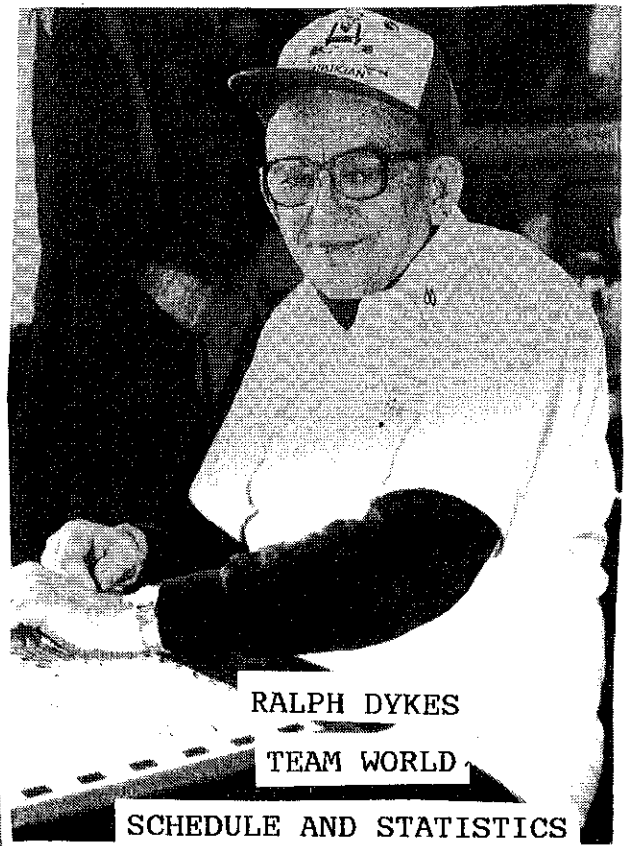
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MARCH 1988

Interview With Sandy McLachlin

We know you have a brother, Kevin, we'd like to know more about your family?

I have one sister, one brother and mom and dad.

How did you and horseshoes come together?

I started at campgrounds when I was about 12. Then my brother would play me and bet me a dollar that I couldn't get one point...it was a challenge.

Have you won any championships in Canada?

Just in my province. I started with the flip shoe; won the Ontario Junior Girls twice. Each time I automatically got the trophy because I was the only junior girl in "A" class.

Do you participate in other sports?

I played all sports until I really started to get into horseshoes. And then I didn't have time for them...I have a job too.

Do you have any other hobbies or is it all horseshoes now?

I don't play horseshoes very often any more.

How about practice?

I would go bowling, ten-pin bowling and get my wrist into shape just by bowling so I didn't have to practice horseshoes.

Your 16, and in high school. Do you plan to go on in school?

Yes, college or university.
What made you select the womens class last year instead of defending your junior world title?

There was no challenge. After I won it once it wouldn't be exciting to win it again. I figured if I didn't finish first in womens, if I just played in it, I'd feel better than if I were in the Juniors, no matter where I finished.

You won the junior girls title in Nebraska with 60% and you come back one year later with 88%. What happened?

I started throwing the turn shoe in January or February of 1986 and I was throwing about 50% all the time. The Ontario championships were the day before we left for Nebraska. I played with the boys and shot 60%, a big improvement, so I was more or less on my way up all along.

So you were actually learning the turn shoe?

I threw the flip shoe and did really bad in one tournament. So it was either give up horseshoes or switch. My brother didn't want me to switch. So I went and practiced every part, alignment and stuff, one thing at a time, not worrying about ringers. And it just all came together. When my brother came over that night, I showed him and he told me never to go back to the flip again.

The Ohio State Fair, you pitched 20 shoe games and 40 shoe finals, your impressions.....

I won all my games and played Debby Mchaud in the finals. She came all the way from fourth place. She put on the first 28 ringers. I thought she was never going to miss. But I ended up winning by one point.

Did you like the 20 shoe game?

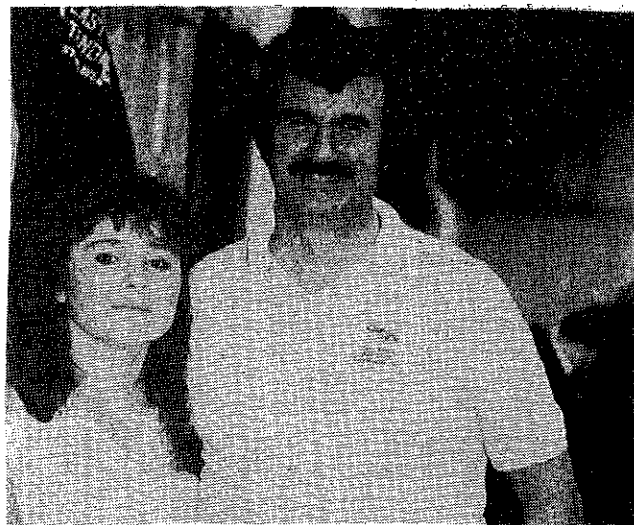
It was O. K. I don't know. I don't really have any preferences, like for the long games. Sometimes the spectators get too bored especially thinking 100 shoes. When it's 20 shoes they can keep in tune to what's going on. So I think it would be better for horseshoes to have shorter games.

Your brother designed the M & M Horseshoes?

It took him a long time. He had different models made, over and over, until he decided which was best. Then he had some made and I didn't have to worry about him having pairs for me.

The 88 World...are you going to be there?
I don't know, I have to make my mind up by March.

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Sandy McLachlin with Tony Scrima. Tony's hi-lite of the tournament, 4 point loss to Sandy, Tony, 72%, Sandy, 74%

A Near Perfect Game

Oscar Manns watched as his opponent, Sandy McLachlin, attempted a perfect game. After 46 ringers in 46 shoes we thought it was a sure bet...just down and back...4 more ringers. Down was O. K., now she had 48 consecutive. The 49th shoe came in slightly vertical. The toe hit the stake, stopped it, upright and short. Number 50 was right on. 49 for 50, a great display, wonder if Manns will ever see it again.

MANN S Mc Lachlin

FORM 80 GAME SCORE SHEET



National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

CALL	Ringers Columns	Inning Points
No score		—
1 ringer each no score	X X	—
2 ringers each no score	XX XX	—
1 ringer each one point	X' X	1
1 point		1
2 points		2
1 ringer 3 points	0	3
3 ringers 3 points	XO X	3
1 ringer 4 points	0'	4
2 ringers 6 points	OO	6

Class _____ Date 2-13
 Game No. 35 Court 6
#7 Michigan vs #10-ONT. CANADA

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX		0	2	XX		0
XX		0	4	XX		0
X		0	6	XO		3
X		0	8	XO		6
X		0	10	XO		9
XX		0	12	XX		9
X		0	14	XO		12
XX		0	16	XX		12
XX		0	18	XX		12
X		0	20	XO		15
X		0	22	XO		18
X		0	24	XO		21
XX		0	26	XX		21
X		0	28	XO		24
XX		0	30	XX		24
XX		0	32	XX		24
		0	34	OO		30
		0	36	OO		36
X		0	38	XO		39
X		0	40	XO		42
XX		0	42	XX		42
XX		0	44	XX		42
XX		0	46	XX		42
XX		0	48	XX		42
X		0	50	X'	1	43

SUMMARY

0	Points	43
35	Ringers	49
12	Doubles	24
	Shoes Pitched	

Percent Ringers

Scorekeeper Carla McFarlane

INTERVIEW WITH SANDY MCLACHLIN (CONT'D)

We think you like this tournament.

I do. I've never been in like a team tournament other than ordinary doubles. And I don't like doubles because it's too long between shoes. This one, it feels better to know you have partners with you. It's more exciting and the competition is great!

You are the 16 year old Womens Champion of the World. Do you have any advice for junior pitchers?

I would advise them to take one thing at a time until it all comes together. And when you're out there, don't try to concentrate too hard, or it isn't going to work.

Sandy McLachlin is presently one of the most exciting personalities in the game. We have been captivated by her horseshoe charm and want to see more of her. Hopefully the prospect of World participation will excite her competitive edge.

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Letters

The Marshfield Horseshoe League has finally gotten its winter league started. The 4 portable pits were built in the fall of 1986, in hopes of pitching last winter. Unfortunately, the building we were going to use was sold and we could not find another.

We have 16 people pitching, 8 on Monday and 8 on Wednesday. Due to the wide range of percentages, we use a count all, 80% handicap method to keep it close.

We play on sand as the clay would freeze solid in our unheated sheep barn at the Marshfield fairgrounds. We are using 250 watt heat lamps for some heat. I guess we are just desperate to pitch!

We hope we have the start of something that will grow. Maybe in future years, we can even find a building with heat.

We are looking forward to hosting the 1988 State Tournament and hope to improve on the number of entries from our 1984 tourney. If the State Association approves our portable pits, we will have 17 courts available for the tournament. -

Ron Zepplin, club president

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Tournament Schedule 1987-88

This year's tournament schedule takes a little different twist from those of years past as we put together a roster which offers three types of tournament formats to test your skills against your fellow horseshoe pitcher. The tournaments are designed to be simple, inexpensive and yet competitive to make a most enjoyable horseshoe pitching experience.

There will be two traditional eight-person round robin tournaments with scorekeepers provided. They are the "Hall of Fame" and the "Junior Scholarship Benefit Tournament." Entry fee for these will be \$15 per person.

New this year are the "Ringers Only - Keep Your Own Score," tournaments which are eight-person round robins, but only the ringers are counted and the players record their own score on the Pitchin' Palace's electronic scoreboards. This is an alternate pitch tournament and entry fee is \$10. Based on eight persons in a class, prizes will be \$30 for first, \$20 for second and \$10 for third. The balance of money will be put toward users fees.

Back again are the ever popular "Homer" tournament. "Homers" are doubles, round robin, 80 percent handicap tournaments. Double teams are placed in classes and the class winners advance to championship playoffs. Prizes are 40 percent of the entry fee for first, 20 for second and 10 percent for third.

The tournaments are
Sat. and Sun., Oct. 3-4
"Homers Only" Deadline is Friday,
Sept 25

Sat., Oct. 17
"Homer" Deadline 12:30 p.m. same
day

Sat. and Sun., Nov. 7-8
Hall of Fame Tournament Ceremony
for Hall of Fame inductees on Sunday after-
noon. Deadline Fri., Oct 30

Sat., Nov. 28
Homer Tournament. Deadline, 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 5-6
"Ringers Only" Deadline Fri., Nov. 27

Sat., Dec. 19
Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day

Sat. and Sun., Jan. 2-3
"Ringers Only" Deadline - Mon., Dec.
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Sat., Jan. 19
Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day.

Sun., Jan 31
"Super Bowl Sunday" Pitchin' Palace
has planned a gala football-horseshoe party.
More info will be available later but a fun
tournament with special food treats will be
offered.

Fri., Sat., & Sun., Feb. 12, 13, & 14
Pitchin' Palace Team World Tourna-
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top pitchers in the World will compete.

Sat. and Sun., March 5-6
"Ringers Only" Deadline Fri., Feb.
26th.

Sat., April 9
The Wisconsin Club Team Tourna-
ment. Clubs bring their top pitchers to the
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out. Green Bay Club is the defending
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Sat., April 16
"Homer" tournament. Deadline 12:30
p.m. same day.

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"The Junior Scholarship Benefit"
Tournament. Part of the entry fee will be
donated to this very special fund. Eight-
person round robin with scorekeepers pro-
vided. This is the first of Wisconsin's Sum-
mer Tournament Circuit.

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Richard Hansen, 3085 S. 76th Street,
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