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WORLD TOURNAMENT 2002

MEN'S

By Jim Haupt

Simmons rules the roost once more. Always a contender, Brian Simmons, a champion in 2000, runner-up last year, takes the title again in 2002.

New, at least in recent history, this year to the championship class was Ricky Hall of Virginia, Andre LeClerc, Ontario, Colin Finnie, Saskatchewan, and Jerry LaBrosse of Minne-

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WOMEN

By Jim Haupt

Sylvianne Moisan, chalks up championship number three with a runner-up record high of 86% and all wins.

Going in to the championship rounds

Amy Francis looked like a sure bet. She won A, fifteen games, no losses, pitching 84%. She won over Sylvianne

41 to 9 showing her the way to 5th place!

A refreshing surprise to the (Continued on page 5)



WORLD CHAMPIONS

Brian Simmons	85.31	Mens Division
Sylvianne Moisan	86.00	Womens Division
Robert Garber	59.20	Senior Men
LaVerne Fenlon	70.06	Senior Women
Bob Logan	81.59	Elders Division
Drew Becker	73.44	Jr Boys Division
Shalee Sebastian	68.23	Jr Girls Division

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AUG 31, SEPT 1-2	STATE TOURNAMENT; WAUSAU	
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937		
<u>920-922-0080 whpa@execpc.com 28-02-033 closed</u>		
SEPT 7-8	V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks	\$25/team
Don Navarrete 453 Woodlawn Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113		
<u>920-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L 8-24</u>		
SEPT 7-8	WET 'N WILD Centuria	\$10
Jane Smith 1481 180th Ave., Balsam Lake, WI 54810		
<u>715-485-3057 28-02-034 D/L 8/24</u>		
SEPT 14	LaCROSSE OPEN at Houska Park	\$15
Ted Rohde 2034 So. 32nd St., LaCrosse, WI 54601		
<u>608-788-0318 Limit 48 28-02-040 D/L 9-2</u>		
SEPT 22	BELOIT DOUBLES unsanctioned	\$20/TEAM
limit 110% Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit WI 53511		
<u>608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com D/L 9-8</u>		
OCT 12	FALL CLASSIC Arena, WI	\$15
Eddie Wheeler W9870 CTH - K, Lodi, WI 53555		
<u>608-592-4424 28-02-036 D/L 9/28</u>		
OCT 19	WHPA Fall Meeting	FREE
<u>At the Arena Sandbar Meeting starts at 1:00 PM</u>		
NOV 9-10	SONNY'S SINGLES at Arena	\$15
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St, Mazomanie, WI 53560		
<u>608-795-2573 28-02-037 D/L 10/26</u>		
DEC 14	SANTA'S SINGLES at Arena	\$15
Eddie Wheeler W9870 CTH - K, Lodi, WI 53555		
<u>608-592-4424 28-02-038 D/L 11/30</u>		

Directors are very prompt and the rest need to work at improving.

Your current WHPA officers up for re-election, Jane Smith, (1st Vice President), Tom Steinke (3rd Vice President) and John Secord (Secretary Treasurer) have informed myself and Jim Haupt of running for another term in their current positions. All three are running unopposed.

Just a reminder: 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.

Your President -



The President's Column

I would like to cover a few things that happened at the 2002 Worlds Convention in Red Deer, Canada. The 2004 World Tournament will be in Pocatello, Idaho. I was surprised to see such a lop sided vote, with Kitchener, Ontario receiving only 26 votes out of a possible 127. Just to remind you the 5 delegates from this State don't split when voting, all voting is done by a majority vote.

Article VII, section 12, of the NHPA Bylaws, reads.

All sanctioned tournaments must be reported promptly in a prescribed format to NatStats, the NHPA Center for Pitching Averages. It is the responsibility of the charter president to designate the reporting person. All sanction Club/League results shall be reported to the designated NHPA Club/League Director, promptly at the conclusion of any league, who will then forward results on to the NatStats Director.

There was a proposed change to this Bylaw at the Convention that failed. It involved the reporting of Tournaments and Club/ League results to NatStats in 15 days or they would be considered null and void, unless accompanied by a written reason that was acceptable to NatStats or Sanction Club/ League Director. Then nothing accepted after 30 days, but you could appeal the decision. Also a \$100 fine to Charters because a Tournament or League for letting a non card holder to pitch in such event.

The point I'm trying to make is, our current WHPA Bylaws wants tournament results sent to John Secord in 14 days. Pitchers want their average to be updated in a timely manner so they are pitching in the right class. Right now there are still a few tournament results coming in after the 14 days. Some Tournament Directors have their results to John the following day. My hat's off, if they can stand the glare, to tournament directors that report results promptly. Certainly most of the Tournament



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sota. All four plus Tom Gallina were move-ups from division B.

Over the course of the three days of championship matches, some surprise endings took place. Finnie took a bite of Walter Ray Williams record. Gallina of Guelf, Ontario defeated defending champion, Allan Francis, in a critical match affecting the finals. Gallina, pitching well over his average, said, after the second day, "Played like Hell and only got three yellows (wins)."

Paul LaCrosse in his sit-back deliberate delivery seemed capable of besting anyone on the courts. When not actually winning, his games were long and close. He finally lost to his buddy Rich Pintor but along the way he took both Walter Ray Williams and the eventual winner, Simmons to the wall marking his own 40 points first. LaCrosse earned every bit of his fourth place award.

Going into the final game Francis was down two. His job was to beat Simmons once to tie and again to win. In the final game of a year ago Francis was the decisive victor. This time the swing was for Simmons as he led the entire way holding Francis to just 15 points.

What do you say, Allan?, was the parting question. "I'll be back next year," was the game response from ex-champ Francis.

Simmons was mobbed with well wishers, so much so that this reporter's questions were less important. Some fans had hugs for the champ, some becoming quite emotional. He declared, he wanted it, this year and earlier health problems he had overcome made this moment more rewarding. Asked about his colorful shirt, forty-one year old Simmons said he lives in Coventry, RI and tends bar for Club Jogues who sponsored him.

SENIOR MEN

While Bob Garber maneuvered through the Senior Men's championship stumbling just twice some eyes had been on Saskatchewan's Howard Weitzel, champion of 2001. Weitzel was the only Senior to pitch over sixty percent and did win over Garber but he also lost four games enroute to finishing fourth. The top pitcher of NHPA officer's brigade, Paul Stewart, looking pretty good, did not see any of his fan club in the stands wearing those grocery bags with eye holes. His three losses put him in third place right behind the familiar Art Sperber of Washington. High shoes and high boots were, however, not enough to displace Garber. Garber was congratulated by a couple of members of his Ohio Team-World - teammates, Amy and

Allan Francis.

Some old friends from Edam, Saskatchewan heard Weitzel would be pitching with the seniors and stopped by for a visit. They were farm neighbors of 46 years ago!

Rumor has it that this may be the last senior class to entertain 60% pitchers as winners. Some of the present championship men are considering moving into the senior class. It is open to pitchers over sixty years of age. The top flight pitchers who could qualify are; Paul LaCrosse, Colorado, Bob Hayes, New York, Tom Westbrook, South Carolina, John Kapnis, MA and Rich Pintor, CO. Although Pintor may be bound for the Elders class. He tossed an eighty some percent game while pacing at the shorter distance with a three-quarter turn. (Watch out for those guys who can do it all, right handed, left handed, right foot, wrong foot, 40 foot, 30 foot.)

ELDERS

Bob Logan, Indiana, seemed in a class of his own repeating as the champion of the Elders Division. Outpacing his opponents with all wins and by a full ten percent (over 80%) for this, his third time earning the championship title. Logan advised, "it was not as easy as it looked." Admitting to a senior moment also said, "It's all a blur." And, "God willing, see you in Wisconsin." Adding, "This is the best clay I ever pitched on." (That's what all the champs say.)

Heading into the last game the eventual loser predicted it, "Two down and going to lose one more." grumbled Clayton Gage of Wisconsin. He did and later remarked, "Same old stuff, second or third." This year it was second for Gage who pitched a respectable 70% and managed second with only three losses.

Teddy Guillotte of California crashed the men's Elders party. "Elders" are merely over 70 and not designated solely as men, so Teddy Guillotte, three time senior ladies World Champion, entered the Red Deer Elders division making a statement for the ladies over 70. Guillotte won a few making some appreciable come-backs but lost big to Logan. Finishing fourth, she summed up the two days as, "Good competition, I had a lot of fun."

The Elders once thought to be a 'home' for old guys who could not make the full forty feet has become accepted as the normal pitching distance for those over seventy. Elders division numbers grow every year. Those pitchers over 70 still pitching forty feet are made to feel like dinosaurs, and find they often are asked to explain just why they are still on the 40 foot line.

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championship class was Amy Hall placing second pitching 78%. Hall had a tight game with Sylvianne in A class – 9 to 9, each pitching 80%. Sylvianne then nicked her 42-4 with 95.3% in the finals. Who says nobody remembers who was 2nd?

Joan Elmore, 5th, Tennessee, scored more points against Sylvianne than any other in the finals. – 27.

Sylvianne, in addition to her NHPA trophy also received the new Vicky Winston, Women's traveling trophy sponsored by the North Dakota Association and Connie Filley.

Darn! Best named lady in the tournament "Ina Fryingpan" played in A class but did not make championship class.

JUNIORS

Shalee Sebastian took the Girls championship class without incident pitching 68.23%. The rumor was she had complained about lack of competition among the Junior Girls and that it added fire to her competitors desires. She did seem to bring out the best from Kelly Mallette, runner-up, but once more, for Championship four, had everything her way.

Drew Becker of Ontario, pitching 75% walked through the Championship Boys class without a loss. As we watched the Becker-Dydra match, the impression was they were all business and the business was mostly ringers. We heard it said, among the crowd, that this was some Canadian Junior's first year at pitching. The reference may have been directed to Buddy Dydra, of British Columbia runner-up at 70%. Chase Battle, a World Champion of 2000 seemed to be off the pace logging 61% and placing sixth

ELDERS

Bob Logan	IN	11/0	81.59
Clayton Gage	WI	8/3	69.30
Laymon Gullett	TX	8/3	69.03
Teddy Guilotte	CA	7/4	68.37
Don Wild	CO	6/5	70.12

JR BOYS

Drew Becker	ON	7/0	73.44
Buddy Dydra	BC	6/1	72.73
Keith Boone	CA	5/2	70.72

MEN

Brian Simmons	RI	14/1	85.31
Alan Francis	OH	12/3	81.59
W R Williams	FL	12/3	76.74
Paul LaCrosse	CO	11/4	76.08
Jim Walters	OH	10/5	75.26
Colin Finnie	SK	10/5	69.53
Kurt Von Kleist	PA	9/6	74.68
Stan Leis	ON	8/7	70.05

WOMEN

Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	15/0	86.00
Amy Hall	VA	14/1	78.44
Judy Curtiss	MI	12/3	79.73
Amy Francis	OH	12/3	79.20
Joan Elmore	TN	10/5	78.33
Becky Kemper	KY	9/6	75.44
Connie Filley	ND	9/6	73.40
Sandy Janssens	ON	8/7	71.77
Bev Nathe	MN	8/7	71.05

SENIOR MEN

Bob Garber	OH	9/2	59.20
Art Sperber	WA	8/3	59.85
Paul Stewart	NC	8/3	58.66
Howard Weitzel	SK	7/4	61.25
Bob Lautenschleger	OH	7/4	57.17
Wayne Totten	WI	7/4	53.83

SENIOR WOMEN

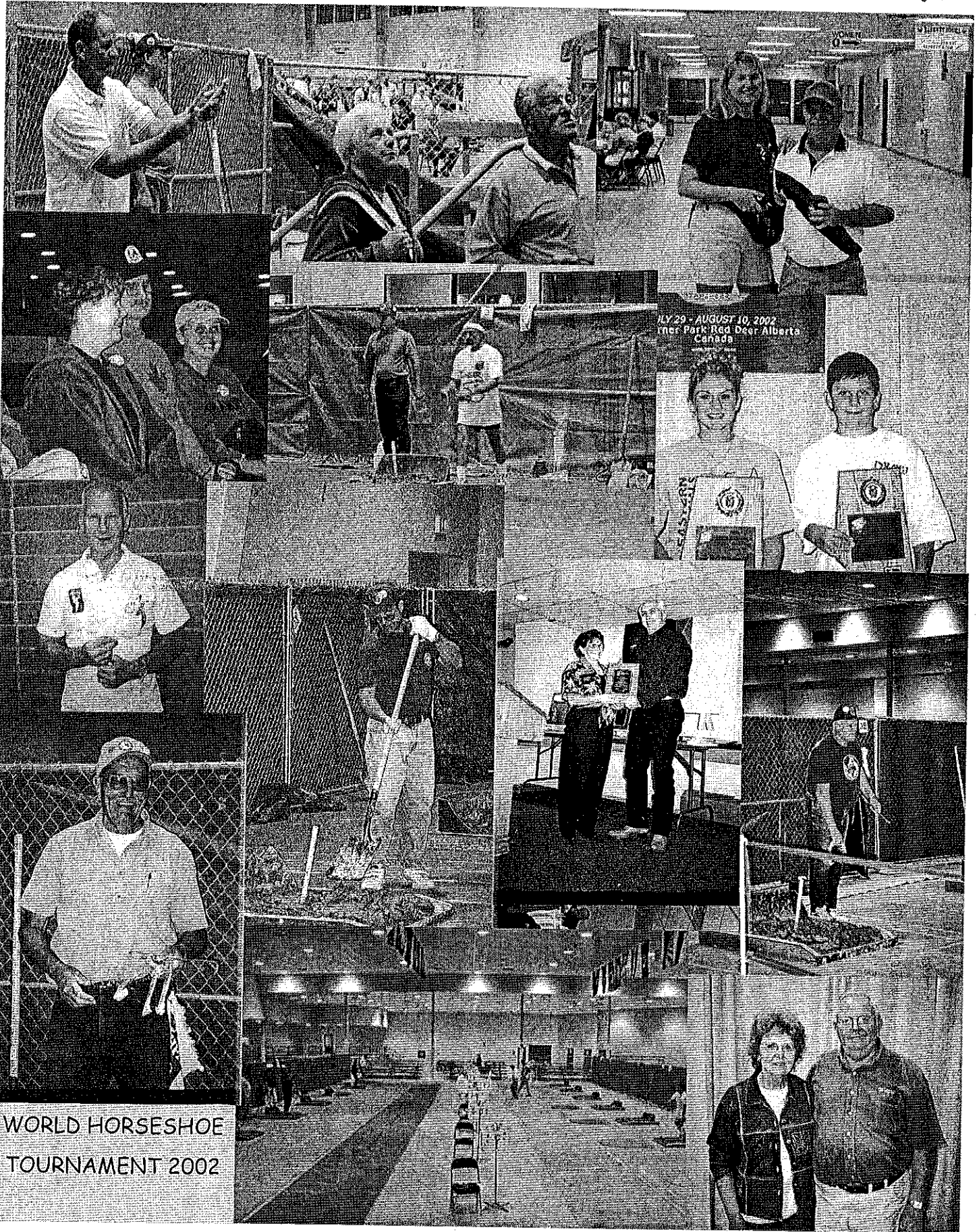
LaVerne Fenlon	MI	4/1	71.06
Lucile Leis	ON	3/2	63.69
Marion Thompsen	NE	3/2	55.90
Edie McKinney	WI	3/2	55.28

JR GIRLS

Shalee Sebastian	PA	5/0	68.23
Kelly Mallette	ON	4/1	60.85
Tenesia Mayer	NY	3/2	54.76



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By Land, By Air, Wisconsin Pitchers attended Red Deer World in Alberta, Canada

Clayton Gage	Milltown	Eld Champ 2nd	8/3	69.30
Clayton Gage	Milltown	Elder A 3rd	10/5	70.83
Tava Cook	Stratford	Girls Champ 4th	1/4	36.08
Tava Cook	Stratford	Juniors C 3rd	8/7	39.33
Tina Riehle	Stratford	Girls Champ 5th	1/4	35.50
Tina Riehle	Stratford	Juniors B 5th	6/9	42.00
Wayne Totten	Eau Claire	Sr Mens Ch 6th	7/4	53.83
Wayne Totten	Eau Claire	Sr Mens A 9th	7/6	49.23
Don Hostrup	Frederic	Elder B 8th	9/6	55.17
Ryan Hyatt	Racine	Juniors B 4th	6/9	46.33
Kiri Cook	Stratford	Juniors E 2nd	8/6	27.86
Aleena Cook	Stratford	Juniors G 2nd	12/2	15.18
Gloria Smith	Milltown	Sr Womens C 3rd	8/6	29.11
Don Kangas	Colgate	Mens A 16th	1.5/13.5	55.17
Steve Wiegert	Green Bay	Mens C 4th	10/5	52.67
Ken Jaeger	New London	Mens C 9th	7.5/7.5	44.83
Bun Carley	Richland Ctr	Mens C 16th	1.5/13.5	37.83
Dave Schorbahn	Independence	Mens D 5th	9.5/5.5	48.83
Ken Frame	Mazomanie	Mens D 10th	7/8	41.00
Al Huizenga	Stoughton	Mens E 4th	9.5/5.5	47.67
Pudge Dahl	Trempealeau	Mens E 14th	4/11	40.50
Rick Poppe	Hudson	Mens F 6th	8.5/6.5	40.50
Ray Groskinsky	Adams	Mens H 4th	10.5/4.5	37.33
Sonny Cockroft	Mazomanie	Mens H 8th	8/7	36.00
Fred Decorah	Baraboo	Mens I 4th	9/6	34.67
Tip Wipperfurth	Waunakee	Mens J 12th	6/9	30.33
Ken Kosky	Schofield	Mens K 4th	10.5/4.5	38.00
Pete Kumlien	Muckwanago	Mens K 6th	8/7	31.00
Dick Hansen	Franksville	Mens K 10th	7/8	30.83
Bob Anderson	Waunakee	Mens L 13th	4/11	23.83
Ken Davison	Meno Falls	Mens N 2nd	12.5/2.5	31.67
Ron Berg	Barneveld	Mens N 3rd	12/3	38.33
Russ Burns	Janesville	Mens O 7th	8.5/6.5	27.00
Bruce McLinn	Clinton	Mens O 10th	7/8	26.67
Ed Hack	Wausau	Mens P 14th	5/10	20.17
Bernie Human	Lk Nebagamom	Mens Q 8th	6/7	22.69
Ron Molitor	Pt Washington	Mens R 8th	6.5/6.5	16.92

Check the Numbers

Did we win? Or just come close?

Close doesn't count some say but we did not get any firsts. We only came close – second place and not too many of them. Best class of recent memory is Mens N with Ken Davison second and Ron Berg third.

Not so hot pitchers.., we had a few, a few too many. Bun Carley, the one that showed up in Red Deer, not the good one, said, You know I really don't have an excuse. First I didn't know if I could pitch off that carpet but it turned out to be great traction. I really can't think of a bad thing to say about the courts.

The Red Deer facility was as good as any we have seen in past World Tournaments. The difference here was room and lots of it.

More convention stuff.

Re-elected by acclamation: Bonnie Seibold, Paul Stewart, and Dick Hansen.

Casey Sluys encouraged all to take a look at the NHPA website, occasionally. Bonnie Seibold proposed rewriting the rule book next year but the delegates would have none of it delaying that action until 2005. Paul Stewart has started projecting results directly from the computer screen to the wall. It increases the computer screen to about ten feet in size. He picked up on that trick while visiting Walter Ray Williams at a bowling tournament where the device was being used. For now the machine is on rental. Stewart also spoke of his friend Curt of South Dakota who has written and developed the HS Master computer program. He thinks it's the best thing to come along since sliced bread and urges one and all to download the program free of charge from the NHPA website. A word of caution – the program requires at least Windows 98.

Dave Loucks updated the situation

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Dan David	Auburndale	Mens T 13th	3/10	9.81
Jim Haupt	Milwaukee	Sr Mens E 10th	6/9	26.83
Ivan Ruzic	Stratford	Sr Mens F 4th	12/3	23.83
Edie McKinney	Luck	Sr Women CH 4th	3/2	55.28
Edie McKinney	Luck	Sr Women A 2nd	8/6	62.50
Sue Helene	Webster	Women B 3rd	10/5	57.83
Jane Smith	Balsam Lake	Women E 16th	2/13	20.33
Teresa Donar	Cuba City	Women C 6th	6/8	34.29
Blackie Mahn	Muckwanago	Elder H 4th	10.5/4.5	30.50

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with the NHPF. Fifty-seven acres have been donated including the outdoor courts and Hall of Fame Building. The actual opening of the HOF building will have to be delayed until next year to allow for proper display and cataloging. Current annual tax burden is \$12,000 which does not include insurance estimated to be \$5,000 annually. Eventually they hope to entertain applications for grants to build or improve courts. Up to eight grants per year and up to \$1000 per grant are anticipated.

As usual Walter Ray Williams was an active par-

ticipant during the convention and it is sometimes misconstrued as too many remarks by one person but most of his comments are to the point, right on. He demonstrated power of memory while making perfect game awards. First he would have us believe that he forgot his notes at the hotel. Then he went through a long list of perfect games, where they were played, by whom, the number of shoes and even indicating who the opponent was. In the days of yore they had a name for these guys – yes, crazy like a fox.

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Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Tony Scrima sometimes a subject of humor in this column now shows up as a bon-a-fide hero guy.

It was 6:30 AM and Scrima was on his ordinary early morning rounds when he saw smoke curling from beneath the eaves of a building. Instantly he recognized the place was on fire. It was a daycare center with living quarters on the second floor. Some of the occupants had gathered and were hollering from a second story porch. Tony went looking for a ladder when the guy in the next door gas station guessed the need and shouted, "I got a ladder here." the two of them put the ladder in place and up goes Tony. A lady handed him a lightweight box. "What's this?" Tony demanded. "My cat" answered the lady. OK, Tony went down with the cat and up four more times to escort the remaining people from the porch.

The top floor was a total loss, burned out, but due to guys like Tony no one was hurt, not even the cat.

It may be a mite early to plan for the annual Fall Meeting on the twentieth of October, never-the-less, Wayne Totten, Eau Claire, claims he will propose a rule change expressly for Wisconsin. It is his idea that upon reaching the age of 72 all open men pitchers, who have not already done so, will be automatically switched to the Elders division pitching the shorter distance. The compulsory division change will be for one year at which time the pitcher will then have the option of returning to the forty foot open classes.

Totten himself will not be affected as his plan is to be an Elder the day following his seventieth birthday.

With an ear for humor and being connected to the Internet, I thought I've heard it all but the girls north of 8 have this partial refrain going about "Washie, washie, washie, sniff, sniff - washie, washie, washie..," I think it may have something to do with a pair of women's panties. If you know the whole joke, send it in.

Got fifteen minutes to waste? Want to see a grown man cry? Ask Ken Kosky how it was coming through Customs at the Canadian border.

Andre LeClerc, husband to Sylvianne Moisan, is the

author of a new book, "The History of Horseshoes in Canada." Probably available through Ken Kosky's horseshoe sales.

SHOE CHECK

This sign will be posted at the State Tournament in Wausau. In preparation for the 2003 World in Eau Claire, the WHPA wants shoes checked for the State event. The mandatory check will include official measuring and weighing (less than 2# 10oz). A grinder will be available to doctor oversize shoes. All shoes to be used in the State Tournament will be checked about one hour before start time. Ordinarily that includes a shirt/name check too. Make sure you have your name on your back. Now all we need is a few volunteer checkers. Thanks

Wayne Totten pitching in Senior Mens A class had a goal of making the championship class as he had the previous year. After the losses of the first day there was great gnashing of teeth much epithetic speech. He was out and he knew it. Still there was a thread of hope. The thread through all second day wins became the life line gaining entry to the bowels of the championship class. Not much be he was there. I'll tell you there was never a happier man. His sixth place was OK but anti-climactic.

Don Kangas apparently expended all of his luck at the casino's on the way to Red Deer. His winnings at the slot machines was phenomenal, but his prowess on the courts was very un-Kangas like. Incidentally, wife Becky and son Daniel were traveling with Don.

I sincerely wanted to include these words in one of the articles about the Red Deer World. *If you missed this World Tournament for any reason, unfortunately you missed the best World Tournament of all.*

Eau Claire 2003 Stuff

Jane Smith, Melissa Bush and helpers managed the Eau Claire booth at Red Deer. The World shirts being sold are nicely designed and sure to make a hit with pitchers. They're white with a small emblem, plenty of room for extra embroidery. Hopefully you will find them on sale at the State Tournament in Wausau.

State Tournament 2003

A few weeks ago, Terry Sternberg received a call from Gary Coltons of the Fond du Lac horseshoe club. Apparently the people from the Street Rod Association, that we normally share the park with when we have a State Tournament in Fond du Lac, had a major concern that he wanted to share with us. They reminded us that Harley Davidson is planning on celebrating their 100th anniversary in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend in 2003 and they expect a huge attendance that will spill over into campgrounds and motels from the Illinois state line to Green Bay. Motels and campgrounds in the Fond du Lac area are already being booked and at inflated prices.

Terry immediately started calling the group involved with hosting the tournament in 2003 and they decided an alternate plan was needed. At the State meeting on October 19th, the site for 2003 will be re-bid. Any interested sites should contact Terry Sternberg as soon as possible. We understand he has some interested parties and the tournament is not in jeopardy. Stay tuned to the Newsletter for further details or better yet, attend the meeting in October at Arena.

NEW TOURNAMENT

LaCrosse Open

SANC #28-02-040

Date: Saturday September 14, 2002

Entry \$15

Deadline Monday Sept. 2, **Limit:** first 48

Location: LaCrosse's Houska Park on the banks of the Mississippi (a map will be sent to participants)

Classes may be mixed. Self scoring method will be used. 80% of entry will be returned to classes. LaCrosse has 10 lighted, fenced, shale composite courts with all blacktop runways about three years old.

Send check and entry to: **Ted Rohde**

2034 so 32nd St

608-788-0318

LaCrosse, WI 54601

Hey Rohde, Did you remember to invite Paul?

Ronnie Pritzlaff

Ronnie Pritzlaff, 63 died unexpectedly July 22, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Susie and four sons, Rick (Lorie) Randy (Wendy) Rusty (Laurain) and Bret (Margo) and 9 grandchildren. Additionally survived by mother-in-law, Florence Wing who operates the Lone Star Tavern where the Pritzlaff family lives. Ronnie frequently worked there as bartender and acted as promoter of the horseshoe league

He was found by his wife seated at the table where he had been reading the morning newspaper and, according to the doctor, apparently suffering a

sudden massive heart attack.

For many years, Pritzlaff was associated with the NHPA chiefly through his sons' participation in state horseshoes together with many World Tournaments. Eventually he too played the game throughout the state serving as the Wisconsin NHPA Regional Director during that period of time.

Funeral home visitors included some of the nearby horseshoe family but were vastly outnumbered by the many, many friends of the Pritzlaff clan.

A Winter Wonderland

By Jim Haupt

It was Saturday before the NHPA Convention. On the road between Calgary and Red Deer travelers gazed at the Alberta countryside. One said, "It looks like.., it is! Snow! Can you believe it? August, 4th! What started out as a slight dusting on the tops of the big hay rounds became a complete white countryside - like a picture for a Christmas card. It amounted to several inches of the white stuff. What kind of country have we come to?"

One old timer said we could have snow here any month of the year. The last snowfall of record had been June 22nd. Apparently summer here was the month of July.

We had an idea that there might be some unseasonably cold weather ahead in Red Deer. The Internet had told of a 35 degree morning prompting some re-packing for those in the know. Still others packed only short pants

Completely lacking was any talk of air-conditioning as in recent years past. Inside the auditorium, pitchers found the ambient temperatures much to their liking. Room abounded. The main arena had courts set in fours, viewing from both sides, probably the closest the fans have ever been to all the championship pitchers.

Practice courts were the same as the game courts and well monitored so everyone had an opportunity to practice.

Personally, it appeared the NHPA officers had an easy time conducting this event undoubtedly due to the low entry - half of

expectations. Perish the thought but several times limiting future World entry was heard.

The city of Red Deer was nice. Seemed rather new. All nice restaurants and all doing a nice amount of business. Visiting Americans had the added benefit of a favorable money exchange. A US dollar was worth about \$1.60 Canadian.

The Hall of Fame Banquet was a sellout.

Paul Stewart used a bit of his southern humor to warm up the affair and later wound up receiving the highest honor of the NHPA, the Arch Stokes award. His brief acceptance speech was mostly thanks to everyone he had leaned on in the past few years. Essentially he said, "Thank you for *heppin'* me."

Canadian, Diane Cantin, formerly of Quebec, now Alberta was inducted into the Hall of Fame and then made an attempt at an acceptance speech in her other language, English. She was assisted only partially by an interpreter.

Minnesota Regional Director Ward Lutz presented the qualifications of Bev Nathe for the Hall of Fame. It was interesting to learn that she too started as a sub 20% league pitcher and that competition among her sisters probably was instrumental in her journey to Champion of the World two successive years.

Sanction Club/League director, Lorraine Sternberg made awards to eight clubs who have been part of the program continuously since 1978. Goldendale of Germantown is one of those clubs.

Jeanette Class, editor for the

Missouri "Shoe Biz" received an achievement award. Unfortunately she was not in attendance to receive it.

Not a bad banquet and the food was pretty good too.

The NHPA Convention

This is a report to Tom Steinke, a WHPA vice president and usual delegate at the national convention.

As a substitute delegate, it was my thought to vote in favor of Pocatello, Idaho for the 2004 World Tournament site. Then I got to talking with Ken Jaeger, Pres. He pointed out that to vote favorably for the entire state of Wisconsin, the nod should really go to Kitchner, Ontario - it's closer. I changed my vote and I think another Wisconsin delegate changed his vote to Kitchner. That made it 3-2, Kitchner in the Wisconsin camp. The agreement is that all five votes then are cast for the majority, in this case Kitchner. That's how Wisconsin does it but it did Kitchner, home of the largest ever World Tournament, little good. The vote was 27 Kitchner - 101 Pocatello. Date: 7/26 to 8/8 2004. Another long ride ahead.

Melissa Bush presented for the Eau Claire World saying there will be two buildings with 24 courts each on the UW Campus. The buildings will not be air-conditioned but climate controlled. There will be no charge for parking as previously rumored and the parking lot will be close by - just across the footbridge over Clairmont. The critical dates will be August 4th through the 23rd or 24th.

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Five bylaw changes were considered.

#1 Number one dealt with slight remuneration changes for officers and passed 92-32

#2 Asked Charter presidents to approve the continuous performance of tournament directors. Natstats guy, Glenn Jamieson suggested consulting the Internet for "events reported" to keep track of your own tournaments. Some suggested the

regional directors be responsible. A fine was involved for permitting unsanctioned players to compete. The motion outlined some good points. We were in favor but it failed 26 - 98.

#3 Proposed: All officers of Charter, sanctioned leagues, Tournament Directors, and Regional Directors shall be **NHPA members and subscribe to Newslite**. Pass 87-37

#4 Playoffs in case of ties for first place shall be conducted in all World

State and Regional Tournaments. Florida for one wanted the option to settle ties another way to conserve time. Members voted to pass 85 to 39 and let Florida figure another way to make up time.

#5 Juniors who are 20% removed from their class may now pitch with the adults. That percentage was changed to 10% and passed 124-0.

OXFORD OPEN July 21

Class A

- 1. Ken Jaeger 50.00
- 2. Arnie Walton 41.78
- 3. Jack Algiers 45.71

Class B

- 1. Jerry Niemuth 36.42
- 2. Don Burmeister 35.73
- 3. Sonny Cockroft 43.92

Class C

- 1. Dave Balsiger 36.42
- 2. Jerry Volz 40.35
- 3. Terry Sternberg 36.78

Class D

- 1. Roger Juedes 36.0
- 2. Dave Volz 31.60
- 3. Ed Wheeler 26.40

Class E

- 1. Greg Blynn 31.50
- 2. Al Rude 30.50
- 3. Tom Dudenhoefer 29.50

Class F

- 1. Ceil Trossen 20.00
- 2. Rob Struebing 11.50
- 3. Phil Hass 11.00

This was the largest NHPA sanctioned event ever held in this area. Only 41 of the entries pitched to finish in the 103 degree heat, the hottest day on record since 1998. The pitchers drank 20 gallons of ice water, probably another record.

I want to thank all who entered and survived the heat. - Frank Schalk

Tournament Director

Jump River Tournament

July 4th 42 entries

April McVicker, Director

1st place

Jim Larson, Sun Prairie &
Bryan Jochimsen, Stetsonville

2nd place

Greg Johnson, Hawkins &
Mark Stevens, Marengo

3rd place

Bill McBain, Ladysmith &
Bob Stamper, Hawkins

THE SIZZLE

The 2002 Sizzle looked like "Mother Nature" was going to do her best to put a damper on things. But we prevailed, and after about a 40 minute delay, we got the Sizzle underway. It seems like the hottest pitcher of the day came out of Class E. That's right, Class E!! Nelson Richason went 7-0 and pitched a 40.71% average for the tournament. Nelson came into the tournament with a 27.77% average. Nice job Nelson!

In Class D, Ron Berg went 6-1, and outlasted Ron Maffet, for first place honors. In Class C, Bill Spahn walked away with first place with a 6-1 record. In Class B Chet Hermansen 5-1 edged out Al Huizenga (4-3) and Ken Frame (4-3) for first place.

In Class A, Mark Mauthe (4-1), outlasted Harry Nelson (4-1) for first place. Marks only loss came from Harry. They tied in rings at 30, but Harry out pointed Mark 5-2. Mark apparently took exception to this so in his last game he pitched 42 ringers out of 50 shoes for an 84% game.

Now it is my turn to say thank you to all of the people who entered this event and made it the success it turned out to be. Now last but not least, I want to thank all of the people who helped with the pit preparation, the set up, scorekeeping, and finding people to enter. Your help is and always will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Wheeler, Tournament Director.

CLASS A

- 1) MARK MAUTHE - 70.00
- 2) HARRY NELSON - 55.60
- 3) BUN CARLEY - 55.20

CLASS B

- 1) CHET HERMANSEN - 44.58
- 2) AL HUIZENGA - 44.17
- 3) KEN FRAME - 42.50

CLASS C

- 1) BILL SPAHN - 37.14
- 2) RON BALSIGER - 39.29
- 3) RAY GROSKINSKY - 38.93

CLASS D

- 1) RON BERG - 38.21
- 2) RON MAFFET - 36.43
- 3) THAD ENGLE - 35.00

CLASS E

- 1) NELSON RICHASON - 40.71
- 2) AL HOLLOWAY - 37.86
- 3) GENE SATTERSTROM - 18.93

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Combined Locks -As you like it

Saturday at the Locks was for the homebodies – those league people not yet ready for the sanction mode. Sunday served the pitchers who are often seen at other tournaments throughout the state. The sanctioned event of Sunday seemed to draw a greater number making classes more competitive.

In 1976 a twelve year old girl from the Combined Locks club won the WHPA State title– the first girl's title listed by the WHPA. She repeated the feat in 1978, '79, and '80. Her name, Nancy Mulry. In this year of 2002 as a thirty-eight year old woman, Nancy Mulry of Kaukauna, now Nancy Diedrich, entered the Saturday unsanctioned event at Kamps courts. She heard of the forthcoming tournament and because she is not a club member, her practice of one week was limited to her own backyard. It led to her entry in the "A" class. Her sister, Keri Young, also of Kaukauna was another entrant in the "A" class. The sisters finished fourth and sixth respectively. Diedrich, 44.8% and Young, 31.4%. We would be honored to see their

names on other result lists. If the occasion ever presents itself, encourage these girls to become part of the NHPA.

When joining the NHPA was suggested and perhaps entering other tournaments, Young balked saying, "We're just in this for fun!" Well what do you know about that! Isn't that why most of us are in this game?

Saturday under the big roof there were 38 pitchers. Sunday the more popular sanctioned tournament drew 50 pitchers.

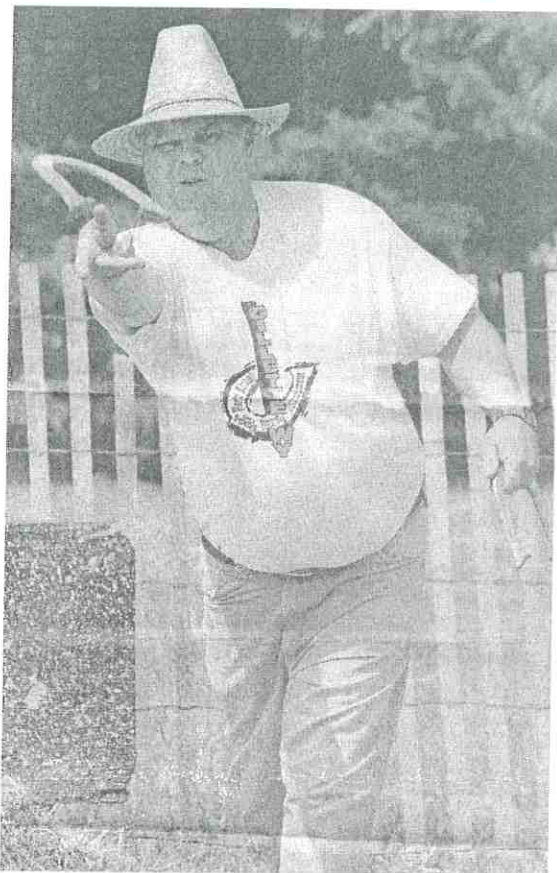
Elaine Troullier, a tournament champion, was complaining about losing ringers. Don't throw so hard, someone said. She countered, I'm finally out of the rut. She was too, with near 60%.

Over the past ten years the 30-40 dispute in Wisconsin has faded away. One reason for general acceptance follows the theory, "If you can't beat them, join 'em. The events at the Locks have convinced me that the switch to 30 feet in Wisconsin is epidemic.

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(Is that right, Jim?)

Stevens on Front Page



Bound for Eau Claire World 2003

Mark Stevens made the front page of Northern Wisconsin's morning newspaper, The Daily Press.

His big color picture is captioned, "Shoe Man—Mark Stevens pitches a ringer on the way to winning one of his doubles match-ups at the Sanborn Pioneer Days festival Sunday. Stevens made a name for himself as a player in the area and is hoping to go to the World Championships in Eau Claire next year."

A Sunny Saturday in Sanborn

By S. Stevens

A shoot-out was held with 2.5 pound steel weapons. No gas stations or convenience stores here, just an old schoolhouse and one saloon. Uneven walkways, crooked pegs and dry clay provide the battleground. An unprepared scorekeeper keeps these battles way behind schedule. Undersized trophies and small prize money await the victors. It is no wonder robins spend their nights looking for chickadees in this small northern town. Thank you to everyone and the best of luck the remainder of the season. -S.S.

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| A | 1. Mark Stevens | B. | 1. Les Karpriel |
| | 2. Louie Labarge | | 2. Roger Beffa |
| | 3. Ken Kosky | | 3. Glen Foust |

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| C | 1. Paul Brisk | A. | Doubles |
| | 2. Ron Zeppelin | | 1. Rappley/Stevens |
| | 3. Stuart Burgess | | 2. Beffa/Karpriel |

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| B | Doubles |
| | 1. Glenda and Dave Volz |
| | 2. Johnson/Nelson |

Class E

Kenneth Cull	8/0	35.3
Roger Juedes	6/2	45.2
Tom Rosenthal*	5/3	35.9

Class F

Marv Blank	4/1	26.0
Ken Wood	4/1	25.0
Marv Besaw	3/2	15.5

Class G

Jenifer York	3/1	9.37
Roy York	2/2	4.37
Charles Hoffman	1/3	4.37

MidEast Open (Sat)

Class A	Elaine Troullier
Class B	Don Burmeister
Class C	Scott Kater
Class D	Dick Wall
Class E	Dave St Louis

Combined Locks - Sunday

Class A

Lorraine Sternberg	7/0	59.28
Don Kangas	5/2	58.45
Brian Repinski	4/3	58.57

Class B

Steve Wiegert	7/0	52.85
Otis Wessley	5/2	52.85
Eugene Mason*	4/3	40.00

Class C

Red Ferguson	6/1	44.60
Don Burmeister	4/3	47.10
Don Wagner	4/3	39.30

Class D

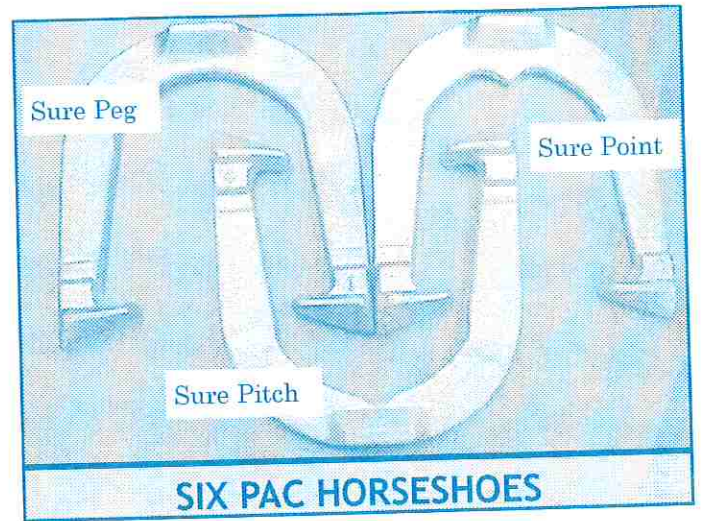
Richard Baeten	5/2	34.28
Emil Blair	5/2	33.92
Jim Haupt*	5/2	29.64



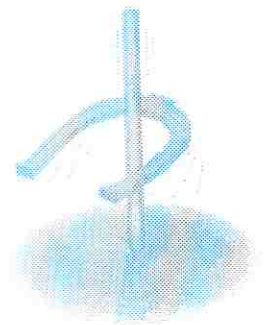
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