

## The Can-Am



Can/Am Champs, Minnesota, Dale Lipovsky, Phyllis Negaard, Pitchin' Palace owner, Tom Roanhouse, Len Lipovsky & Dave Huges

The 1987 Pitchin' Palace, tourney of teams, otherwise known as the Can/Am was held mid-February. Team shoes was the focal point of this event. Forty-eight pitchers, men and women mixed (6 teams) representing 12 teams were tossing iron for three days. In actual competition they pitched near 29,000 shoes as each team met all others for one four game match.

Canada was a last minute entry with a three-quarter team. Lou Bensinger "pitched in" to help them to an eighth place finish.

First time teams this year were some young players from Michigan and dark horse Oklahoma. Just one game win separated Oklahoma from the final four. Stacked up next were Wisconsin #1, Illinois #2, and Canada, as competition for the last final spot, #4, was keen.

The final four in a ladder playoff, game 1, Iowa lost to Indiana. Game 2, Indiana over Illinois. Game 3, Indiana bowed to Minnesota (1 game to 3 games).

How they cashed: Iowa, \$100; Illinois, \$300; Indiana, \$500 and Minnesota, \$900.

Minnesota won the day accumulating 40 wins in eleven 4 game matches. Indiana moved from number three seed to second place in the ladder finish. Illinois, our pick to push Minnesota, was put down to third, probably by Indy's Clarence Bellman, who jostled the Illinois State Champ, Cliff Baker. The same day saw Baker take Dale Lipovsky in a prelim game. The previous day Baker logged the tourney's only 90% game. Last one on the ladder, Iowa, only retained their spot.

There was an impromptu cash entry six-man round robin Friday night, won in a walk by Dale Lipovsky. The rest of the courts were filled; three pitchers per court for the most part. It was hello old friend or Hi there, Mr. Sandbag and many just friendly nods. Thus we renewed acquaintanceships and set the mood for a fun weekend of team horseshoes.

If this tournament ever has a new name, it would be right on the mark to include the name Dykes. He had some dedicated helpers but Ralph Dykes was the workhorse who made the numbers appear. Some of the pitchers were World Class but all of the pitchers had the services of a World Class statistician.



World Class Statistician, Ralph Dykes

## '87 CAN/AM

## This is Number Eight

1st - Minnesota, team ave. - 73.23% - 40 wins  
Phyllis Negaard, 76.18% - high game, 86%  
Dave Hughs, 71.82 - high game, 82%  
Dale Lipovsky, 80.55% - high game 88%  
Len Lipovsky, 64.36%

2nd - Indiana, team ave. - 67.5% - 29 wins  
C. Bellman, 72.65%; L. Rowe, 57.27%; J. Mills,  
71.64%, high game, 82%; L. Grothe, 68.55%

3rd - Illinois #1, team ave. - 72.18% - 32 wins  
C. Baker, 79.09%, high game 90%; B. Ward, 65.82%  
C. Webb, 77.82%, high game, 84%; Ingersoll, 66%

4th - Iowa, team ave. - 63.55% - 25 wins

5th - Oklahoma, team ave. - 60.64% - 24 wins

6th - Wisconsin #1, team ave. - 60.8% - 23 wins  
Jane Smith, 68.0% - high game, 84%  
Dan Bloom, 55.8% - high game 64%  
Steve Koehn, 57.5% - high game 66%  
John Udelhofen, 62.0% - high game, 72%

7th - Illinois #2, team ave. - 58.5% - 22 wins

8th - Canada, team ave. - 56.77% - 21 wins

9th - Wisconsin #3, team ave. - 52.3% - 17 wins  
Al Lonning, 52.0% - high game 68%  
Randy Rein, 60.6% - high game, 66%  
Bill SchAAF, 40.6% - high game, 56%  
Edith McKinney, 56.0% - high game, 70%

10th - Piichin' Palace, t. ave. - 53.5% - 11 wins  
Gerri Meistad, 55.1% - high game, 64%  
Dick Hansen, 45.3% - high game, 62%  
Lloyd Johnson, 59.3% - high game, 68%  
Grant Hintz, 54.2% - high game, 66%

11th - Wisconsin #2 (Goldendale), team Ave. -  
54.14% - 10 wins  
Jim Haupt, 53.8% - high game, 68%  
Bret Pritzlaff, 60.6% - high game, 74%  
Rick Pritzlaff, 56.4% - high game, 72%  
Lorraine Sternberg, 45.8% - high game, 56%

12th - Michigan, team ave. - 56.77% - 10 wins

Hope you think it's great. With this issue we have completed one year of publication. We, you included, now have a bona-fide one year old state newsletter. Our circulation number is 300 and of course to keep it going we need your continued support as a subscriber. For us it is the moment of truth: until we hear from each and every one of you it will be an uneasy moment.

Like most of you we support organized horse-shoes and carry an NHPA and WHPA card, but this newsletter is a separate entity and not directly connected to either the National or State organization. We haul our own freight: we must pay our own way.

Use this newsletter to advertise your tournaments or whatever you have going. Do not depend on the free press you have received in the past year.

John Secord, state secretary, has been instrumental in accepting and forwards subscription moneys. And we have him to thank for our neat addressing system.

Perhaps you noticed the computerized address label. On it, we recently started including the date of the last issue of your subscription year. (see your label and note your date.) If you were a charter subscriber, this is the last issue. Hopefully you have already renewed. If not please do it now.

Many of you have said the newsletter is worth more money and you're right, it is worth more. Some have shown their confidence with multi-year subscriptions. Be our guest, we are not turning down sustaining memberships or multi-year subscribers.

Sure, it costs more to publish than we receive from subscription money but we have chosen not to raise rates. We want every pitcher in this state as a reader/subscriber. Can you imagine anyone saying no thanks to a mere four dollars a year?

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**NOTICE!** We are looking for the oldest, active, sustaining horseshoe club in Wisconsin. If you think your club is the oldest, write to us, include date it was founded and history.

THIS IS NUMBER EIGHT (CONT'D)

We are continually trying to upgrade the quality of the paper. The masthead, the two column format, pictures are established. Now our editor is trying a heavier bond paper and the magazine type of fold.

Advertisers are rare: The few we have are keeping us afloat. Contributors are rare: We would like to share this writing job with others. Unsolicited mail is rare: What ever happened to that "Letters to the Editor" idea?

So please get us off our knees. We hate this begging. And for gosh sakes, do not wait until you see us in person to renew subscriptions. (But if you must, we will be at the spring meeting.) Do it the easy way; mail it today.

HORSESHOES ON ICE  
BY ART EGLAND

Horseshoes do not completely die out in northern Wisconsin. The 4th Annual Horseshoes on Ice, partners double elimination, was held on January 28th at the Midway Resort on Chain Lake, Weyerhauser. Topping the field were: 1st 8-1, Art Egland & Dean Liuthi; 2nd 7-2, Dale Nicewanger & Virginia Davis; 3rd 5-4, Richy Plummer & Bob Johnson.



Jane Smith & Jim Haupt

## Regional Director Staff

This year we have a new NHPA Regional Director, Jim Haupt, Milwaukee. Also named, to be a team is Jane Smith, Balsam Lake. You will recall she was tenth in the World last year. It is appropriate as she is a perfect 10 when it comes to pleasant people.

If the business of the NHPA is to promote, foster and improve the game of horseshoes, then for this state, they stand ready. Jane Smith, Box 17, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; Jim Haupt, 5075 North Elkhart Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53217

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- Class E - 1st L. Gschwendtner, 44.5%; 2nd Ray Mayhew, 40.0%; 3rd Harvey Bilz, 33.1%
- Class F - 1st George Kling, 39.4%; Al Jorgenson, 39.7%; 3rd Loren Wickersheim, 38.0%
- Class G - 1st Red Seaborg, 35.3%; 2nd Ron Kozmer, 30.0%; 3rd Walt Rappa, 25.1%
- Class H - 1st Bob Auman, 23.7%; 2nd Hank Juengling, 24.0%; 3rd Greg Hanson, 20.8%

# A Promotor And A Cause

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Tournaments by Carl Shade are three ring promotions usually pointed at some charity. Last year, until rained out, he had a dunk'em tank going for the benefit of the Scholarship fund. It must be destiny; Carl Shade, horseshoes and the SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

"One of the greatest gifts of all...is some of our time."

## A Little Story

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done at the club and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

There are three kinds of people. Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

## W. T. Judging

Once again the World Tournament has the best in charge of judging at this year's event, Lori Oberbillig. Anyone who is interested and qualified to judge at the World Tournament should contact her. Her address is: Lori Oberbillig Box 69, Chadwick, IL 61014

# Notes

Pat Eaton had surgery recently. We wish her well and anyone who would like to send a card, her address is: 3027 Saturn Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Mark this date on your calendar, Saturday, April 25. The Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association spring meeting will be held at the Union State Bank in Wautoma at 1:00 p.m. A notice will be sent to all WHPA members. Non-members are also welcome.

Art Holter, Minnesota, sent a check for \$345 to the Eau Claire Club. He collected money from Minnesota people for the "Friends of Horseshoe" page in the World Tournament booklet. Great idea! Maybe some Wisconsin clubs could do this at their spring meetings.

Hall of Fame nominations can be sent to Chairperson, Ann Opsteen, 304 Williams Street, Combined Locks, WI 54113. If you know of someone deserving of this honor, take the time to write to Ann, include the nominee's history. The Hall of Fame committee meets at the spring meeting for discussion on the 1987 inductees.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. was recently named "Bowler of the Year" for 1986. A great honor for a champion bowler and horseshoe pitcher. He also won the Miller Lite Classic in Miami, FL in February, beating Marshall Holman 277-205 in the title game. A good start for 1987.

Tournament Directors, do you want your tournament listed on the WHPA schedule? The tournament average to enter the state tournament is compiled from this schedule only. Write to John Secord, 2123 Brown Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 so he can send a form to you, as soon as possible.

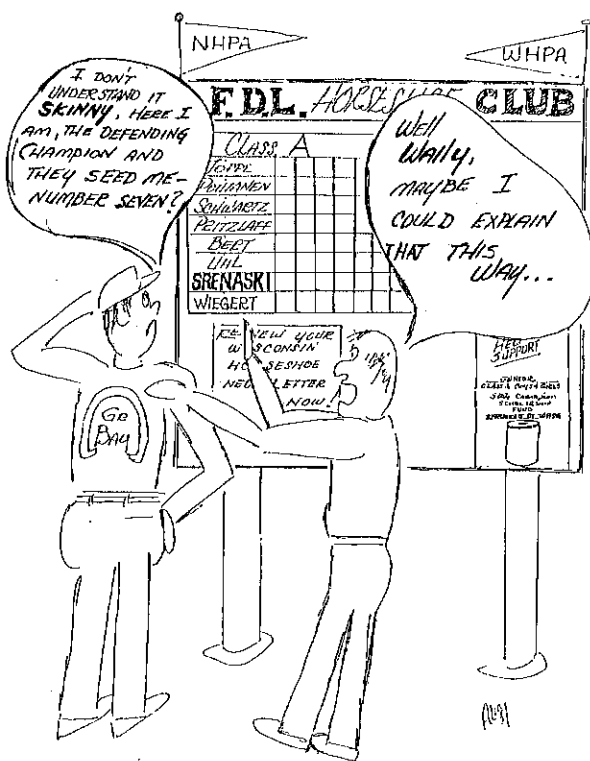
# W. T. Registration

The World Tournament registration form included in this newsletter may be copied and distributed to club members who are planning to attend.

Your first World Tournament? Rules and regulations will accompany your World Tournament schedule.

A new rule this year for entering the World Tournament, it requires a WHPA officer signature to verify the tournament average from your last three events. WHPA Secretary/Treasurer, John Secord suggests you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to him for verification. List the name of each tournament you are registering with.

The next few months will be a busy time for John. If you know that you will be entering the World Tournament or maybe thinking about entering, write to John. Make it easier for him over the next two months instead of waiting until May for your average verification.



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NHPA PRESIDENT DAVE LOUCKS

1987 WORLD TOURNAMENT - EAU CLAIRE WI...Many of you planning to attend will be interested in the method of play. The following highlights will give you an idea of the format unanimously adopted by the NHPA Executive Council.

1. We have added Intermediate, Senior and Elder (70+) classes for women subject to a reasonable number of entrants.
2. Men's Elder Class will be divided into 30 foot and 40 foot pitchers.
3. All women entrants plus men's Intermediate, Senior and Elders will be seeded by percentage into 24 to a class; 2 groups of 12. Class championships, A and down, will consist of 6 pitchers. Championship finals in all but Elders will be 12 pitchers.
4. Men's Open Classes, A and below, will be seeded by percentage, 32 to a class; 2 groups of 16; 8 in the class finals.
5. The finals of each class, A and down, will be made up of the 2 group winners plus the next 4 or 6 best WON/LOST records.
6. All classes will have some move-up opportunity bases on percentage.
7. All finalists other than Championship Classes will pay \$10.00 entry fee.
8. Each class finalist, A and below, will receive a cash prize plus trophy.
9. The next 6 or 8 best WON/LOST records who do not make the class finals will receive a cash prize.
10. \$600 in prize Money will be awarded for each class of 24; \$800 for each class of 32. 50% of all pitchers in each class will receive a cash prize. 25% will receive a trophy.
11. No trophies will be awarded for preliminary rounds.
12. The Men's Championship finals will consist of 24, the Women, 12 finalists.
13. Championship finalists will pay a pro-rated entry fee. The higher the purse the higher the entry fee.

I hope that all entrants will appreciate that we have tried to develop a format that will please almost all pitchers. We did our best to consider all your recommendations and we hope you will now do your best to accept them as being in the best interest of the greatest number of pitchers. Based on 1200 adult entrants, the total prize list will be about \$50,000.

DONNIE ROBERTS VISITS EAU CLAIRE

BY CURT BESTUL

Plans for the 1987 World Tournament were discussed from the time NHPA Sec/Treas Donnie Roberts stepped off the plane on Sat. January 24th until Tue. January 27th when he took off for Monroe Falls, Ohio.

Donnie went right to the Hobbs Ice Center from the airport. He was impressed with the facility. He remarked that this will be the best conditions he has ever had to conduct a World Tournament. On to the Civic Center Inn, World Tournament Headquarters. This is where the various meetings of officers, directors etc. will be held as well as the Junior's party the night of the Awards banquet and dance. The banquet and dance will be next door at the Civic Center.

Some very interesting subjects were discussed concerning different situations that arise in tournaments around the country. We felt a great deal was learned from this and hope to relay what we can at our Wisconsin State Association meeting in the spring.

Our club had a pot luck supper Monday evening and really enjoyed the chance to visit with Donnie and ask questions about the World Tournament. Several good ideas came from this meeting, especially the one which came from the question of, "How do people with no league or tournament average enter the tournament?" Donnie's reply was, "They may pitch two hundred shoes with a qualified official keeping their score and signing the scoresheet." It should then be sent, with the official registration blank, to the state secretary for his signature."

The Eau Claire Club plans to set one week-end in May for World Tournament qualifying at Carson Park. We will publicize this and hopefully give every horseshoe pitcher in the area a chance to enter the tournament. This is something we strongly recommend for other clubs in Wisconsin. Several pitchers in our area have already asked if they could enter. Lets not miss the opportunity to see our membership grow.

The Eau Claire Open Tournament, June 13th and 14th, will be held indoors at the Hobbs Ice Center. A good chance to play on the courts for the World Tournament.

## Ringers Only

Counting ringers only is nothing new, but it is getting a verbal go-around these days and may be considered in some form as a rules change at the next NHPA general meeting.

On these pages, last time, appeared a re-print of Harvey Bilz's letter to the National Digest extolling the virtues of the Janesville ringer only league. Bilz believes counting all ringers and ringers only would make the World and other major tournament matches more exciting and meaningful for the fans. Perhaps it could be the stimulus needed to get our game on the "BIG BOARD".

Here's another twist. For spectator involvement the better way to score ringers only would be to count each as two points, according to John Secord. If all ringers are counted, says Secord, at a value of two points, a fifty shoe game score would portray the actual ringer percentage of each pitcher. --Instant Recognition-- Those World Class pitchers would be all the more impressive. Put the emphasis on World or Top Class pitchers, Secord reminds us, this isn't for everybody.

The other thing the World Tournament needs, Secord continues, is a grand finale, possibly in the form of a step ladder finish. Hopefully it would be a focus point for some media attention.

Count-all scoring was featured in the A-B Class at Trenton-View last fall. Ron Yttri may use count-all for the next ARC tourney at Janesville. Maybe some Wisconsin Tournament Director will stage a Class A, count-all, ringers only.

Whenever good pitchers get together, often it's ringers only. At Milwaukee's famous Washington Park, it is not unusual to see four or five players going at one stake pitching "10 Ringers". First pitcher reaching 10, wins but because the last one has to be "clean", (one more than any other player) it often takes many more than 10 to win.

Out behind the Lone Star in Germantown, they run their ringer league this way. Each

pitcher plays 2 matches per night. A match is two 50 shoe games with the same opponent on the same court for a total of 200 shoes a night. Scoring 2 points for each game won and 1 point for a match win (total ringers). The handicap (85%) is set up on the center scoring wheels. Using alternate first pitch simplifies scoring. First pitch scores as the other pitcher reads the shoes and begins to address the opposite stake. Because there is very little measuring and only one court/opponent change, 200 shoes takes 90 minutes. This particular league is second shift; starts at 9:00 p.m. The time saved is premium.

The Goldendale Classic Ringer League began in the early 1970's. Ray Billen, Ed Schimek, Ralph Maylahn, were among the first competitors. Rick Pritzlaff was secretary at that time and remains as present secretary.

For top pitchers and those aspiring to be, a ringer league is the only way to go. It is evident that it is much faster than measuring and recording points and puts the emphasis where it belongs--around the stake.



GOLDENDALE CLASSIC RINGER LEAGUE

Rick Pritzlaff, Gary Schwartz, Brian Parady, Howard Selle, Marv Guetzke, Jim Poquette, Jim Haupt, Keith Keller, Ron Pritzlaff, Bob Traber,  
1st - Hank Schwartz 2nd - Bret Pritzlaff



RAY BILLEN

## Come-back of the year

Only part of this story belongs to Ray Billen. He, of course, is the "A" pitcher who had the high game of 86% and he won the 45 trophies and it was his right arm that went sour for 10 years. But, he couldn't have done it without the support of his other arm. Enter Delores.

Delores married Ray in 1942; the same year that Ray went into the Army. Three Purple Hearts, one Bronze Star and 3 years later he resumed his full time duties as husband and father. His rewards, shared by Delores, for family participation are: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He must have been on a tight schedule; he's only 65 years young.

They moved to their present home at Kenosha in 1949. Conveniently there was a vacant lot next door for family picnics. Ray was given a pair of horseshoes for Fathers Day that year and Delores claims it was also the year that she became a horseshoe wife. But figure this, his oldest child could not have been much older than 6. Now who do you suppose engineered the gift?

So Ray became a pitcher, a good pitcher. He built and lighted 2 "pro" courts in his own yard where he actually ran an 8 man league, for a time, on Thursday nites. Searching for more competition he regularly traveled 70 miles to pitch in the Elgin, Illinois league. The Goldendale Ringer Classic in Germantown

drew top pitchers like Ralph Maylahn so Ray joined that league too. It was only 68 miles and Ray credits his better pitching to Maylahn's influence.

Fourth of July, 1960, Ray and Delores are driving past a Waukegan park and Ray spots a guy pitching shoes. Sure, he stops to pitch a few. There for the first time, he met Joe Helbling. "Joe has been an inspiration for me through the years" says Ray, and "we have met a lot of wonderful people."

Ray and Delores invited Glen Portt, (then NHPA President) as a house guest for the Can-Am Tournament. When a friend asked how could they have a stranger at their house, Ray explained "I have never met a bad horseshoe player yet." (Do you think he checked the man's ringer percent first?)

Tournament pitching for Ray began in 1971 and in the next 13 years he won 45 trophies. During that period he had to quit pitching for one entire year. Ten years ago while warming up for a tournament in Bradenton, Florida his right shoulder locked up. It took some assistance just to get the arm down and a year long layoff to heal partially. The pain, still there got progressively worse for 9 years. He consulted no less than five doctors who offered no solution. (He's not Robin Yount.) Finally Dr. Becker of Milwaukee operated Nov. 4, 1985 and prescribed eight months of therapy. Then, last July, the real therapy began, pitching again.

The opening night of the 1986 Fall Indoor league season was a letdown to those who saw Ray pitching only 23%. Was it all over for Billen and his shoulder?...Or was it only the sand in his pockets, we asked ourselves. He always wears those kaki pants. ("You can wear 'em for a week" he says.) But there must be some little holes in those pockets though, as he steadily raised his average week by week. After three league nights the average was 33%. Now, after ten league performances, Ray Billen, the diehard with a new right arm, pitches near 50%. At this point he is the league's most improved pitcher.

Ray recently purchased a new car. ("Cost more than our house, \$18,000") so you know he's going to take his other right arm traveling this summer. Delores, make sure his shoes are in the trunk.



## Open Letter to Harvey Elmerston

Dear Mr. Elmerston,

At our first and last meeting at the 1984 State Tournament in Marshfield you said you owed your good health to horseshoes and that you pitch every day. The fact that you also jog 3 miles a day must have some effect on your condition. I find it an amazing regimen for a man of your age. I sincerely hope you enjoy that youthful attitude for years to come.

That year, 1984, I took my state schedule to Washington Park (in Milwaukee) to show the guys that I made Class "D". They seemed unimpressed until Carl Pfeffer spotted your name, calling out, "Hey Tommy, Tommy, (Bartlen, of course) look at this! Harvey Elmerston is pitching in the State Tournament. Can you beat that?" Those two guys, who, like you, were also State Champs, must have been mere beginners when you won your first state title in 1926

Carl's words meant to me that you were a real live person not just a name on the State Champions list. Forgive me but 1926 is a little before my time; so is 1927, 28, 29, 30 & 31; those other years of your string of consecutive state titles. And yes, I know you won 3 more times while going down and back with Harold Sheets and Casey Jones.

Another place I saw your name and pitching exploits listed was in "The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909-1980" by Gary Kline. In 1927 you were listed as a "noted newcomer," Harvey Elmerston, who beat, then World Champ, C.C. Davis, five times in exhibition matches. Number two in the World in 1935! Mr. Elmerston, you are famous. You even beat Casey, wow! Funny thing, Mr. Jones was listed as Charles Jones, Waukesha. In the years thereafter he was known as Casey. Your best percentage performance, 78.3, was in 1940. You had tough competition that year; Ted Allen, Guy Zimmerman, Fernando Izasis and Casey who finished in that order, all over 80%. 1933, the first year of qualifying and you were passed over but I see that Harold Sheets, Waukesha, made the cut as did Verne Licht, of Lodi. 1928 and 1929 were the other years you competed

in the NHPA World Tourney. I figured your average World Tournament ringer percent at .65 for 5 tournaments from 1927 to 1940. That being all the World Tournaments during that period of time.

As I read of those early World Tournaments, I wondered what the courts were like. Did you always pitch on clay? How high were the stakes? (Read that in 1941 the stakes were Ford axles.) Was the platform concrete? Did you ever pitch on grass in a World Tournament? The book says your original hometown was Kenosha. Well I know some guys from Kenosha who would give their left arm to have you on their team. Really, it sort of shakes me to realize that I know a man who pitched against the likes of the great Frank Jackson, C.C. Davis, Putt Mossman, and the boy wonder Harold Falor. Frank Stinson pitched his first World Tournament with you in 1927 as a man.

You might think I'm a little kooky but have you thought about entering the 1987 World Tournament in Eau Claire? Just think, 1927-1987, (60) years of World Tourneys! You want to make the NHPA Hall of Fame? Just show up with your shoes. You can walk to Eau Claire from the Rapids. Donnie Roberts and Curt Bestul will roll out the red carpet for you. I have heard you say that you will keep pitching even though your percentage is not what it used to be. Hurray! You would make a lot of WHPA members extremely proud if you would but enter this the 2nd ever Wisconsin World. Harvey, do it to us, one more time.

For all Horseshoe lovers past and present,

I remain, Jim Haupt

P.S. The WHPA has honored you with lifetime membership as a Hall of Famer but you will need to upgrade your membership to full NHPA status. Just \$7.00 to John Secord, 2123 Brown Rd., Fond du Lac, 54935. Many of us will be awaiting the good news of your 1987 NHPA affiliation signifying your intent of World Tournament entry.

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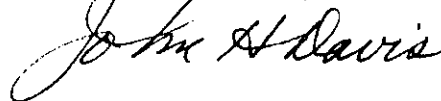
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Sports Enterprises, Inc. has announced the purchase of the Paladium building in North Canton, as reported by Donnie Roberts.

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### May 27, 1987

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**Sat., Oct. 18** Homer Tournament. 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 afternoon. Entry fee \$15, deadline Fri., Oct. 31  
**Sat., Nov. 22** Homer Tournament. Deadline, 12:30 p.m. same day.  
**Sat. and Sun., Dec. 6-7** Discount Tournament. Deadline Friday, Nov. 28.  
**Sat., Dec. 20** Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30 p.m. same day.  
**Sat. and Sun., Jan. 3-4** Discount Tournament. Deadline Fri., Dec. 26.  
**Sat., Jan. 17** Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30 p.m. same day.  
**Sat. and Sun., Jan 31 Feb. 1** T-Bird Open. \$300 purse compliments of our neighbor the T-Bird Restaurant and Lounge. I-94 and Hwy. 11. Deadline, Friday, Jan. 23.

**Fri., Sat., & Sun., Feb. 13, 14, & 15** The Canadian-American International Friendship Open. Teams from U.S. and Canada will compete for thousands of dollars in prize money. Top pitchers in the World will compete.  
**Sat. and Sun., March 7-8** Discount Tournament. Deadline Friday, Feb. 27th.  
**Sat., March 21** Homer tournament. Deadline 12:30 p.m. same day.  
**Sat. and Sun., April 4-5** Bentley Open. \$300 purse compliments to Bentley Welding, our neighbor in front of the Pitchin' Palace, deadline Fri., Mar. 25.  
**Sat. April 18** Homer Tournament. Deadline 12:30 p.m. same day.  
**Sat. and Sun. May 2-3** Summer Circuit Tournament, deadline Friday, April 24.

Send all entries to **PITCHIN' PALACE** or to **Tournament Director Richard Hansen**, 3085 S. 76th Street, Franksville, WI 53126, 414-835-1321.



### Tournament Schedule 1986-87

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Entry fees for the singles, eight person round-robin tournaments will be \$15 per person. Scorekeepers fee is included. All entry money stays in each class and additional sponsor purses will be divided evenly into each class.

Entry fees for the "Homer" tournaments will be \$12 per team. A "Homer" tournament is a doubles, round robin tournament based on 80 percent handicap. Doubles teams are placed in classes and the class winners' playoff for Tournament championship. Money prizes, 40 percent of entry fees for first place; 20 percent for second and 10 percent for third.

**DISCOUNT TOURNAMENTS-** Eight-person round robin tournament. \$5 entry fee. Keep your own score. (We will provide special score sheets). Two prizes: \$22 for first and \$10 for second.

**Sat. and Sun., Oct. 4-5** Discount Tournament-Deadline, Friday, Sept. 26.