

WHPA FALL MEETING

President Dick Hansen conducted the formal hanging of the Hall of Fame plaque for the 1994 inductee, Felix Kubly of Watertown. After Kubly found the hook, he placed a framed picture of the State Tournament "A" class of perhaps 1967 stating it was his gift to the Hall of Fame.

The meeting began with all officers and 38 members present.

Secretary Treasurer, John Secord has the bank balance at \$4000 plus. He explained only averages from sanctioned tournaments contribute to the State (or NHPA) average. He does keep numbers on unsanctioned events for seeding non-members but drops those numbers after their first sanctioned tournament. Secord says almost every tournament director requests an updated list now.

In answering the poll listed on the State Tournament entry blank regarding State Tournament awards, 5% voted for cash only, 36% favor a combination of trophy and cash, and 40% like it as it is, trophies only. Perhaps some did not understand or see the question but 18% of entrants did not answer.

Lorraine Sternberg is guardian of the \$9000 (liability \$4800) Scholarship Fund for Junior awards. A little bird says she thinks it is time to turn the fund over to another director.

Susie Pritzlaff, looking towards a Spring selection of another Hall of Fame member, asked members to mail their nominations. Only complete resumes of qualifications can be considered.

Jane Smith reported that complimentary Newsletter subscriptions sent to area newspapers is accepted with mixed reviews. The sponsors, the WHPA, decided to defer the discussion to the Spring Meeting.

The competition between clubs within the State Tournament was won this year by the Goldendale Club of Germantown. Smith, who tallies these results, named her own Close Doesn't Count League as second.

She has also made some inquiries on introducing horseshoes into the Badger State Games. The first year it would qualify only as a demonstration event, probably have to be conducted in June, staffed by WHPA people, and set up for 1996. Let's talk about it in the Spring, they said.

Terry Sternberg asked if the WHPA would be interested in setting up a trust fund for cash awards juniors may win while competing in an adult class. Most seemed to agree the expedient way to handle such money would be a direct contribution to the Scholarship Fund. The clubs of the WHPA should be proud; they conducted 32 sanctioned tournaments in 1994, reported Jim Haupt.

1995 Tournament Registration forms were passed with an eye to publishing the complete schedule in January. Dick Hansen wants to create a bylaw committee which would include all four officers of the executive board, Curt Bestul and a few others. Volunteers, contact Hansen and expect to conduct business by mail.

Hansen is also looking for a volunteer WHPA Historian. Jane Smith will take over for Hansen and administrate the Pitcher of the Year award. Tournament directors: Please send a results copy to Jane Smith. (and to John Secord and the Newsletter)

Curt Bestul proposed changes to existing bylaws in two ways. Impressively he passed copies of his proposition among the members. One change dealt with entry requirements for the State Tournament based on a number of shoes pitched. The number he chose was 600 but was open to alternatives. Bestul's other proposal was a change of the number in the State Tournament championship class - back to eight.

Both proposals were meeting heavy opposition from some members of the board when Jill Harings suggested that the officers take it under advisement until the Spring Meeting.

Clayton Gage, with affirmation from Ralph Maylahn, led a move to allow the 70+ seniors to pitch 40 point games in championship class. Although the size of that champ-class may be smaller, more seniors are on their way to the 30 foot mark, enough to create two classes. The proposal was accepted; 40 point games for 70+ seniors.

A change written by Dick Hansen was accepted as proposed. Under the section on State approved tournaments add these lines: When a tournament has to be canceled due to weather or other uncontrollable events, the classes pitching at the time must have completed at least half of the scheduled games in order that percentage may be used by the WHPA in computing a State average.

For a change we had two (or three) clubs bidding for the 1996 State Tournament. The Eau Claire Club with the Close Doesn't Count League of Centuria offered their combined services at Carson Park in Eau Claire. The Fond du Lac Club also tendered a bid apparently at the fairground courts. It came down to a show of hands. The 1996 State will be in Eau Claire.

It should go without saying but, for the record Jane Smith and John Secord were re-elected to their respective positions of First Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

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- B Jeff Secord 6/1 49.3 Dennis Ambuehl 6/1 44.0
- C Norm Kuen 7/0 50.3 Terry Sternberg 5/2 42.0
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FDL of 1994 was an NHPA sanctioned tournament. That fact kept some area people from participating and thereby reducing the overall entry somewhat. At the same time the sanction provided a quality event for 54 WHPA pitchers. Instead of the tournament director, Jeff Secord, thanking those who attended, it should read in reverse. All of the 54 who participated are thankful the Fond du Lac County Horseshoe Club provided a class tournament that qualifies for the official record book.

The FDL fairgrounds is often a marketplace. This Sunday three peddlers displayed their wares.

Dick Shoener, ever an entrepreneur, was flying big-bird kites, for sale of course. Although not quite the thing for horseshoe courts, just one might keep all those sparrows away from the feeder.

As you may remember, this was the site of the Don Kangas 'book sale' - all about an otter who became his father's pet.

And there was a clearance sale of last year's FDL shirt. Jane Meier had the 'Reduced' sign out. Sales were brisk.

WHNL CALENDAR

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THE MUSIC CITY

TEAM TOURNAMENT

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by Jim Haupt

The "Nashville Sound", this November weekend, was nothing but clinks perforated with the sporadic tones of Donnie Roberts on the P.A.

Three new names will be engraved on the Music City Team trophy for 1994. Amy Brown, and Oscar Manns, of Ohio teamed with Dave Loucks of California pitching through three matches to the top of the ladder.

After 15 preliminary games in the "A" division, the OH-CA team of Brown, Manns, and Loucks ranked 3rd for the 5-team ladder play-off. The OH-CA team waited and warmed up some while the #4 seed, an all Kentucky team of Lois Webster, Don Titcomb, and Lawrence Barrett, out-pointed the #5 seeded, all Ohio, wild card team of Jim Cooper, Marlene Cooper, and Gary Roberts. Webster and company won that match 2-1 and went on to meet Brown, Manns, and Loucks.

Play-offs were one game, by percentage, head to head. Amy Brown then gave Lois Webster her first loss of the tournament. It was the deciding match-up of the play-offs. Coupled with a Loucks over Barrett win, the OH-CA team had dispatched the power.

The win provided a jump start on their next opponent, seed #2, another Kentucky team of; Charlie Meredith, Ron Powell, and Greg Nalley. In an apparent jolt of enthusiasm Brown and crew swept the match 3-0.

It became the final match against the top ranked team and Amy Brown did lose to World Champion, Sue Snyder, but it was Oscar Manns over Ralph Guffey and Dave Loucks over Ron Meredith for a 2-1 match win and Music City Team title of 1994 to the OH-CA team.

There were other winners. The Manns family also figured in the "B" championship. Jeannie Manns, Dave Rose, and Jim Hyatt won 33½ times in their 45 games.

The "C" winners kept it close winning with a one game margin. Roy Lyons, Darrell Reno, and Ottie Reno got it together for 27 of 45 games.

The NEWSLINE ad for the Music City Team event asked for only 24 teams. A few were turned away. Professional sports is involved in salary caps. Music City Team asked for percentage caps. Entering averages for "A" teams could not exceed 210%; "B" not more than 180%, and "C" under 150%. Teams were of mixed origin not necessarily from the same state but regulated by the percentage cap. Twelve "A" entries were split into two sections. Players pitched each member of the other team, within the section, for a three game team match.

"B" & "C" simply went for win total of 45 games.

"A" played-off with the two greatest win records of each section and a wild card or high percentage team. Three more places made the cash awards.

An Indiana team of; Chad Hyatt, Dale Henry, and Bob May, placed 6th with 24½ wins.

A 'down home' Tennessee team; Paula Hunsicker, Marlene Ray, and Maxine Ray, brought home 7th place. All three dressed in team colors, both days, which is not unusual for Ray and Griffith. Mar and Max are twins. its easy to see but how about their matched pitching ability? They racked up identical win totals and identical percentages - yes, they must be identical twins.

Ontario, in part, scored for 8th place with Sandy Jassens, Steve Hohl, and Fred Brown with 22½ wins.

In retrospect, this was not a handicap tournament but one has to wonder about that OH-CA team. Amy Brown wears a full leg brace neatly colored blue and red. We call her the girl with the fancy leg. Oscar Manns, as everyone knows has one extra long arm and Dave Loucks besides being from California bears the ever present mantle of NHPA CEO.

Music City is a small club with a big house. The Jack Freeman Courts are 18 great indoor courts but they do not come with scorekeepers. Each team was asked to bring an alternate with the primary job of keeping score. Resting players were urged to score. Donnie Roberts, always the M.C., relaxed his usual high standards and would accept any available body.

Five hundred and fifty-two score sheets ran through the hands of Tournament Director, Mary Bastian and on computer by way of Bill Hunsicker and sometimes Paula.

Bobby and Dot Cook were contributors and Mary Henderson spent most of her time at the desk.

One avid pitcher, Bill Ungetheim of Indiana, a non-combatant, made the tournament just to keep score!

Rick Snyder, lately of Kentucky, was seen sporting a judge look-alike shirt but its doubtful he was called. Bet he gives it to the Goodwill.

Jack Freeman, the one guy everybody owes, bit off a big chunk this time. Hey this Music City Team thing is now a top of the line tournament attracting national attention on the horseshoe scene. Called upon several times to speak, Freeman reminded all of the impending winter schedule of two tournaments in both January and February and four in March. (Music City Team Tournament is already scheduled for November 4-5, 1995.) Finally asked to say 'a few words' one last time, Freeman, to keep things moving along, said just that, "A few words".

Taking on the big challenges for Freeman is the norm. Unnoticed at this tournament but awaiting just outside the 18 court house are 20 covered courts. Jack Freeman's Tennessee Horseshoes is an impressive layout - portends of great tournaments in the offing.

A Bowling alley in Friendship, Wisconsin, known as the Jack-Pine, has switched to horseshoes. Leagues just started and there's already been a tournament. Eight doubles teams showed-up the first Saturday in October playing a double elimination format. The winners, Brian Repinski and Ken Jaeger, blew-out the field allowing only one team to get halfway to the mark in the thirty point games.

Tom Robinson, owner-organizer, has purchased the electronic scoreboards from the old Pitchin' Palace and has definite plans to replace the readily available sand with cleaner clay.

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This new horseshoe house may be a better central-state location for the Spring Meeting - intersection of highways 13 and 21, Friendship, Wisconsin.

Remember, order clay now.

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Its everybody's guess on percentages. Games were 30 shoes per man but no ringers were recorded.

In the early going November 13th, Tip Wipperfurth and partner, Carolyn Stittleburg had won the first five games then came the break time. They dropped the next two and opened the door for the winners, Bun Carley and Dan Bloom. 2nd shift results unknown.

KENOSHA

A Lou Bensinger 6/1 50.0	Dennis Ambuehl 6/1 51.4
B Doug Bakkum 7/0 43.9	Bill Hagen 6/1 37.1
C Everett Stewart 7/0 30.0	John King 5/2 25.7

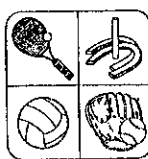
It was the norm to sanction their first tournament. They had worked hard to sanction the newly formed Kenosha Horseshoe Club and wanted to show the courts they built to some other WHPA pitchers.

The Nash automobile may be out of production but Nash Park remains - just down the road from Ray Billen's house. In the park, close to the road and alongside the parking lot, are five courts. Four are clay that was garnered from a tunnel contractor but to accommodate casual pitchers in this public park, the club made the fifth court sand.

Glenn Bogenschneider appeared to be the tournament director but others present included Harry Nelson, Jim Ulrey, some wives, Arnie Esser, Ray Billen and of course Delores Billen who was urging everyone within earshot to sample more of the homemade foodstuffs. It became evident hosting the event was a team effort. This tournament was just to get their feet wet. It was an invitational event; an introduction and opportunity to learn what to expect when they go for a date on the State Schedule of tournaments.

As the club becomes established they hope to add 4, and eventually 18 courts, on an attractive plot west of the parking lot. Two houses formerly occupied the land so sewer and water are readily available.

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club has real plans to someday host the State Tournament.



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TEAM WISCONSIN

by Jim Haupt

Harold Laws of Beloit got it going. He's the guy who planted the seed with Lorraine Sternberg and Randy Rein to enter the Music City Team Tournament along with the necessary brakeman, Jim Haupt.

TEAM-WORLD sponsored the team entry but the ten hours to Nashville made it an individual effort. Renee and Heather Sternberg rode shotgun and Dick Hansen, on leave from a Columbus, Ohio business trip, completed the state contingent. Hansen made ten to fifteen dollars just for keeping score but dropped it soon afterwards on one round of beverages for the team at a nearby saloon called, "Calhouns".

We played two full days, 15 games each player, trying for a spot on ladder play-off in the "A" group and almost made it. The box scores show Rein winning 12 of the 15 games pitching 69.3% against some of the best pitchers the NHPA has to offer - Lois Webster, Sue Snyder, Ron Powell, Charlie Meredith, Don Titcomb, to name a few. Sternberg won 11 times with 67.7%. Haupt struggled with 37.5% and managed to win one game. We all pitched against the same people with varying results. All but two opponents of the current number three man pitched 60% or better. Lesson to be learned; get a 60% pitcher for the number three man next year.

Our Wisconsin team finished pre-lim play one game out with 24 wins. One team was 1/2 game better and we were next tied with another team with a higher percentage. That should have made us eighth but somehow we were placed ninth out of the money.

Percentage caps permitted three classes. There's room for many pitchers over 40% in this tournament although successful teams seemed to have an even balance of percentages.

Distance of travel was not a factor for a several groups from Connecticut. As expected they favored the "B" and "C" classes.

Wisconsin has a gang of pitchers qualified to enter this team tournament. Nashville is great place to be in early November. Let's put the two together next year.

FALL MEETING TOURNAMENT

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B Mer Sorenson 5/0 47.2	Elaine Troullier 4/1 50.0
C Jim Haupt 5/0 44.8	Mike Hansen 3/2 40.8
D Carl Doughty 5/0 23.6	Merlin Ludwig 4/1 18.4

Only four classes and the lower classes say, We like it that way. No pitching after the meeting - hurray! Some of the percentages look depressed. Lets blame it on the synthetic clay and hope for better days ahead. Another property of the synthetic clay makes Royal Wood the neatest and cleanest house we'll ever pitch in. Its a trade-off.

Dan Jaglowski, the Waukesha pitcher, suddenly turned promoter when he saw the void at Royal Wood. The on-going tournaments at the Plover Sports Center needed an on-hands director - big time. Jaglowski volunteered for the role and has carried it out over the past several years. Because of his personal work commitment, this past tournament at Plover is his last as director.

Thank you, Dan Jaglowski. It was a tough job. You will remain in debt of all the pitchers of the WHPA.

Brian Repinski is reported to be the next tournament director for the Sports Center - maybe this Spring.



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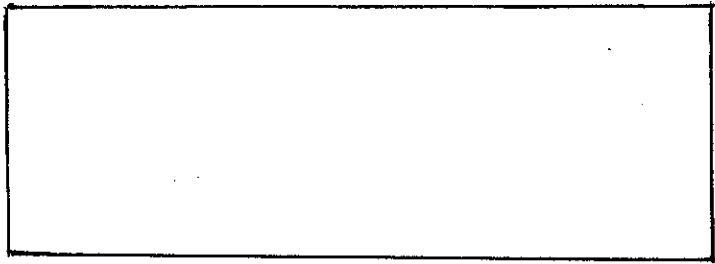
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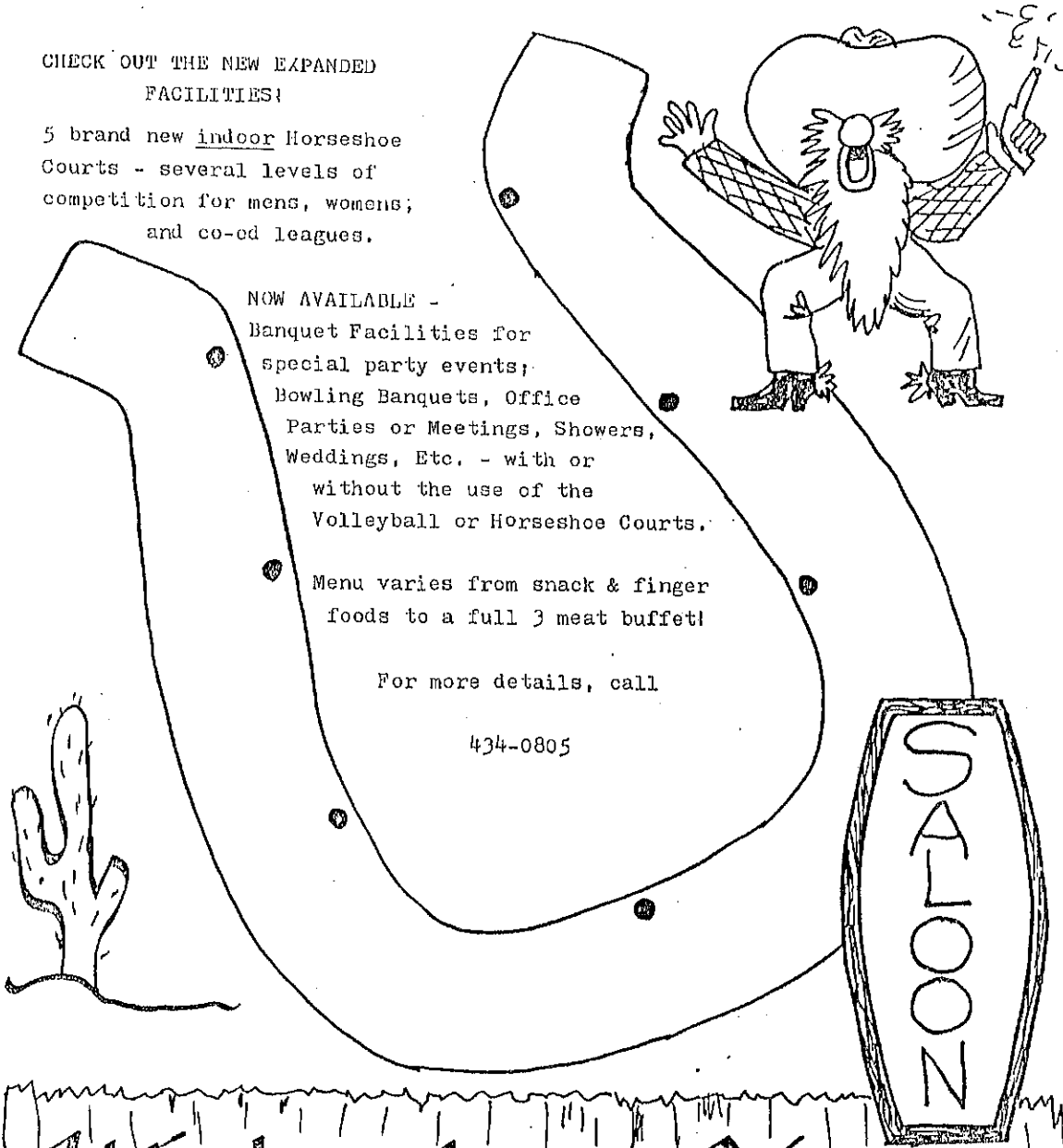
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