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STATE TOURNAMENT

The Wausau State Tournament will be indoors. The entry form guarantees there will be no rain, no wind at the Marathon Park Multipurpose Building.

Ken Kosky and the Windy Hill Club of nearby Ringle have 16 new portable courts ready to setup for the three day affair. WHPA President, Ken Jaeger indicated in his latest message to allow for three days.

Time to consider the State Tournament is now. Entry deadline is July 31. Entry form should be in your hands. It was published as part of the Newsletter in May. Should now be available from any subscriber.

Three sanctioned tournaments from the WHPA schedule will qualify for State Tournament entry. (NHPA sanctioned league average may be used in lieu of one tournament.) Percentages on file in the State Secretary's computer will be employed to seed State Tournament classes. There is no need to include a percentage with entry. Your name and NHPA card number entered into the computer produces your entering percentage.

Windy Hill and the WHPA anticipate a record entry for the indoor State Tournament of 1997 - perhaps in the neighborhood of 250 entries. Factors contributing to high entry would be; the central state location, the indoor presentation, and the novelty of a new town for State Tournament pitchers to visit.

Its the annual tournament that produces numbers that guarantee closely matched classes throughout the schedule. It wasn't always available to us garden variety pitchers. Way back when it was one class - the championship class. As time and demand progressed, more classes were added but on-site qualifying was time

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consuming. Large entries of today are due to the players association with the NHPA and computerized percentages.

The three day event is a celebration of the season and meant to be shared by all contestants and their friends. So kick back relax and enjoy the show. You're invited for the whole three days.

COMING UP...

Note this issue is designated July-August to allow the staff to attend and cover the action of the month -

◆ *The Kitchner World Tournament in Ontario, Canada.*

Watch for reports on:
*The Wisconsin pitchers
the NHPA convention and
the NEW Champions.*

Also on deck;

◆ *The Indoor Schedule for 97-98
at The Arena Sandbar*

◆ *July & Aug tournaments*

Hope to have the next issue in the mail before the State Tournament.

Notice to indoor tournament directors: Please contact the Newsletter now with dates. WHPA Indoor list will publish all sanctioned and WHPA approved event. Others published as "Coming Events."



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL 14-26 WORLD TOURNAMENT Kitchner, Ontario

JUL 26 SWEN'S OPEN; Green Bay \$15 + s k
Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis St Green Bay, WI 54302
414-435-6310 unsanctioned D/L 7-12

AUG 2- FOND DU LAC OPEN \$14 by D/L \$16 after

AUG 3 SKIN'S DOUBLES; 100% cap \$21/team by D/L \$24 after
Jeff Secord N6337 Gardenia Ln Fond du Lac, WI 54935

414-922-9698 **Sat 28-97-023 Sun** unsanctioned D/L 7-23

AUG 1-2-3 EAGLE OPEN \$15

Al Salmela 504 Homesteaders Ret Eagle, WI 53119

414-594-2431 **Limit 140** unsanctioned D/L 7-18

AUG 9-10 MOUNTAIN OPEN \$15

Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149

715-276-6041 unsanctioned D/L 7-25

AUG 9-10 SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OPEN; Beloit \$17

Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511

608-879-2304 **28-97-024** D/L 7-25

AUG 16-17 PLATTEVILLE OPEN \$13(A&BS16)

Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818

608-348-9697 **28-97-025** D/L 8-2

AUG 16- NORTHERN RINGER CLASSIC; **28-97-026** \$15

AUG 17 ASHLAND DOUBLES **28-97-027** Co Fairgrds

\$25/team Steve Stevens Rt 1 Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855

715-278-3473 **Sat-unmixed singles; Sun mixed doubles** D/L 8-3

AUG 23-24 MARSHFIELD II \$10

Greg Bottlemy W 5810 Cloverdale Rd Owen, WI 54460

715-267-6417 **28-97-028** D/L 8:10

AUG 30-31 STATE TOURNAMENT; WAUSAU \$25

John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937

414-922-0080 **28-97-029** D/L 7-31

SEPT 5-6-7 V.F.W. Doubles; Comb Locks \$25/team

Don Navarrete 534 Woodlawn Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113

414-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L 8-25

SEPT 6-7 WET 'N WILD; Centuria \$10

Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810

715-485-3057 **28-97-030** D/L 8-23

SEPT 13-14 KENOSHA OPEN \$15

Glenn Bogenschneider 3109 89th St Kenosha, WI 53142

414-694-6922 **28-97-031** D/L 9-5

SEPT 20-21 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria \$5

Jane Smith 1481 180th Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810

715-485-3057 **28-97-032** D/L 9-6

SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES \$10/TEAM

Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511

608-879-2304 unsanctioned D/L 9-10

KEY

All dates in **bold print indicate WHPA approved events.

NHPA Sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.

Note some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.

Other events, unsanctioned or not on the WHPA schedule are listed for information only.

Call, 414-964-2735 6 wks. prior for listing in this column.

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Archie Johnson left this earth but his Bro-town classic lives. His memory is always part of this tournament. Arch was known to tell the same stories to all he met many times over but now that he's gone we'd be willing to hear them again.

The last weekend in May seemed a reward for what most regard as a reluctant Spring - nary a drop in the fair skies. Lucky players turned thoughts to avoiding sunburn. The Holstein heifer herd in the pasture to the west seemed intrigued as usual with the humans making the ckinks and clanks. Their presence underscored all was well with the world, June could now begin.

Two Brothertown guys came Sunday with all the know-how to make the "often imitated, never duplicated" chicken on the big broiler. They claimed to be using the special sauce of the house. Takes an hour and one half per batch; turn every twenty minutes. No exciting grill-on-fire this year, just never-duplicated chicken. Some pitchers say they come just for the chicken feast.

Scorekeeping at Bro-town is always an adventure - a trip into the unknown but with only four courts fewer volunteers are needed. The tournament director, thought he was going an extra ten yards by simultaneously keeping score and maintaining the result board. In the very next shift, Jeff Secord took over - kept the overall results while marking score for two courts! One dollar per pitcher per game somehow seems to take some the drudgery out of marking score.

Complete results are published next cloumn.

ASHLAND DOUBLES ARE NOT NECESSARILY

Steve Stevens would like it clearly understood that the Sunday doubles event found on the schedule for August 17, is not limited to mixed partners. It merely indicates that thirty foot pitchers are welcome Sunday along with the full distance teams.

We think he knew what he was doing to start with and knowingly worded it that way just to get some more free ink.

PLATTEVILLE IN THE SPRING

Spring in Platteville is always a gamble. This year, although it did rain a bit, the precip was warmer than the usual variety.

The siren did it. At the stroke of Noon the County air raid warning signal sounded. The monster is mounted practically on the courts. Livestock and locals take it in stride but those unacustomed, like the visiting players, were startled out of their ringers as the low rumble developed into a whine. Furthermore it is thought to discombobulate the atmosphere for miles around and undoubtedly caused the rain during the last game of the morning shift.

Results and comments contributed by the Platteville Horseshoe Association:

- A Dan Bloom 7-0 55.35; Mark Mauthe 6-1 57.5; Arnie Walton 4.5-2.5 49.28
- B Herman Adler 6-1 41.4; Jerry Volz 5-2 44.3; Harold Brockway 4.5-2.5 42.9
- C Frank Dunn 7-1 45.6; Ted Rohde 6-2 40.9; Julian Tijerina 4.5-2.5 30.0
- D Dave Klipstein 6-1 40.4; Jerry Udelhofen 5-2 33.9; Bob Anderson 4-3 37.1
- E Mike Cone 7-2 27.5; Gary Rackow 6-3 29.2; Ray Groskinsky 6-3 28.6
- F Marie Donar 7-0 36.8; David Miller 5-2 30.7; Chuck Herman 4.5-2.5 22.1
- G John Bentz 7-0 20.0; Bob Novinski 5-2 19.6; Tom Dudenhoefer 5-2 18.9
- Jr Dustin Dahl 4-1 56.5; Barrent Dahl 1-4 44.0

Dan Bloom won his first ever Platteville championship. Dustin Dahl won his first Platteville Jr title.

Due to a large number of special requests for times, class A pitched at an unusual 9:00 AM Saturday morning.

Mark Mauthe had high tournament average and Carl Gilbrtson pitched the high game of 77.5%.

Thanks to the Platteville Country Kitchen for the gift certificates.

-Platteville Horseshoe Association

AAAAAAA				
A1	Phyllis	Daids	De Pere	57.14
A2	Mer	Sorensen	DePere	60.35
A3	Gus	Schram	Ringle	56.43
A4	Steve	Wiegert	Green Bay	58.93
A5	Carol	Stittleburg	Waunakee	55.71
A6	Rick	Poppe	Benoit	45.00
A7	Cy	Srenaski	Gr Bay	44.29
BBBBBBBB				
B1	Elaine	Troullier	Manitowoc	47.08
B2	Tony	Scrima	Waukesha	45.00
B3	Jeff	Secord	Fond du Lac	47.08
B4	Jane	Meier	Fond du Lac	44.17
B5	Roxann	Sellison	Green Bay	43.33
B6	Cliff	Troullier	Manitowoc	43.33
B7	Norb	Strzyzewski	Manitowoc	30.00
CCCCCCC				
C1	Hank	Zeisse	Franklin	40.14
C2	Tom	Costa	West Bend	41.07
C3	Ken	Jaeger	New London	32.64
C4	John	Secord	Fond du Lac	33.68
C5	Terry	Stemberg	Richfield	34.64
C6	Jim	Haupt	Milw	32.39
C7	Ken	Kosky	Schofield	30.36
C8	Gene	Mason	Appleton	24.64
DDDDDDDD				
D1	Mel	Sorensen	Green Lake	32.19
D2	Jerry	Gossen	DePere	35.63
D3	Bob	Kabella	Milw	34.38
D4	Harold	Wendorf	Glenbeulah	34.06
D5	Chuck	Herman	Eagle	28.44
D6	Ed	Wheeler	Lodi	25.00
D7	Don	Burmeister	Brown Deer	27.19
D8	Ceil	Trossen	Suring	19.06
D9	Dick	Burg	Hartford	15.94
EEEEEEEE				
E1	Ken	Wood	Comb Locks	19.17
E2	Wally	Srenaski	Green Bay	15.77
E3	Debora	Trossen	Mountain	15.77
E4	Scott	Kater	Appleton	18.75
FFFFFFF				
F1	Karen	Rampalske	Br Deer	17.50
F2	Leroy	Meyer	Appleton	16.25
F3	Steve	Guetzke	Milwaukee	14.58
F4	Wes	Podvin	Butler	4.58

CLUB OF THE STATE

Every club in the state has a bona-fide crack at excelling as a group at the State tournament. Points are earned for order of placement in any and all classes then divided by the number of entries from the club - viola, a point average. Come up with the best point average and your club wins. Remember to enter as a club.

ON THE ROAD TO KITCHNER...

World Tournament pitchers will be expected to pay the scorekeeper \$1 Canadian money each game. That's only one occasion where visitors will need Canadian money.

We, of Wisconsin, have been advised by Karen McLachlin, who lives in Sarnia, Ontario, to use the Port Huron- Sarnia crossing. Kevin, her husband, says the roads are better. and we would be smart to exchange monies at the bridge or the provincial welcome building just their side of the bridge.

From a Blue Warter Exchange Ltd., a Canadian currency exchange company, we quote,

"It should be recognized that Canada and the United States both calculate the rate (of exchange) differently. Canada begins with the U.S. amount and adds on a percentage similar to a premium or supplement. The U.S. discounts the Canadian dollar and expresses the rate in terms of cents." When trying to compare rates it is best to compare dollar amounts received.

To calculate, Canadian rate: A 30% rate in Canada in a supprlrmt. Each Canadian dollar you sell will buy you .73 Canadian. To buy \$1.00 U.S. you will pay \$1.30

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A rate of 30% in Canada compares to 23% in the U.S. "

Now that the rate of exchange is crystal clear you may set your mind to rest by using a credit card whenever the occasion may occur and let the credit institution do their automatic math.

DYKES

Ralph Dykes, the joke a minute chart-man of the NHPA recently moved to Florida to live the easy life in a wamer climate. He's been living with oxygen full time contending with a tank and the hoses. Soon after the move he stumbled fracturing his hip and has been hospitalized since.

Imagine the time he's having with those nurses!

He said it. "About the only thing you can do on a shoestring these days is trip on it.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The NHPA executive council has decided on Ainsworth, Nebraska as the host of the 1998 World Tournament. 1999 still has no bids.

Wisconsin is allotted 5 delegates at this year's convention. They are: Terry Sternberg, John Secord, Jane Smith, Tom Steinke and Ken Jaeger. There are 29 proposed rule changes to be considered.

Even with a 16 court layout, this year's State Tournament might have to run three days.

Past State Champions and Hall of Fame members are being invited to celebrate the 75th State Tournament. They will be introduced during the Hall of Fame Ceremonies.

Good luck to all at the World - Remember good sportsmanship.

Your President, Ken Jaeger

HOW ABOUT THAT DEADLINE

A viewpoint

The deadline for entering the State Tournament is always the 31st of July - a full month before the earliest possible Labor Day.

The State Secretary receives entries then arranges them in divisions and descending order of percentage - a click of the computer. Classes are then assigned a pitching time by the host club, the schedule is printed and goes in the mail.

Certainly we appreciate the service performed but why 30 plus days? Ordinary open events handle the job in two weeks often adjusting to accommodate late entries.

The reason we would like to see the entry date advanced is that a later date would allow more of the current season to be considered for qualification and average.

A tournament pitched in May June, and July has fresh direct impact on the State Tournament seed of the same year We need as many events as possible directly preceding the State Tournament. Most directors desire a date permitting their tournament to contribute to State entry.

The decision to extend the qualifying season rests with the WHPA board, principally the State Secretary. We could ask...

CHET HERMANSEN

This is your space.

What can you say to a guy who, unsolicited, offers to pay to have his business card printed in the Newsletter? He paid the going rate, \$50 for the year and we said thanks - a ton. Wish there were more good guys like you.

Now three months later, we are still waiting for the card. We've got the space if you have the card.. And just for you Chet Hermansen we will surround it with people waving -just like when you're riding by on that Harley.



**ST. JOHN'S
HORSEHOE PITCHING AND CHICKEN
EATING BAZAAR OF WAUNAKEE**

Horseshoe pitchers arrived early to kickoff the Sunday Bazaar at St John's. We had three games in before the bulk of the fairgoing crowd showed up.

Thirty-two stakes had been driven into the turf of the athletic field each surrounded with an oversized wheelbarrow full of sand. At 11:00 AM, Tip Wipperfurth gathered all for the ground rules. The group of 64 pitchers was split into A & B. Points up to twenty-one would be totaled to determine the tournament winner. Actually wins and losses were not a factor. Tip said a team could lose all their games yet win the day. To keep things moving, points could be measured with the entire outside width of the shoe. (When in Rome...?)

Some formidable doubles teams of the Wisconsin River valley assembled on the green poised like the fox waits for the hen. Others were of the woodwork variety; known to be local sharpshooters, dangerous when on a hot string

Our team started out pretty good. We held Wipperfurth and Dale Bauer to 16 points- a major victory. Wins continued to roll in with regularity until the roto tiller, Bob Anderson, and his partner nipped us. Down two points we clung to first at half-time. Break-time over, a local team knocked us out with only four points-disaster. We won the rest until the fourteenth and final game against the tournament leaders, Arnie Walton and George Dorn - a loaded team from Lodi. Dorn's got a new hip-socket and pitches accurately - especially downhill. We were looking to blow them out and blow us in but fell short earning just 14 points. Our point total, good for third, was 268.

Walton and Dorn won with 289 of a possible 294 and Bauer - Wipperfurth earned second somewhere in between. That third place team was Haupt and Scrima

"B" class winners were Ron Lingard, Madison and John Gregorich, Waunakee. Second went to John Heimann and John Dilley. Bill Spahn, Lodi and Kerry Morris, Johnson Creek, hung in for third.

It's really back yard, behind the barn type horseshoes and I wouldn't suggest passing up a sanctioned singles tournament in favor of the church festival variety. On the other hand, it was a ton of fun, sure hope to do it again next year.

cliff's card

WOLF RIVER

Wolf River was wet - all around and vertical.

The height of optimism must be to depart for a horseshoe tournament in the rain. Sure it was raining in New London too. As players arrived they were accused of bringing the wet stuff from their part of the state

After a two hour wait Ken Jaeger made the awards for the 9 o'clock class by returning entry fees. Meanwhile the afternoon class waited on the raindrops. The covered pavilion made Saturday morning an ideal get together. Players filled their coffee cups, the bar was opened. Sitting around the picnic tables they relished some old tales.

K-J Ironworks was raffling another pair of portable courts to offset tournament expenses and tickets were also being sold for a unique doll in support of the Jr Scholarship Fund. We heard Maria Willms lucked out and won the courts and Greg Bottlemey's daughter, Rachele, was thrilled to win the doll. Jaeger said she was seen examining the doll with desire. Dad had given her a dollar several times to have a hot dog only to find she had been investing it in raffle tickets.

The rain abated after Noon Saturday allowing the remainder of the schedule to go on as planned.

CLASS A MEN

Randy Rein	71.4
Steve Wiegert	58.2
Gus Schram	53.2
Rick Poppe	52.1
Harry Nelson	56.1
John Crook	51.8
Ralph Maylahn	51.4
Tony Scrima	47.5

CLASS B MIXED

Dave Schorbahn	59.3
Elaine Troullier	52.1
Dick Hansen	52.1
Ed Rupmo	46.1
Maria Willms	43.6
Greg Hehling	43.6
Bill Schaaf	35.4
Heidi Sternberg	38.2

CLASS E&H rain make-up

Ken Jaeger	44.5
Terry Sternberg	43.5
Scot Kater	37.5
Ken Jaeger Jr	26.5
Dan David	25.0
Marv Besaw	14.5

CLASS F MIXED

Jerry Gossen	41.4
Ron Willms	41.1
Ray Groskinsky	38.9
Dan Williams	38.6
Dave Aho	39.2
Rita Boegel	37.5
Len Mauthe	35.4
Dick Hanold	27.8
Francis Schalk	26.4
Wally Srenaski	21.4

CLASS I MIXED

1 Jim Jakel	25.4
2 Len Meistad	20.7
3 Kevin Richter	29.3
4 Karen Rampalski	18.6

CLASS A WOMEN

Lorraine Sternberg	72.0
Cy Srenaski	56.8
Carolyn Stittleburg	50.8
Jane Meier	43.2
Phyllis Davids	49.6
Gerri Meistad	46.0

CLASS C MIXED

Rueben Eckhardt	51.8
Jack Algiers	52.1
Jeff Secord	46.4
Cliff Troullier	42.1
Roxanne Sellisen	41.07
Mike Hansen	36.4
Eric Bottlemey	39.3
Greg Bottlemey	36.1

CLASS D MIXED

Ted Rohde	46.3
Jerry Schroeder	47.2
Hank Zeisse	40.0
Otis Wesley	42.2
Jim Haupt	45.6
Sylvia David	39.7
John Secord	35.9
Norb Strzyzewski	33.1
Bill Hildebrand	26.9

CLASS G MIXED

Rob Struebing	44.1
Linda Aber	40.0
Richard Baeten	34.6
Al Hehling	32.9
Ceil Trossen	28.2
Ken Davison	28.9

5 Merlin Ludwig	19.3
6 Terry Jakel	17.5
7 Jason Maki	17.5
8 Ron Truman	6.1

by: Dennis Kieser
Tournament Director

Predicted weather of June 13-14 for the 31st Eau Claire Open held true to form. Saturday was to be sunny and clear, it was. Sunday was to have scattered showers. Scattered showers there were with some scattering over the Eau Claire horseshoe courts.

All went smoothly on Saturday. The Eau Claire horseshoe club members were at the courts early to get the food stand ready, set up the sheets to record scores, get the scoreboards and chairs out on the court area and water the courts so they are ready for the weekend's competition. Beaty checked the players in by giving them their scorecards and nametags.

Sunday started cloudy. The rain started later in the morning halting play after five games. With the long delay, many purchased plate lunches of hot dogs, bratz or hamburgers from Randy or Joyce. Class F and the Juniors got their games in but Class C managed to complete only five.

After a lot of "talking of old times" and other horseshoe talk during the rain delay, the weather broke, courts dried out and pitching began. Dale Lipovsky showed he was ready by started out with 37 ringers in 40shoes (92.50%) in his first game. But then, Gus Schram gets serious and beats Dale. The weather was nice for 4 games but then.....a BIG cloud, thunder, tornado sirens, rain and wind stopped play for the day.

After the players left and club members finished cleaning up I headed home to Menomonie. While driving down I-94, I look up and see a beautiful blue sky and billowy white clouds. The sun is shining brightly. It is a beautiful day.

Overall results:

Mens A		Ladies A	
Clayton Gage	4-0 75.63	Suzanne Helene	4-0 65.00
Randy Rein	4-0 71.25	Edie McKinney	3-1 71.25
Dale Lipovsky	3-1 80.00	Jane Smith	3-1 58.13
Junior A		Junior B	
Dustin Dahl	6-0 50.33	Lisa Heim	5-0 15.00
Wesley Rein	3-3 38.33	Ryan Anderson	4-1 12.50
Eric Bottlemey	3-3 37.00	Ricky Schaaf	3-2 15.00
Mens B		Ladies B	
Bubs Gedatus	4-0 63.13	Judi Hayden	5-0 50.00
Terry Koivisto	3-1 49.38	Kathy Hanson	4-1 29.60
Dick Dvorak	2-2 55.00	Judy Karsjens	3-2 32.00
Mens C		Mens D	
Kent Anderson	5-0 58.00	Randy Miller	4-0 46.88
Ron Brockway	4-1 53.60	David Paul	3-1 47.50
Ron Brownell	3-2 46.00	Bob Gregorich	3-1 40.13
		Ted Rohde	3-1 40.13
Mens E		Mens F	
Jim Ganther	5-2 32.29	Doug Maier	5-0 38.00
Dave Semingson	5-2 31.14	Mel Sorenson	3-2 28.8
Ken Kosky	5-2 28.86	Del Karsjens	3-2 24.00
Mens G		Mens H	
John Van Dyk	4-1 24.40	Keith Stanke	4-1 25.20
Rob Rehm	3-2 25.60	Merlin Ludwig	4-1 18.80

Ed. note: It appears that the ladies class A, mens classes A, B, and D were not completed due to the inclement weather.

Working on the second quarter century, Terry Sternberg and his crew hosted the 26th edition of the Germantown tournament.

Because of the limiting six court layout, Goldendale often fields Friday night classes - not this time. Due to astute scheduling (and some lucky breaks) 80 entries played this Saturday-Sunday event without delay.

Courtside, within the protection of the Lone Star forest, the weather was just right. On the courts, however, pitchers were surveying their RR cards for that game court in the shade.

Classes D, F, and G finished with leaders tied in the win/loss column. Ringer percentage decided placement but in the Ambehl-Goldsmith class the difference was a mere 36 hundredths of a percentage point - just one ringer. The two had already started a play-off game for the kill only to find that it had already been decided. In spite of the fact that for many years play-offs were the norm, nothing is forever in horseshoes.

Go to a Wisconsin horseshoe tournament and you're going to find some kind of fund raising raffle. The same is true for the Goldendale Club. Club members there initial the back of the tickets they have personally sold because there's also a prize for the salesperson. At the drawing the first, second, and third tickets all had a T.S. scratched on the back - Tony Scrima. The odds were in his favor. He stuffed the ballot box 340 times! Buying a raffle ticket from Scrima could be considered an investment.

RESULTS

A Randy Rein 70.4; Don Kangas 70.0; John Barden 49.6
 W L'rane Sternberg 76.0; Penny Steinke 54.4; Pam Strinke 53.5
 B Dick Hansen 52.5; Elaine Troullier 53.2; Heathr Sternberg 50.0
 C Jim Haupt 46.1; Terry Sternberg 37.8; Tip Wipprfurth 44.0
 D Dennis Ambuehl 47.9; Don Goldsmith 47.5; Rog Poutanen 42.3
 E Milt Larsen 37.9; Rich Conrad 25.4; Harold Laws 33.7
 F Red Ferguson 37.5; Tom Steinke 27.5; Francis Schalk 25.8
 G Robert Fritz 28.0; Emil Blair 27.2; Ceil Trossen 23.2
 H Ed Klauk 35.1; Wayne Franzen 30.8; Jason Goldsmith 34.8
 I Harry Johnson 33.6; Leo Zamzow 25.6; Roger Heinritz; 23.2
 J Karl Wegner 16.8; Pat Sieg 14.4; Gerald Zieja 16.0
 Jr Wesley Rein 54.0; Katie Pfeiffer 5.4; Heidi Pfeiffer 7.5

MAESHFIELD ONE 1997

Sanction #28-97-019

by Randy Rein

Tournament winner, Clayton Gage, pitched some excellent games. 90% - 87.5% - 92.5%

Thanks to all who pitched and helped out to make the tournament a success!

RESULTS 54 entries

A Clayton Gage 82.6; Randt Rein 73.2; Edie McKinney 69.3
 B Kent Anderson 60.0; Vince Jakel 60.4; Ron Brockway 51.4
 C *Randy Miller 50.0; *Cary Richter 49.4; *Bob Gregorich 45.9
 D Jay Fischer 50.0; Otis Wessley 35.7; Sonia Cook 41.4
 E Roger Juedes 38.3; Ray Mallo 38.3; George Draeger 27.6
 F Doug Maier 35.7; Dave Richter 30.4; Mel Cook 28.2
 G *Kevin Richter 20.7; *John Olson 17.9; Merlin Ludwig 15.4
 Jrs *Wesley Rein 45.5; *Dustin Dahl 52.1; Nicole Riehle 14.2
 *Play-off

DOWN AND BACK

WITH JIM HAUPT

“**exuberant**” (ig-zoo’bar-ant) adj. 1. High-spirited; lively 2. Lavish; effusive. 3. Growing abundantly prolific.

During the recent Wolf River Tournament one game was going down to the wire. It was tie score, two shoes left. The first pitcher managed one ringer. His opponent, he figured, might tie the game of ringers-only. No tie. The second pitcher put on a double and the resulting celebration was #1, #2, & #3 as defined above. Used in a sentence, the loser might say: *Jerry Schroeder of Janesville was entirely too exuberant.*

Everbody’s got to start somewhere.

While recently reviewing the archives of thr WHPA, we ran across results of the 1969 Eau Claire Open. There was a sleeper who finished in the middle of class H - Dale Lipovsky, Minnesota, averaged 36.4%.

Just eleven years later, 1980, Lipovsky would win the the World Championship, repeat the following year and then for the third time while pitching the Eau Claire World Tournament of 1987.

Germantown; in June; Gus Schram is languishing, spread out hanging on the fence, while waiting to pitch second - again. Twelve shoes into the game and he had no score - no ringers. “Do something,” he pleaded to no one in particular. Jane Meier asks, “What?” Gus says, “I don’t know. Wiggle your toes or something.” Meier, always up to the occasion, sticks her legs into the air and wiggles her bare piggies for all she’s worth. Schram had one ringer going down, two coming back. Never thought toe wiggling worked so well.

Two horseshoe pitchers were driving upstate to Wausau. The rider addresses the driver, “I don’t have to worry about you falling asleep, do I?” To which the easy going driver responds, “You know, when I go, I want to go peacefully like my dad - not like the four excited guys riding with him!

A big lanky guy was being interviewed by the press at the Windy Hill tournament and the question was put to him, What do you like about horseshoes? The big guy, never at a loss for words, enumerated his reasons, “It’s fun, I like the people, It can be highly competitive and I never had anyone bite a chunk out of my ear.”

A couple of names we noticed in the news:

Kent Anderson now of Barron, Wisconsin. seems to back in the game for real - 60% at Eau Claire.

Dick Hansen, Franksville, must have gotten a confidence boost at Wolf River. The sand courts he knows so well were kind to him at Muskego too. Goldendale’s clay proved no obstacle. He’s now toting three over fifty to the World and State T.

After mailing your State Tournament entry, check your wardrobe. Does that shirt with the name on the back still fit? Gotta have it to pitch your class in Wausau.

MUSKEGO

Tom Steinke, in promotion of his position as Director of the Jr Scholaeship Fund raffled a team jacket - black satin with the WHPA logo across the back. Don’t bother searching for your ticket stub. John Carlin was last seen packing it off to Madison.

Saturday morning, early, Waukesha County was just part of a larger area inundated with up to eight inches of rain. Basements were filling rapidly. The Muskego dam was thought to be in danger with the added weight of runoff. Half the sand courts of the Moose Club were flooded But, the horseshoe show must go on and it did. although it was a little tough keeping score on wet paper. Somehow, dodging the raindrops, they got through it all.

Sunday was hot, too hot for some pitchers but apparently just right for the others who are listed below. Penny Steinke won all games. Jane Meier and Dick Hansen pitched well. Harold Laws came to life. Gerald Schroeder won with ease. Nice to see Wayne Franzen coming back.

RESULTS 43 ENTRIES.....*indicates play-off

- A Penny Steinke 59.1; Jane Meier 54.3; Dick Hansen 54.9
- B Gerald Schroeder 50.9; Hank Zeisse 45.1; John Carlin 44.3
- C Harold Laws 37.2; Hal Muma 32.5; Rowen Swick 30.6
- D * Karen Henkel 33.0; *Chuck Herman 32; Emil Blair 31.4
- E *Laurette Samain 30.3; *Wayne Franzen 28.3; Dick Henkel 27.1
- Jrs. Katie Pfeiffer 7.0; Heidi Pfeiffer 4.0

Some classes used the ringers-only scoring method.

4TH OF JULY IN CHENOA, ILLINOIS

It’s become a habit of the better part of ten years to spend the fourth of July at Don Peters’ and Eldon Bryant’s Chenoa tournament. Both say they are looking for some younger guys taking it over. Fat chance. Peters and Bryant have honed their operation to the point where no one could equal the presentation.

We don’t have results as yet but could mention some of the mostly Illinois pitchers Wisconsin people have come to know. In A class: Cliff Baker, always a good bet to win; Larry Knop and Mike Knop; Dennis Reid; and on the bottom, Ron Hopman. Last man in A receives an award greater than his entry fee. That’s the way they do it here. In B class: Ralph Maylahn, back to 40ft of course; Booty Lange; Hi Nelson (his wife’s name is Jean - like “hy-gene”) Charley Erickson (his kid used to pitch for the Twins ball team). Louie K. Gschwendtner was on hand to keep score. Said he had a small stroke and its sort of knocked him out of the game this year. He sure was a racehorse between the stakes. Dick Hansen used to call him Louie the German. Tony Scrima likes to pitch Chenoa. They don’t get to see his average down there. Cliff Marsh and Ralph Oliver were in the same class! Lorraine Lange, Booty’s wife, was pitching, “not well,” she said. Remember Harold Bull from the pitching Palace days? He was a roto-tiller pitcher then. Now that big guy is pitching a turn from 30 feet. Had no idea he could be old enough to qualify. Buck Neville was in the 9:00 AM sharp class and came close to winning it.

Peters breaks W/L ties by totaling the losing points in the shoe limit games. The true way, he says, would be to use ringer percent but he feels points is a valid alternate and quicker. It was good to see those flatlanders again.



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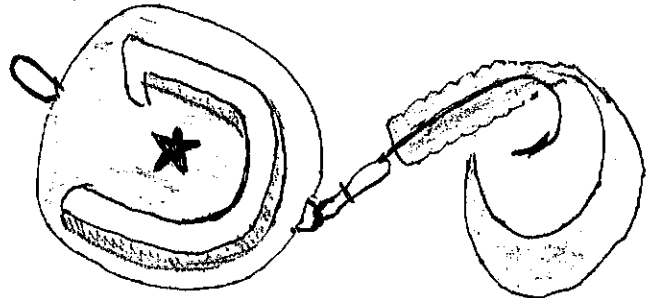


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