

FELLOW HORSESHOE ENTHUSIASTS

Remember that questionnaire you received from Al Lonning - the one asking about a horseshoe newspaper? The response Al received, was that one person in five was interested. "The verdict is in," some said, and it was apparent the negative verdict was in, and we would have to abandon any plans for a State Horseshoe Digest. There were 58 or 60 people who said they would subscribe; so it is our aim to start small, and build with the 58, and selected others, who are interested in promoting horseshoes. Team up with us, help us get things going. We need it.

We will publish monthly in the summer, and bi-monthly in the winter, for a total of 8 issues per year. We make no promises as to content, except that to the best of our ability, each issue will be jam-packed with interesting, and entertaining horseshoe news. Your cost is only \$4.00 - as you can see, we are strictly interested in covering expenses. Our individual reward will be to make the newsletter succeed, so we must have subscribers. We urge you to respond with your check - now - so we may continue to keep you on our mailing list.

We also need correspondents to report club, area, and tournament news. Submit an article; it's your newspaper. Please include a note with your check, if you are able to write or report for this newsletter.

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NHPA TOP TEN

Four players from Wisconsin have made the NHPA Sanctioned League Program Top Ten list for 1985, in various categories. The Eau Claire Club, Pat Eaton, high average, 68.1%, and high game, 84%, Shary Klopp, high game, 88%. From the Goldendale Club, Arlene Roskopf, 40 points over average, 33.4% over average, Lorraine Sternberg, 30 points over average. It is quite an accomplishment, when you consider they are competing against 5000 other pitchers in the program.

For information on sanctioning your Club, contact: Sanctioned Club Director  
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HORSESHOE CHAMP-BOWLING CHAMP

We know a lot of you horseshoe pitchers are bowlers in the winter months. If you haven't been watching the PBA Pro Bowlers tour on TV this winter, you've missed a great deal of conversation about horseshoes. Walter Ray Williams Jr., current World Horseshoe Champ, has been on TV six times, won two Championships, and is the leading money winner, with over \$91,000. We'll keep you up to date on Walter Ray, when he goes on the summer tour.

1986 STATE CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

We have a new Club Team Champion:

1st-Pitchin' Palace	19 wins	5th-Green Bay	14 wins
2nd-Goldendale	16 wins	6th-Fillmore	14 wins
3rd-Wausau	15 wins	7th-Combined Locks	10 wins
4th-Eagle	15 wins	8th-Janesville	10 wins

Pitchin' Palace Horseshoe Association Captain, Dick Hansen accepted the traveling trophy from Rick Pritzlaff, representing last years Champs, Goldendale. Woody Woodworth of the Pitchin' Palace team, was the only pitcher to win all seven of his games. Tom Ender and Rich Brower rounded out the Pitchin' Palace team that also turned in the top team ringer percent of 49.1%. Karen Molitor, of Fillmore, had an outstanding 72% game. She was one of five women who competed in the one day event. High percentage honors for women went to Mary Burton of Eagle, with 52.3%, and for men, Roger Poutanen, of Wausau had 62.3%. The results of a poll, of the pitchers, indicated they prefer this tourney to be a one day event in the spring, with the same entry fee (\$15.00). The team format is very popular, and many prefer it to a singles tourney. Some mention was made regarding an additional team tourney in the fall. If enough pitchers show a valid interest in a fall meeting, it will be scheduled, but the spring outing will remain the only tournament for the State Title and trophy. Score markers were payed \$1.00 per game, from the entry. Consult the new 86-87 Pitchin' Palace schedule for the next Club Tourney. We expect it will be near the same date, March 22nd.

WHPA SPRING MEETING

A good turnout of representative membership, provided a pleasant atmosphere at the spring WHPA meeting in Wautoma. Among the items listed as old business, was awards for State Champions. The concept of re-introducing prize money into the State Tournament seems to be dying. Members were reluctant to raise entry fees, and/or limit trophies to provide cash prizes. They did agree that if the State Tournament prize list could be enhanced with "found" money like corporate funds, the membership would accept it. The result being, that prevailing trophy rules will apply.

Howie Voiles, Coordinator for the Junior Scholarship Wi Fund, reported an existing balance of near \$1000 after the first year of voluntary contributions. Of course, there will be a debit, \$200 for each of last years Jr. Champs, Debby Bestul and Hank Schwartz. The donation containers, at the tournament sites, accounted for most of the moneys; totals from individule tournaments ranged from \$4.00 to \$86.00; totals from personal contributions ranged from \$25.00 to \$100. Howie pointed out that the personal contributions are an un-tapped resource, and furthermore an aggressive solicitor, could have a hey-day raising funds from willing contributors. If you are: willing, a solicitor, a contributor, or merely aggressive, contact:

Howard Voiles  
1216 S. Grand Avenue  
Waukesha, Wi 53186  
414-549-4506

Roger Poutanen initiated discussion on a two tournament requirment for entry in the State Tournament. The idea received some opposition befor Wally Srenaski made the motion, which passed with six dissenting votes. It was established that last years State Tournament participation counts toward the new requirement; so that a pitcher needs to participate in only one more State scheduled tournament to be eligible for the State. Should you happen to be entering the State with only two

WHPA SPRING MEETING (CONT'D)

prior tournaments, please indicate on your entry, which two tourneys you pitched in. That way you will avoid any confusion.

The membership unanimously passed the motion to increase scorekeeping fees to .50 per pitcher, per game.

Another motion that passed unanimously, was the use of pacers in place of byes. The ladder applies to adult classes.

Hall of Fame members were further honored with lifetime membership in the WHPA. That motion had just passed when it was observed that Ann Opsteen was mentally re-counting those years, when she had paid her fee as a Hall of Famer. We like you Ann, but no rebates.

Over all it was a good day in Wautoma, as usual Henry Bartel provided the meeting room, of the Wautoma State Bank. Naturally, we would like to see more people attend the Spring meeting, but to those who did come, thanks for your interested participation.

1986 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Ainsworth, Nebraska is the site of this years World Tournament. Entry deadline is June 1st, and according to the entry form, there will be no phone entries, and no late entries will be accepted.

1987 WORLD TOURNAMENT

Eau Claire, Wisconsin will host next year's World Tournament, but be prepared to here all about it from now on. This will be a State-wide effort to make the 1987 World Tournament a success, the Eau Claire Club will need your help. Al Lonning is the Director of raffle ticket sales, and plans to sell 12,000 tickets. He has obtained the registration number from the State, and tickets will be out soon. Another avenue for funds is the sale of World Tournament badges. They sell for \$1.00 and I'm sure you will see many of them, as you make the tournaments this summer.

If your Club would like to sell these items contact:

Badges-Curt Bestul  
1412 Sherwin Avenue  
Eau Claire, Wi 54701  
715-832-3603

Tickets-Al Lonning  
1210 E. Lexington Blvd.  
Eau Claire, Wi 54701  
715-832-8201

Did you know that Republic Airlines, is the official Airline of the 1987 World Tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin? First prize in Al Lonnings raffle drawing will be 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A., second prize-1 week for 4 at a given Wisconsin Resort, third prize-1 week for 2 at a given Wisconsin Resort, fourth prize-a weekend for 2 at the Holiday Inn, Eau Claire. Drawing to be held at the Wisconsin State Tournament, Labor Day weekend, 1986.

NHPA JUNIOR TOP TEN

Debby Bestul, current World Champ, from Eau Claire, has made the Sanctioned League Program Top Ten list for 1985. She won in three categories, 30.4% over average game, high game, 70%, and ringer average, 39.6%. Junior members have their own NHPA Top Ten Program

1986 STATE TOURNAMENT

Site of the State Tournament, this Labor Day, will be held indoors at the Pitchin' Palace, at Sturtevant, Wisconsin. Tom Roanhouse, proprietor, has on reserve, 40 rooms at the Sheraton Hotel, in Racine. Rates are \$45.00 for single or double, and \$48.00 for triples or quads. Reservations must be individually confirmed 2 weeks prior, or the rooms will revert to the Hotel's general "available" pool, Ph. 414-886-6100. Other accommodations are available at: Paul's Motel, about 30 units, less than one mile from courts, weekend rates are about \$25.00 double. Ph. 414-886-3830. Traveler's Inn Motel, 6 units, about \$24.00 double, Ph. 414-878-2458. Tournament Director, Dick Hansen of Franksville, said that the State Tournament flyer will be mailed in May; entry deadline; July 31st.

You must have a National card before you enter the State Tournament. John Secord, State Secretary, reminds us that NHPA cards, now \$10.00, will cost an additional \$2.00 after May 31st.

For your NHPA card contact: John Secord  
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Watch this Column for further developments next month.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are we replacing the National News Digest? This is a Wisconsin newsletter, and periodically some National news will be reported. This newsletter may stimulate more interest in joining the National Association and subscribing to the Digest. For those who are looking ahead to the 1987 World Tournament in Eau Claire, that is a State and National event. What we envision is more communication, with Horseshoe people from all over the State.