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1997 WHPA OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

MAY 10 EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD Dennis Kieser 1628 5th W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751 715-235-6535 28-97-011 D/L 4-27	\$5	AUG 9-10 MOUNTAIN OPEN Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149 715-276-6041 28-97-024 D/L 7-25	\$15
MAY 10 MUSKEGO DOUBLES Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186 414-542-0252 mixed unsanctioned D/L 5-1	\$20/team	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	\$17
MAY 16-17-18 TEAM-WORLD Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-97-009 D/L 4-12	\$200/team	AUG 16-17 PLATTEVILLE OPEN \$13(A&B\$16) Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818 608-348-9697 28-97-025 D/L 8-2	\$13(A&B\$16)
MAY 24-25 PLATTEVILLE Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818 608-348-9697 28-97-013 D/L 5-9	\$15	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	\$15
MAY 31 JUN 1 BROTHERTOWN CLASSIC Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-964-2735 Limited - partially mixed 28-97-014 D/L 5-17	\$14	AUG 23-24 MARSHFIELD II Greg Bottlemey W 5810 Cloverdale Rd Owen, WI 54460 715-267-6417 28-97-028 D/L 8-10	\$10
JUN 7 WOLF RIVER OPEN ; New London Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961 414-982-6287 28-97-015 D/L 5-24	\$13	AUG 30-31 STATE TOURNAMENT; WAUSAU John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937 414-922-0080 28-97-029 D/L 7-31	\$25
JUN 14-15 EAU CLAIRE OPEN Dennis Kieser 1628 5th St W#1 Menomonie, WI 54751 715-235-6535 28-97-016 D/L 5-31	\$15	SEPT 5-6-7 V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks Don Navarrete 534 Woodlawn Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113 414-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L 8-25	\$25/team
JUN 14-15 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-97-017 D/L 6-23	\$17	SEPT 6-7 WET 'N WILD; Centuria Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810 715-485-3057 28-97 030 D/L 8-23	\$10
JUN 21-22 MUSKEGO OPEN Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186 414-542-0252 28-97-018 D/L 6-1	\$15	SEPT 13-14 KENOSHA OPEN Glenn Bogenschneider 3109 89th St Kenosha, WI 53142 414-694-6922 28-97-031 D/L 9-5	\$15
JUN 21-22 MARSHFIELD ONE Randy Rein 201 Second St Mosinee, WI 54455 715-693-1199 may be mixed 28-97-019 D/L 6-7	\$15	SEPT 20-21 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria Jane Smith 1481 180th Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810 715-485-3057 28-97-032 D/L 9-6	\$5
JUN 28-29 GOLDENDALE OPEN; Germantown Terry Sternberg W206N13520 Woodside Rchfield, WI 53076 414-677-3300 28-97-020 D/L 6-14	\$15	SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES \$10/TEAM Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-97-021 D/L 6-21	\$10/TEAM
JULY 4 "911" OPEN; Mountain Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149 715-276-6041 Both events will be mixed D/L 6-14	\$15		
JULY 5 RESCUE unsanctioned limited Ken Kosky 6007 Municipal Dr Schofield, WI 54476 715-355-4628 28-97-021 D/L 6-21	\$12		
JULY 11-12-13 MID-EAST OPEN; Combined Locks Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct Comb Locks, WI 54113 414-788-3229 unsanctioned D/L	\$ 13		
JUL 14-26 WORLD TOURNAMENT Kitchner, Ontario Dick Hansen 3085 S 76th St Franksville, WI 53027 414-835-9108 entry forms now available D/L 5-1			
JUL 26 SWEN'S OPEN; Green Bay Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis St Green Bay, WI 54302 414-435-6310 unsanctioned D/L 7-12	\$ 15 + s k		
AUG 2- FOND DU LAC OPEN \$14 by D/L \$16after AUG 3 SKIN'S DOUBLES; 100% cap \$21/team by D/L \$24after Jeff Secord N6337 Gardenia Ln Fond du Lac, WI 54935 414-922-9698 Sat 28-97-023 Sun unsanctioned D/L 7-23			

Numbers in bold print signify- NHPA sanctioned tournaments. Entry fees shown are due with entry and may or may not include scorekeeping. All events are "pre-register" with a deadline date abbreviated - D/L. Directors may accept later entries but should not be expected to return fees once the schedule is published.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been brought to my attention that some charters are still allowing non-sanctioned pitchers to pitch in a sanctioned tournament. I hope this is not happening in our Wisconsin charter. One of the better reasons for a sanctioned tournament is for the insurance coverage the NHPA provides to all members with a card. Natstats is having a problem keeping averages on forty foot pitchers going to thirty feet and then back again. The NHPA council had a meeting on this. Once you switch to thirty feet, that's where you stay. Please think about it carefully before making a decision. The top five Wisconsin pitchers representing the WHPA for the 1997 Team-World are Clayton Gage, and Lorraine Sternberg at thirty feet with Don Kangas, John Udelhofen, and John Barden at the full distance. All tournament directors: Please send your results along with 50 cents per adult participant to John Secord. You will have two weeks maximum to comply. Congratulations to Lorraine Sternberg on her new job, NHPA Junior Promotions Director. Thanks to one and all who attended the Spring Meeting at Royal Wood. We heard some different opinions. Remember, you can't bring it up or vote on it if you're not at the meeting.

Your President, Ken Jaeger

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THE NOW LIST
ALL INDOOR

APRIL DATE CHANGE
No fooling, the Arena Spring Singles tournament listed at the right is correct. John Crook pointed out an error in the last newsletter. Sorry for any inconvenience but this date may be more convenient -allows an extra week to get in. Written tournament registrations or updates to this newsletter are really worth the extra effort.

NEWSLETTER TAKES ON NEW FORM

This issue of the Newsletter is being presented in a new form which we anticipate will result in substantially reduced printing costs. Maintaining a quality publication at minimum cost is our primary concern. We will continue to offer the same pages, same content with the option of adding pages when necessary. One likely use of an added page may be to present tournament flyers either full or half page, printed just one side or back and front. Modest pricing for the service will be developed based on cost. Availability of this service will be limited. Arrangements made well in advance will be served on a first come basis.

- MAR 22 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE; Arena team doubles \$48 Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barneveld, WI 53507 (entry \$5 more at cts) 608-924-5574 4-man team limit 180%; NHPA #28-97-004 D/L 3-8
- MAR 22 OAKWOOD EXPO NHPA #28-97-010 invitational
- APR12-13 ARENA SPRING SINGLES \$15 early; at courts \$17 John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588 608-588-7392 NHPA # 28-97-005 D/L 3-22
- APR 26 CLUB TEAM at Beloit \$80/team early entry or \$85 at cts Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-964-2735 NHPA #28-97-006 D/L 4-12
- APR 27 STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT at Beloit \$20 John Secord W6868 Brown Sr Fond du Lac WI 54937 414-922-0080 NHPA# 28-96-007 D/L 3-31
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BADGER STATE GAMES

Horseshoes, proposed and presented twice, has not been accepted by the directors of the Badger State Games.

Starting in 1985, The Badger State Games have grown to Wisconsin's largest sports festival. By 1989 the number exceeded 12,500. The Badger State Games people like big numbers. Martial Arts was recently added in preference to horseshoes. It attracted 632 entrants.

The Badger State Games is described as a group B member of the United States Olympic Committee governed by the Wisconsin Amateur Sports Corporation.

Because there is a need for funds, corporate sponsors are enlisted, called title sponsors including; GTE, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, WPS Insurance, and Wisconsin Bell.

Throughout the "Athlete Handbook" other corporate sponsors appear as event sponsors. LaCrosse Graphics and Astro Bows sponsor Archery. The Milwaukee Bucks and Bank One sponsor Basketball. Bowling has Lite Beer. It goes on. WIBA radio stations, Madison, sponsor Walk Wisconsin and the 5 K& 10K runs.

It's a festival of Olympic style competition," They say, ... (to) provide a forum for training and competition among Wisconsin's potential Olympians."

Horseshoes, in this writer's estimation, is a word the Badger State People may use but it will always end with a question mark. What pops their cork is an established Olympic event that will involve half the state. They have more chiefs than entire entry of the Eau Claire Open. And money talks: Horseshoes walks

It's a free country: Draw your own conclusions.

STUFF FROM RALPH DYKES

Ralph Dykes, I'm told, used to sprinkle the World Tournament results board with witty and humorous lines. Some of his vast collection will appear in these columns from time to time identified by the contributor's initials, R.D.

- When a woman sits at a spinning wheel these days, she is probably in a gambling joint.
- After a meal in a posh restaurant nowadays, you need an after dinner mint - the one in Denver.
- Some women get fur coats to keep them warm, others get them to keep them quiet.
- Even if there is nothing to laugh at, laugh on credit. R.D.



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MARSHFIELD II

Formerly known as the Loyal Cornfest, this tournament has moved to Marshfield. It originally had been set-up for two days but lack of entries reduced it to one day - Saturday and the weather was perfect.

It may have been just one day but we still had plenty of good pitching. In Class A Clayton Gage, with his best game of 82%, beat Randy Rein. Other losses, one to Ray Hill, placed Gage second to Rein. Class B found Vince Jakel and Dave Schorbahn tied for first at end of regulation. Jakel won the play-off. When class C was completed, Ted Rohde was on top followed by Ralph Maylahn who had dropped to "C" after recently moving back to 40 feet. Class D was something else. Five pitchers tied for first. Bob Kallstrom pitched solid through the play-offs to win the class. Ray Mallo started class E with a 58% game but settled for second place behind the always solid pitching of Dave Frane. In class F John Olson won with a solid performance. The Junior class came down to a tie between Wesley Rein and Erik Bottlemey with Wesley winning the play-off game pitching over 51% for the tournament.

I would like to thank Buck Huffman for moving up to A class to fill an empty space. I would also like to thank the scorekeepers and all who helped make this day work. I would also like to thank the four people who live under the same roof that I do. They helped more than you will ever know.

A Randy Rein 67.0; Clayton Gage 71.7; Ray Hill 52.3
B Vince Jakel 57.5; Dave Schorbahn 48.1; Carolyn Stittleburg 53.9
C Ted Rohde 39.8; Ralph Maylahn 52.1; Elaine Troullier 44.7
D Bob Kallstrom 35.3; Sonia Cook 39.3; Ron Wilcziek 33.7
E Don Frane 33.5; Ray Mallo 37.5; Ron Zepplin 24.0
F John Olson 20.3; Kevin Richter 16.0; Merlin Ludwig 14.0
Jr Wesley Rein 51.4; Erik Bottlemey; Cary Richter 38.0

CLUB TEAM - FOR 1997

Club bragging rights are going up for grabs again this year. Goldendale is riding the top of the heap but their grip may be slipping. The Close people, who say it doesn't count, can match their player for player. After the Club Team, they may be in for a name change - Close Does Count.

Higher percentage players like to play head to head but choosing match-ups by the shoe flip may decide this year's winner. Windy Hill and the Sandbar have top pitchers who, while winning their share of games, may rain on someone else's parade.

Other classes will have their own contests. Not all clubs are equipped to pitch the "A" group. County, Area, and Club teams will be seeded into class competition all pitching for a like amount of prize money. Last year we made room for 20-four player teams. The three class winners were; A, Goldendale; B, Beloit, and C, the Windy Hill #2 team. Yes, some clubs enter two teams.

All entries are due two weeks prior to the April 26th event. It will be the first in the month long series of tournaments at the Edwards Sport Center in Beloit.

All pitchers are required to have a current NHPA card. Club teams will use active members. County players must reside within county. Source of area players are subject director's approval. See schedule for contact.

LORRAINE STERNBERG - NHPA DIRECTOR

A few days before the annual Jr Scholarship tournament, we received a note from Lorriane Sternberg. The words are immaterial: The package said it all.

It bore the official logo of the NHPA and read ,
"NHPA Junior Promotions Director, Lorraine Sternberg."

Lorraine has been a Wisconsin State Champion four consecutive years. She recently retired an eight year stint as the Jr Scholarship and Program Director in Wisconsin and has been active with her Goldendale Club lately as Sanctioned League Director. She is just one in her family of five horseshoe pitchers who have emblazoned the name Sternberg in the horseshoe record books of the Goldendale Club, The WHPA, the World Tournament, and now the NHPA as a Director.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

28-97-003

by Lorraine Sternberg

This is an account of the third Junior Scholarship Benefit Tournament held at the Arena Sandbar.

Saturday was a bit unusual for horseshoe pitchers. The back courts were not used for horseshoes that day. The courts were being turned into a huge stage for a Saturday night concert. While class B was pitching people were setting up speakers and lights everywhere. When they decided to test the sound system, the pitchers knew it worked - loud and clear.

When Terry and I arrived at 7:00 AM Sunday morning, one would never have known that there had been over 1200 people there the night before. The stage area was now horseshoe courts again. Both Dave Forseth and Gail, along with their staff, worked until 4:00 AM getting things back to normal and we were ready again for pitching.

Carl Gilbertson joined the Junior class to pace. It looked like he was enjoying himself. Class A-40 ft took the back courts for the day and helped out by pitching ringers-only. Classes A&B-30ft grabbed the front courts. Shoes were flying everywhere. It was the first time back for many of us. The men in the back were glad for the fence.

Once again it was a big success. Thanks to all who helped. It was greatly appreciated.

Top Three in the results column:

A40 Don Kangas 68.0; John Udelhofen 66.4; Jim Larsen 62.9
 A30 Clayton Gage 75.0; Pam Steinke 55.7; Lorraine Sternberg 61.4
 B30 Tiffany Gage 62.9; Elaine Troullier 40.4; Heather Sternberg 30.6
 B40 John Crook 57.2; Harry Nelson 56.3; Norm Mauthe 49.7
 C Tip Wipperfurth 41.8; Herman Adler 51.8; Bob Anderson 40.7
 D Rich Conrad 38.2; Terry Sternberg 35.6; Don Stittleburg 30.7
 E Orville Baker 28; Marv Lynch 27; Tom Steinke 25
 F Ralph Zeisse 22; Wayne Franzen 23.7; Dick Schoener 17
 Jr Shannon Rein 27.3; Chad Parchem 18.3; Drew Parchem 17.0

Editor's observation: From this result sheet it appears the stellar performance of the day happened in the B40 group with John Crook and Harry Nelson. In A40 it seems Don Kangas has no problem coming off a long lay-off. Randy Rein, fourth, will be pitching a ton of practice with Lipovsky at the Oakwood Mall.

THE GIFT MULTIPLIED

Kenosha is the city that appears most often on the Newsletter mailing list and it is by far not one the bigger clubs in this state.

For the past few years the club has awarded Newsletter subscriptions to honor valued members. This past year Wayne Berger, Twin Lakes and John Kaplan, Kenosha were named Rookies of the year. Lloyd Skarda and Jack Statema, both of Kenosha were elected Sportsmen of their leagues. I

n the summer they use a modest five court layout in Nash Park built entirely by club members. For the past two years they have "found" a facility to continue with wintertime pitching.

When the Kenosha Club was formed they established as a condition of club membership a corresponding NHPA membership. Kenosha became an official NHPA Sanctioned Club. It makes the statement that they are the top of the line in the Kenosha horseshoe pitching community.

This Newsletter is honored to be a part of their tradition.

WISCONSIN'S SANCTIONED LEAGUES

Last Month this Newsletter mentioned six sanctioned clubs in Wisconsin. The 1996 listing shows two more clubs, Windy Hill and Spencer as sanctioned.

Local league directors who do the contact work to Bev Born, the National Director, for their clubs are: Ken Kosky for Windy Hill, Vince Jakel for Spencer, Doug Stittleburg for the Waunakee Classic, Lorraine Sternberg for Goldendale, Earl Paulson for Beloit, Harry Nelson for Kenosha, Jane Smith for Close Doesn't Count, and Curt Bestul for the Eau Claire Club. These dedicated people are committed to report their league activities and "know" the system. They would be a good source of information on the workings of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/league Program.

STATUS REPORT - INJURED RESERVE

Ken Frame, Arena - On crutches for the past 3-4 months with multi-fractured leg. Last year it was a broken back!

Dave Klipstein, Janesville - Been down for awhile. Not definitely diagnosed, still unable to return to work. Spinal Meningitis?

Ron Berg, Barneveld - Hobbled after have a slice taken from his leg. Like Skin Cancer.

Tony Scrima, Waukesha - Recuperating from surgery after suffering an aneurysm. Can't work or pitch as yet. Has been to Arena courts twice to observe.

IN MEMORIAM

Everett Elloit departed this life on Feb. 8, 1997. Everett was one of the premier horseshoe pitchers of Richland Center and surrounding area. He was well known and liked by all who knew him and a perfectionist in everything he did whether in his work, playing Euchre, Checkers, or pitching shoes - a gracious loser if you could beat him and very humble if he beat you.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure having known him these past 12 or 13 years.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Gilbertson, Highland, WI

FREEZEROO 28-97-002

Ron Berg thinks this event may have to be rescheduled. The February weather hardly seemed worthy of the name.

About fifty pitchers jammed into a one day, all day, session at the Sandbar. Most of the entrants can just about call the place their winter home. Pitchers from far were few, not the number expected based on past versions of the Freezeroo. The redeeming factor - one day is easier duty for the director.

Berg wrote a one line summation of the event. "John Crook pitched a high game exceeding his average by 30 percentage points." Thanks Ron but I was the other guy on the court. Crook made 30 ringers in 40 shoes. Actually it seemed like more, he placed fourth in "B" class with high ringer average of 53.57%. Looks like he's back to form. At the very least, he revisited his former station in the pecking order of the WHPA

As he promised, Berg used the, easy to mark, ringers-only scoring system. Maybe it's not exactly what every pitcher would like but, is it worth a buck a dance to hire someone to mark those single points?

A John Udelhofen 68.2; Clayton Gage 76.4; Larry Barber 62.9
B Carl Gilbertson 50.4; Bun Carley 44.8; Harry Nelson 42.7
C LaVern Edge 40.4; Gerald Weikert 48.6; Tom Lindeen 40.7
D Len Mauthe 36.1; Rich Conrad 31.8; John Carlin 37.8
E John Aeschlimann 35.0; Orville Baker 33.6; Gary Rackow 33.6
F Frank Dohrwardt 22.2; Sal Okron 30.6; Dave Miller 26.3

Is there a Freezeroo pitcher wondering why his blue Americans suddenly pitch like Allens? Harry Nelson of Kenosha has the answer also a strange pair of blue shoes. call 414-694-7288.

CARL GILBERTSON AND TIP WIPPERFURTH KEEP SHOES IN THE AIR AT THE SANDBAR**FEBRUARY 22 -**

Earl Paulson called resulting in Beloit Day at the Sandbar in February hosting twenty-two pitchers who otherwise would have been chopping sidewalk ice. A few local guys augmented the club contingent. High-low doubles, with 10 twenty-five point games each team occupied the group for about three and one-half hours. Could have been accomplished in less time but the teams began taking sporadic lunch breaks when they discovered the Sandbar griddle was full of cheezburgers.

Placement: Arnie Walton & Ken Hoeltz ; Earl Paulson & Duane Woodard
Pam Woodard & Georgia Beebe, Brandie Miller & Jim Haupt

FEBRUARY 23 -

Tip Wipperfurth loaded courts with a couple of nine-team contests. it took both Karen Decorah and Shirley Carley to keep tabs in the win/loss columns. Arnie Walton & Gerald Weikert, both enjoying better days than last year,

**WISCONSIN SENIOR OLYMPICS**

by an Old Duffer
"That's a good question." was the answer John Secord got when he asked who sponsors the Senior Olympics. The old duffer who runs the event really didn't know at the time.

The Wisconsin Senior Olympics, Inc. a non-profit organization is the official sponsor. Last year was a qualifying year and Milwaukee the qualifying place in this state, for the 1997 National Games in Tucson, Arizona on May 21-29. (It is rumored there is pressure to drop the reference to the Olympics.)

A leading corporate sponsor is the Wellington Investment Services Corp. Ads appearing in the program book indicate others as ; State Central Credit Union, Auroa Health Care, Sports Medicine Performance Center of St. Francis Hospital, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin.

The participants are also asked to become financial fans with donor titles spsnning the \$25 to \$500 range.

Entry fee is \$16; includes T-shirt, dinner and unlimited participation. Awards are gold, silver, and bronze medals- colored.

Last September Wes Taylor, West Bend, won a gold and was the top 40ft pitcher with 37.5% Joe Lipperer of Milwaukee received a silver with 34%. Ray Lopez, 19% did not medal. Sally Kubash won her gold with 16% finishing third in the 30ft division. These four were the only WHPA members participating in the field of 32 Host WHPA members, Al McGowan, Tommy Bartlen, and Harry Johnson assisted.

The Washington Park Horseshoe Club will again host the Senior Olympics on September 4-5 1997.

topped out the A group. Buck Huffman and John Crook were second best and the traditional team of Bun Carley and Ron Yttri turned in enough wins for third place money. "B" placemrnts; Ken Olson and O.(Joe) Baker; 2nd Donny Burmeister & Ed Klauck; 3rd, Larry Lingle & Vern Edge.

MARCH 1

Carl Gibertson had the help of Karen Decorah for this Saturday outing of eight teams in A class and 7 teams in B. John Beckius,

that son of a Mouse, played his own brand of walking doubles - pitched both ends-no partner.

In an A play-off, Bob C Anderson and Herman Adler won over Gus Schram and Ken Kosky. Third went to Norm Mauthe and John Crook. Stittleburgs, Don and Carolyn led the B's followed by the team of Gene Satterstorm & Bill Dahmen; third was John Aeschlimann and the Sandbar host, Dave Forseth.

SPRING MEETING

WHPA President, Ken Jaeger opened the Spring Meeting at the Royal Wood Sport Center asking John Secord, secretary to read the last meeting minutes. Next, Secord the treasurer, reported a balance of \$5,500 in the WHPA bank.

Through some expeditious maneuvering Secord managed to secure a newer computer regarded as substantial upgrade for a mere \$300 coupled with a like new printer for \$75 additional.

Vice-President, Terry Sternberg is still working on the possibility of another Milwaukee Sport Show exposition for 1998. One problem remains. The Spring Meeting date (third Saturday in March) is likely to conflict. Sternberg's other project is to obtain more space or additional display cabinets for the Hall of Fame presently located on the Royal Wood mezzanine. If successful some items of interest and historical note could be displayed.

Jane Smith, first VP, was questioned on the real reason the Badger State Games declined to include horseshoes in their venue. Some members believe the exposure would reap a greater membership in the WHPA. Martial Arts (the selected alternative) it was noted drew a large number of participants, in excess of 600. Up and coming sports, it seemed, are the first considered when adding new events to the Badger State Games. It is unknown how many signatures were submitted in the horseshoe petitions of 1996.

Edi McKinney, Hall of Fame chair-lady, discussed the unusual nomination set before her committee. They had convened for a short time prior to the general meeting. A horseshoe pitcher from the Upper Peninsula has been nominated to the WHPA Hall of Fame. It was pointed out that one of the Hall Of Fame guidelines for induction requires a ten year membership in the Wisconsin Association. The proposition was tossed back and forth for a while with no actual commitment.

New Scholarship Fund and Junior Program Coordinator Tom Steinke passed out a Fund balance sheet showing nine thousand plus in assets and thirty-five hundred in liabilities. Jaeger again thanked Steinke for accepting the Coordinator position.

NHPA secretary-treasurer, Dick Hansen red-flagged the World Tournament entry date - May 1st - and reminded those traveling to Canada to have a certified copy of their birth certificate in their possession to ensure a smooth trip.

Jim Haupt introduced Dave Schorbahn of Independence as one of the new Regional Director crew. Earl Paulson of Beloit and Ron Berg of Barneveld, along with Haupt make up the balance of the NHPA Directors. Tournament Directors were given an opportunity to proof read the outdoor schedule before publication.

Scorekeeping, always an interesting topic, has escalated to one dollar per pitcher per game but in many instances the players find no empty chairs to recoup the expense. It's believed to be the effect of an efficient host who has recruited a group of non-players willing to do the task. Edi McKinney, who monitored scorekeeping at the last State Tournament said the pre-sign-up sheet worked so well she could not honor all offers to do the marking.

Under "New Business" Haupt asked members to think about dropping the further schooling requirement for junior awards earned under the Scholarship Fund suggesting all accounts not previously redeemed by age 21 to be paid in full. His reasoning

was, "Who are we to require a junior to go on to school to receive their rightful award?" The idea was seriously challenged, received no support and eventually was dropped.

Wausau State Tournament Director, Ken Kosky foresees no problems and is expecting a well attended State event this Labor Day because of the indoor facility and the central state location. State Tournament Publicity Director, Rick Poppe says he's woking on a list of accomodations.

Six-man classes sometimes employed to even out the entry list for the State tournament are again under fire from those directly involved. It's a necessary evil say the shakers and bakers of the schedule but they will try to avoid six-mans by using perhaps more seven-man classes. The hitch is a seven man will probably pitch 240 shoes while the six-man plays 250 shoes.

The championship women's class decided they have had enough of the 10-player chore during the State Tournament requesting just eight for 1997. It was suggested at the Fall Meeting and left up to the executive council.

About 35 members started their year with the Spring Meeting.

NEAR PERFECT GAME FOR REIN

The top of the "Close Doesn't Count" scoresheet says 9-1-96 ('96 State Tournament) CH. M. (Championship Men) court 8, game 2. Randy Rein the eventual tournament champion is playing a newcomer to the championship class, Rick Poppe. The identity of the scorekeeper is not revealed.

They begin with four dead and do it again. Rein keeps it going while Poppe manages just one ringer per inning. For the first 22 shoe Poppe averages near 73% while Rein Remains perfect.

Name <u>Randy Rein</u>				Name <u>Rick Poppe</u>			
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XX			12	XX			
X 0 3 - 12			14	X			
X 0 3 - 15			16	X			
X 0 3 - 17			18	X			
XX			20	XX			
XX			22	XX			
- 00 6 - 24			24	-			
X 0 3 - 27			26	X			
- 00 6 - 33			28	-			
X 0 3 - 36			30	X			
- 0 3 - 39			32	-			
X 0 3 - 42			34	X			

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 Total Rgs

33+ - = 42
 R Pts | S Pts | Score

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 Total Rgs

- - - = -
 R Pts | S Pts | Score

Read it. The critical shoe came in the "32" frame. How close was it? Had it been on, it would have been the game. Perfect! Rein pitched 33 for 34 - 97.06%. Poppe, 55.9%

DOWN and BACK

with Jim Haupt

Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA Junior Promotions Director is some kind of handle. It wasn't enough that her full name does not fit in results columns, now it takes up the entire column!

She's got the kind of name that controls the column - type her name and set the tab. More than that - start using initials. (Case in point, how many know Bogenschneider's first name is Glenn?)

Maybe we could identify Lorraine by extending the acronym, "LSNHPAJPD." Whatever..., we are looking forward to her byline in the national publication, *Newsline*.

down and back

Things I wish I would have said... John Secord, when upgrading his computer setup got a freebie modem which is a little gizmo that enables him to go "on-line" if he plugs it into a telephone line and signs up with a provider. It's usually a monthly fee but relatively modest.

Tournament directors and others depend on lists from Secord. They also file results as lists. If done on-line it's immediate like a fax machine. And it can be done anytime of the day or night. No waiting hoping Secord comes home for lunch.

So, I wish I would have suggested that Secord could be compensated if he would go on-line. Problem was they made me wait until the New Business section of the meeting came around. Like Ralph Dykes says, "I don't have Alzheimers: I've got part-timers. I'm not all the way there yet."

Hope it doesn't take a WHPA constitution change just to put the State Secretary on-line.

down and back

The Gift is wrapped but still on the shelf.

Last month *Newsline* featured a picture spread of the home of Tennessee Horseshoes in Joelton, Tennessee. It is in the process of becoming the property of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF). The NHPA originated the foundation to facilitate accepting the gift yet preserving the giver's ability to use it as a tax deduction.

The IRS works in strange ways. Just when the deal was thought to be done, the place ours, a new schedule of deducting arose.

The gift had to be divided. The farm part (58 acres) is now property of the NHPF. The owner, Doc Freeman, ... "can deduct each year an amount equal to 30% of his annual income and has up to six years to deduct an amount equal to the appraised value of the farm". At that time Freeman will be in a position to donate the balance of the property - the 6.8 acres that is the location of the indoor and outdoor courts. (Quotes - THPA NEWSLETTER)

This latest maneuver should be considered a boon to tournament pitchers. The Joelton courts will go on as before. There will be plenty of opportunities and tournaments sponsored by their club or association. As for a World Tournament site, we'll have to wait a few years.

down and back

Spring has come to Nashville. At the house where I stayed, the grass was being cut for the second time. The road to the Joelton courts is bordered with daffodils in bloom.

For the Tennessee-Missouri tournament, the big end doors were opened. Had the fortunate opportunity to pitch two days. Classes began early and ended early to allow the Missouri visitors to also become tourists. Was really a pleasant experience.

SPRING PLANTING

Rural gardeners listen up. Got problems with deer or as some call them, state goats? Maybe turkeys have been known to raid your crop. Here's an idea for a garden spray you can live with but they can't. Call it the 5-5-5 treatment.

Find a glass or plastic container of about two gallons. Break five eggs and toss them in shells and all. Add five ounces of hot sauce. Yes hot sauce straight from the bottle. Then mix it and let it set out in your garage for five days. It turns into an awful smelling mess. Strain it. put it in the sprayer and add water to fill. Spray in and around the garden. I'll keep those deer and the turkeys away for at least, you got it, five days. -Stolen from a garden channel.

BUILDING THE SCHEDULE

The WHPA schedule, front page stuff, is the result of gathered information over the past three months. Year to year it follows a general pattern. Most people like to schedule to repeat the same weekend to keep their field of pitchers re-entering. Others are attempting to find a new slot. It appears the most sought after dates are before the World Tournament (Mid-July) but also at a time when the weather is warm enough for outdoor pitching. What would appeal to most pitchers and tournament directors alike is an outdoor season with two Junes. The World interrupts July but August is popular again while September usually is mild and wanting.

Over the years the host courts change somewhat. Boyceville, for example, probably fell out of favor when the last director died. Eagle still has a tournament but prefers not to be on the WHPA list. Edgerton is in a moratorium mode for lack of a director. The last ones did their jobs thanklessly. Fillmore could be said to be in the same category. Same goes for Janesville - T D burn-out. West Bend had great courts but no longer. Sheboygan, it seems, went out of the picture when the main man moved. Kewaskum with the picture-place of courts still has the desire just not enough of it.

When the director's job is left up to only one or two, the event dies when they do. On the other hand, ongoing events more often boast committee operation where the baton is neatly easily passed from time to time.

And so goes the schedule. It follows (or if you prefer, leads) the path of greatest interest in the game.



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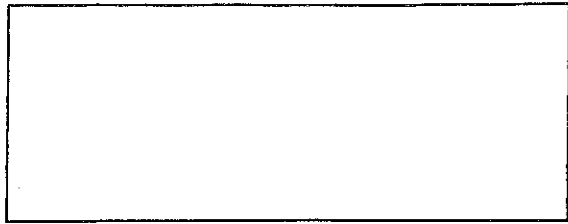
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