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2002 STATE CHAMPIONS

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Lorraine Sternberg
Ladies State Champion



Randy Rein
Mens State Champion



Tina Riehle
Junior Girls State Champion

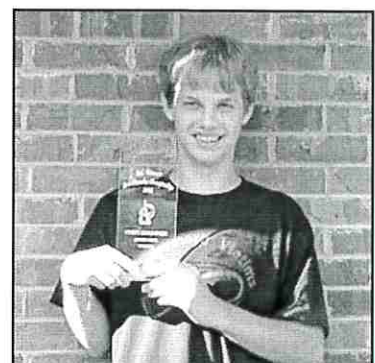
Special points of interest:

Tournament Results from:

- Beloit
- Combined Locks
- Green Bay
- Kenosha
- LaCrosse
- Marshfield



Clayton Gage
Elders State Champion



Kirby King
Junior Boys State Champ

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OCT 19 WHPA Fall Meeting FREE

At the Arena Sandbar Meeting starts at 1:00 PM

NOV 9-10 SONNY'S SINGLES at Arena \$15

Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St, Mazomanie, WI 53560

608-795-2573 **28-02-037** carole24@chorus.net D/L 10/26

DEC 14-15 SANTA'S SINGLES at Arena \$15

Eddie Wheeler W9070 CTH - K, Lodi, WI 53555 **28-02-038**

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JAN 11-12 001 Arena \$15

Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53217

414-964-2735 **28-03-001** jimhaupt@aol.com D/L 12-29

Jan 25 - 26 What Else Arena **28-03-002** \$15

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FEB 1 DEANSVILLE Singles \$15

Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925

920-623-4924 **28-03-003** vanfleet@centurytel.net D/L 1-19

FEB 8-9 FREEZER00 Arena \$15

Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507

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MAR 1 WHY NOT Arena **28-03-005** \$15

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MAR 15 SPRING MEETING Arena Free

For real WHPA members 1:00 PM

MAR 22 Nelson's Corners Deansville \$15

Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925

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MAR 23 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE Arena \$60/team

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4-man teams: cap 180%; limit 8 teams D/L3-9



The President's Column

With the 2002 State Tournament indoor the weather was not at all an issue this year. I would like to thank Close Doesn't Count, Marshfield and the Windy Hill horseshoe clubs for an excellent job as your 2002 State Tournament Hosts. Three hard working clubs working together to make sure you get the best. The formatting was somewhat different with the Hall of Fame and Awards Ceremonies on Saturday evening and the Championship Classes pitching on Monday. This seemed to be accepted quite well by the majority. Or should I say, accepted well by all that thought that change might be good and that were willing to help make it a success.

Congratulations to All State and Class Champions. Also congratulations to Lorraine Sternberg on her induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame, she really truly deserves this Honor.

With the 2003 World Tournament fast approaching in our back door, several clubs have approach me to see if there was still going to be a club work day at the World Tournament. The answer is absolutely yes, details on work assignments and schedules are coming up in future World Tournament committee meetings. Please contact me if your club wants to participate in this venture.

What support the World Tournament Committee wants from the WHPA will be addressed and decided on the Fall Meeting.

Also to be addressed is where the 2003 State Tournament is going to be hosted seeing as how the Harley Davidson 100th anniversary has booked all the motels in Fond du Lac and throughout the southern half of the State? Bids are open for the **2003** State Tournament. If you interested in hosting this tournament, be sure accommodations are available in your area.

See you at the Fall Meeting Saturday October 19th at 1:00 PM.

Your President, Ken Jaeger

KEY Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.

NHPA sanctioned tournament numbers also in **bold**

Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.

Call, 414-964-2735 for free listing in this column.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT JANE SMITH

The Past; The Present; This being the State tournament issue brings about an opportune time to talk about the hosting of the state tournament. It is an indescribable pleasure to work with a team of horseshoe pitchers in preparing for the BEST State Tournament ever. Everyone who has hosted a State Tournament feels theirs was the BEST. It is a feeling of satisfaction which results from a job well done. Traditions can change. People make change happen. New and different ideas create new and different formats. Congratulations to the Windy Hill, Marshfield and Close Doesn't Count members in trying something new "outside" the courts. The 2002 State Tourney was a very enjoyable and challenging adventure for everyone. After all was said and done, the compliments began. The tournament format for 2002 was a success. It was a success because of the dedicated, hard work of the host clubs and dedicated horseshoe pitchers who spent hours in the scorekeeping, computer, judging, and organizational roles. Camaraderie and friendship go hand in hand. Find a partner club or two and give the state tournament a try, The rewards are many!

The Future: August 4- 16, 2003, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, World Horseshoe Tournament site. The plan began three years ago. The next ten to eleven months will be filled with many horseshoe thoughts. Volunteers will be needed at a variety of times to prepare for the tournament. How can you best help the state of Wisconsin look and be GREAT in welcoming pitchers from around the world to the tournament? If you have a special talent such as lettering, marketing, conversation, muscle power, creative ideas, stuffing welcome bags, collecting materials for the welcome bags, clean up, collection, registration, a "go for" or a "honey doer", please let one of the WT committee members know. We will be creating a list of potential "jobs" for the coming tournament to present at the Fall meeting on October 19 in Arena. Anyone who can help in any way, large or small will be appreciated. the more volunteers we have, the better the results. Committee members are Ken Kosky, Ken Jaeger, John Dolezel, Dave Schorbahn, Elly McCarn, Jane Smith, all horseshoe advocates, and Melissa Busch of the Chippewa Valley Tourism and Visitors Bureau. More to follow - THANKS!

Jane Smith, 1st VP

Gr Bay Loses Game Plan

Something crazy happened to the statistics developed at the Green Bay tournament in August. Lynn Koehn volunteered to do the results on her new HS Masters program. As far as she knew it was properly recorded and reported until it turned up missing somewhere between Green Bay and Fond Du Lac. Wires are somehow involved. Between telephone and coaxial cables the message was thought to be sent Online.

Computers are wondrous yet mysterious creatures. This time the entire program took a walk. Presently the Green Bay Club is trying to resurrect results in a manual format. Eventually we hope to see the Gr Bay tour-

namment listed in the "reported events" column of Natstats presented Online through the NHPA website "horseshoepitching."

Isn't it a great thing that we can tune our computers in to the website and get the weekly Natstat report.

As is the usual format, the eight-man class A pitched 40 shoes but it seemed such a waste of time when Don Kangas came to bat. We figured the big lefty could easily handle 50 shoe games while the other guys were trying to crank out their 40.

Jack Algiers got the most out of his ringers this day followed by , Don Kangas then Otis Wessley.

Wausau State #3

The WHPA found such an appropriate place for the state tournament that they have gone back three times in the past five years.

The Windy Hill Club has been most accommodating and has hit a common chord with the Close Doesn't Count League in their mutual presentation of a fine tournament. This year there was the additional help of the Marshfield Club.

Also new this year, the hosts saved the climax of the championship classes for Monday, the actual Labor Day holiday. Whether the State Championship classes are of interest to the average pitcher is still a question. The Monday observers were few, looked like relatives. Commonly the practice has been to schedule all classes for Saturday and Sunday reserving Monday for a possible rain date. With an indoor event a rain date is unnecessary thus the extra day became a play day and allowed for a Saturday night on the courts party.

The party was advertised as WHPA sponsored but when push came to shove the sponsorship disappeared. The host clubs, feeling they were on the spot, did the party without sponsorship. One way or another they would pay the bill and that's the reason for a "donations" dish on the food table.

About a hundred people were on hand to have a bite and welcome the 2002 WHPA celebrities.

Ken Jaeger, WHPA President threw us a curve. There would be no Presidential award this year. Jaeger, in an attempt to maintain the integrity of the award elected to forego it this year.

Randy Rein and Marge Yach selected the impresario of the North as Scorekeeper of the Year noting that he sometimes can simultaneously score for three courts in addition to running an event. Accepting the award for brother Steve Stevens, Joyce Poppe said he was busy keeping score at another event.

Steve Kulow of Jefferson earned the most improved pitcher of the year award. He's pitching in excess of 43% now. Mark Mauthe received the Pitcher of the year award snatching it from his perennial competitor, Randy Rein

Hall of Fame nominee Lorraine Sternberg had

the whole family on board and doubled her fun by winning the State Title one more time. When she was asked to provide information for the Hall of Fame unwittingly she was writing her own presentation address. She emphasized that she considered it a collective award easier to accept if she could include her family.

The beginning of the State Tournament is always the day before when the building is setup.

Ken Jaeger runs the setup crew. The court area is laid out and further divided into individual courts. A mixed crew of working hosts then tape out the approaches and foul lines.

Meanwhile The portable courts are moved into place after making the trip from the staging area. This setup operation would be best observed by any club considering hosting the State event in an indoor location. The real work of loading the clay into the courts had already been done by the Windy Hill guys.

The hosts of the Wausau Tournament, Marshfield, Close Doesn't Count, and Windy Hill as usual were represented by their hard working ringleaders, Sonia Cook for Marshfield, Jane Smith for Close Doesn't Count, and Ken Kosky for Windy Hill. Of course there were others, namely Ken Jaeger last seen running courts for the breakdown.

We hope future hosts of the State continue the party tradition.

A Commentary

By Ken Kosky

Thanks to ALL who helped make the 2002 State Tournament a success. We tried something different, by separating the Awards Ceremony and adding a banquet, and by all accounts it was a success. Thanks to all of the Officers for their enthusiastic (is that the right word?) support of the new format. It is great that we have such forward thinking people guiding horseshoe pitching in this state.

A special thanks to the members of the Marshfield, Close Doesn't Count, and Windy Hill Horseshoe Clubs, and to Jim Haupt and Ken Jaeger for their help.

0.556%

Horseshoe history came about at the Wausau State Tournament when Lorraine Sternberg won the ladies championship. She's done it before: She may do it again. But it is highly improbable that she or anyone will go to similar extremes on the scoresheet.

Known for being slow to warm-up, she had trouble in her first game of the ladies championship class. Offering no resistance, she was left standing at the gate scoring just one ringer in her first game of eighteen shoes. That's less than 01% coming from the six time State Champion. Meanwhile Suzanne Helene got off to a hot 77% pace to start her own winning streak.

Ken Kosky was projecting results on the big screen when someone asked, "Is that 0.556% a misprint for Lorraine?"

Sternberg came back to win her second game, and third, and all remaining games pitching just well enough to get by. Most

would say, her percentage was nothing to write home about. The first round loss led to a final play-off, a repeat game with Helene. Sternberg, apparently got serious, saving her best game until last. Helene could not match her earlier performance. Sternberg walked to the finish scoring 42/16. That's the recipe for winning the State Title for the seventh time with a less than exemplar percentage while pitching a one ringer first game. But, she's the champ!

Rein all the Way

Randy Rein, the big winner, WHPA pitcher of the 90's, claimed his eighth state title at the Wausau tournament in a win-all fashion. Entering the event with 65% average, his first half of the nine game championship class was well above that average. The percentage slipped for the latter half but luckily the winning percent-

age held up. Runner-up and defending champ, Mark Mauthe met Rein in the final game—a match that is repeatedly tested throughout the Wisconsin season with varying results. This time the nod went to Rein along with the 2002 State Championship.

Clayton Gage as expected ran the table in the Elders class for his eighth title although Dick Muhlenbeck proved a tougher than expected opponent. Don Hostrup and Otis Wessley close in percentage but third and fourth.

Kirby King, last year's most improved pitcher, lost just once on his way to the Jr Boys title, but second place Ryan Hyatt had high percentage and Ryan Anderson who finished third beat the champ one game and trailed by just a couple percentage points.

Tina Riehle beat all opponents twice adding emphasis in her double round robin championship class winning over both her cousins, Tava and Kiri Cook. Back to Auburndale with the title.

Pitcher of the Year

A WHPA program monitored and reported by Jane Smith.

Mark Mauthe asserted himself this year entering more tournaments than ever before. He had 14 events listed with POY and all but one were for first place for a total of 205 points. Randy Rein was next on the list with 15 events accumulating 170 points.

It's a foregone conclusion that an "A" pitcher—has the best chance of gaining points. It is so evident that the name of the award should be changed to "The 'A' Pitcher -of -the -year." It also should be noted that Mauthe and Rein did enter a great deal of tournaments this year and clearly did their part to earn the award.

Here are some run of the mill type pitchers who were on a winning run this year and how they placed. 1st=15, 2nd=10, 3rd=5 pts

3. Tony Scrima 85 pts, 4 firsts
4. Don Burmeister 80 pts, 3 firsts
5. Bob Fritz 75 pts, 3 firsts
6. Clayton Gage 70 pts, 3 firsts
7. Jerry Niemuth 70 pts, 3 firsts
8. Otis Wessley 70 pts, 3 firsts
9. Bun Carley 65 pts, 3 firsts
10. Chuck Herman 65 pts, 1 first

This database tracked 307 pitchers in 40 tournaments with 3 not reporting. It must be a bear to maintain.

2002 STATE HORSESHOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1	LORRAINE STERNBERG	7	1	57.56
2	SUZANNE HELENE	6	2	61.11
3	GERT WILCZIEK	5	2	60.99
4	EDIE McKINNEY	5	2	57.27
5	PENNY STEINKE	3	4	53.71
6	ELAINE TROULLIER	2	5	46.93
7	TERESA DONAR	1	6	38.10
8	KATHY HANSON	0	7	38.22

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	RANDY REIN	9	0	64.32
2	MARK MAUTHE	8	1	65.33
3	ROGER COMERO	7	2	59.03
4	DON KANGAS	6	3	64.29
5	WAYNE TOTTEN	4	5	52.80
6	LARRY BARBER	4	5	50.92
7	STEVE WIEGERT	3	6	47.28
8	TOM ENDLER	2	7	51.38
9	ARNIE WALTON	1	8	49.77
10	BERNARD CARLEY	1	8	47.26

ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	CLAYTON GAGE	5	0	70.18
2	DICK MUHLENBECK	3	2	63.60
3	DON HOSTRUP	3	2	60.74
4	OTIS WESSLEY	3	2	51.92
5	NELSON RICHASON	1	4	39.05
6	NORM MAUTHE	0	5	38.61

JR. GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	TINA RIEHLE	6	0	51.38
2	TAVA COOK	4	2	36.94
3	KIRI COOK	2	4	23.08
4	COLA HICKETHIER	0	6	20.93

JR. BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	KIRBY KING	5	1	52.29
2	RYAN HYATT	4	2	54.41
3	RYAN ANDERSON	3	3	50.42
4	ZACK HINES	0	6	16.11

LADIES CLASS A

1	TERESA DONAR	6	2	46.50
2	SHARI DAVISON	6	3	38.67
3	KATHY HANSON	5	3	38.75
4	IDA HOSTRUP	4	3	38.29
5	GLORIA SMITH	4	3	25.14
6	LINDA JOHNSON	3	4	37.43
7	JANE SMITH	1	6	37.71
8	SONIA COOK	1	6	32.29

LADIES CLASS B

1	JOANNE ALLING	6	1	34.57
2	ANN HOLMBECK	5	2	34.00
3	CINDY HYATT	5	2	32.57
4	SYLVIA DAVID	4	3	28.86
5	KIM GROSSEN	4	3	26.29
6	DIANNE LEOPOLD	3	4	30.00
7	KAREN HENKEL	1	6	22.00

LADIES CLASS C

1	BEV JOHNSON	5	1	15.00
2	CECELIA TROSSEN	4	2	19.67
3	JENNIFER YORK	2	4	12.00
4	BETH STROHMAN	1	5	12.67

JR. CLASS A

1	COLA HICKETHIER	7	0	16.86
2	ALEENA COOK	6	1	11.43
3	BEAU DAVISON	5	2	11.43
4	ZACH HINES	4	3	8.57
5	JAKE DAVISON	3	4	6.57
6	RUSH HICKETHIER	2	5	4.86
7	CASH HICKETHIER	1	6	4.00
8	BECCA POLLOCK	0	7	4.00

ELDERS CLASS A

1	NELSON RICHASON	5	1	44.00
2	MERRILL SEMINGSON	4	2	39.00
3	DON BURMEISTER	3	2	43.20
4	LEROY MEYER	3	2	39.20
5	EARL PAULSON	1	4	24.00
6	BOB LINDBERG	0	5	31.60

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ELDERS CLASS B

1	JOHN MITCHELL	5	0	35.20
2	BILL MATEY	4	1	25.60
3	WES PODVIN	3	2	22.00
4	JERRY KAMPS	2	3	14.80
5	JEFFREY JAKEL	1	4	5.60

CLASS A

1	ARNIE WALTON	6	1	53.71
2	JOHN KOEPP III	5	2	57.43
3	STEVE WIEGERT	4	3	52.57
4	LARRY BARBER	4	3	51.14
5	HARRY NELSON	3	4	45.71
6	KEN JAEGER SR	3	4	45.14
7	TOM ENDLER	2	5	54.00
8	KEN HEINRITZ	1	6	40.29

CLASS B

1	JIM LARSON	7	0	54.86
2	DAVE SCHORBAHN	4	3	48.29
3	MARK STEVENS	4	3	44.00
4	VINCE JAKEL	4	3	43.14
5	PUDGE DAHL	4	3	43.14
6	KEN FRAME	3	4	37.71
7	CHET HERMANSEN	2	5	36.57

CLASS C

1	RICK POPPE	7	0	51.71
2	JERARD MAGELAND	5	2	43.14
3	KERRY MORRIS	4	3	41.43
4	PAT SPAHN	4	3	40.29
5	GENE MASON	4	3	32.86
6	TOM COSTA SR	2	5	31.43
7	JEFF GUSTAFSON	2	5	26.86

CLASS D

1	BERNARD COCKROFT	7	1	41.75
2	JOHN CARLIN	6	2	39.50
3	LLOYD JOHNSON	5	2	44.00
4	BOB FRITZ	3	4	39.71
5	JERRY NIEMUTH	3	4	37.43
6	JULIAN TIJERINA	2	5	32.86

7	LEN MAUTHE	2	5	30.29
8	G. BOGENSCHNEIDER	1	6	35.14

CLASS E

1	DAVE BALSIGER	6	1	42.86
2	RAY GROSKINSKY	5	2	46.00
3	FRED DECORAH	4	3	37.71
4	RON BALSIGER	4	3	30.86
5	LEROY WIPPERFURTH	3	4	32.86
6	STEVE MIELKE	3	4	32.29
7	JERRY SCHROEDER SR	2	5	33.43
8	KEN KOSKY	1	3	27.50

CLASS F

1	JERRY VOLZ	7	0	38.86
2	WILLIAM SPAHN	4	3	38.29
3	DAVID PAUL	4	3	37.71
4	LOUIE LaBARGE	3	4	44.86
5	PETE KUMLIEN	3	4	37.71
6	GARY RACKOW	3	4	34.86
7	TERRY STERNBERG	2	5	39.71
8	TED ROHDE	2	5	32.86

CLASS G

1	CLIFF TROULLIER	7	1	38.00
2	DAVE KLIPSTEIN	6	2	41.50
3	RUEBEN ECKARDT	5	2	43.14
4	RALPH MARTHALER	4	3	34.18
5	RON BERG	2	5	36.16
6	DICK HANSEN	2	5	33.71
7	JIM O'LOUGHLIN	2	5	29.43
8	RICHARD CONRAD	1	6	24.29

CLASS H

1	JIM HAUPT	6	1	30.57
2	PAUL BRISK	5	2	34.92
3	BRUCE McLINN	5	2	32.00
4	DON GOLDSMITH	4	3	27.65
5	GEORGE ECKSTROM	3	4	26.86
6	JOHN DOLEZEL	2	5	29.71
7	THAD ENGLE	2	5	26.57
8	RUSS BURNS	1	6	27.14

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CLASS I

1	ROBIN MAHN	6	1	34.29
2	KEN DAVISON	5	2	31.43
3	EDWARD HACK	5	2	31.36
4	DAVE AHO	5	2	28.53
5	DAVID HANSEN	2	5	26.86
6	GALEN KOZEL	2	5	26.57
7	RUSS HEINRITZ	2	5	22.29
8	JASON GOLDSMITH	1	6	24.57

CLASS J

1	AL RUDE	6	2	29.50
2	JIM HEIM	5	3	24.75
3	ED WHEELER	4	3	32.57
4	NORM BECKIUS	4	3	28.00
5	JOHN MILLS	3	4	30.00
6	BILL HAGEN	3	4	22.29
7	JOHN GREGORICH	2	5	22.86
8	TOM DUDENHOEFER	2	5	20.57

CLASS K

1	SCOTT KATER	6	1	27.43
2	KEVIN BREKKE	5	2	27.43
3	LARRY DANIELSON	5	2	22.86
4	GENE SATTERSTROM	4	3	19.71
5	ART COLLIEN	3	4	25.14
6	CHUCK HERMAN	3	4	20.57
7	JIM JAKEL	2	5	18.57

CLASS L

1	JOHN SECORD	7	1	37.00
2	DUANE GROSSEN	6	2	28.25
3	FRANCIS SCHALK	4	3	24.57
4	MIKE STEINKE	4	3	22.29
5	GARY SCHMITZ	3	4	24.29
6	GARY HYATT	2	5	24.00
7	DAVE SEMINGSON	2	5	20.00
8	MEL COOK	1	6	15.14

CLASS M

1	GARY SIMAC	7	1	27.72
2	TOM STEINKE	6	2	26.73
3	BOB KALLSTROM	5	2	22.29
4	DON KAMPFER	3	4	18.29
5	KEN WOOD	3	4	17.14
6	GUY FLEMING	2	5	21.71
7	DON WOZNIAK	2	5	16.86
8	ED BONEBRIGHT	1	6	19.14

CLASS N

1	BOB LOCKHART	6	1	23.71
2	JOHN BROPHY	4	3	22.29
3	STAN FREDRICKSON	4	3	21.43
4	WAYNE FRANZEN	4	3	18.00
5	ROGER HEINRITZ	4	3	17.14
6	IVAN RUZIC	3	4	18.29
7	PAT MAKI	2	5	17.14
8	DAN DAVID	1	6	10.57

CLASS O

1	DON PEROUTKA	7	0	16.29
2	CHUCK REINEKE	5	2	19.14
3	BOB NOVINSKI	5	2	13.14
4	JASON HELDING	4	3	16.86
5	MARK NORD	3	4	15.43
6	DAN HELDING	3	4	9.14

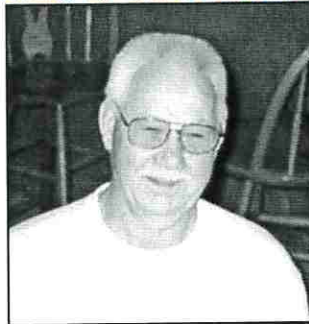
CLASS P

1	CURT NOVINSKI	5	1	14.67
2	WILLIAM LITZER	4	2	16.67
3	PHIL HAAS	3	2	14.40
4	RON TRUMAN	3	2	6.40
5	MERLIN LUDWIG	1	4	5.20
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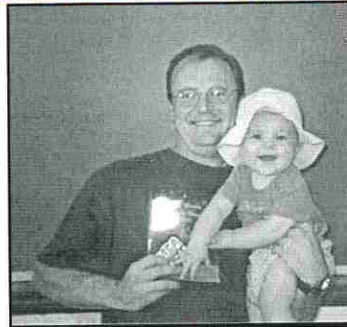
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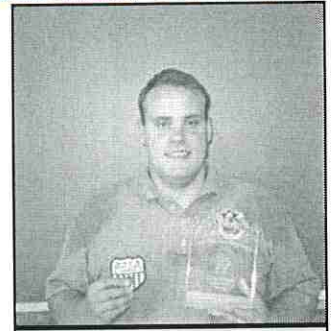
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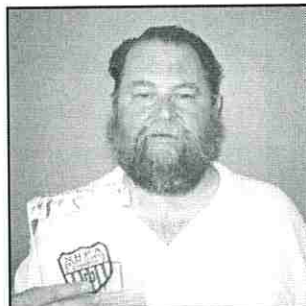
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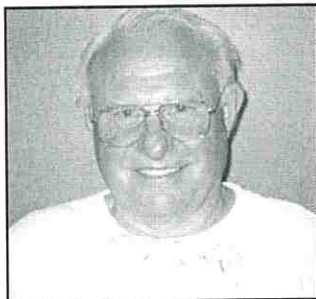
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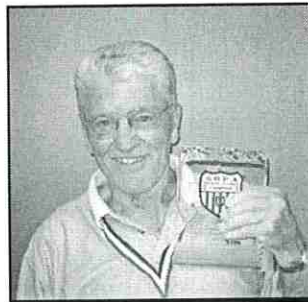
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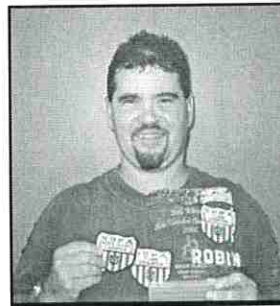
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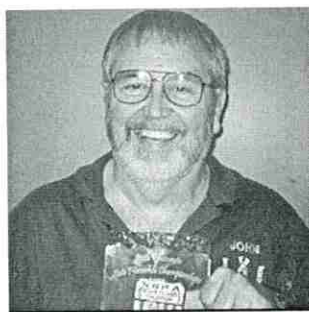
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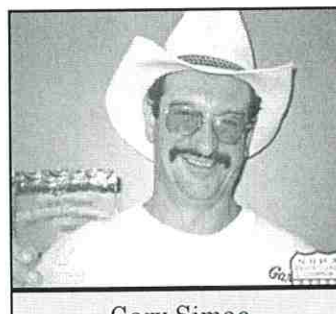
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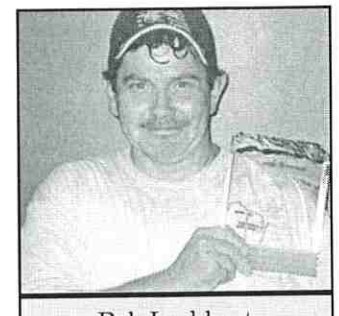
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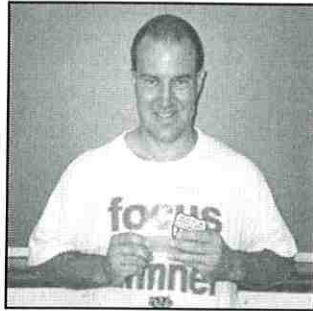
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Our apologies to Joanne Alling & Nelson Richason - No picture available.

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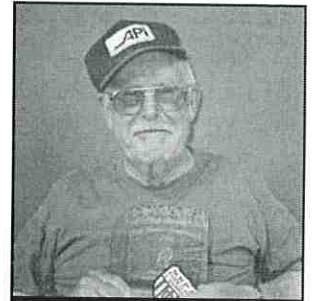
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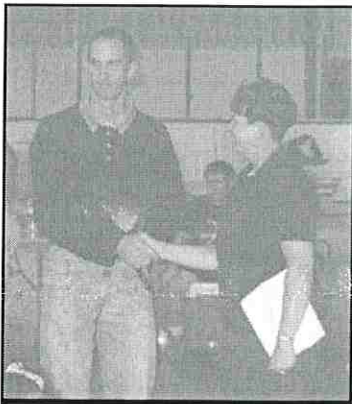
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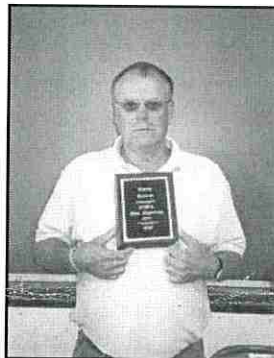
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John Mitchell
Elders Class B



Mark Mauthe
Pitcher of the Year 2002



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WHPA's Birthday Cake



Steve Stevens - Scorekeeper of the Year



Lorraine Sternberg - 2002 Hall of Fame

2002 WHPA AWARD WINNERS

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

The pull of horseshoes is not merely the game. Friendships made can be lifelong even when the playing days are left behind.

Curt and Beatty Bestul came to Wausau to greet old friends and witness Lorraine Sternberg's induction into their own circle, the Hall of Fame. News is that daughter Debby has her hands full with the trip-lets.

Mike Wiegert and his wife Pam made a cameo appearance in Wausau to the delight of many old friends. Never did explain why he's no longer pitching.

Jane Meier, looking better than ever, made the trip from Fond du Lac for the Hall of Fame ceremonies. It's unfortunate she no longer competes. We can't afford to lose good people.

Lorraine Sternberg must have set the all time horseshoe improbability record scoring just one ringer in her first game but going on to win the class and state title.

Before her class started she was reminded by those in her club, Goldendale, that they needed her for the ten points awarded to a first place pitcher in the state club competition. "Oh sure," was her nonchalant reply. Little did she realize...

Are you thinking of the 2003 World Tournament in Eau Claire?

Some other pitchers, aware of the four event requirement for World entry, are asking for additional tournaments to be scheduled. As a result Jane Smith is conducting another fall event in late September. Dan David will do the same in October. Combined Locks also may schedule an impromptu tournament. See your favorite tournament director for help in gaining necessary qualification events.

A little known Wisconsin record has recently been surpassed.

Since about the year of 1984, Jim Haupt has consistently pitched in more tournaments per year than any other pitcher in this state. At the beginning it took only 12 to exceed Roger Poutanen. Now Haupt

makes about 24 events per year. There's a new kid on the block! Mark Mauthe is currently listed in the Wisconsin Natstats tournament column as competing in 26 tournaments in the past year.

It's great to see one of the "good guys" competing so often.

In preparation for the 80th State Tournament addresses were being gathered for those people in the WHPA Hall of Fame. We learned of the passing of Sid Anderson said to last fall. Our condolences, however untimely, to his family

John Carlin is a field representative for Hobart Brothers, A concern with world headquarters in Troy Ohio. This summer while visiting the home office Carlin found a horseshoe tournament and signed up.

Carlin made the local paper, the Troy Daily News as they covered the Miami County Fair. Said to be conducted under the auspices of the American Horseshoe Pitching Association (AHPA). That's a new organization, to us in Wisconsin. Otherwise their ducks seem to be in the same rows that we use.

Guy sitting at the bar and a woman asks if he's a real cowboy. He says well I rope and ride and mend fences, been doin' it for 20 years, yeah I guess I'm real. She says well I'm a lesbian. I think about women every day, all day, from the time I get up, until when I retire. Another couple came in and asked the guy, "are you a real cowboy?" -The guy says, "Well, I rope and ride all day, been doin' it for 20 years but I just found out I'm a lesbian.

Expect people to be better than they are; it helps them to become better. But don't be disappointed when they are not; it helps them to keep trying.

- Merry Browne

All mankind is divided into three classes: those who are immovable, those who are movable; and those who move.

- Benjamin Franklin

Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Vince Lombardi

Kenosha hosts four classes

Saddled with five courts, Linda Johnson had to get creative in order to schedule four classes in just one day. She did it by limiting the eight-man A and B classes to 30-shoes and the following C and D six-man classes to 40 shoes.

Weather was a little warm but not too much for most pitchers.

Linda Johnson says:

We had a great day and great turnout for our tournament. Thank you to the 11 out-of-towners that signed up. The Muhlenbecks took two of the four classes. Dick started the day winning his class and his son, Scott, finished the day taking class D after a play-off with Lloyd Skarda. Ed Wheeler came down and celebrated his birthday with us and took home class C after a very good play-off match with Jim Haupt.

I would like to thank Harry Nelson for all his help. My name may be on the tournament but could never do it without him. Also thank you to Harry's wife, Pat, and Vera Johnson, and the rest of the club members for their help. See you next year.

- Linda Johnson

Class A Dick Muhlenbeck	7/0	59.0
Everett Stewart	6/1	47.6
Harry Nelson	4.5/2.5	49.0
Class B G Bogenschneider	6/1	43.4
Lloyd Johnson	5/2	38.1
Debbie Marshall	5/2	37.2
Class C Eddie Wheeler	4/1	30.4
Jim Haupt	4/1	25.4
Dave Wietrzak	3/2	35.0
Class D Scott Muhlenbeck	4/1	26.5
Lloyd Skarda	4/1	14.0
Jim Uhlenhake	2.5/2.5	11.5

BELOIT DOUBLES

Hey, where are the Metros? I mean the temporary toilets. Gone, that's where they are. Pitchers at the doubles in September were directed to the mens and ladies rooms in the new building.

Hasty signs designate the rooms as "30 footers" and "40 footers." Therein lies a problem. The most obvious problem is that, like half the "A" class were 30 footers, and not necessarily of the female gender.

Some guy came waltzing into the new bldg. and complained in a loud voice that the 40 foot door was locked. The door popped opened and out walks Dalara Thill, a 40 foot lady pitcher from the Beloit Moose Club. She is 40 feet all the way, including the Beloit toilet rooms if they are so designated. Wait until the plumbing inspector sees those signs, they'll never get their occupancy permit.

Any indoor events will depend upon the timing of that final permit.

This was a terrific fall day. A little cool in the morning, great by Noon. At 9:00 AM the 13 courts at Beloit were darn near full with four classes. Three more classes started at Noon, more than 100 pitchers said they were not ready to hang up their shoes just yet, a record number for this annual tournament. Earl Paulson said they kept on calling in. It is further evidence that pitchers trust the Beloit guys to host a good tournament. Next time they even promise they will have raw onions for the hamburgers.



Sue Helene celebrated a birthday while at Montana's in Red Deer, Alberta.

Unforgettable

By Jim Haupt

A big guy sidled up to this editor at the Wausau State Tournament. As he turned clay in preparation for expected classes, He asked what was wrong with the Marshfield tournament in June. He did not see the results in the Newsletter.

I had to admit I knew the story of the rainy conditions—read it somewhere. Could it be this old editor dropped the ball?

The big guy was Dan David and here are his words as originally received shortly after his June 22nd event. He really had something different to say regarding his horse shoe tournament—probably the most unforgettable WHPA tournament of the year. Read on..

Early morning.., about 8:00 AM and most pitchers are standing by waiting for the rain to subside.., all but the tournament director, Dan David, who was cut off from Marshfield due to heavy rains and flooding in the area. Many other club members were also stranded. The Cooks could finally leave their home at 9:00 AM. Some shuffling of classes and pitchers. Dan and Sylvia arrived at 10:45 AM and pitching started at about 11:00 AM

By the fourth game the pitchers were calling for water—go figure. Everyone stayed in good spirits even through the heat of the afternoon.

Tie tradition at Marshfield showed up again this year with a tie for first in classes D and F.

Next year Marshfield hopes to return to the second week of June— Saturday of Father's Day weekend

Submitted by Dan David & Sonia Cook

Class A . Mark Stevens	5/0	51.0
Wayne Totten	4/1	58.5
Gene Mason	3/2	46.0
Class B Jim Larson	4/1	47.0
Dustin Dahl	3/2	43.0
Tava Cook	3/2	36.5
Class C Robin Mahn	5/2	23.2
Bob Gregorich	4/3	36.4
Chris Dahl	4/3	32.1
Class D Ralph Marthaler	4/1	32.5
Don Stittleberg	4/1	32.5
Jim Heim	3/2	26.5
Class E Nicole Riehle	7/0	37.1
George Draeger	6/1	29.6
Ron Zeppelin	5/2	23.6
Class F Jason Holding	5/2	18.2
Aleena Cook	5/2	15.7
Bev Johnson	5/2	12.5

LaCrosse Open

The Coulee Region Horseshoe Association sponsored the LaCrosse Open.. Former resident and learned professor Steve Wiegert says Coulee means the big ravine area.

Locate the Mississippi River, find LaCrosse, look for Gottlieb and Johanna Heilman's old house and brewery on Jackson street. The brew house has been sold and the name shortened to just "City Brewery." Go west to an island owned by the city and look for the site of the 1977 State Tournament. Len Mauthe says it was right here. We have to take his word as he's the only person left that we know who pitched here.

Ted Rohde sweet talked the park commission into putting down a ten court asphalt slab together with pits, stakes, a fence and lights. Eighteen local folks pitch here. "Local" includes some from across the river, in Minnesota.

Never have seen asphalt used for a court base but it seems to work well. Housaka Park is destined to be the latest in NHPA sanctioned courts.

Hopefully the new courts will become a regular stopover on the WHPA tour. Their location does provide easy access to a large area of otherwise neglected pitchers.

The LaCrosse Open more than meets the standard of a good tournament.

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VFW Doubles

1. Mark Mauthe	7-0	65.0
2. Pudge Dahl	5-2	57.6
3. Steve Wiegert	4-3	57.1
Class B-	W-L	%
1. Bruce Mclinn	7-0	41.8
2. Dan Cooper	5-2	40.0
3. Butch Kohnen	4-3	44.3
Class C-	W-L	%
1. Jim Sheehan	6-1	46.7
2. Ardie Stoltenberg	5-2	36.7
3. Jim Haupt	4-3	35.7
Class D-	W-L	%
1. Del Pettis	7-0	44.2
2. Terry Brown	6-1	32.8
3. Chris Dahl	4-3	36.7
Class E-	W-L	%
1. Eric Johnson	8-1	30.2
2. Rob Rehm	7-2	21.9
3. Babe Reiber	7-2	20.0

No it's not sanctioned but it's fun always follows the State Tournament by one week and features a never ending list of raffle prizes.

This year the numero uno A entry was the high flying Wilcziek family. In their first game Ron hit 50%, Gert 80%, out scoring their hapless opponents, Tom Costa and Jim Haupt, 137 to 12 in a total of 80 shoes. Costa and Haupt had all they could handle just trying to keep other teams off the century mark Can you believe it? The Wilcziek's lost a game. Mer Sorensen and Otis Wesley went all the way in A. Ralph Maylahn and Pete Kumlien were outright winners in Class B. Last in B but back for a renewed taste of the game he once mastered was the lately missing Gus Schram.

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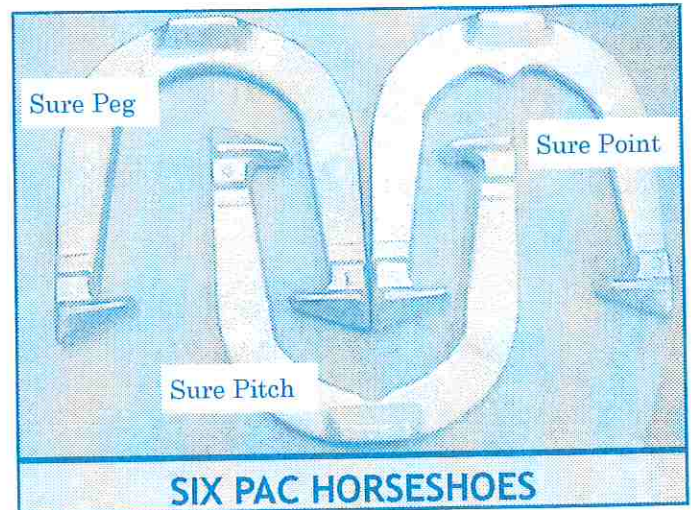
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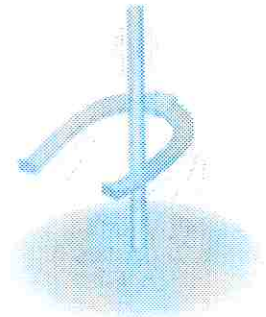
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Sanctioned League/Club News By Lorraine Sternberg

I have been asked to do some articles on the Sanctioned League Program. I have decided to focus on the Wisconsin clubs for the Newsletter.

Being that next year we will be hosting the 2003 World Tournament, I feel we should have an increase in our sanctioned clubs and leagues. Remember, your sanctioned leagues do count as a sanctioned event and it takes four sanctioned events to enter the World Tournament. Of course the deadline for the World Tournament will be sometime in May of 2003.

We have gained two new clubs in Wisconsin this year. The Platteville Horseshoe League and the Coulee Region Horseshoe Club of LaCrosse. This makes 12 clubs for Wisconsin and 2 junior leagues. So far this year the Close Doesn't Count Junior League is the largest junior league that I have.

At the Awards Dinner this past World Tournament, in Red Deer, AB, it was my pleasure to give the Goldendale Horseshoe Club a plaque for being one of the charter clubs of the sanctioned league program. The program is in its 25th year and there

are eight charter clubs of the original thirteen in the United States that remain active. Seeing how this is the club I belong to it was very special to me.

A few things to remember when running your leagues for a season: (1) If you are doing cancellation, with handicap, you should be using alternate pitch. (2) Get your reports in on time. (3) Fill out the Top Ten Report. Don't cheat any of your pitchers out on awards that they may have coming. (4) The deadline to have Scholarship Forms in is November 15th. If you have any juniors that meet the requirements, as

"If you are doing cancellation, with handicap, you should be using alternate pitch"

outlined in the Red Book, please submit them. Remember, along with the form I need a copy of their full report card and a copy of their birth certificate. Forms can be obtained from me.

As we wrap up most of our leagues for the season, I do hope that you all had a enjoyable season. Now we can only look towards next year and what a year it will be for Wisconsin.