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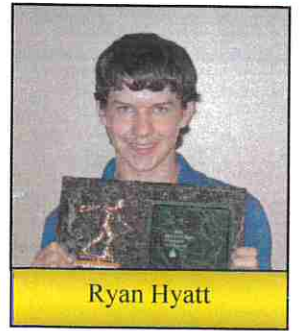
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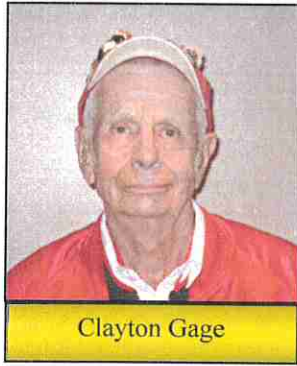
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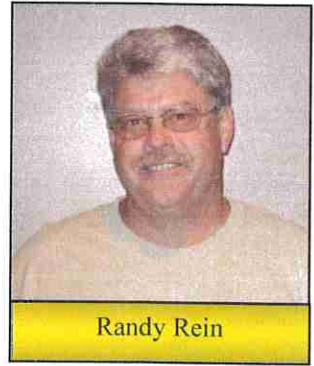
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State Tournament

By Jim Haupt

Director of this 84th State Horseshoe Tournament, Jane Smith broke into the State Tournament scene according to the book, in 1981, 25 years past when she won her first state title. It was only the 59th State then. With that kind of experience, no wonder this year's event went off without a noticeable hitch.

Smith will be the first to remind us of the presence of the Eau Claire club and the assistance they provided.

The event was scheduled for two days they lived up to the promise.

The real pitchers showed up for this state tournament. Trouble with that is that we have only 150 "real pitchers" in this WHPA. The importance of the annual State Tourna-

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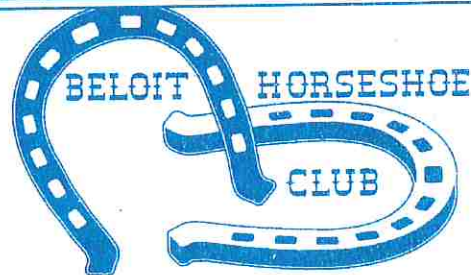


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Oct. 21-22 Deansville Open \$15

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Dec. 2-3 Deansville Singles \$15

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920-623-4924 28-06-049 D/L 11-24-06

Dec. 16-17 Snowflake @ Beloit \$ 18

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And The President Says

The state horseshoe tournament was held Labor Day weekend in Eau Claire at the beautiful setting of Carson Park. The weather was comfortable with no rain, but it did start to get chilly by Sunday night. We opened up the pits Saturday morning, removed the toads, and were then ready to pitch. Everything was great, except we missed some familiar faces. Some from Eau Claire, Beloit, Arena, Deansville, and a lot from Burlington. I'm sure people had other plans for the weekend, but we sure did miss you.

Congratulations to all champions, and special congratulations to Terry Sternberg for his induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame. Jeff Secord was my pick for the President's Award because of the work he does for the Hall of Fame and Team World committees. He is very dependable and has a way of looking at situations from a different angle. If you don't already know him, get to know him. He's always around and maybe he can give you an idea for your game or tournament.

Don't put your horseshoes away yet! Fall leagues and tournaments are under way.

Good pitching,

Tom

This Schedule is prepared by NHPA Regional Director Ken Jaeger Sr. Any additions or corrections should be brought to his attention.

Special Announcement

You don't want to miss the Fall Meeting on October 14th. A special interview with World Champion Alan Francis will be aired. This is an interview conducted by Ken Heinritz.

Don't miss it! 1:00 PM

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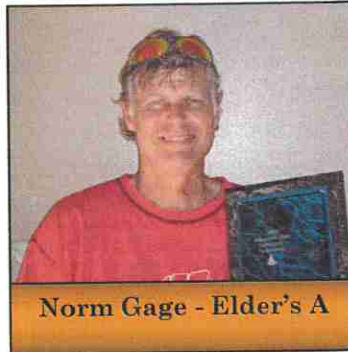
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2006 State Tournament

Elders A				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Norm Gage	7	0	54.64
2	Bill Matey	6	1	55.71
3	Bob Gregorich	4	3	44.72
4	Norb Fuhrman	4	3	43.21
5	Nelson Richason	4	3	39.08
6	Ivan Ruzic	2	5	41.07
7	Milt Larsen	1	6	29.64
8	Cliff Troullier	0	7	31.07



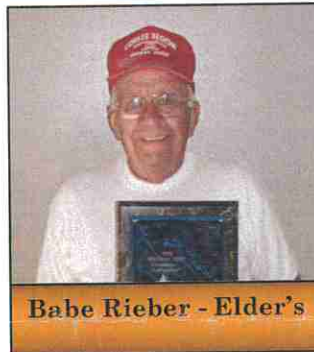
Norm Gage - Elder's A

Elders B				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Merrill Semingson	5	0	53.2
2	Willis David	3	2	34.4
3	Harold Zdroik	2	3	34.4
4	Earl Paulson	2	3	32
5	Roger Heinritz	2	3	31.2
6	Dan David	1	4	22.8



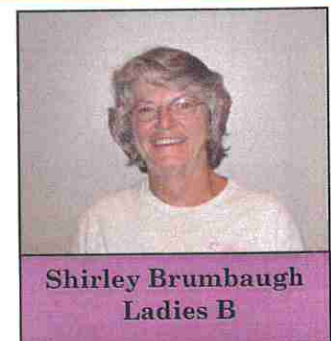
Merrill Semingson
Elder's B

Elders C				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Babe Rieber	4	1	32.68
2	John Brugger	3	2	38.40
3	Dave Ninneman	3	2	33.86
4	Rob Rehm	3	2	31.60
5	Russ Burns	1	4	27.20
6	Wes Podvin	1	4	19.60



Babe Rieber - Elder's

Ladies B				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Shirley Brumbaugh	5	0	44.8
2	Karen Henkel	4	1	30.8
3	Sylvia David	3	2	26.0
4	B.J. Johnson	2	3	22.0
5	Cecelia Trossen	1	4	21.6



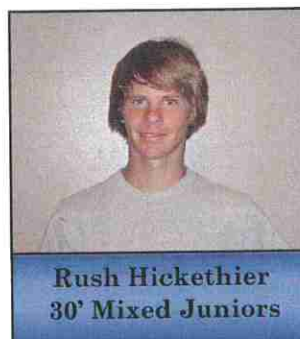
Shirley Brumbaugh
Ladies B

Ladies A				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Tava Cook	4	1	36.8
2	Gloria Smith	4	1	41.2
3	Sonia Cook	3	2	37.6
4	Ann Murray	2	3	32.0
5	Elaine Troullier	2	3	30.8
6	Elly McCarn	0	5	28.0

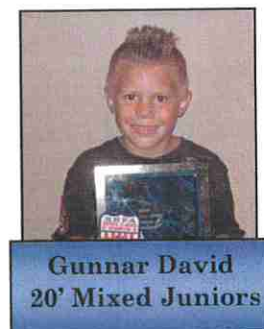


Tava Cook - Ladies A

Mixed Juniors				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Rush Hickethier	7	0	16.07
2	Beau Davison	6	1	20.36
3	Gunnar David (20' winner)	5	2	7.50
4	Malachi David	4	3	9.29
5	Heather Feavel	3	4	6.43
6	Cash Hickethier	2	5	5.71
7	Alex Secord	1	6	3.21
8	Nicole Feavel	0	7	3.21



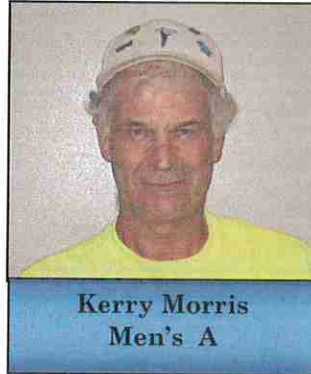
Rush Hickethier
30' Mixed Juniors



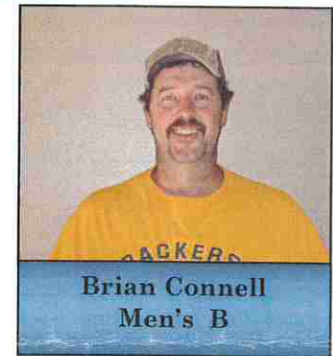
Gunnar David
20' Mixed Juniors

2006 State Tournament

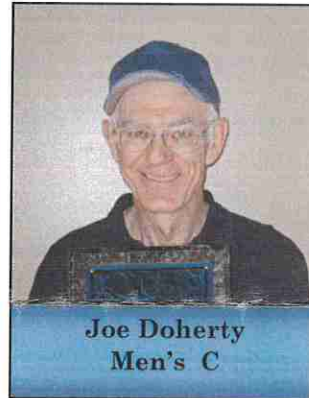
Men's A				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Kerry Morris	7	1	49.06
2	Glenn Bogenschneider	6	2	47.19
3	Pudge Dahl	4	3	45.36
4	Ken Frame	4	3	42.14
5	John Koepp	4	3	41.79
6	Ken Jaeger Sr	3	4	41.79
7	Jeff Mauthe	1	6	25.36
8	Al Huizenga	0	7	31.79



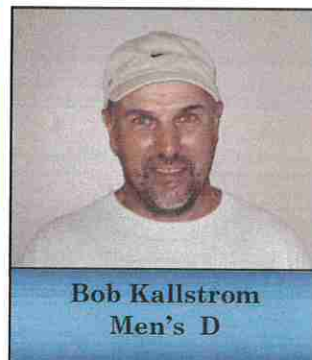
Men's B				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Brian Connell	6	1	47.14
2	Mark Stevens	5	2	40.00
3	Terry Sternberg	4	3	43.57
4	Bruce McLinn	4	3	43.21
5	Bun Carley	4	3	38.57
6	Jerry Niemuth	3	4	36.07
7	Ray Groskinsky	2	5	38.57



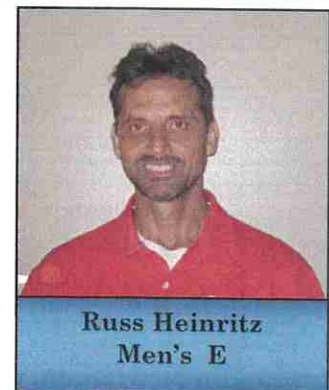
Men's C				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Joe Doherty	6	1	33.21
2	Ken Schumann	5	2	37.14
3	Vaughn Watzke	4	3	38.93
4	Harvey Bilz	3	4	37.14
5	Jim Heim	3	4	34.64
6	Steve Mielke	3	4	33.93
7	Norm Beckius	3	4	29.64
8	Dave Klipstein	1	6	32.5



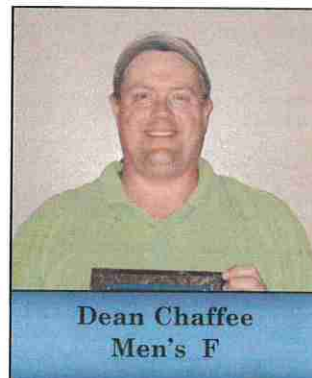
Men's D				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Bob Kallstrom	7	0	51.79
2	Al Rude	4	3	35.36
3	David Paul	4	3	32.14
4	Ralph Marthaler	3	4	33.93
5	David Hansen	3	4	30.71
6	Cliff Erickson	3	4	27.5
7	Jason Goldsmith	2	5	31.07
8	Dick Hansen	2	5	25.00



Men's E				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Russ Heinritz	7	0	43.93
2	Dennis Ambuel	5	2	36.43
3	Dave Volz	4	3	40.36
4	Galen Kozel	4	3	36.43
5	John Secord	3	4	40.36
6	Pete Kumlien	3	4	28.21
7	Paul Wiese	2	5	31.79

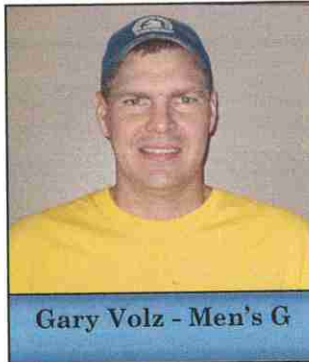


Men's F				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Dean Chaffee	7	1	39.38
2	Jim Ganther	6	2	34.06
3	Dean Hove	5	2	36.43
4	John Brophy	4	3	32.14
5	Jim Haupt	3	4	19.79
6	Ray Mallo	2	5	27.08
7	Edward Hack	2	5	22.14



2006 State Tournament

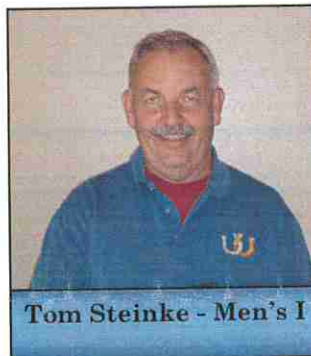
Men's G				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Gary Volz	6	1	26.07
2	Jim Emery	5	2	26.43
3	Randy Heinritz	5	2	26.07
4	Art Collien	4	3	20.00
5	Mel Cook	3	4	25.71
6	Ken Davison	3	4	24.64
7	Kevin Brekke	2	5	21.79
8	Roger Olson	0	7	13.57



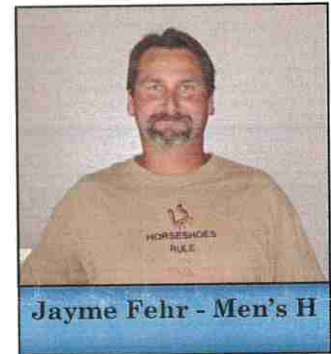
Gary Volz - Men's G

Men's H				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Jayme Fehr	7	1	24.06
2	George Eckstrom	6	2	24.69
3	Larry Danielson	5	2	23.21
4	Mike Zahn	4	3	20.00
5	Tom Bird	3	4	21.43
6	John Brandt	2	4	20.00
7	Mark Anderson	1	6	18.93
8	Ed Bonebright	1	6	15.36

Men's I				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Tom Steinke	5	1	23.67
2	Tom Dudenhoeffer	4	2	21.67
3	Wayne Franzen	3	2	18.80
4	Bryan Hove	2	3	20.40
5	Gene Satterstrom	2	3	18.80
6	Paul Valentine	0	5	14.40

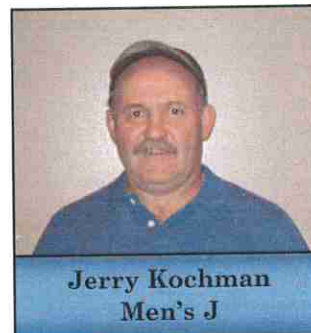


Tom Steinke - Men's I



Jayme Fehr - Men's H

Men's J				
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Jerry Kochman	5	0	13.20
2	Dave Semingson	4	1	10.00
3	Jay Ganther	3	2	11.60
4	Michael Franzen	2	3	11.60
5	Dan Craft	1	4	10.40
6	Tom Lind	0	5	8.40



Jerry Kochman
Men's J

The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure.

These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur.

Your opponent, in the end, is never really the player on the other side of the net, or the swimmer in the next lane, or the team on the other side of the field, or even the person whose ringer you must top. Your opponent is yourself, your negative internal voices, your level of determination.

You owe it to yourself to be the best you can possibly be - in horseshoe pitching and in life.

The other sports are just sports. Horseshoe Pitching is a love.

Behind the Mask

with Ken Heinritz



Nestled in the heart of Eau Claire County's Carson Park stands 18 of the nicest horseshoe courts you will find in the entire state of Wisconsin. Because of the protective boundary of tall pines, firs and hardwood trees one actually might think we were playing in the midst of a State Park. Having temperatures in the mid 70's, the pitchers and spectators could not have asked for anything better. One individual actually told me that living in this area would be like 'horseshoe heaven' to him. This picturesque setting was the site of Wisconsin's 2006 State Tournament. If you were not there, you missed out on a very enjoyable weekend. One could not have hoped for better conditions at this annual event!

Pontificating over the landscape actually caused my thoughts to consider what our loving God has in store for those who love Him. Though beautiful as Carson Park is, a day will come when even the most breath-taking view you have ever witnessed will be dwarfed by an unimaginable future that this world has never known. Being finite creatures, we cannot comprehend what our infinite Father has waiting for His own.

The reminder of this brought joy to my heart for many of you as I consider the hardships you are currently facing. The Apostle Paul described our earthly trials as 'light afflictions'. He could say this because he had the assurance of eternal life in heaven in view, where we will not have to suffer.

My friend & yet opponent on the courts, Roger Comero must live for the rest of his earthly life with the constant reminder of a gun shot wound he sustained in the stomach from a deer hunting accident several years ago. Surpassing all expectations of the doctors Roger was given no hope of surviving. Life remains an ongoing battle though. And what about Jim Haupt's banged up body after his bicycle collided with a car or the loss of Ken Jaeger's arm in a farming accident? Bonnie Burns (Russ' wife) finds herself recovering in a wheel chair. Terry & Lorraine Sternberg's 4yr. old granddaughter Alyssa has recently

been diagnosed with leukemia. Life for Tony Scrima's family has changed drastically as their daughter Michelle suffered a severe stroke. And how about the brain tumor that threatened Tom Costa's future?

Yes pain & suffering & crying & death are all part of life for us here on earth and must be dealt with. Life certainly is not easy.

To end this column here would be like dropping a wet blanket over coals that only need to be stoked. Without hope one would likely find himself in a state of depression and despair.

My goal is not to depress you but to boldly state there is hope, hang in there; help is only a prayer away! Life on earth is like a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. But life in heaven lasts for all eternity. Having mere intellectual knowledge of God's promise of heaven will not suffice, faith only in the Risen Savior will.

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

I Cor. 2:9

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Rev. 21:4

Special Announcement

You don't want to miss the Fall Meeting on October 14th. A special interview with World Champion Alan Francis will be aired. This is an interview conducted by Ken Heinritz.

Don't miss it! 1:00 PM

**Sportsman's Club
Lake Delton, WI**

2006 State Tournament

Junior Championship

Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
JBC	Ryan Hyatt	4	1	58.06
2	Nathan Heinritz	4	1	70.19
3	Ben Heinritz	1	4	40.95
JGC	Kiri Cook	3	2	46.93
2	Aleena Cook	3	2	46.83
3	Cola Hicketier	0	5	24.71



Kiri Cook



Ryan Hyatt

Ladies Championship

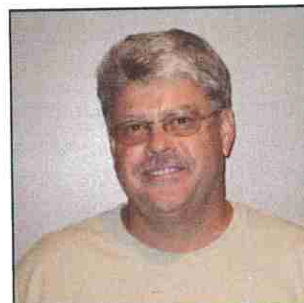
Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Gert Wilcziek	7	0	79.35
2	Penny Steinke	6	1	67.71
3	Edie McKinney	5	2	57.89
4	Pam Aiken	4	3	59.27
5	L. Sternberg	3	4	47.16
6	Shari Davison	2	5	46.92
7	Tava Cook	1	6	45.15
8	Gloria Smith	0	7	36.57



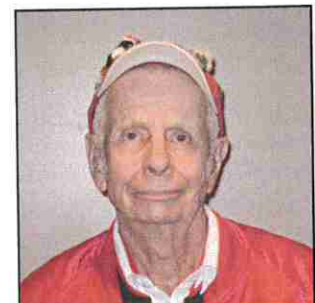
Gert Wilcziek

Elders Championship

Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Clayton Gage	7	0	71.11
2	Bill Matey	6	1	57.19
3	Paul Wilson	5	2	60.83
4	Vince Jakel	4	3	53.43
5	Gene Mason	3	4	58.43
6	Ron Wilcziek	2	5	52.93
7	Norm Gage	1	6	40.85
8	John Dolezel	0	7	38.19



Randy Rein



Clayton Gage

Men's Championship

Pos	Name	Won	Lost	R%
1	Randy Rein	7	1	67.95
2	Mark Mauthe	6	2	69.88
3	Jim Larson	5	2	56.92
4	Roger Comero	4	3	56.00
5	Kerry Morris	3	4	45.37
6	Ken Heinritz	2	5	51.28
7	Bogenschneider	2	5	50.28
8	Tom Endler	0	7	48.88

State Tournament Comments

by Jim Haupt

Horseshoe winners at the State Tournament. Repeats are common but we do have a new champion in **Kiri Cook**, Junior Girls

Randy Rein for the 11th time.

Gert Wilcziek for the 7th time.

Ryan Hyatt for the 2nd time

Clayton Gage for the 12th time.

The men's championship went into play-off shoes before the old champ could wrestle out a clear win. Jim Larson set it up by defeating Rein in the third game.

"I don't believe it," Larson exclaimed as his windup double slid in for the win. Rein then went on to win over the defending champion, Mark Mauthe two games in succession to claim his elev-

enth title of Open Mens champion of Wisconsin.

It became evident in the two final games that Rein is able to call on something extra, the ability to bear down, enviously the aim of all pitchers.

Larson, the upset man finished next to the two finalists with only

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Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Keeping score at Eau Claire was not so bad. The weather was some of the best we have seen over the season. Someone said, "Here comes the rain," and in that space of time in was all over. The majestic pine trees surrounding the courts provide one of the nicest horseshoe court settings we have ever seen and to top it off, the Eau Claire club has the best horseshoe scoring devices on the circuit.

When making new boards, get their plans. They are really the best.

Another thing we noticed while scratching score was that some players have adopted the new score calling technique by calling, "Two dead one." Of course old habits are hard to break so mostly heard was the former, "Ringers each."

The sign on the Eau Claire courts says, "No alcoholic beverages allowed on the courts." Are you kidding? As if there were any for sale. It appeared official and someone said that it was a city ordinance.

In a card game it is called table talk, football game it might be trash talk, but in horseshoes its plain talk. Entertainment, as it were, was provided to the enjoyment of all in the championship class through the benefit of a move-up person, Kerry Morris.

Morris also brings some of his home court habits. He waits for an "alongside" pitcher, a habit he picked up from the closely separated courts at Deansville.

Loneliest guy on the Eau Claire courts seemed to be Bob Anderson. He and Don Hostrup wore the judge, stripes. Anderson must have lost the flip and waited to be called while standing-by on the other side of the courts. Its a credit to Wisconsin pitchers that they do not often call a judge.

A few Eau Claire dinosaurs were seen roaming the Carson Park court area during the State Tournament. Besides Bob Anderson, there was Jesse Comero, working the food stand, Al Lonning, just visiting, Bill & Joyce Schaaf, visiting, Dennis Keiser, who worked the event and Hall of Famers Curt and Beatty Bestul, renewing old friendships. It may occur to some that one has to be an old-timer just to remember these folks.

John Secord started in an eight man class and was the only player to play all scheduled opponents. Secord pitched 24 ringers in the first game and his opponent could not accept the fact that Secord was not some sort of sandbagger and quit.

In the days of yore, the record book shows that one John Secord pitched an entire state Tournament at the 60% level.

At this years tournament in Eagle, WI the crew from Burlington decided to camp out for the weekend. After some hot weather Sue Lange said she sure wished she could take a shower. One of the locals overheard her and said, "Hey my house is just down the block. My wife is gone and the house is empty. The door is open, just go right in". Sue, being desperate for a shower decided to take him up on it. Off she went! There was the

house and yes the door was unlocked. The bathroom was right down the hall. When she got in the bathroom she looked around and some of the pictures she saw were of a different man than the one who offered the house. Starting to get cold feet, she went out to the kitchen and looked at the name on some mail she found there and it wasn't the right name on it.

Just then she hears footsteps coming down the stairs and she was out the door in a flash. It turns out the house, she was supposed to be in, was across the street.

Note: It sure would have made that guys day to find this lovely lady in his shower.

Special Announcement

You don't want to miss the Fall Meeting on **October 14th**. A special interview with World Champion Alan Francis will be aired. This is an interview conducted by Ken Heinritz.

Don't Miss This! 1:00 PM

**Sportsman's Club
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The Wisconsin State Tournament

By Jane Smith

Our State Tournament, held Labor Day weekend, ranks with the World and Team World tournaments as one of the most fun NHPA events of the year. The classes are closer, the competitors seek revenge from last year, friendships are kindled, new friends are made and lots of ringers are pitched.

Every club that hosts or co hosts this tournament is proud of their accomplishments. It is the people - the pitchers, fans, support staff, and club members - that make the weekend an enjoyable experience.

Hosting the State event is a two year commitment. A bid must be made to the WHPA delegation at the fall meeting two years prior to the tournament. This bid consists of host members selling their facility to the membership for this exciting event.

Unfortunately our membership

is declining, our possible sites are limited. The tournament is held on Labor Day weekend which is a family summer finale.

The tournament has been held both indoors, in a hockey facility and on outdoor courts. Weather challenges the most organized director if the tournament is to be held outdoors.

The event can be completed in two days if there are 18 or more courts. The WHPA and Hall of Fame Awards ceremony has been held on Sunday afternoon of the tournament.

One year, a successful experiment featured the Awards program on a Saturday evening. The WI Newsletter, host clubs, and donations covered the food served before the awards were given. It was a relaxing and enjoyable gathering of horseshoe friends, families, and pitchers sharing horseshoe stories of the past.

Past tournaments have been completed in two days. If fewer courts are available, Labor Day is used to complete the tournament.

The host committee decides when classes will be played as well as when the Awards program will be held. Sunday morning of the tournament the past few years has begun with a very special and moving religious ceremony led by WHPA Chaplin Ken Heinritz.

The 2006 State tournament was held in Eau Claire and was co-hosted by the Eau Claire and Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe Clubs. Both clubs have a small but dedicated membership who worked to sponsor a first class event. The food and refreshments were homemade and tasty. The souvenir shirts were for sale one year ahead. The advertisements and promoters of the Eau Claire businesses were prominently displayed in the booklet. Fellow pitchers volunteered to keep score and judge when asked.

There were a few glitches as last minute round robins needed to be revised, trophy tops replaced, patches found, some reordered, no personal recognition of the cham-

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Hall of Fame / Thank You

By Terry Sternberg

I would like to take this time to thank Jim Haupt for the nice introduction of my induction into the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitching Association's Hall of Fame, at the Awards ceremony, held in Eau Claire over Labor Day weekend.

Thank you, Dick and Paulette Hansen, for nominating me and the Hall of Fame committee, for their vote.

It was a very emotional day, with my family by my side, excepting the Award and all our horseshoe friends there to share it.

Again, Thanks to everyone for their prayers and cards for Alyssa, our 4 year old grand-daughter, who was diagnosed with Leukemia. It's day by day, but she's doing well.

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ment demands a greater number in attendance.

Northwestern Wisconsin produced some excellent weather for the State. Sunday games were under a 50% threat of rain. It hardly happened. Left with only a few drops on the championship class.

Saturday morning the event began with some official flag raisers and, of course the national anthem. Who was that soloist?

Sunday, Ken Heinritz conducted an early outdoor chapel service that all but filled the two sections of the Eau Claire bleachers. Al Huizenga and Kevin Brekke lent a hand and we heard a melody from the Heinritz trio, Ken, Randy and Russ. It was impressive.

Sunday mid-day was time for the WHPA awards, Pitcher of the Year and the Hall of Fame.

Nathan Heinritz was awarded his second consecutive "Most Improved" award. Hard to believe that a pitcher could do it two years in a row. Without referring to any records, Heinritz jumped from about 35% in the spring of 2005 to a current 70%.

Mark Mauthe was number one for the Pitcher-of-the-Year winning 12 of the 13 tournaments he entered. Rowen Swick took the honors for the middle group and Tom Steinke was top in the lower group.

Tom Steinke made the Presidential award, always a surprise, and as Steinke put it, "to a person who really

does not pitch too much," Jeff Secord. Despite his lack of shoe action he serves as a voting member at large for the Hall of Fame committee, considered second only to the chairperson Edi McKinney. He is also a valued committee member and stat man for the Team-World tournament group.

Hall of Famers, the existing, ones, came out in good number. Eleven of them were on the courts to welcome Terry Sternberg to their club.

Workhorse and President of his Goldendale club since the early nineties is how Terry Sternberg was described. His dedication led to service as VP on the WHPA executive board. It continues as a convention delegate and World Tournament worker. The fact that he is closely related to some other State and World Champions was not forgotten.

Sternberg answered from prepared notes. He first dedicated the induction to his granddaughter, Alyssa, who is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia. He went on to thank his electors. It became an emotional moment.

The championship classes directly followed the award ceremony as scheduled but because of point games, slow play and the play-off game in the men's class it was eight PM before the last shoe was scored

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two losses, a fine tournament for a qualified "A" pitcher.

Clayton Gage is the hands down leader in the Elders class, the man to beat. His twelfth title reflects his prowess in the group. The surprise of the Elders is that the move-up man, Bill Matey, out-pitched the regulars earning a second place ranking.

Has anyone ever pitched a better State Tournament than Gert Wilczek? We seriously doubt whether its been done, not in recent

history has anyone pitched 79 per cent ringers in winning the Ladies championship class. Her performance although pivotal at the World was straight forward at the State for her seventh title.

Ryan Hyatt won over the defending champion, Heinritz in the final game. He had been there before in 2004 and went on to make this his year once more.

Reading over the State Tournament results, I made note of those who pitched over average, some way over average.

In Mixed Juniors, Rush Hickethier over by 5 pts and Beau Davison

over by 12+ points. Men's D, Bob Kallstrom 14+ points over for a personal record, 51.79. Ladies B had Shirley Brumbaugh 13 points up with 44.80. Elders A shows both Norm Gage and Bill Matey well over average to finish 1st and 2nd. Elders B won by Merrill Semingson after he marked 16.82 points over average. Elders C had 5 of the 6 entrants all over average. Check them out. Babe Rieber, John Brugger, Dave Ninneman, Rob Rehm, and Russ Burns.

Green Bay Open Results

From Steve Wiegert

Here are the top finishers of our Green Bay Open Tournament held on August 12. We were fortunate to have some comfortable weather this year. Last year's heat and humidity (no rain, though) made pitching work, but this year 60's in the A.M. with no breeze and high 70's in the P.M. with a slight breeze.

31 pitchers seemed to enjoy the day, win or lose.

Class A was won by Jack Algiers of New London who beat Bill Matey of Appleton in a play-off. At the end of regulation both were 6-1 with the same ringer percentage. We didn't have a precedent, but decided not to go with the head-to-head winner, but have a play off instead. It seemed that pleased everyone, but remember, the weather was very comfortable! Jack averaged 52.8% overall in winning; Bill

averaged 51.2%; Norb Fuhrman took third place averaging 46.1%

Class B was won by Cal Pitel (5 1/2 - 1/2) of Greenville (near Combined Locks) with 42.1%. Second went to Jerry Niemuth of Rhinelander who averaged 44.3% and third was won by Wally Thorson of Neenah with 41.4%.

Class C winner was Moose Meyer (6 1/2 - 1/2) of Combined Locks with 42.9%, followed by Dick Hanold of Green Bay (38.6%) and third went to Marv Besaw of New London who averaged 32.9%.

Class D winner was Lynn Cyr-Koehn of Pulaski (Green Bay Club pitcher) with a 7 - 0 record; she averaged 32.5%. Second place went to Kevin Brekke of Edgerton (near Madison) who averaged 19.6%. Third place winner was Mike Zahn from Lomira with an average of 26.8%.

See you next year? Steve Wiegert

(Continued from page 10) State Tournament pionship classes, and some 2005 and 2006 Wisconsin awards corrected in the booklet.

To host this event requires great cooperation and donated time to complete the behind the scenes work for a successful tournament. No one person can be responsible for this tournament. It takes many people with a variety of talents to produce a "Priceless" State tournament. Congratulations to the Eau Claire and Close Doesn't Count clubs for their teamwork in hosting the 2006 State Horseshoe Tournament.

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can.

Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Is Tournament Play, Fair?

By Ken Kosky

Are our tournaments fair play for everyone? I'm talking about tournaments other than the World or State Tournaments. Does everyone who enters have a chance to win? A realistic chance to win? Isn't that what this game is all about? Fair play for everyone.

As our local tournaments get smaller, the average spread gets larger. Where it really shows up is in the top and bottom classes. It is not unusual for averages in the bottom class to be 20 percentage points apart. What does that do for that new guy, or gal, that is just

starting out and getting beat pretty bad every game. Sure they will get better after a year or two, if they last that long.

It is just human nature that everyone is competitive and would like to win occasionally, or at least have a chance to win.

Our top class is just as bad if not worse. I know some of you A Class pitchers don't like to hear that word "handicap" but what about that pitcher that is 20% below you in average and pitching in A Class because of a lack of participation by enough high average pitchers. Is he/she really enjoying themselves week after week without a chance to win the class. Is playing for second or third every week enjoyable? How many second tier pitchers don't even go to a tour-

POY Statistics

These points were earned by finishing in the top three in a sanctioned tournament.

A Group over 50%

- Mark Mauthe 190 pts
- Ken Heinritz 125 pts.
- Penny Steinke 105 pts.
- Gert Wilziek 95 pts
- Randy Rein 80 pts.

B Group 35 to 50%

- Rowen Swick 125 pts
- Norm Beckius 110 Pts.
- John Meyer 100 pts

- Jeff Gustafson 75 pts
- Milt Larson 75 pts.

C Group sub 35%

- Tom Steinke 85 pts.
- Aleena Cook 80 pts
- Gene Satterstrom 75 pts
- John Secord 70 pts.
- Guy Flemming 55 Pts
- Joel Ramsdell 55 pts
- Matt Ramsdell 55 pts
- Rudy Van Fleet 55 pts.

Points are also awarded for attending the state meetings.

- Kathy Jaeger 30 pts
- Paulette Hansen 30 pts.



POY - Tom Steinke Group C

Rowen Swick was not in attendance. His trophy was presented to BHC President "Mouse" Beckius

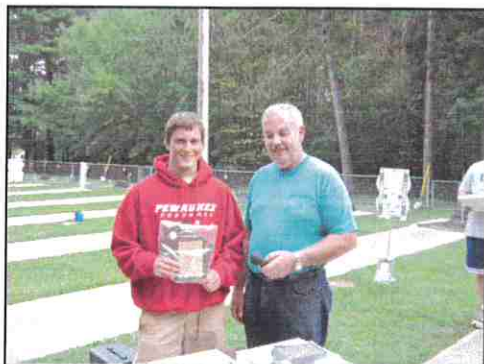
POY - Rowen Swick Group B



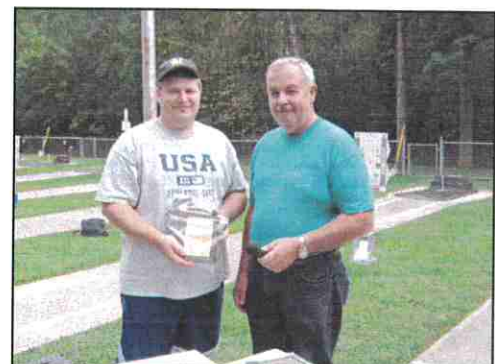
POY - Mark Mauthe Group A



Jocie Anderson, of Eau Claire, knits "cancer caps" for EC Senior centers and hospitals. She made a small pink one with a matching scarf for Alyssa, the Sternberg's granddaughter with leukemia



Most Improved Nathan Heinritz



Presidents Award Jeff Secord



Bricks

By Jim Haupt

Gene Burlingame, otherwise known as Burly is the Stewlie Prez. He is responsible for a boatload of foolishness currently going on in the NHPA.

The Stewlie organization has no bylaws, inlaws, only outlaws. Of course there is no treasurer as there is no treasury. All officers are appointed whether they like it or not and obligated to the bidding of the Prez.

Have you seen the brick brochure? It describes how a person or club can buy a brick to be laid at the entrance to the new NHPA Hall of Fame building going up in Missouri.

The Prez is stuck in that small space, between a rock and a hard place. He wants to buy a couple of bricks so that the Stewlies will be forever remembered. See the picture. "No Dues, No Don'ts"

Bricks cost money but the Stewlies don't have any.

Burly remembers when he was a paperboy and made a ton of money distributing calendars.

Here's the pitch. We have a perpetual calendar for you. For the measly pittance of five dollars you can own one.

It comes with a very colorful cover that will look nice on the coffee table. Inside is a page for each month, title on top, "January," with a totally blank page. Because.., we don't have any dates, we make up our own. If you want Washington's birthday in March, put it there, we don't care. Christmas in July? Its you're bag. All we care about is the five dollars for a brick. This is your chance to get

a couple of bucks into the brick scene without costing a whole sidewalk.

We know you want to do this and here's how.

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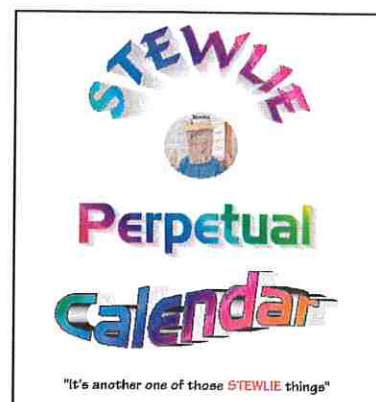
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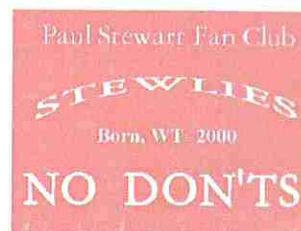
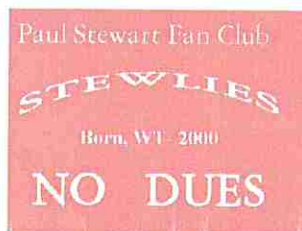
From one Stewlie to another,

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(Two) 8" x 8" Bricks*** Beside each other.

"It's another one of those STEWLIE Things"

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ment if they know they can't win because the top pitchers will be there. Probably more than you think. Sure it is fun to pitch these guys once in awhile, but it gets old in a hurry.

I think tournament directors need to start looking at making these tournaments fair for **ALL PARTICIPANTS**. Start handicapping if the average spread is too far apart. Lots of states are doing it and have for years. What are we waiting for? We handicap league play

and we've been doing that for years. Why not handicap tournament play. Sure some of the pitchers will complain, that is just human nature. Let them complain! Fair play is more important than stroking someone's ego.

Let's make a start with these winter tournaments. The Horseshoe Master program makes it easy to include a handicap. Lets start using it and make our mantra for 2007, **"Fair play for All Pitchers"**



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