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And I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free.
 And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.
 And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.
 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA.

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NOV 10-11 SONNY'S SINGLES 28-01-036 \$15
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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.

UPCOMING ISSUES

January/February

- ▶ Final averages for 2001
- ▶ State Doubles Tournament Flyer

March/April

- ▶ Outdoor Schedule for 2002

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be
 always at your back. May the sun shine warm
 upon your face And the rain fall soft upon your
 fields. And until we meet again May God hold you
 in the palm of His hand.

- Irish blessing



The President's Column

Three nice days in a row, you couldn't have asked for nicer weather for a State Tournament. I want to thank the Beloit Horseshoe Club for a fine job of hosting the State Tournament. Earl Paulson always seemed to come up with enough scorekeepers.

Congratulations to all State Champions. Also congratulations to Clayton Gage and Earl Paulson on their induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame and to Red Ferguson on his induction into WHPA Honorary Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Ron Balsiger for winning the \$100 I promised to the individual who signed up the most new members. Ron signed up six new members for the 2001 season.

As of today no club has put a bid in to host the 2003 State Tournament. If you are interested in hosting the 2003 State Tournament please contact Terry Sternberg.

Plans for the 2003 World Tournament are starting to take shape. The second meeting will be taking place in Eau Claire on Oct. 4. A quick overview of that meeting is elsewhere in this newsletter. We will attempt to keep you updated as we go along.

Just another reminder, Constitution and Bylaw changes should be submitted to me no later than the Fall Meeting. There are a few things that do need updating to stay inline with the NHPA Bylaws.

If you are interested in changing the format of walking doubles to regular doubles for the State Doubles Tournament attend the Fall Meeting.

See you at the Fall Meeting,
 October 20 at 1:00 pm

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

THREE DAYS IN BELOIT

BY JIM HAUPT

One hundred and sixty-nine* dedicated Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers spent part of their Labor Day weekend in Beloit at the annual WHPA State Tournament.

With 13 outdoor units called The Bud Renley Courts on property owned by the Beloit Club, matches began early Saturday morning and continued through the holiday, Monday afternoon.

Prior to the Championships (every class is a championship but we're talking division Championships) the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association took time to honor three with induction to the WHPA Hall of Fame. Seneca "Red" Ferguson of South Beloit was inducted as an honorary member being that he actually lives in Illinois. Clayton Gage, the eventual winner of the Elders group was selected for his record as a top pitcher. Earl Paulson, tournament director of this event and the many other Beloit horseshoe events was inducted for his leadership and direction of the Beloit Club, perhaps the most progressive club in Wisconsin.

Gloria Smith, Milltown, was selected and honored as Scorekeeper of the Year. This year the presidential award went to Jane Smith who, as President Ken Jaeger described, "is always there," to serve the organization in many ways.

The thirteen courts were filled with all championship classes Sunday afternoon. Four girls, all related, vied for the title, the trophy, and, \$450 in scholarship awards. Tava Cook nudged her cousin Nichole Riehle to win her second state Title. Together with the trophies, the Juniors also receive a scholarship award. Cook earned \$300 and Riehle \$150 toward further education, all from donations by WHPA pitchers to the Scholarship Fund.

Clayton Gage put an exclamation point to his Hall of Fame induction by winning the Elders class without a loss. This title continues his reign of the Elders class since 1995.

Wesley Rein, Mosinee, had his first state title in 1996. He earned the title again this year, winning all games in the Junior Boys division. The same scholarship award of \$300 and \$150 is made in the Boys class with second going to Kirby King of Stevens Point.

Gert Wilcziek, 2001 Ladies Champion, is a member of the Eau Claire Club living in Whitehall. She first won the title in 1998, did not enter in '99, but was a winner last year. Careful examination of Wilcziek's statistics reveals her average championship game, to 40 points, lasted for just 36 shoes. Her unprecedented 78% ringer percentage made short work of her oppo-

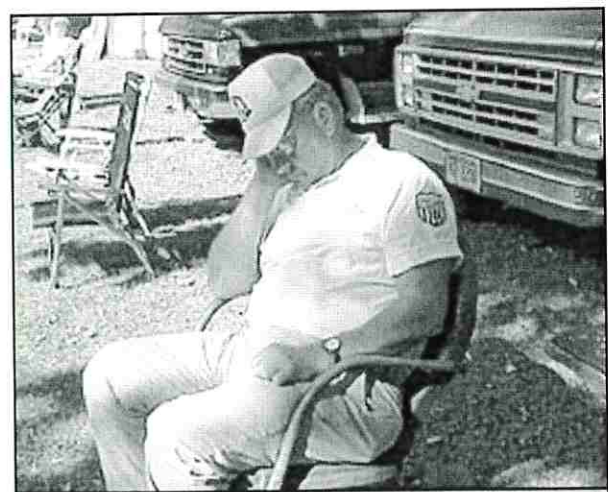
nents, except for one, Pam Aiken. Aiken, eventually earning the fourth spot, spoiled Wilcziek otherwise clean record. Aiken's sister, Penny Steinke with just two losses and ranking ringer percentage over Lorraine Sternberg, gained the number two position.

Mark Mauthe won this State Tournament, his second, going away. He had eight straight wins going into the ninth and last game, was a sure winner but Randy Rein came back from the near dead to win the final game. Don Kangas had done the same thing to Rein two games earlier, like wounded crows they fought for respect in the face of defeat. It was Mauthe on top and four tied for second with three losses each. The pecking order turned out to be Rein, Kangas, Kent Anderson, and Bun Carley. Of that group Anderson was the only player to win his game over every other player involved in the tie. Anderson's misfortune was to lose not only to Mauthe by a small margin but also drop one to John Crook and one more to the class doormat, Brian Repinski. It was Repinski's only win. Despite his problems Repinski did his losing in style -- surprisingly good humor. See the results column for the gory details - for all classes.

The championship classes all finished on Sunday but there was no evidence of a let down for the Monday groups. Selfishly they went at each other like it was their very own personal State Tournament.

Winding up the final award ceremony about 4:45 Monday afternoon, Ken Jaeger taking an active hand in directing, personally thanked, the people of Beloit, the remaining crowd, particularly the scorekeepers who hung on to the bitter end.

Three days in Beloit, in fair weather, was a pleasure.



Dan David "I hope my granddaughter wins!"

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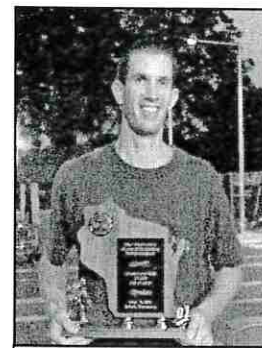
OUR CHAMPIONS



Gert Wilczek

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

| | | | | |
|---|----------|-----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gert | Wilczek | 6-1 | 78.40% |
| 2 | Penny | Steinke | 5-2 | 66.23% |
| 3 | Lorraine | Sternberg | 5-2 | 64.13% |
| 4 | Pam | Aiken | 4-3 | 62.87% |
| 5 | Edie | McKinney | 4-3 | 61.20% |
| 6 | Elaine | Troullier | 2-5 | 44.93% |
| 7 | Gloria | Smith | 1-6 | 41.91% |
| 8 | Judi | Hayden | 1-6 | 38.70% |



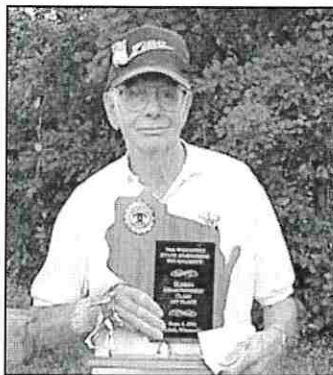
Mark Mauthe

JR. GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Tava | Cook | 5-1 | 43.09% |
| 2 | Tina | Riehle | 4-2 | 37.00% |
| 3 | Nichole | Riehle | 3-3 | 27.05% |
| 4 | Kiri | Cook | 0-6 | 21.76% |



Tava Cook



Clayton Gage

ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Clayton | Gage | 6-0 | 74.23% |
| 2 | Don | Hostrup | 4-2 | 60.99% |
| 3 | Mer | Sorensen | 2-4 | 55.36% |

JR. BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Wesley | Rein | 5-0 | 50.72% |
| 2 | Kirby | King | 4-1 | 56.15% |
| 3 | Ryan | Hyatt | 3-2 | 50.00% |
| 4 | Ryan | Anderson | 2-3 | 46.40% |
| 5 | Dustin | Tanner | 1-4 | 30.84% |
| 6 | Michael | Spahn | 0-5 | 34.07% |

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|----|---------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Mark | Mauthe | 8-1 | 68.28% |
| 2 | Randy | Rein | 6-3 | 66.92% |
| 3 | Don | Kangas | 6-3 | 65.45% |
| 4 | Kent | Anderson | 6-3 | 60.73% |
| 5 | Bernard | Carley | 6-3 | 60.67% |
| 6 | Roger | Comero | 5-4 | 62.02% |
| 7 | John | Crook | 3-6 | 51.83% |
| 8 | Harry | Nelson | 2-7 | 58.00% |
| 9 | Arnie | Walton | 2-7 | 56.14% |
| 10 | Brian | Repinski | 1-8 | 53.04% |



Wesley Rein



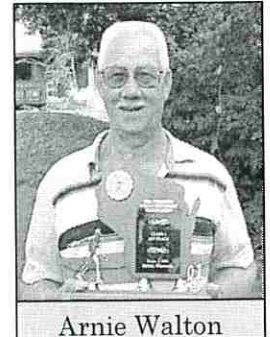
Gloria Smith

LADIES CLASS A

| | | | |
|---|---------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gloria Smith | 6-1 | 37.01% |
| 2 | Linda Johnson | 5-2 | 46.86% |
| 3 | Jane Smith | 4-3 | 45.43% |
| 4 | Shari Davison | 4-3 | 42.00% |
| 5 | Sonia Cook | 4-3 | 36.29% |
| 6 | Teresa Donar | 3-4 | 42.86% |
| 7 | Ida Hostrup | 1-6 | 40.40% |
| 8 | Kathy Hanson | 1-6 | 38.57% |

CLASS A

| | | | |
|---|----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Arnie Walton | 6-2 | 52.50% |
| 2 | John Koep III | 5-3 | 51.75% |
| 3 | Ken Heinritz | 4-3 | 53.14% |
| 4 | Steve Wiegert | 4-3 | 46.57% |
| 5 | Dave Schorbahn | 3-4 | 51.14% |
| 6 | Lloyd Johnson | 3-4 | 42.29% |
| 7 | Tom Costa Sr | 3-4 | 39.43% |
| 8 | Ken Jaeger Sr | 1-6 | 47.14% |



Arnie Walton



Kim Grossen

LADIES CLASS B

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Kim Grossen | 6-1 | 28.86% |
| 2 | Joanne Alling | 5-2 | 32.57% |
| 3 | Debbie Marshall | 5-2 | 28.29% |
| 4 | Karen Henkel | 4-3 | 35.14% |
| 5 | Sylvia David | 4-3 | 34.57% |
| 6 | Ann Murray | 2-5 | 21.14% |
| 7 | Janet Jensen | 2-5 | 14.86% |

CLASS B

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gene Mason | 6-1 | 54.57% |
| 2 | Tom Endler | 5-2 | 49.43% |
| 3 | Rick Poppe | 5-2 | 46.57% |
| 4 | Vince Jakel | 4-3 | 50.57% |
| 5 | Chet Hermansen | 3-4 | 42.29% |
| 6 | Cliff Troullier | 2-5 | 40.29% |
| 7 | Ron Lingard | 2-5 | 36.00% |
| 8 | David Paul | 1-6 | 36.00% |



Gene Mason



Ryan Hyatt

JR. CLASS A

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Ryan Hyatt | 5-0 | 45.60% |
| 2 | Kiri Cook | 4-1 | 25.98% |
| 3 | Dustin Tanner | 3-2 | 13.60% |
| 4 | Nicola Hickethier | 2-3 | 15.75% |
| 5 | Aleena Cook | 1-4 | 6.80% |
| 6 | Anthony Welda | 0-5 | 3.20% |

CLASS C

| | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Jerard Mageland | 7-1 | 43.50% |
| 2 | Al Huizenga | 6-2 | 47.50% |
| 3 | Ken Frame | 4-3 | 44.86% |
| 4 | Mitch Vyhanek | 3-4 | 41.43% |
| 5 | Kerry Morris | 3-4 | 38.86% |
| 6 | Bill Spahn | 3-4 | 37.71% |
| 7 | Jerry Schroeder | 2-5 | 41.43% |
| 8 | Bernard Cockroft | 1-6 | 34.29% |

Sorry, I goofed!

No Picture

Jerald Mageland



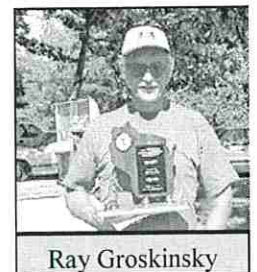
Merrill Semingson

ELDERS CLASS A

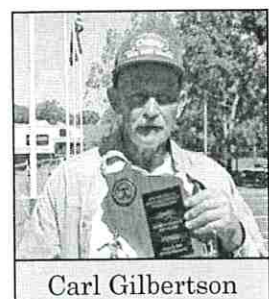
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|---|-------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Merrill Semingson | 5-2 | 42.57% |
| 2 | Dick Muhlenbeck | 4-3 | 55.43% |
| 3 | Everett Stewart | 3-3 | 40.33% |
| 4 | LeRoy Meyer | 1-5 | 32.00% |

CLASS D

| | | | |
|---|----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Ray Groskinsky | 7-2 | 38.22% |
| 2 | Dustin Dahl | 5-3 | 47.00% |
| 3 | Jim Larson | 5-3 | 45.75% |
| 4 | Paul Wilson | 4-3 | 39.14% |
| 5 | Fred Decorah | 3-4 | 40.57% |
| 6 | Bob Fritz | 3-4 | 38.57% |
| 7 | Pat Spahn | 3-4 | 32.29% |
| 8 | Ron Balsiger | 0-7 | 34.29% |



Ray Groskinsky



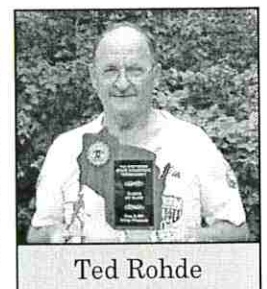
Carl Gilbertson

ELDERS CLASS B

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Carl Gilbertson | 6-0 | 28.67% |
| 2 | Wes Podvin | 4-2 | 24.33% |
| 3 | Goerge Kuffer | 2-4 | 5.67% |
| 4 | Jeffrey Jakel | 0-6 | 5.33% |

CLASS E

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Ted Rohde | 6-1 | 45.43% |
| 2 | Mark Stevens | 5-2 | 44.57% |
| 3 | Terry Stenberg | 5-2 | 40.29% |
| 4 | Dick Hansen | 5-2 | 35.71% |
| 5 | Leroy Wipperfurth | 3-4 | 38.29% |
| 6 | Pete Kumlien | 2-5 | 36.00% |
| 7 | Auggie Potter | 2-5 | 32.86% |



Ted Rohde



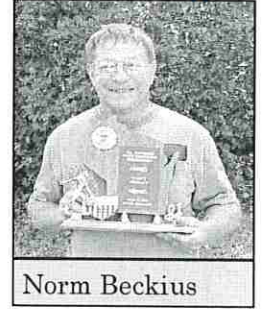
Jason Goldsmith

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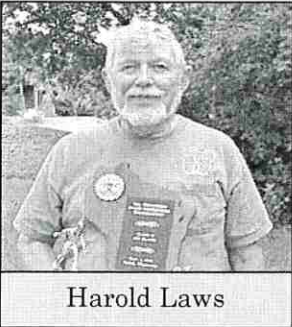
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| 1 | Jason | Goldsmith | 6-1 | 33.14% |
| 2 | Dave | Klipstein | 5-2 | 35.43% |
| 3 | Len | Mauthe | 5-2 | 33.71% |
| 4 | Gary | Rackow | 4-3 | 35.43% |
| 5 | Ron | Yttri | 2-5 | 34.86% |
| 6 | Jim | Haupt | 2-5 | 32.86% |
| 7 | Rowen | Swick | 2-5 | 28.57% |
| 8 | Julian | Tijerina | 2-5 | 28.29% |

CLASS K

| | | | | |
|---|-------|-----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Norm | Beckius | 7-1 | 26.24% |
| 2 | Scott | Kater | 6-2 | 28.71% |
| 3 | Ron | Stevens | 5-2 | 24.57% |
| 4 | Mike | Steinke | 5-2 | 23.43% |
| 5 | Bob | Kallstrom | 3-4 | 51.14% |
| 6 | Tom | Steinke | 1-6 | 23.14% |
| 7 | John | Brophy | 1-6 | 19.14% |
| 8 | Dick | Henkel | 1-6 | 18.57% |



Norm Beckius



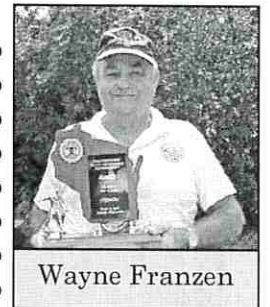
Harold Laws

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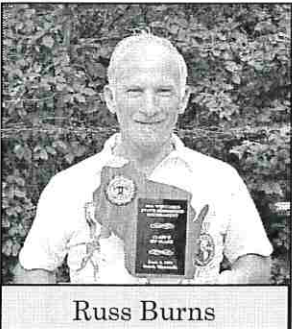
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| 1 | Harold | Laws | 6-1 | 39.43% |
| 2 | Ken | Kosky | 5-2 | 39.43% |
| 3 | John | Carlin | 5-2 | 35.71% |
| 4 | Dave | Aho | 4-3 | 34.00% |
| 5 | Robin | Mahn | 4-3 | 31.64% |
| 6 | Milt | Larsen | 2-5 | 26.55% |
| 7 | John | Secord | 1-6 | 29.43% |
| 8 | Dave | Balsiger | 1-6 | 27.43% |

CLASS L

| | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Wayne | Franzen | 7-2 | 20.44% |
| 2 | Tom | Hanson | 5-3 | 24.75% |
| 3 | Kevin | Brekke | 5-3 | 23.50% |
| 4 | Gary | Hyatt | 4-3 | 25.43% |
| 5 | Ray | Lopez | 3-4 | 22.00% |
| 6 | Scott | Muhlenbeck | 3-4 | 22.00% |
| 7 | Jerry | Kamps | 3-4 | 19.43% |
| 8 | Kip | Gusner | 0-7 | 15.71% |



Wayne Franzen



Russ Burns

CLASS H

| | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Russ | Burns | 6-1 | 32.00% |
| 2 | Gene | Saterstrom | 5-2 | 33.43% |
| 3 | Bruce | McLinn | 5-2 | 32.00% |
| 4 | Don | Goldsmith | 5-2 | 29.33% |
| 5 | Don | Burmeister | 3-4 | 23.14% |
| 6 | Ed | Wheeler | 2-5 | 28.21% |
| 7 | Duane | Grossen | 1-6 | 23.71% |
| 8 | Dick | Burg | 1-6 | 18.00% |

CLASS M

| | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gerald | Zieja | 7-0 | 32.29% |
| 2 | Gary | Schmitz | 6-1 | 22.29% |
| 3 | David | Hansen | 4-3 | 24.00% |
| 4 | Terry | Tanner | 3-4 | 19.71% |
| 5 | Dan | David | 3-4 | 19.14% |
| 6 | Mark | Nord | 2-5 | 13.14% |
| 7 | Chuck | Reineke | 2-5 | 12.00% |
| 8 | Richard | Rotar | 1-6 | 16.00% |



Gerald Zieja



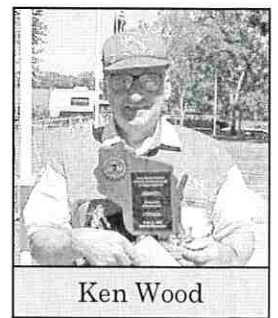
Russ Heinritz

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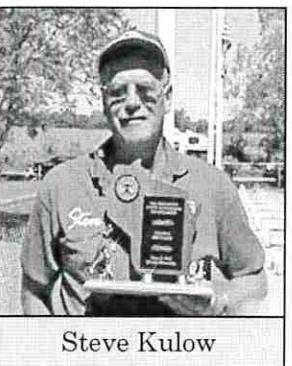
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| 1 | Russ | Heinritz | 6-1 | 29.38% |
| 2 | Ken | Davison | 4-3 | 31.36% |
| 3 | John | Dolezel | 4-3 | 27.12% |
| 4 | Tom | Dudenhoefe | 4-3 | 25.99% |
| 5 | Jim | Heim | 3-4 | 32.57% |
| 6 | Bruce | Tratera | 3-4 | 26.84% |
| 7 | Mike | Lange | 3-4 | 26.29% |
| 8 | Dave | Semingson | 1-6 | 24.86% |

CLASS N

| | | | | |
|---|------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Ken | Wood | 6-1 | 17.43% |
| 2 | Tom | Cutts | 5-2 | 21.71% |
| 3 | Don | Wozniak | 5-2 | 15.14% |
| 4 | Dale | McGowan | 4-3 | 21.47% |
| 5 | Dave | Miller | 4-3 | 14.57% |
| 6 | Curt | Novinski | 3-4 | 12.86% |
| 7 | Bob | Novinski | 1-6 | 13.56% |



Ken Wood



Steve Kulow

CLASS J

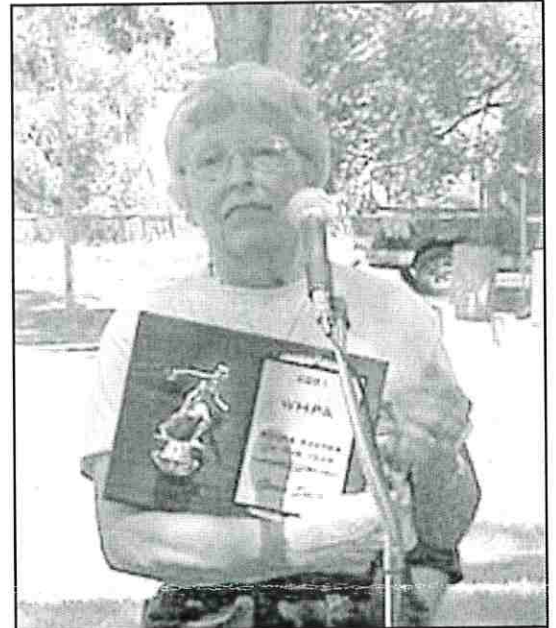
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|---|---------|-----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Steve | Kulow | 6-1 | 33.43% |
| 2 | Carl | Schliem | 5-2 | 33.14% |
| 3 | Ron | Berg | 5-2 | 30.57% |
| 4 | Dan | Williams | 4-3 | 31.14% |
| 5 | Francis | Schalk | 3-4 | 27.14% |
| 6 | Mel | Cook | 2-5 | 26.00% |
| 7 | Dan | Birch | 2-5 | 25.71% |
| 8 | Larry | Danielson | 1-6 | 25.43% |

The devil comes where money is;
 where it is not he comes twice.
 - Swedish Proverb -

AWARD WINNERS



Jane Smith—President's Award



Gloria Smith
Scorekeeper of the Year



Kirby King—Most Improved Pitcher

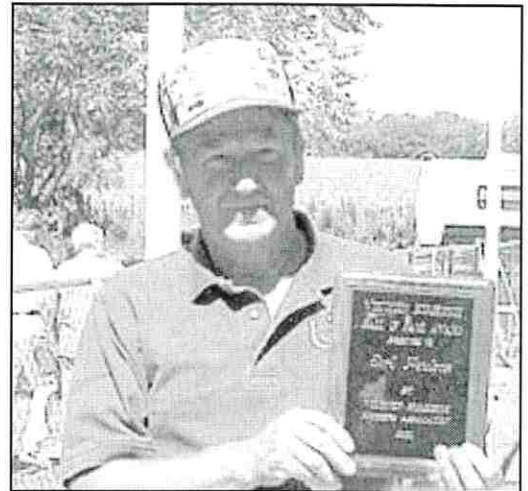


Randy Rein—Pitcher of the Year

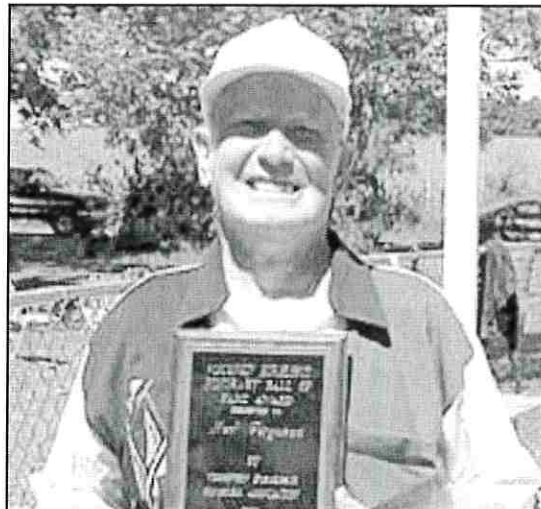
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2001



Clayton Gage



Earl Paulson



Seneca "Red" Ferguson

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Kent Anderson, always busy creating computer humor, must have been the guy who sent this one.

A fortunate man's breakfast table would include the following items: His son's picture on a Wheaties box; A copy of Playboy featuring a picture of his mistress, and..., his wife's picture on the back of the milk carton.

Some people travel far to take in the CXC tournament, Wet 'n Wild. Terry Koivisto makes the trip from Thunder Bay, Ontario to once more see his Wisconsin friends. In keeping with the weather, he wore ear muffs and three pair of pants without looking overdressed. "Hey, I'm 139 pounds," the chatterbox claimed, "and I need it!

During the World Tournament at Hibbing, the editor and publisher of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter were approached by Dave Loucks and once again offered the position as Newline editor. The word was that the present editor, Lloyd Kilgore wanted out.

Not yet ready for the demanding job as Newline Editor, we regretfully declined although we also compromised, in a small way, by promising some articles for the Men's Championship divisions at Hibbing.

Since then it was learned locally, and now further

confirmed by the Tennessee Newsletter, that Paula Summerlin is the new editor of Newline. She has much experience as editor of the Michigan newsletter. Paula is the wife of Steve Summerlin, a webmaster and key to the production of the NHPA website, horse-shoepitching.com.

It was also published by the September-October THPA Newsletter that NHPA 2nd VP, Casey Sluys has assumed the position of NHPA Publicity Chairman. Billie Sue Pennington, who formerly held the publicity position, was also not able to attend the World Tournament due to her husband's recent illness. We wish her and her family well.

A little homework could be in order before the October 20, 2001 State Meeting. President Ken Jaeger would like to see your proposed rule changes in written form.

Are you satisfied with the prevailing format for the State Tournament? Should we continue to provide a move-up in the Elders championship? Is 10 too many for the Men's championship? How about starting the Men's championship at 8:00 AM? The class would end by 2:00 PM and could be followed by a meaningful award ceremony and Hall Of Fame induction. Think about submitting your rule change or pet peeve in writing at the State Meeting in Arena - Oct. 20, at 1:00 PM.

HORSESHOES for DUMMIES

This column is devoted to tips for pitchers. Some are good; some are not so good. It's your choice whether to pick up on these theories in pitching horseshoes

Send in your tip for reprint in the next issue. That goes for questions too.

Pitching Grips and Turns;

Have all five fingers on the shoe halfway between the heel and toe - can be shifted either way to produce proper balance and turn.

The only reason to change turns is if you are not pitching your present turn correctly.

3/4 - open long period of time; disadvantage - more ringers lost

1 1/4 - probably ideal - easiest to master.

1 3/4 - holds stake best - better on windy days.

Flip - excellent in getting open, disadvantage - easier to lose ringers.

-Sol Berman

Jim Haupt on the Mend

Jim had quite a scare on Sept 27. He got up in the morning and found that he could barely breathe. He even went outside to try some fresh air but that didn't work so his wife, Joyce, called 911. At the hospital they discovered that his lungs were filling with water. Apparently this was caused in part by his heart and the fact that he needed by-pass surgery.

On Monday, Oct 1, they performed surgery and repaired 6 blockages. Jim went home on Oct 4 and he is doing great. He says he will be at the State meeting on Oct. 20 performing his duty as editor of the Newsletter.

IT WAS! Wet 'n Wild

It's not just the people, the whole NW Wisconsin area was wet and wild. Current thinking is to alter this tournament name to include "Windy," like "WWW."

The courts at Centuria are divided, four courts 'Sunny' and four 'Shady.' Naturally trees surround the latter. Both sets were windy this weekend.

Full width concrete, pit to pit, is a Godsend for this club of mostly women and other short distance pitchers. And if they are ever seen pitching short shoes on clay courts, it may be due to these sand courts they own that are so forgiving.

Early Sunday we found many hands setting up tarps for a north side wind block around the picnic canopy. Saturday had been partially rained out, still some Saturday pitchers came for the Sunday festivities. Perhaps it was for the food. It was self-serve, self pay. Eat whatever your conscience would allow.

The ten dollar entry fee was divided among the top four finishers. Check the results. About half the field hails from Minnesota and I'll bet they won more than half the cash awards. Can you picture this? Even the Cheeseheads were watching the Vikings Game!

This was my first time in Centuria (completes my all-Wisconsin tour) and I wonder if there are always so many nice people hanging out here or were they just huddling for warmth? Deserves another visit.

Class A
Don Hostrup 6 - 1
Clayton Gage 5 - 2
Lloyd Wolf 5 - 2

Class B
Terry Koivisto 7 - 0
Dave Schorbahn 6 - 1
Dick Dvorak 5 - 2

Class C
Mary Denzin 7 - 0
Shari Davison 4 - 3
Arlene Morgan 4 - 3

Class D
Bob Knutson 7 - 0
John Mitchell 4.5 - 2.5
Hank Tencate 4 - 3

Class E
Ida Hostrup 5 - 0
Ray Mallo 3 - 2
George Eckstrom 2.5 - 2.5

Class F (rain shortened)
Ward Lutz 2 - 1
Rob Rehm 2 - 1
Dan Hammer 1 - 2

Class G
Jim Ganther 5 - 0
Bob Kallstrom 3.5 - 1.5
Steve Christensen 2.5 - 2.5

Class H
Judy Hammer 6 - 0
Merlin Ludwig 3 - 3
Craig Weyer 2 - 4

The world is a spiritual kindergarten, where thousands of bewildered infants are trying to spell GOD with the wrong blocks.

- Edward Arlington Robinson

For every person who climbs the ladder of success, there are a dozen waiting for the elevator.

Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good.
- Joe Paterno

Backfires in Beloit

Glitches, - always have a few.

The WHPA format for the State Tournament provides for a move-up to all championship classes through class "A" competition. However, it remains a privilege that some pitchers were unwilling to accept. There was no response from the Elders "A" for the move-up position. The old guys apparently had enough. Reaching to a lower class, tournament directors found a willing 30 footer to play but merely as a pacer. Thanks to Wes Podvin, the Elders Championship had an even number of players, four.

The question remains, should the WHPA continue to offer a move-up in the Elders Championship?

The mandatory first place play-off ran into a little trouble again this year.

Pitching Sunday morning, class D produced a 3-way play-off. Hall of Fame ceremonies immediately followed "D". The play-off was put on hold and resumed an hour or so later. All 13 outdoor courts were taken for the championship classes. Ray Groskinsky, Pudge Dahl and Jim Larson trudged to the indoor courts. Groskinsky won twice taking the big trophy. Dahl and Larson both fell off the pace averaging about half the ringers as in their previous games. They blamed it on the delay and the strange courts.

What's fair for one is fair for all. Apparently Groskinsky was less affected by the change in venue, never-the-less, it was a drastic change in venue.

32 pitch Platteville Open

Perfect weather in Platteville again with 32 pitchers all showing up for a great tournament. The benches were filled with spectators for the afternoon games. The new concrete on courts 1 through 5 was well appreciated.

Keith Donar pitched well to win class D and Rick Payne shot 40% to win the high ringer award. Orville Baker had an outstanding game of 57.5% but Don Burmeister prevailed in class C with a solid ringer percent. Ted Rohde beat Jim Larson in the last game to force a class B play-off and defeated Jim a second time to win the class. Jim had earlier pitched back to back games of 57.5% for high game honors. Mark Mauthe repeated as class A champion and Teresa Donar rebounded to win her last four games to take third. Mark had high ringer game of 82.5%.

Thanks again to Platteville Country Kitchen for the cash prizes and gift certificates and to all pitchers and workers.

Someone left a 2000 State Tournament sweatshirt, size 2X.

-Platteville Horseshoe Assn.

PLATTEVILLE OPEN 8/19/01

| | | |
|------------------|-----|------|
| CLASS A | | |
| MARK MAUTHE | 7-0 | 70.7 |
| ARNIE WALTON | 5-2 | 49.2 |
| TERESA DONAR | 4-3 | 51.0 |
| CLASS B | | |
| TED ROHDE | 7-1 | 36.8 |
| JIM LARSON | 6-2 | 44.0 |
| DENNIS SIMLER | 5-2 | 35.7 |
| CLASS C | | |
| DON BURMEISTER | 6-1 | 37.5 |
| NELSON RICHARSON | 5-2 | 36.4 |
| ORVILLE BAKER | 4-3 | 31.4 |
| CLASS D | | |
| KEITH DONAR | 6-1 | 28.5 |
| JOHN HORTON | 5-2 | 22.1 |
| DAVE MILLER | 5-2 | 17.1 |

Down the Tournament Trail

by Steve Stevens

After a first time trip to Hibbing, MN, we headed back to northern Wisconsin to attend the county fair tourneys. The first stop was Iron County's Saxon Fair. It's a Saturday luck-of-the-draw doubles and a Sunday one class singles, 35 point round robin here.

The next weekend, it's back to 21 point games at the Vilas County Fair in Eagle River. Class "A" hosts and great food and drinks make this an enjoyable trip. It's singles followed by "draw" doubles with added prize money. Even an occasional rainfall and a hailstorm didn't slow down the participants.

The next weekend it's off to Minnesota for the 51st Northwest in Maplewood, 20 covered courts with scorekeepers going steady here. Top four classes pitch 40-point games. Wisconsin gets a little revenge for the Border Battle here on a nice day.

AUG 5, IRON COUNTY FAIR, SAXON

- 1 LOUIE LABARGE, LAC DU FLAMBEAU
- 2 JERRY NIEMUTH, RHINELANDER
- 3 STACY THIEDE, IRONWOOD

AUG 12 VILAS CO FAIR, EAGLE RIVER

CLASS A

- 1 LOUIE LABARGE, LAC DU FLAMBEAU
- 2 BOB HANSEN, WOODRUFF
- 3 MARK STEVENS, MARENGO

CLASS B

- 1 BALDY, WOODRUFF
- 2 GARY SIMAC, EAGLE RIVER
- 3 DENNIS BRAEGER, EAGLE RIVER

CLASS C

- 1 ED MUSKA, THREE LAKES
- 2 JASON BOLTE, EAGLE RIVER
- 3 LEON KUKANICH, EAGLE RIVER

DOUBLES

- 1 STEVENS - KUKANICH
- 2 ART COLLIEN, EAGLE RIVER
- JIM DAILEY, CRANDON
- 3 RICK KENNY, THREE LAKES
- PAUL MESHIGAUD, LAC DU FLAMBEAU

AUG 19 NORTHWEST TOURNEY, MN

- 1 CLAYTON GAGE, WI 77.02
- 2 DALE LIPOVSKY, MN 75.70
- 3 PAUL LACROSSE, CO 74.73
- 4 WAYNE TOTEN, WI 62.85
- 5 EDIE MCKINNEY, WI 62.30

Ashland Open

DAYLIGHT TO MOONLIGHT

- Steve Stevens

The Marengo fairgrounds welcomed this sanctioned tournament. Horseshoes fly in this battleground between Softball, Volleyball, Demolition Derby's, and Truck/Tractor Pulls.

A 10:30 AM start allows time for morning traveling. An open doubles tourney starts at 1:30 PM to allow for extra pitching. An "A" class singles event ends at 8:25 PM to flashlights. Thanks to everyone for pitching in the North

AA

| | |
|------------------|------|
| RANDY REIN | 69.9 |
| STACY THIEDE, MI | 42.7 |

A

| | |
|--------------|------|
| WESLEY REIN | 48.9 |
| MARK STEVENS | 43.8 |

B

| | |
|--------------|------|
| JEFF RAPPLEY | 48.2 |
| RICK POPPE | 45.9 |

C

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| GEORGE ECKSTROM | 36.5 |
| ROBIN MAHN | 33.0 |

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Green Bay Sanctioned

Class A

| | | |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| 1. Randy Rein | 64.3 | 7-0 |
| 2. Don Kangas | 54.3 | 6-1 |
| 3. Merwyn Sorensen | 51.8 | 4-3 |

Class B

| | | |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| 1. Jerry Niemuth | 38.6 | 6-1 |
| 2. Otis Wessley | 45.6 | 6-1 |
| 3. Richard Baeten | 33.2 | 6-1 |

Class C

| | | |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| 1. Norb Fuhrman | 28.3 | 6-0 |
| 2. Scott Kater | 25.3 | 3-3 |
| 3. Cecelia Trossen | 18.0 | 2-4 |

Class D

| | | |
|----------------|------|-----|
| 1. Jerry Kamps | 30.6 | 5-1 |
| 2. Al Rude | 22.0 | 5-1 |
| 3. Ken Wood | 20.0 | 2-4 |

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I would like to take this time to thank all those who made the 2nd Annual Green Bay Sanctioned Tournament a success. The pitcher who shot the best over average was Al Rude from Rhinelander with a 9.1 percent over average. He will be receiving \$10.00 for his efforts.

Tournament Director, Kevin Brekke

Skippy's on Tuesdays

How can an 11% pitcher win this event? 100% handicap, - that's how.

All eight members of Skippy's Tuesday Night League played in a 100% handicap sanctioned tournament at the end of their season. They use the same handicap system for regular league play to compensate for their diverse percentages.

Ron Balsiger, Germantown, says, "Hey, it works for us!"

| | | |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Sean Bright | 5-2 | 11.4 |
| Ron Balsiger | 4.5-2.5 | 47.8 |
| Dale Gierach | 4.5-2.5 | 19.2 |
| Ron Olszewski | 4-3 | 21.4 |
| Ken Schoessow | 3.5-3.5 | 15.0 |
| Duane Balsiger | 3-4 | 10.7 |
| Chris Hanson | 2.5-4.5 | 28.5 |
| Dave Balsiger | 1-6 | 35.71 |

If it was a hdcap. event, how did they break the tie for second?

There will be an opening in this sanctioned league next season as Ron Balsiger is building a new home nearer to the Oxford Club.

KENOSHA

The day of the Kenosha event, the Wisconsin Badgers delayed the game start because of weather. News reports warned of a tornado touchdown for Racine County.

Despite prohibitive conditions the tournament apparently went off as scheduled without mishap. That is to say, Tournament Director, Linda Johnson's press release included only the results.

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Class A | | |
| Pam Aiken | 7/0 | 55.70 |
| Harry Nelson | 6/1 | 46.00 |
| Dick Muhlenbeck | 5/2 | 53.20 |
| Class B | | |
| Ryan Hyatt | 6/1 | 44.60 |
| Linda Johnson | 6/1 | 39.20 |
| Debbie Marshall | 5/2 | 41.00 |
| Class C | | |
| Cindy Hyatt | 6/1 | 31.40 |
| Wes Podvin | 5/2 | 29.20 |
| Chuck Herman | 5/2 | 22.80 |

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WORLD 2003

By Ken Kosky



JANE SMITH, Balsam Lake, WI has agreed to assume the duties of World Tournament Director for 2003.

In a meeting on Oct. 4 at Eau Claire, WI, site of the 2003 World Horseshoe Tournament, Jane Smith was persuaded to take over the reins as Tournament Director

for the World Tournament to be held at the University of WI - Eau Claire on Aug. 4 - Aug 16, 2003.

A total of 12 individuals attended that organizational meeting and the general feeling was that a lot was accomplished during the meeting and the walk-through of the University buildings that will be utilized for the tournament. Attending the meeting were Jane Smith, Ken Jaeger, Ken Kosky, Elly McCarn, John Dolezel,

and Rob Rehm. Also participating were Dr. Marilyn Skrivseth, Athletic Director of UWEC, Kent Appleyard and Adam Rocksvold of the Chippewa Valley Visitors Bureau and interested parties and advisors Curt & Beaty Bestul and Alton Lonning.

This will be an excellent facility for holding a horseshoe tournament. It is two large gymnasiums in attached buildings. Camping and Motels are close by and this is only a mile or so from Carson Park where the Eau Claire Club has their courts.

The World Horseshoe Tournament will never be closer than this and with a World Class tournament director like Jane Smith running it you just have to know that it will be an experience of a lifetime. Start planning now to attend this great horseshoe event.

You need four (4) sanctioned events to qualify for the World Tournament and for the 2003 tournament they will need to be played between about May 20, 2002 and May 20 of 2003. The State Tournament is in Wausau in September of 2002 and this could also be a qualifier for the World in 2003.

The next couple of years should be exciting for horseshoe pitching in the Midwest. Join In!



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