

❖ WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER ❖

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NHPA WORLD WINNERS

FRANCIS, again! For the fourth time.

Alan Francis, formerly of Missouri now Ohio, won his fourth World title at Gillette, WY in a rematch of last year's final game. Brian Simmons, the #2 seed and "A" class champion of Maine, could have forced a tie with Art Tyson of New York who had successfully handled Francis the same day. Francis iced it winning that final match. He was the only man to turn in an eighty plus average in the Championship rounds.

BEV NATHE, new Women's World Champ

Defending World Champion Sue Snyder and Minnesota's Bev Nathe were in the final Match. Nathe was down 30-7. Ten more points from Snyder and it would be all over. Only a few held on to any hope for Nathe. The bleachers fans were aghast when the score evened and the two pitchers were matching double ringers. Finally a spin-off by Snyder gave Nathe her first World title.

PENNY STEINKE - WINS GIRLS' GOLD AGAIN!



Penny Steinke, Waukesha girl, pitching the tournament of her life, confidently walked through the championship girl's class averaging over 70%. She scored a total 211 points to her opponents 60. Steinke's 15 games in earlier mixed class play evidently served as a warm up saving her main thrust for the championship finals. It was her day, all the way. Penny Steinke becomes the NHPA World Champion for the second year continuing a unique Wisconsin tradition.

DICK HANSEN - Elected NHPA SEC-TREAS.

Former WHPA President, Dick Hansen was elected to a top job in Horseshoes. The vote, 108 to 31 indicates membership acceptance and trust that Hansen will carry into this full-time position.

WISCONSIN PITCHERS - GILLETTE, WY

93 WHPA pitchers traveled to the World Tournament of 1996. Of the 1536 entries, only Colorado and California had more.

Wisconsin winners, we have a few: Excuses, we have a ton.

Mens Open Division (15 games; the top 5 positions cashed)

Pos.	class	wins	pct	pos.	class	wins	pct
7th	O Syl Okon;	7.5	23.3	6th	P Ron Sabish Sr;	9.5	20.3
14th	Q Curt Novinski	4	10.8	11th	P Len Meistad	5	15.0
1st	R Dan Volz	14	17.8	8th	P Frank Dohrwardt	8	19.7
3rd	I Ron Willms	11	34.8	10th	J Sonny Cockroft	6.5	30.31
6th	L Warren Knipple	2	18.3	9th	I Ken Kosky	7	34.3
2nd	J Bruce McLinn	11	39.	10th	I Robt C Anderson	7	31.8
14th	J Al Holloway	9	28.2	13th	I Rich Pichler	5	28.2
3rd	K Geo Eckstrom	11	36.2	16th	L Warren Knippel	2	18.3
1st	J Mike Cone	13	38.7	10th	K Norm Beckuis	6	23.7
9th	K Gil Matzdorf	7.5	23.0	7th	L David Volz	6	27.3
13th	K Harold Laws	6	27.2	3rd	L Jim Ganther jr	11	35.2
5th	L John Gregorich	10	29.5	7th	O Steve Stevens	8	28.7
10th	J Ken Davison	7	28.3	3rd	N Ray Mallo	11.5	30.3
3rd	M Tom Steinke	12	24.8	14th	M Gene Rhinehart	4	20.1
2nd	O Rowen Swick	11.5	28.3	9th	N Earl Cummings	8	22.0
5th	C Ron Brockway	10	43.2	16th	B Mark Stevens	3	34.5
11th	D Don Hostrup	6	36.7	2nd	E Rick Poppe	13	52.7
14th	D Ken Jaeger	3	25.0	12th	E Bun Carley	6	44.0
1st	D Jerry Volz	12	50.5	8th	F Tip Wipperfurth	8	40.3
6th	F Dave Klipstein	10	37.7	1st	F Harry Nelson	13	39.8
15th	F Dick Hansen	2.5	29.5	10th	F Julian Tijerina	7	33.3
4th	G Terry Sternberg	11.5	36.2	7th	G Greg Hehling	9	40.2
15th	G Ron Lingard	dnf		5th	G Fred Decorah	9	39.0
10th	H Russ Burns	7	25.3	16th	A Randy Rein	5	59.7
6th	B Mark Mauthe	9	61.7	2nd	B John Barden	13	63.5
13th	B Steve Wiegert	6	47.5	7th	B Larry Barber	8	52.3
8th	B Gus Schram	7	53.3				

JUNIORS (15 games; Boys and girls mixed in class play)

6th	A Penny Steinke	8.5	60.5	WORLD CHAMPION 5/0	70.2		
15	B Lee McFarlane	1	23.5	10	D Paul Fricano	7	21.8

WOMEN (15 games; top 5 positions cashed)

7th	A Lorraine Sternberg	8.5	71.2;	placed 14th champ. rd.	4/11	67.40	
7	B Edie McKinney	8	66.3	9th	C Jane Smith	8	55.7
6th	D Gerri Meistad	9	50.3	11th	C Sue Helene	7	55.5
1st	E Jane Meier	13	52.5	9th	E Cy Srenaski	7.5	48.7
15th	E Elaine Troullier	3	35.3	15th	F Shari Davison	2	31.5
7th	G Heidi Sternberg	9	40.0	10th	G Evelyn Goshaw	8	38.5
1st	E Gloria Smith	12	44.7	2nd	E Teresa Donar	11	46.7
6th	E Maria Willms	9	39.0	14th	E Lori Matzdorf	5	35.2
5th	E Ida Hostrup	9.5	48.7	5th	E Ida Hostrup	9.5	48.7
11th	E Phyllis Davids	8	36.0	1st	N Donna Zins	13	34.0

MENS- SENIORS (15 ga.; top five positions cashed)

3rd	C Norm Mauthe	11	52.3	2nd	D Jim Haupt	14	42.7
9th	E Ken Olson	7	41.2	8th	D Cliff Troullier	7.5	37.2
7th	F Earl Paulson	8	34.0	2nd	Paul Wilson	14	40.8
11th	J Wally Srenaski	6	22.5	10th	Ken Wood	8	18.2

MENS -ELDERS (15 ga.; top 5 positions cashed)

1st	A Clayton Gage	14	75.2	also placed third champ. rd.	2/3	74.56	
7th	A Ralph Maylahn	9	70.7	also placed fifth champ. rd.	2/3	71.76	
15th	E Ed Rupnow	1	35.2	6th	E Mer Sorenson	8.5	61.5
11th	J LeRoy Meyer	6	16.8	12th	J Bill Hildebrand	4.5	18.8

Ed. note; Missing: 4 Wisconsin pitchers and their numbers????

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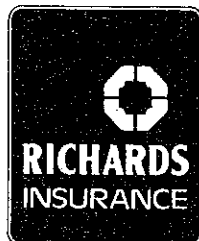
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96-97 WHPA INDOOR CALENDAR

OCT 12-13 ARENA FALL SINGLES \$15
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-9697 **NHPA #28-96-034** D/L 9-28

NOV 3- 2nd Soccer World Open; doubles; limit 100% \$26/team
John Carlin 110 N Madison Apt A Waunakee, WI 53597
608-849-7151 Limited to 24 teams **NHPA #28-96-040** D/L 9-22

NOV 9 SONNY'S DOUBLES 110% Limit \$30/team
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560
608-795-2573 max. 48 teams **NHPA #28-96-036** D/L 10-26

DEC 14-15 SANTA'S SINGLES; -Arena \$15 early or \$17 at cts
Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barnveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 Limited to 96 **NHPA #28-96-037** D/L 11-30

JAN 11 110-01 Doubles; Arena \$30 early or \$34 at courts
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 Limited **NHPA #28-97-001** D/L 12-28

FEB 8-9 FREEZER00; Arena \$15 early or \$17 at courts
Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 Limited to 96 **NHPA #28-97-002** D/L 1-25

MAR 8-9 JR SCHOLARSHIP OPEN; Arena \$17
Lorraine Sternberg W206 N13520 Woodside Richfield, WI 53076
414-677-3300 **Mixed NHPA #28-97-003** D/L 2-22

MAR 15 SPRING MEETING- PLOVER 1:00PM
Show-up to sign-up for doubles from 8:00 AM til Noon

MAR 22 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE; Arena team doubles \$48
Ron Berg RR1 Bx 86 Barneveld, WI 53507 (entry \$5 more at cts)
608-924-5574 4-man team limit 180%; **NHPA #28-97-004** D/L 3-8

APR 5-6 ARENA SPRING SINGLES
Ron Berg would like some brave soul to take on this task
608-924-5574 **NHPA # 28-97-005** D/L 3-22

APR 26 CLUB TEAM at Beloit \$80/team early entry or \$85 at cts
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 **NHPA #28-97-006** D/L 4-12

APR 27 STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT at Beloit
In delevopment; need tournament committee
414-964-2735 110% limit **NHPA #28-97-007**

MAY 3-4 THE BELOIT ENCORE \$17
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **NHPA #28-97-008** D/L 4-19

MAY 16-17-18 TEAM-WORLD at Beloit \$200/team
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **NHPA #28-97-009** D/L 4-12

JACKPINE BOWL CHANGES TO MOTEL REIN'S OCTOBER TOURNAMENT CANCELED

SEPT 7-8 WET'N WILD Centuria \$10
Jane Smith 715-485-3057 **NHPA #28-96-030** D/L 8-25

SEPT 7-8 V.F.W. DOUBLES; Combined Locks \$25/team
Don Navarrete 414-788-1633 **unsanctioned** D/L 8-26

SEPT 14-15 KENOSHA OPEN \$15
Glenn Bogenschneider 414-694-6922 **NHPA #28-96-032** D/L 9-6

SEPT 21 FALL SPECTACULAR \$5
Jane Smith 715-485-3057 **NHPA #28-96-033** D/L 9-8

SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES \$20/team
Earl Paulson 608-879-2304 **unsanctioned** D/L 9-11

WHPA

FALL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH

1:00 P.M.

PLOVER

WINDY HILL OPEN

Yes, it's on a hilltop and it was windy that last weekend in June but the event which has been on the schedule only three years, draws 90 plus pitchers and is growing.

Tournament Director, Ken Kosky added an extra page to the schedule mailing to explain his efforts in offering a quality competitive event. Scorekeeping would be \$2 per game, classes would be divided to 30 - 40 foot, pitching 40 shoes, and because of a 19 point average difference, "A" class would be handicapped, 80%. Being well devised, things went mostly as planned.

Windy Hill attracted pitchers from all parts of the state. Ray Hill and the Stevens boys, Mark and Steve, came from the Northwest. The "North of 8" girls, Jill Harings, Jane Smith, Edie McKinney, and Gloria Smith took the ride. Norm and Mark Mauthe left Platteville for the day. Tony Scrima, Rich Conrad, Tom and Penny Steinke rode in from the southeast - Waukesha. The deep south brought the likes of Buck Huffman, Earl Paulson, and Dan Bloom. A few from the East were the Troulliers, Elaine and Cliff and Steve Wiegert. Eau Claire guys, Harry McCartney and Dennis Kieser came from the west. Some came just for the day but others made it a weekend.

Kosky barely mentioned the two first place awards. He wrote, "Incidentally, there will be the usual \$250 award for class A." The frosting for the top people was attractive but certainly not the reason this tournament drew comers state-wide. It's a far piece but still within reach - a portender of a full house for the 1997 State Tournament.

The wind of Windy Hill and all methods of abatement became the subject of self-styled horseshoe experts of every class. RESULTS #28-96-020

A-30 Lor Sternberg 69.2; Clayton Gage 67.5; Edie McKinney 62.5
 B- 30 Cy Srenaski 56.1; C. Stittleburg 42.1; N. Strzyzewski 38.6
 C-30 Carla McFarlane 37.6; Sonia Cook 31.6; Sylvia David 35.6
 A-40 Mark Mauthe 50.3; Dan Bloom 45.3; Vince Jakel 43.4
 B-40 Steve Wiegert 42.9; Ron Brockway 37.5; Norm Mauthe 39.3
 C-40 Cliff Troullier 31.6; Mike Hansen 36.8; Pat Spahn 37.5
 D-40 Gene Mason 41.6; Terry Sternberg 33.4; John Cox 37.5
 E-40 Ron Berg 34.3 Ken Davison 28.8; Walter Srenaski 28.9
 G-40 Dave Richter 35; Ralph Zeisse 11.1; Terill -Tech 16.4
 F-40 Bill Floryance 27.5; Don Burmeister 26.9; John Mills 17.8
 H-40 JohnOlson 10.0; Jason Maki 8.1; Kevin Brekke 9.1
 Jr Cary Richter 38.5; Eric Bottlemey 31.0; Dustin Dahl 22,8

BRO-TOWN CLASSIC

class A			
1	Lorraine	Sternberg	76
2	Mer	Sorensen	60.5
3	Ralph	Maylahn	65
4	Don	Kangas	62
5	Gus	Schram	54
class B			
1	John	Barden	57.1
2	Brian	Repinski	45.4
3	Marv	Huffman	51.7
4	Tony	Scrima	46.7
class C			
1	Ann	Opsteen	56.4
2	Carolyn	Stittleburg	59.3
3	Jane	Meier	48.9
4	Cy	Srenaski	48.9
5	Heather	Sternberg	48.2
6	Phyllis	Dauids	51.8
7	Heidi	Sternberg	49.3
8	Elaine	Troullier	46.8
class D			
1	John	Crook	48.8
2	Stew	Wiegert	45
3	Ken	Jaeger	40.8
4	Dennis	Ambuehl	40.4
class E			
1	Roxanne	Sellison	46.7
2	Cliff	Troullier	47.1
3	Jim	Haupt	45
4	Norb	Strzyzewski	40.6
5	John	Secord	32.4
6	Carla	McFarlane	29.6
7	Ken	Kosky	33.8
0	Darlene	Sabish	DNS
class G			
1	Ray	Billen	40
2	Tom	Costa	32.5
3	Hank	Zeisse	27.9
4	Terry	Sternberg	30
5	Chuck	Herman	28.6
6	Gil	Matzdorf	27.1
7	Rob	Struebing	25
8	Lori	Matzdorf	22.6
class H			
1	Don	Burmeister	32.9
2	Rita	Boegel	32.9
3	Dave	Aho	29.2
4	Joan	Stuebing	26.6
5	Wally	Srenaski	23.8
6	Richard	Burg	24.6
7	Dan	Jaglowski	14.6
0	Ron	Sabish Sr	DNS
class I			
1	Don	Peterson	13.8
2	Kip	Kuester	10.4
3	Steve	Guetzke	10.8
4	Wes	Podvin	5.4

The Bro-Town Classic is a horseshoe tournament known for the four nice courts next to a pasture of inquisitive Holstein heifers where they serve "often imitated but never duplicated" roasted chicken. Above all it's on the back lot of Archie's Place. The stout man with the guttural voice isn't with us anymore but he left the courts and the chicken cooker for us to play with.

Archie Johnson's wife, Mary, keeps the place open and still enjoys the company of their many local friends and neighbors. Mary says if she ever gave up the business, she would not leave the area because the folks around there are just good people.

A few of those good friends fired up the cooker and roasted the chicken Saturday of the July tournament. A few other friends were turning over the courts a couple of weeks prior when a sudden wind driven rainstorm sent them into the shack. They had popped a couple of brews and were relaxing when the wind picked up the biggest tree it could find and dropped it covering most of the entire four court area. A few days later they reduced the tree to firewood. The only thing lost was some shade.

This year the Classic introduced self-scoring using Gus Schram's slide-by markers. By the second game all hands caught-on saving \$288 for awards. The T.D. is the last to know but generally the new system seemed well accepted



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EAU CLAIRE OPEN 1996

by Merrill Semingson

The Gage was hot in the E.C. Open but not the temperature gauge. It was Milltown's Clayton Gage who blazed through the tournament beating one player after another pitching a sizzling 81.5%. Actually Gage and Genesee Depot's Ralph Maylahn finished in a dead heat with 6/1 records to stage a play-off. Gage disposed of Maylahn to finish an outstanding afternoon.

Earlier Gage and defending champ, Dale Lipovsky, had a pitchers duel throwing nine four deads in a row tying an old Open record held by Curt Bestul and Frank Stinson.

Lipovsky had high average game of the day at 94%. With the top four pitchers averaging over 70%, more than a few games went down to the last shoe.

In the ladies class it was Edie McKinney, the State Champ from Luck with the hot shoes averaging a strong 72%.

A Clayton Gage 81.5; Ralph Maylahn 73.5; Dale Lipovsky 81.1
 B Tim Maule 62.3; Vince Jakel 58.3; Mark Mauthe 60.9
 C Norm Mauthe 51.1; Ed Rupno 48.9; Bert Logsdon 43.4
 D Don Marx 46.6; Ted Rohde 42.3 David Paul 42.3
 E Dennis Bach 42.0; Tom Modl 40.2; Merrill Semingson 43.4
 F Ken Kosky 43.4; Dave Semingson 41.7; Paul Wilson 35.5
 G Lee Mathson 51.1; Hank Zeisse 32.5; Al Johnson 34.0
 H Ed Haak 39.4; Randy Hansen 36.0; Jim Ganther 33.7
 I Ivan Ruzic 24.4; Gerry Dahl 21.2; Ron Pierson 16.8
 JR A Wesley Rein 44.4; Dustin Dahl 36.0; Lee McFarlane 22.4
 JR B Ricky Schaaf 11.6; Mike Schaaf 3.3; Dusty Schaaf 3.3
 WA Edie McKinney 72.0; Jane Smith 62.3; Sue Helene 56.3
 WB Kathy Hanson 42.4; Ev Goshaw 49.2; Judy Karsjens 33.6
 WC Donna Zins 30.8; Joanne Alling 28.8; Ceil Trossen 26.0

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

by Merrill Semingson

A familiar face was back pitching horseshoes this summer after missing all of 1995. The reason? A shotgun slug right through the middle of his stomach put ace pitcher Roger Comero in the hospital for over 37 days in the Fall of 1994. Comero was actually in intensive care 14 days in a touch and go situation.

He was deer hunting with a party of ten and had just started a drive when a deer jumped between him and another hunter. The other hunter fired at the deer not seeing Comero. It was a miss but the slug ricocheted off a tree hitting Comero on his left side, exiting right side. Comero yelled that he had been shot. His party called for an ambulance. Paramedics carried Comero out of the woods on a stretcher to a waiting helicopter for a flight to Luther Hospital in Eau Claire.

Doctors removed all of his small intestine except for three feet and also removed thirty-six inches of the large intestine. Comero was off work five months from his job at the feed mill.

Roger realizes he was only inches from death but was ready to go hunting again the next season. He is almost back to his regular pitching game but is still feeling the effects of the operations.

Comero is averaging over 50% now and has had a lot of 60 plus games in the Eau Claire league. Keep up the good work Roger, and keep pitching those ringers!

WISCONSIN WORLD CLASS WINNERS



Dan Volz and his uncle Jerry Volz, both of Reedsburg showing first place trophies. If the photographer had been on the scene, the frame could have included another family member, Mike Cone, also sporting a first place World Trophy.



Harry Nelson cashed in on the big prize at the Gillette World Tournament. Little did we know he was pointing to the first place trophy last winter when the Kenosha Club began indoor leagues.

DICK HANSEN TASTES OWN MEDICINE

Dave Loucks took the podium at the Awards Banquet to make his Presidential Award. The intended receipt was completely unknown until Loucks began to describe how one man came to the fore at a very crucial time to bail out the NHPA business records bringing the office of Secretary-Treasurer up to date in the span of three months. Dick Hansen thankfully accepted his award and included his wife, Paulette, as he said with a few honest tears that he could not have done the job without her.

MID-EASTERN OPEN

COMBINED LOCKS: It's the common name most people use referring to the Mid-Eastern Open. The tournament repeats annually the third weekend of July and has been in full swing for thirty successive years.

This place was the scene of the first State Tournament after the break-away from the Wisconsin State Fair in 1967 - what proved to be a monumental move in WHPA history.

The man in the shack, John Rietveld, happened over to the courts thirty years ago, was put to work doing the stats, and has been at it ever since. Undoubtedly he owns the longest tenure of record as an on-hands director. Rietveld's term is even older than the roof. Jerry Kamps made it "Kovered" five years A.R. (after Rietveld).

Steeped in tradition, the Combined Locks Club allows for play-off games for first place. Eight of the eleven classes included play-offs. Class C, playing Sunday of the July event, struggled through a five way play-off to reach a final decision. Most classes tossed 40 shoes but A and B went 50. All classes were mixed.

Naturally with the roof and all, it was fair weather, a very pleasant day.

- A Ralph Maylahn 69.1; Don Kangas 66.2; Steve Wiegert 60.3
- B Elaine Troullier 44.3; Roxanne Sellison 47.5; Jim Haupt 46.6
- C Norb Strzyzewski 45.7; Don Wagner 32.5; Wally Thorson 40.7
- D Tom Costa 39.6; Steve Troullier 37.5; Myron Daily 37.5
- E Bill Matey 28.6; Wally Srenaski 27.9; Udell Passehl 22.9
- F Al Leintz 33.2; Richard Ristau 33.9; Mel Sorensen 32.5
- G John Quandt 25.4; Jerry Kamps 24.6; Jerry Graves 28.6
- H Bob Damkot 26.0; Gary Mortensen 24.0; Ken Wood 20.5
- I Mark Demerath 26.0; Dan Noenning 18.0; Norm Carlson 16.5
- J Dick Schelfhout 18.3; Dick Wall 17.5; Julius Schroeder 13.4
- Jrs. Chris Manley 4/0; Cody Wunderlich 1/3; B J Noe 1/3



Clayton Gage with class A Elders first place trophy.

Gage and Maylahn were seeded into the championship rounds seeded 1 and 6, respectively. They played each other in an all Wisconsin first game. The game went 96 shoes in an evenly fought contest, Maylahn edged Gage with both pitchers tossing in the high eighty percentile bracket

1996 WORLD RESULTS GILLETTE, WYOMING

FROM 1996 WORLD TOURNAMENT NEWSLETTER BY BOB CHAMPION

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

pos	state	ent	av	W/L	pct
1	ALAN FRANCIS	OH	82.00	13/2	81.25
2	ART TYSON	NY	77.83	12/3	79.58
3	W. R WILLIAMS JR	CA	71.00	11/4	74.84
4	BRIAN SIMMONS	ME	81.50	10/5	77.97
5	PAUL LACROSSE	CO	77.67	9/6	75.55
6	MARK BAUMAN	MN	69.67	9/6	73.50
7	STAN GRIGGS	MO	72.67	8/7	75.97
8	DALE LIPOVSKY	MN	72.83	8/7	73.88
9	JIM WALTERS	OH	75.67	8/7	73.00
10	RICH PINTOR	CO	73.00	7/8	73.33
11	MARK SEIBOLD	IN	74.33	6/9	71.56
12	KEVIN CONE	IA	73.50	5/10	72.83
13	N A MOORE	NC	71.33	5/10	68.41
14	STEVE KUCHCINSKI	PA	73.00	3/12	70.27
15	TOMMY GANN	NC	72.17	3/12	69.31
16	RICK CALE	WV	70.17	3/12	67.36

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

pos	state	Ent	av	W/L	pct
1	BEV NATHE	MN	82.67	15/0	81.71
2	SUE SNYDER	KY	83.67	14/1	88.38
3	SLYVIANNE MOISAN	PQ	81.67	12-3	83.19
4	AMY FRANCIS	OH	76.67	10/5	81.28
5	CONNIE FILLEY	ND	76.00	10/5	78.06
6	SANDY JANSSENS	ON	79.00	10/5	76.82
7	MARY ANN PENNINGER	KS	72.50	8/7	76.39
8	DEBBI ALEXANDER	NH	73.67	7/8	72.13
9	SUE TWYMAN	NY	74.67	6/9	75.27
10	ANGELINE MOISAN	PQ	76.83	5/10	68.54
11	MAXINE GRIFFITH	TN	71.17	4/11	69.64
12	CARLENE DONNELLY	SD	70.83	4/11	69.48
13	MYRNA KISSICK	AB	69.33	4/11	68.76
14	LORRAINE STERNBERG	WI	71.17	4/11	67.40
15	OPAL RENO	AR	75.00	4/11	66.81
16	MARLENE RAY	TN	70.00	3/12	70.62

ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

1	RAY SANTANA	CA	4/1	76.63
2	RUSS CHRISTOPHER	SK	3/2	74.65
3	CLAYTON GAGE	WI	2/3	74.56
4	DON HARRIS	MO	2/3	74.36
5	RALPH MAYLAHN	WI	2/3	71.76
6	JIM PAGLIARULO	CT	2/3	71.34

SENIOR MEN - WORLD CHAMPION

ED ARONIUS	TEXAS	8/1	71.02
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SENIOR LADIES- -WORLD CHAMPION

LAVERNE EWING	OR	5/1	65.69
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BOYS WORLD CHAMPION

JEREMY UMPHRIES	TX	5/0	82.30
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What Happens When the Desire to Win Turns Ugly?

by Ken Kosky

There's nothing wrong with a little *healthy* competition. Competition motivates people to excel, inspires creative thinking and is the impetus for innovations and breakthrough technologies. But, as they say, too much of anything can be bad, and competitiveness is no exception. Mental-health experts say that the desire to win can become an obsession. When this happens - when people start defining who they are by their wins and losses - the competitive drive has gone too far, and burnout or worse may be imminent.

Don't view every situation in life as a competition. Don't try to win every argument with a spouse or a co-worker or try to outmaneuver every potential customer at the negotiating table. Instead, try to work out a solution that makes everybody happy. Otherwise your win today may ultimately lead to loss in the form of alienation from your co-workers, marital problems, or the loss of a friend down the road. Cooperation and collaboration often help everyone come out a winner.

The game of horseshoes is a competitive sport. As such, we sometimes let the real reason for playing the game get lost in the will to win. Our sense of fair play can become distorted by our own personal goals. The rules are such that everyone that plays the game has the same opportunity to enjoy the game. We cannot allow the game to get changed so that a certain group gets pushed aside just so it makes it easier for others to win. The issue of women of all ages and men over seventy pitching at less than the full distance and being dispersed throughout the various classes according to ringer percent, is threatening the very fiber of organized horseshoes. Good sportsmanship is in danger of being displaced by the will to win.

We need to put all of that nonsense aside. We need to work within the framework of the game to make it fair and equitable for everyone. At times separation of classes according to pitching distance is feasible. At other times it is impossible. Tournament directors would be well advised to separate the classes but only if it is still possible to maintain the competitiveness. A competitive atmosphere must be maintained in all classes to retain the interest of the pitchers. If that means mixing short distance pitchers in the regular classes, so be it. Things like handicapping and alternate pitch should be implemented in certain cases where large ringer percentage differences appear. All pitchers have to give a little to make sure that the game is fair for everyone.

Remember, "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." Strive to give your personal best in every endeavor, and try to be happy with that. That's all you can ask of yourself. Make personal improvement - not winning at any cost - your top goal. You won't win every raise, every promotion or every game, but you should sleep better at night knowing that you gave it your best effort. Your self esteem should rise, too, since it won't be directly linked to wins and losses.

At the end of the day, horseshoes is just a game.

WISCONSIN WORLD WINNERS



Gloria Smith, 'North of Eight' (no relation to Jane) shows the rest of her car crew how to come home with first place.



Donna Zins, 'North of Eight,' carries on the winning tradition of the North country. Her first place is the third one for the CloseXCount League.



The everything girl, Jane Meier of Fon du Lac, has it all., the camper, the truck and the first place trophy. The scene seems to suggest, "Have six-pac: Will party (with Pepsi, that is)." All who cashed in Gillette got a Pepsi six-pac with W.T. logo.

Guest writer, Ken Kosky director of the Windy Hill Open sent this article, as E-mail. Marks the first time Newsletter handled a completely electronic transfer.

DOWN and BACK

with Jim Haupt

Did you catch the "new" name in the results column for the Bro-Town Classic? **Ray Billen** charter member of the Kenosha Club has our vote as the outstanding Pitcher-of-the-Day at the 1996 Bro-Town Classic. He won "G" class with an even 40%, seven points over average. Ever wary of pitching an entire tournament - seven long games - Billen just warmed-up the first three games of this event then unloaded the two high ringer games in-class. Watch out for Billen; old and crafty. He tells about his rotator-cuff surgery while going down and back, laying on a pair of doubles.

DOWN AND BACK

Wyoming is not much for trees. Firewood takes on a new meaning in those parts. Undeterred, the WHPA Campers Association, who were booked in at the "Crazy Woman" campground, had a nightly burn. It seems they passed the torch, each unit taking a turn. Some even brought wood from out of state. The population of the tribe fluctuated upon the completion of the games. We know Ken and Tammy Davison's were once encamped and we heard Marge Yach and Randy Rein sponsored the blaze one late evening, Ken and Kathy Jaeger were about and we actually visited with some of the others like Ken Kosky, Jane Meier, Rick Poppe, Heidi Sternberg, Mark Mauthe, Terry and Lorraine Sternberg, Gus Schram, John and Sandy Secord, Curt Novinski, and Norm Mauthe but not necessarily in that order. Somebody must have hollered that Terry Sternberg was cooking hamburgers and we all just dropped-in for a sit down lunch.

It's great to have friends in far away places.

DOWN AND BACK

Tom and Sharon Steinke and Penny must have also been among the campers. Tom told a camp story to equal the "ants in the pants" tale of 1995.

There was some sort of commotion coming from the unit next door - loud talking and water running, looked like they were searching for something. It had been going on all day. Bucket by bucket they were draining and then filtering the effluent of retention tank of their motor home. Then they tried to back-wash the system. When the word got out that they were looking for a set of false teeth, someone asked if they really intended to put them back in service. The curt reply was, "Damn right she's going to wear them. They cost \$450!"

DOWN AND BACK

Somewhere on these pages you'll find that Dick Hansen, the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer, earned an unannounced Presidential Award at the banquet in Gillette, WY. Just prior to his own surprise award he was announcing NHPA Achievement Awards.

He called my name. I couldn't act surprised. I knew it was coming but had told no one thinking I would bask in the pleasure of surprising my friends.

I think the award was for writing about horseshoes so I gave credit where it was due- to other writers who have been using my stuff to augment their columns. I guess it's a form of flattery that I have seen my words in Len Lipovsky's and Bob Champion's columns. On that basis I thought I deserved the award.

Really, it was a delightful sensation and I appreciated all those congratulatory handshakes.

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HALL OF FAME FOR VOILES AND HAUPT

Howard Voiles of Lannon and Jim Haupt of Milwaukee, both associated with the Goldendale Horseshoe Club, have been selected as 1996 inductees. WHPA Hall of Fame ceremonies will take place mid-court during the State Tournament in Eau Claire.

Voiles, known to most as "Howie," was the first to take on the leadership of the Junior Scholarship Fund. He's the big guy with the authoritative speaking ability who took to the microphone at the Mountain Open tournament a few years back, on behalf of the Juniors and the new "Fund." As an educator, coach, and high school principal, the aspirations of young people has been his life. Voiles is at his best when he has the opportunity to speak out for the juniors.

Haupt who started pitching with the "old guys" of Washington Park-Milwaukee, is now one of them. In his first Club tournament, at the Park, maybe 1981, he was seeded into class D, the lowest, and never won a game. 22% wouldn't cut it with the likes of Al McGowan and, there were some former State Champions in the club, like Carl Pfeffer and Tommy Barlen, but time was in Haupt's favor. He learned a little, practiced a lot, and hung on as the champs got older. Eventually Haupt cranked out the Washington Park "A" title 3 times. His lifelong claim to fame came in 1989 when he won a game against Alan Francis. That year Francis won his first World title in the Mens Open division. Evidentially Haupt is going into the HOF because he's the only guy in the State of Wisconsin who can handle 4-time World Champion, Alan Francis.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

The WHPA Hall of Fame Committee met last at the Spring Meeting in Plover. A quandary developed.

A year ago new guidelines were written governing acceptance to the Hall.

Qualifications are prefaced by the words, "...candidate must have been a member of the WHPA of ten years."

Those words created a definite low end limit that would eliminate several candidates already nominated by some interested members. The board wrestled with the problem.

Should they strike the ten year requirement? Should they modify it? The honor is, after all, a WHPA award and should be limited to WHPA members of an appreciable duration.

Their decision was to accept the names of candidates already in nomination but to retain the ten year conditional requirement.

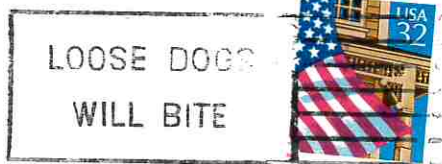
The problem here is, WHPA members think of, and use, *only* the Hall of Fame award to thankfully honor those people they consider outstanding. There ought to be other awards - awards that would recognize accomplishments of all people, members and non-members alike. Just last year, the former WHPA president, Dick Hansen, instituted and employed the President's Achievement Award. The WHPA board has the capability for that and other awards. Article X of the Bylaws states: *Awards may be given by the Association where it is deemed appropriate by the WHPA Executive Board.* The NHPA has long been making The NHPA Achievement Award and the Presidential Award.

It is time we of the WHPA used this capability.

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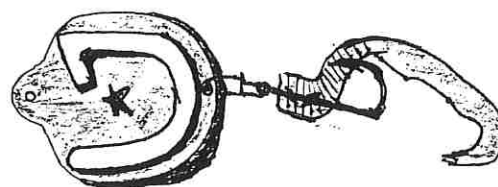
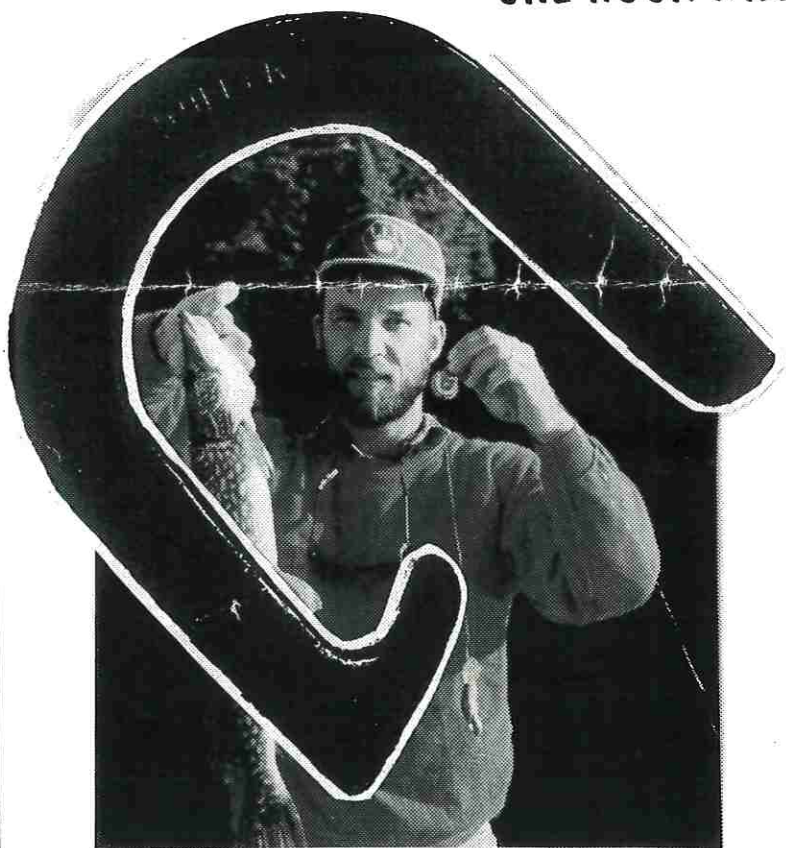
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