

THE STATE

Tom Roanhouse, Mike McDonald and Dick Hansen have aims to make this year's State Tournament the biggest and best ever. Those wild and crazy guys say, "We have the place; we know how to do it; we are looking for 300 entries." That's a whole lot of 8 man classes. What are they going to do when they run out of alphabet? Will they really have a "Z" class?

The threesome, Tom, Dick and Mike have sent out 482 state flyers and published that same flyer in this newsletter. Check it out.

Under those words on the flyer, "Please enter early" is the entry blank to fill out as soon as possible. Tournament Directors receive the satisfaction of putting on a big affair and having things work out more or less the way they envision it in the first place. So the nicest and the best way you can show your appreciation for their efforts is to enter early. You're going to do it anyway - give 'em a break, enter now. You know they just love to count up those early entries. Make the committment now and send your entry in to Dick Hansen.

State Tournament pitchers, this year will be required to have both their name and state on their shirt. The reason for the new shirt rule is two-fold: First, identification, the spectators and scoremarkers really should know who they are watching, and second, apparently we want to know if you are from Wisconsin. (We don't want those out-of-state crashing our State Tournament.) Seriously, it is a rule designed for a World Tournament that found its way into the WHPA by-laws.

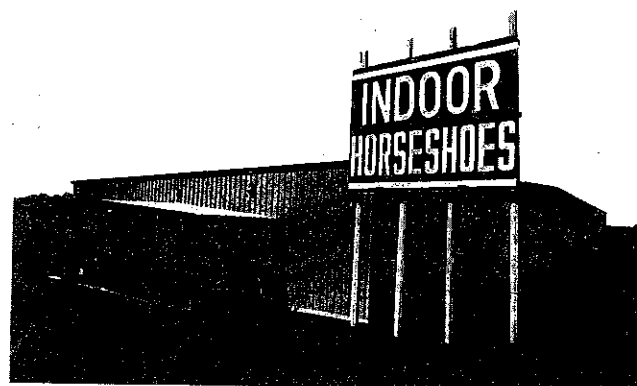
Hope everybody knows that the Eau Claire World Tournament does not qualify for one of the two tournaments you need for State entry. The World ends after July 31th and falls in the next Wisconsin horseshoe year and will only be valid for the 1988 State entry.

Many WHPA members will be participating in the World Tournament. John Secord, state secretary, has indicated that we have a record number

of NHPA members. Over 400 applications have been processed, meaning, Wisconsin will have a larger share of delegates to the National meeting in 1988. It also means we may have some people who would forget to enter the State Tournament before they leave for World as the State deadline, July 31, is during the World Tournament. Again you are urged to enter the State now and enjoy that secure feeling; like leading off with a double, it's the best thing you can do.

Note that classes A and B Men will pitch their final games the last day, Monday. In former years class A was scheduled for a Sunday completion, saving Monday for a possible make-up day in case of rain. That left Monday pitchers feeling like they were in the lame duck class. The climatic feeling was gone as were a big share of participants and spectators. Well now the climax is back. It is as it should be, the last match. Let's hope that the pitchers of Saturday and Sunday will stay on to see and applaud the 1987 State Champion. All too often a Class A finish is a lonely affair.

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STATE TOURNAMENT (CONT'D)

The word is: Come, partake and enjoy. We need you as interested spectators as sure as we need the pitchers on the courts. No need to toss your shoes in the trunk and hurry home as there will be an adequate number of scorekeepers available. If you would like to keep score that will also be available, if you register with the Tournament Committee. So enjoy it. Get a motel and stay for the festivities. In the words of the infamous trio, Tom, Dick and Mike, "Come on down - we're having a party."

Maybe they will run a class "Z".

WORLD TOURNAMENT

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at Ray Wachs Civic Center on Sunday, August 2nd, located at 210 S. Farwell St. in Eau Claire.

- 5:30 P.M. - Social Hour, Bar Open
- 6:30 P.M. - Sit Down Dinner
- 7:30 P.M. - Awards
- 9:00 P.M. - Dance, Bar Open

The dance is in a room downstairs so that those who do not attend the banquet can go directly to the dance. The cost for the banquet is \$10.50 per ticket. All tickets must be purchased by July 29th. There will be no exceptions.

MENU

- 8 oz. Top Sirloin Steak
- Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Baked Potatoe with Sour Cream
- Green Beans Almondine
- Rolls and Butter
- Beverage (Coffee, Sanka, Tea, Milk)
- Ice Cream

Tickets can be obtained by sending a check payable to: Eau Claire Horseshoe Club, 1412 Sherwin Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701. During the tournament, they will be available at the Hobbs Ice Center concession stand.

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JUNIORS PARTY

The Junior Party is set for Sunday, August 2nd in the Plaza Room at the Civic Center Inn, just a stones throw from where the adult banquet is held. It will also be the same time as the adult banquet.


Pepsi is donating the beverage. A DJ will be there to provide a good time for all. Pizza is on the menu.

The party is free to all Junior pitchers and their friends. Eau Claire will provide supervisors. Tickets may be obtained from the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club, 1412 Sherwin Avenue, Eau Claire WI 54701 or the concession stand during the tournament.

STYLE SHOW

Ladies, a Luncheon Style Show will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 11:30 A.M. at the Hoffman House in Eau Claire. Tickets are \$5.25 and may be purchased in advance from the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club or at the concession stand during the tournament until July 29th.

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DICK HANSEN - T.D. EXTRAORDINARE'

A hard working horseshoe person of the year award should go to T.D., Dick Hansen of Franksville.

Most T.D.'s stage one event per year; some have two tourneys and maybe a tournament committee. Dick Hansen has done it six to eight times per year for the past four years. Wow! That's more events than most pitchers care to enter.

Being the resident T.D. for the Pitchin' Palace provides the occasion for the bulk of his directing, but there are some others. For some years now he has organized the Annual July 4th, Town of Raymond Horseshoe Tourney. And it is thought to be about ten years ago that he began by administrating the yearly tournaments held in conjunction with the former "Franksville Kraut Festivals."

Statisticians and scorekeepers are recruited as needed but there is no committee to wheel and deal - Dick Hansen runs his own show. That is, until Class A takes the courts; one of this states best flippers, Dick pitching his Diamond Double-Ringers, is ordinarily in the upper 50's percentage bracket. This past season, manning the results board for Class A, wearing his Sasso's shirt, was Mike McDonald, former T.D. at Eagle, who now lives in Sturtevant. Mike could do the job himself if it ever gets to be too much for Dick.

Hansen, using his personal computer which stores past performances, sends a print-out schedule of classes for each tournament. Result sheets are left posted for all to witness. Copies of the results are sent only to the WHPA Secretary and this paper. Individual results are then entered in Dick's computer ready for the formation of the next tournament. In this manner Hansen is working with current percentages - not last seasons average.

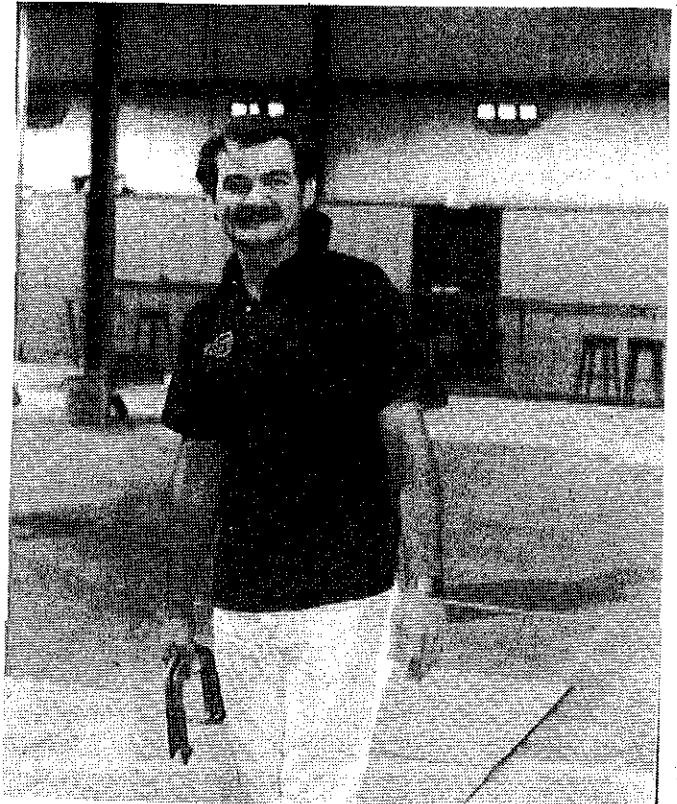
The entire 1986 Wisconsin State Tournament was computer controlled. Paulette Hansen, Dick's wife obtained a larger computer and spent the duration of the event feeding it names and ringers. Not many people got to see her; she was that busy. Hopefully in 1987 Paulette can find a way to delegate some of that specialty to others; but the computer-

ized horseshoe tourney, we trust, is here to stay.

Are you wondering where this consummate involvement in horseshoes began for Dick? Hansens and horseshoes - in southeastern Wisconsin the words flow in one. Pete and John Hansen have been pitching shoes all of their days. Dick and his brother, Chuck picked up the game from Uncle Pete and their dad, John. Stuart Bennett and Tom Hansen, sons of Paulette and Dick are state junior pitchers. Three generations of Hansens pitched in the 1986 State Tournament.

Hansen has found time for some other activities like deer hunting, bowling and fishing but those are seasonal sports. Dick must like shoes because it goes year-round. Summer time he's president of the Racine County league; winter time he's president of the Monday Night league at the Pitchin' Palace. And in-between-times he directs a few tournaments. His next tournament will be the State on Labor Day weekend.

So at the State, this year, tip your hat to Hansen - hard working Horseshoe Person for all years.



MAY OPEN

This was number one on the State schedule but it was also the last tournament of the Pitchin' Palace Season. Ringer production, unhindered by weather, was way up. These pitchers were not just in Mid-season form but more like exhibition caliber. No scorekeepers again so it was push the buttons once for every ringer and forget the points. Winners reported the ringer total for both pitchers each game. Hard to beat that method for a simple scoring solution.

Entry fee was \$15.00 and of course there was no charge for scorekeeping. Strictly cash awards were made to the first four. 1st, \$35.00, 2nd, \$20.00, 3rd, \$15.00, 4th, \$10.00

Highlights: Class A - Gerri Meistad, only 5th but that 59% ringer average says she's still improving.

Class B - Kitti was smokin', Bogenschneider gets first 50% tourney.

Class B - Scrima continues his hot streak. Chuck Hansen is moving toward the 50's. Mike McDonald is thinking, World.

Class D - A tight class but better days are coming.

Class A - Norm Mauthe, 63.0%; Hi Nelson, 63.7%; Roger Poutanen, 60.0%; Dan Bloom, 59.3%; Gerri Meistad, 59.0%

Class B - Lloyd Johnson, 57.1%; Gene Budelier, 54.5%; Brian Repinski, 50.0%; Chris Kitti, 53.7%

Class C - Tony Scrima, 48.2%; Chuck Hansen, 48.0%; John Hansen, 41.4%; Mike McDonald, 49.1%

Class D - Larry Klein, 28.8%; Harold Patton, 32.8%; Dennis Zeiss, 31.1%; Wayne Pope, 28.0%

GINO LAVARDA

Overheard Norm Kuen Of Lomira speaking about his partner, Geno Lavarda, also of Lomira. Then discovered Geno suffered a serious stroke near three months ago that has affected his entire left side, adding, "He is getting better." Hang in there Geno, we want to see you on the courts again, soon.

DATES and DEADLINES

July 11-12 Swen's Open - Steve Wiegert, 1505 Ellis St., Green Bay, WI 54302 414-435-6310 Deadline - June 29th

July 17-18-19 Midwestern Open - Ruth Sanders, 407 S. Washington St., Combined Locks, WI 54113 414-788-3192 Deadline June 30

July 17-18-19 Tobacco Heritage Days - Greg Reier-son, 1283 Co. Trk. A, Edgerton, WI 53534 608-884-8821 Deadline - July 3rd

August 7-8-9 Eagle Open - Fred Zeilstra, 423 Meadow Ct., Eagle, WI 53119 414-594-2445 Deadline July 25th

August 8-9 Mountain Open - John Olsen, 13416 Kresse Ln., Mountain, WI 54149 715-2766103 Deadline July 23rd

August 14-15-16 Platteville Open - Norman Mauthe, 865 Eastman St., Platteville, WI 53818 608-348-9697 - Deadline July 29th

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ARCHIES OPEN

Archie's horseshoe picnic where everyone has a good time. Everyone was fourteen pitchers and a few ladies who came along for the ride. Pat Budelier was one lady observer, another regular watcher was Myke Zeiss and of course Irma Christophlis held court as usual.

Arch has solved the scheduling problem. Directions received were to come at 10:30 A.M. Sunday. As a result most folks arrived early. No need for that "Report 1/2 hour before your class" line. People had the opportunity to meet, relax and talk. Fortunately nature provided a brief shower that was turned into a 45 minute lunch break.

The terror from Wisconsin is back on the courts. Ralph Maylahn, after an eight year layoff, won his first tournament. Bob Jarosh, Manitowoc is making a return to tournament pitching after a 17 year hiatus. Mark this man, Don Kangas, formerly of the Upper Peninsula, Michigan, now of Menasha, will be a Wisconsin class A contender. Gene Budelier, Stevens Point, also coming back on the scene, is pitching

some good iron. Steve Wiegert looks like a shoo-in for class A at the State Tournament.

Arch got \$12.00 for entry and charged 50¢ per game for scorekeeping at the courts. Awards were all cash and all monies remained in the class.

Note: Saw 17 Holstein Heifers on the west fence line (up one from last year).

THE FIRST CLASS

- 1st, Charley Christophlis, 35.2%, \$30.00
- 2nd, Tony Schrima, 34.4, \$25.00
- 3rd, Terry Schrage, 26.0%, \$17.00
- 4th Bob Traber, 22.4%
- 5th, Hank Zeiss, 23.6%
- 6th Paul Dietrich, 13.2%

THE SECOND CLASS

- 1st, Ralph Maylahn, 59.7%, \$35.00
- 2nd, Don Kangas, 57.4%, \$25.00
- 3rd, Steve Wiekert, 60.0%, \$20.00
- 4th, Vince Jakel, 54.8%, \$15.00
- 5th, Gene Budelier, 47.4%
- 6th Jim Haupt, 48.5%
- 7th, Don Jackel, 46.8%
- 8th Bob Jackson, 42.8%

High ringer game - Steve Wiegert, 80%

* Playoff - Kangas over Wiekert - 39 ringers to 34 ringers



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APPROXIMATE STARTING TIMES: CLASS A & B MEN - 3:00 PM SUNDAY
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 CLASS B WOMEN - 6:30 PM SATURDAY
 JUNIORS - 11:30 AM SUNDAY

TOURNAMENT FEE OF \$12.00 MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY (INCLUDES SCOREKEEPING)

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BELOIT OPEN

Welcome to the state schedule, Beloit. We anticipate this to be the first Annual Beloit Spring Singles.

The club has a newly constructed court set-up at the "Hitchin' Post," a western type watering hole. Two ribbons of concrete, nine courts long, enclose the clay pits. The clay was trucked in from the Pitchin' Palace last fall. Although the courts run east and west they are shaded on the east by some great looking oak trees and at mid-day the sun is no problem.

The area is graded and ready for sod. Electric is installed awaiting the light poles. At this point there are no platforms for 30 feet pitchers but some freshly poured slabs nearby look like they were made for that purpose. [We of Wisconsin expect to have some over 70 year pitchers standing at less than 40 feet so there really should be continuous platforms to the 30 ft. line on all the courts.]

Apparently this tournament was set up as a fund raiser for forthcoming construction costs. Entry fee was 10.00 plus 2.00 for score-keepers. Awards were trophies only to the first three places and \$10.00 cash for the high ringer game in each class.

Bud Renley, T.D., was seen keeping score most of Sunday with other club members. Earl Paulson acting as statistician mentioned that the club is pursuing a legal agreement with the property owner that will guarantee the club's access to the courts for years to come.

Note: The 20th Annual Beloit Doubles Tournament as listed on the state schedule has been re-scheduled. Watch this paper for the new date.

Class A - 1st, Don Goldsmith, Janesville, 50.9%;
2nd, Harry Price, Dubuque, IA, 60.9%
Class B - 1st, Bob Runaas, Orfordville, 46.0%;
2nd, Chris Kitti, Milwaukee, 36.9%
Class C - 1st, Jim Haupt, Milwaukee, 42.9%;
2nd, Ron Yttri, Janesville, 40.0%
Class D - 1st, Red Ferguson, So. Beloit, IL,
29.7%; 2nd Bud Renley, Beloit, 28.6%
Class E - 1st, Bob Jackson, Baraboo, 33.1%;
2nd, Fred Zeilstra, Eagle, 22.6%

Class F - 1st, Frank Look, Oak Creek, 26.6%;
2nd, Len Meistad, Racine, 25.7%

Class G - 1st, Richard Conrad, Pewaukee,
23.7%; 2nd, Lavern Richards, Hazel Green,
23.4%

Class H- 1st, Bill Nehls, Beloit, 20.7%; 2nd
Norm Beckious, Beloit, 13.3%

Class I - 1st, Bob Geeser, So. Beloit, IL,
18.7%; 2nd Tom Steinke, Waukesha, 19.0%

Class J - 1st, Vic Paulson, Beloit, 8.5%; 2nd,
Randy Hanson, Beloit, 7.7%

AT TRENTON VIEW

The Trenton View Tourney finished on a dim note. T.D., Carl Shade was taken to the hospital. He had been feeling low all afternoon when his girl-friday, Dawn Thiel, made the decision to send Carl to the hospital.

As usual, Carl was running the event with a minimum amount of help. Dawn was keeping score for the entire class of A and B Women. Howie Voiles saw the help shortage in class A Men. He not only kept score but had to mark the result board in the bargain. John Jashinsky relieved two Class A pitchers who were keeping their own score. Class B Men were pitching at the east end of the area. There were too many classes going for the meager support group.

Wes Taylor helped Howie Voiles and Dawn Thiel make the trophy awards. Dawn was unable to make cash awards on the spot but announced she would begin to mail checks on Monday. The people stepped up in this crisis are not merely dedicated to pitching horseshoes rather dedicated to fellow humans.

As of Monday, June 8th, Carl Shade was still in St. Josephs Hospital for continued observation.

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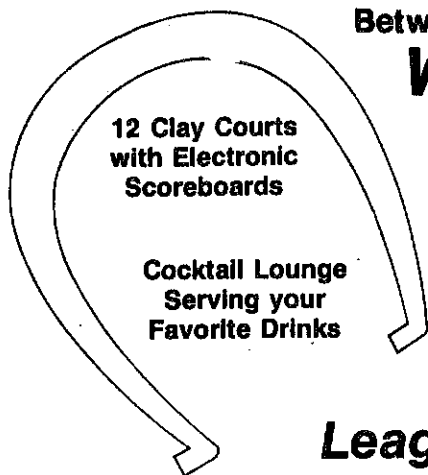
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