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by Jim Haupt

PENNY STEINKE - WORLD CHAMP

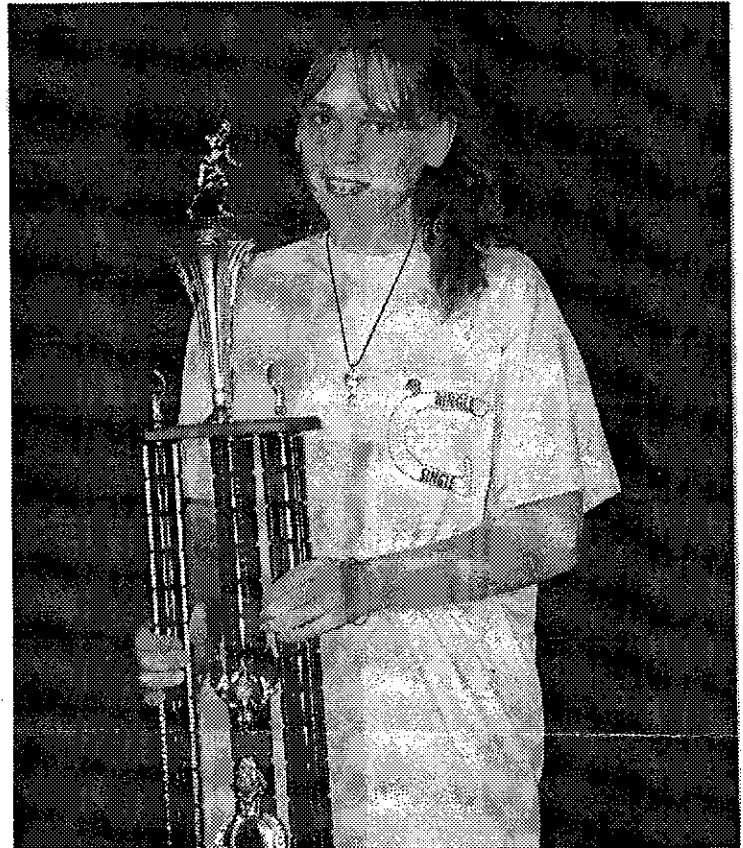
She's smiling! She's suddenly everyone's girlfriend. She's a World Champion!

Yes, our Penny Steinke of Waukesha, pitching out of the Muskego Moose Club took her championship class in straight games at the Perry, GA World Tournament.

In preliminary rounds the boys and girls were mixed (more fun that way) in Junior classes playing each other in a sixteen player round robins. Discerning observers kept track of the girls' percentages looking forward to possible championship qualifiers. Penny emerged as high ranking girl placing eighth with a 63.7 percentage.

Six high percentage girls then went into their own championship round robin. Betsy Kemper, of Kentucky, took out the main competition, Crystal Curtis of Alberta, Canada. Kemper, on her way to runner-up finish, had our soon to be new champ looking at 39 points before Penny could exceed the 40 mark. In her final game Penny went all out pitching 72.2 percent against the Alberta girl, Curtis, clinching the title.

Hey! all you Muskego Mooseketeers, Penny Steinke just put you on the map!



WISCONSIN WINS - BIG TIME

STEINKE NAME ON TOP OF THE HEAP

The family portrait this year put s the three Steinkes within the big horseshoe at Perry, Georgia where all the winners stood armed with trophies for Newsline pictures. Sister, Pam Steinke and dad, Tom Steinke, join new champion, Penny, for what is probably an NHPA first - father and two daughters - everybody clutching their own first place trophy. Tom won the first place trophy for Mens class N2 and Pam earned her's in Womens C. Wisconsin owned that Womens class C. Pam Steinke pitching 65% was on top. Sue Helene from North of 8 was number two (58.8%) and Cy Srenaski took third with 53.5%. Racine lady, Gerri Meistad, a little short of practice wound up 10th.

WISCONSIN competitor's World Tournament placements:

OPEN MENS CLASSES;

L1, David Volz 14th.	O2, Frank Dohrwardt 3rd \$160
H2 Harry Nelson 5th \$120	" Ralph Zeisse 7th
I1, Rick Poppe 7th	" Dan Volz 13th
I2 Ken Kosky 3rd \$160	<u>H3 Terry Sternberg 1st \$200</u>
" Earl Paulson 7th	" Sonny Cockcroft 3rd \$160
" Ken Davison 11th	J2 Warren Knippel 10th
J1 Russ Burns 4th \$140	K1 Gil Matzdorf 5th \$120
K3 Bruce McLinn 7th	" Harold Laws 10th
" Ron Berg 10th	E2 Ron Brockway 14th
D2 Don Hostrup 14th	E3 Ken Jaeger 6th
F1 Ron Yttri 6th	F1 Dick Hansen 13th
<u>N2 Tom Steinke 1st \$200</u>	B1 Gus Schram 10th

JUNIORS DIVISION

A Penny Steinke 8th
Jr B Lee McFarlane 16th Jr C Paul Fricano 12th

WOMENS DIVISION

J, Elsa Peterson 15th	H, Carla McFarlane 11th
<u>E, Heather Sternberg 5th \$120</u>	F, Gloria Smith 6th
" Kathy Hanson 9th	<u>G Teresa Donar 5th \$120</u>
A1 Lorraine Sternberg 8th	" Evelyn Goshaw 6th
<u>B Edie McKinney 2nd \$180</u>	<u>A2 Jane Smith 4th \$140</u>
<u>C Pam Steinke 1st \$200</u>	<u>D Jane Meier 1st \$200</u>
" Sue Helene 2nd \$180	" Ida Hostrup 6th
" Cy Srenaski 3rd \$160	" Elaine Troullier 10th
" Gerri Meistad 12th	

SENIOR MEN

D Cliff Troullier 1st \$200 G Wally Srenaski 1st \$200
" Jim Haupt 10th " Carl Doughty 9th

F Bill Matey 8th

ELDERS

A Clayton Gage 10th D Ed Rupnow 1st \$200
" Bill Hildebrand 7th

ADVANCING TO CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Sr Ladies; CY SRENASKI 3RD \$275,
Ch Ladies; LORRAINE STERNBERG 14TH \$350
Ch Ladies; EDIE MCKINNEY 16TH \$250
Ch Girls; PENNY STEINKE 1ST \$500

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From World Tournament ,to World Tournament, we remember different things. From the '95 Tournament, we have many: Penny Steinke wins Jr. Girls Championship; most first place winners by Wisconsin pitchers ever; shortest NHPA Convention I ever attended; HOT; nicest people I ever worked a W.T. with; and the best facilities to hold a World Tournament , just to name a few.

Congradulations to Penny Steinke and all the winners. Thanks to all who made the trip for making it a World Tournament I won't forget.

Don't forget to attend the awards ceremony at the State Tournament and help recognize the accomplishments of those that will be receiving awards for Hall of Fame, Pitcher of the Year, and the Presidential Achievement Award. I may even put in a surprise or two. Should all take place in Beloit on Sunday about an hour before the Championship Men and Women pitch. So plan to be there, have fun and enjoy. I know I will.

Its been a long and very hot Summer but before you know it, the frost will be on the pumpkin and that will bring on the Fall Meeting of the WHPA. Plan now to be there, *your vote does count.*

-DICK HANSEN

FALL MEETING - OCT 14 - ROYAL WOOD -

AND THE NOMINATIONS ARE...

Dick Hansen hasn't said 'Adiose' yet but next time we expect he will. And, we haven't heard much from the NEW candidates for the presidential job. We have two good guys interested in the job. Its going to be a tough choice - tough to see one lose.

Welcome to the back page Ringle Single. We were pleased to see your successful acceptance at the World. May all your flights be as rewarding. You have already scored some points with us.

We also welcome Dick Burg as another Newsletter advertiser. This a great show of support for a second year member.

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BROTHERTOWN Archie's was a Classic

Wisconsin's best are getting better. Three pitchers topped the the three-quarter mark.

"A" wound up in a three-way tie. Lorraine Sternberg gave Don Kangas his only red "L." She received her "L" from Randy Rein who took his one loss from Kangas.

The 'Classic', on just four courts had too little room for play-off games. "A", last class, had the time but the play-off had been designated as 'optional' on the schedule.

Sternberg was *low* seed at 75.3%. Rein and Kangas were both at 75.7%, one ringer over Sternberg. Kangas, based on his win over Rein in regular competition, was seeded number one.

Sternberg exercised her option - gave up the chance for extra games. She was tired and holding a 75% tournament. Apparently it was same decision for Kangas. Sitting on his

A1	Don Kangas	75.7	lifetime personal best
A2	Randy Rein	75.7	tournament
A3	Lorraine Sternberg	75.3	percentage, Kangas
A4	Ralph Maylahn	64.6	opted for no play-off.
A5	Brian Repinski	58.6	Tournament now
A6	Gus Schram	60.4	over, Kangas asked
A7	Cy Srenaski	52.1	Rein to play one more
A8	Marv Huffman	57.9	for a beer. He must
B1	Emmett Whiting	62.5	have had a
B2	Mark Stevens	59.3	premonition, Rein
B3	Jim Larson	57.6	won in a walk - a
B4	Jeff Secord	58.9	one-dollar and fifty
B5	John Barden	58.2	cent beer.
B6	Ann Opsteen	56.1	"No, I ordered no rain
B7	Jane Meier	52.9	for the weekend."
B8	John Koeppe	52.9	Archie declared in his

C1	Carolyn Stittleburg	53.9
C2	Elaine Troullier	50.4
C3	Steve Wiegert	51.1
C4	Ron Butz	45.6
C5	Jim Haupt	41
C6	Phyllis Davids	38.2
C7	Cliff Troullier	37.5
C8	Ken Jaeger	34.3
D1	Debbie Trossen	40
D2	Wayne Vanderhei	45.7
D3	John Secord	40.8
D4	Bernard Cockroft	37.3
D5	Cliff Troullier	37.5
D6	Gil Matzdorf	27.5
D7	Ken Kosky	22.1
D8	Chuck Herman	27.1

E1	Darlene Sabish	38.6
E2	Al Leintz	35
E3	Wally Srenaski	29.6
E4	Bob Kabella	27.8
E5	Bob Traber	27.1
E6	Ron Berg	21.1
E7	Ron Sabish Sr	21.8
E8	John Gregorich	22.1

guttural tone, after a few drops had appeared. With a menacing look to the sky, old Arch pulled his chair out from the shelter and within minutes the rain quit and Arch was dozing. Are we supposed to believe the Great Ogg can control the weather? Chicken, the often imitated never equaled variety on the barbecue, was the entree of the day but the Arch also offered some juicy hamburgers. Cooking at horseshoe events is old stuff for Arch. Thirty years ago, when the State Fair was the State Tournament, Arch had a big batch of chicken going to feed his Green Bay gang. He was doing a brisk side business with people passing by until the management asked for his seller's permit. We laid out the new fence line for two additional courts and were discussing the possibility of keeping the trees intact. Arch sized up the situation but put a quick stopper on it saying, "I'm not 40 years old any more." Every year we get a new bunch of spectators at Archie's. They eat a lot, never say much and they all look the same. The Classic will probably go on the same four courts alongside the cow pasture next year.

They were dedicated pitchers who came out on Friday night at Kamp's Kovered Kourts in Combined Locks! With temperature and humidity combining for a high simmer (if not boil) every one of the eight-man class I felt the heat. However, from all appearances, Moose Meyer was most "done," dripping from head to toe. "Hot" must have agreed with winner Roger Behm - all wins. Thirty-eight of the players in this year's tourney were Combined Locks Horseshoe Club members and seven of those took first in their class. The weather for the remainder of the tournament was much kinder to the pitchers - not exactly cool, but a great improvement. On Sunday afternoon Don Kangas turned the tables on Lorraine Sternberg, defending champion, by winning all seven of his games. Lorraine was "hot" as usual with 74.9% to Don's 70.3%. Mer Sorensen gave himself a birthday present by pitching 60.9% and winning five of his games. Oh yes, only two in Class A pitched from forty feet - Don and Gus Schram. John Rietveld did his taken-for-granted great job as tournament director once again.

F1	Rob Struebing	32.5
F2	Roxanne Sellison	44.6
F3	Ceil Trossen	31.1
F4	Dave Volz	38.9
F5	Dave Hansen	11.8
F6	Carol Crook	16.4
F7	Dan Jaglowski	11.4
F8	Dan Volz	12.1

G1	Joan Struebing	26.4
G2	Tom Costa	31.8
G3	Richard Burg	23.2
G4	LeRoy Meyer	18.6
G5	Hank Zeisse	20.4
G6	Tom Costa jr	20.1
G7	Don Peterson	15.5
G8	Ken Wood	9.6

MIDEASTERN WISCONSIN OPEN

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RESULTS

A	Don Kangas	70.3	Lo Sternberg	74.9	Mer Sorensen	60.9
B	Elaine Troullier	52.6	Steve Wiegert	56	Jane Meier	47.4
C	Cliff Troullier	44.6	Don Wagner	44.4	Gene Mason	34.6
D	Ed Rupno	41.4	Sue Knapp	37.1	Norb Strzyzewski	40.7
E	Otis Wesley	44.3	Roxanne Selissen	36.8	Al Leintz	32.7
F	Bill Matey	34.6	John Quandt	25	Steve Troullier	35
G	Allan Manley	30	Maurice Lamers	26.7	Scott Kater	24.1
H	Tim Schommer	28.2	Rich Ristau	22.9	Kendall Kuehl	21.1
I	Roger Behm	26.4	Gary Mortenson	26	Rich Ziereis	24.3
J	Ken Wood	18.9	Norm Carlson	20.7	Gary Colton	19.6
Jr	Chris Hanold	29.4	Joe Dollevoet	11.7	Chris Manley	3.9

WORLD HIGHLIGHTS

Sylvianne Moisan of Quebec and her nonchalant approach to constant ringers looked like the smart money bet for the Womens Championship. As expected, she and Sue Snyder met in the final game. Moisan took and held a commanding lead of 18-3 and the rain of four deads continued. Snyder worked back in the course of 130 shoes reaching the 40 point mark while holding Moisan to 9 additional points - winner and still World Champ, for the third time, Sue Snyder.

The Champion did it with 84.2%. Moisan, second, had high percentage, 85.5%. The surprise was Amy Brown of Ohio - third pitching 81.8% .

Wisconsin pitchers were tuned to the Womens Championship rounds.

Lorraine Sternberg and Edie McKinney qualified for the final 16, made some friends, and added to their award money. Sternberg qualified 6th, pitched 72%, finished 14th. McKinney after pitching 79% in opening round, was the only finals qualifier to come up from B class. She qualified 16th with 68% and won 2 games also finishing 16th. It was a treat to have two WHPA pitchers in the Championship rounds.

The Mens Championship rounds were close. Losses were common. The title went up for grabs on the final day.

Defending Champion, Walter Ray Williams Jr of California, ranked only 9th in the A1 class but his 76% put him into the championship rounds. The final five games started with a Walter Ray charge as he won over the tournament leader, Brian Simmons of Maine. Simmons lost again, this time to John Kapnis of Massachusetts. Walter Ray Williams took over the the number one spot. Kapnis, the spoiler, then rearranged the order giving Walter Ray another loss. The Kapnis charge threw the leaders into a three way tie for the final game. Williams, Simmons, and Alan Francis of Missouri each had ten wins. Francis and Simmons were matched. Williams only had to win against Kevin Cone of Iowa to force a play-off. Not today. Cone took that last game dropping Walter Ray Williams to third. The 1 vs 2 match went all the way, could have been either man.

Brian Simmons came close, had 39 points on the board, but only good for 2nd place as Alan Francis became World Champion for the third time.

The workhorse, Kapnis was rewarded with fourth place. Simmons had high average with 79.46%. Francis won with 78.56% and Williams also wound up with 78%. High game was established by the 14th place finisher, Andre Leclerc of Quebec with a 94.1% game.

Credits:

Almost all the winners (and losers) their records, and percentages printed here were taken from "The World Horseshoe Tournament Newsletter." It is published daily at the World Tournament by Bob Champion and Ed Quigley. There seems to be little profit in their venture : The Newsletter is passed out gratis. Perhaps the two live by their words, "If you aren't rich, you should always look useful."

1995 WORLD CHAMPIONS

ALAN FRANCIS - NUMBER 1 ; 3RD TIME

Final day games rearrange the Mens Championship class.

SUE SNYDER - KEEPS IT GOING

Sylvianne Moisan headed off in long final match.

LORRAINE STERNBERG - 14TH TOP CLASS

Goldendale champ wins some big games in Georgia.

EDIE MCKINNEY ; MAKES CHAMPIONSHIP RD

Lady of Luck, (WI) made the jump from pre-lim class B

DON TITCOMB - TAKES SENIOR TITLE

Len Lipovsky wins pre-lim; finishes champ round in fifth.

TEDDY GUILLOTTE - WINS SR LADIES

71% average outclasses the field.

CY SRENASKI WINS THIRD PLACE SR LADIES

Green Bay lady adds to family award money

FRANK BOHUN - SWEEPS ELDERS 30 FT

Pitches 84.2% ; all five championship men in excess of 70%

JOSEPH SMITH - CHAMPION BOY

Iowa junior broadens his scope with 76.5%

PENNY STEINKE - WORLD CHAMPION GIRL

"That says it all"

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SEPT 2-3-4 WHPA STATE TOURNAMENT

BELOIT, WI DEADLINE PAST

SEPT 9-10 WET 'N WILD ; Centuria D/L 8-26

Jane Smith 715-485-3057 #28-95-025 WHPA

SEPT 9-10 VFW DOUBLES; Combined Locks D/L 8-31

Ken Wood 414-788-2617 unsanctioned WHPA

SEPT 16 ANNUAL BELOIT DOUBLES D/L 9-6

Earl Paulson 608-879-2304 unsanctioned WHPA

SEPT 17 KENOSHA OPEN D/L 9-5

Glenn Bogenschneider 414-694-6922 #28-95-026 WHPA

SEPT 23 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria D/L 9-10

Jane Smith 715-485-3057 #28-95-027 WHPA

SEPT 23-24 ARENA FALL SINGLES D/L 9-7

Monica Reeve 608-753-2591 #28-95-028 WHPA

OCT 14 FALL MEETING; Plover

Tournament if announced will be #28-95-031.... WHPA

NOV 4-5 MUSIC CITY TEAM; Tennessee D/L 10-16

Mary Bastian 615-795-5620 NHPA sanctioned

NOV 11 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE #1 D/L 10-28

Ron Berg 608-924-5574 #28-95-029 WHPA

DEC 9-10 BERG'S DECEMBER DOUBLES D/L 11-25

Ron Berg 608-753-5574 #28-95-030 WHPA

WHPA Scheduled tournaments noted; WHPA.

NHPA sanctioned tournaments numbered.

For complete tournament information see Official WHPA schedule or flyer. From time to time this Newsletter may list events and dates other than WHPA scheduled tournaments.

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CLIFF TROULLIER Manitowoc
ED RUPNO Fremont
WALLY SRENASKI Green Bay
 Wisconsin class Champions standing on the World winner's platform in Perry, Georgia.

photos by Terry Sternberg



Cy Srenaski, Green Bay, has a good grip - on 3rd place trophy for the Sr Ladies Championship.

Photo by Terry Sternberg

THAT'S WHERE MY MONEY GOES...

Four, North-of-8, 'girls' spent the World; jammed into one hotel room, dining at fast-food joints, keeping score for quarters, and hitching rides with raised skirts.

Luckily they all pitched well enough to win a total of \$750. With money to burn they hit the road early looking for bigger and better places. How many malls can they do on \$750?

1995 NHPA CONVENTION

The annual meeting began an hour late. Everyone was on hand at 7:00 AM waiting for coffee and doughnuts. Seems the caterers were on a different schedule.

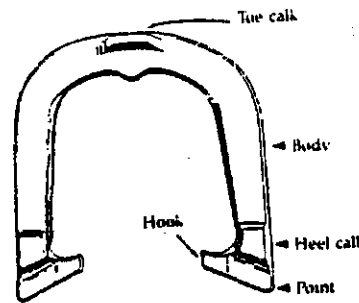
President Dave Loucks was determined to keep the meeting time to a minimum eliminating among other things, officers reports, and previous meeting minutes.

Hosts for the 1996 World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming are ready with 660 RV spaces on the grounds

Teams from Kitchner, Ontario and Perry, Georgia presented bids for the 1997 World event. St Louis, a prospective bidder, had earlier dropped out for lack of organization. Kitchner was selected by a vote of five to one.

Vice President, Casey Sluys efficiently made quick work of the five proposed rule changes.

1. The parts of the pitching shoe were officially named.
2. Legal ringer measure to include any part of the caulks.
3. Pitchers must use same arm for entire tournament.



4. Added, "Suggest 40 point limit or 40 shoe limit games.

5. A long dissertation on methods to play walking doubles.

Loucks gained approval of the present WT format wherein 16 player classes lead to championship rounds. The membership

then, by acclimation, indicated preference for 50-shoe, rather than

"The format choices...were offered in an informal manner."

40-shoe, preliminary games. Pacers, although necessary, should have everlasting second pitch, was the delegates choice. They also approved continued acceptance of late entries when feasible.

The format choices made at this meeting, although definite, were offered in an informal manner. All selections were measured by voice vote and should be considered of an advisory nature. Yes, they said to the present format but no to 40 shoe games. It would seem the "yes" precludes the "no."

Regional tournaments leading to the "Nationals" event have not seen the desired response. Loucks reported the NHPA is suspending further Regional play. Regionals are going to be re-tooled, re-designed, or re-invented before going back on the schedule.

NHPA officers re-elected enmasse were; Dave Loucks, Earl Winston, Bev Born, and Dick Hansen.

1996 GILLETTE WORLD — JULY 22 through AUGUST 4.

TEAM TUFF-E-NUFF

Donny Roberts had made the announcement twice, "Will Art Tyson please report for the class picture. Has anyone seen Mr Tyson?"

The crowd in the arena was set for the beginning of the Nationals Tournament, a play-off of Regional winners of the past year. Finally, here come three guys running single file, linked hands to shoulders of the man ahead. They created a scene, a commotion, loudly chanting some sing-song thing we later figured to be, "Go Blue Devil - Go Blue Devil."

Hear it? Yes! What is it? It's Art Tyson's grand entrance. The middle man was Tyson all in blue, skin tight shirt, usual tight leggings, and blue bandanna - "Blue Devil."

Undoubtedly it was the work of promoter, Fred Rich.

Lots of people are still asking themselves, "Who is this guy, Fred Rich?"

Rich is a promoter of the first order. He descended on the Georgia World Tournament with vigorous enthusiasm and a pocket full of cash. He's the man behind Team Tuff-E-Nuff.

His literature describes the group. "An NHPA player based promotional group, player supported and funded Pro-Am "Horseshoe Pitching" exclusively subsidized in conjunction with tournament directors in respective states. All levels of pitchers are welcome."

Membership fee is \$50 - per year. He expects to combine those funds with funds he generates, for selected tournaments, and offer \$100 cash to any team member winning their class. But don't think only of the money, he's quick to add, promotion of the sport is our aim.

Rich outlines goals and projections. Briefly stated they are: 1. Increase participation. 2. Create public awareness. 3. Create a professional team. 4. Increase award money. 5. Guarantee purses. 6. Obtain business sponsorship. 7. Assist tournament directors in creating better spectator orientated tournaments. 8. Assist tournament directors in obtaining better and more uniform local support. 9. Create an innovative approach to tournaments. 10. Create exciting awards programs. 11. Instill need for more ceremony. 12. Obtain and maintain media attention.

Rich forecasted, "Give me a place to park my rig (RV) for two weeks and I will promote your tournament in your town and produce added prize money."

The man first drew my attention when he paid the winners of the Nationals event \$100 each. Then I heard the pitch straight from Fred Rich and went for it. Six days later, Sue Snyder, because she is a team member, was awarded \$1000 from Tuff-E-Nuff as a World championship class winner.

Skeptically, people ask, Where's the money coming from?

As a former race driver, Rich is familiar with the results of promotion. Added prize money will come from his hands-on promotion. Promoters take a cut of the action. He will be recruiting more team members. Some money will come from team membership.

Promotion within the sport of horseshoes is and has been mostly an ideal rather than real. I like the promise an active promoter working with this sport.

I joined the Team.

DOWN AND BACK... AT THE WORLD

with Jim Haupt

Len Lipovsky, a badger turned gopher, was originally from Boyceville, WI. Despite a rough start, he turned it around and won the Seniors "B" Pre-lims, qualified for the championship rounds and wound up in the middle of the pack.

At the Awards Banquet Len presented his son, Dale Lipovsky, as a 1995 Hall of Fame inductee. He prefaced his oration stating that earlier, only he and God knew what he was going to say, and now that he was at the podium, only God knows.

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All the awards at the banquet were not made at the head table.

Ken Kosky said, "Come over here Jim, Gus has a little speech to make." Gus Schram passed a package to me and try as I might, I cannot remember the speech. Once open, the contents said it all.

It was a shining silvery pair of Ringle Singles stamped with the words "OLD DUFFER." The only pair ever produced, I think. Gus said something like, from one old duffer to another.

The shoes were cast with aluminum and zinc making them very light weight. The next day I ran them through the NHPA shoe check line. At 1.75 # they're OK, legal shoes.

Maybe its asking too much, but if you recall this column of an issue past, this writer suggested a shoe of this type, even went so far as to suggest the name. Mr. Schram sure picks up on good ideas in a hurry.

The last game of the pre-lims, when I was drop dead out of it,

I pitched the "Old Duffers." OK, I lost another game but managed to pop a few doubles. They float through the air with the greatest of ease.

The box is marked "Lifetime Guarantee." I wonder, is that his lifetime or mine?

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Tom Steinke planned to be up and out early morning, so not to awaken the girls, he placed his pants outside the camper for the night.

Next morning after a quick shower he donned the pants. About the time the belt was buckled Steinke felt some strange sensations and began jumping around like that man on a fuzzy tree. Quickly! he put everything in "R," Belt open! Zipper down! Pants off!

To his befuddled audience he exclaimed, "Ants! Ants! They must have built a nest in my pants!"

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Is the game of Horseshoes a real sport?

Recently a L.A. sportswriter commenting on the proliferation of Olympic sports set the requisite. "If an athlete could pull a hamstring while participating, it's a sport: Other games are merely activities.

Well if that's the factor, the great game of Horseshoes makes the grade. Charley Meredith, championship pitcher of Kentucky is a picture of motion delivering a ringer. The big man takes a six foot step but it became his undoing. In the early going of the final day at the World, Meredith stepped out far enough to pull a hamstring all but ending his competition. He did continue with an abbreviated step good for a 10th place finish.

Sorry about the injury Charley, but you have proven that our game, Horseshoes, is a real Sport!

THE JACK FREEMAN COURTS A GIFT TO THE NHPA?

NHPA President, Dave Loucks, wrapped up the Georgia convention announcing Dr Jack Freeman has offered his Tennessee Horseshoes establishment to the NHPA as an outright gift.

The one string attached, call it a thread, is that Freeman would like it to qualify as a charitable contribution. In present form the NHPA, although non-profit, does not qualify as a charitable institution.

Recently in legal consultation it was shown that an entity could be created by the NHPA that would be entirely supported by donations and deemed 'charitable in purpose.'

Loucks went on to say the new entity would be designed to promote and foster amateur and junior horseshoe development. Donations and bequeathments would be expected to fund the entity and that entity would own and operate the Tennessee Horseshoe complex.

A separate board would be appointed to govern the new entity which could include an officer or two from the existing NHPA executive council.

It was explained that the NHPA has been earmarking funds for a permanent Hall of Fame. \$150,000 is available. Part of the funds would be used to support operation of Tennessee Horseshoes in the formative years of the new venture. Current operations cost is now \$20,000 per year.

Tournament entry fees would probably be increased to defray some cost.

A full time manager would be required.

Another building would be needed for the Hall of Fame.

Camping or RV facilities need to be developed.

The complex would be home to the World Tournament on a revolving schedule and be the site of NHPA team, regional, and state tournaments.

There are some valid questions. Will this include the entire 65 acres? Is more land available? Does it include the existing house? Will the caretaker be provided housing? Will this charitable institution be tax liable - municipal taxes?

Loucks was after approval to continue to explore the offer and to incorporate a new and separate entity of the NHPA in the state of Tennessee.

Some of the questions are premature and will be answered only if the organization can continue with the rudimentary steps toward acceptance.

Thankfully the membership voiced overwhelming approval.

JACK FREEMAN'S TENNESSEE HORSESHOES JOELTON, TN

Joelton, Tennessee is on the northwest end of Nashville - the first rural community encountered outbound on I-24, about ten miles. Has good access to all parts of the city of Nashville. The courts are located 2 miles north of exit 35. The driveway appears suddenly on the winding road. Easy does it, after all the road

belongs to the neighbors.

Once on the stone drive you'll see the big horseshoe building about as wide as a court is long plus another twenty feet. The neat white steelclad building is 18 courts long. The concrete floor is smooth and clean, maybe too smooth. Each court is marked with crisp white backboards and all the short distance courts are distinctly lined out.

The service side of the courts is fenced and roomy with sets of new low bleachers, all aluminum. About halfway down is the registration table where Mary Bastain does all the stat work. Here and there you'll see some 'Kero-sun' type heaters to keep those southern people extra toasted on cold days. For pitchers there's plenty of heat and the only wind you'll encounter is from the many ceiling fans. The other side of the courts bucks against the outside wall which has been appropriately wainscoted with rough cedar to cushion any errant shoes. This building was made for horseshoe pitchers - lots of pitchers.

Four or or five service rooms have been added to the main courts to accommodate the rest rooms, food service room, and some offices.

Inline and behind are the outdoor courts. Twenty courts in a row completely covered from the elements but open on all sides and set in a concrete deck a tad rougher than inside. Only a few of the new courts have clay: Need more players.

Parking has never been a problem but for a 38 court tournament it could be tight. Sure there's 65 acres but its woodlot and hilly to boot - a great place to take hike or to pitch a tent or park a Land-Rover. Looks like a job for Earth-man and a fleet of big cats but don't ever expect to see a paved parking area here. The rain has to go somewhere.

The best horseshoe place I've seen is not yet ready the prime time of a World Tournament. I expect someday soon it will be.

Thanks, Jack Freeman, from everybody who ever picked up a horseshoe. Beats me how a Doctor knows how to build such a great place. Doc, you did a first class job. Now get well.

WW-II

No its not what you think. This WW-II happened in Nashville on the Friday before the second week of the World Tournament. World Warm-up #2 was set-up for World Pitchers on their way south - a last chance to practice under the gun of competition.

Only twenty-three pitchers took advantage of the Music City offering. Perhaps the weekday date was too much to expect of folks on a limited vacation. One week earlier, a similar number showed to pitch World Warm-up I. Overall it was a nice idea but did not fit into the plans of enough players.

In spite of the low entry, "A" class was impressive. Entering averages were top line. Most were destined to pitch the World in the top classes. Any tournament schedule that includes both the current mens and ladies World Champions deserves recognition.

Don Titcomb, often seen at Jack Freeman's place, might well say the additional competition put him wise to winning the upcoming Seniors title. Some went on to win: Others did not fare as well. Everyone had a chance to test their stuff on the way to Georgia.

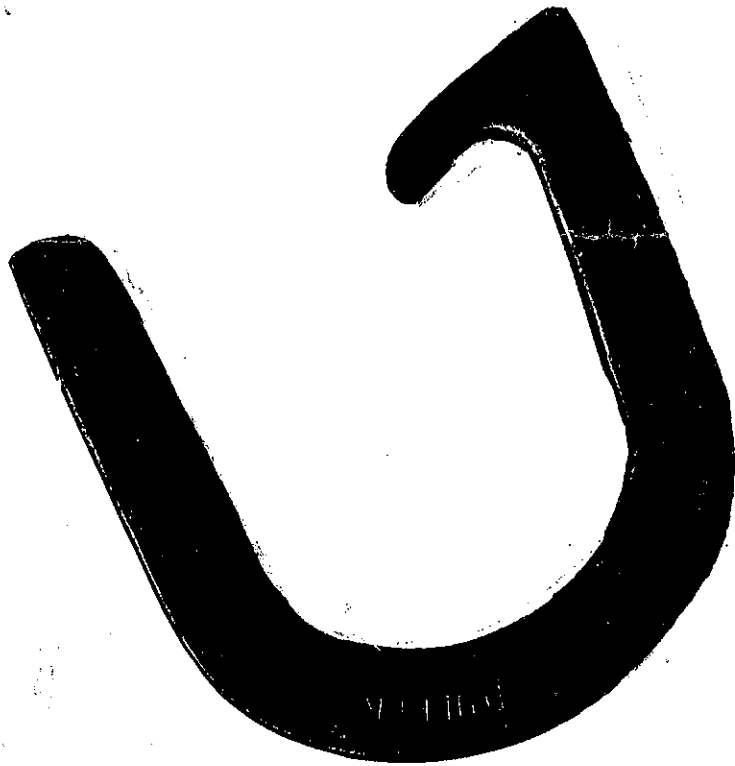
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