

1991 STATE TOURNAMENT - FOND DU LAC

There will be a lot of activity at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend. The Fond du Lac Horseshoe Club will be hosting the 69th Annual Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament and the Wisconsin Street Rod Association will be having their 20th anniversary corn roast.

The Street Rod Association is expecting over 800 cars to be displayed. Anyone wanting to enter their 1965 and under car may send to John Secord for an entry form. The Holiday Inn is their registration headquarters so expect it to be full on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have a problem getting a motel, you might try Oshkosh or Ripon which are both about 20 miles away.

The Fond du Lac Horseshoe Club has been working hard preparing to host this event. Last year they added a higher fence to the north side of their courts and sodded between the courts and this year they are planning an addition to double the size of their club house with an open shelter patio attached to the east of their existing building. They plan to have this completed by the State Tournament time.

In order to handle the large number of entries, The Fond du Lac Club is adding a seventeenth court which will be used for playoffs.

HOW TO ENTER THE STATE TOURNAMENT?

First you must be a Wisconsin resident six months prior to the State Tournament. You must be a NHPA member by the July 31st entry deadline. Entry fee must accompany entry.

The State Tournament is a NHPA (National Horseshoe Pitchers Association) sanctioned tournament. There are no complimentary cards or sanction league only participants. All must be NHPA members.

To qualify for the State Tournament it is required that you have pitched in at least two tournaments listed on the State tournament schedule from August 1, 1990 through July 31, 1991. You may use your

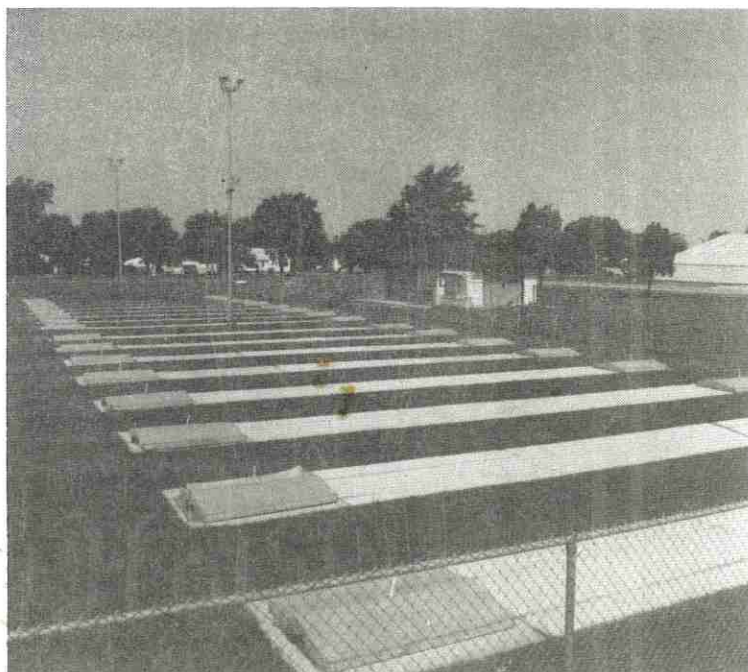
1990 NHPA sanction league average as one average, ONLY if you do not have the required two tournaments. You must have one tournament average along with your sanction league average to do this. Be sure to state this on your entry. Juniors and 70+ class pitchers are exempt from the qualifying rule.

The top three tournament averages are used to seed all pitchers in every class. The Championship men and women will have preliminary classes this year. Entries must be in by the July 31st deadline.

All pitchers must have their name on the back of their shirt. This year there will be more spectators that have probably never seen organized horseshoe pitching so enter early and come to Fond du Lac LOOKING AND PITCHING YOUR BEST.

BY JOHN SECORD

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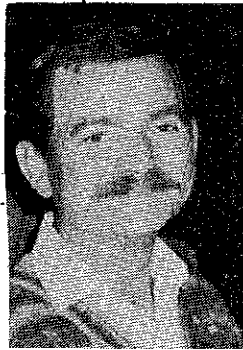
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**DICK HANSEN
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I received a preliminary World Tournament entry schedule on June 1st and again Wisconsin will be among the leaders in total pitchers. I came up with 60 entries. The same number we had last year. Again a very good showing for the WHPA at the World Tournament. Our delegates to the '91 convention, besides myself are: as follows, John Secord, Susie Pritzlaff, Curt & Beaty Bestul, Don & Ida Hostrup, Ken Jaeger, Terry & Lorraine Sternberg and Debby Bestul. All are active WHPA members and all will represent the WHPA as one.

Some time ago I said that the Newsletter should be used to announce the names of those seeking office with the WHPA. So let me be the first. I will, if wanted, seek another term as WHPA President. It will be 4 years come September and there is still much to be done. When I was first elected I had many goals set down for myself. Some have been completed, some are in the works but much is still to be done. My one main goal, however, is still there and that is the promotion of the sport of horseshoe. We can do more.

THE BRO-TOWN CLASSIC

#28-91-013

It was a fair day on the courts at Archie's Place. In apparent anticipation 22 Holstein heifers watched the warm-ups. They out-numbered all the pitchers on the schedule.

Entering averages were spread and it was sensed that some may be outclassed. Ralph Maylahn came up with a unique method designed to benefit all.

Two sets of wins and losses were kept; one based on handicap, the other represented the actual win and loss. There was a first and second award in both categories but only one award per pitcher. Classes B and C played with the double records. Class A went straight. All matches were point games and posed no problems.

With all this meticulous preparation it seems the stage was set for upset. Ann Opsteen screwed up the works in class B. She was low seed in her class. Had not picked up a shoe since February. So naturally she she won all her games and received all the handicap wins to boot. Pitched 54% plus.

Watch your calendar next year for a July date. Come see a new batch of heifers.

BROTHERTOWN RESULTS

(REG. AND HDGP.)

CLASS A			CLASS C		
	R	H		R	H
Don Kangas	6-0	70.5	Jeff Secord	6-1	4-3 49.3
Randy Rein	4-2	73.8	John Secord	6-1	4-3 44.9
Joan Guetzke	4-2	62.8	Tom Leair	5-2	5-2 38.9
Steve Wiegert	2-4	55.5	T. Schrage	4-3	4-3 36.0
Gus Schram	2-4	54.2	Marv Guetzke	3-4	1-6 34.6
Cy Srenaski	1-5	59.1	R. Sellison	2-5	5-2 30.3
Ralph Maylahn	1-5	53.6	D. Jaglowski	2-5	2-5 25.8
CLASS B			Hank Zeisse		
	R	H		R	H
Ann Opsteen	4-1	5-0 54.5	Jim Haupt	2-3	1-4 46.1
Tony Scrima	4-1	3-2 51.9	P. Davids	1-4	2-3 47.8
W. Srenaski	3-2	2-3 50.7	Bob Traber	1-4	1-4 39.0



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WISCONSIN PITCHERS - 1991 WORLD TOURNAMENT

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2 PERFECT GAMES - CAYUGA CLASSIC, INDIANA

DISPATCHED BY RALPH MAYLAHN

Those who didn't go to Cayuga missed something - you may go to the World to see a class act, but it won't surpass what we had here at Cayuga.

Karl VanSant was a perfect host, he averaged 71.81% and never won a game. He never got a score with a 70% game, the reason, Tari Powell, IL. Present Womens World Champion threw a perfect game of 40 shoes-100% against him. That was her first game. Her 7th game she threw another perfect 24 shoes-100% against Sandy McLachlin, Canada. Tari's 5th game against Don Peters of IL - she threw 30 ringers out of 30 shoes but Don's shoe took one off for Tari, so she had to settle for 29 out of 30. Two perfect games in one tournament--WOW!!!

Cliff Baker threw the most shoes, he was in a 98 shoe game against Tari, 94 shoes against Sandy McLachlin and 96 shoes against Sue Snyder, IN.

The courts were beautiful, no rain, plenty of "heat" but pitching like that, who notices anything else.

CLASS A - Sue Snyder, 6-1, 82.0%; Tari Powell, IL, 5-2, 87.6%; Sandy McLachlin, Canada, 5-2, 80.2%; Ron Powell, KY, 5-2, 80.1%; Cliff Baker, IL, 4-3, 80.7%; Don Peters, IL, 2-5, 67.4%; Dale Henry, 1-6, 71.1%; Karl VanSant, 0-7, 71.8%. (all eight pitchers combined averaged 77.6%)

PLATTEVILLE SPRING SINGLES

Rain all around but except for a brief shower it skipped these courts. The short rain delay during class A created a little run on the lunch stand. Joyce Mauthe didn't mind a bit.

The wind-up spot was left A class only. Bleachers were bulging with a few relatives, club people, and some guys from Iowa cheering for Red Henton. Their prayers were answered when Henton wormed his way into a play-off with John Udelhofen. Norm Mauthe must have orchestrated this one.

After a brief memorable address by the Iowa idol which no one remembers, the pitchers agreed to go down and back. Coming back Udelhofen had one ringer to Henton's two. Henton took this final moment to announce "The kid is hot and I am not". Most could not see through the backboard and believed the hype.

Udelhofen won the match without saying much. Henton may have lost the play-off but he did not relinquish center stage. May Glen Henton always be in the "A" play-off.

RESULTS OF PLATTEVILLE NHPA SPRING SINGLES #28-91-012

<u>CLASS A</u>		<u>CLASS B</u>	
John Udelhofen	63.71	Arnie Walton	50.28
Glen Henton	55.71	LaVern Edge	46.85
<u>CLASS C</u>		<u>CLASS D</u>	
LaVern Richard	44.28	Chet Hermansen	37.33
Len Mauthe	48.85	Paul Federer	34.00
<u>CLASS E</u>		<u>CLASS F</u>	
Teresa Donar	31.42	John Reuter Jr	33.42
Don Linden	30.00	Al Leuthold	29.42
<u>CLASS G</u>		<u>CLASS H</u>	
Kathy Kelly	37.42	Art Heizler	28.33
Red Ferguson	33.42	Jeff Mauthe	32.00
<u>JUNIOR CLASS</u>			
Mark Mauthe	55.66	Pam Steinke	45.66

**THE STATE TOURNAMENT
AND/OR
WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**

The Wisconsin State Fair Park horseshoe courts were home to the State Tournament for 43 years before the WHPA came into existence. We will be well into the next century before the WHPA State Tournaments can begin to approach an equal number.

The WHPA was formed in 1967. The State Tournament then became the property of the WHPA. Starting with Combined locks the State Tournament began to move to other locations, seldom repeating and never returning to the West Allis State Fair Park. The Fair Park tournament continued. Old tradition caused them to erroneously advertise as "The State Tournament" when in reality it was "The State Fair Tournament". 1971 was the last State Fair Tournament of record. Subsequently the court layout was converted to other use.

Five times during the infancy of the WHPA the two tournaments, State Fair and WHPA State, were conducted in the same year. It led to some confusion that lingers on even today.

Like it was meant to be, the same men won both tournaments all but the last year. Tommy Bartlen, the first WHPA State Champ, won his title at Combined Locks and also won the 1967 State Fair. The following three years Bill Glass won the State Tournament at Eau Claire, Combined Locks, and La Crosse. He also won the State Fair Tournament in each of those three years.

Here's the stickler. In 1971 Bill Glass won the State Title at Neenah but Ralph Maylahn won The State Fair tournament.

A request for recognition of two State Champions for that year was denied based on NHPA correspondence of that time wherein it was actually stated that the State Fair Tournament could not be known as a State Tournament. Although the NHPA would recognize earlier State Champions from the Fair Park, future State Champions would come from only the sanctioned WHPA State Tournament wherever the location.

WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN NEENAH

Its 1971. The WHPA State Horseshoe Tournament is being played in Neenah. Class "A", for the Championship is under the lights. Ralph Maylahn is going against Bill Glass.

Maylahn, in his youth, had been Milwaukee's class A City Champ five successive times but that was before World War II. This is only his second try for the State title. The year before at LaCrosse he watched as Glass won it in a play-off with Curt Bestul.

It looks like this is going to Maylahn's year. He has the three-time defending champion down, 35 to 9. Then the lights went out.

Blackness. Play was halted. For a first hand account, ask some who were there. From Eau Claire, in A class, there was Merrill Semmingson, Bob Anderson, and Curt Bestul. Tommy Bartlen, Felix Kubly, and the first legend of Wisconsin, Harvey Elmeron, all were in that class. Ask them about the lighting system at Neenah. Rumor is that some kid leaning on a light pole caused a short.

The strategic 'time-out' was too much for Maylahn. Glass, who put Vesper on the map, won his fourth State Title coming from way behind.

Maylahn knew he could beat Glass. He did it at the State Fair Tournament that year. His time would come as the following year proved. Maylahn, in 1972, did it in straight games pitching 73.1%.

But...what would have happened if the lights had

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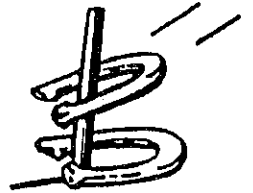
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FOND DU LAC COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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ENTRY FEE: \$16.00 for all participants except junior's
which are free.

DEADLINE: July 31, 1991

REQUIREMENTS: To qualify for the State Tournament you must
have pitched in at least two tournaments on
the State schedule from Aug 1, 1990 thru July
31, 1991. A 1990 sanctioned league average may
be used as one if only one tournament has been
pitched.

\$16.00 entry fee and 1991 NHPA card # must
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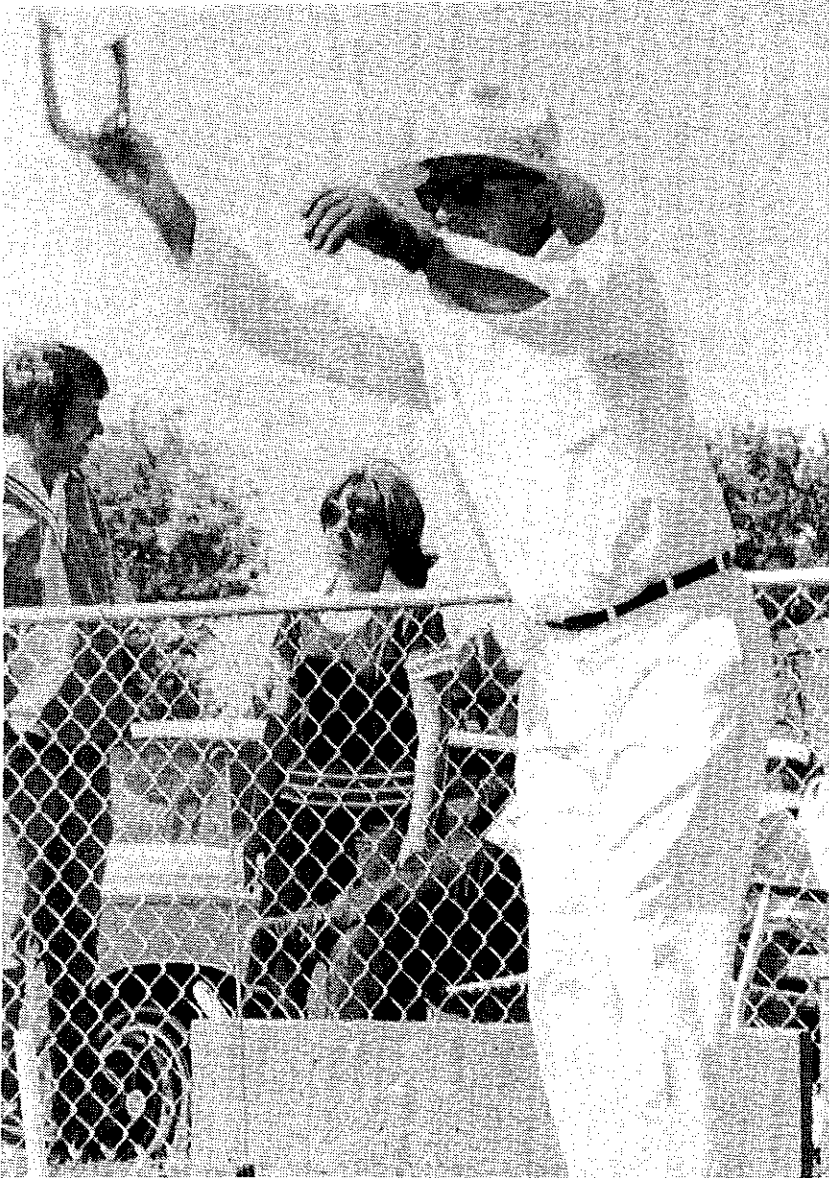
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BILL GLASS AT ARCHIE JOHNSON'S IN SUSSEX

BILL GLASS

Sometime in the early 70's arriving in Green Bay for Swen Bowman's horseshoe tournament at the old courts on Velp avenue, there it was, a huge banner proclaiming "BILL GLASS IS HERE". Bill Glass, one of the great pitchers of that time. Only Bill was more than just a good horseshoe pitcher, he had a fascination about him that captivated an audience. His pitching form with his high forward and backward swing throwing ringer after ringer was exciting to watch.

Bill entered many tournaments throughout the state. Going to our mailbox when our tournament deadline was near, I can remember Dad asking, "Did you get an entry from Bill?" It meant a whole lot to have him at your tournament.

Bill won the state championship eight times, his first in 1968 and thereafter in '69, '70, '71, '74, '78, '79 and '80.

Bill, his wife, Lois and five children made their home in Vesper.

In 1981, at Eau Claire, Bill Glass was inducted into the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Due to Lou Gehrig's disease He was unable to pitch horseshoes anymore. Bill was unable to speak but the smile on his face and the tears in his eyes explained to everyone there how he felt. It was an unforgettable moment.

Some time after his induction Bill passed away.

BY SUSIE PRITZLAFF

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Wisconsin State Horseshoe Champions never quit; they just play 'Megabucks'.

There was a guy sporting a State Champ jacket in a West Allis grocery store waiting in line for those 'Megabucks' tickets. The back of the jacket said "Jerry Kamps" in large letters. It also said, discreetly, "Don Kangas, State Champ".

Another patron asked if the wearer actually knew Jerry Kamps. "Sure", came the reply, "I pitched league shoes there a couple of years ago." Well the patron said he knew Jerry too and that his own name is Bartlen; Tommy Bartlen. Kangas affirmed, "Oh.., I heard about you". Bartlen claimed he had heard all the latest West Allis horseshoe champ also.

[Tommy Bartlen also of West Allis has six state titles and was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame in 1979.]

Among other things they found they live only a few blocks apart. Kangas is working the night shift so Bartlen invited him to pitch during the regular daytime league at Washington Park and meet Carl Pfeffer (56-58) and perhaps Ed Schimek (60-62-63).

Washington Park has been the home of more State Champs than any other location in this state. But waittil they get aload of the lefty fireball with the wrong way turn. Hmmm...

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This season's early indications are demonstrating fewer ptchers at weekend tournaments. True there have been more tournaments. But where are the pitchers?

A noted exception has been Beloit; the scene of four major events this Spring. Are they tuned to an earlier start? Has the fervor for shoes moved South?

We will watch with great interest to see if the old established tournaments still draw big numbers.

July, on the WHPA calendar, usually an active month is all but devoid of tournaments. Combined Locks should be a barn-burner (Mid-July). Before and after some of us not going to the World will suffer withdrawal symptoms unless someone schedules another tournament or two.

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Who say's you can't?

Tony Scrima received a Twenty dollar bill for his secondplace finish at Green Bay. Stamped on the back in red ink were the words, "BLOOD FROM A STONE"... I donno either but it didn't look like a mint mark. Wally Srenaski was first but I don't think he would do that.

Talk about July and it happens. Ron Yttri mailed a flyer announcing the 11th Annual U.A.W. Open to go on the 13 and 14 of July. It carried the underlined message "This is not a sanctioned tournament." The tournament director further declined the opportunity to to list on the State Schedule.

So it looks like this one won't count towards State entry and is more for the fun of it. ARC will benefit, as always, to the tune of \$2 per pitcher. Entry is \$13 to Ron Yttri (608) 752-8828.

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

FROM THE EDITOR:

I just received a list of 27 people who won a subscription for our newsletter. The Eau Claire Horseshoe Club made this newsletter an award as part of their tournament. Close Doesn't Count tournament in Centuria has been doing this for the past few years.

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To the WHPA,

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Don Kangas
Randy Rein
John Udelhofen
Jane Smith


Susie:

Thanks for the article [June issue], your first statement is correct, "shoe one."

Keep up the good work on Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

Regards, Wally Knutson

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BELOIT SPRING SINGLES

Rain accompanied opening day of outdoor tournaments here in southern Wisconsin. After being interrupted twice by showers a Saturday class bent on pitching finished the competition by leaving the carpets on the clay. Sunday found some guys still wearing knee high rubber boots. Cool turned to comfortable about at the same time the pitching was over for the day. Such is life for Spring horseshoe tournaments.

To their credit, most of the 94 entries showed up in spite of the drizzle-like weather.

Each time we return to the Beloit courts we see added refinements. New sod now grows on the North end and in apparent respect for their departed president, we saw a new sign - "RENLEY COURTS".

<u>CLASS A</u>		<u>CLASS B</u>	
Joan Guetzke	58.9	Jim Haupt	47.5
Buck Huffman	56.4	Dennis Simler	42.2
<u>CLASS C</u>		<u>CLASS D</u>	
Dick Muhlenbeck	40.0	Paul Federer	32.0
John Barden	40.0	Lynda Turner	26.8
<u>CLASS E</u>		<u>CLASS F</u>	
Betty Dennison	38.3	Sally Dietzel	37.1
Lori Simler	31.4	Harold Laws	31.8
<u>CLASS H</u>		<u>CLASS I</u>	
Pete Rockers	24.7	Dave Aho	26.4
Art Heizler	24.4	Ken Lovas	23.1
<u>CLASS J</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>	
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Kip Gusner	15.7	Jason Goldsmith	43.6

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**PITCHER
OF THE YEAR**

BY DICK HANSEN

This is the list of the top 20 for the Pitcher of the Year Award. It at first looked like Randy was going to make it a run away, but that Jaeger from New London has been coming on strong as of late. We still have ten tournaments to go before this year's award winner is named, a possible 130 points. My pick to make a strong finish has to go to Jim Haupt. Jim plays a lot of tournaments and could rack up another 60 to 70 points. That would put him in the 140 range that it took to win last year. But Randy, Ken Joan, Tony Mike, Paul and right on down the list may disagree. Good pitching to them all down the home stretch.

ANNOUNCING

Dick Hansen has been appointed by NHPA President, Dave Loucks to a position on the NHPA Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is an advisory board for the consideration of proposed changes.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Send your tournament results to Dick Hansen and John Secord as soon as possible. It is very important to get this to them in this last month especially because of the State Tournament and the Player of the Year Award.

An updated tournament average list is also available now. Tournament Directors may contact John Secord.

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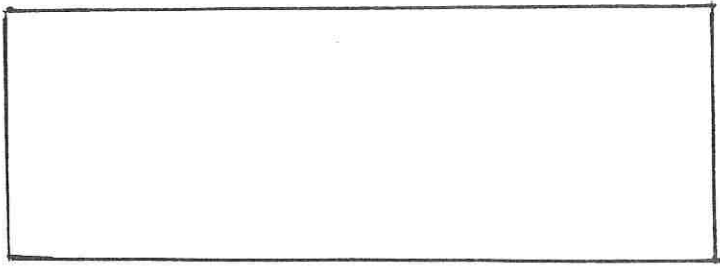
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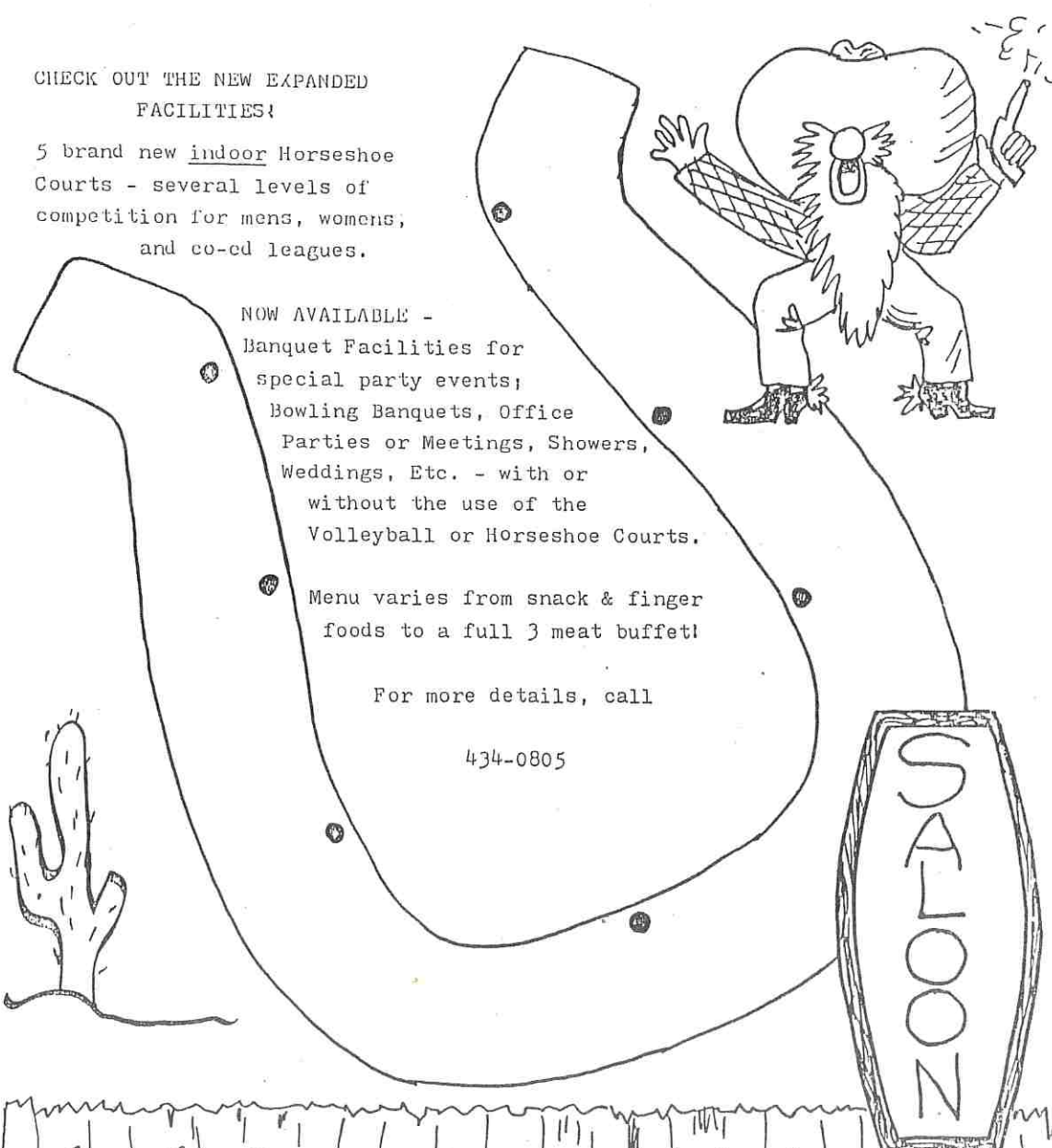
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