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TEAM-WORLD

By Jim Haupt

There'll be, a bash in Boulder, maybe dancing in Denver. The guys from Colorado did it again.

pitcher from Colorado ran the gamut showing just one tie game. Alan Francis was the only pitcher to go unscathed in the prelims. Amy Francis won 23 of her 24 games. Paul LaCrosse dropped only two games in total. Judy Curtiss, Michigan lost once the first day and only once more in the finals.

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Teams put their wins together trying to appear in the stepladder finals. Three top teams go on the ladder, Colorado, Ohio, and Minnesota this time. Four more teams pitch-off for the fourth spot- Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Ontario. Wisconsin took the honors

but lost their fist ladder game to arch rival Minnesota.

Colorado interrupts the Minnesota stranglehold on the Team-World title with a three to one victory over Ohio. Paul Lacrosse eliminates the threat of Alan Francis who dominated the event previously winning all games including a perfect 40 ringer game. Amy Francis is only Ohio finals winner. Rich Pintor, Colorado, continues streak of never losing a Team-World playoff game.

As an added feature the published results this year show, in addition to individual percentages and team percentages, high games by individuals and the number of games exceeding 80%. Charlie Kilgore shows two eighty percent games. May be an indication why Missouri-2 jumped out to an early lead.

Minnesota has to settle for third over fourth place Wisconsin.

Perfect games at Team-World are rare. Cathy, Carter, of Iowa was the first when she was still active a few years ago. Alan Francis had been knocking on the door in this year's

Every team plays every other team on the 24 team schedule, 23 games not including the finals for a player doing full duty. Dee Powell, a short distance

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COMING EVENTS

JUN 14	MARSHFIELD ONE	\$15
Dan David	282 Rangeline Rd Auburndale, WI 54412	
715-384-3612	28-03-031	D/L 6-1
JUN 14-15	WINNEBAGOLAND TEAM; FDL	\$51
Jeff Secord	615 Western Fond du Lac 54935	
920-922-9698	3 player team 151% cap 28-03-032	D/L 5/25
JUN 21-22	GOLDENDALE; Germantown	\$15
Tom Costa	727 River Rd #12 West Bend, WI 53095	
262-338-6905	28-03-033	D/L 6-8
JUL 5-6	WAUSAU OPEN	\$15
Randy Rein	201 Second St Mosinee, WI 54455	
715-693-1199	28-03-034	D/L 6-22
JUL 12	SANBORN OPEN	\$15
Steve Stevens	Rt 1 Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855	
715-278-3473	28-03-035	D/L 6-29
JULY 11-12	MID EAST OPEN AT Comb Locks	\$15
	unsanctioned	
JULY 13	COMB LOCKS SANCTIONED	\$17
Rosemary Kamps	101 Kamps Kt Combined Locks, WI 53113	
920-788-3229	Limit Sunday 48 28-03-036	D/L 6-29
JULY 12	SIZZLE ; Arena	\$15
Eddie Wheeler	W9870 Co Hwy K Lodi, WI 53555	
608-592-4424	28-03-037	D/L 6-29
JULY 20	Oxford Open (CORRECTION)	\$15
Ron Balsiger	P.O. Box 168, Westfield, WI 53964	
608-296-1869	28-03-038	D/L 7/7
JUL 26-27	SOUTHERN WI OPEN; BELOIT	\$15
Earl Paulson	71-0 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511	
608-879-2304	28-03-039	D/L 7-13
AUG 1-2-3	EAGLE OPEN unsanctioned	
Al or Kathy Salmela	262-594-2431	
104 Homestead Ret.	Eagle, WI 53119	D/L 7/20
AUG 2	GREEN BAY OPEN	\$15
Steve Wiegert	1505 Ellis St Green Bay WI 54302	
920-435-6310	23-03-040	D/L 7-20
AUG 4- 17	WORLD TOURNAMENT; Eau Claire	\$100
Dick Hansen	3085 76th St Franksville, WI 53126	
262-835-9108	28-03-041	D/L 5-15
AUG 23 24	PLATTEVILLE NHPA	\$16
Norm Mauthe	865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53118	
608-348-9697	28-03-042	D/L 8-10
AUG 24	KENOSHA OPEN	\$15
Linda Johnson	8439 103 rd Av Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158	
262-694-0681	28-03-043	D/L 8-10
Aug 30-31 Sep 1	WHPA STATE TOURNAMENT;	\$25
	Arena, WI	
John Secord	W6868 Brown Rd Fond Du Lac WI 54937	
920-922-0080	28-03-044	D/L 7-31
SEPT 6-7	Wet 'n WILD; Centuria	\$10
Jane Smith	1481 180th St Balsam Lake, WI 54810	
715-485-3057	28-03-045	D/L 8-24
SEPT 13	LA CROSSE OPEN	\$15
Ted Rohde	2034 s 32nd St La Crosse, WI 54601	
608-788-0318	28-03-046	D/L 9-1



The President's Column

Congratulations to Randy Rein and Jim Larson your new 2003 State Doubles Champions. Randy and Jim were without a doubt the right combination this year. Regular doubles seemed to be well excepted by all participants, there was only one suggestion and that was to maybe start the event a little later in the day.

The following two WHPA positions are up for election, the President and the Second Vice-President. Any WHPA member running for such office shall notify the President and the Newsletter Editor by July 31st 2003.

Being that the Presidents position is one up for re-election, I would like to inform you that I am not running for re-election. Eight years it's been, and I have enjoyed every minute serving as your President. I would like to thank you all for a very memorable eight years.

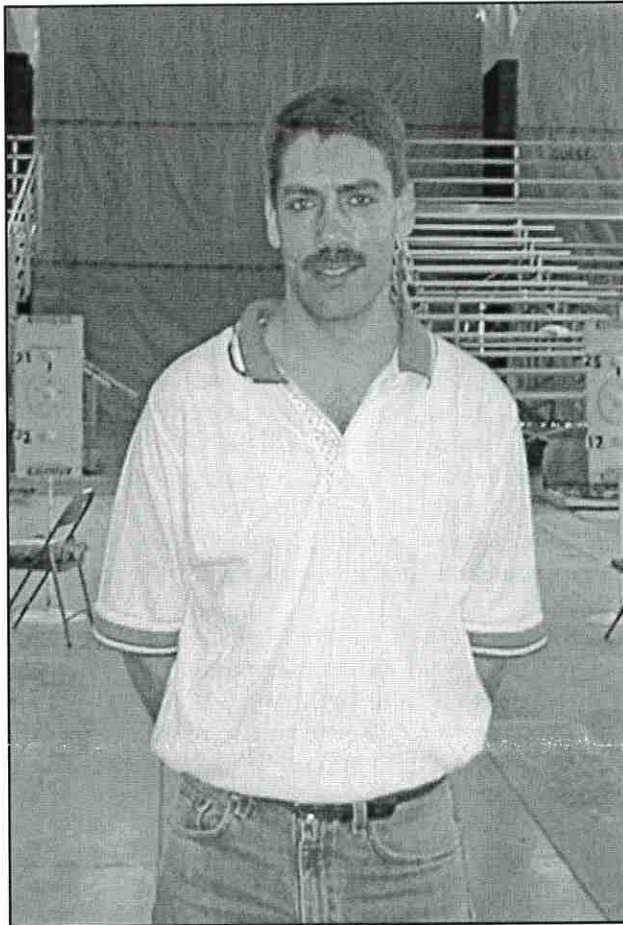
In your May-June issue of the NHPA Newsline there are a list of proposed Rule Changes, with the reasons why they should be changed. The five delegates that this State is allotted, at the World Convention in Eau Claire, will be your current State Officers. Please feel free to let them know you opinion about the proposed rule changes.

The World Tournament is fast approaching. Remember that we need the help of anyone that is available during our set-up weekends and during the Tournament itself. Contact either myself, Ken Kosky, or Jane Smith to see how you can help.

Key dates are **July 26, July 31 thru Aug 2**, and teardown and cleanup **Aug. 17 - 18**.

The Chippewa Valley Sports Commission will have some of that good "Chenoa" clay for sale after this years World Tournament. We will sell it by the drum of about 700 or 800 lbs. of clay for probably \$60 per drum to be picked up immediately after the tournament is finished. This will be done on a first-come first-served basis, take one or all (about 50 total). Call Ken Kosky (715-355-4628) or myself (920-982-6287).

Your President - Ken Jaeger



Alan Francis - Ohio

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event with 21 games at 80% or over. He did his perfect game in normal cool fashion. We haven't heard from Edi Holland who could not score for 40 shoes. The most excited guy on the court was said to be the President of the Beloit club, Mouse Beckius who was keeping score.

Team-World is always looking for the most diverse line up of teams conversely this year it could have been called the All-Midwest. The home state, Wisconsin produced five teams. Long time supporting competitor Missouri again entered four teams. Minnesota now brings three. Illinois did enter five teams. Unfortunately only four were accepted. Sometimes there's a team or two too many. Michigan came with two teams. Indiana was among the missing. The home of the championship short distance pitchers could not locate a

TEAM-WORLD			ROUND # <u>45</u>		
Team # <u>8</u>			Team # <u>24</u>		
<u>OHIO</u>			<u>MN-2</u>		
ALAN FRANCIS			PLAYER <u>Edie Holland</u>		
R's	pt	score	R's	pt	score
XX	-		2	XX	-
XX	-		4	XX	-
XY	-	3	6	X	-
XY	-	6	8	X	-
XY	-	9	10	X	-
XX	-	9	12	XX	-
XY	-	12	14	X	-
XX	-	12	16	XX	-
XX	-	12	18	XX	-
XY	-	15	20	X	-
XX	-	18	22	X	-
XX	-	18	24	XX	-
XX	-	21	26	X	-
XX	-	24	28	X	-
XY	-	27	30	X	-
XY	-	33	32	-	-
XX	-	33	34	XX	-
XX	-	36	36	X	-
XX	-	39	38	X	-
XX	-	39	40	XX	-
<u>40</u>			Total Ringers <u>27</u>		
Scorekeeper			<u>mouse</u>		

pair of forty footers to fulfill tournament requirements. New to the roster this year is Nebraska. It appears they are hooked! Maybe it will become a habit.

Over the years Team-World has enjoyed the entry of many fine state teams. Even Montana tried it one year. Four guys on a vacation. California tried it several years. Ran out of available forty footers. Kentucky won it once but are also shy of full distance men. Saskatchewan was a regular entry in earlier days. Once brought two teams. Quebec came the distance several times. Ontario, here this year again, had two teams at one time.

The Team-World staff thanks all teams for participating inviting all former and new teams to give it a try next year.

TEAM WORLD AVERAGES - 2003

RINGER %	WINS	NAME	TEAM	HI GM RINGERS	80%+ GMS	RINGERS	SHOES
86.15	23	Alan Francis	OH	40	21	827	960
77.10	24	Amy Francis	OH	38	10	771	1000
76.20	20	Marvin Kramer	IL-1	36	8	701	920
74.30	24	Judy Curtiss	MI-1	35	6	743	1000
73.75	22	Paul LaCrosse	CO	36	7	708	960
73.00	21	Mark Baumann	MN-1	36	6	730	1000
71.20	20.5	Dale Lipovsky	MN-1	34	4	712	1000
70.94	22.5	Dee Powell	CO	34	5	681	960
70.79	19	Gert Wilcziek	WI-1	34	4	739	1044
70.52	20	Bev Nathe	MN-1	38	3	708	1004
69.70	22	Jim Wiltse	MI-1	35	2	697	1000
68.58	13	Clayton Gage	WI-1	32	1	502	732
68.48	14	Dennis Reid	IL-1	33	1	630	920
67.73	20	Lucille Leis	ONT	34	2	680	1004
66.47	19.5	Stan Leis	ONT	34	2	670	1008
66.04	20	Rich Pintor	CO	31		634	960
65.40	16	Randy Rein	WI-1	33	1	654	1000
65.30	17	M.O. Turner	MO-1	31		653	1000
64.50	22	Jan Turnquist	MN-1	33	1	645	1000
64.00	20	Rose Diekamp	MO-1	32	3	640	1000
63.70	19	Pam Henderson	MO-1	30		637	1000
63.15	18	Larry Knop	IL-2	31		581	920
62.60	19	Tom Williams	MI-1	32	1	626	1000
61.70	16	Ruth Rife	OH	32	1	543	880
61.56	16	Tony Paiz	CO	32	1	591	960
61.09	15	Robert Schaver	IL-1	33	1	562	920
60.71	4	Virgil Rife	OH	26		170	280
60.65	13	Edi Holland	MN-2	30		558	920
59.46	10	Jack Gensman	MI-2	30		547	920
59.46	16	Mary Vogel	MO-3	31		547	920
59.24	14.5	Don Mercier	MO-2	29		545	920
59.13	15	Edie McKinney	WI-2	28		544	920
58.50	17	Kevin McLachlin	ONT	27		585	1000
58.47	6	Craig Zuehlke	IL-4	29		421	720

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RINGER %	WINS	NAME	TEAM	HI GM	80%+ GMS	RINGERS	SHOES
58.37	12	Marvin Woolums	IA-1	33	1	537	920
57.93	13.5	Don Kangas	WI-2	30		533	920
57.88	15	Mark Mauthe	WI-1	28		558	964
57.83	14	Kathy Yaworski	MI-2	30		532	920
57.61	12	Oden Sullivan	MO-2	28		530	920
57.50	11	Charles Kilgore	MO-2	33	2	529	920
56.20	14	Clayton Bonham	MI-2	29		517	920
56.14	13	Bob Garber	OH	27		494	880
55.76	11	Sue Helene	WI-2	27		513	920
54.78	12	Tom Endler	WI-5	27		504	920
54.78	11.5	Steve Hohl	ONT	27		550	1004
54.67	12.5	Ron Hassler	MO-3	28		503	920
54.64	8.5	Steve Wiegert	WI-4	27		306	560
54.50	3	Hallie Romanellie	IL-4	29		218	400
54.46	12	Dalton Simmons	IL-4	27		501	920
54.46	10	Dave Hughes	MN-3	31		501	920
54.40	10.5	Sam Carter	MO-1	27		544	1000
54.24	10	Cliff Baker	IL-2	28		499	920
53.70	15	Ken Pogue	MO-4	29		494	920
53.26	10	Larry Purcell	IA-1	29		490	920
53.26	8	Lorin Mills	NE	29		490	920
53.15	10	Dick Dvorak	MN-2	25		489	920
53.15	13.5	Jerry LaBrosse	MN-3	28		489	920
52.83	11	Ed Pashia	MO-4	27		486	920
52.83	10	Dave Schorbahn	WI-3	27		486	920
52.80	14	Larry Kemp	MI-1	27		528	1000
52.28	9	Rosie Leyk	MN-3	28		481	920
51.96	12	Bert Logsdon	MN-2	29		478	920
50.98	10	Teri Hanson	NE	29		469	920
50.87	9	Tim Hernderson	MO-2	31		468	920
49.47	5	John Koepp	WI-3	25		376	760
49.44	4	Red Ferguson	IA-2	23		178	360
49.13	11	Wayne Totten	WI-2	26		452	920
48.80	7	Lloyd Wolf	MN-2	27		449	920
48.64	7.5	Jim Larson	WI-1	24		214	440
48.37	10	Ken Schaver	IL-1	25		445	920

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RINGER %	WINS	NAME		TEAM	HI GM	80%+ GMS	RINGERS	SHOES
47.93	6	Joe	Buskirk	MO-4	26		441	920
47.83	9	Bob	Diekamp	MO-3	26		440	920
47.28	5	Mike	Knop	IL-2	27		435	920
46.85	11.5	Jason	Stevens	MI-2	25		431	920
46.73	4	Ken	Jaeger	WI-3	22		243	520
46.63	9	Larry Joe	Lucas	MO-4	26		429	920
46.52	9	Lu	Cave	MN-3	27		428	920
46.09	7.5	Kelly	Petersen	NE	28		424	920
45.76	6	Rich	Andrysiak	IL-4	23		421	920
45.76	10.5	Charlie	Harget	IL-3	24		421	920
45.65	4	Mike	Fishnick	IA-1	24		420	920
45.54	6	Harry	Nelson	WI-5	28		419	920
45.42	4	Larry	Barber	WI-3	23		327	720
45.00	3	Leroy	Law	IA-2	23		414	920
44.35	4	Betty	McGregor	IA-2	24		408	920
44.13	4	John	Crook	WI-5	25		406	920
43.48	5	Michelle	Thornton	IL-3	25		400	920
43.48	3	Jim	Howard	MO-3	22		400	920
42.83	5	Terry	Hiatt	NE	22		394	920
42.17	4	Elaine	Troullier	WI-4	26		388	920
41.94	4	Tom	Costa	WI-4	25		151	360
41.52	2	Alice	Brown	IL-3	20		382	920
41.52	8.5	Merwin	Sorensen	WI-4	24		382	920
40.22	4.5	Leo	Buell	IA-1	23		370	920
39.78	3	Mike	McBride	IL-2	22		366	920
39.57	6	Lloyd	Johnson	WI-5	21		364	920
38.70	4	Bob	McKee	IA-2	21		356	920
38.33	2	Luke	Thompson	IL-4	21		276	720
37.39	2	Dale	Sumoski	IL-3	23		344	920
26.41	1	Cliff	Troullier	WI-4	19		243	920
25.00	0	Harold	Garner	IA-2	18		140	560
23.13	2	Pudge	Dahl	WI-3	17		148	640

Team World Final Standings

Place	TEAM RINGER %	PRELIMS. WINS	TEAM
1	68.07	77.5	COLORADO
2	70.13	77	OHIO
3	69.81	75.5	MINNESOTA #1
4	63.80	63.5	WISCONSIN #1
5	64.85	71	MICHIGAN #1
6	61.85	62.5	MISSOURI #1
7	61.88	66	ONTARIO
8	63.53	59	ILLINOIS #1
9	55.49	50.5	WISCONSIN #2
10	55.08	49.5	MICHIGAN #2
11	56.30	46.5	MISSOURI #2
12	53.64	42	MINNESOTA #2
13	51.60	41.5	MINNESOTA #3
14	50.27	41	MISSOURI #4
15	51.36	40.5	MISSOURI #3
16	51.11	36	ILLINOIS #2
17	49.38	31.5	IOWA #1
18	48.29	30.5	NEBRASKA
19	49.92	29	ILLINOIS #4
20	46.01	28	WISCONSIN #5
21	39.95	26	WISCONSIN #4
22	44.38	25	WISCONSIN #3
23	42.04	19.5	ILLINOIS #3
24	40.65	15	IOWA #2

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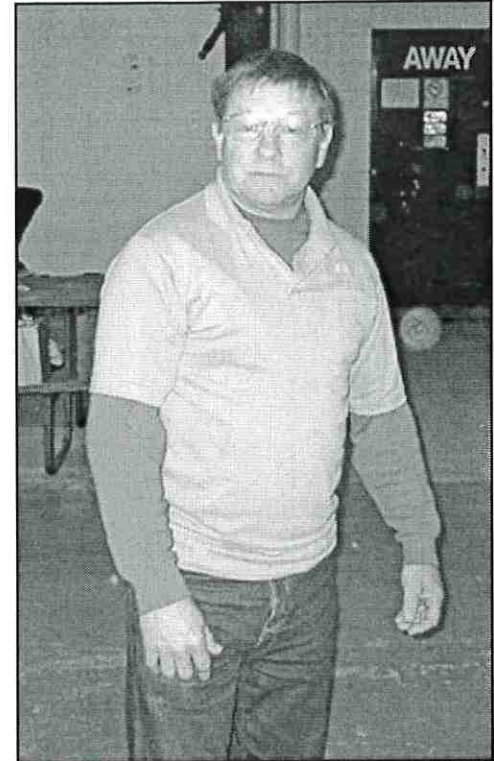
MICHIGAN #1 def. MISSOURI #1 3 games to 1
 WISCONSIN #1 def. ONTARIO 3 games to 1

MISSOURI #1 def. ONTARIO 3 games to 1
 WISCONSIN #1 def. MICHIGAN #1 3 games to 1

MINNESOTA #1 def. WISCONSIN #1 3 games to 1

OHIO def. MINNESOTA #1 95-86 total points in a 2
 games each tie

COLORADO def. OHIO 3 games to 1
 Paul LaCrosse defeated Alan Francis 35 ringers to 32
 ringers



Mouse Beckius was the scorekeeper on Alan Francis' perfect game. When he was finished, he had a definite case of the shakes. He was probably more shook up than Alan was. I'm sure he headed for a glass of his favorite beverage.

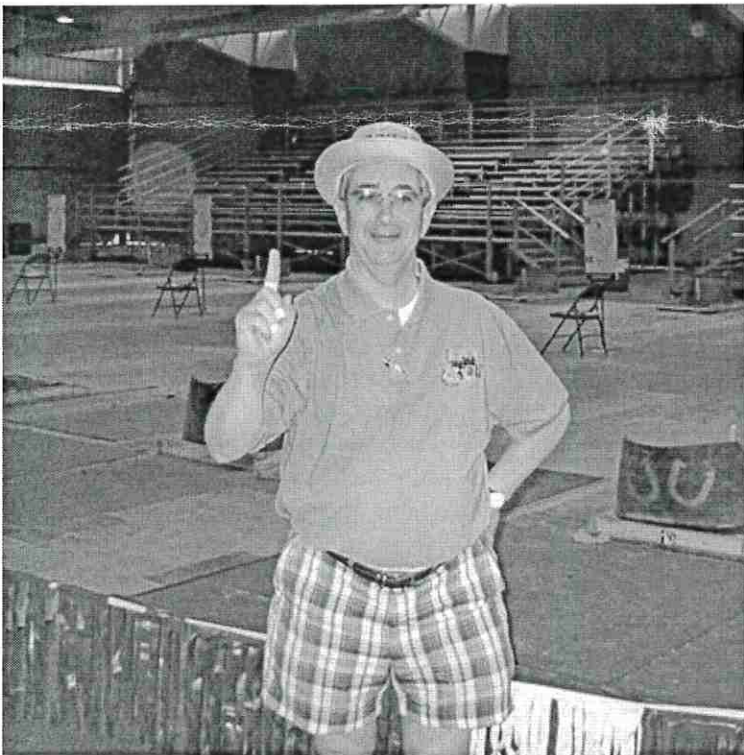
I've learned to pick my battles; I ask myself, Will this matter one year from now? How about one month? One week? One day?

How cruelly sweet are the echoes that start,
 When memory plays an old tune on the heart!
 - Eliza Cook



Dan Bloom, and his wife Sue, stopped in at Team World for a visit. Dan is retired from GM, after 30 years, and he says he still has the itch to play horseshoes. Dan said he will probably join one of Beloit's many leagues for the summer. No commitment on returning to tournament pitching, but maybe pitching league will get him back to the level he was a few years ago as one of Wisconsin's top pitchers.

Good Luck, Dan and we hope to see you on the courts again.



Paul LaCrosse, of Colorado and one of NHPA's top pitchers is pictured here with his lucky shorts. These plaid shorts have been worn by Paul for a great many years. Someone said since the 60's, but I'm not sure that is the case. To top it off, Burly, the "Stewlie Prez." gave him one of the famous Stewlie hats. Now if that combination didn't look like something from the 30's? The B&W photo depicted here takes away from some of the charm of Paul's costume.



Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA's 3rd Vice President, was noticeable by her absence from pitching for one of the Wisconsin teams at Team World. This has to be the first time in many years that Lorraine just sat and watched. From the look on her face in the above photo she seems to be enjoying herself.

Beloit Encore Beloit WI

Class A

1. Dennis Reid	7/0	66.79
2. Ralph Maylahn	5/2	56.79
3. Mark Mauthe	4/3	54.64
4. Richard Andrysiak	4/3	47.50

Class B

1. 'Red' Ferguson	6/1	47.86
2. Paul Wilson	5/2	53.21
3. Owen Bloodgood	5/2	50.36
4. Lawrence Fettes	3/3	50.83

Class C

1. Tom Costa Sr.	7/0	51.43
2. Betty Douglas	6/1	55.00
3. Al Huizenga	4/3	48.21
4. Craig Zuehlke	4/3	44.29

Class D

1. Mike Cone	6/1	45.0
2. Tom Reid	5/2	51.43
3. Larry Farris	5/2	45.71
4. Lloyd Johnson	3/4	40.71

Class E

1. Bob Fritz	6.5/1.5	39.38
2. William Wordel	5.5/2.5	36.56
3. John Carlin	5/2	38.57
4. Glenn Wicklund	4.5/2.5	36.79

Class F

1. Rowen Swick	6/2	29.06
2. Earl Simler	5/2	42.19
3. Greg Hehling	4/3	33.21
4. Jerry Schroeder	4/3	32.5

Class G

1. Robert Power	6/2	39.06
2. Dick Hansen	5/3	36.25
3. Galen Kozel	4/3	34.64
4. Russ Burns	4/3	29.64

Class H

1. Sonia Cook	7/1	36.25
2. Thad Engle	5/3	40.62
3. Richard Wisniewski	5/3	28.44
4. Marvin Robers	4/4	36.88

Class I

1. Ken Cull	7/1	34.69
2. Dave Aho	6/2	30.62
3. Bud Hammer	5/2	37.14
4. Mike Rousseau	4/3	27.86

Class J

1. Jim Mazan	8/2	25.67
2. Pete Gorski	7/3	29.33
3. James Gaspers	6/3	26.67
4. Mel Daily	6/3	26.30

Class K

1. Pat Smith	6/1	36.07
2. Jim Haupt	5/2	28.93
3. Joe Annoreno	4/3	26.07
4. Ron Stevens	4/3	22.14

Class L

1. Jesse Garza	7/0	37.50
2. Sue Lange	4/3	23.57
3. Rick Payne	4/3	22.86
4. Clement Michaud	4/3	19.64

Class M

1. Dennis Whiting	7/1	28.12
2. Willis David	6/2	25.62
3. Bruce Tatera	5/2	31.43
4. Rolan Swaim	5/2	17.86

Class N

1. Tony Elder	7/1	30.94
2. Andy Elder	6/2	20.62
3. Vicki Vyhanek	4/4	23.44
4. Millard Harding	4/4	22.81

Class O

1. Ron Fritz	7/1	18.44
2. John Gordon	6/2	15.94
3. Richard Rotar	5/2	16.43
4. Ernie Rakstad	4/3	16.0

The Encore Wrap-up

We apologize to class P but in the transfer some things got lost. That is to say there were even more entrants than shown in these results, 122 if memory is correct.

Jimmy Paulson, among the missing in class P, did the stats using the freely available HS Masters program. Sure he's a gifted computer geek but he says anybody, even I, could master the HS Master program available on the NHPA website. It has become the program of choice for many computer aided tournament directors throughout the NHPA.

With such a great number of entrants from Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, the Encore has become the intelligent pitcher's most friendly tournament. Other than the State Tournament, it's where one can find the most competitive classes and pitch either day on the Team-World courts under cover of the big roof at Telfer Park.

By the way, did anybody else notice that most of our feathered friends of Telfer have assumed new residence elsewhere. I don't know why either except we don't miss them missing us.

The Encore marks the end of the semi indoor season in Beloit for another year. We estimate more than 430 pitchers of all caliber competed at Telfer this year. We will miss all the camaraderie and maybe more-so the home-made breakfasts. Our thanks to the Beloit Club for the real work and all they do in presenting the horseshoe opportunity to us all year long in such a splendid manner. Thanks Beloit, from everyone, WHPA and the ILHSPA.

Horseshoe Hoedown

By Ken Kosky

If you have never pitched horseshoes at Marengo, you are missing a true horseshoe experience. The courts have only a minimum amount of clay in them, the walkways are uneven, and the scoreboards are boards with nails for pegs. All that said, this is still a great place to pitch. Pitchers from as far away as Mosinee, Appleton, Green Bay, and Rice Lake make the trek north to have a fun filled day of good old-time horseshoe pitching.

Steve Stevens, along with brother Mark, make sure that everyone that comes gets to pitch, goes home happy. It started off at 10:00 AM with a singles class that had 13 pitchers in it. This came about due to late entries and a limit of only 5 clay filled courts. We were told that we would play 35 point games and play as many opponents as we could by 1:30 PM. Some played 7 games and some only 5. Match-ups were done so at least 3 of the games were with opponents that had a like average. Nobody seemed to be confused as Steve directed the group like an orchestra leader directs the band. We had 3 first place winners out of that group depending on wins and this writer would have trouble explaining the method used to determine the eventual winners. The winners were Glenn Faust, 'Moose' Meyer, and Al Rude.

After the morning singles, we had a non-sanctioned doubles match. The pairings were done by who-asked-who and they turned out to be very competitive. There were 5 teams and they played a double round robin of games to 25 points. Randy Rein and Ralph Marthaler were the eventual winners after losing only once to the team of Moose Meyer and his partner, Les Karpiel of the Rice Lake area.

When the doubles were over, it was back to the singles match with Class A yet to play. Moose Meyer stepped in to round out the class to 4 pitchers in this 35 point affair. Randy Rein, Steve Wiegert, and Mark Stevens were the other three opponents. Randy won with an average of 75.8% but not before some hotly contested matches, not the least of which had Moose matching Randy ringer for ringer for most of the game until Randy finally pulled away and won.

Steve Stevens was a true maestro. He was cooking the food, orchestrating the match-ups, and keeping score on 3 courts, all seemingly at the same time.

Thank you Steve, for a job well done. We'll be back next year for another good old fashioned "Horseshoe Hoedown".

Note: If you can't wait until next year, check out the schedule for the "Sanborn Open" on July 12. That's just down the road and worth a visit.

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BUSTIN' LOOSE

By Eddie Wheeler

The pits of Arena were alive with the familiar clinking of horseshoes on 5/10/03, for the Bustin' Loose Tournament. There wasn't quite a full house, but of the 41 pitchers that showed up, there was plenty of action.

The first classes began at 8:30AM. In Class B, there was quite a race brewing for first place. Mike Cone (4 1/2 - 1 1/2) was able to hold off Brad Behm, Chet Hermansen, and Bob Fritz (all with 4 - 2 records) to take first place.

Class D saw Steve Kulow hold off a charging Dennis Capener for a first place finish. Ken Cull had a 50% game during his 3rd match. Nice job, Ken.

Class A was only a 6-person class, but it had its share of excitement. Mark Mauthe and Jim Larson both ended up with 4-1 records but Mark had a plus 15 ringer count over Jim to take first place. Ken Frame, coming in with a 47.77% average was able to post a 51.20% average by the end of the day. Hats off to you, Ken.

Class C saw John Carlin hold off Tippy Wipper-

furth and Bill Spahn to take first place honors. Robin Mahn, of Park Falls, has got to be wondering why he would drive 5 hours to a tournament, and not win a game. When asked, he just said he likes to pitch shoes and he enjoys the people he meets when he comes to Arena. Robin, you will always have an open invite to my events.

Class E saw 6 of the 8 pitchers end up with winning records. Pat Smith took first, while Curt DeGolier managed to hang onto second. \$ were tied for third with 4-3 records. Linda Gladem was able to come out on top with the higher ringer percentage. These lower classes are starting to provide some very interesting tournaments to watch.

Class F ended up with 3 pitchers tied with 5-1 records. When all the dust settled, and all the numbers were figured, Dave Miller took first place from Millard Harding by 2 ringers. Phil Haas took 3rd place.

Thanks to all that entered, and to Ken and Phil for their help. These events are made successful by those who enter them and my hat is off to all that enter.

Respectfully submitted by, Eddie Wheeler

Eau Claire Earlybird

By Wayne Totten

The day started very nice with sun. The day ended at 3:30 with a down-pour. Luckily we got the tournament in and results posted before the rain. The results are as follows:

CLASS A: Gert Wilcziek 75.0%

Vince Jakel 52.5%

Sue Helene 48.0%

CLASS B: Rick Poppe 45.0%

Bob Gregorich 43.0%

Gloria Smith 42.5%

CLASS C: Glen Faust 31.5%

Jane Smith 28.5%

Doug Bakkum 34.5%

CLASS D: Greg Hehling 36.0%

Les Karpiel 43.0%

Al Johnson 33.0%

CLASS E: George Eckstrom 32.5%

Ron Wilcziek 31.5%

Elly McCann 28.5%

CLASS F: Ray Mallo 27.0%

Jim Heim 30.0%

Tammy Johnson 26.5%

CLASS G: Ryan Anderson 24.0%

Stan Fredrickson 22.5%

John Van Dyk 24.5%

CLASS H: Willis David 23.5%

Bob Lockhart 21.5%

Jim Emery 22.0%

CLASS I: Don Jacobson 20.5%

Cy Hotek 11.0%

Rick Thoma 11.5%

CLASS J: Merlin Ludwig 10.0%

Roy York 8.5%

Jeff Jakel 5.0%

87 yr of pitching

By Bob Wilke

Horseshoe pitching was my father's favorite pastime so that's how I got started playing the game way back in 1914 when I was just a five year old kid. Yes I still have those little pony shoes, as well as all the other kinds of regulation shoes that I have thrown during the years that I have been playing this game. I also have many fond memories of pitching not only with the poorest, but also some of the World's best.

It is now three years ago, at the age of ninety, that I competed in the state tournament play for my last game and I can say that I didn't wind up in the cellar, although I was dangerously close.

Today-Oh! I still can get around and without any kind of aid, but no more horseshoe pitching for me. But I still like to talk about it. For instance, it was the month of February, 1974 that the then World's Horseshoe Pitching Champ was touring the country, pitching exhibition games with whoever might challenge him. When he was at Park Plaza, Oskosh, I challenged him and won. We pitched twenty shoe games. He missed three times, I missed twice. Lady luck was on my side, no question.

Back in the year 1932 I pitched in my first State Tournament, fifty point ringer cancellation games. As I recall it took about eight hours. To me, at that time, I thought it was more like an endurance contest, rather than a game of skill. Yup those were the good old days. Its been just great to have been a Horseshoe Pitcher.

Today I believe, that I am not only the state but the world's oldest living active horseshoe pitcher.

This year the State Horseshoe Pitching tournament will be held in Arena, Wisconsin and will be played on 24 outdoor and indoor courts. The World tournament last year was held in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. This year the 2003 World Tournament will be coming back to Wisconsin.

Eau Claire will again be the host city—the same as it was back in the year 1987, when over 1600 horseshoe pitchers from forty-five different states and Canada and Honduras competed in respective classes. These were held on thirty-two indoor courts over a period of eleven days. I was one of those 1600 wonderful memories.

Editor: This story was submitted by Bob Wilke, rural Redgranite. Bob, in his 90's, loves to write stories about yesteryear.

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IF I COULD CATCH A RAINBOW

by Author Unknown

If I could catch a rainbow
I would do it just for you
and share with you its beauty
On the days you're feeling blue.

If I could build a mountain
You could call your very own
A place to find serenity
A place to be alone

If I could take your troubles
I would toss them in the sea
But all these things I'm finding
are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain
Or catch a rainbow fair
But let me be what I know best-
A friend who's always there.

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WHPA STATE TOURNAMENT



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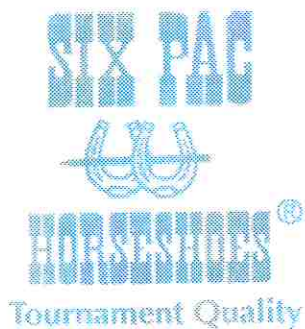
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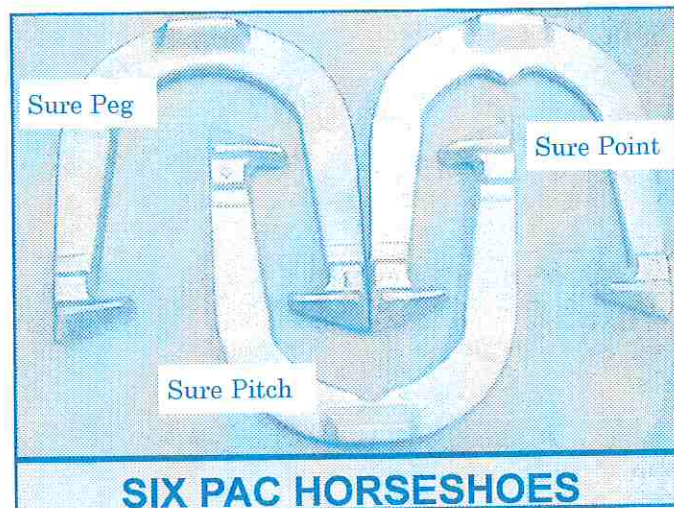
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Down and Back

With Jim Haupt

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- 28-03-012 Club Team WI 5/04/03 115
- 28-03-013 WI State Doubles 4/30/03 WI 96
- 28-03-014 Beloit Encore WI 5/05/03 122
- 28-03-015 Bustin' Loose 5/10/03 41
- 28-03-016 Eau Claire Earlybird 5/10/30 58
- 28-03-018 Kenosha Doubles 3/26/03 38
- 28-03-019 Kenosha Count All 2/26/03 23
- 28-03-020 Beloit Makeup 5/04/03 11

You won't see this in the Encore results report because this guy finished last. He's the guy who won the trophy that says "Without us, you are nothing." Sure, it's Dan Lessman. Class A must have been short. It's the only way he could have been allowed in. Anyway, while he's pitching, one shoe flops backward onto the stake for a ringer. The misadventure wins the game from none other than Ralph Maylahn. Want proof, look at Maylahn's record, 5/2. That second loss is the one Lessman stole.

The word heard in the Beloit dinning hall was, if the lights go out we can always follow Dick Hansen to safety. (Hansen was sporting a pair of new sparkingly white shoes.)

The World Tournament in Eau Claire has 1322 entries. Of that number, WI has 217 entries and MN has 212.