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WHPA Walking Doubles



Party time! Time to look this sport squarely in the eye and say, Hey this is for fun! Don't worry who walks when, be happy.

Every year (four times) we have found new champions. This time the a token women's team copped the number one slot. Pam Aiken and Lorraine Sternberg won it in a final play-off match making Don Kangas and John Koepp first runners-up. Not many women in this tournament.

Check out the official results column. Find Dick Muhlenbeck, top of class E. His regular partner, Ray Billen, couldn't make it. They were defending champions, several times. With new partner, Jane Hartman, they managed to keep the streak going.

Ken Heinritz and his brother were aching to pitch the State Doubles. Trouble
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TEAM-WORLD OF 2000 COLORADO

Team Colorado came from second place on the World-Team ladder finals. First overcoming the challenge of the oft time winner, Minnesota in a close match, they moved on to cut up Ohio winning three in the final four game match.

Just four pitchers went the route for Colorado; Paul LaCrosse, Dee Powell, Rich Pintor, and Don Wild. Step ladder finals at Team-World match pitchers head to head, high average pitches high average. Pintor was low man for Colorado and lit-

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Don Wild

Dee Powell

Paul LaCrosse

Rich Pintor

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- JUN 3-4 WOLF RIVER OPEN;** New London \$13
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
920-982-6287 Limit 72 deershoe@aol.com **28-00-016** D/L 5-22
- JUN 10 - 11 EAGLE RIVER OPEN** \$13
EAGLE RIVER, WI VILAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
920-982-6287 Limit 48 Mixed **28-00-039** D/L 5/27
- JUN 10-11 EAU CLAIRE OPEN** skpg extra .50/ga \$15
Dennis Kieser 413 W Stanley St Thorp, WI 54771
715-669-5272 dkieser@discover-net.net **28-00-017** D/L 6-1
- JUN 10-11 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES** \$15
Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
may be mixed
608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com **28-00-018** D/L 5-27
- JUN 17-18 MUSKEGO OPEN** \$15
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
262-542-0252 **28-00-019** D/L 6-5
- JUN 17- MARSHFIELD ONE** rain date 6-18 \$15
Dan David 282 Rangeline Rd Auburndale, WI 54412
715-384-3612 may be mixed **28-00-020** D/L 6-6
- JUN 24-25 GOLDENDALE;** Germantown \$15
Tom Costa 725 River Rd Apt 4 West Bend, WI 53095
262-338-6905 tcosta@worldnet.att.net **28-00-021** D/L 6-10
- JULY 1-2 WAUSAU OPEN;** Ringle \$15
Ken Kosky 6007 Municipal St Schofield, WI 54476
715-355-4628 kkosky@dwave.net **28-00-022** D/L 6-20
- JUL 9 #1 ARENA WORKOUT** \$15-\$17 at courts
John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588
608-588-7392 crook@execpc.com **28-00-030** D/L 6-25
- JUL 8 SANBORN PIONEER DAYS ;** Memorial Park \$10
Steve Stevens (see next event)
singles/mixed **28-00-023** D/L 6-26
- JUL 15- NORTHERN RINGER CLASSIC;** \$15
28-00-024
- JUL 16 ASHLAND DOUBLES;** Fairgrounds Gate entry
28-00-025
Steve Stevens Rt 1, Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855
715-278-3473 This year's tourney will be mixed D/L 7-3
- JULY 15 MID-EAST OPEN;** unsanctioned \$13; at cts \$15
- JULY 16 COMBINED LOCKS SANCTIONED** \$17
limit 48 **28-00-026** Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct
Combined Locks, WI 54113
920-788-3229 Rjkamps@aol.com D/L 6-28

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NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.
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State Doubles 2000

CHAMPIONSHIP	W - L	Hi game	Combined average
LORRAINE STERNBERG / PAM AIKEN	5 - 1	81.66%	58.61%
DON KANGAS / JOHN KOEPP III	4 - 2	63.33%	56.38%
RANDY REIN / GUS SCHRAM	2 - 3	73.33%	56.00%
MARK MAUTHE / RON BROCKWAY	2 - 3	58.33%	52.33%
MERWYN SORENSEN / STEVE WIEGERT	2 - 3	60.00%	51.66%
JOHN UDELHOFEN / JOHN CROOK	1 - 4	60.00%	52.66%
CLASS A			
ELAINE TROULLIER / CY SRENASKI	5 - 1	53.33%	49.16%
TOM ENDLER / LLOYD JOHNSON	5 - 2	50.00%	45.47%
LARRY BARBER / KEN JAEGER	4 - 2	51.66%	44.72%
PAT SPAHN / RUEBEN ECKARDT	2 - 3	55.00%	39.00%
RICK POPPE / JANE MEIER	1 - 4	41.66%	24.66%
PACER	0 - 5	0.00%	0.00%
CLASS B			
HARRY NELSON / WILLIAM HAGEN	5 - 0	45.00%	40.00%
TOM COSTA / JIM HAUPT	3 - 2	46.66%	36.66%
KERRY MORRIS / WILLIAM SPAHN	3 - 2	40.00%	30.66%
DICK HANSEN / CHUCK HANSEN	2 - 3	43.33%	35.33%
DAN BLOOM / DAVE KLIPSTEIN	2 - 3	41.66%	34.00%
LEROY MEYER / BILL MATEY	0 - 5	35.00%	27.00%
CLASS C			
CLIFF TROULLIER / WALLY SRENASKI	3.5 - 1.5	33.33%	26.66%
RAY GROSKINSKY / JIM O'LOUGHLIN	3 - 2	33.33%	30.33%
KEN FRAME / BERNARD COCKROFT	3 - 2	38.33%	28.66%
JULIAN TIJERINA / RAY LOPEZ	2.5 - 2.5	35.00%	28.00%
HAROLD LAWS / RICH CONRAD	2 - 3	33.33%	26.66%
TERRY STERNBERG / KEN DAVISON	1 - 4	28.33%	23.66%
CLASS D			
KEN HEINRITZ / RUSS HEINRITZ	5 - 1	38.33%	33.88%
DAVE FORSETH / RON BERG	4 - 2	38.33%	31.11%
EARL PAULSON / RUSS BURNS	3 - 2	31.66%	23.00%
G. BOGENSCHNEIDER / EVERETT STEWART	2 - 3	38.33%	29.66%
BRUCE McLINN / MIKE ROUSSEAU	2 - 3	31.66%	27.00%
ROWEN SWICK / CARL SCHLIEM	0 - 5	23.33%	18.66%
CLASS E			
JANE HARTMAN / DICK MUHLENBECK	4 - 1	28.33%	22.33%
JOHN SECORD / JEFF SECORD	3 - 2	35.00%	27.33%
ED KLAUCK / MICHELLE DOORN	3 - 2	31.66%	25.66%
ED HACK / LEO ZAMZOW	3 - 2	30.00%	24.33%
DICK BLAIR / DON BURMEISTER	2 - 3	23.33%	19.33%
GARY RACKOW / HOWARD McKEE	0 - 5	21.66%	17.33%
CLASS F			
DUANE GROSSEN / RANDY NAEF	5 - 0	35.00%	24.00%
TOM STEINKE / LARRY McCUTCHEON	3 - 2	20.00%	16.00%
TOM HANSON / GORDON LACHANCE	3 - 2	16.66%	11.66%
DENNIS HARTMAN / SCOTT MUHLENBECK	2 - 3	30.00%	20.00%
JOE ZOROMOSKI / JACK STATEMA	2 - 3	30.00%	19.66%
PEG WELDA / GEORGE KUFFER	0 - 5	8.33%	5.66%

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was the day, Sunday, when Ken is usually in church actually preaching of "The Good News." Russ came up with the idea to hold a chapel service an hour before start time of the Doubles in Beloit.

It happened. At 8:00 AM in the conference room at Telfer, Ken Heinritz warmly welcomed the ten or twelve pitchers who came for the service. Heinritz brought in a designated vocalist, Dave Douglas, all the way from Appleton. The whole thing lasted about twenty minutes and the those who took the trouble to attend left feeling better about themselves and the world around them.

The rest of the story is that the brothers, Heinritz, wound up in a play-off game; class D facing Dave Forseth and Ron Berg. Things were looking down when Ken Heinritz stepped up to deliver the final two shoes. They were 5 points down. Only a double could save the day. The "good news" is Ken connected, twice, the title was theirs.

On the other hand, one pitcher was overheard to say, "This is the last time I will ever pitch this tournament." Must be he did not care for the walking business. But, eighty some pitchers either like it or are willing to put up with the foreign format. There were no complaints about strange shoes and it seems that after four years, most pitchers have caught on and can rely on each other to mark the score.

Don't figure on changing this format. Without a ton of supporters, it won't happen. The WHPA officers designed and direct this format. Most of them favor walking doubles. A few complaints are considered normal. It will take a ground swell of opposition to change their minds.

And, if it's a party, where was the music?

1 Colorado		70.80
Paul	LaCrosse	76.31
Dee	Powell	71.70
Rich	Pintor	62.56
Don	Wild	69.42
2 Ohio		70.50
Alan	Francis	80.39
Amy	Francis	76.82
Tina	Tonnous	67.89
John	Walters	62.32
Robert	Garber	54.17
3 Minnesota		67.60
Dale	Lipovsky	68.21
Bev	Nathe	70.60
Phyllis	Negaard	73.45
Gerald	Stangland	57.98
4 Illinois		65.70
Charley	Webb	65.80
Larry	Knop	70.00
Jerry	Dumstorff	64.82
Cliff	Baker	62.16
5 Indiana		67.70
Curley	Seibold	70.60
Warren	Woolsey	73.45
Mark	Seibold	66.55
Ralph	Guffey	60.12
6 Michigan		65.80
Judy	Curtiss	75.60
Larry	Kemp	61.43
Jim	Wiltse	71.07
Jim	Norville	55.12
7 Wisconsin		68.60
Randy	Rein	70.50
Clayton	Gage	72.38
Lorraine	Sternberg	70.95
Mark	Mauthe	61.25
Don	Kangas	47.50
8 Missouri		62.07
Lou	Rector	78.95
Rose	Diekamp	70.00
Charles	Killgore	53.55
Carol	Howard	35.50
Ron	Hassler	54.74
9 Minnesota-2		52.90
Edie	Holland	62.76
Eric	Sandquist	52.24
Lu	Cave	43.82
Danny	Carlson	52.63
10 Wisconsin-2		54.20
Edie	McKinney	60.66
John	Koepp III	54.47
Gus	Schram	51.45
Larry	Barber	50.26

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head, high average pitches high average. Pintor was low man for Colorado and literally ambushed the opposition pitching two fine final games. His margin of victory saved the Minnesota match and secured the win over Ohio even before LaCrosse won over World Champion, Alan Francis.

Surprisingly Francis' last two shoes missed the mark, one off the top of the stake. LaCrosse took advantage winning by two points and giving Francis his only loss of the weekend.

Top pitcher for Minnesota, Phyllis Negaard, lost only once in the pre-lims but once more in the finals. Same record for Amy Francis for the Ohio team. Judy Curtiss, top gun of Michigan, survived the finals with just one tournament loss and Lou Rector, main man of Missouri, did not make the finals but won 18 of his 19 pre-lim games.

A scramble for the four spot on the ladder finish developed between Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. Michigan, first time in the finals, lost one but won in consolation over Wisconsin.

Indiana started by winning but lost to the four of Illinois – four guys proud to be an all 40 foot team and have all individually owned the champ title of their state.

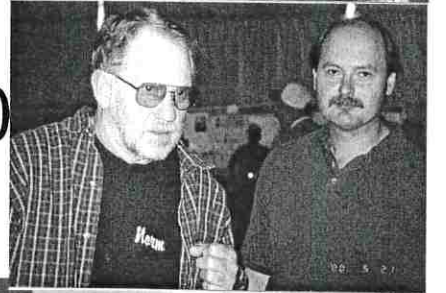
Most teams pitch this tournament without a prayer of winning. Successful accomplishment is derived in how they hold up under a barrage of ringers. Second state teams often do well in spite of their #2 rating. Minnesota #2, for example is always a solid runner-up. This year top honors for a supporting role team go

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11 Minnesota-3		55.10
Ron	Craigmile	55.13
Wayne	Totten	56.84
Dick	Dvorak	51.05
Sig	Armitage	57.50
12 Illinois-3		50.30
Charlotte	Renick	54.47
Dennis	Davis	46.71
Mike	Knop	51.05
Mike	McBride	48.95
Missouri-4		48.60
Ken	13 Pogue	57.63
Joe	Lucas	49.47
Bob	Outt	46.71
Bob	Thompson	40.66
14 Iowa		49.90
Marv	Woolums	53.42
Larry	Purcell	60.13
Bob	McKee	41.73
LeRoy	Law	42.31
Mike	Fishnick	45.00
15 Missouri		48.60
Andy	Foulds	37.00
Ron	Craven	50.92
Jan	Kreinkamp	58.03
M.O.	Turner	61.71
Bob	Diekamp	56.96
16 Wisconsin-3		49.40
Mer	Sorensen	48.03
John	Crook	46.32
Harry	Nelson	52.37
Lloyd	Johnson	49.82
Tom	Endler	54.00
17 Illinois-4		46.20
Craige	Zuehlke	60.66
Bob	Power	39.34
Hi	Chaffin	46.18
Luke	Thompson	38.55
18 Wisconsin-4		46.70
Kent	Anderson	50.79
Elaine	Troullier	45.26
Steve	Wiegert	47.50
Cliff	Troullier	43.29
19 Missouri-3		48.60
Darwin	Compton	52.24
Mick	Gillette	51.97
Jim	Howard	47.76
Audra	Craven	42.24
20 Illinois-3		39.90
Larry	Fettes	52.63
Lambert	Hallie	56.88
Tom	Reid	37.19
Bob	Pluckebaum	19.53
Rich	Andrysiak	39.12



Team World 2000



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to the third team from Minnesota, or MN-3.

Team-World was forced to solicit the last entry this year to fill the 20 team schedule. Dick Dvorak answered the call and recruited fellow "Gophers," Wayne Totten, Sig Armitage, and Ron Craigmile. As Minnesota-3 they brought home a respectable 11th place, the top of the heap on the other side of the results stack.

Less important, depending on the point of view, was the incidence of bird bombs. Mike McBride, Illinois, did not like it when he was hit. On the otherhand, Tom Reid, of an opposing Illinois team, considered the decoration justified as he had recently suffered a ringer attack from McBride.

There were other chosen recipients decorated but no official statistics are available. It has, however, been suggested to T-W Chairman, Earl Paulson, that the official Team-World cap show some form of simulated bird drops to be the genuine article

The Beloit Club hosts are often overlooked in the execution of Team-World. Hopefully they are rewarded to see some of the same faces and a few new ones every year. The kitchen guys kept the clubroom a welcome place to visit.

As for next year, this tournament is looking forward to a few more 'good' teams, as usual, and the continued cooperation of the present 'contributing' teams to make it fly for another year. The apparent lack of participation of former contestants has the committee concerned. They are willing to listen to any constructive criticism which may lead to a better offering. The directors say the event will be definitely limited to either a 20 or 24 team roster to retain matched scheduling.

And that's story from Telfer Park, Beloit, Wisconsin.

BIG SANDY

by Al Salmela

We're going to do the Eagle Open again this summer. It seems like a fun thing to do. Our interest is quite high, the tent is reserved and folks are marking the date on their calendars. A lot of anxious folks around with the weather being so nice.

We did the New Years day thing in the park again this year, 24 participants had a good time.

Our tournament will be on August 4th, 5th and 6th, it will be my 10th year of coordinating it. Would appreciate it if you could get it in on your Newsletter schedule. The contact again will be Kathy or Al Salmela, 504 Homesteaders Retreat, Eagle, WI., 53119. Phone 262-594-2431.

I read the Newsletter front to back and it, along with Chuck Herman, keeps me informed as to what's going on in Wisconsin horseshoe. You guys do a great job.

Speaking of the Newsletter, want to thank you for not only attending our tournament last year but also writing the nice article. We made sure that all participants in our organization saw a copy of it. Thanks again for your support. -A.S.

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*May the devil chase you
every day of your life and
never catch you.*

Irish Toast

4/29
X CLUB TEAM 2000

Class A

1st Close X Count	13.5 wins	61.60
Clayton Gage		74.0
Edith McKinney		57.2
Don Hostrup		62.4
Suzanne Helene		52.8
2nd Goldendale #1	11.5 wins	50.60
Lorraine Sternberg		60.8
Tom Costa		52.8
Ken Heinritz		39.2
Tony Scrima		49.6
3rd Sandbag #1	11 wins	54.50
John Udelhofen		58.0
John Crook		56.0
Bernard Carley		48.4
Arnie Walton		55.6
4th Eau Claire	10.5 wins	51.40
Dustin Dahl		54.8
Barrent Dahl		62.8
Kent Anderson		58.8
Dave Schorbahn		29.2
5th Green Bay	9 wins	44.00
Merwyn Sorensen		55.6
Phyllis Davids		36.0
Steve Wiegert		52.4
Steve Mielke		32.0
6th Windy Hill #1	4.5 wins	46.50
Randy Rein		67.6
Gus Schram		47.2
Pat Spahn		32.8
Ed Hack		38.4

Class B

1st Kenosha #1	15 wins	47.95
Tom Endler		54.4
Harry Nelson		45.0
Lloyd Johnson		50.4
Glenn Bogenschneider		42.0
2nd Legion 494	13 wins	42.50
Pam Aiken		60.0
Richard Hansen		44.8
Chuck Hansen		18.0
Ray Lopez		47.2
3rd Beloit 1	11 wins	40.40
Ralph Maylahn		53.2
Hallie Lambert		47.6
Harry Laws		30.4
Bruce McLinn		30.4
4th Comb Locks #1	7 wins	40.50
Elaine Troullier		52.
Cliff Troullier		46.4
Walter Srenaski		20.8
Cy Srenaski		42.4
5th Kenosha #2	7 wins	37.40
Bob Power		39.2
Jim Hill		46.4
Bill Hagen		32.0
Jay Fisher		32.0
6th Sandbag #2	6 wins	29.50
LeRoy 'Tip' Wipperfurth		16.8
Julian Tijerina		31.2
Herman Adler		34.4
Robert C Anderson		35.6

Class C

1st Comb Locks #2	13.5 wins	29.80
Leroy Meyer		37.6
Bill Matey		33.2
Otis Wesley		32.8
Jerry Kamps		15.6
2nd Chet's Car Care	12 wins	34.00
Ron Lingard		37.6
Fred Decorah		38.4
Ron Yttri		34.0
William Spahn		26.0
3rd Marshfield	12 wins	29.00
Vince Jakel		38.4
Bob Gregorich		33.2
George Draeger		20.0
John Van Dyk		24.4
4th Muskego	8.5 wins	30.00
Wayne Vanderhei		40.8
Chuck Herman		24.0
Cal Pitel		29.2
Galen Kozel		26.0
5th Oxford	8 wins	30.80
Jerry Schroeder		38.0
Ray Groskinsky		30.8
Jim O'Loughlin		32.0
Tom Dudenhoefer		22.4
6th Beloit #2	6 wins	28.10
Don Goldsmith		33.6
Paul Wilson		25.6
Rowen Swick		31.2
Russell Burns		22.0

Class D

1st Burlington	16.5 wins	34.70
Mitch Vyhanek		43.6
Augie Potter		33.6
Gordy Potter		35.2
Mike Lange		26.4
2nd Sandbag #3	12 wins	32.20
Ken Frame		38.8
Ed Wheeler		25.6
Bernard Cockroft		35.6
Ron Berg		28.8
3rd GDL #2	9 wins	24.40
Terry Sternberg		31.6
Jim Haupt		25.6
Ken Davison		25.6
George Siira		14.8
4th Windy Hill #2	8 wins	26.35
Rueben Eckardt		33.6
John Mills		23.6
Greg Hehling		26.6
Michael Spahn		21.6
5th Kenosha #4	8 wins	21.20
Elwood Knutson		26.4
Rich Legler		28.0
Joe Zoromskis		16.8
Lloyd Skarda		13.6
6th Kenosha #3	7.5 wins	27.50
Dennis Hartman		28.4
Jane Hartman		37.6
Wayne Berger		23.6
Arnold Esser		20.4

24 Teams - 96 pitchers, it's a record year for the Club Team.

The Close Doesn't Count league from north of Highway 8 retained their lock on the Club Team title winning 13 and one half times in twenty contests. The traveling trophy went for a round trip from and back to Centuria, home of the all thirty foot team.

The number one seed in class B hung on to their position. The Kenosha club with four teams entered was also a repeat champion of last year. In the past ten years, Kenosha has been a class winner five times.

C class champion, Combined Locks #2, was the only team to win from other than the top seed position. Originally they were seeded number five. They iced it winning 13.5 games. First time any team from the Locks has been a class winner at the Club Team.

Four guys from Burlington were invited to pitch this Club Team after making their first sanctioned event at Arena in March. They took the bait and also the class D title, big time, losing only four of their twenty games, best team record on the courts this year. Mark their names. Look for them on the summer tour.

Every team shared in the awards and every pitcher received two Team World raffle tickets as a part of the award.

Token awards went to third place and lower. First and second place split the balance three ways. Second place received \$92 and first \$184.

Two guys questioned the split. Yes, they had finished in second place. The tournament director offered them both a spot on the Club Team working committee leading to the top managerial position.

Although this event is more costly than an outdoor tournament conducted by a full club, the return of entry as awards was 82.5 %.

Register early for the Club Team of 2001. Rumor has it the limit has been set at 32 teams.

The president's Column

State Walking Doubles format, one average above 60 percent and the other must be below 60 percent, has made the competition in the Championship Class very fair. This was the Fourth State Walking Doubles Tournament and we have had a different Doubles Champion every year. I think WI found the key on how to make it fair to all the pitchers. Just who came up with the idea originally, in our first meeting, I'm not sure. We were just brain storming it at John Secord's house and that sounded good. Heck, it might even of been one of Jeff Secord's ideas, he happened to stop by during our meeting. There still seems to be quite a bit of interest in changing it from Waking Doubles to regular Doubles play on a trial basis. Please feel free to bring this issue up at the Fall Meeting. Thanks again to all that entered.

Delegates for Wisconsin, at this years World Con-

vention in Bismarck, North Dakota are your 5 State Officers. Please give them your ideas on the current NHPA Bylaw proposals. They were printed in the March-April issue of the NHPA Newslite.

I would like to thank all the pitchers in Eagle River for hosting their First NHPA Sanctioned Tournament. They are currently putting in 4 courts with cement walkways that are extended for short distance pitchers.

My compliments to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter for doing such a fine job on both the regular and the website editions. How anybody could rank this newsletter only #4 in the country is beyond me.

Remember good sportsmanship this summer, that's what makes it fun for all. Ringers to all.

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

by Ron Berg State Tournament Director

Just dropping you a line from Arena. Court construction is under way 9 courts have been poured the other 9 will be formed this coming Sunday. Hopefully the work crew will be recovered from the work out two weeks past.

You would be surprised to see how much work that a bunch of "Ol Sandbaggin Dogs" can do. You know Bob Anderson with a shovel? All those years of county work, heck he does know how to use one! Also John Henry (Bun) Carley is the nastiest maul swinger; all those years of pounding spikes for the railroad he has not lost his touch. The old boy is a phenom!

In case you noticed we are constructing 18 outdoor courts instead of the original 17; an extra play off court may not be a bad idea, so with the indoor courts as well, we will be having 24 courts to use pitching 5 classes at a time.

Nine years ago I got my first N.H.P.A. card. 8 years ago I ran my 1st tournament at Arena with a gang of 1 and a club of none! Now I am the state tournament director with a great bunch of hard working guys who I would have never got to meet let alone host a tournament with, had it not been for horseshoes. It just goes to show you with a little work (actually a lot of work) any goal can be achieved. Ringers to Ya, R.B.

Fillmore, USA still on the map

from Dan Ebert

Would like to inform you of the death of my brother-in-law, Ken Voight who passed away on April 12th. He pitched in many tournaments in the past years.

Also wondering if you knew of Wally Michael's passing on last year. Wally always pitched in tournaments while he was still able.

Other than that, Fillmore still has a league pitching every Wednesday as usual.

I hope to get back to entering some tournaments this year.

-DE

The Last One?

Among the many visitors to the Team-Word was Eldon "Nick" Bryant, the Chenoa clay man. He confirmed our entry into the July 4th Chenoa Open. And we talked of the loss of our friend and his partner, the late Don Peters.

Later on we learned from Charlie Webb that this will be the last year for the popular July 4th tournament in Chenoa. We can only speculate that Bryant has shouldered the bulk of the responsibility and resulting work over the years and now misses his main man Peters.

A Burglar, on the way to a job

There is a guy from Barneveld who we all knew as Ron Berg. You know him. He's the Regional Director who runs all those tournaments at Arena. Little did we know all this time he was using the short form of his real name – Ron Burglar.

It was time to start the Club Team. The Sandbaggers had entered three teams. Lo and behold, the club president, Ron, alias, Berg was missing. Hasty pacer arrangements were still being made when the shifty guy showed up with this tale.

He was tooling down the highway wearing his new Sandbagger sweatshirt topped off with a baseball cap when the dreaded red and blue lights filled the rear view. (Oh-Oh, they got me.) Rather than trying to lose the tail before he got to Telfer, he pulled over.

Both of the coppers dismounted. As one approached Berg's vehicle in textbook style, right hand on the butt of his piece, the other covered the scene, weapon drawn, from behind and right. Berg was ordered from the vehicle.

"Hands on the roof and spread em." barked the older of the officers. The younger cop disabled the ignition grabbing the keys. After a thorough body search revealed the subject (Berg) was not packing, tension eased somewhat. The coppers continued with the usual drivers ID check. Meanwhile the younger cop was back on the squad radio describing the desperado they had captured and doing a computer check on the vehicle.

There was an all points bulletin out for the recovery of a vehicle used in a hot burglary with description matching the machine operated by Berg.

The older cop, doing a contents search of the vehicle, opened the trunk, eventually discovered a small mysterious wooden box. "What's in the box?" the older cop asked. Stuttering and stammering but in a desperate attempt at bravado, Berg said, "Open it." Not born yesterday, the copper demanded, "Mister, open that box - real slow."

Ron the Burglar had already told the cops he was from the town of Barneveld (yah sure) on his way to a horseshoe tournament, but, the actual sight of those pitchin' shoes nestled in the little wooden box absolutely broke that cop up. Never, in his life..,

Recovering, he made his way back to the squad where his partner was still investigating. Shaking his head with astonishment he laughingly made the decision, "Hey pardner, we better cut this Bernie guy loose. You're gonna die when you see his box of burglar tools."

Editor: Never let the whole truth get in the way of a good story.

Let's make our secret known!

by Billie Sue Pennington
NHPA Publicity

Someone recently wrote that organized horseshoe pitching was "the best kept secret in the world". Thinking back on my own attempt to find the sport after seeing Don Titcomb, CA performing a demonstration at a local county fair, I believe that to be true.

My softball days were over in 1976, and by 1980 I had gotten too old and fat to ski. There was, however, a need in my life for an activity, and even more important, a need for competition. Seeing Don's performance interested me enough to start looking for a place to pitch. My first thought, the phone book, produced a lead --- listed was "the San Jose Horseshoe Store". Upon visiting, it was found to be a supply house for farmers. They carried horseshoeing products. They knew there was a club "somewhere" because a guy who pitched had stopped by to introduce himself. Guess who? Yep, Don Titcomb. The information that he had left had long since been misplaced.

My search continued throughout the year without success. The parks and recreation department was no assistance even though the San Jose Horseshoe Club had been located in Ryland Park for many years. "Horseshoe Pitching" wasn't listed on their activity roster they said. My hope was that "the guy" would be pitching at the fair in August. To make a long story short, "he", Don Titcomb, was there, and so was VerDon'selmar, then President of the Nor Cal Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Success at last!

The point? Aren't you amazed when you tell somebody that you pitch horseshoes, and they say "I never knew anything like that existed?" We, (horseshoe pitchers, Charters, Clubs, and yes, the NHPA), simply have to DO SOMETHING, about our well-kept secret. Start with the basics! Make sure you're listed with parks and recreation, local Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Get your club listed in an activities calendar, which appears in your local newspaper. It isn't safe to assume that "somebody has already done that". Maybe the information has been misplaced! Conduct an experiment in your area! Can you find horseshoe pitching?

Comments, suggestions, stories of your search, etc., may be sent to me at:

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McBride	Mike	IL	48.57%
Johnson	Lloyd	WI	54.64%
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The border town of Beloit always attracts a healthy entry from Illinois. This year the Encore tournament saw a contingent of Illinois pitchers amounting to 1/3 third of the field take 1/2 of the awards. They are not just visitors anymore: They came to play.

Some are actual club members attracted to the progressive club program along with the prospect playing in the indoor courts now being constructed.

The tournament itself featured mostly 8-player classes with all divisions mixed. Upon registration all name tags and R.R. cards were laid out ready to go. Score-keepers were unnecessary as pitchers marked the tally of ringers and points directly on the score devices.

Telfer Park has been a sometimes chilly place to pitch early season events but this time found some actually complaining about the heat. People, and horseshoe pitchers especially, are really in their element when they find something to talk about even if it's a complaint.

This was the third big event at Telfer this spring leading to the Team World slated for May 19-21. All those pitchers and all those shoes have done wonders for clay conditioning

Muskego Moose Doubles

by Tom Steinke

New Champs-- Tom Costa and Jim Haupt

With the high winds and cold, Costa and Haupt took care of everybody one at a time. A perfect day - nice job.

Class B; Harold Laws and Bruce McLinn had good competition and they got ringers when they needed them to win the class.

Class C; had a play-off between Cal and Laurel against Mike Steinke and Gwen Unz. It went down to the last two shoes with Cal and Laurel winning the class.

The wind was too strong and cold, so we are not talking about averages.

Thanks to the women of the Moose Club for good hot food. Also thanks to Gordy and Tom for serving drinks.

Class A

- 1st Tom Costa and Jim Haupt
- 2nd Harry Nelson and Tom Endler
- 3rd Hi Chaffin and Roger Schwebke
- 4th Pam Aiken and Tom Steinke
- 5th Tony Scrima and Rich Conrad
- 6th Bob Power and Jeff Gustafson

Class B

- 1st Harry Laws and Bruce McLinn
- 2nd Donny Burmeister and Dicknclair
- 3rd Hank and Ralph Zeisse
- 4th Chuck Herman and Pete Kumlien
- 5th Ray Lopez and Joe Lipperer

Class C

- 1st Cal and Laurel Pitel
- 2nd Mike Steinke and Gwen Unz
- 3rd Red Lovald and Karl Wegner
- 4th Mike and Steve Nord

How I wish that somewhere there existed an island for those who are wise and of good will.

Albert Einstein

WISCONSIN - WORLD TOURNAMENT

Good luck and perfect pitching to Pitchers entered at Bismarck, North Dakota, July 31 to Aug. 12, 2000.

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HAZEN	DEWAYNE	EAU CLAIRE			
HEINRITZ	KEN	MENO FALLS			
HELENE	SUZANNE	WEBSTER			
HENKEL	KAREN	MUSKEGO			
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Entry Fee World Tournament \$100

by Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec/Treas.

There is some misunderstanding as to just where the \$100 World Tournament entry fee goes and just what is used for. So I put together the following in an effort to better inform the membership on where your \$100 entry fee goes. The dollar amounts are based on a class size of 16 and all amounts are rounded up and subject to change pending final tournament costs.

Entry Fee	\$100.00	
Class Prize Fund		\$70
Scorekeeping Fees		\$15
Class Trophies		\$5
Schedule Printing & Mailing		\$2
WT Workers; Judges, Shoe Checking,		
Computer input and score sheet runners.	\$4	
Misc. Exp :Name Card, WT Program, etc.	\$4	
TOTAL		\$100

Each Class of 16 entrants is self-supporting with none-of the entry fee going to the Championship Classes or for NHPA officers expenses. With seven out of every sixteen entries getting at least their money back in prize money, it's a good deal. The competition is fierce, class percentages are very close and the money is good. Just a horseshoe pitcher's dream tournament and the opportunity to say, "I am a World Class Champion." See you in Bismarck. -DH

Huntsman World Senior Games

by Karen Foss

Hello, I am an Ambassador for the Huntsman World Senior Games. The Games are an International Sporting Event for men and women 50 and older. I am trying to get the word out to men and women over 50 about this exciting opportunity to participate in an International Event, regardless of the athlete's skill level. The games are all about the love of sport, health, competition and international friendships. Gold, silver and bronze medals are presented to winners in their various events. Last year 5084 men and women from 22 countries gathered in St. George, located in the South West-

erly corner of Utah, approximately 1 hr. 45 min from Las Vegas, Nevada. 3167 medals were presented in 23 sports and 79 sporting events. Horseshoes being one of the events, The Huntsman World Senior Games begin on Monday, October 10, 2000 and run through Saturday, October 21. Horseshoe competition is held the second week of the games and will be held on Monday, October 16 through Thursday October 19. Opening ceremonies will be held on Tuesdays. The Official 2000 Handbook and Registration and packet are now in distribution. Registration Fees are: \$59.00 for applications received on or before August 15, 2000 plus \$5 per person sport fee for horseshoe competitors. \$69.00 for applications received after August 15, 2000 plus the \$5 per per-

son sport fee for horseshoe competitors. Registration fees include: registration gift packet, admission to opening ceremonies, official games program and results book which is mailed following the games, official games shirt, dine out dinner coupon, medical testing and health seminars. The sports fee include participation in the sports and admission to social dinners and awards programs.

If you know men and women 50+ who pitch horseshoes, please share this information with them. Call 800-562-1269 or log on to our web page at www.seniorgames.net to receive your packet about the 2000 Millenium Games.

Many Thanks... Karen Foss, Ambassador, Huntsman World Senior Games



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LaVern D. Edge

LaVern D. Edge, age 71, of rural Platteville, died Saturday, May 13, 2000 at his home. He was born on September 8, 1928 near Platteville. June 2, 1951, LaVern was married to Phyllis Williams. She died August 31, 1986.

He farmed his entire life near Platteville. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Peace in Platteville. He enjoyed bear hunting, fishing, bowling and was an avid horseshoe pitcher. He is survived by one daughter, "Laurie" Edge of Las Vegas, NV; one son, Mike Edge; two grandchildren, Brian and Amy Edge; one sister, Viola Vesperman and sister-in-law, Cleone Edge, all of Platteville; many nieces and nephews and his many bear hunting and horseshoe pitching friends from throughout the state.

Casket Bearers: Mel Flogel, Tom Hamm, Larry Lingel, Rich Lingel, Kevin Imhoff, Walter Newswanger, Len Mauthe, and Bob Bennett. Honorary Bearers: Orville Baker, Keith Pickel, Kenny Olson, Norm Mauthe, Carl Gilbertson, Ernest "Doc" Culver, Greg Michaels, Dean Sager, Cliff Van Atta, and Laverne "Beany" Flesch.

Paul Neuman

The recent death of Paul Neuman, of Oconomowoc was reported to this Newsletter. He was a former Game Sales Distributor for the state of Wisconsin and a frequent contributor to the Newsletter. Details are unknown.

Even the best of friends

cannot attend each
other's funeral." --

Kehlog Albran

LaVern Edge was a Real Trophy

On a fateful Saturday morning in May, Norm Mauthe knocked on the door of the Edge farmhouse in the Platteville countryside and was met with no response. Funny, he thought, the shed door was open, the truck was there, and no "Vern." On returning home Mauthe tried phoning, then called a neighbor offering his concern.

Vern Edge, it was discovered, had apparently suffered a sudden and fatal heart attack. Three days later he was laid to rest following words of consolation at the Lutheran Church of Peace in Platteville.

The Platteville Horseshoe Association has, in the person of, Bob Bennett, a "Club Chaplain" who delivered the eulogy. Edge had been described as "well liked with many friends." Bennett, in a very personal way, spoke of this friend as a man of, "camaraderie, a strong but gentle man."

Strong and gentle is often associated with size and Vern Edge was big in frame and heart. The list of casket bearers and honorary bearers read like the horseshoe club members list. Some may have been his neighbors. The presence of bearers with tall black hats said he was also a treasured friend of the Menonite community.

"He was a terrific neighbor," Bennett said. Neighborliness was expressed a measure of a man's worth in this rural area. "He had skills, knowledge, and wisdom," which he shared with his neighbors. A visit might disclose he had a peculiar liking for Pepsi but not Coke. After awhile he'd say, "Jump in the

truck, want to show you something." "And you felt you just had to," Bennett declared. He'd take you out to where the turkeys roosted and where the big buck always crossed the road, "he loved the outdoors." Edge never let Bennett forget that after setting him up, Bennett missed a shot at the buck.

Competition was big time for Edge. Every Tuesday night the winter horseshoe league met in the "Bunker Hill Pitching Palace"- two courts in the Edge machine shed on Willow Branch Road. The competitive Edge extended to gardening. Right now, there is a tomato plant growing in his yard already two-three feet tall with one tiny green tomato. Bennett knows exactly what Edge was planning and how he would show that early red tomato, in its prime, to all who would listen, his good neighbors, around the town, and at the courts.

As competitive as he was, and as much as he liked winning, he knew how to lose graciously too, he was a good loser. And that, the horseshoe pitchers say, is how to make friends.

Vern Edge was, himself, a real trophy.

Editor: At the risk of being anticlimactic, there is the need to applaud Mr. Bob Bennett for his words chosen for LaVern Edge. I wonder how the congregation would have reacted to subdued but deserved applause. Thank you Mr. Bennett, you helped all concerned to accept the loss of a friend a little easier.



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Eau Claire Earlybird

By John Dolezel

The horseshoe courts at Carson Park in Eau Claire resembled the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field for the Earlybird Tournament sponsored by the Eau Claire Club on Saturday May 13, 2000. A cold, windy day with a high temperature of 46°, winds up to 25 mph and a resulting wind chill near 40° greeted the 51 hearty souls who participated in this years event. Scorekeepers dressed in heavy jackets and some wrapped in blankets were part of the scene.

There were nine classes of pitchers involved in the tournament this year. Clayton Gage of Milltown won Class A & tournament champion with a 5 - 0 record & 68.0% average. Others with perfect 5 - 0 records were

Judi Hayden of Mondovi - Class C; Jim Larson of Sun Prairie - Class D; Larry Danielson of Roberts - Class G. Class B produced a real shootout with the four pitchers: Ron Brockway, Jane Smith, Bert Logsdon, and Vince Jakel each posting 3 - 3 records in the double round robin. Ron Brockway was the eventual winner with 41.7%.

Tournament director Dennis Kieser announced the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners of each class, with first place winners receiving an NHPA patch.

Complete tournament results can be found on our web page at <http://members.net/echc>. Remember to sign up for the Eau Claire Open sanctioned tournament on June 10 - 11. Tournament Director Kieser has promised better, warmer weather for that event!

4/29

X
Class A

- 1. Clayton Gage 68.0 5-0
- 2. Gert Wilcziek 53.6 4-1
- 3. Suzanne Helene 50.4 3-2

Class B

- 1. Ron Brockway 41.7 3-3
- 2. Jane Smith 37.9 3-3

Class C

- 1. Judi Hayden 44.8 5-0
- 2. Reuben Eckardt 40.4 3-2
- 3. Julian Tijerina 37.2 2-3

Class D

- 1. Jim Larson 47.2 5-0
- 2. Kathy Hanson 34.8 3-2
- 3. George Eckstrom 28.4 3-2

Class E

- 1. David Paul 34.4 4-1
- 2. Doug Maier 27.2 4-1
- 3. Dave Semingson 30.8 3-2

Class F

- 1. Fred Decorah 29.2 4-1
- 2. Ev Goshaw 32.8 3-2
- 3. Ron Wilcziek 30.8 3-2

Class G

- 1. Larry Danielson 32.8 5-0
- 2. Rich Pichler 27.6 3-2
- 3. John Van Dyk 25.2 3-2

Class H

- 1. Bob Kallstrom 24.0 4-1
- 2. Cathy Coyle 28.8 3-2
- 3. John Dolezel 24.8 3-2

Class I

- 1. Stan Fredrickson 20.4 4-1
- 2. Jim Emery 10.4 4-1
- 3. Eli Lucas 11.2 3-2

A Tournament of Roses 50 years



What: Open House to celebrate Curt & Beaty Bestul's 50th wedding anniversary.

When: Sunday, June 25 (actual anniversary is June 23).

Where: Union Town Hall in Eau Claire (1506 N. Town Hall Rd.)

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Contact Deb (Bestul) Halvorson with any questions.

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Be careful about reading health books. You might die of a misprint. -Mark Twain

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked. -Mark Twain

How a person plays the game shows something of his character --how he or she loses shows all of it.

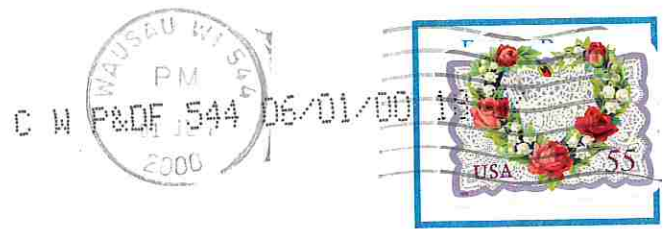
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