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WHAT A WORLD!

The 1997 World Tournament at Kitchner, Ontario, the first World Tournament in Canada, will be regarded as a yardstick for future World Tournaments - 1750 entrants with over 400 from Canada and 80 from Wisconsin.

Kitchner Memorial Complex, the playing arena, housed 57 specially built portable courts, was air conditioned, neat and clean. All available space was dedicated to the playing area. If there was any room for compliant it came from those watching the games. Only one of the two hockey rink arenas had one side, grandstand seating. The other area was best observed from the windows of a second floor dining room.

Kitchner-Waterloo, about 250,000 pop., are sister cities with historical areas but without squalor- no slum. Neat and clean shops, restaurants, and business places lived up to all the travel brochures. Best of all the local people were nice to visitors

On a few occasions restaurant managers took the time to visit. The gal at the nearby Dairy Queen got carried away with hospitality. Ever get free ice cream pie at home?

Wisconsin campers were lucky to be close to the downtown court complex and still in a grassy campground area. Fun was all around. Ask the guys with clean trucks about the Bikini car wash.

"THE" WORLD CHAMPIONS

Open Men,	ALLAN FRANCIS	OH
Open Women	BEV NATHE	MN
Jr Boys	JEREMY UMPHRIES	TX
Jr Girls	REBECCA KING	OK
Sr Men	JOHN BROWN	OH
Sr Women	TEDDY GUILLOTE	CA
Elders -30ft	FRANK BOHUN	PA

World Champions come in various varieties. Division champs are listed above. Some other class champions of Wisconsin are listed below, notably Fred Decorah of Baraboo and Mike Cone, Reedsburg. Cone is repeating as a World Class Champion two years in succession.

World awards went to the top five in each of the mostly 16-man classes. Play-offs were reserved for first only. Sometimes one more ringer decided placement (Ken Olson-Cliff Troullier and Gloria Smith- Kathy Hanson) and additional award money. A few of Wisconsin's trophy winners (top three places) were available for photo opportunities.

Full results of the World Tournament are posted on the NHPA website at :

<http://www.geocities/~nhpa>

WISCONSIN PITCHERS WORLD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pl	Class	W/L	Pct									
OPEN MEN				12th K3	Russ Burns	6-9	28.17	15th SrE	Earl Paulson	4.5-10.5	36.83	
9th	Ch cl	Randy Rein	10-9	75.30	7th L1	Ray Mallo	8.5-6.5	30.00	2nd SrF	Paul Wilson	12-3	40.00
11th	B2	John Barden	7-8	61.00	8th L1	John Aeschlimann	8-7	28.00	8th SrI	Wally Srenaski	5.5-7.5	25.19
5th	C1	Gus Schram	10-5	59.00	1st L2	Mike Cone	13.5-1.5	43.83	13th SrI	Marv Lynch	3.5-9.5	23.65
6th	C1	Rick Poppe	10-5	51.67	14th L2	Rich Conrad	3.5-11.5	23.00	10th SrL	Ralph Zeisse	5-8	11.73
11th	C1	Larry Barber	6-9	56.83	8th M3	Ron Berg	7.5-7.5	30.17	ELDERS			
6th	C3	Steve Wiegert	9-6	59.00	5th N2	Harold Laws	10-5	29.33	3rd Chp	Clayton Gage	8.5-6.5	69.74
9th	C3	John Crook	6-9	55.00	14th N2	Allem Holloway	4.5-10.5	29.83	12th A	Mer Sorensen	6-9	58.50
6th	D1	Dave Schorbahn	9.5-5.5	51.83	4th N3	Sal Okon	10-5	30.17	12th E	Bill Hildebrand	3-10	25.38
7th	D1	Harry Nelson	9-6	47.50	5th O2	Ken Davison	9-6	33.17	12th H	Geo Kuffer	2-11	9.04
12th	E2	Jerry Volz	6-9	42.17	8th O2	Bill Spahn	7-8	30.83	JUNIORS			
16th	E2	Don Hostrup	4-11	34.67	11th O3	Rowen Swick	6-9	27.33	2nd B	Dustin Dahl	12-3	56.17
6th	F1	Ron Brockway	9-6	40.67	13th O3	Warren Knippel	4.5-10.5	20.67	11th B	Barrent Dahl	4-9	36.54
7th	F3	Tip Wipperfurth	8-7	38.33	7th P1	Tom Steinke	8.5-6.5	28.33	6th D	Tom Costa Jr	6.5-6.5	26.73
15th	G2	Dick Hansen	4-11	31.67	14th P1	Gene Rhinehart	3-12	22.83	9th F	Chuck Costa	6.5-6.5	12.31
11th	H1	Mike Hansen	6.5-11.5	32.83	13th P3	Jerry Dahl	4.5-10.5	18.50	WOMEN			
2nd	H2	Julian Tijerina	10-5	41.050	8th R2	Dean Baxter	8-7	27.17	20th Chp	Edie McKinney	0-19	62.84
1st	H3	Fred Decorah	10.5-4.5	43.00	13th R2	Guy Fleming	4-11	18.33	4th B	Edie McKinney	9-6	70.67
2nd	I3	Tom Costa	11.5-3.5	40.33	5th U1	Ken Wood	10-5	18.67	16th C	Jane Smith	4-11	51.67
4th	I3	Bill Hagen	10-5	38.67	SENIOR MEN				4th D	Sue Helene	11-4	52.50
5th	J1	John Carlin	8.58-6.5	42.33	2nd SrC	Ralph Maylahn	10.5-3.5	57.50	4th E	Phyllis Davids	10-5	52.67
11th	J1	Ken Jaeger	6-9	35.83	8th SrC	Bun Carley	6-7	49.81	6th H	Jane Meier	8-7	51.67
12th	J2	John Gregorich	5.5-9.5	26.67	10th SrD	Ken Olson	7-8	40.00	3rd G	Elaine Troullier	10.5-4.5	51.50
3rd	J3	Bruce McLinn	10-5	37.67	11th SrD	Cliff Troullier	7-8	39.83	7th H	Teresa Donar	7-8	47.17
6th	J3	Gro Eckstrom	9.6	37.83	14th SrD	Bill Schaaf	4-11	27.83	12th H	Gloria Smith	6.5-8.5	38.00
15th	J3	Sonny Cockroft	3-12	28.83	9th SrE	Jerry Schroeder	8-7	36.83	13th H	Kathy Hanson	6.5-8.5	37.67
3rd	K1	Terry Sternberg	10.4-4.5	35.00	11th SrE	Jim Haupt	6-9	35.83	15th M	Myrna Leep	3-12	19.00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 30-31 STATE TOURNAMENT; WAUSAU \$25
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937
414-922-0080 **28-97-029** D/L 7-31
SEPT 5-6-7 V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks \$25/team
Don Navarrete 534 Woodlawn Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113
414-788-1633_or 788-4379 **unsanctioned** D/L 8-25

PLATTEVILLE DAIRY DAYS

SEPT 5 6 PM Hi-Lo doubles R.R. entry \$10/team
LaVern Edge 608-348-7171 **unsanctioned**
SEPT 6 R.R. doubles only 1 on team over 50% \$12/team
Robert Bennett 608-348-8717 **unsanctioned mixed** D/L 9-2
SEPT 6-7 WET 'N WILD; Centuria \$10
Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake. WI 54810
715-485-3057 **28-97-030** D/L 8-23
SEPT 7 HUBER TOURNAMENT **unsanctioned doubles**
VFW Post Oxford; N3250 First St Double elimination
Jerome Huber 608-564-7818 \$10/team; Sign-up 11:00AM
SEPT 13-14 KENOSHA OPEN \$15
Glenn Bogenschneider 3109 89th St Kenosha, WI 53142
414-694-6922 **28-97-031** D/L 9-5
SEPT 20-21 FALL SPECTACULAR; Centuria \$5
Jane Smith 1481 180th Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810
715-485-3057 **28-97-032** D/L 9-6
SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES \$10/TEAM
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 **unsanctioned** D/L 9-10
NOV 1 CARL'S NOV DOUBLES; ARENA \$13
DEC 6 CARL'S DEC DOUBLES; ARENA \$13
Carl Gilbertson Bx 162 521 Isabell St Highland, WI 53543
608-929-7669 **limit 16 teams - call to secure entry - unsanctioned**

KEY

All dates in **bold print indicate WHPA approved events.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.
Other events, on this calendar are listed for information only.
Call, 414-964-2735 6 wks. prior for listing in this column.

THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS. Your contributions are welcome, important, and add to the life to this Newsletter.

WHAT? NO GREEN BAY TOURNAMENT?

At press time of the last edition of this calendar the Green Bay tournament had already been canceled. We feel slighted that no one called. Apologies to all prospective entrants concerned.

Through the horseshoe grapevine we also found out that the old D & B Midway Bar (or whatever they call the tavern fronting the Green Bay courts) has burned to the ground with the exception of one solitary wall. That remaining wall according to locals, forces the owner to rebuild rather than clear it in favor of a condominium project.

Now that this news is as old as the Packer victory parade, its starting to leak out. We sure wish someone - anyone - would keep the rest of us up to date on things in Green Bay.

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WAUSAU OPEN
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Everything went good this year at the Wausau Open. The wind was present as usual, but more sedate than it has been the past couple of years. There were hardly any complaints about it being to windy.

We had several pitchers who are new to the game. Karen Rampalski from Brown Deer just started to pitch six weeks ago. Don Burmeister said she's hooked. They're gone every weekend to a tournament somewhere. Chris Jakel from Mosinee started pitching this spring in the Windy Hill league. She throws a smooth 3/4 turn with the Ringle Single and nobody was going to deny her getting her fist tournament win in her first ever tournament.

We had five junior pitchers and of the five only one had ever pitched in a tournament. His experience showed as he cruised through the class without too much resistance.

RESULTS

- A30' Edie Mckinney 71.9; Clayton Gage 69.1; Phyllis Davids 54.4
- A40 Steve Wiegert 50.0; Gus Schram 49.4; Vince Jakel 55.3
- B Elaine Troullier 49.6 Roxanne Sellison 44.6; Tony Scrima 42.9
- C Gloria Smith 37.9; Roger Juedes 31.8 Hank Zeisse 36.4
- D Goe Eckstrom 39.2; Doug Maier 38.2; Caey Richter 37.9
- E Otis Wessley 33.9; Ray Groskinsky 32.1; Steve Stevens 31.8
- F Dennis Kieser 31.4; Don Burmeister 29.6; Joeanne Alling 29.3
- G Keith Stanke 20.3; Jim Jakel 21.3; Kevin Richter 20.3
- H Chris Jakel 25.4; Jason Maki 16.1; Karen Rampalski 14.6
- JrA Jamie Miller 14.5; Michael Stanke 2.5 Michael Spahn 10.5

F.D.L. AND SKIN'S OPENS

Hey! What's happening to the Fond du Lac Open? The Winnebagoland tournament is currently suffering from non-entryitis, a disease not familiar to the area. Used to be this was a bigger tournament, was the word heard around the courts.

Now that the facility has been upgraded with end to end full width concrete walkways and the stones have been replaced with lush green sod, it gets a five star rating among Wisconsin horseshoe layouts. Should appeal to and attract more not less of the tournament crowd. Is this the residual effect of closely following the World Tournament? It has the tournament director, Jeff Secord, guessing.

Five classes pitched the Saturday FDL event. It was sanctioned. Sunday's unsanctioned doubles remained open for entry to the day before in hopes of adding to the original five team field.

NAMES AND OR NUMBERS

Pitchers at the Kitchner World were subjected to a new form of abuse. The usual namecards became numbers - 1 thru 15 - denoting the rank in class. Names were limited to the R.R. card and players' shirts. Spectators had to watch closely to establish identity. Scorekeepers had to remember which number belonged to which player. Name-shirts should have been number-shirts.

The number-cards were long plastic things, same form as the old namecards. Far fewer were needed as the numbers could be used in multiple classes. It saved the producers time and effort and can be used again. Efficiency prevailed. Common sense lost.

WHPA INDOOR SCHEDULE - 1997-98 OFFICIAL LISTING

Sandbar Sports Arena 7718 Village Edge Rd Arena, WI
Royal Wood Sports Center 1501 Cedar Dr Plover, WI
Edwards Sports Complex 2101 Cranston Rd Beloit WI

OCT 11-12 ARENA FALL SINGLES Mark Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville WI 53818 608-348-9697 #28-97-035	\$15	MAR 22 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-2753 #28-97-004 4-man teams	\$60/team
OCT 18 WHPA STATE MEETING - 1:00 PM all members ROYAL WOOD SPORT CENTER PLOVER, WI Show-up doubles tournament sign in 8:00 AM unsanctioned	D/L 9-27	APR 4-5 ARENA SPRING SINGLES John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588 608-588-7392 #28-98-005	\$15
NOV 8-9 SONNY'S SINGLES ARENA \$15 w entry; \$17 at cts Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560 608 924-5574 #28-97-036	D/L 10-25	APR 18 WHPA SPRING MEETING 1:00PM ROYAL WOOD SPORT CENTER - PLOVER, WI Show-up doubles tournament sign in 8:00 AM unsanctioned	D/L 3-21
DEC 13-14 SANTA'S SINGLES ARENA Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-5574 #28-97-037	\$15	APR 25 CLUB TEAM \$48/team with entry - \$52 at cts Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-964-2735 #28-98-006	D/L 4-11
JAN 17-18 -01 SINGLES ARENA \$15 with entry; \$17 at cts Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-964-2735 #28-98-001	D/L 11-29	APR 26 WHPA STATE DOUBLES at Beloit John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937 414-922-0080 limit- one player over 60% #28-98-007	\$25/team
FEB 14-15 FREEZER Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507 608-924-5574 #28-98-002	\$15	MAY 1-2 BELOIT ENCORE Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 #28-98-008	\$18
MAR 14-15 JR SCHOLARSHIP Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186 414-542-0252 #28-98-003	\$17	MAY 15-16-17 TEAM-WORLD Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 #28-98-009	\$200/team
	D/L 12-27		D/L 3-31
	D/L 1-31		D/L 4-18
	D/L 2-28		D/L 4-15

COMBINED LOCKS HORSESHOE CLUB CELEBRATES THIRTY YEARS

by Ann Opsteen

The Combined Locks Horseshoe Club was organized in 1967. The first officers elected were: President, Bob Vanden Boogart; Vice President, Robert Laha; Secretary, Jerry Kamps; and Treasurer, Bob Lamers. At that time there were four couples leagues and two men's doubles leagues pitching on six nights of the week. Club meetings were held twice a year, in April and October.

Although the club dates from 1967, horseshoe pitching actually had its start in 1960 on one sand court at Jerry Kamp's Bar. Through the years more courts were added. first two, then five, until there were the present eight clay courts.

A steel roof, measuring 50' x 94' was installed over the facility and at that time it was named KAMPS KOVERD KOURTS, with the roof and quartz lighting there is horseshoe pitching day on night rain or shine.

In time many court improvements, including concrete walks between courts and chain link fence enclosing the courts, were accomplished with the cooperation of club members. There have been many "work parties" through the years.

At present there are men's leagues pitching on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a seniors league and a mixed doubles every other Monday night. Also a singles league started recently.

The first annual Mideastern Wisconsin Horseshoe Tournament was held in 1965. That tourney has been hosted by the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club in succeeding years and this year was scheduled in July. John Reitveld has been tournament director for 30 years. The club also hosted the Wisconsin State Tournament in the years 1967, 1969, 1973, 1976, and 1979.

Many club members pitch in open tournaments throughout the state; also in the State and NHPA World Tournaments. Several club members have been honored with induction into the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. They are Jerry Kamps, Cy and Wally Srenaski, and Ann Opsteen.

Members of the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club are fortunate to have the excellent facility for their sport and for the friendly and cooperative relationship with the owner, Jerrt Kamps

MID EAST OPEN JULY '97

How's come it never rains in Combined Locks? Or does it just seem that way. It's a winning feeling just to hear the clatter of raindrops on the Kamps roof.

The consummate horseshoe statistician, John Reitveld, showed-up for for his 30th tournament in the booth doing what he does best - managing the event. The scorekeepers all seemed to be the same familiar gang. We see them once a year - tough to recall even their first names. Thankfully they too were on hand again.

This is the place where it all began for the WHPA in 1967. The first NHPA sanctioned tournament in Wisconsin and the first State Tournament to be held in a location other than State Fair Park in West Allis.

Interestingly the Mid-East flyer, this year, surveyed entrants asking whether they preferred a sanctioned tournament for next year. The approximate count was near 50-50. Although this unsanctioned event has become quite popular for unsanctioned pitchers, the club would also like to entertain more sanctioned players and will consider a one day sanction for next year.

This is where it began: We are hoping for positive results.

RESULTS

- A Gene Budelier* 62.9; Elaine Troullier *56.1; Rox Sellison 52.9
 - B Otis Wessley* 40.9; Cliff Troullier* 35.4; Tom Costa 35.1
 - C Joe Gerrits 46.1 Ruben Eckhardt 41.4; Norb Strzyzewski 36.8
 - D Maurice Lamers* 36.8; Steve Mielke* 35.4; Ken Koehn* 31.8
 - E Al Leintz 35.7; Bill Grosskreutz 30.2; Ray Schommer 28.2
 - F Wayne Uttecht 32.9; Jerome Weis 31.3; John Quandt 26.8
 - G Gary Miller 25.0; Richard Ziereis 29.5; Ron Miller 21.1
 - H Bob Damkot 28.2; Wally Srenaski 21.8; Milon Lambrecht 22.1
 - I Bill Engelmann* 14.6; Julius Schroeder* 17.9; Tom Strenn 17.3
- *Play-off

RAY BILLEN TO HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame Chairlady, Edie McKinney recently announced confirmation of the new 1997 HOF members John Brezina of Boyceville and Ray Billen of Kenosha.

Brezina, now deceased, directed the annual Boyceville tournament. Billen has been a lifetime pitcher/worker and recently helped develop the Kenosha Horseshoe Club.



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CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES 1997 WORLD

WOMENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

	Ent	W/L	R	sp	Av	pts
1. Bev Nathe	MN	81.83 17/2	1061	1320	80.38	776
2. Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	84.00 16/3	1140	1340	85.07	755
3. Becky Kemper	KY	82.00 16/3	1167	1404	83.12	715
4. Diane Cantin	PQ	78.67 15/4	929	1176	79.00	713
5. Sue Twyman	NY	79.67 14/5	980	1302	75.27	681
6. Amy Monday	VA	77.50 13/6	1119	1380	81.09	739
7. Mary Ann Peninger	KS	70.50 12/7	1035	1268	81.62	700
8. Annie Cote	PQ	69.33 11/8	917	1202	76.29	672
9. Sue Snyder	KY	72.83 10/9	1025	1322	77.53	652
10. Connie J. Filley	ND	69.83 10/9	945	1230	76.83	636
11. Angeline Moisan	PQ	78.17 10/9	921	1232	74.76	607
12. Opal Reno	AR	79.17 9/10	894	1212	73.76	592
13. Marlene Ray	TN	74.00 7/12	859	1182	72.67	582
14. Amy Francis	OH	71.00 7/12	846	1208	70.03	557
15. Sandy Janssens	ON	74.00 6/13	871	1188	73.32	507
16. Gerry Brooks	ME	77.83 5/14	850	1182	71.91	505
17. Tina Tonnous	OH	68.67 5/14	742	1096	67.70	482
18. Phyllis Negaard	MN	70.00 5/14	737	1092	67.49	453
19. Rose Diekamp	MO	69.33 2/17	808	1168	69.18	476
20. Edie McKinney	WI	70.67 0/19	646	1028	62.84	376

MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS 1997 WORLD

	Ent	W/L	R	sp	av	pts
1. Alan Francis	OH	83.67 18/1	1051	1248	84.21	767
2. W R Williams Jr	CA	72.67 15/4	936	1146	81.68	717
3. Art Tyson	NY	76.00 14/5	994	1262	78.76	705
4. Brian Simmons	ME	78.00 13/6	912	1178	77.42	673
5. Jim Walters	OH	71.67 12/7	937	1236	75.81	659
6. Paul LaCrosse	CO	77.83 11/8	966	1254	77.03	632
7. Rick Cale	WV	75.17 11/8	859	1150	74.70	660
8. Dale Lipovsky	MN	77.50 10/9	1030	1350	76.30	681
9. Randy Rein	WI	74.67 10/9	893	1186	75.30	611
10. Mark Baumann	MN	76.67 10/9	934	1242	75.20	655
11. Thomas Gallina	ON	74.83 9/10	959	1264	75.87	641
12. John Kapnis	MA	76.33 9/10	943	1280	73.67	662
13. Tommy Gann	NC	70.67 9/10	763	1110	68.74	544
14. N.A. Moore	NC	71.50 8/11	805	1138	70.74	528
15. Rich Pintor	CO	74.17 7/12	948	1284	73.83	627
16. Mike DiMartino	NY	70.00 7/12	924	1258	73.45	587
17. Glenn Burris	PA	72.33 7/12	886	1232	71.92	644
18. Robert G Hayes	NY	71.17 6/13	802	1156	69.38	530
19. Steve Kuchcinsk	PA	70.33 4/15	778	1138	68.37	517
20. Pacer Pacer	RI	72.83 0/19	343	478	71.76	181

ELDER MENS '30' FOOT DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Frank Bohun	PA	84.00 7 0	300	374	80.21	293
2. Jim Pagliarulo	CT	75.50 6 1	284	404	70.30	271
3. Clayton Gage	WI	71.33 4 3	272	390	69.74	221
4. Curly Seibold	IN	78.00 3 4	322	452	71.24	258
5. Merlin Potts	KS	71.67 3 4	272	400	68.00	206
6. Allan Hillman	KS	67.00 3 4	238	386	61.66	212
7. Russell Christopher	SK	71.67 1 6	276	420	65.71	199
8. Warren Woolsey	IN	66.50 1 6	263	406	64.78	191

STATE TOURNAMENT CLUB CHAMPION

from the entry form by Jane Smith
This is the eighth year of the State Tournament Club Champion mini tournament. The Eau Claire pitchers are the reigning champions.

To refresh our memories, this tournament champion is determined by an average of the points each club member earns while pitching in their respective classes at the State Tournament. The higher the average, the better the club pitched, consequently the winner. Points earned by move-ups are bonus points. the following chart is a listing of places and points earned.

8 person class	10 person class
1st place	10 points
2nd place	8 points
3rd Place	6 points
4th place	5 points
5th place	4 points
6th place	3 points
7th place	2 points
8 th place	1 point
6 person class	10 points
1st place	7 points
2nd place	5 points
3rd place	3 points
4th place	2 points
5th place	1 point
4 person class	10 points
first place	7 points
2nd place	4 points
3rd place	1 point
4th place	

- To enter this mini tournament:
1. Each club director/president must send a roster of their pitchers including name and class.
 2. Each club must have a min. of five (5) pitchers to participate.
 3. The roster and entry fee of \$7.50 sent or delivered in person to Jane Smith. (At the State Tournament is OK)

Awards: The following awards will be presented at the Fall Meeting.

1. Cash to be determined by number of entries.
2. A traveling Champion plaque with the winning club's name.
3. Free entry into the 1998 State Tournament Club Champion competition.



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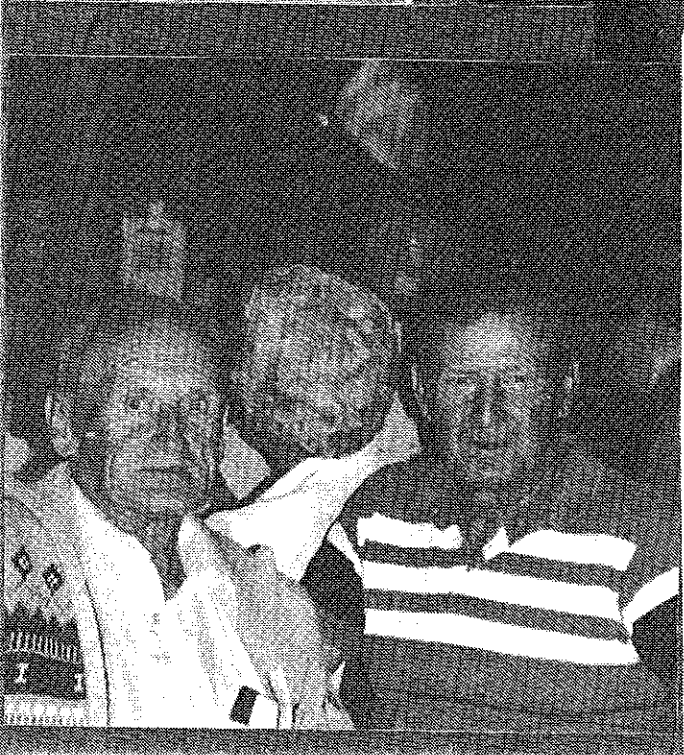
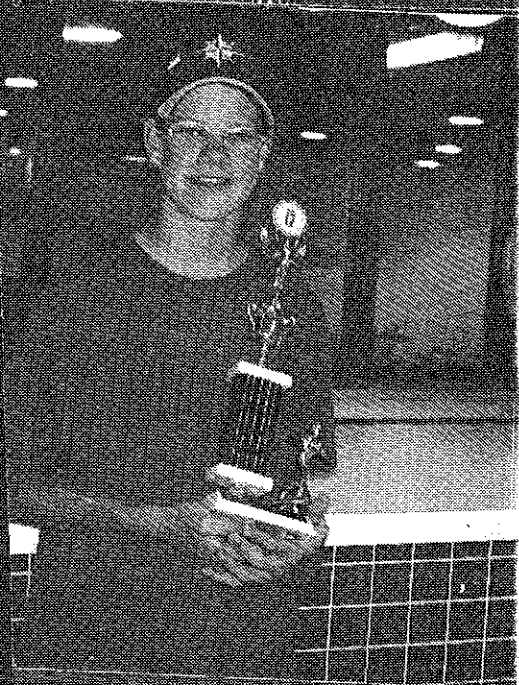
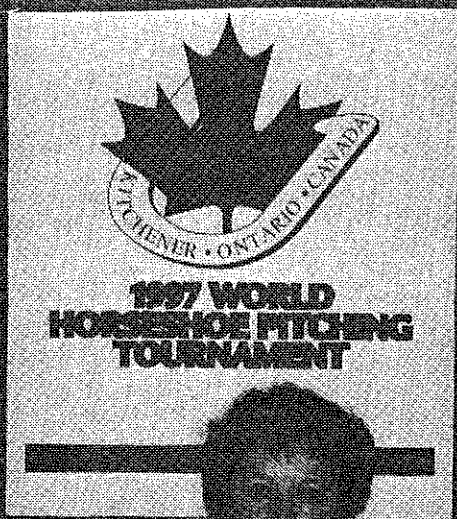
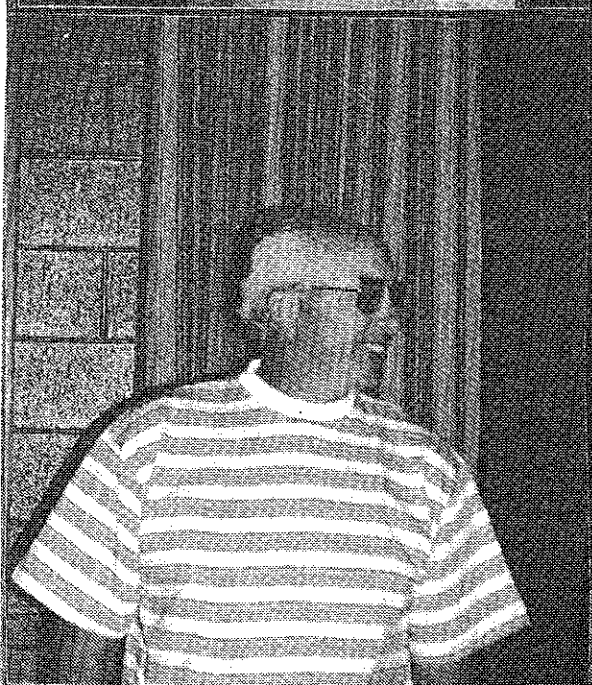
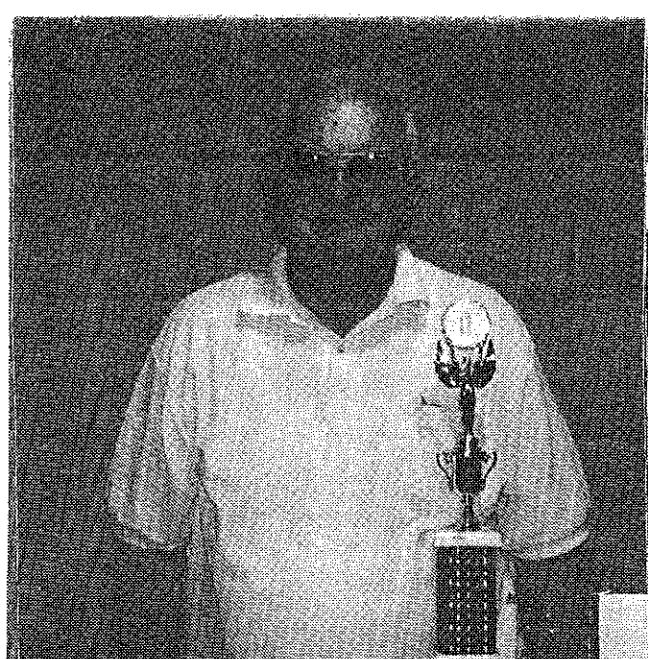
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Couldn't catch all the Wisconsin trophy winners, first through third, for pictures but these are a few with that fancy kind of horseshoe hardware.

Upper left: **Ralph Maylahn**, Genesse Depot, tied for first; settled for second; Senior Men class C

Top Center: **Mike Cone**, Reedsburg; won his class at the World in two successive years. 1st Open Men class L2

Upper right: **Tom Costa**, West Bend; shows second place trophy earned in Open Men's class I3

Middle left: **Terry Sternberg**, Richfield took a third place trophy in Open Men's class K1.

Middle Center: **Elaine Troullier**, Manitowoc wins third place in the Open Women's class G

Middle right; **Dustin Dahl**, Trempealeau, trophied as a result of two playoff games in Juniors B; 2nd place.

Lower left: **George Kuffer and Earl Paulson** upon receiving the NHPA Achievement Award to the Beloit Club.

Not pictured: **Clayton Gage**, 3rd in Championship Elders; **Fred Decorah**, 1st in Op men H3 **Julian Tijerina**, 2nd in Op men H2; **Bruce McLinn**, 3rd in Op men J3; **Paul Wilson**, 2nd in Sr men class F.

DOWN AND BACK**WITH JIM HAUPT**

Sal Okon of Lowell is missing a truck. Enterprising thieves operating during a rainstorm in Kitchner, Ontario, selected Okon's truck as prime booty. It was one of those super customized extended cab models said to be worth twice the price in Canada. Shopping was easy. It was stolen, along with another, from the huge display in the Kitchner Memorial Complex parking lot. Okon's main concern was for the cargo. He was now stuck in Canada without life's necessities, a ready supply of his favorite beer, venison sausage and Wisconsin cheese.

Psst, wanna buy some hardly used shoes cheap? Brands available include: Imperial - 3 pr; Deadeye - 3pr; Ohio, 4pr; Star; Diamond, 2pr; American; M&M; Greott Grabbers; Hohl; Hix Six; Webb; Sta-On; Six Pac; Lee; Reno; Huggers; and Gordon. Priced right, from \$15 to \$25, these shoes are moving. They are from the vast collection of Roger Poutanen of the Wausau area. Look for Poutanen and his wares at the State Tournament and help the man break his compulsive habit - "see a new shoe: gotta habit."

From Curt Bestul via on-line: Jim,

This is in regards to your article in the Newsletter suggesting a change in the entry deadline for the State tournament. I may not agree with your idea but would suggest you check Article IV of the Bylaws first. Changing the deadline would require a bylaw change and not a decision of the Executive Board or the State Secretary.

1997 WORLD CONVENTION

Twenty-nine rule changes were considered at the NHPA Convention in Kitchner - just nine passed.

Delegates acted to limit the height of the official shoe to one inch, at the time of manufacture (in case it bends, I suppose).

The pickup stick had its day in court. Dave Loucks told of an occurrence where an errant hook became engaged in a delicate section of a woman's blouse - names were withheld to protect the innocent. The length was set at maximum 36 inches, hook to be blunt. The original proposal was 18 inches.

Ringers will continue to be measured the same way - must show a clearance. Three point touch is no ringer. Other changes, for the most part, were words only.

134 delegates, met to review the playing rules. Throughout the six hour meeting Duane Goodrich of Kansas and Walter Ray Williams Jr., California, took many turns at the microphone with their spin on various proposals.

Allen Baptist, in his bid for 1st VP, claimed a surprising 49 votes. Earl Winston retained the office with 80 votes. He indicated this will be his last term - 50 years of horseshoes.

The 1998 World Tournament will go to Ainsworth, Nebraska where only 110 to 120 rooms will be available. 1999 WT site selection, in the absence of bidders, will be made by the NHPA executive board by the end of the year. Sites contacted so far include: Enid, OK; Albuquerque, NM; Perry, GA; Fresno, CA; Gillette, WY; LaCrosse WI; Oconomoc, WI; Oshkosh, WI; and a Missouri location. The goal for a Joelton, (Nashville) Tennessee WT is year 2000, or 2001 depending on site upgrades.

EAGLE OPEN

Eagle, is a little town southwest of Milwaukee in the kettle moraine area where there is an appreciable interest in the sport of horseshoes. The Eagle Club has been running an all-comers horseshoe tournament in the Village Park there for quite a number of years. This was the 23rd.

Present co-directors of the tournament are Al and Kathy Salmela

A few years ago the club upgraded the court layout now considered "state-of-the-art." with concrete platforms on all nine courts to accomodate short distance players. The finely groomed sand courts would more than pass muster if considered for NHPA sanction.

What I liked about the Eagle event was the number of people on the grounds and the interest shown in the competition. Sometimes the crowd gets a little worked up and it can be tough on visiting players, but it's refreshing to see a group that cares. Either they just like the picnic atmosphere or they like to see their guys and gals bring in another win. They care enough to stick around to see the last shoe.

MOOSE CHAMPIONS OF WISCONSIN

Earl Paulson of the Beloit Club renewed his contract as State Horseshoe Champion at the recent Moose State Tournament in River Falls, Wisconsin winning all games. Kathy Hanson of Boyceville also repeated as Ladies Champion. Red Ferguson, an Illinois wetback, won the class B Wisconsin Moose title.

BELOIT SPRING SINGLES

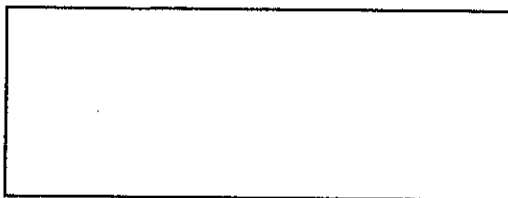
81 pitchers

- A Penny Steinke 53.8; Dan Bloom 51.5; Buck Huffman 53.6
- B Harold Brockway 46.9; Tresa Donar 44.4; Jerry Schroeder 40.4
- C Earl Paulson 37.1; Paul Wilson 39.6; Dave Klipstein 38.9
- D Hiram Chaffin 37.5; Gary Rackow 34.3; Rich Conrad 37.9
- E Harold Laws 29.3; Terry Lokken 34.3; Rowen Swick 31.8
- F Marie Donar 38.8; Duane Grossen 32.5; Bob Power 27.1
- G Jerome Weis 29.3; Roger Schwebke 34.6; Fred Morel 32.5
- H Ralph Zeisse 14.3; John Kaplan 25.7; Mike Rousseau 22.6
- I Tom Hanson 28.9; Gordy LaChance 25.7; Vic Paulson 12.5
- J Jim Solva 24.5; Dick Plaisance 15.5; Don Marquardt 15.0
- K Karen Rampalski 17.5; Goe Kuffer 17.5; Ken Limbaugh 13.5

This is the write-up for the Southern Wisconsin Open coupled with the Spring Singles results. A and B were cash only but other classes included trophies

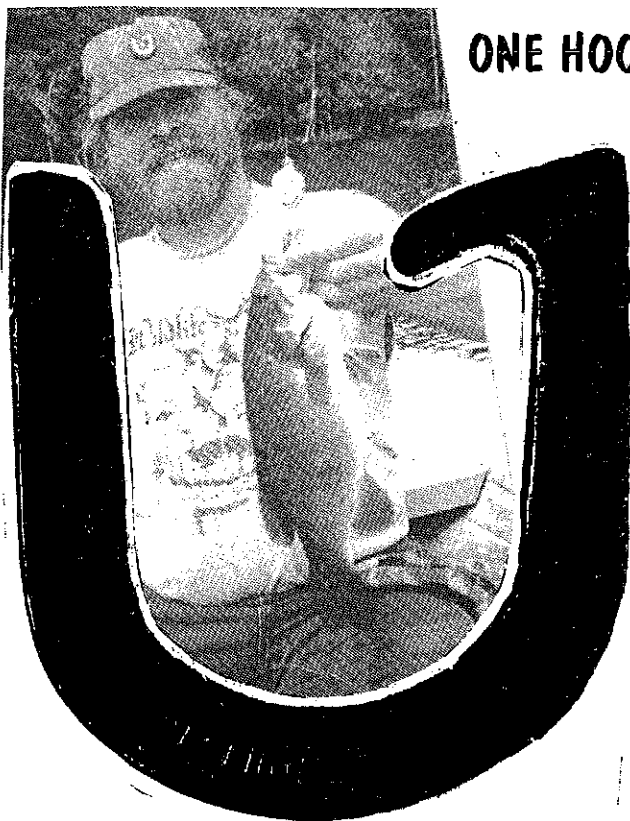
Beloit - it's always a three ring circus. There's stuff going on and off the courts. Cook of the day, could be Rowen Swick, is char-broiling hamburgers and brats. A couple of guys, often Kip Gusner, hit you up for a raffle ticket. Red Ferguson has a wood fire going under a big kettle of corn. Earl Paulson (Is he looking my way?) is forever making the rounds cruising for scorekeepers. And those are just some of the support positions involved on tournament days.

This year at the World Tournament banquet the Beloit Club received an NHPA Achievement Award for doing a tournament right - Team-World. The numerous local events serve as practice.



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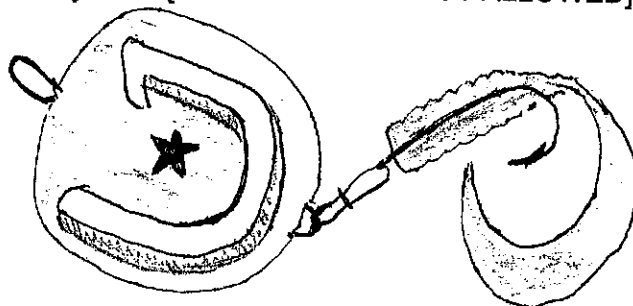
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