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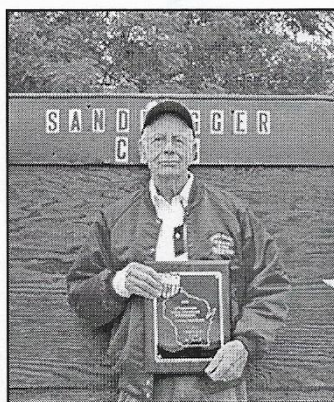
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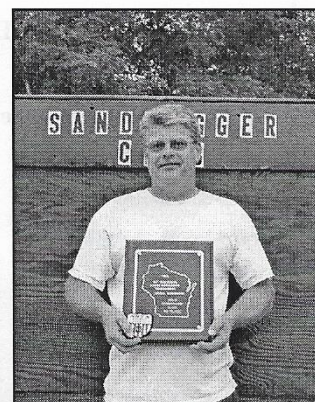
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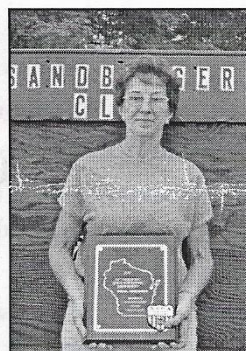
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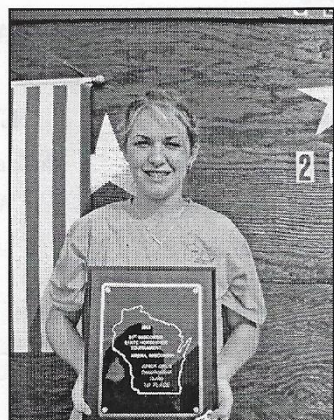
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Elders Champion



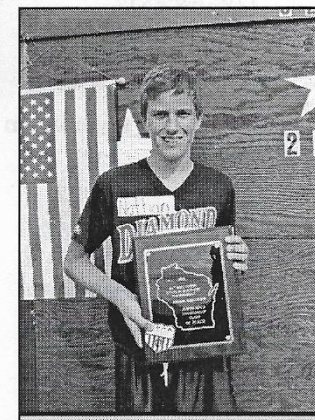
Randy Rein
Mens Champion



Gert Wilczek
Ladies Champion



Tina Reilly
Junior Girls Champion



Nathan Heinritz
Junior Boys Champion

The Top five of Wisconsin

Randy Rein chalks
up #9 State Title as
he goes undefeated.
Doubles as the year's
selection to the Hall
of Fame.

Gert Wilczek wins State Championship
again for 4th time after coming off a
championship appearance at the World.

Clayton Gage wins Elders State Title
for 9th consecutive year. He's just top
gun.

Nathan Heinritz is the new Boys cham-

pion. His first year pitching pays divi-
dends. Family of pitchers; Uncle Ken,
Uncle Russ, Grandfather Roger, brother
Ben, Dad Randy.

Tina Reihle repeats as State Champion
Girl. Somehow she managed to best her
cousin the World Champ, Tava Cook.

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Steve Stevens R 2, Box 132, Marengo, WI 54855	
715-278-3473 28-03-058	D/L negotiable
OCT 12 Beloit show-up	\$18
See article: Sanctioned	28-03-61
OCT 18 FALL Meeting Lone Star Tavern	\$15
W204 N11912 Goldendale Rd Germantown	28-03-62
Terry Sternberg W206 N13520 Woodside Richfield 53076	
262-677-3300	Limited to the first 24 entries
OCT 25-26 DO It at Deansville singles	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925	
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NOV 1-2 AUTUMN HARVEST Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511	
608-89-879-2304 28-03-067	D/L 10-22
NOV 8 ALMOST WASN'T Arena	\$18
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NOV 15-16 SANCTIONED LEAGUE; Joelton, TN	
Lorraine Sternberg	
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Sanctioned Same deal	NOV 22-23
NOV. 22-23 Fall Singles at Deansville	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925	
920-623-4924 28-03-064	D/L 11-9
NOV 29-30 SNOWFLAKE Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511	
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DEC 6- SANTA'S ARENA	\$18
Eddie Wheeler W9070 Co Hwy K Lodi, WI 53555	
608-592-4424 28-03-049	D/L 11-26
DEC. 13-14 Clash with Kerry Morris at Deansville	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925	
920-623-4924 28-03-065	D/L 11-30
Jan 3-4 The 001 at Arena	\$19
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart, Milw, WI 53217	
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Jan. 10-11 DEANSVILLE	\$15
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920-623-4924 28-04-002	D/L 12-28
JAN 10-11 MID -WINTER Beloit	\$18
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(608) 592-4424 28-04-004	D/L 1/10
Jan.31-Feb 1 Deansville Open singles	\$15
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The President's Column

I want to thank the Sandbaggers Horseshoe Club and the Goldendale Club for doing a excellent job of hosting the State Tournament. When more then one club hosts the State Tournament it just gives the additional help needed to make it a good show and a chance to maybe sit back and enjoy it.

Congratulations to all State and Class Champions. Also congratulations to Randy Rein on his induction into the WHPA hall of Fame. Randy has hosted open tournaments and has been involved in hosting the State Tournament in Wausau. Not to forget all his accomplishments as a pitcher.

So far there has been no bids to host the 2005 State Tournament. If your club wants to host the 2005 State Tournament, contact Terry Sternberg or myself. This will be part of the agenda for the Fall Meeting.

Just another reminder, Constitution and Bylaw changes should be submitted to me no later then the Fall Meeting.

Don't forget the Fall Meeting will be held at the Lonestar Bar and Grill, home of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club.

Hope to see you October 18th at 1:00 P.M.

Your Pres, Ken Jaeger

Late Breaking News

From Eddie Wheeler

I received a phone call from Dave Forseth today and he informed me that there will be Horseshoes clanging again at the Sand bar!

Dave and the new owner, Bob, sat down and had themselves a little chat. From what Dave said, when all the talking was done, he, the new owner, agreed to let us continue to pitch shoes.

I know this really throws a monkey wrench into things but we still will be able to hold events as before.

Presidential Man of the Year Dave Forseth wears new hat- Arbitrator.

Monkey wrench into schedule—right! Extra events have been scheduled by both Beloit and Deansville, Now the Sandbar is back in the picture. We will adjust the schedule to accommodate and predict a most ambitious indoor schedule for the coming season.

State 2003

To most of the readers of this Newsletter this must be news. Only 156 pitchers or about one quarter of our subscription base signed up for this State Tournament. Every year we meet in the third week of October to make the State Tournament as attractive as possible. It's our choice—what ever we want. And all we can attract is 156? What's the problem?

For 2003 we met at Arena where we had been three years ago. This time the weather was perfect and all classes were played on the outdoor courts. The Sandbar itself appeared to be closed.

At precisely 8:00 AM Saturday the color guard of the Arena VFW lined up displaying the colors during the singing of the national anthem. Alex and Amery Harrington, a brother sister team from the area sang an unusual and entertaining harmonized version of the Star Spangled Banner. After a prayer the mayor of Arena, Steve Foye said a few words of welcome and the players flipped a shoe to begin.

To complete the impressive ceremony, by an odd coincidence there were scorekeepers in every chair at the early hour. Throughout the event filling the scorekeeping chairs was no problem thanks to an understanding congregation of WHPA members also due in part to the large numbers of Sandbag members on hand for various hosting tasks.

The Sandbar courts were new three years ago. This time the layout looked 100% better. Could

it have been just the sod? We realize now that these courts are among the finest in the state. The Sandbaggers erected a super large tent with picnic tables surrounded by a double fence because of the sale of beer on the premises. Dave Forseth was making his chicken. We really missed it when he ran out.

Sunday Noon pitchers were still on the courts. The WHPA ceremonies were scheduled to begin. As it should be some announcements started before the classes finished. The VFW color guard came once more. The mayor and the preacher said some words and an older man from Arena, Paul Ranum, sang "God Bless America" with fervor. We especially enjoyed the opening ceremonies and singing arranged by the Sandbaggers club.

Pitcher of the Year was, you guessed it, Randy Rein with 280 points hopelessly outclassing the rest of the field. See Story.

President Ken Jaeger named Dave Forseth as his selection for the Presidential award. Forseth, enjoying probably his last shot under the spotlight, switched the blame for his award unto others who pitched in and helped him along the way.

Kevin Brekke was named "Scorekeeper of the year" by Marge Yach and Randy Rein citing his many games in the chair here and at the World. Brekke claims he's good because he loves doing it.

The members of the Hall of Fame attending, are all active in the game. In order of induction, they are: John Secord, Jane Smith, Jim Haupt, Dick Hansen, Norm Mauthe, Clayton Gage,

and Lorraine Sternberg. They welcomed the 2003 inductee, Randy Rein.

Jane Smith took the opportunity of center stage to thank her volunteers for their hard work at the World Tournament. She passed out certificates to all of the volunteers present and sent the rest home with others. Her thanks went to 88 volunteers, even some from Minnesota.

The emcee and director of this State Tournament, Terry Sternberg, by some sort of good luck was able to get the whole affair back on schedule with the Mens and Womens Championship classes starting about as scheduled, 1:30 PM.

These Championship classes were not the ten person marathons of former years. There had been only six seeded into the championship class and allowing for two move-ups. Eight would eventually play for the title.

The move-ups in the Mens class were John Molling and John Crook. Move-ups in the Womens division were Pam Aiken and Ida Hostrup. For future time allowances put the Championship class down for four and one half hours.

This new format seemed to work well and finish in good time.

The Goldendale club, responsible for half the management of the State Tournament was lucky to have both Heidi and Rick Poppe working the stats. No longer members of the Goldendale club but still related.

2003 STATE TOURNAMENT

Arena, WI

Championship Men	W	L	%
1. Randy Rein	7	0	70.25
2. Mark Mauthe	5	2	61.76
3. Roger Comero	5	2	61.11
4. Bun Carley	4	3	54.08
5. Wayne Totten	3	4	53.71
6. John Molling	2	5	48.06
7. John Crook	1	6	51.82
8. Jim Larson	1	6	46.27

B Men	W	L	%
1. Mark Stevens	6	1	59.43
2. Larry Barber	5	2	48.57
3. Mitch Vyhanek	4	3	50.29
4. Rick Poppe	4	3	49.43
5. Al Huizenga	4	3	44.86
6. Harry Nelson	4	3	42.86
7. Ken Frame	1	6	42.00
8. John Carlin	0	7	40.29

D Men	W	L	%
1. Jerry Niemuth *	7	2	37.11
2. William Spahn *	5	3	40.25
3. Terry Sternberg *	5	3	39.75
4. Bob Fritz	4	3	38.86
5. Ted Rohde	4	3	27.71
6. LeRoy Wipperfurth	3	4	35.43
7. Bernard Cockroft	1	6	26.57
8. Len Mauthe	1	6	20.86
* playoff			

F Men	W	L	%
1. Leo Richter *	6	2	41.25
2. Dick Hansen *	5	3	35.50
3. David Paul	4	3	37.71
4. John Secord	4	3	37.14
5. Norm Beckius	4	3	34.36
6. Pete Kumlien	3	4	31.43
7. Dave Forseth	3	4	30.86
8. Bruce McLinn	0	7	30.45

* playoff

A Men	W	L	%
1. John Molling *	7	2	52.00
2. John Crook *	5	3	55.25
3. Tom Endler *	5	3	52.75
4. Steve Wiegert	4	3	53.43
5. Vince Jakel	4	3	46.86
6. Ken Jaeger Sr	4	3	45.71
7. John Koepp III	1	6	46.29
8. Dave Schorbahn	0	7	45.71

* playoff

C Men	W	L	%
1. Gene Mason *	7	1	54.70
2. Jerard Mageland *	6	2	51.50
3. Glenn Bogenschneider	4	3	45.14
4. Tony Scrima	4	3	43.22
5. Chet Hermansen	3	4	36.72
6. Ken Heinritz	2	5	45.20
7. Lloyd Johnson	2	5	38.57
8. Steve Mielke	1	6	39.71

* playoff

E Men	W	L	%
1. Dave Klipstein *	7	2	38.33
2. Kerry Morris *	6	3	44.00
3. Ray Allman	4	4	34.25
4. Jim Haupt	4	4	33.50
5. Galen Kozel	4	4	33.25
6. Cliff Troullier	4	4	30.00
7. Rowen Swick	3	5	32.18
8. Robin Mahn	3	5	27.00
9. Augie Potter	2	6	35.50

* playoff

G Men	W	L	%
1. Al Rude *	6	2	39.00
2. Gary Rackow *	5	3	31.75
3. Russ Heinritz	4	3	31.43
4. Ken Kosky	4	3	31.07
5. Dave Wietrzak	3	4	33.90
6. Don Goldsmith	3	4	30.00
7. Jim O'Loughlin	3	4	26.00
8. Richard Conrad	1	6	22.29

* playoff

Results, Continued from page 5

<u>H Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Ken Amble	6	1	37.57
2. Dave Volz	5	2	31.14
3. David Hansen	4	3	35.91
4. Ken Davison	4	3	29.71
5. John Mills	4	3	27.43
6. Ed Wheeler	3	4	28.00
7. John Dolezel	2	5	24.86

<u>J Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Bob Kallstrom	7	0	35.71
2. Tom Steinke	6	1	29.43
3. Mike Lange	4	3	21.14
4. Ron Stevens	3	4	28.00
5. Bruce Tatera	3	4	26.00
6. Roger Olson	3	4	22.57
7. Roger Heinritz	2	5	19.43

<u>L Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Bob Lockhart *	7	1	29.00
2. Dan Schulz *	6	2	26.25
3. Wayne Franzen	5	2	15.71
4. Phil Haas	4	3	21.43
5. Jim Uhlenhake	4	3	13.43
6. John Gordon	2	5	14.00
7. Dan David	1	6	12.29

* playoff

<u>Championship Women</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Gert Wilcziek	7	0	76.85
2. Edie McKinney	6	1	65.15
3. Penny Steinke	5	2	59.39
4. Suzanne Helene	3	4	56.05
5. Pam Aiken	3	4	56.03
6. Lorraine Sternberg	2	5	44.01
7. Elaine Troullier	2	5	36.43
8. Ida Hostrup	0	7	39.53

<u>B Women</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Bev Monahan *	5	1	28.29
2. Chris Humphrey *	4	2	33.67
3. Karen Henkel	3	2	38.40
4. Ann Holmbeck	3	2	27.60
5. Cindy Hyatt	1	4	22.44
6. Dolores Bultman	0	5	13.60

* playoff

<u>I Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Jim Heim	7	0	34.86
2. Jim Poquette	5	2	35.43
3. Scott Kater	5	2	30.57
4. Dennis Capener	4	3	27.14
5. Kevin Brekke	3	4	22.57
6. Tony Haas	3	4	22.00
7. Francis Schalk	1	6	21.43
8. Russ Burns	0	7	24.86

<u>K Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Millard Harding	7	1	29.25
2. John Brophy	6	2	32.50
3. Jason Goldsmith	4	3	26.57
4. Mike Steinke	4	3	22.57
5. Stan Kuehn	4	3	21.14
6. Gary Hyatt	2	5	20.00
7. Gene Satterstrom	2	5	18.86

<u>M Men</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Mike Keagle *	5	1	13.67
2. Don Peroutka *	4	2	15.67
3. Curt Novinski	2.5	2.5	16.40
4. Daniel Nalepinski	2.5	2.5	9.60
5. Jim Barr	2	3	14.40
6. Travis Amble	0	5	8.00

*playoff

<u>A Women</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Pam Aiken	7	0	62.57
2. Linda Johnson	5	2	42.57
3. Ida Hostrup	4	3	44.86
4. Debbie Marshall	4	3	42.37
5. Gloria Smith	3	3	23.67
6. Jane Smith	3	4	34.00
7. Sonia Cook	2	5	29.10

<u>C Women</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Sue Lange	5	0	27.60
2. Julie Potter	4	1	18.80
3. Vicki Vyhanek	3	2	28.80
4. Rose Gordon	2	3	14.80
5. B.J. Johnson	1	4	11.60
6. Beth Strohman	0	5	12.80

Results, Continued from page 6

Championship Elders	W	L	%
1. Clayton Gage	5	0	67.50
2. Paul Wilson	3	2	52.92
3. Don Hostrup	3	2	46.72
4. Norb Fuhrman	2	3	51.88
5. Don Burmeister	1	4	40.00
6. Mer Sorensen	1	4	38.29

B Elders	W	L	%
1. Jerry Kamps	5	0	32.40
2. Oscar Donar	4	1	32.00
3. Willis David	3	2	24.00
4. Bob Novinski	2	3	25.60
5. Jeffrey Jakel	1	4	4.40

Championship Girls	W	L	%
1. Tina Riehle	6	0	30.65
2. Tava Cook	4	2	37.03
3. Kiri Cook	2	4	25.48
4. Aleena Cook	0	6	13.76

A Elders	W	L	%
1. Norb Fuhrman	7	0	47.43
2. Norm Mauthe	6	1	54.57
3. Nelson Richason	5	2	46.57
4. Bill Matey	4	3	40.86
5. Leroy Meyer	2	5	41.71
6. Ray Lopez	2	5	38.29
7. John Mitchell	2	5	36.00

Championship Boys	W	L	%
1. Nathan Heinritz	5	0	46.57
2. Ryan Hyatt	4	1	40.29
3. Ben Heinritz	2	3	28.46
4. Brian Larsen	2	3	22.01
5. Justin Wilke	2	3	16.54
6. Michael Keister	0	5	9.70

Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than to be selfish and worry about my liver.'

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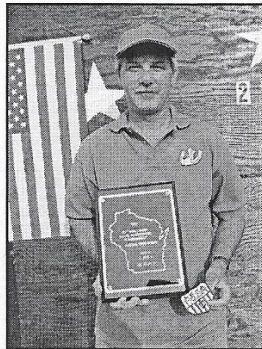
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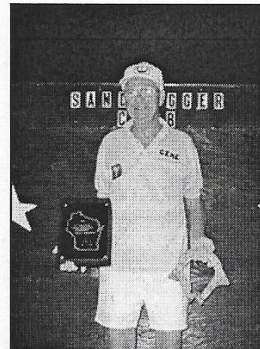
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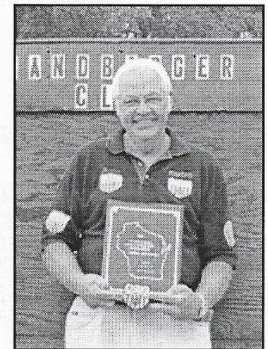
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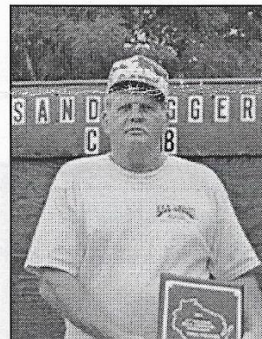
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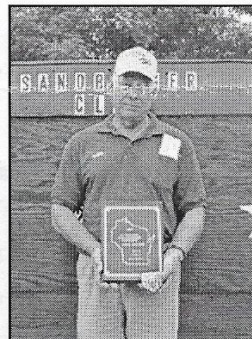
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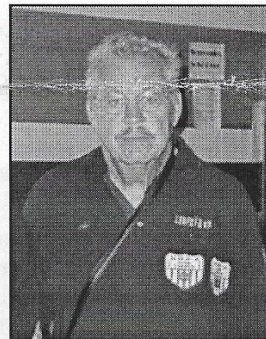
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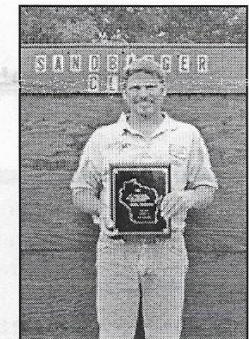
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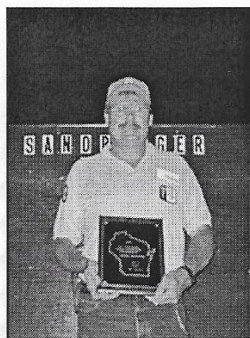
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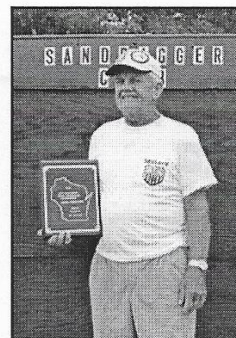
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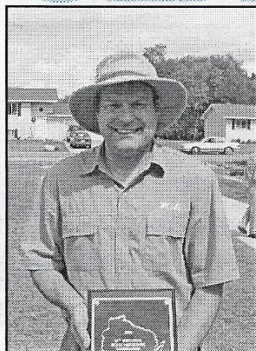


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Bob Lockhart
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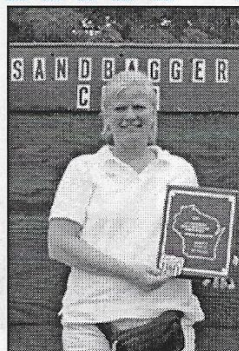
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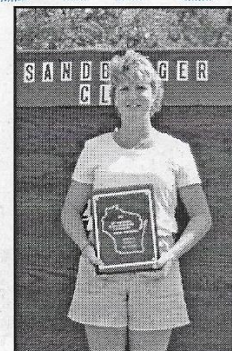
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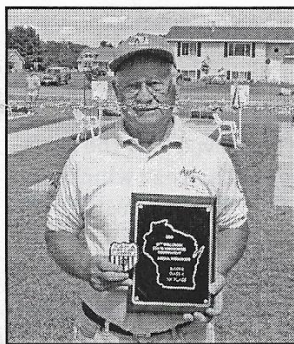
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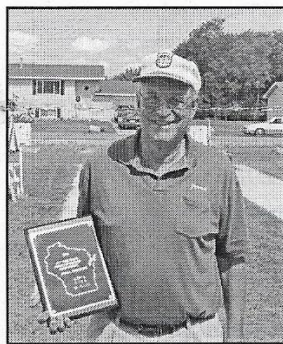
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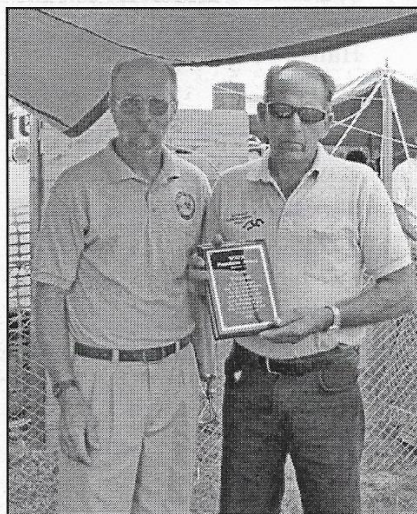
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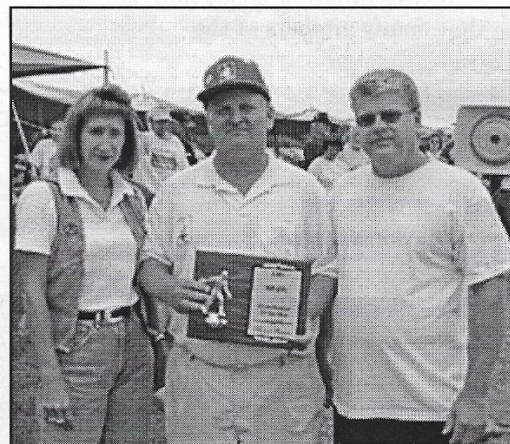


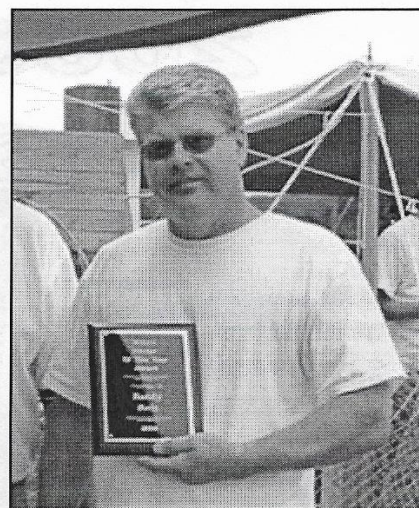
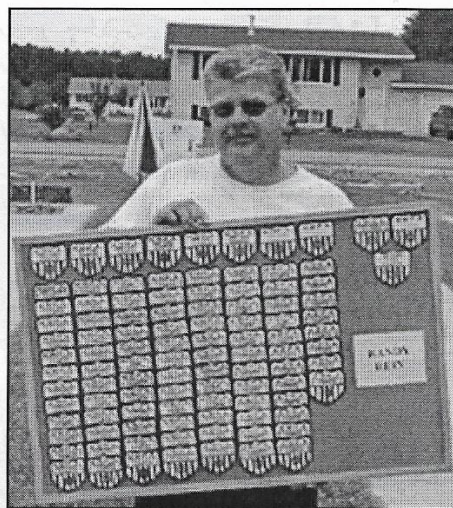
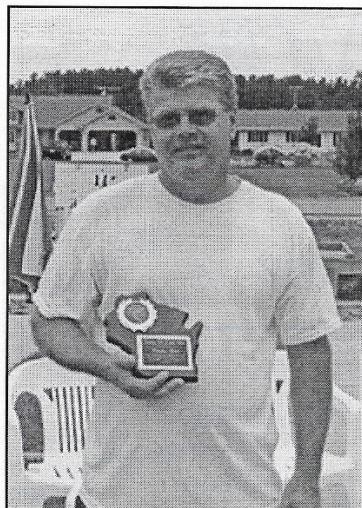
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*Left: Dave Forseth
President's Award*

*Right: Kevin Brekke
Scorekeeper of the Year*





The Randy Rein page

The photo on the left is Randy with the HOF plaque. Center is a display of his tournament patches and on the right is Randy with his POY Award.

Rein - Hall of Fame

Nine times State Champ ought to be nine valid reasons to make the WHPA Hall of Fame. This record surpasses most other pitchers in the entire history of the WHPA. Rein is now tied with Harvey Elmerson for State Titles. Only the great Casey Jones had more.

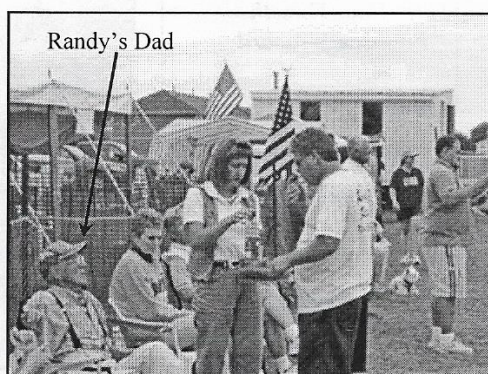
What's different about Rein is that many pitchers of the

WHPA have been around through his entire career. We can say we knew him when, maybe even won a game from him when he was at a lesser average. Rein started his run for the Hall in 1982. Can you believe he was once a flipper? Saw Harold Bestul and Wally Srenaski play and switched to the one and one quarter. Just eight years later he won his first State Championship.

Rein has won every award

offered by the WHPA except the most improved and the scorekeeper of the year which he sponsors. His highest tournament average was 79%. High game 97+%.

He has been a tournament director and supports the game as a promoter but his skill as a pitcher dominates and is the outstanding reason for this the 2003 selection to the WHPA Hall of Fame.



Randy's Dad

Photos:

Far left: Randy pitching with Roger Comero

Center: Time for refreshments with Marge. Randy's dad sitting on the left.

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

The "Scorekeeper of the Year" award was conceived and sponsored by Randy Rein and Marge Yach. It was considered a nice gesture and now that it has gone on for a while it gains some prestige. Originally it was stated that the winner could not repeat for the next five years. The first award was made in 97 to Jane Smith, 98 Edi McKinney, 99 Elly McCarn, 00 Ralph Maylahn, 01 Gloria Smith, 02 Steve Stevens, and 03, a sure winner if based on the number of games scored, Kevin Brekke.

It occurs to us they may have reached the limit on people who like to keep score and that they could once more start at the top

Did you see the new embroidered shirt that Elly McCarn was wearing? It was a gift of appreciation from the nine women who were living at Elly's place during the World Tournament. Elly said it was great fun.

We were sitting in the big tent at Arena with Ron Berg and he mentioned that they put that tent up in fifteen minutes because they had eighteen guys. The tent cost the club \$350. Berg himself offered to sponsor the cost if they didn't make enough to cover it.

Thanks Ron, it was nice. Every State Tournament needs one—a tent like that and a guy with deep pockets like you.

I had a ton of fun with the Burlingtonites while playing one

of their finest, Auggie Potter. The guys now have their women playing the game too. Just because I exalted a few times when outscoring Auggie, They jeered me when he came back with a three, three. I accused the noisy bunch of being from Eagle. They responded, "No we got kicked out of there."

We heard it, We heard it before was the reply to Dan David when he said he was offering odds that his granddaughter would be State Champ.

Every entry was one of his granddaughters—again.

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Results 2003 Platteville Open/NHPF Benefit

By Norm Mauthe

Entries were slow coming in so we made out the schedule after the World Tournament with a few empty spots and ended up with a total of thirty pitchers and a great tournament. Spectators were many and appreciated our nice shade trees. We had a couple of Junior Boys enter and our club members enjoyed pitching with them.

Cliff VanNatta won class D and also had high game of 27.5%. Marie Donar was unbeatable in class C and also pitched a trio of 40% games to take high game honors.

In class B Jim Haupt was in command until losing the last two games which opened the door to Dutch Rittweger to move into first place. Dutch took high game prize with a 52.5% game. Class A saw Mark Mauthe defend the title by edging Randy Rein in their game against each other. Mark had high game of 80%. Chet Hermansen edged out John Carlin for fifth place money.

Thanks to all the pitchers, food stand workers, and club members.

I would especially like to thank the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the gift certificates and cash prizes.

Class A

Mark Mauthe	7/0	67.85
Randy Rein	6/1	68.57
Red Ferguson	4/3	45.00
Dan Bloom	4/3	39.28

Class B

Dutch Rittweger	5/2	32.14
Jim Haupt	4.5/2.5	24.64
Craig Novinsky	4/3	31.07
Pat Smith	4/3	30.71

Class C

Marie Donar	5/0	34.40
Ken Olson	4/1	30.40
Oscar Donar	2/3	32.00
Dave Miller	2/3	30.80

Class D

Cliff VanNatta	6/1	21.42
Vernon Rosenberg	5/2	3.57
Sherian Henry	5/2	12.50
Dave Wilson	5/2	9.28

Kenosha Open

by Linda Johnson

The Kenosha Open was held on a very warm Aug. 24, 2003. Our IL club members came up and took 2 of the 3 classes. Dalton Simmons beat out Hallie Romanelli in the last game of their 6-man class to tie but Hallie came back in a playoff game to take class A with a 5/1 record.

Hi Chaffin had the same record in class B.

The class C group ended with a 3-way tie after five games. Debbie Marshall met and beat out Brandon Wilson in the first play-off game. Then it was Ray Lopez's turn to win pitching 4/1.

As always a big thank you to Harry Nelson and fellow club members for all their help in the set-up and

tear down of everything making the day go so smooth.

A special thank you to Pat Nelson and Vera Johnson for their help with the food and scorekeeping.

Class A

Hallie Romanelli	5/1	53.3
Dalton Simmons	5/1	48.7
Everett Stewart	3/2	48.5

Class B

Hi Chaffin	5/1	37.5
Linda Johnson	4/2	38.3
Bob Power	2/4	32.0

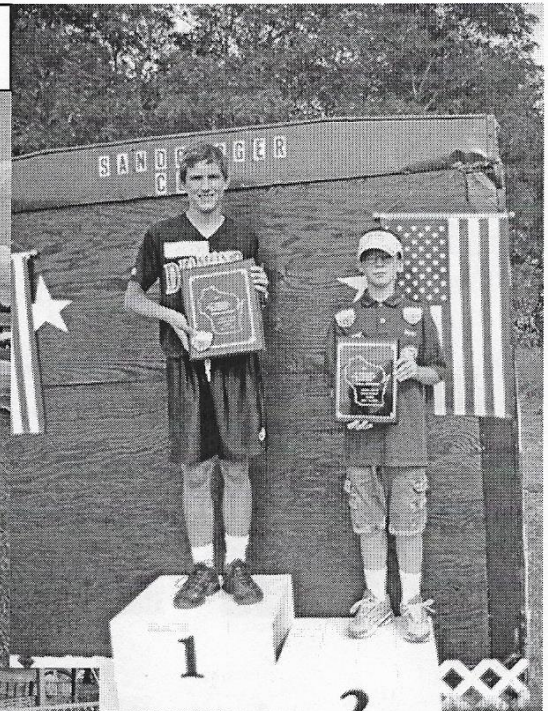
Class C

Ray Lopez	4/1	39.0
Debbie Marshall	4/1	35.5
Brandon Wilson	4/1	35.5

ARENA - Faces in the Crowd



Burlington Ladies



MAYLAHN

-Jim Haupt

HE'S DONE IT ALL.

Ralph Maylahn is the living dinosaur of Wisconsin horseshoes. He goes back to the days of Harvey Elmerston and Casey Jones. Maylahn picked up the game of horseshoes at an early age living on the northwest side of Milwaukee. By the time he wandered over to the Auer avenue playground in Milwaukee he was a pretty fair 3/4 pitcher and was soon asked to pitch in the A league. It was there he learned to pitch the one and one quarter turn from his friend an eventual state champion and Hall of Fame pitcher, Eddie Schimetz.

The famous former Auer Avenue playground pre-dates Washington Park as a Milwaukee horseshoe attraction. It was one of the stops of the league tour in those days along with Bay View, West Allis, and Washington Park.

Maylahn is a couple years younger than Casey Jones and likely because they were both youngsters, they often appeared in exhibition matches but it was not until later years that Maylahn could handle Jones.

Pitching forty feet Maylahn won the City of Milwaukee junior title six straight years.

De Moines, Iowa was the scene of large national type tournament in the year of 1941. He and Harvey Elmerston traveled to that event. Maylahn recalls that his dad let him take the car.

All the early State Tournaments, 44 times, were played during the State Fair at the Fair Park courts. Probably because of the proximity, many State Champions were also area pitchers. Maylahn was no exception except that he won his state title in 1972, after the Fair Park gave up hosting the State.

The Fair Park gave up the NHPA State Tournament in 1967 but hosted a tournament during the fair and continued to call it the State Tournament.

Old-timers like Ralph still recognized the Fair event as "another" State Tournament for four more years. He explains, early on it was the only annual tournament in Wisconsin and thereby had become a class event of high repute. In later years it was there where Maylahn often went head to head with Bill Glass. In that regard Maylahn won "both" State Tournaments in his banner year.

Maylahn's association with horseshoes was interrupted by World War II in which he served in the North African theater, Egypt precisely as Master Sergeant. Table tennis became his wartime sport. He excelled to become the champion of the Armed Forces in the Middle East representing his division.

Horseshoes was not as popular locally then as it is now with a tournament every weekend and Maylahn drifted away from the regular competition for some years. From 1946 to 66 Golf became Maylahn's sport. He's a real throwback—he made his own clubs.

He was attracted back to the game due to the efforts of Hall of Fame promoter, Swen Bowman who popularized tournaments in Northeast Wisconsin. Recognized as a leader he spent a year as WHPA president. He is also a past president of the Goldendale Club. In these, his most productive years he became State Champion and was described as the "Bull of the Woods" by Gary Kline in the book, "The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909-1980". When Archie Johnson brought some high caliber pitchers to an indoor house Sussex, Maylahn was on hand and fortunately won a game from the great Curt Day.

Some time in the ten year span, '72 to '82 Maylahn lost a championship game after a pair of four deads because the game was limited to fifty shoes. At the time the WHPA was addicted to 50 shoe games and no amount of persuasion would make them sway. "If it was good enough for D class it was good enough for the championship class." Of course now

we have point games for the championship classes. Maylahn had pitched many tournaments out of state and had experienced the value of point games and lobbied for them. It proved he was just ahead of his time, could not convince the WHPA to change and walked away from the game over the dispute.

This time the hiatus lasted only eight years and this is the period of mellowness we now enjoy with Maylahn.

Everyone would like to know just why in the year 1968 there were nine pitchers 80% or better. That's part of Maylahn's era. He has a one word answer and probably the best we have heard. He says there was more emphasis on the game, in one word—devotion.

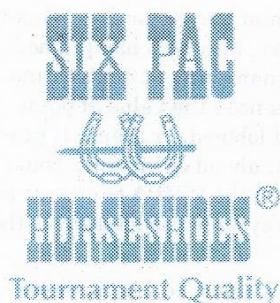
One familiar name that came close to 80% that golden year is Glen "Red" Henton of Maquoketa, Iowa, finished 19th with average of 79.2%. Although Henton no longer pitches he is Maylahn's pick for the best form in delivery of a horseshoe.

Maylahn has followed the flock of pitchers lining up to join the Beloit Club. Although he does live some distance away, Genesee Depot, Red's indoor facility makes it worthwhile.

He may be seen at times carrying an extra large horseshoe box, a box tall enough to sit on in between innings and preferably in a doubles format.

Maylahn used to say, "I only do it for the exercise." Another thing he grew famous for was perfectly placed ringers, one laying directly atop the other. Actually he would grumble even when getting two ringers if they were not lined up. That is how many of us became acquainted with what is now known as a Maylahn double.

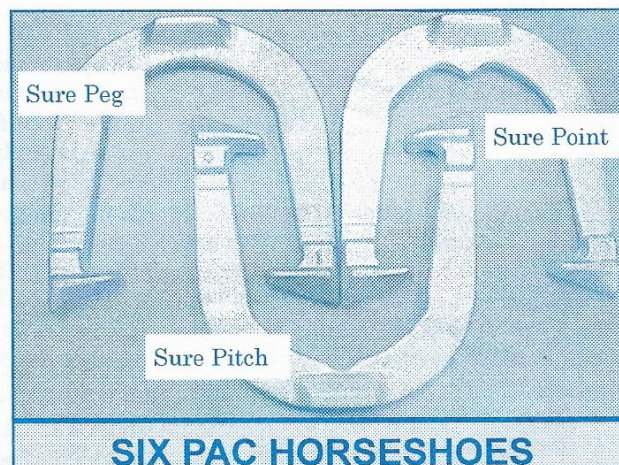
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Pitcher of the Year

An Editorial by Jim Haupt

The winner of the Pitcher of the Year award is...Randy Rein! Who else? Is there any other competition? Sure, Mark Mauthe, except he could enter only 16 events this year while Rein entered 21. The score is Rein 280 points and 1st place. Mauthe 190 points and second place. Game is over. Everyone else is out of the competition. They are not just "has beens," they are "never was."

Last year in reporting on the POY, we called the top ten competitors other than the winners, "also rans." Some one took objection to the term. For which I apologized but still supported.

The "also rans" in the POY contest this year are: 3rd Tom Costa 135, 4th John Carlin 95, 5th Chet Hermansen 90, 6th Jim Haupt 85, 7th Jeff Gustafson 80, 8th Harry Laws 80, 9th Paul Wilson 80, 10th Jim Larson 70.

To those people and everyone else in the WHPA, I would like to say, can't you see when you are being

used? You are "also rans" because you have no chance in this POY thing— not the way it is presently being tabulated, that is points for finishing 1, 2, and 3 in a tournament. Originally there were points for just showing up but it became a bear to tabulate points for every last one of the tournament participants, thus the newer method.

This came up once before and in order to placate the objectors the "most improved" award was added.

We are happy to say it works. This year the Most Improved WHPA pitcher is Dan Meindel of Merrill who finished up last year with 16.41 pitching two events. This year his average has climbed dramatically to 36.25 in four events.

We are proud to support that part of the POY award but are disappointed that the WHPA continues to recognize as a winner any top A pitcher who makes a good deal of tournaments.