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Doesn't Count

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2008 TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONS



Team Kentucky

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		Entry	D/L	Contact Person
Jun 7-8	Eagle River Open (Limit 32) (28-08-022)	\$15	5/24	Cliff Erickson
Jun 8	Eau Claire Open (28-08-023)	\$20	5/29	Paul Wiese
Jun 7-8	Beloit Spring Singles (28-08-024)	\$18	5/27	Earl Paulson
Jun 14	Marshfield Open (28-08-025)	\$15	5/31	Dan David
Jun 14	Muskego Open (28-08-026)	\$15	5/31	Tom Steinke
Jun 21-22	Goldendale Open (28-08-027)	\$15	6/7	Terry Sternberg
Jun 21-22	Arkdale Open (28-08-028)	\$15	6/7	Ray Groskinsky
Jun 28-29	Mosinee Open (28-08-029)	\$15	6/14	Randy Rein
Jul 7-19	World Tournament @ York, PA	\$125	5/15	Dick Hansen
Jul 26	Mid-Eastern Open (Handicapped, (Unsanct.))	\$15	7/12	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 27	Lox Classic (Limit 48) (28-08-031)	\$17	7/12	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 26-27	Southern WI Open (28-08-032)	\$18	7/18	Earl Paulson
Aug 2	Arkdale Doubles (110 cap %) (28-08-033)	TBA	7/18	Marv Bennett
Aug 9-10	Little Bull Falls Log Jam Festival (28-08-036)	\$15	7/26	Randy Rein
Aug 16	Green Bay Open (28-08-037)	\$16	8/2	Steve Wiegert
Aug 16-17	Platteville Open (28-08-038)	\$16	8/2	Norm Mauthe
Aug 30-Sep 1	State Tournament @ Mosinee (28-08-045, 46)	\$25	7/31	John Secord

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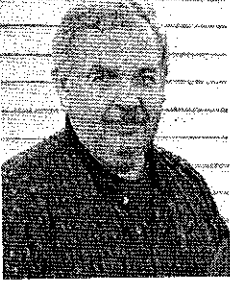
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**State Tournament
Labor Day Weekend 2008!
Entry Deadline: July 31st**



FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke



I hope everyone is signed up for summer leagues and pitching great. This time of the year is cool outside, but it is nice to get outside and play horseshoes again. There are a lot of leagues around


- bar leagues, sanctioned leagues, and backyard horseshoes. Get your practice in, and sign up for some tournaments. There's one around almost every weekend. Remember, if you're going to go to the State Tournament, you need three tournaments before July 31st, pitched between August 1, 2007 and July 31, 2008. This is a very good year to come to State. It will be indoors at Mosinee.

I'm not sure how many Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers are headed to the World Tournament in York, PA because of the gas prices and other expenses, but I would like to wish all travelers a safe trip and a good tournament.

Good Pitching,
Tom 

JANE SMITH RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

Even though I have taken a break from the pitching competition in horseshoes, I am very interested in many of the other opportunities our sport offers. I would like to continue to serve the WHPA as 1st Vice President. Your support at the Fall meeting will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Jane Smith 


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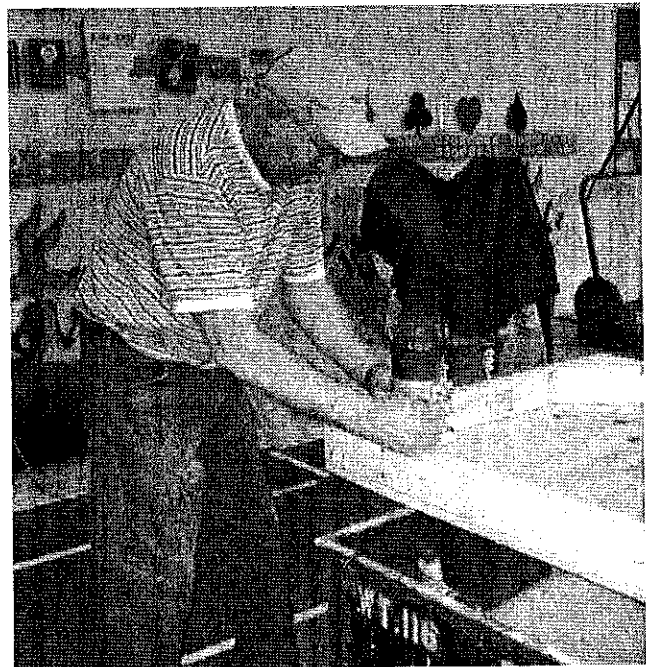
WI PITCHERS HELP BUILD WORLD TOURNAMENT COURTS

- by Jane Smith

The World Tournament in York, PA will be sporting a whole new court look. **Jerry LaBrosse** took on the job of building new courts for the NHPA. He has a beautiful insulated, metal building at his home, where he masterminded the building project. He and several of his Minnesota horseshoe pitching buddies did a lot of preparation for "the construction" days.

Edie McKinney, Terry and Lorraine Sternberg, and I showed up on Saturday, April 12, in Greenfield, MN to help build 60 courts. Jerry had several stations along his assembly line. Approximately 16 Minnesota pitchers and our WHPA representatives spent about eight hours constructing the courts. Jerry had jobs, members brought tools, and at his direction things got done. He belongs to the meticulous club of perfection, of which **Ken Jaeger** and **Ken Kosky** are also members.

It was a fun day and as **Marlys Timm** remarked, "Everyone was laughing, talking, and working for a common goal. It did not seem like work!" These workers were all very dedicated as they battled snow-covered roads and softly falling snow on their drives to and from Jerry and Michelle's house. The "look" will be awesome and anyone pitching at the world tournament will enjoy the new courts AND walkways. 



Terry Sternberg doing his part during pit construction of the new WT courts

2008 STATE DOUBLES: WHY I LIKE THE STATE DOUBLES... OR WHY YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE... - by Jim Haupt

Foremost, it's a party - a party where you get to shout and holler while you pitch. At the doubles, you can let it all hang out. Razz your partner, cheer him/her on, tell off the other team, try to win with your mouth. Win a few, lose a few, do you really care? We do funny things playing doubles. All kinds of stuff you don't ordinarily indulge in when playing the stoic singles variety.

There really should be a T-shirt saying, "I had a good time playing the State Doubles in 08." Pitch just one tournament this year and you're qualified to pitch the 2009 State Doubles. I recommend it.


Having such a good time, we forgot about the Champions! Another reason to favor the doubles is there are no divisions, we are all mixed.

The championship class went to the State Champion **Randy Rein** and his pick of partners, a junior pitcher and former State Champion himself, **Ryan Hyatt**. They did it without losing, unless you count their tie game with **Jim Larson** and **Ken Heinritz** as half a loss.

Class A winners, with a 5-0 record, were another State Champion, **Gene Mason**, and his partner **Wally Thorsen**. Looking over the rest of the class results, methinks they were on vacation or just having too much fun.

All the way through class F, pitchers enjoyed the day, 72 of them. Next year, let's make it a full house.

Are you all aware of who worked this event? The state officers have accepted the directorship role as their responsibility. Only one was not in attendance, and three were pitching, so it was left to the best tournament director of them all, **Jane Smith**. I liked the way she did it with the familiar result board decorated with black W's and red L's. Just another "day in the park" for her. It is great how she has hung in there even though her game went south.

That's why I like the doubles, folks. Did I say I had good time? 



Championship Class

Randy Rein	4.5-0.5	66.67
Ryan Hyatt		56.67
Gert Wilcziek	4-1	73.33
Ron Wilcziek		41.33
Penny Steinke	3-2	59.33
Pam Aiken		52.67
Jim Larson	2.5-2.5	51.33
Ken Heinritz		52.00
John Udelhofen	1-4	56.00
Edie McKinney		49.33
John Molling	0-5	50.67
Ivan Ruzic		22.00

Class A

Gene Mason	5-0	51.33
Wally Thorsen		28.67
L. Sternberg	4-1	39.33
Terry Sternberg		28.00
Norm Beckius	3-2	26.67
Dave Ninnemann		36.00
Jeff Gustafson	2-3	46.00
Tom Endler		28.67
Steve Wiegert	1-4	26.67
Steve Mielke		28.67
Cal Pitel	0-5	32.00
Dick Hanold		12.00

Class B

Bill Matey	5-1	45.56
LeRoy Meyer		20.56
Lloyd Johnson	4-2	50.56
Everett Stewart		22.22
Kurt Jochimsen	3-2	31.33
Greg Hehling		21.33
John Gregorich	2-3	32.00
Julian Tijerina		32.67
John Dolezel	1.5-3.5	26.67
Dave Schorbahn		30.67
Bernard Carley	0.5-4.5	25.33
Roger Peterson		27.33

2008 STATE DOUBLES RESULTS (CONTINUED)



Class C

Bruce McLinn	5-0	40.67
Russ Burns		23.33
Joe Ellinger	4-1	34.00
Mike Rousseau		24.00
Kerry Morris	3-2	36.00
John Mills		23.33
Ron Lingard	2-3	24.00
Chet Hermansen		22.67
Elaine Troullier	1-4	27.33
Cliff Troullier		20.67
Ray Groskinsky	0-5	30.00
Marv Bennett		20.00

Class D

Russ Heinritz	5-0	25.33
Roger Heinritz		37.33
Rowen Swick	3-2	32.00
Carl Schliem		29.33
David Hansen	3-2	30.00
Dick Hansen		29.33
Augie Potter	3-2	20.00
Mike Lange		28.67
Edward Hack	1-4	18.00
Willis David		24.00
Ron Yttri	0-5	16.00
Earl Paulson		22.00

Class E

Jane Hartman	4-1	41.33
Corey Muhlenbeck		14.00
John Secord	3-2	32.00
Mike Zahn		20.00
John Garvan	3-2	32.67
Kevin Brekke		18.67
Karen Henkel	3-2	21.33
Debby Schell-Kotnik		28.00
Dennis Hartman	2-3	22.67
Scott Muhlenbeck		22.00
Galen Kozel	0-5	20.00
Tom Steinke		18.67

THE BELOIT CREW

Setting up 24 portable courts seems like a daunting task for any crew, but not the Beloit guys. At over 20 people strong, the Beloit crew started 9am Friday morning and by 3pm that afternoon, the pits were filled with clay and carpet was laid. After almost 20 years at Telfer Park, the Beloit crew works as a well-oiled machine. With that said, the Beloit club would like to thank everyone who participated both on and off the court to make this year at Telfer Park a huge success. We hope to see everyone again next year. Thank You! ☺



Class F

Ann Murray	5-0	14.00
Allen Johnson		22.00
Randy Heinritz	2-3	16.67
Bethany Heinritz		13.33
Tom Bird	2-3	17.33
Rondi Mengelt		12.00
Greg Bergles	2-3	14.00
Jim Uhlenhake		13.33
Jayne Fehr	2-3	22.00
Jim Haupt		4.67
Jerry Kochman	2-3	14.67
Jimmy Paulson		10.67 ☺

PITCHER OF THE YEAR LEADER BOARD

With 27 of 46 events recorded the race for POY is up for grabs as the pitchers in each division are close in total points.

Listed in alphabetical order:

Get In The Running!

With over 20 events still to be held and recorded, leaders in each division can change weekly!

Check the schedule on page 3 and play some tournaments.

Winners will be recognized at the State Tournament in Mosinee.

Division A

(averages > 50%)

Jim Larson
Mark Mauthe
John Molling
Randy Rein
Penny Steinke

Division B

(averages between 35% and 49.99%)

John Garvan
Ed Hack
Bruce McLinn
Kerry Morris
Rowen Swick

Division C

(averages < 35%)

Don Goldsmith
Al Johnson
Mike Lange
Gene Satterstrom
Ed Wheeler

2008 CLUB TEAM WRAP-UP

- by Tournament Director Jim Haupt

Close Doesn't Count wins the 2008 Club Team, just like the old days! This time it was **Gage** times two, **Norm** and **Tiffany**, together with **Edie McKinney** and **Dave Ninnemann**. Of course, they are the only team with a full time manager, **Jane Smith**. They did it winning 12 of their 20 games, pitching a shade over fifty percent as a team.

The strongest runner-up of the day was the Combined Locks #2 team in Class B, who reached a deadlock with the Kenosha team, requiring a playoff for the title (playoffs were limited to first place, team ringer percent decided other ties in placement). Kenosha then stung Combined Locks with a three to one victory, becoming the Class B champs.

Kenosha continued to ride the wave winning three of the four divisions, classes B, C, and D. Although Kenosha didn't make an appearance in Class A, **Harry Nelson's** club entered four teams to cover those three remaining classes and effectively made the most of it.

Some pitchers gave their all by winning all their matches. **Gert Wilcziek** did it for Eau Claire. **Tiffany Gage** (MN) won 5 for the Close Doesn't Count champs. In B, **Lloyd Johnson** won them all for the #1 Kenosha team. And, a visitor from Las Vegas, Nevada, **Tom Costa**, who is still a member of the Menomonee Falls club, went all out, pitching both shifts.

The best part was we had 104 team pitchers this year, holding the line at four classes. Six teams per class is the general rule, although the C and D classes were each seven teams. Playing on 24 courts, seven-team classes create a bye round, but the groups handled it OK. The one holdup of the day was the B playoff, consuming 40 extra minutes. Presently, we are toying with other options to resolve ties.

How Should We Break Ties For First Place?

Basketball does it with a five minute overtime. What would you think of a ten shoe game? Remember we, or they, used to pitch 50 point games, now reduced to 40 shoes or 40 points. I think horseshoes is the only sport traditionally requiring a full game playoff. - J.H.

More regarding the Club Team event itself. It has become quite popular, the largest tournament in the state other than the State Tournament itself. Convenience, the time of year, day before the State Doubles may be some of the reasons. Presently, it's done in two shifts, but three remains a possibility. I was toying with the idea to set a limit of 28 teams, meaning four seven-team classes. With three shifts, we could handle 36 teams. We are looking for some real feedback regarding these projections.

Pitching at Telfer Park in Beloit



2008 CLUB TEAM RESULTS APR 26, 2008

Class A

CLOSE DOESN'T COUNT

Team: 50.4%	12 wins
Tiffany Gage	50.8
Norm Gage	59.2
Dave Ninnemann	39.2
Edie McKinney	52.4

EAU CLAIRE

Team: 51.1%	11 wins
Gert Wilcziek	82.0
Dave Schorbahn	43.2
John Dolczel	37.2
Ron Wilcziek	42.0

COMBINED LOCKS #1

Team: 47.4%	11 wins
Gene Mason	55.6
Bill Matey	58.0
Cal Pitel	44.8
Earl Paulson	31.2

BELOIT #1

Team: 47.5	9 wins
Jesse Garza	61.2
Glenn Wicklund	48.0
Jeff Gustafson	49.2
Walter Houck	31.6

LITTLE BULL FALLS #1

Team: 47.2%	9 wins
Randy Rein	58.4
John Molling	46.4
Ivan Ruzic	48.0
Kurt Jochimsen	36.0

DEANSVILLE #1

Team: 41.5%	8 wins
Jim Larson	57.2
Ken Frame	40.8
Kerry Morris	36.0
Ed Mell	32.0

Class B

KENOSHA #1

Team: 41.9%	15 wins
Jane Hartman	45.0
Lloyd Johnson	53.3
Dennis Hartman	31.3
Tom Endler	38.0

COMBINED LOCKS #2

Team: 33.2%	13 wins
Elaine Troullier	38.3
Wally Thorson	33.0
Cliff Troullier	29.3
Leroy Meyer	32.0

BELOIT #2

Team: 35.3%	10 wins
Rowen Swick	40.4
John Garvan	34.8
Dan Lessman	28.8
Virgil Smith	37.2

LAKE DELTON

Team: 34.2%	9 wins
Mike Cone	49.2
Dave Volz	26.8
Rich Peterson	38.0
Dennis Capener	22.

GREEN BAY

Team: 26.4%	9 wins
Steve Mielke	32.4
Steve Wiegert	39.6
Dick Hanold	19.2
Lynn Koehn	14.4

M. FALLS #1

Team: 31.7	8 wins
Ken Heinritz	54.8
Russ Heinritz	24.8
Roger Heinritz	32.4
Tom Costa	14.8



Class A Champions
Close Doesn't Count

Tiffany Gage, Dave Ninnemann,
Norm Gage, and Edie McKinney
with Tournament Director Jim Haupt



Class B Champions
Kenosha #1

Lloyd Johnson, Tom Endler,
Jane Hartman, and Dennis Hartman

For complete results and photos from Club Team,
State Doubles and Team World, go to the
Beloit Horseshoe Club's home page:
<http://teamworldhorseshoe.com>

All Club Team pitchers contributed \$1 to the NHPF. For that, we have selected a brick, for the NHPA Hall of Fame building. The brick will read: "CLUB TEAM - WISCONSIN"

Pitchers also contributed to rental of the Telfer Park arena. We charge \$1 for expenses and stats, and of course the WHPA gets half a buck. Another buck went for a Team World raffle ticket. Despite the heavy costs each of the class winners were awarded a "CLUB TEAM" T shirt together with \$200. Hope it made everybody happy.

- J.H. 

2008 CLUB TEAM RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Class C

KENOSHA #2
 Team: 31.8% 15 wins
 Harry Nelson 33.8
 Jan Fisher 41.3
 Dave Wietrzak 25.0
 Everett Stewart 27.1

KEWASKUM
 Team: 32.9% 14 wins
 Mike Struebing 42.1
 Dan Schulz 26.3
 G. Bogenschneider 41.7
 Rob Struebing 21.7

BELOIT #3
 Team: 31.9% 13 wins
 Joel Ramsdell 32.5
 Norm Beckius 35.4
 Russ Burns 26.3
 Mike Rousseau 33.3

DEANSVILLE #2
 Team: 31.2% 13 wins
 John Gregorich 42.5
 Chet Hermansen 37.5
 Julian Tijerina 26.3
 Gene Satterstrom 18.3

WAUKESHA
 Team: 25.6% 12 wins
 Chuck Radl 29.6
 Tom Steinke 19.2
 Galen Kozel 26.3
 Tony Scrima 27.5

ADAMS
 Team: 26.6% 11 wins
 Ray Groskinsky 37.1
 Terry Schaetzka 22.9
 Dan Williams 25.8
 Marv Bennett 20.4

LITTLE BULL FALLS #2
 Team: 24.4% 6 wins
 Ed Hack 25.4
 Mark Mensching 23.3
 Greg Hehling 24.6
 Jayme Fehr 24.2

Class D

KENOSHA #3
 Team: 25.0 19 wins
 George Moraza 32.5
 Ray Lopez 32.5
 Bob Johnson 13.8
 Scott Muhlenbeck 21.3

BELOIT #4
 Team: 22.0% 14 wins
 Guy Modde 27.5
 Cody Stone 17.1
 Kevin Brekke 24.6
 Leslie Stone 18.8

BELOIT #5
 Team: 19.4% 13 wins
 Ann Murray 25.0
 Kenneth Hopp 20.0
 Matt Ramsdell 11.3
 Jim Huckabee 21.3

MARSHFIELD
 Team: 20.5% 12 wins
 Dan David 26.7
 Willis David 24.6
 Beth Strohman 17.1
 Sylvia David 13.8

KENOSHA #4
 Team: 16.3% 10 wins
 Greg Bergles 17.9
 Rick Brower 22.9
 David Palmersheim 14.2
 Wayne Wisniewski 10.0

BELOIT #6
 Team: 18.0% 8 wins
 Julie Paulson 11.3
 Pete Rockers 17.9
 Allen Johnson 27.1
 Don Goers 15.8

M FALLS #2
 Team: 17.4% 8 wins
 James Heinritz 25.8
 Randy Heinritz 17.5
 Tom Costa 16.3
 Caleb Heinritz 10.0



**Class C Champions
Kenosha #2**

Dave Wietrzak, Jan Fisher
Harry Nelson, and Everett Stewart



**Class D Champions
Kenosha #3**

Scott Muhlenbeck, Bob Johnson,
Ray Lopez, and George Moraza



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DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

According to dependable sources, the courts at the Sandbar in Arena are forever gone, filled with unforgiving concrete. The reason given was insurance; the present owner/manager was nicked \$1,500 per year year to have those holes in the floor. Rumor is that actual owner, **Dave Forseth** does not want to jeopardize the contractual business arrangement he shares with the present manager.

We hope the Sandbaggers can take it in stride, and we wish them continued success holding the club together. We have enjoyed some nice State Tournaments there.

Like many other horseshoe clubs, the Goldendale Club of Germantown had their Spring Meeting. They elected a new president for first time in twenty years.

Terry Sternberg is happy to step down making way for **Jennie McTavish**, former VP.

Twenty years, one long presidency.

Ringers mean oh-so-much more in the lower classes, your agent knows, as he is there. And a double ringer on the last toss to win a game is like becoming state champion. The thrill is the same. How about a guy who does twice in the same day?

We won both of those games in the State Doubles. **Jamie Fehr**, one of Little Bull Falls tribe, did it that Sunday. The only trouble was his partner was just marking time. So we became also-rans, one of the teams in the 5-way tie of the last class, F. Can you believe that? **Annie Murray** and **Al Johnson** won all five games taking first place. The other five teams had the same 2-3 record!

Class F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	WL	Rank
1 Jamie Fehr	W	W	L	L	L			23	
2 Allen Johnson Ann Murray	W	W	W	W	W			50	1st
3 Ronni Mergel Tom Reid	L	L	L	W	W			23	3rd
4 Dennis Hesour Randy Hennrich	L	L	W	L	W			23	3rd
5 Jim L. Mrazek Greg Bergler	W	L	L	W	L			23	
6 James Paulson Jery Kachanun	L	W	W	L	L			23	

Same weekend, Club Team, **Tom Costa**, here from Nevada, helped out the **Heinritz's** Menomence Falls (he is still a member) team by pitching both shifts. He was slated to ride back with Team 2, but whoops! He got left holding the bag; his ride evaporated. Lucky he still had a few friends to come to the rescue.

An observation:

You can tell the approximate age of pitchers when they move up. First year, or age 70, it's one foot past the old foul line. Second year, or two, 71 or 72, they are up a full two feet.

By the time they reach 75, its all the way up, to the point that they are apt to be watched for crowding the foul line.

I must admit using an extended hook to pick up shoes is a bona-fide aid for horseshoe pitchers. I have seen the ultimate in pickup hooks.


Tony Scrima, resourceful man that he is, turns former brass andirons into the ultimate hook. He is peddling them for \$20. It may be big bread, but worth it in recycling price alone. See Tony for your new hook (limited supply).

Vanity plate for a horseshoe pitcher: **XX-OX=3-3**

Trying to promote circulation, this Newsletter has been known to present "display copies" scattered at some of the larger tournaments.

It's working! Although boldly marked "Display Copy" some of them always disappear, thereby increasing circulation—one way or another...

I kept score quite a bit and can say that, "two dead, one," is most easily understood. Also heard a new one, "nine," instead of, "three, three." It works.

See p. 12 and 13 for a special edition of Jim's column,
Down and Back at Team World 

2008 TEAM WORLD REPORT - by Jim Haupt, standings by Jimmy Paulson

Team World met for the 24th time, thanks to the promotion of the Beloit Horseshoe Club. Eight states were represented with 18 teams.

Kentucky took home the grand prize, the coveted traveling trophy. The traditional winner, Colorado, succumbed for second place, suffering a 3-1 defeat in the final match. All eyes were on the last pair, **Paul LaCrosse** for Colorado and **Rick Snyder** for Kentucky. Snyder, new to the short-distance ranks, kept pace with LaCrosse, actually leading going into the last shoes. LaCrosse needed a double to win, and when the first shoe careened off the top of the stake into the backstop, LaCrosse refused help to pick up the errant foul saying, "Its OK, the match is over."

Had it gone the other way, it would have been two wins each, time to total all points. That's the way Team World handles match ties.

After an 18-team round robin, Colorado had the top spot and waited, while four other finalist teams vied for the opportunity to go head-to-head with defending champions, Colorado.

First Round of the Finals:

- IL #1 beat MN #2 (3-1)
- KY beat WI #1 (2-2/points)

Second Round of the Finals:

- WI #1 beat MN #2 (3-1)
- Wisconsin #1 takes 4th place
- KY beat IL #1 (2-2/points)
- Illinois #1 takes 3rd place
- Kentucky goes to final match

It was quite a feat for Kentucky to rise from the bottom of the heap to first place. **Sue Snyder** and her teammates **Walter Mullins, Jim**

Team World Champions:
Team Kentucky



2008 TEAM WORLD FINAL STANDINGS

Pos	Team	Wins	Team %	Team Top Pitcher	%
1	Kentucky	55.0	63.08	Sue Snyder	85.50
2	Colorado	54.5	69.13	Carl Carlton	78.19
3	Illinois #1	53.0	59.76	Marvin Kramer	66.97
4	Wisconsin #1	55.0	62.73	Gert Wilczek	74.87
5	Minnesota #2	51.0	56.78	Bob Knudtson	66.05
6	Minnesota #1	45.5	60.15	Dale Lipovsky	62.65
7	Missouri #2	38.5	55.22	Steve Johnson	58.68
8	Minnesota #3	36.5	52.39	Bert Logsdon	57.79
9	Missouri #1	35.0	55.49	Nick Diraimo	60.44
10	Missouri #3	33.5	50.66	Rick McEntire	57.21
11	Iowa	31.5	53.93	Robert Card	61.91
12	Illinois #2	31.0	48.82	Jesse Garza	57.79
13	Wisconsin #2	30.5	46.88	Norm Gage	54.71
14	Michigan	28.0	48.79	Dcwey Howard	56.62
15	Wisconsin #3	18.0	39.63	Ken Pogue	46.00
16	Missouri #4	17.0	40.48	Don Claas	48.68
17	Illinois #3	10.0	34.17	Larry Fettes	37.50
18	Missouri #5	8.5	32.62	Ron Hassler	40.15

Culver, and Rick Snyder had to win those three last games, more than any other team. Honorable mention should go to the Minnesota #2 team of **Dick Dvorak, Bob Knutson, Gerald Stangland, and Dale Hustad**. They outclassed their own number one team and made it to the finals.

Dale Lipovsky of the Minne-

sota #1 team was seen pacing in the gallery as his cohorts played their final matches. Lipovsky is thought to be the only pitcher who has played all 24 years of Team World.

The attraction of the tournament is that many top pitchers are entered. And no matter how a team measures up, every team plays every other in a round robin one time. It

TEAM WORLD REPORT (CONTINUED)


becomes an opportunity for a journeyman pitcher to pitch against the best, even so far as to pitch with a world champion. A coin flip determines which team makes the match-ups. Foreseeing a sure loss to a high average pitcher, the choosing captain will often opt make a match with sacrificing the low man. It happens consistently. Many mediocre teams seize on that opportunity with little hope for an actual cash award.

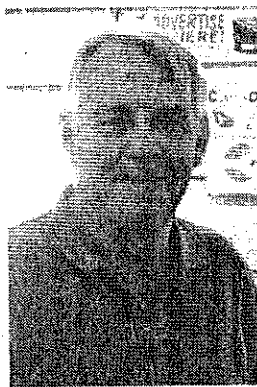
Presentation is foremost in the Beloit arena. The courts are world class, separated with green carpeting once used at a world tournament. Scoring is precise. Every score sheet was pre-labeled for individual team matches. An overall result board is updated to show every team's progress. In addition there is another board tracking the running percentage of each pitcher. This is emphatically the best tournament going with informational boards. Team World writes the book on team tournaments.

It is common belief that raging gas prices probably curtailed the entry somewhat this year, with only 18 teams on hand when the goal is 24 teams.

On hand this year was the World "picture-taker," **Ernie Bodine** snapping teams and individual photos. He knows where the action is.

Wonder what the mileage is from Missouri? They entered five teams, probably due to the groundwork of **Charley Kilgore**, who could not make the scene. At this time, it is a good guess that half the pitchers in the state of Missouri have come to Team World at least once. Thanks to Missouri for providing a pitcher with a great voice. The unknown man doffed his Stetson to sing the National Anthem, drawing the attention of all.

Team World is a social gathering that many look forward to each year. Time for you too to recruit a team for next year. 



Ernie Bodine
Photographer



**NHPA 3rd VP Dick Hansen
Ken Lovaas, and Mouse Beckius**
The one requirement the Beloit hosts insist upon is that everyone has a good time.

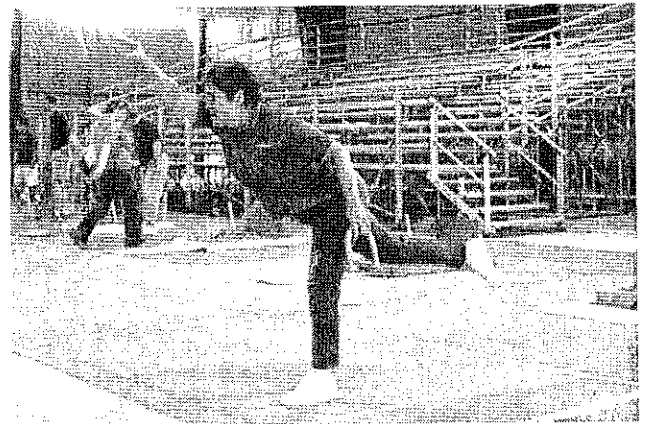


**Wisconsin
#1 Team**

- Mark Mauthe
- Gert Wilcziek
- Randy Rein
- Penny Steinke

With T.D.
Earl Paulson

Sue Snyder
releases
her shoe.



DOWN AND BACK AT TEAM WORLD

Where were the former Kentucky pitchers of note? **Lois Webster?** **Ron Powell?** **Charlie Meredith?** **Dale Henry?** And from Indiana, **Bill Ungenheim?** I wondered, so I asked. It appears they have all gone over the hill and have given up the game. Amazing!

Rod Tanner of Michigan was also a no-show for this Team World.

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We also had a T-shirt lady doing special Team World shirts and some of her own. **Pam Boggs** was set up doing on-the-spot lettering. She was efficient and inexpensive! My five-letter name cost only \$4. You can contact her at 815-359-2984 or by email at boggs@charter.net if you could use a nifty shirt.


Although the call was heard eight times, Team World did not have an official judge. Now hear this: every call came from the same team! If I ever visit Colorado, I'm going to wear a striped shirt. Won't that go over big?

We spoke to **Jane Meier**. She and Dick came in from Fond du Lac to renew old acquaintances. She said her "air" shoe is on reserve in consideration of the safety of other likely contestants.

Team World has a new and productive committee member in **Jimmy Paulson**. This year, he made team names that were easy to see! He labeled every score sheet for the precise game being pitched. Each team was listed. On 1,224 score sheets, only names were required.

Who can remember when Team World was The Can-Am? In the days of the Pitchin' Palace, the Can-Am sprung up, until one year not one Canada team entered. That year the name was changed to Team World.

So, 2008 is not the first year Canada took a pass.

Until next time. Keep your shoe in the air and your stick on the ice. 



BELOIT SPRING FLING RESULTS

MAR 29-30, 2008 - by Jimmy Paulson

Class A

Penny Steinke	4-1	51.60
Walt Houck	4-1	49.20
Jeff Gustafson	3-2	43.60

Class B

Don Goldsmith	5-1	36.67
Glenn Wicklund	4-2	40.83
Kerry Morris	4-2	37.92

Class C

Bruce McLinn	4.5-0.5	51.20
Rowen Swick	4-1	46.80
Virgil Smith	2.5-2.5	33.60

Class D

Terry Sternberg	5-0	40.00
Mike Rousseau	4-1	32.80
Norm Beckius	3-2	37.60

Class E

Mike Lange	4-1	27.60
Pete Gorski	3-2	30.00
Joel Ramsdell	3-2	26.80

Class F

Julie Petrovski	4-1	26.80
Earl Paulson	3-2	31.20
Rich Lodor	3-2	28.00

Class G

Scott Linhart	4-1	30.40
Jim Neukirch	3-2	27.20
Juan Gonzales	2-3	28.80

Class H

Gene Satterstrom	5-0	23.20
Jim Huckabee	4-1	32.00
Ken Hopp	3-2	23.20

Class I

Cody Stone	5-0	28.80
John DeVault	4-1	26.40
Andy Higgs	3-2	24.40

Class J

James Gaspers	5-1	27.08
Ron Fritz	4.5-1.5	17.50
John Gordon	4-2	23.33

A Fling in the Spring

- by Jim Haupt


We still have melting snow drifts but the NCAA is in full swing and its 'Opening day' somewhere. Time to announce the arrival of Spring.

Pitchers going to Beloit have early-on announced their eagerness to pitch this year.

Build the courts, they will come. The Fling was a full house for the Beloit club. That means two days of three shifts or 74 pitchers, from both Wisconsin and Illinois. This time, more pitchers came from Illinois. Effectively, this is the Illinois page of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

Although not pitching, **Buck Huffman** was seen checking out the premises. Let's not let him get away again.

Wow! The commissary at Beloit was blessed with some donated venison. Take yourself out to dinner sometime while in Beloit. They have good fixins.'

As long as we are doing an Illinois page, we would like to recruit more flatlanders as full time subscribers. Check out the back page for subscription information. 

Class K

Rondi Mengelt	5-0	16.00
Ron Ramquist	3-2	18.40
Mike Norton	2-3	12.00


Class L

Gunnar David	6-0	35.42
Barb Ramquist	4-2	9.17
Pam Carroll	4-2	8.33

WAUSAU'S EXTENDED SEASON TOURNAMENT RESULTS - by Ed Hack


#3— MAR 29, 2008 #4— APR 19, 2008

Class A			Class A		
John Molling	5-0	58.00	Randy Rein	4-1	66.0
Randy Rein	4-1	63.60	John Molling	3-2	56.5
John Meyer	3-2	44.80	John Meyer	3-2	45.0
Class B			Class B		
Ed Hack	4-1	40.00	Jerry Niemuth	4-1	41.0
Dean Chaffee	3-2	36.00	Bob Gregorich	4-1	39.5
Dave Volz	2-3	36.00	Gary Wegner	3-2	45.0
Class C			Class C		
Jim Jakel	5-0	33.75	Allen Rude	5-0	32.0
Randy Mitchell	4-1	32.50	Randy Mitchell	3-2	23.5
Dan David	3-2	24.40	Dennis Wegner	2-3	24.5
Class D			Class D		
Dustin Ducrr	4-2	19.04	Jim O'Loughlin	4-1	27.5
Jason Maki	4-2	16.60	Jennifer Wegner	3-2	26.5
Randy Benaszkeski	2-4	14.76	Trent Bratland	3-2	25.5

For complete results from Extended Season, visit
<http://wihorseshoes.com> 

ARENA'S "WHY NOT" RESULTS MAR 22, 2008


Bill Christianson - by Ed Wheeler
scored his first tournament win, sweeping Class D with a 5-0 record. Congratulations, Bill.

Class A		
Ken Frame	5-1	42.50
Kerry Morris	4-1	46.25
Ivan Ruzic	4-2	45.83
Class B		
Al Huizinga	5-0	36.00
Ron Lingard	3-2	38.40
Jim Tollefson	3-2	37.60
Class C		
Terry Schaeetzka	6-1	30.36
Dan Nalepinski	5-2	33.57
Al Holloway	5-2	27.43
Class D		
Bill Christianson	5-0	23.20
Gene Satterstrom	4-1	17.60
Mitch Littlegeorge	3-2	27.60 

WORLD TOURNAMENT SITE OPTIONS — 2010

The World Tournament delegates have four choices for the 2010 tournament site: - by Jane Smith

- Cedar Rapids, IA July 26 - Aug 7
- Little Rock, AR July 12 - July 24
- Lebanon, OH July 26 - Aug 7
- Pocatello, ID July 18 - July 31

There is more information on each site in the NHPA Newline. Please contact a WHPA officer/delegate to let them know your preference. 

For full tournament results, photos, and past issues of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter, visit our website at:

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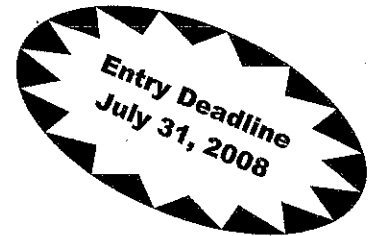


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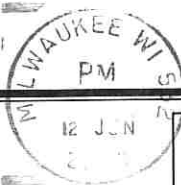
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Jun 28-29	Mosinee Open	6/14
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