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## FALL MEETING

It was a beautiful Indian Summer Day in Germantown at the Lone Star Tavern. The home of the Goldendale Club served as tournament site and meeting place. It was not the central state location that Ted Rohde, the man from LaCrosse (3 1/2 hr.) says the WHPA should demand but it was a nice day or two for a ride.

The Meeting was kicked off with the usual reminder from John Secord of what was done last time and the state of the WHPA bank account (\$3000). Will publish Treasurer's report when received.

Jane Smith, 1st VP, who does the stat work for various WHPA competitions. Told the story of the club competition during the State Tournament. Her complete report appears elsewhere on these pages.

Terry Sternberg, still glowing as State Tournament director, thanked the members of both clubs co-hosting the event, the Sandbaggers and Goldendale. He further announced that Kim Crook, John's wife took pictures of almost all winners at the State and for \$1 to cover cost, will mail same as requested. Send to the Crooks 6225 Hy Co TZ, Spring Green, WI 54622.

Sternberg is scouting for a State host for 2005. Sandbaggers are considering while Beloit awaits decision of northern sites.

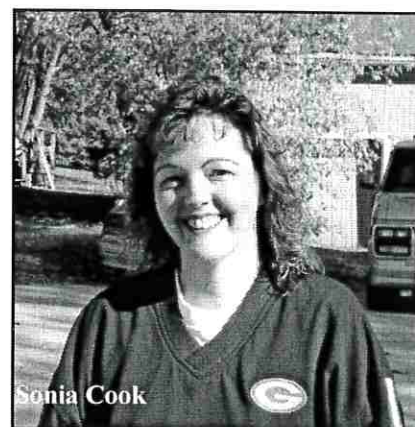
Norm Mauthe reported that new

courts have been added to the Platteville layout in anticipation of the 2004 State Tournament. They now have 16 courts and will have lighting installed by next summer. Shirts for the Platteville-Sandbag State Tournament are now on sale.

Other news from Platteville is that Bob Bennett who presided over the Club for 23 years has been replaced as president by Mark Mauthe.

Tom Steinke, reporting on the Scholarship Fund for probably the last time says we are in good shape but not getting the expected response from tournament contributions for the past few years. He suggested we give the "Fund" more favorable publicity.

Later in the meeting Sonia Cook accepted the WHPA position of third



vice president in charge of the Scholarship Fund and the Wisconsin Juniors as a whole. In making her name available to the Newsletter, she ech-

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608-89-879-2304	<b>28-03-067</b>	D/L 10-22
<b>NOV 8 ALMOST WASN'T</b>	Arena	\$18
Eddie Wheeler W9070 Co Hwy K Lodi, WI 53555		
608-592-4424	<b>28-03-60</b>	D/L 10-26
<b>NOV. 22-23 Fall Singles at Deansville</b>		\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925		
920-623-4924	<b>28-03-064</b>	D/L 11-9
<b>NOV 29-30 SNOWFLAKE</b>	Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511		
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<b>DEC 6- SANTA'S ARENA</b>		\$18
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608-592-4424	<b>28-03-049</b>	D/L 11-26
<b>DEC. 13-14 Clash with Kerry Morris at Deansville</b>		\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview Columbus, WI 53925		
920-623-4924	<b>28-03-065</b>	D/L 11-30
<b>DEC 20 Beloit Showup #2</b>	<b>28-03-069</b>	\$18
Just show up; under 35% 8 AM over 35% 12 PM		
Call Earl Paulson 608-879-2304 if more than 50 mi away		
<b>DEC 27 WHPA Xmas Party</b>		\$10ea.
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304		Starts 6:00 PM
<b>Jan 3-4 The 001 at Arena</b>		\$19
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart, Milw, WI 53217		
414-964-2735	<b>28-04-001</b>	D/L 12-21
<b>Jan. 10-11 DEANSVILLE</b>		\$15
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<b>JAN. 24, - SOMETHING TO DO; ARENA</b>		\$18.00
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<b>Jan.31-Feb 1 Deansville Open singles</b>		\$15
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920-623-4924	<b>28-04-005</b>	D/L 1-18
<b>FEB 14-15 VALENTINE</b>	Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511		
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<b>MAR 6 WHY NOT</b>	Arena	\$18
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<b>Mar. 20-21 Deansville Invite singles</b>		\$15
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## The President's Column

I want to thank those that could make it the Fall Meeting. It was a small turnout but productive never the less.

There were no bids to Host the 2005 Sate Tournament. Beloit and Arena Clubs showed interest but could not make a final decision at this time. So this was tabled for the Spring Meeting.

I want to congratulate Tom Steinke for taking over the Presidents position. I'm sure he will do a fine job as your new President. With Tom being President in 2004 it left a vacant Third Vice-Presidents position. Sonia Cook was asked some months ago if she would be willing to finish the term ( one year ) of the Third Vice- President. Sonia Cook was at the Fall Meeting, and when asked if she would take it over, she happily said yes. Thanks Sonia !

As of January 1st 2004 I will be taking over the position of Regional Director from Jim Haupt. No Jim didn't get fired, heck I hope I can even come close to do as good a job as he did. Just a note here for Tournament Directors. I'm working on the 2004 schedule and if you e-mail me the date of your Tournament, and if I do not reply that I received it, either I did not get it, or you have a virus and my internet provider would not let me receive it.

I've really enjoyed serving as your President the last eight years. I want to thank my fellow officers for all the help and support they gave me. Thanks to all of the WHPA membership. It's been fun!

Your President,  
Ken Jaeger

*Pub. Note: Ken and Sir Winston have one thing in common*

*"I am certainly not one of those who need to be prodded. In fact, if anything, I am the prod."*

*Sir Winston Churchill*

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## The Meeting

oed others regarding favorable publicity of the Fund.

Lorraine Sternberg, as NHPA 3rd VP is the Director of the Sanctioned Club/League Program, noted that several clubs of Wisconsin were about to receive a plaque for years of service. Combined Locks and the Wolf River Ringers were cited for five years. Kenosha received a ten year plaque and Close Doesn't Count received the large economy size for twenty years of membership.

Lorraine also announced that 18 teams will be playing the National Sanctioned League Tournament this fall in Joelton.

Dick Hansen, NHPA secretary, announced that the Platteville club has been cleared to receive a \$1000 grant from the NHPF for court modifications. Grant money through the NHPF is only available to clubs with public facilities.

The NHPA has a program that will aid any club interested in advertising for membership. The deal is good for 75% of the cost up to a sum equaling \$2/ per state member. See your State President as all requests to the NHPA must come from him.

Hansen reminded all that the new address for the WHPA Christmas party will be the Beloit Club house on the 27th of December. Reservations available through Earl Paulson at \$10 each. Dinner with two meats will be setup and served on the courts of the new clubhouse.

The 2004 World Tournament is expected in Pocatello, Idaho, 2005 in Bakersfield, CA. Expected bidders for 2006 are Kansas City, MO and Louisville, KY. Don't say we didn't warn you but Hawaii has also been heard from.

Right now the WHPA Hall of Fame is in John Crook's barn in between an assortment of pipe nipples and water closets. Eventually it is expected to be erected once more in the Beloit clubhouse, Red's Pitichn' Palace.

Edi McKinney showed up plaque in hand ready to hang Randy Rein's HOF picture somewhere but the intended recipient did not make it. Edi reminds us she is accepting new papers of nomination now for consideration before the spring meeting in March.

President Ken Jaeger used a unique way to announce the incoming President, Tom Steinke. He asked for a round of applause as a WHPA greeting

and formal election procedure. It was forthcoming—a neat way to take office.

Terry Sternberg, running unopposed for 2nd VP, accepted his new term in similar fashion.

It was agreed a couple of years ago to try playing the State Doubles in the regular fashion and that we did for two years. Now, without any discussion to speak of, we counted a show of hands, regular doubles -6, walking doubles -13. So read it and weep. If you wanted it to go the other way, where were you? Apparently as many as a dozen members either were out to lunch or did not care to vote—32 members, 19 total votes. Should have demanded a recount.

In the case of new short distance pitchers qualifying for the State Doubles. They are advised to pitch 100 shoes to establish a new average.

As mentioned earlier Sonia Cook accepted the presidential appointment to 3rd VP saying she would be glad to do the job as she has a financial interest.

The Hall of Fame sign in Arena has to be moved. Ever the volunteer, Ken Jaeger says not to worry, it has wheels and he has a spare weekend.

For all you brainchildren the Spring Meeting will be in Oxford, **center of state**. March 21, 2004.

WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund Report	
Cash balance as of March 15, 2003	\$6607.57
Liabilities as of March 15, 2003	\$6200.00
Receipts:	
Club donations	\$97.00
Interest	<u>\$80.49</u>
Total	\$177.99
Disbursements:	
Barrent Dahl - \$900 for UW-Superior	
Cash balance as of October 18, 2003	\$5885.56
Liabilities (owed for scholarships)	<u>\$6200.00</u>
Total cash in Bank	\$12085.56

*These funds are all from donations to the specific cause of scholarships for our Junior pitchers. None of these funds came from the WHPA and none of these funds can ever be used for anything other than the education of the WHPA's Junior pitchers.*

## A SHOW-UP tournament in Wisconsin

There's got to be a first time, this may have been it. Show-up, sign-up, pay up and pitch all on the same day.

A traveling man, Ralph Maylahn took note of various out of state tournaments that pre-registration is nice but not without effort. So he tried a show-up tournament at Beloit.

Maybe everyone thought it would be overcrowded or maybe because the weather was too nice or maybe because of the Packer Game, the tournament went begging for pitchers. Ten players came for the under 35% morning. Only eight for the afternoon class.

Undaunted they are going to do it again on the 20th of November. Same deal except if you live more than 50 miles distant you may call in a reservation;

### Class A

Guy Modde	39.38 in playoff
Tom Reid	36.25 in playoff
Dan Lessman	33.0

### Class B

Rowan Swick	32.0
Earl Paulson	29.6
Randy Elder	26.5

### Class C

Ken Hopp	26.5
Tony Elder	22.5
Wayne Goers	15.5

## 14th State Tournament Club Championship

By Jane Smith

There were six clubs competing for the bragging rights for the State Tourney competition. This was perhaps the least number of entries for this competition. Less entries does not mean less competitiveness though.

The Sandbaggers not only co-hosted the event but also had the most number Of pitchers for any club with 18. Maybe their responsibilities to sponsoring a great tournament hurt their ringer percentages a bit. Maybe next year when they co host with Platteville their endurance will prevail. The Sandbaggers took 6th place with a 3.83 point average.

Marshfield took 5th place with 12 pitchers (many related), a World Champion and a State Champion, on their team. They averaged 4 points for their ringers.

Combined Locks, 10 very dedicated pitchers, averaged 5.1 points and had two State Class Champions.

The 6 pitchers from Goldendale Horseshoe Club averaged 5.33. They also spent many hours at the courts as tournament co-hosts.

The Close Doesn't Count League, with 8 pitchers, edged out Goldendale with a point average of 5.5.

They also had a State and State class champion on their team.

First Place was defended by the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club with 10 pitchers, half of them winning their respective classes! they ended up with one State Champion, 4 State Class Champions and a point average of 6.9.

Congratulations to all clubs who participated in this event. Next year in Platteville, let's aim for 15 clubs for the 15th year of this event.

## Regional Director Retires

By the guy, Jim Haupt

We wrote up the Fall Meeting from notes made on site. Of course there were no notes made while the RD was speaking and that's why we have this extra blurb.

Jim Haupt said the best reason he has for retiring is that he has the world's greatest replacement ready to go. Ken Jaeger the outgoing WHPA president would be wasted without a horseshoe job. So he's your new man. Be as good to him as you have to me and he will grant your every wish.

After one year of working with Jaeger on the World Tournament, Jane Smith still has him in high regard. Gifts she provided for the outgoing president included a 100 ft tape measure and three bags of Three Musketeer bars to keep him happy while hunting.

Prospective tournament directors: Do not wait to be asked. Volunteer your tournament information now. Remember, you

**Need to know: event name (short) place, price of entry, contact address and phone, estimate of champion and class champion patches required.**

must contact your regional director to get on the schedule. Call or write Ken Jaeger 3539 Knight Rd., New London, WI 54961 920-982-6287

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Thanks to present Assistant RD's for all past services, Earl Paulson, Ron Berg, and Dave Schorbahn.

## Want To Improve Your Pitching? ...

Ted Allen Tells You How

From *Horseshoe World*, July 1941.

### Differences in Turns

Now it isn't necessary to throw the 1-1/4 or 1-3/4 turn to be an expert. By holding it on the same side as for your 1-1/4 it is possible to also throw a 2-1/4 or even 3-1/4 turn. With the 1-3/4 hold you can throw 3/4 and 2-3/4 turns. You can become quite deft at any of these and possibly go as far as winning a state championship, but never to win a world's title.

A person pitching an off turn can be a worry to a title holder for many years, but in the end the 1-1/4 turn and 1-3/4 turn will pull out in the lead and leave others behind. There just doesn't seem to be the chance for as much improvement on off turns.

Any shoe that turns slower than 1-1/4 times doesn't land on the peg right, seems to go too straight and is harder to control in the air. For instance the 3/4. You loose more ringers with this than any other. One reason is that in order to keep the shoe from turning more than 3/4 times you grip it very loosely in tips of fingers and the average person pushes the shoe instead of swinging it, and for fear it will turn too much he will pitch a low hard shoe. It requires more or less of a jerk to the arm, and a stiff wrist, causing a strain.

Anything faster than a 1-3/4 turn has too much speed to time it well. Now you may throw several doubles in a row with a 2-3/4 turn, but that doesn't mean you can do it in a pinch when you want to. It takes too much wrist action to turn it. **So it is the 1-1/4 and 1-3/4 turns which are the most successful for top-notch pitching.**

At one time years ago it was the opinion of champions that the 1-3/4 turn was better than the 1-1/4. It has since been proven one is just as good as the other. Decide on which you want, stick to it and develop your muscles and technique to suit it. Each one requires different muscular action in the shoulder, arm and wrist.

I find that with myself the 1-1/4 turn requires less twist of the wrist and arm to open. When I demonstrate the 1-3/4 I notice the difference. This is the reason why so many fellows, after pitching one for years, then turn over to the other, they pitch good for a little while then suddenly start falling off in percentage.

They don't stop to think that for years their muscles had been trained for the first turn, and after newness of the second turn had worn off the muscles started losing control because of lack of years of training for it.

Which turn do I think is best? Well, mister (or lady, if one is reading) I believe that if the 1-1/4 turn is thrown right there isn't a better one in the world. But I also believe that [about] the 1-3/4. I think I could have stuck with it and mastered it just as well. The first two years I ever learned the open shoe was with the 1-3/4. I won too. But I saw the 1-1/4 turn later, liked the looks of it so much I changed over. Perhaps is was the way Mr. Houston of Greeley, Colorado, threw it that interested me. It sure seemed to float well. But I didn't change all at once. Before the state tourney came around I practiced once a week with the 1-1/4 until after the tourney. I still used the 1-3/4 in the tourney. Immediately the day after, I quit it entirely and practiced only the 1-1/4 and stuck with it.

In later years, C.C. Davis, the ex-world's champ, came to Denver on exhibition pitching and preaching the 1-3/4 had more advantages. Everyone in Colorado changed to it and most of my friends urged me to do likewise. They were interested in me becoming world's champion. But I had confidence in this 1-1/4 figuring the trimming Davis gave me was not the result of the turn, but a case of buck fever. And as you can see, I am not sorry I stuck with it. **I like it because it seems to turn just enough slower that it is easier to judge and a litter easier on the arm.**

To master one proficiently you must study how to improve and keep trying. There is always room for improvement no matter how good you get; room until you can throw 100 percent all the time. And that you will never attain in this generation.

But I think we will see the time of an average of 90 percent in a world's tournament. It may not be noticeable but the champs are improving a little each year. It may be their percentage one year, the psychological part another year, or their nervous system. The proof for this statement is furnished in the average percentages of all the pitchers together in the tourney for the past two years. Two years ago it was 75 percent, and last year a little better.

As I sit here and think about this game I can think of so many things to write about it that I am apt to get off the line of the story a little. Too, it is hard for me, as I am out on exhibition tour, to get time to sit down

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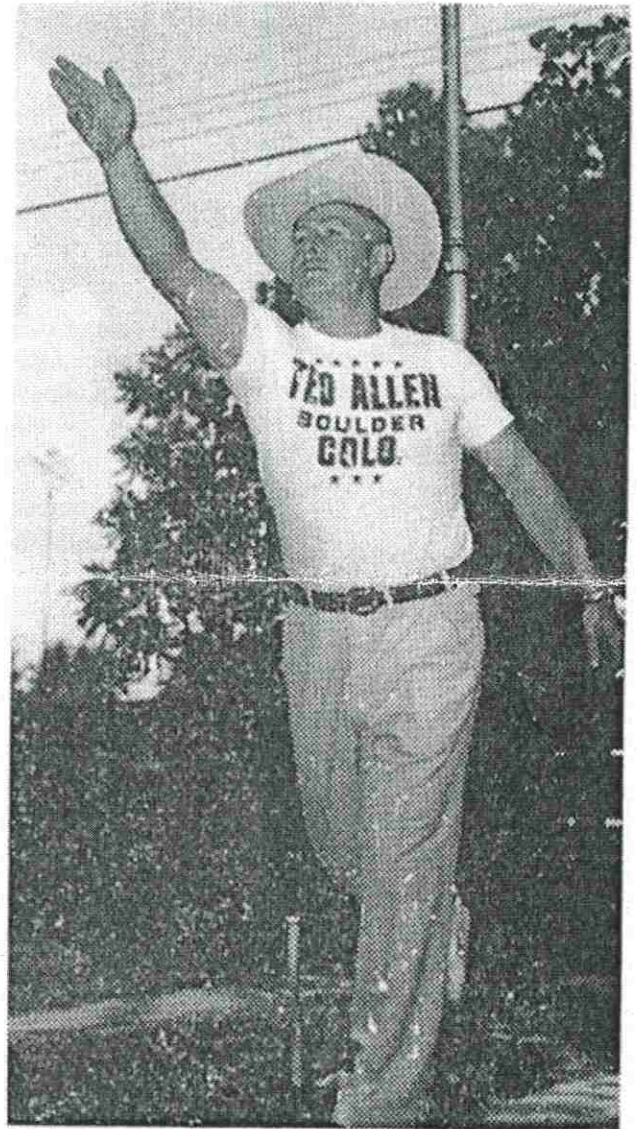
long enough to finish more than two paragraphs at a time and remember what I intended to write. I intend not missing an issue for awhile, but if it should happen, I hope you will bear with me because there is much to do on exhibition. It is lots of fun, but it isn't all play. The actual pitching of the exhibition isn't the work; 99 percent of it is preparing and the other one percent is the pitching. But I enjoy it very much.

### To Change or Not

If you have an ambition to become a champion and win as high as possible, or get a record as world's champion, and you are pitching any other turn than the 1-1/4 or the 1-3/4 it would be advisable to make a change.

Many fellows in their middle age have asked me if it would be best to change. Some have a fear of disastrous results if they change. If you are middle age, have no other desire than to pitch good and have fun, and are as good as any in the country, and do fear the results if you change, then I advise not to do so. It is up to the individual, if he is satisfied. It stands to reason that even some elderly men have improved by changing but have less chance than a young fellow. I advise any young person to change regardless. If he cannot improve, then I'm afraid he hasn't the timing and co-ordination that many have.

The ex-Washington champ, Mr. Sayre, and New Jersey Champ, Larry Mahoney, both used the ½ turn in winning, but both realized it would be necessary to change to keep up with the pace and make a high average, so they changed with success.



The follow-thru demonstrated by Ted Allen of Boulder, Colorado, 10 times world champion.

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## Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Now it can be told. While at the World Tournament the Sandbaggers leased a house on Lake Wissota and had a heck of a good time pitching the World and fishing for walleyes. Ken Frame found out how the other seven guys started loading up for a Friday night fish fry. They were using night crawlers and or leeches. Because the eyes were hitting light, Frame discovered that adding a brightly colored acorn sized float after the sinker about a foot from a bare hook was just the ticket. Their method was a secret from the neighbors but the Friday night fish fry was huge success.

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This is one reason why horseshoes finds itself less than the popular sport it formerly was.

While the WHPA was playing the State Tournament for trophies only, Jesse Amble, Arena, an erstwhile horseshoe pitcher, spent his Labor Day on the water with his friend Todd Anding fishing a Walleye tournament on Lake Wisconsin. A couple of eight pound fish brought them first place and \$10,000.

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BYOB if you want hard stuff at the WHPA Christmas party. The Beloit club will have the dinner catered in their clubhouse, 2 meats, \$10 each, beer and soda for sale. Cocktails start at 6:00 PM on the 27th of December. Call Earl at 608-879-2304 to reserve your table.

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It just came to me like a bolt out of the blue. If anyone, I don't care who, takes a call on a cell phone while I'm pitching with them, it's an automatic foul— an automatic flagrant foul. I'd like to be as emphatic as the babe from Eddie Z's, Nobody gets away with that!

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Bob Bennett of Platteville was feted by Norm Mauthe in another column but not everybody knows Bob Bennett.

He doesn't pitch on Sundays, saying that he realizes the greater importance of that day and would rather devote the day to his greater being. For that alone we have respect for the man.

Bennett was president of the Platteville Horseshoe Association since its beginning and helped build the club. Probably comes by his horseshoe administrative ability from his job as high school principal.

So in learning about Platteville this way we have found that Norm Mauthe has been mostly the tournament director.

Now then, who's president of Country Kitchen

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### 19 years for Beloit Club

Earl Paulson believes the nineteen year history is probably the most important fact related to their club. He made these announcements at the 2003 Beloit awards banquet. Tables and chairs had been set up in the new pitching arena called Red's Palace.

The house looked especially nice with new green carpeting

throughout. It was the same carpet used for the Eau Claire World, the Red Deer World and perhaps Hibbing and Bismarck. Regardless, it looks new and gives the Beloit pitching palace some class.

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Last year at the Beloit Awards banquet a special trophy was awarded in honor of Bud Wicks who had recently passed on. The club deliberated long and hard then awarded it to Dan Lessman. It is inscribed, "Without us you are nothing."

This year Lessman had great fun in passing on the same trophy to the one and only, Ralph Maylahn.

### Phyllis Negaard

In a recent email addressed to many pitchers of the NHPA, Jerry LaBrosse, MN president, carried the words of Jackie Hughes, also MN, on the news of an important death in the horseshoe family.

It is sad to announce that our one and only Phyllis Negaard has passed away today.

Phyllis was a true competitor on the court and she didn't stop her spirit with this disease. She will be missed by all of us. She made horseshoe pitching a "class act."

Phyllis started pitching organized horseshoe in the 70's and she has been a big part of why horseshoe pitching for women has escalated to the high caliber pitching it is today.

Funeral and burial from St Joseph Catholic church on September 24, 2003.



## Proposed Membership Drive

According to the Milwaukee Journal, some organizations and clubs are experiencing a membership drought and without members they would cease to exist. Recently the Oconomowoc Country Club reduced their \$10,500 initiation fee to \$1500 in an effort to attract new members.

It is becoming clear to the Washington Park Horseshoe Club that their annual dues of \$10 are too low. This year the entire treasury of \$150 was delapidated for final season awards.

One could assume that the club has 15 members.

The problem is that Washington Park has only three horseshoe courts. The entire club meets once a week throughout the season and hopefully no more than 12 members show up. With 12 members they can play two pair or four men on a court. Each pair plays separately merely waiting for the other pair to pitch before moving to follow their own shoes.

It is not a problem. In spite of all being senior citizens they have been trained to respond in turn.

The problem lurks, what if they attract more members? The Milwaukee County Park authority has not responded to the need for more courts. Due to the present system of funding parks with declining property tax revenue additional courts seem out of the question.

Cognizant of the impending problem at Washington Park, we make the following proposal to change membership fees for new members.

## FOUL LINE

From Bob Kabella

I am the secretary for a couple leagues one being the Racine County league.

We are not sanctioned leagues, but there are a lot of WHPA members pitching in them and all I have talked with share the opinion that stepping over the line is a foul and that they see it happening in sanctioned tournaments around the state as well.

My understanding of the rule is that you may step over the foul line as long as your shoe has been released and, with tongue in cheek, I have been explaining this to them. If my understanding is correct, those who are complaining, and myself included, feel that there should be some dialog at the WHPA meeting to try to change this to something more practical, controllable and something to stop allowing an unfair advantage for those that do it. Besides that, it is very difficult to see that the person stepping past the foul line did, in fact, already release the shoe or not.

Changing the rule to not allow anyone to step over the foul line at any time when pitching is easy to control, does not allow an unfair advantage and makes the foul line a true foul line.

In bowling there is a foul line and you are not allowed to pass it. Similarly the foul line in pitching should not be passed whether your holding the shoe or not... it is a foul line.

Please let me know your thoughts and whether or not it is something that will be taken up in a future agenda at a WHPA meeting.

Thank you in advance for your attention, Bob.

*We are throwing this one open to comment from all readers. What is your take on observing the foul line? Letters with comments will be published next time.*

*Jim Haupt*

## DO IT

By Rudy Van Fleet

The first tourney of the new season at Deansville went off with out a hitch. The top pitchers in Class A were:

Al Huizenga -	7.5-.5	52%
Kerry Morris -	6.5-1.5 -	
Don Burmeister -	5-3	47%
Steve Kulow -	5-3	36%

Class B:

Howard Robertson	8-0	35%
Rudy Van fleet	6-2	33%
Curt DeGolier	5-3	23%
John Mills	4-4	25%
Don Wozniak	4-4	23%

The Deansville Horseshoe Club will be sponsoring another tourney on **Nov. 22-23** with Kerry Morris as your host. They will follow up with another tourney on **Dec. 13-14**

## VFW Doubles

There we were playing horseshoes. The people of Jerry Kamps bar had left on the bus for the Packer game. Somebody must have known, only class A is crazy enough to put up with horseshoes on a home game Packer day.

Actually it was not a total loss for the pitchers as the Packers really dumped that first game.

Don Navarrete and the VFW guys had a tough time with this event. It received little publicity and had to be populated by tradition. Pitching times were phone calls. Regardless we got it in.

The Mid East of Wisconsin as this Heart of the Valley area is known has a long association with horseshoes. Actually they have come to think they invented the game. Complainers urged them to rethink the number of shoes. Used to be 50 shoes. At 40 shoes per man, it is a long game but we can handle it. Now we'd like to start using a real doubles score sheet. Just because the Com Locks club has been stuck on their own singles sheet for 40 years does not mean that foreigners can figure it out. In these days when pitchers often keep their own score, every effort should be made to facilitate that end. In other words, let us have a standard doubles scoresheet when we come to your courts.

PS. We report results for the top three but only when we receive them.

The Wilczieks won A class no problem. Ron has switched to the short distance and is doing well even beat Gert one game.

## From the Banks of the Mississippi for the Newsletter

Class A		%
1st	Gert Wilcziek	75.71
2nd	Ron Wilcziek	46.78
3rd	Roger Comero	54.28
4th	Elaine Troullier	45.71
Class B		%
1st	Norm Mauthe	54.28
2nd	Jim Sheehan	45.00
3rd	Nelson Richason	44.28
4th	Dell Pettis	36.78
Class C		%
1st	Doug Bakkum	41.42
2nd	Bev Monahan	39.28
3rd	Jim Haupt	33.2
4th	Bruce McLinn	31.78
Class D		%
1st	Bob Lindberg	40.71
2nd	Jim Heim	38.9
3rd	Chris Dahl	34.28
4th	Tammy Johnson	35.71
Class E		%
1st	Babe Rieber	34.37
2nd	Kathy Koelsch	30.00
3rd	Roger Olson	24.37
4th	Crystal Sheehan	21.56

Ted Rohde says,

I've been asked a number of times if or when can a pitcher change shoes during a game?

*Ed. Yes you may change shoes during the game. Not in the same inning meaning that no switching after the first shoe. Switching before the start of the next inning is entirely permissible.*

It was bad enough getting kicked out of Arena for our meeting but what brainchild got us to drive to Germantown. This meeting is for the State members. Let's get back somewhere close to the center.  
-Ted Rohde

*Ed. We heard that the population center of the WHPA is actually closer to Southeastern Wisconsin but lo and behold those same members turned up missing from the meeting.*

If anyone is missing a pair of shoes & box please let me know. They were found at the LaCrosse Tournament and had the name Jim Haupt on the outside of the box.

Coulee Region is what they call it around here. It's a bumpy area between the two great rivers, Mississippi and Wisconsin with enough flat ground for horseshoe courts. Try it sometime.

### NOTICE:

If you move, please tell us so we can update your address. Our mailing procedures don't allow the mail carrier to forward to a new address. You will miss out on the Newsletter. The Post Office just throws it away.

### Harold (Tony) Rogers

of Cuba City, died on April 28, 2003. Tony loved to pitch horseshoes and pitched for twenty years in the doubles leagues at the Bennett family courts in Leadmine. He then pitched for over ten years in the Platteville leagues. Tony also enjoyed his many years of pitching at the Arena Fun Fest team and doubles events. Tony was inducted into the Arena Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1989. Tony was a retired farmer and will be missed by his caring family, the Platteville Horseshoe Club and all others who knew him.

### Northern Open

Rain or shine Steve Stevens was going to have a horseshoe tournament. The night before it was slated to begin, the rain pelting down and no letup in sight for several days. Steve used his ingenuity and persuasive powers to talk the county fathers into letting him use a fairgrounds building to hold his tournament inside. The problem was, the late changes weren't passed on to the pitchers in time and many of them stayed home due to the inclement weather.

The ones who showed up had a great time. Les Karpiel, of Chetek, won the B Class with a 40.1 average. Ed Hack of Wausau came in second with a 39.6. Ed also had high game for the day at 65.4%. The other devoted horseshoe pitchers that were present were Ray Mallo and Ivan Ruzic.

Class A pitted the Stevens brothers against each other and Mark, prevailed with a 56.5% average.

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## CHAT TO LEARN

By Aleena Cook age 12  
Junior Horseshoe Pitcher  
Junior Bowler

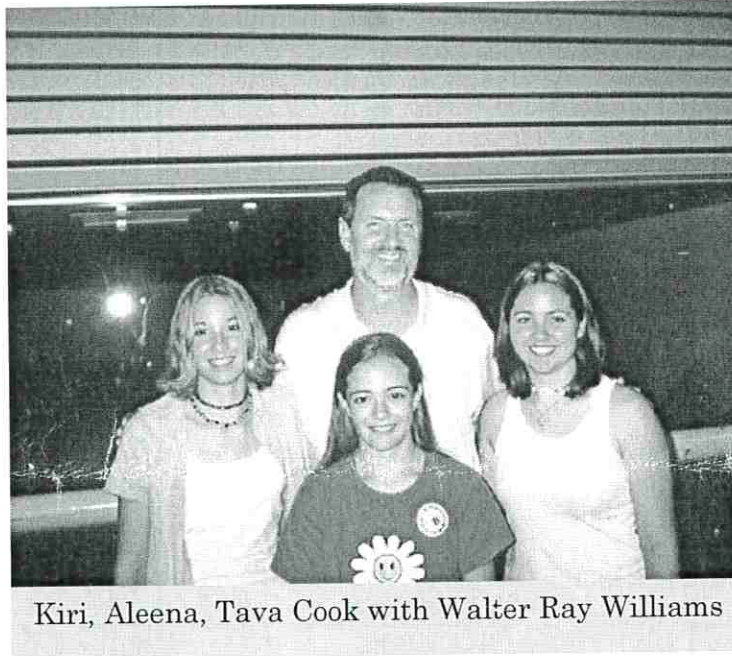
At the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships held in Eau Claire, WI August 6-16, 2003, I asked Walter Ray Williams, Jr if he had a minute to chat. He said "Why certainly. Where should we sit?"

Mr. Williams and I talked about the similarities and differences of pitching horseshoes and bowling. Both sports are an underhand swinging motion. A bowling ball is round, weighs 12-14 pounds heavier than a horseshoe, the actual release and rotation is also different.

I asked Mr. Williams about practicing. He said that he plays more horseshoes when he is not on the Pro Bowler Tour. He likes to pitch horseshoes and plays a few tournaments during the year. He said that he doesn't practice horseshoes as much and put forth as much effort in his game as he did when he was 10,11, & 12 years old. Mr. Williams started competing in horseshoes when he was nine years old. He started bowling when he was 12 - but

not a lot. He earned the Junior Boys World Championship in 1971, 1972, and 1975. He was also the Mens World Champion in 1978, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1991, and 1994.

We agreed that every sport is different in its own way. I don't really think of anything except to concentrate on my target -- looking at the stake obviously. Mr. Williams agreed and added that in bowling, you need to look 15-20' down the lane, through the arrows to focus on the target, and get the ball to go there.



Kiri, Aleena, Tava Cook with Walter Ray Williams

Horseshoe pitching seems simpler to start however it's tougher to learn to make ringers all the time. At least in bowling you always get pins. There are also more variables in bowling--more things to adjust.

Lastly, I asked Mr. Williams what advice he could give for Junior Horseshoe Pitchers and Junior Bowlers. He

said, "Learn and practice good fundamentals. Go out and enjoy what you are doing. Both horseshoes and bowling you can enjoy your entire life."

"Studies indicate that the one quality all successful people have is persistence. They're willing to spend more time accomplishing a task and to persevere in the face of many difficult odds. There's a very positive relationship between people's ability to accomplish any task and the time they're willing to spend on it."

*Dr. Joyce Brothers*

"Put yourself in a state of mind where you say to yourself, "Here is an opportunity for me to celebrate like never before, my own power, my own ability to get myself to do whatever is necessary."

*Anthony Robins*

## FALL Meeting Tournament

### Results

By Terry Sternberg

Class A	W/L	%
Ken Heinritz	4/1	44.40
Bun Carley	4/1	40.80
Nathan Heinritz	3/2	28.80
Class B	W L	%
1. Ray Lopez	5 0	43.60
2. Roger Heinritz	4 1	29.13
3. Ben Heinritz	3 2	23.64
Class C	W L	%
1. Jeff Secord	4 1	32.00
2. Randy Heinritz	3 2	23.20
3. Francis Schalk	3 2	22.80

**You never know what a fall day will bring, but on October 18, it was a beautiful day, nice enough to consider holding the State meeting outdoors.**

We had three classes scheduled for our tournament, one before the meeting and two after. There were two Jr Boys entered and mixed with the adults. They both faired well, finishing third in their respective classes. One was our new Jr Boys State Champ, Nathan Heinritz and the other his brother, Ben. They're dad, Randy, pitched his first sanctioned tournament and ended up placing second in his class. Randy and Ken's father, Roger, pitching his first tournament at thirty feet, walked away with second place too. Ken Heinritz beat out Bun Carley in ringer average for Class A honors. Needless to say, it was a Heinritz Family Day.

Birthday boy, Jeff Secord, enjoyed his big win by nearly tripling his entry average in Class C.

I want to thank everyone who entered and our club members, Jim

Poquette, Lorraine Sternberg, Mike Keagle and Jim Haupt for getting our courts in shape for this tournament.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the winter scheduled tournaments.

## STATE TOURNAMENT UPDATE

by Terry Sternberg

As of now, we have no one showing a definite interest in hosting the 2005 State Tournament, which was to be voted on at the Fall Meeting, October 18. It was decided to wait till the Spring meeting, March 20, hoping to have several sites to vote on. Any club or clubs that would like to host the State Tournament, give me a call at (262) 677-3300.

At this time, I would like to thank Ron Berg and the Sandbaggers Horseshoe Club for the great job of setting up the State Tournament site. The courts were in excellent shape, the use of the building on wheels worked out great for our stats office and the beer and food tent offered shade for our spectators. Ken Ample did a great job of giving us a super nice opening ceremony on Saturday morning, with an appearance of Arena's VFW color guard, Pastor Tim Kenny, with an opening prayer and a brother/sister duet, Amery and Alex Harrington singing the National Anthem. On Sunday for the awards ceremony, he had Pastor Tim Kenny and the VFW color guard back, with a local man, Paul Ramunn, known as the singing farmer, sing God Bless America. Would like to thank them all for making our weekend event very special.

Special thanks to my team, The Goldendale Horseshoe Club Committee, Lorraine Sternberg, Mike Keagle, Ken Davison, Jim Haupt, Jim Poquette, Rick Poppe and a very special thanks to my daughter Heidi for doing the stats. Thanks again for a great job.

Thanks to all the scorekeepers and judges that helped out. This tournament could not run as well as it did without your help. And to the players, I hope you enjoyed the competition and had a good time.

See you next year at Platteville, site of the 2004 State Tournament!

## Bob Bennett Retires

By Norm Mauthe

In August this year, Bob Bennett stepped down as President of the Platteville Horseshoe Association. A charter club member since 1981, and served as president all that time. Bob has always been a top pitcher in the southwestern part of the state.

He helped originate the courts and with getting the club started.

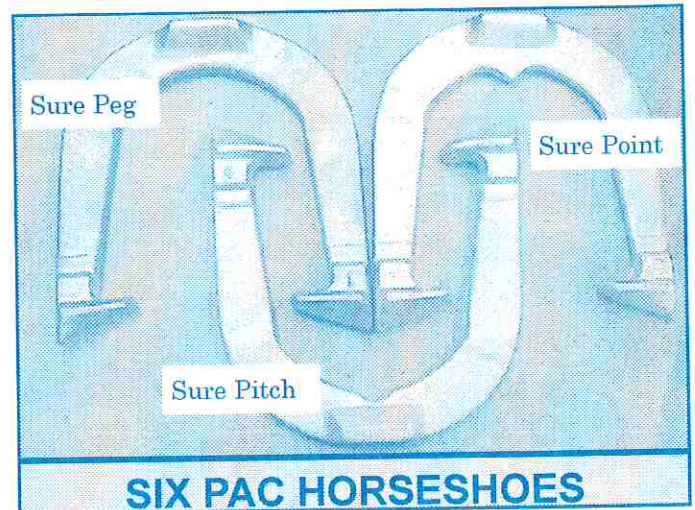
Bennett has been an outstanding leader and has enormous administrative abilities. His ability to work with the city on court expansion and improvements was invaluable to the horseshoe club.



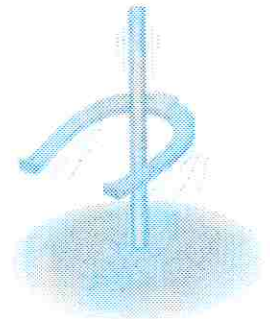
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## Letter to the Editor

From Ralph Maylahn

I appreciated the time and effort you expended in the article about me in last issue of WHNL. Thank You!

May I make a couple corrections and a short addition. I won the last tourney held at the State Fair in 1971.

The person you referred to, name is Ed Schimek.

My best games were: At 1971 State Fair, 25 out of 26 against Wes Taylor; Goldendale singles league, 47 out of 50; in a Beloit tourney against Dan Bloom another 47 out of 50.

Before WWII, I won the Men's City of Milwaukee championship 6 straight years. There were no Junior tourneys in those days.

Ralph Maylahn

## More on Maylahn

From Eldon Bryant

Just read my newsletter and the Ralph Maylahn bit was very good .

I ran a 4-H tournament at Pontiac for many years and Ralph came down the year we had two state champs and three former champs. Ralph was playing Carl Vansant from Indiana. Carl was beating Ralph badly 32 to something in the teens and going to 50 points when Ralph got hot and after 100 plus shoes Ralph won the game.

When he left to go home, I was cleaning up and he came back and wanted the score sheet. That was the best game ever played at the park.

Better close and see how bad the Bears are getting beat.

Eldon Bryant

*Pub. Note: For those of you that don't know the name, Eldon Bryant, he is the man with the Chenoa clay from Chenoa, Illinois.*