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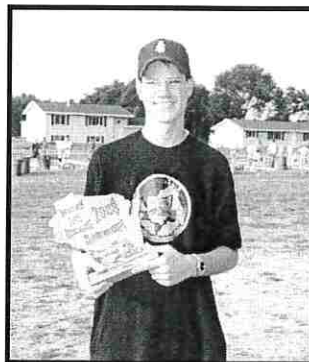
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Ladies Champion



Randy Rein
Mens Champion



Clayton Gage
Elder Mens Champion



Dustin Dahl
Jr Boys Champion



Tava Cook
Jr Girls Champion

"People who don't cherish their elderly have forgotten whence they came and whither they go." Ramsey Clark

Discussion is an exchange of knowledge, argument an exchange of ignorance.

Robert Quillen

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Coming Events

OCT 21	WHPA State Meeting at Arena	12:00 PM
NOV 4-5	Sonny's Singles at Arena #28-00-036	\$15; at cts \$17
	Sonny Cockroff 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560	
	608-764-2570 carolc24@chorus.net	D/L 10/23
DEC 10	Santa's at Arena #28-00-037	\$15; at cts \$17
	Eddie Wheeler W9880 S Co Line Rd Lodi, WI 53555	
	608-592-4424 eddie.wheeler@tdstelecom.com	D/L 11/26
JAN 13-14	001 at Arena #28-01-001	\$15; at cts \$17
	Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milw, WI 53217	
	414-964-2735 jimhaupt@aol.com	D/L 12/30
FEB 10-11	Freezeroo at Arena #28-01-002	\$15; at cts \$17
	Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507	
	608-924-5574 bfarms@mhtc.net	D/L 1/27
MAR 17	WHPA Spring Meeting at Arena	1:00 PM
MAR 17	Jr Scholarship #28-01-003	\$20
	Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186	
	262-542-0252 Limited	D/L 3/3
MAR 25	River Valley at Arena #28-01-004	\$60/team
	Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507	
	608-924-5574 4 player team doubles	D/L 3/11
APR 7	Border Battle at Arena #28-01-005	\$25
	Randy Rein 201 Second St Mosinee, WI 54455	
	715-693-1199 WI vs MN	D/L 3/1
APR 8	Arena Spring Singles #28-01-006	\$15; at cts, \$17
	John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588	
	608-588-7392 crook@execpc.com	D/L 3/24
APR 28	CLUB TEAM at Beloit #28-01-007	\$80/team
	Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milw., WI 53217	
	414-964-2735 4-player club teams	D/L 4/14
APR 29	WHPA State Doubles - Beloit #28-01-008	\$40/team
	John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937	
	920-922-0080 use entry form WHPA@execpc.com	D/L 3/31
MAY 5-6	ENCORE at Beloit #28-01-009	\$
	Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511	
	608-879-2304 bhc.tw@brodnet.com	D/L 4/21
MAY 18-19-20	TEAM WORLD at Beloit #28-00-010	\$200/team
	Earl Paulson 7105 S CO Hwy H Beloit, WI 53511	
	608-879-2304 -bhc.tw@brodnet.com	D/L Apr 15

Due to a schedule conflict the Arena Sandbar is not available for a tournament the day of the WHPA fall meeting.

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The President's Column

The State Tournament on 22 courts, what a show the Sandbaggers Horseshoe Club put on. Now finding 22 scorekeepers was a big chore in itself. A lot of pitchers seem to think it's the Host Clubs responsibility to furnish the scorekeepers, or maybe they just took it for granted that they would. I for one think it is everybody's responsibility to help keep score, if they are capable. No, I'm not hollering at any one. I would like to thank those that did help, that really helped make things run a lot smoother.

If you are interested in changing the State Doubles from walking to regular doubles play, attend the Fall Meeting. The flyer for the State Doubles will be in the first issue of the 2001 WHPA Newsletter.

Also coming up at the Fall Meeting, we will discuss changing the deadline for qualified tournaments to pitch in the State Tournament. Right now it's July 31 and this year several tournaments made it into Natstats too late to be counted in the State entry average. We need to see if we can alleviate that negative situation.

Congratulations to all State Champions. Also congratulations to Sid Anderson on his induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame.

Your Pres. Ken Jaeger

"Imagination is more important than knowledge, for knowledge is limited while imagination embraces the entire world."

Albert Einstein

STATE MEETING TIME
NOON Sat. Oct 21
at the Arena Sandbar

MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS - 2000

4/21

		W	L	%
1	Randy Rein	9	1	62.86
2	Brian Repinski	8	2	66.79
3	Mark Mauthe	6	3	66.32
4	Tom Endler	6	3	61.41
5	Kent Anderson	5	4	62.99
6	Roger Comero	5	4	62.15
7	John Udelhofen	3	6	60.81
8	Don Kangas	3	6	60.20
9	John Crook	1	8	47.82
10	Arnie Walton	0	9	45.52

MENS DIVISION - CLASS A

1	Tom Endler	6	2	56.25
2	Bernard Carley	6	3	53.78
3	Harry Nelson	5	3	53.25
4	Ron Brockway	4	3	51.71
5	John Koepp III	3	4	53.71
6	Tom Costa Sr	2	5	47.71
7	Lloyd Johnson	2	5	47.43
8	Steve Wiegert	2	5	44.86

MENS DIVISION - CLASS B

1	Dave Schorbahn	7	2	42.78
2	Gene Mason	5	3	43.13
3	Ron Lingard	5	3	39.69
4	Ken Heinritz	4	3	40.71
5	Glenn Bogenschneider	4	3	36.79
6	Tom Hansen	3	4	40.36
7	Tony Scrima	1	5	31.25
8	Pacer	0	6	0.00

MENS DIVISION - CLASS C

1	Ken Jaeger SR	6	2	44.50
2	Cliff Troullier	5	3	38.75
3	Ted Rohde	4	3	43.71
4	Mike Cone	4	3	40.29
5	Rick Poppe	3	4	45.14
6	Chuck Hansen	3	4	42.00
7	Pat Spahn	2	5	38.57
8	Mitch Vyhanek	2	5	36.00

MENS DIVISION - CLASS D

1	Jerry Volz	7	0	48.00
2	Kerry Morris	5	2	38.98
3	Richard Hansen	5	2	38.42
4	Jeff Gustafson	3	4	38.86
5	Jim Larson	3	4	38.57
6	Jerry Schroeder	2	5	36.86
7	Ray Groskinsky	2	5	32.29
8	Terry Sternberg	1	6	34.29

MENS DIVISION - CLASS E

1	Vince Jakel	7	0	44.57
2	Fred Decorah	5	2	32.57
3	Ken Frame	4	3	35.43
4	Leroy "Tip" Wipperfurth	4	3	33.71
5	Leonard Mauthe	3	4	31.28
6	Jim Haupt	2	5	32.14
7	Roger Poutanen	2	5	28.57
8	Wayne Vanderhei	0	6	22.00

MENS DIVISION - CLASS F

1	Bernard Cockroft	7	1	36.00
2	John Secord	6	2	38.11
3	David Paul	4	3	36.29
4	Robert C Anderson	4	3	35.43
5	Julian Tijerina	3	4	33.14
6	Ron Wilcziek	2	5	29.43
7	Edward Hack	2	5	27.43
8	Paul Wilson	1	6	32.32

MENS DIVISION - CLASS G

1	William Spahn	7	0	44.29
2	Augie Potter	4	3	38.29
3	Jason Goldsmith	4	3	36.29
4	Gordon Potter	4	3	36.00
5	Pete Kumlien	3	4	31.43
6	Richard Conrad	2	5	34.86
7	Bill Hagen	2	5	32.29
8	Dave Semington	2	5	26.29

MENS DIVISION - CLASS H

1	Mark Stevens	7	0	37.43
2	Jim O'Loughlin	4	3	36.57
3	Robert Fritz	4	3	34.29
4	Don Goldsmith	4	3	33.14
5	Harold Laws	3	4	30.00
6	Bill Matey	3	4	27.71
7	Rowen Swick	3	4	27.71
8	Ken Olson	0	7	26.86

MENS DIVISION - CLASS I

1	John Mills	5	2	31.71
2	David Aho	4	3	35.43
3	Dave Klipstein	4	3	34.57
4	Gary Rackow	4	3	30.00
5	Ken Kosky	3	4	30.57
6	Dave Forseth	3	4	28.57
7	Russel Burns	3	4	26.29
8	Bruce McLinn	2	5	20.57

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MENS DIVISION - CLASS J

1	Douglas Bakkum	6	2	39.25
2	Gene Satterstrom	7	3	28.20
3	Ken Davison	5	3	29.25
4	Ed Wheeler	5	3	26.50
5	Ken Kremnitzer	4	3	27.14
6	Don Burmeister	3	4	27.43
7	Ray Lopez	1	6	22.29
8	Ron Berg	0	7	26.00

MENS DIVISION - CLASS K

1	Ken Amble	7	0	40.00
2	Allen Holloway	5	2	33.43
3	Duane Grossen	4	3	31.43
4	Pat Smith	4	3	28.57
5	John Gregorich	3	4	30.29
6	Robert Rehm	3	4	27.71
7	John Carlin	2	5	32.00
8	Douglas Maier	0	7	31.71

MENS DIVISION - CLASS L

1	Rob Struebing	7	2	26.94
2	Earl Paulson	6	3	29.72
3	Jim Heim	5	4	31.11
4	Robin Mahn	5	4	30.56
5	Carl Schliem	5	4	29.72
6	John Dolezel	5	4	27.78
7	Ton Dudenhoefer	5	4	25.00
8	Art Collien	3	6	20.83
9	Joe Zoromski	3	6	18.61
10	Guy Fleming	1	8	18.61

MENS DIVISION - CLASS M

1	Stuart Bennett	6	1	34.00
2	Richard Henkel	5	2	28.57
3	Mike Lange	4	3	32.00
4	Ivan Ruzic	4	3	28.86
5	Jerry Kamps	3	4	26.00
6	John Brophy	3	4	25.14
7	Dale Shamburg	3	4	21.43
8	Pacer	0	7	0.00

MENS DIVISION - CLASS N

1	Galen Kozel	6	1	38.86
2	Gary Simac	5	2	31.14
3	Mel Cook	4	3	30.57
4	Bob Kallstrom	4	3	29.71
5	Wayne Franzen	4	3	22.00
6	Tom Steinke	3	4	24.29
7	Roger Olson	2	5	24.29
8	David Hansen	0	7	10.86

MENS DIVISION - CLASS O

1	Kevin Brekke	7	0	27.71	
2	Mike Steinke	6	1	23.43	
3	Dick Burg		5	2	22.86
4	Larry Danielson		4	3	24.86
5	Francis Schalk		2	5	25.43
6	Mark Nord		2	5	14.86
7	Scott Kater		1	6	18.57
8	Howard McKee		1	6	6.86

MENS DIVISION - CLASS P

1	Dan David		6	1	18.86
2	Don Peroutka		5	2	19.71
3	Tom Cutts		4	3	15.54
4	Ken Wood		4	3	10.00
5	Chuck Reineke		3	4	12.99
6	Bob Novinski		2	5	13.71
7	Curt Novinski		2	5	12.86
8	Wes Podvin		2	5	10.29

ELDER MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Clayton Gage		5	1	65.07
2	Don Hostrup		3	3	63.02
3	Merwyn Sorensen		3	3	56.17
4	Ralph Maylahn		1	5	58.71

ELDER MENS CLASS A

1	Merrill Semingson		7	0	40.87
2	John Mitchell		6	1	29.13
3	Leroy Meyer		4	3	24.78
4	Jerome Adler		4	3	22.61
5	Herman Adler		3	4	16.09
6	Oscar Donar		2	5	9.13
7	Carl Gilbertson		1	5	16.00
8	Jeffrey Jakel		0	6	4.50

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Gert Wilcziek		7	1	60.79
2	Penny Steinke		6	2	57.80
3	Pam Aiken		5	2	54.10
4	Edith McKinney		4	3	58.28
5	Judi Hayden		2	5	44.50
6	Lorraine Sternberg		2	5	44.17
7	Elaine Troullier		2	5	36.42
8	Jane Smith		1	6	37.17

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STATE TOURNAMENT CLASS WINNERS

WOMENS CLASS A

1	Judi Hayden	6	1	52.29
2	Gloria Smith	5	2	50.00
3	Teresa Donar	5	2	48.29
4	Shari Davison	3	4	50.29
5	Marie Donar	3	4	36.72
6	Amy Larson	2	5	43.14
7	Kathy Hanson	2	5	34.75
8	Sylvia David	2	5	33.71

WOMENS CLASS B

1	Ida Hostrup	8	1	38.89
2	Linda Johnson	6	2	44.38
3	Debbie Marshall	6	2	36.88
4	Karen Henkel	4	3	28.21
5	Sonia Cook	3	4	31.07
6	Cecelia Trossen	2	5	28.57
7	Joanne Alling	1	6	23.21
8	Pacer	0	7	0.00

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Dustin Dahl	3	0	59.65
2	Barrent Dahl	0	3	34.21

JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP / JUNIOR BOYS CLASS A (mixed class)

1	Ryan Anderson	5	0	41.95
2	Michael Spahn	4	1	45.92

1	Tava Cook	3	2	33.46
2	Tina Riehle	2	3	37.39
3	Nicole Riehle	1	4	23.01
4	Pacer	0	5	0.00

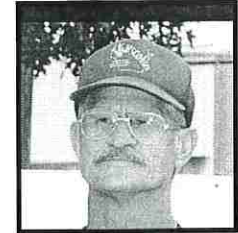
JUNIOR GIRLS CLASS A / JUNIOR BOYS CLASS B (mixed class)

1	Nicola Hickethier	5	1	15.67
2	Kiri Cook	4	2	23.67

1	Cyle Cleveland	2	4	10.00
2	Josh Cleveland	1	5	6.00



Tom Endler
Class A



Dave Schorbahn
Class B



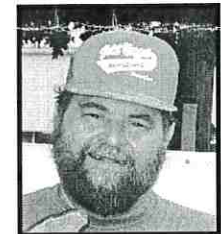
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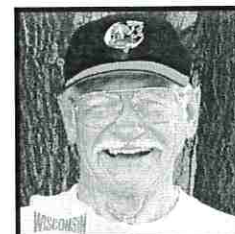
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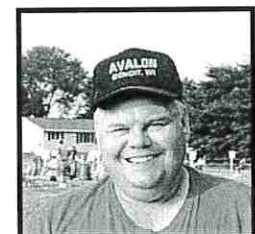
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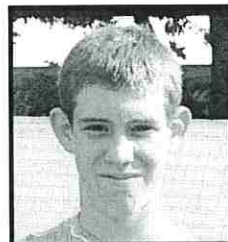
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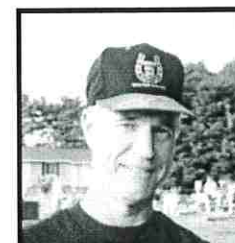
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Class I



Doug Bakkum
Class J



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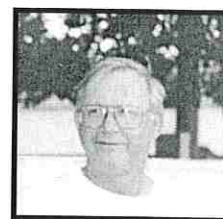


Rob Struebing
Class L

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CLASS WINNERS**



Stuart Bennett
Class M



Galen Kozel
Class N



Kevin Brekke
Class O



Dan David
Class P



Ryan Anderson
Jr Boys A



Merrill Semingson
Elders Class A



Judi Hayden
Womens A



Ida Hostrup
Womens B

STATE TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

At Arena, next to the Sandbar, lay 18 brand new full concrete courts lately refilled with Oakfield Clay and the grass was up! The Sanbagger Club had done the job – a tribute to this Labor Day weekend

Shortly after 8:00 AM Saturday, in a densely humid atmosphere, 32 pitchers on the line stood in honor of the National Anthem. The place grew strangely quiet as the population strained to hear even one familiar note. “And the rocket’s red glare..,” Big as it was the amplifier did not cut it. Not one neighbor filed a noise complaint.

As tradition has it, the eight man classes pitched 50 shoes. Before one scoresheet was filled, some grumbling was heard over the 50 shoe routine. The World pitches 40 shoes now and pitchers (some) seemingly prefer it. Over the course of the event some classes did pitch games of a lesser shoe limit.

One thing all pitchers agree on is their inherent right to complain and it was hot and the clay was dry and chunky. For that reason the first two shifts, 8:00 AM and Noon could rightfully be called the shovel classes

A few pitchers had to drop out because of the heat and humidity. Ken Olson of Platteville didn’t drop out

until he dropped over. Paramedics hauled him away to Sauk City for a rest prescribing Gatorade. Better than water, they said. Olson, who reportedly suffered heat exhaustion, did show up later looking and feeling better before the drive home.

The 4:00 PM class, still under the oppressive heat, started late, late enough that the last game was in the dark – without the benefit of lights. It was a blessing to Tip Wipperfurth; he pitched his best game of the day –23 ringers and it happened because he could not watch the shoe. Just heave it at that little white stake way down the line and hope for the best – a good recipe for any average pitcher.

Meanwhile, back in the records room, there was a computer back up. This was the first run with the program that will spit-out mathematically impossible scoresheets. That demands a manual correction before the game sheet can be accepted and it must be accepted to complete the class action. For Ron Berg and crew, it was fun and games in the computer room for quite a spell.

The Indoor courts of Arena were used to advantage for all championship classes. Later classes and some play-off games kept the clink-clank action going until near 11:00 PM Saturday.

Sunday began with some vertical dew delaying the 9:00 AM start by 30 minutes. The sunshine, although welcome, was quite hot but a breeze helped keep the pitchers all upright.

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The final outdoor 10-man class, in spite of a late start, finished before dark.

Inside the Sandbar the Womens Championship class started with an upset. The number eight seed, Judi Hayden, winner of class A and a move-up to the championship class upset the defending Champion, Lorraine Sternberg in the very first game. It was the beginning of a long day for the six time champion.

Some commotion over fouls marred the Womens championship class. Non-existent foul lines only confused the issue.

Pam (Steinke) Aiken forced an extra game - a play-off game between her sister Penny Steinke and Gert Wilcziek. The 2000 State Champion, for the second time, became Gert Wilcziek of Whitehall.

Sisters, Penny and Pam, earned the second and third place trophies.

“Rein and Repinski met in a play-off game to decide the title.

Earlier scheduling of the Championship classes this year prompted more fans to stay for the finish and witness awards. Starting from the lower end, announcer, Ken Jaeger, complimented the move-up man from “A” class, Tom Endler of Kenosha for his surprising fourth place finish. Defending

Champion, Mark Mauthe, Platteville, looking best in the early going, settled for third. Low seed Brian Repinski of Plover caught Randy Rein, Mosinee, napping and won their initial game with points to spare but he also dropped a later game. Rein and Repinski met in a play-off game to decide the title. Rein, growing stronger, was the decisive winner claiming his seventh state title.

The Championship classes, both men and women, are showing new names on the top half of the class.

Sandbaggers, the Club that is, were involved in this State Tournament up to the hilt. The new courts are evidence of considerable investment and labor. And then there were all the ongoing support tasks

they had to perform compounded by the dual location of the courts – six indoor (Seating shut down two of the eight courts) and eighteen new outdoor courts.

For the occasion, the Sandbar management brought in a country singin’ man with g’itar. It was cool listening to “Vilas” Craig- had the makings of a real party. You should have been there.

Dave Forseth barbecued a couple hundred chickens and more than a few brats. Gail insisted and everybody went home with chicken. John and Angie Udelhofen published the program book. (Nice color ad for the Newsletter, thanks.) Bun Carley made and donated the nifty custom shoe boxes for raffle won by Tom Steinke and Bob Fritz. Foreigner, Ted Rohde of LaCrosse donated two of his famous scorekeeping hooks won by Jerry Kamps and Ken Frame.

Ron was not the only Berg working the event. The young girl with long brown hair was Cassandra Berg. The other young chick with shorter curly hair was Mrs. Susan Berg!

Carol Crook either kept score or passed out those \$2 pay chits redeemable at the lunch counter. Sonny Cockroft was the utility man filling various voids both days. John Crook ran the inside operation while wife, Kim, monitored awards sometimes with the little Hunter hanging on.

Sandbagger’s president and State Tournament Director, Ron Berg, kept a low profile mostly by hiding behind the computer monitor. He said that other than a few minor problems (on his end, the computer) the event proceeded fairly well. He was very pleased with the commitment of all the club members but more than just pleased with the reception of the pitchers to the new courts, adding, “Next time we’ll be even more prepared.”

That brings to mind a hint dropped by an organizer. He said something to the effect that when they host the 2010 event it will all be inside. Are the Sandbaggers really thinking of roof or a building? It could be just a dream but President Berg, who is prone to speak in superlatives has declared, “We have the best darn indoor club in the US of A.”

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BELOIT'S NEW INDOOR COURTS

By Ralph Maylahn

Soon the leaves will be taking on their crimson and gold hues a sure sign that the outdoor horseshoe season is coming to an end. In anticipation of providing an uninterrupted opportunity to pitch while the wind and snow ravage outside, the Beloit Club members set about to bring indoor courts to their area. The impetus was provided by a little red elf, without whom the courts would have only been a pipe dream.

Plans were made, bearing in mind that funds were sparse and corners would have to be cut, and that club members volunteer labor would be of extreme importance to the success of the project.

Materials were ordered, and contracts let, where ever volunteer labor could not be found. Using the knowledge of various club member tradesmen or friends of members induced to volunteer their skills, the building rose to it's full glory. To date, the electrical work is done, a well has been dug and is in working order, all but a few inside panels are complete.

What's missing? - a sewer system.

Many attempts have been made to clear this hurdle, so far to no avail. The City of Beloit has tried to produce a solution but has run up against the DNR, who so far will not allow the use of a holding tank, even though the City, at no charge, would pump the tank twice a month. The problem is the main sewer line lies some 200 feet away. The City has no immediate plans to extend the main sewer past the new building. For the Club to extend the sewer line would cost some \$50,000.

A mound septic system might be approved but this could cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.

It is problematical if your grandfather's type out-houses would approved, but the members would consider this rustic solution if it would lead to the issuance of final permit to use the building.

Anyone got a spare \$10,000. \$12,000 or \$50,000 laying around?

When the building is available for use the Club hopes to hold one or two tournaments monthly throughout the winter months.

ON THE MEND

Clayton Gage ... had quadruple bypass surgery Tuesday, Sept. 19. Everything went well and he will be moving to a care facility for a couple of weeks of recuperation. After that he will be going to his son Norm's place in St Paul to continue his recovery. We all wish Clayton the best and hopefully he will return to the horseshoe courts soon. You can send cards or letters to him in care of his son at:
Norman Gage, 2065 E Magnolia, St Paul, MN 55119.

George Eckstrom ... had a heart attack, while working in the corn field, and on Monday Sept 18 he had a triple bypass at the Marshfield Clinic. He is recovering at home and doing well. We wish George a speedy recovery. His address is; 14516 Venus Ave, Gilman, WI 54433

Carl Gilbertson ... had his other knee replaced on Friday Sept. 15. Reports are that he is recuperating at a care center and should be home by

the end of the month. Carl's address is: P.O. Box 162, Highland, WI 53543.

KO, is OK!

from Ken Olson

I would like to thank everyone that helped me after my problem with the heat at the State Tournament Saturday.

I appreciate the good job and concern of all involved. The EMT's said you folks did everything right.

I especially want to thank Mark Mauthe for coming to Sauk City, picking me up and driving me home.

Thanks to all again and God bless you all.

-KO

An observation.

Clayton Gage and George Eckstrom both played in the Wet N' Wild tournament in Centuria on Sept 10. The following week both had to have heart bypass surgery. Jane Smith maintains that it was just a coincidence. ???

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

It occurred to me lately how quick pitchers are to respond to a foul shoe. Almost immediately on contact, three people are ready to remove that shoe.

Stepping on or over the line is also a foul and the shoe should also be removed just as quickly but it seldom happens.

The day we start calling fouls on ourselves or can accept the score-keeper calling fouls will be the day horseshoe pitchers step up to reality.

How about the guy pitching in the World who pointed out to his opponent that he had or was stepping over the line. The opponent adopted a superior attitude reply-

ing, "It's not your job to tell me." (Oh yeah?)

After writing of the tournament results left on the table at the time of the State, the thought occurred, there may be those people who may think.., So what?

Here's what. The lineup of the championship class at the State Tournament would have been different and, the Most Improved award would have gone to the runner-up IF one in particular of the missing result sheets had made it to Natstats on time.

Just a few weeks ago Carl Schliem of Beloit told of an recent incident when his dad, Al was pitching and asked to have the

lights turned on. "The lights are on, dad," Carl replied. Al remarked that he couldn't see the stake.

And the situation did not get better. Al is now hampered with about 40% vision in just one eye and moving around in a wheelchair.

To me, Al Schliem has always been a special guy. He said he once met another guy from Wisconsin with my name while in Hawaii. Turned out, as a kid of 18 he had served in WW II with my dad. Later he showed me a pass, like an off the base pass, that he had saved. My dad was the Provost Marshall and sure as hell the pass was signed in my dad's distinctive hand. Sure is nice to know someone who knew your dad.

God love you, Al.

WHPA Award needs tune-up

a viewpoint by Jim Haupt

At the last State Meeting the annual Pitcher of the Year award was under fire. So with the council's approval, director, Jane Smith, suggested a neat modification. She proposed that the award be divided with one plaque going to the person placing in the top three in all tournaments the most number of times and another plaque going to the most improved player

That sounded pretty cool to the members so they latched on, giving Smith's new plan the OK.

Did any one person ever consider where the greatest improvement in average might come from? Likely candidates would be new pitchers on their way up. That would apply to Juniors, boys and girls, and even more likely to show marked improvement would

be pitchers switching divisions like 70 plus men moving to the Elders class at 30 feet.

This year, the very first award for 'Most Improved' did go to a recent move up pitcher. He improved to the tune of plus 15%. We applaud his new found ability but wonder if we can compare that percentage increase against others who improved while pitching from the same box - 40 feet or 30 feet.

Running second this year in the Most Improved category was a 40 foot pitcher missing the cut by one percentage point. He improved his average 14% from one State Tournament to the next - a feat that may not be surpassed for years.

Let's fix the inequality at the next State Meeting. We are bypassing the pitchers in the trenches, those people who have no option and are stuck at their pitching distance. 'Most Im-

proved' should be compared only on pitching distances that are equal or greater.

'Most Improved' should represent the present POY award completely. It would eliminate constant monitoring of tournament entries and make it a simple once a year check of entering averages at State Tournament time. Could be expanded for separate divisions.

Right now the POY award has proven to be just another "A" class award. Let's open it up to everybody.

When I die, I want to go peacefully like my grandfather did--in his sleep. Not screaming like the passengers in his car.

WHPA AWARDS

President Ken Jaeger began the WHPA awards ceremonies at the State Tournament by recognizing the latest addition to the WHPA Hall of Fame, Sid Anderson, the 47th person to receive the honor.



Other HOF members attending were; Jane Smith and John Seccord 1992, Dick Hansen 1998, Norm

Mauthe 1999, Ray Billen 1997, and Jim Haupt 1996.

Sid Anderson, accompanied by his two sons, proudly accepted his personal plaque. Eventually Anderson's display plaque complete with picture will be added to the HOF case in the same room.

Jaeger prefaced his remarks for the Presidential Award by indicating that his unannounced selection has been recognized several times in past years for outstanding contribution to the organization but he wanted to make it formal this time. He then divulged that



Lorraine Sternberg is his pick for the 2000 Presidential Award citing her many years as the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund Director. The Wisconsin Juniors Fund, which is the envy of other horseshoe associations, flourished in her years as working director. Sternberg raised over \$10,000, much of which through her raffle ticket sales, all of it through voluntary contributions.

Pitcher of the Year Award, directed by Jane Smith was won by Randy Rein who earned 200 points. Runner-up was Lorraine Sternberg followed by 257 other Wisconsin tournament pitchers in Smith's database. A new "Most Improved" category was tacked on to the POY. The award went Kenosha's Everett Stewart with a 15% increase in average over the year.

As halftime festivities concluded, Lorraine Sternberg told of a recent unexpected gift made to the Scholarship Fund. Walter Ray Williams was the guest of a West Bend, WI bowling establishment and performed in a horseshoe exhibition there. The Manager, Dave Clark of Weiland's Fun Center, thankful for the use of the portable courts provided by the WHPA asked if there was anything he could do. Lorraine suggested the Scholarship Fund and that resulted in a \$100 donation from Weiland's.

SID ANDERSON

Sid Anderson was born to a large family of six brothers and two sisters living on several farms during his early life. His father and four brothers were masons in the Milwaukee area but Sid liked farm life. His family attended Sunday school regularly and as a result developed a great respect for people and found extra strength and healing power from God in their lives.

Sid married at age 23. He and his wife are proud parents of three boys and one daughter, nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Sid liked farming so he raised his family on a farm.

In his 30's, on the farm, Sid was introduced to horseshoes. His good horseshoe pitching friend asked Sid to practice with him two or three evenings a week. Because of farm work and responsibilities, Sid was unable to participate in many tournaments but continued to practice and play in county fair competitions. After he moved to Janesville, he joined the Moose Lodge and began pitching league. One of his favorite tournaments was the one he won pitching 62.7%. He began burning up the courts when pitching in southeastern Wisconsin tournaments.

Sid maintained a high 60% average in the 80's and was asked to participate on the Wisconsin #1 Team-World entry. He declined to play but was honored by being considered one of the best in our state.

In 1987 Sid entered the newly formed Elders class at the World Tournament held in Eau Claire, WI. He became the first Elders World Champion with a perfect 5/0 record. He tried to defend his title in Spearfish, SD but due to a physical problem he was unable to participate. His major Wisconsin accomplishments include Elders Championships in 1987, 1989, and 1990.

Sid has overcome many challenges in his life – the death of his father, the car accident in which his wife was killed and his many months of rehab for his own injuries. Sid is a determined, kind, caring individual who has a wonderful outlook on life. He is unable to pitch horseshoes but will be seen at many tournaments visiting with the pitchers and sharing his expertise.

Congratulations Sid! You are a very deserving Hall of Fame member and dedicated horseshoe advocate.

STATE MEETING TIME
NOON Sat. Oct 21
at the Arena Sandbar

Green Bay 25th

by Kevin Brekke

I would like to give heartfelt thanks to all who made the Green Bay tournament of 2000 a success. The iron man award goes to Steve Mielke, who pitched "C" and won, moved up to "B" and took second. Steve was also instrumental in getting the courts in shape with Frank Hanold and myself. I would like to personally applaud Otis Wessley, who is not able to pitch right now, but kept score all day and lent a big hand in equipment and setup. Also thanks to Jim King, who had a family commitment but found time to keep score and setup. The last thanks you goes to Lynn and Ken Koehn who brought their daughter Crystal and stayed for the whole tournament, helping with the scoring, bringing equipment. Lynn ran the results board and even sold a few candy bars. Without them, running this tournament would have been difficult at best.

The Way-to Go award goes to our own Mer Sorensen, who in his last game pitched 78%. Way to Go Mer.

I would also like to thank all the pitchers who came to this tournament. I consider it an honor and privi-

lege to be tournament director of this event. I am already planning on a two day tournament next year at the same time - 3rd weekend in August.

Thanks to scorekeepers:

Mer Sorensen Otis Wessley
 Jerry Gossen Jim King
 Tom Costa Crystal Cyr
 Ken Koehn Wally Srenaski
 Kevin Brekke Steve Mielke
 John Kruger Lynn Koehn
 Cyrena Srenaski

Results:

<u>Cl A</u> Mer Sorensen	5/0	68.8
Brian Repinski	3/2	63.2
Ralph Maylahn	3/2	57.2
<u>Cl B</u> Chris Kitti	5/0	44.1
Steve Mielke	4/1	44.1
Cy Srenaski	2/3	46.8
<u>Cl C</u> Steve Mielke	5/0	40.8
Ken Kosky	3/2	31.1
Don Burmeister	3/2	26.4
<u>Cl D</u> Mel Sorensen	6/1	23.6
Norb Fuhrman	6/1	26.1
Jerry Kamps	5/2	21

6/21

Candidates Announcing

Paulette Hansen for Sec/Treas.

"I've decided to run for Sec/Treas of the WHPA because I am retiring and I would like the job. I know I can do it."

- Paulette Hansen

John Secord for Sec/Treas.

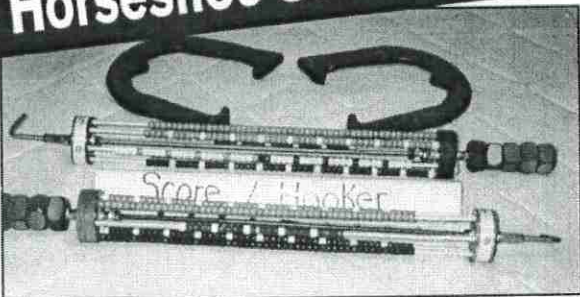
"I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of WHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I have enjoyed working with the other WHPA officers and it would be my privilege to continue serving and your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

John Secord WHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Jane Smith and Tom Steinke announced their candidacy and will both be running unopposed for the 1st and 3rd Vice President's Office respectively.

It was announced in the last Newsletter that Ken Kosky would be running for Sec/Treas. That has been rescinded. Ken is no longer a candidate.

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State Pitchers Shortchanged

Averages shown on the State Tournament schedule were downloaded from the July 29 Natstats file.

Be aware, not all Wisconsin tournament results were reported at that date. The last event reported was the Arena Workout of July 9th.

Played but unreported:

Sanborn Days	July 9
No. Ringer Classic	July 15
Ashland Cty Doubles	July 16
Combined Locks Open	July 16
Oxford Open	July 23
So Wisconsin Open	July 23

All are sanctioned tournaments that should be a factor in determining average for State Entry.

Of course the July events are credited as an event of participation toward the requirement of 3 events for State entry. Only the averages attained are left in limbo. Any average attained in the unreported tournaments did not affect the State entry average one iota.

Next year when setting up the State Tournament entry, those July 2000 events will have dropped off the Natstats twelve month calendar and never will figure into State entry average. Unfortunately it's the nature of the beast.

A few, very few, sets of tournament results are reported on the Natstats file on the Wednesday following the event. More often it takes another week. Yes, the file changes weekly.

Just because results are quickly

reported within this state does not mean that they will immediately appear on the Natstats file. First the results have to be put into a text file compatible with the Natstat program. If results are received typewritten or hand written (called hard copy) it adds more than a week to the process. Computer database sent online is the way to go.

Tournament directors would be well advised to have a computer knowledgeable person build the schedule and subsequently file results.

There's help out there for those who ask. Call Jim Haupt to set up your next tournament for the Natstats hotline. 414-964-2735 or jimhaupt@aol.com

This Person...

From the awards ceremony at the State Tournament; delivered by Marge Yach and Randy Rein.

"This year's Scorekeeper of the Year Award goes to a person who has done it all when it comes to horseshoes. This person will drive to a tournament sometimes not to pitch but to keep score.

This individual is a former state champion; two times pitcher of the year, and also in the Hall of Fame.

I've pitched this person many times and ended up with more losses than wins.

Through the years this person has earned my respect for being one of the top competitors in the state.

The 2000 Scorekeeper of the Year award goes to Ralph Maylahn. Let's give him a big round of applause. Congratulations Ralph."

MORE INDOOR LEAGUES & TOURNAMENTS

We would like to hold one or two sanctioned tournaments at Deansville, WI this coming winter season and are now signing up league players. We expect to have two leagues. We have four courts and are located between Sun Prairie and Marshall, just off Hwy 19. My address is:

Rudy Van Fleet
202 B Parkview Dr.
Columbus, WI 53925

Or Email me at;
vanfleet@centuryinter.net

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State Tournament 2002

by Terry Sternberg

We are still looking for someone to host the WHPA state tournament in 2002. The Beloit Club is hosting it in 2001 at their club's 13 outdoor courts.

The minimum amount of courts needed to host the state tournament is 13 (12 plus 1 court for playoffs) preferably with lights. 16 or more courts makes scheduling a lot easier. If there is a club that would like to host the state tournament but does not have enough members to help out or the number of courts needed, consider teaming up with another club. The Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe Club from Centuria did this twice. Once teaming up with the Eau Claire Club and again with the Windy Hill Club at Wausau.

So, if anyone is interested, please contact WHPA 2nd Vice President, Terry Sternberg, at 262-677-3300 or e-mail horshoewi@aol.com. Thanks You.

Kenosha Results (top three)

- Class A 1 Graig Zuehlke
2 Ralph Maylahn
3 Hallie Lambert
- Class B 1 Roger Schwebke
2 Linda Johnson
3 Dennis Ambuehl
- Class C 1 Jim Haupt
2 Don Burmeister
3 Fred Decorah
- Class D 1 Dale Shamberg
2 Ryan Hyatt
3 Scott Muhlenbeck

This was Ryan Hyatt's first sanctioned tournament. He is just 10 years old, and has a great future as a pitcher. keep your eyes on him. -Joe Zoromskis

Nash Park on the Ray Billen Courts

The Kenosha Club changed their date this year moving up to the weekend before in place of the weekend after the State Tournament. Although still looking for more pitchers, the Club hosted a two day event this time.

Because they are usually active throughout the winter, the Kenosha Club attracts a few Illinois members. The state to the south made it's presence known at this tournament.

Overall results won't show it but two pitchers combined for what was probably the best game ever in Nash Park. Players on court one, keeping their own score by spinning the dials for ringers, gained the rapt attention of spectators. Single points ordinarily kept on the magnets became a non issue as the ringers piled up. Ralph Maylahn, Genesse Depot, and Tom Costa, West Bend has a hot game going that was decided only in the last ten of the 50-shoe game. When the smoke cleared Maylahn was around the stake 40 times; Costa 36.

In this writer's eye, it was the only weekend game of this season where the two pitchers were actually applauded.

What made the game attractive to the small audience was that scoring system showing the ringers on the dial. The game could have escaped the attention of most with ordinary scorekeepers but no way with the running ringer total. That game was made for the ringer-point scoring system, or vice-versa.

Tournament Director, Joe Zoromskis, went overboard to accommodate the players. Each pitcher received a hand lettered copy of the class result sheet. Zoromskis said he thought he'd just try something new.

Letter to the Ed

Just finished reading the latest WHNL-Newsletter. Congratulations on being named the Regional Director of 2000. This is not a poll conducted by the Newsletter staff is it? Like the looks of the OHIO "O" shoes. Other stuff was interesting too. I'll send some money as soon as I get my hands on the checkbook. Thought I would follow with a letter to the editor.

Dear Ed.

Enjoyed the September, 2000 edition of the Newsletter. A short piece in the Down and Back section (page 10) caught my eye and deserves comment. "Randy Rein lost two places in the championship class" (was it the World?) because a fellow from Ontario suffered an injury. According to the article, "that's the forfeit rule." Where I come from rules are made to be changed when they don't make sense and this one sure doesn't. I hope a motion is made to improve this rule at the appropriate meeting. I'm not certain how to improve this rule but I am certain that the great minds in the NHPA or WHPA can come up with something more equitable.

—A Former Pitcher

Dear Former;

If you still subscribe to the Newsletter and no longer pitch you are still showing signs of the disease and would be more accurately described as "Reformed." Do not give up hope but recognize the thrill of a ringer remains in your makeup.

At the World Convention in Bismarck, a proposed bylaw change dealing with the existing forfeit rule did not pass. The little blurb you saw was a dig for those voters expressing a Nay. You are right. The rule should have changed.

Article XII, Sect. 12 Forfeits
In tournament competition the wins and losses and all statistics accumulated shall remain on the books for a pitcher who has to forfeit one or more games for any reason. (yadada yadada yadada) Any person who forfeits games shall finish wherever his record puts him in the standings unless he forfeits for unapproved reasons; then he finishes last.

The problem is that tournament directors of the World event and otherwise, readily accept ANY reason as valid. And the reasons are often suspect or flimsy. Most if not all dropouts are already on the tail end of the order.

THANK YOU!

from Lorraine Sternberg
I would like to thank Ken Jaeger for presenting me with the President's Award. This is a great honor but I do not feel that I deserve this award.

There have been many people who helped me out with raffles to build up the scholarship fund. The one person always helping me was my husband, Terry. Without him I could not have done this. My daughters along with the Steinke girls also played a big part, then there was Elaine Troullier and Jane Meier, who were always willing to help me run around the crowd with tickets. The biggest factor are the people who were always willing to buy tickets and never turn me down.

I think I can speak for Tom Steinke along with myself and would like to thank all of you for building up our scholarship to be one of the best. These are the ones who deserve an award. Lorraine Sternberg

Wisconsin Senior Olympics

at Washington Park, Milwaukee

An early morning shower inundated the Washington Park horseshoe courts. Inundated, as in flooded. The courts, full concrete, were a sheet of water like never seen before.

A few of the club members were on hand to get things rolling, like Frank Korosec, John Harmeyer, and Hal Muma. Along with competitors, Wes Taylor, West Bend and Roy Shaffer of Waupaca, and Lloyd Roe of Waukesha, the whole gang wielded brooms and shovels and pushed most of the water downhill. The sand courts were sloppy but through their efforts the day got going only thirty

minutes late.

We try to give all competitors five games to establish a count-all average to match against all others who may be pitching at different times in different classes throughout the day.

Surprisingly Sarah Fischer, an 80 year plus woman from Madison edged out the field averaging 29.2 points in her five 20-shoe games. The Womens division was hers.

Most entrants were 30' Elders grouped regardless of age. It was the most competitive division. Lloyd Roe placed 3rd averaging 27 pt. Les Krogman, Milwaukee, and Roy Shaffer tied for second at 28.2 pt. Wes Taylor took the top spot with a 29 pt. average.

Some men over 70 years prefer to pitch at 40 feet. Club member, Joe Lipperer found himself in the Open Mens division for that reason. Lipperer won averaging 24.6 edging fellow club member John Leskovar and Dale Rosenberger of Menominee Falls who had tied at 22 pt. in the runner-up spot.

Sally Kubash, Milwaukee, and second in the Womens division is a regular contestant who, as always, ran the statistics bench.

Senior Olympics at Washington Park is a tough order with only three courts. Through the unsolicited help and cooperation of the contestants this event has changed from a chore to a very pleasant day in the park.

Washington Park Horseshoe Club willingly accepts host responsibilities for 2001.

V.F.W. Doubles

Tournament Director, Dan Narvarette was ten entries down this year for unknown reasons. But the event ran three days regardless. Maybe they want to keep the big raffle going longer.

We saw it on the bartender

first – a shirt that said "Just shoe it" with a lazy horseshoe pictured below calling to mind the Nike swoosh. Other copies seen on the courts indicated it had been a Combined Locks league award

In this land of "more is better," 50-shoe doubles games used to be common. Age and wisdom have prevailed. It's now 40-shoes and thankfully six-team classes.

The club team of Cliff and Elaine Troullier made short work of the "A" class clinching all contests. Mercifully the VFW paid all places. Other than moaning over missed opportunities, losers went home happy.

Beloit Plays Doubles Too

It was an all day affair, the last outdoor tournament of the year and just when the weather turned beautiful.

What a difference two weeks made. Still reeling from the heat of the State Tournament, the doubles pitchers in Beloit enjoyed probably the best weather conditions of the entire season.

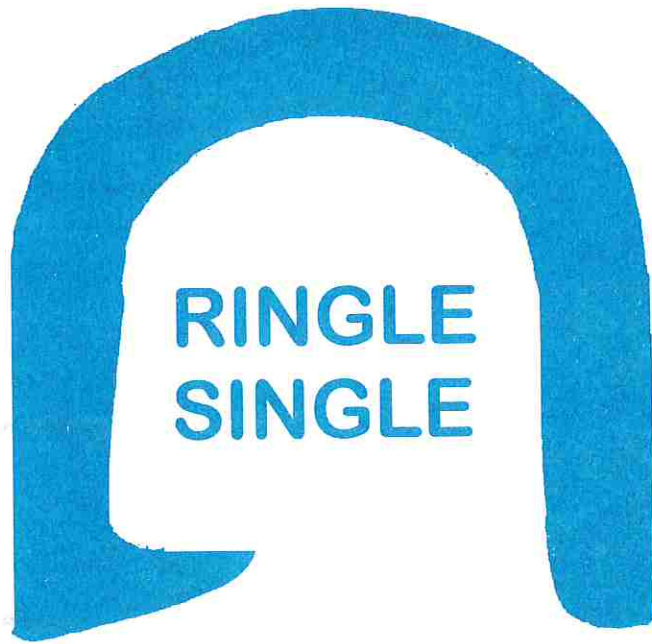
Earl Paulson explained that the "A" class was not as competitive as hoped so the payback would extend to five places in the eight team class and, the normal 30-shoe games would be chopped to 20-shoes.

It was not what the traveling pitchers wanted to hear, abbreviated games, but it was done as directed. The resulting play-off confirmed the choice of shortened games.

Every team "shared the wealth" by losing at least twice for a three team play-off. Ron Lingard/Julio Tijerina first took care of Roger Schwebke/BobPower then dispatched Harry Laws/Dutch Rittwegger to win the Beloit Doubles title for the second year running.

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