

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 1 NUMBER 2

JULY 1986

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NEWSLETTER

As we go to press for the second issue of the newsletter, we have paid subscribers. We like to think the newsletter sold itself or perhaps the very idea of a newsletter sold you. Thanks for the timely response and the many letters and notes we received with your checks.

Now we need you to spread the word. Through personal contact, it's easy to sell this newsletter, but we can't do it all. Talk to a club member or your opponent at a tournament; we need your help to get those subscribers - now.

To those of you who have already received one newsletter and have neglected to respond; we ask that you do so soon. You might consider this your second and final notice. Two promotional issues of the newsletter is our limit. Send your check today to remain on our mailing list. Thanks. Be aware that you are one of 180 people individually selected for our first mailing because we believe you will support organized horseshoes in Wisconsin.

State-wide horseshoe news is only possible if we have state-wide participation. Come on people, get your feet wet. Send us something we can print. Make an attempt and we'll edit it, if necessary.

1987 WORLD TOURNAMENT - EAU CLAIRE, WI BY CURT BESTUL

[We] will try to give you an update on what we are doing to get ready for the World [Tournament in 1987.]

The [raffle] license finally did come last Friday the 9th [of May] and the tickets were printed by Tuesday. Al Lonning, the raffle chairman, has sent them out to about everyone that offered to sell them for us. The initial response has been very good so we have every reason to believe this will be our big fund raiser.

The selling of ads for the Program has also been started and the places contacted so far have been very receptive. We would like to encourage everyone to consider having their name listed on one of the pages entitled "FRIENDS OF HORSESHOE". The cost for this is a minimum of \$5.00 and it is an easy way for people to really give us a lot of support. When you think what the extra cost would be to attend the World Tournament in some other state, the amount of this contribution does not seem so great.

We have also added one other ad that is not listed on our literature. This one is similar to the Friends of Horseshoe and is intended more for small business places or other organizations. The cost is \$25.00 and we would have a page that would list the name of the business or club etc. plus their street address and town. This would be a four line listing. The Friends of Horseshoe only lists the persons name and town.

The 16 portable courts [and stakes] for this year's tournament are all made. The Parks & Rec Dept. will be having the clay (from Chenoa, IL) sent up very shortly so we can start putting it in the courts. We have been given permission to start placing tape markers on the floor of the Hobbs Arena to mark off each court and the new scoring machines are all made.

The NHPA was asked if anyone was going to be here to look over our facilities and also answer any questions we may have. Dave Loucks, our President, replied that he was hoping to have someone here and most likely it would be Donnie Roberts (NHPA Sec./Treas.) if his schedule permitted it.

1987 WORLD TOURNAMENT - EAU CLAIRE, WI (CONT'D)
BY CURT BESTUL

It is good to know that pitchers all over the state are thinking about having the World Tournament in Wisconsin and want to be part of it. It is up to us to let them know that they are an important part of it and when it is all over, we should be proud of what we did as a state, not just the club in Eau Claire.

For raffle tickets contact: Al Lonning, 1210 E. Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire, WI 54701, Friends of Horseshoe ads etc. contact: Kay Bauer, 1411 Bend Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701, for souvenir badges, contact: Curt Bestul, 1412 Sherwin Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701

PITCHIN' PALACE MAY DAYS OPEN - MAY 3 & 4

Windy weather buffeted the car on the way to the Pitchin' Palace, but once inside it was business as usual. "Wind and rain won't effect your game..." as Dick Hansen, Tournament Director, says. Dick had his computer program this tournament. All pitchers were seeded by their computer average compiled over the entire 85-86 season at the Palace. The schedule was impeccably listed with percentages figured to two decimal places. But hey! How's the computer to know who won't show? In Classes A and B there were five changes. But the human computer, Dick Hansen, found substitutes.

Class A - Formerly a consistent runner-up in Class A, Dan Bloom, Janesville, (65.1%) outlasted Roger Poutanen, Schofield, (70.2%) in a play-off. Roger was 8pct. points over his entry percentage, on the way he had high game of 78.0%. Third place went to Grant Hintz, Ill., (54.8%) which exactly matched his entry percentage. Of special note was Hiram Nelson's "new" shoe; it turns! And well enough to produce a (61.4%) average. Hiram is from Ottawa, Ill.

Class B - Harry Johnson, Milwaukee, placed first (again) with (52.0%). Brian Repinski, Plover, was second with (53.7%) and high game of 72.0%. Woody Woodworth, Batavia, Ill. was third with (50.2%).

Class C - Chuck Hansen, Union Grove, was first with (43.4%), 5 pct. points over average. Geri Meistad was second with (44.0%). Geri is from Racine and has moved from forty to thirty feet. She had high game of 58.0%. Third place went to another Pitchin' Palace regular, Warren Knipple, Waukesha, with (41.4%).

Class D - The Junior Class was scratched although some Juniors did pitch as pacers in some adult classes. As a pacer in Class D, Jr. pitcher, Tom Hansen, Franksville, out-pitched the entire class with a high game of 76.0% and overall ringer percentage of (62.0%). Dean Beaumont, St. Francis, placed first with (30.3%) after a play-off with Faith Jackson, Baraboo, (34.0%), Mike Paulson, Racine, was third with (36.0%).

Class E - Dennis Jancoski, St. Francis, won with (26.8%), Red Seaburg, Ill., was second with (27.7%), and Len Meistad, Racine, was third with (24.2%).

This being the final tournament of the indoor season, an award was given to those who pitched in all seven of the monthly tournaments. The Pitchin' Palace logo patch was received by: Dennis Jancoski, Bob Traber, Dick Hansen, Al Jorgenson, Jim Haupt, Grant Hintz, Woody Woodworth, Chuck Hansen, Mike McDonald, and Len Meistad.

POLK COUNTY HORSESHOE LEAGUES

BY JANE SMITH, BALSAM LAKE, WI

At the present there are three Horseshoe Organizations in Polk County. There are: Monday night Men's league - three teams A, B, C - 21 teams, Wednesday night Women's league - three leagues A, B, C - 23 teams, Close Doesn't Count league - 40 shoe cancellation, 5 teams, 5 persons per team.

The Mens and Women's leagues have been functioning for about 15 years. Each team has a roster of 12 persons with 8 playing each week. These games of horseshoe are played in the A leagues to 30 points and in the B and C leagues to 21 points. Partners play four games in one night. Each team in an evening of play, will play 16 games. These leagues begin on sand pits in May and end in August.

The Close Doesn't Count league is four years old. It is the only handicapped league in the area and at present - only women are members. This play takes place every Monday night in the Village of Centuria where extra pits were built to accomodate our league. We have eight sand pits. Members of this league are sanctioned league players and some are NHPA and WHPA members.

Generally speaking, we have about 450 horseshoe pitchers in the area. Some are excellent pitchers but don't venture out of the County for tournaments. The majority of these players play for a 'night out'.

It would be great to get all these pitchers to join the NHPA or WHPA but how can we encourage membership when little is offered in return for their membership fees?

Horseshoe is a big summer activity in our area as there are many Doubles Tournament weekends through out the summer. More and more of our sanctioned league members are participating in the State 50 shoe tournaments. Being so far north, we have greater opportunity to play in Minnesota tournaments. To play on clay courts is indeed a treat!

Good luck pitching this summer!

40 FEET OR 30 FEET OR MIXED?

1. The tournament entry of a Class "A" lady was rejected for lack of comparable competition. If you were the Tournament Director, what would you have done?
2. A 45-50% woman pitched, as scheduled, in Class "B" (Men) and wins! Yes or no?
3. A questionnaire asks: If the women were not evenly matched in their own class, would you object if they were sprinkled into the men's classes?
4. In a tournament situation, should senior men, 70 yrs. plus, have the option to pitch from anywhere up to 30 feet? Why not? How are you going to hack it when you're 80?
5. The Junior boys class was washed out. The mens classes were faced with byes. The slots were filled by Jr. boys as pacers.

All these questions or situations are real and all from Wisconsin. Any comments? Ideas? Feedback?

Illinois Tournament Flyer - (A quote) - "Limit 8 highest ringer % 30'-0" Pitchers (Women, Jr. & Sr.)...."

EAU CLAIRE OPEN - JUNE 14-15 DEADLINE - MAY 31st

Indoor horseshoes in an ice arena with "portable" pits and new scoremarkers - the Eau Claire Club is working out the wrinkles for the 1987 World Tournament. It's going to be interesting. Good luck to all.

MUSKEGO OPEN - JUNE 14-15 DEADLINE - JUNE 2nd

Muskego is sand country, torpedo sand, but they keep the hose handy and you won't have to turn your pit. Raking sure beats shoveling. Big, open, grassy courts with no fence, located behind the Moose Club. It's a well run tournament, known for good trophies.

SWEN'S OPEN - JUNE 21-22 DEADLINE - JUNE 11th

Experience Green Bay clay! The layout is fenced with plenty of spectator room and good parking. Out front you'll find the Midway Bar, serving the best Hamburger on the Wisconsin horseshoe circuit. Home of Carl Joppe, State Champ.

MARSHFIELD OPEN - JUNE 21-22 DEADLINE - JUNE 7th

Located in the City Park, but the area is so large, it is hard to imagine it over-crowded. Nice parking, clean facilities and they also have Green Bay clay.

GOLDENDALE OPEN - JUNE 27-28-29 DEADLINE - JUNE 8th

Here it's "out behind the barn", located in Germantown, beside the Lone Star Tavern. Rural, cozy, trees on the courts. Spectators sit on a shady hillside. The six, plus play-off court layout, means mostly six man classes. Shoes and game related items are for sale, limited entry. Nice clay, (from Oakfield).

JERRY SHERWIN MEMORIAL FUND

The Goldendale Horseshoe Club of Germantown has chosen to honor the memory of Jerry Sherwin, who died last October. He contributed his time to us in many ways. One of his last works was designing and painting the signs you see at every tournament asking for Scholarship funds. During the Goldendale tournament this year, all moneys collected for the Junior's Scholarship fund will be done so and subsequently donated to the WHPA in the name of Jerry Sherwin.

CHENOA, ILL. - JULY 4th DEADLINE - JUNE 14th

Claim to have the best clay in the World! The Eau Claire Club wants to use this clay for their World Tournament. Home of Don Peters and Eldon Bryant, Chenoa is about 2½ hrs. south of the State line. Only 56 pitchers will be accepted for this one day tournament held in conjunction with the Fourth of July picnic. This is a prestige tourney and attracts some top pitchers. Camping in the area. Mail \$10.00 and ringer percent to: Rick Fields, 906 Florence, Chenoa, Ill.

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

JULY 1986

PAGE 5

FILLMORE USA OPEN - JULY 11-12-13 DEADLINE - JUNE 22nd

Watch for the sign; turn into someones driveway; park anywhere. It's the only game in town. Lots of picnic tables under canvas, but bring your beach umbrella, if you want to watch from the shade. Mostly eight man classes; may be forty shoes, good clay (Oakfield). Take a chance, buy a paint paddle; you may win a six-pack. Send entry to: Dan Ebert, 684 Highway 84, Fredonia, Wi 53021, 414-692-2739.

JANESVILLE UAW OPEN - JULY 12-13 DEADLINE - JUNE 29th

Party time; softball tourney, pig roast, beer tent and music! 6th Annual Association for Retarded Citizens fund raising event. Big parking lot, but they need it as this blow-out is really popular. Bring a sunshade as the new trees are still too sparce. Limited to 144 entries, but with 12 sand courts, the number should be no problem. Send entry fee of \$12.00 to: Ron Yttri, 214 Sunset Drive, Janesville, Wi 53545.

EDGERTON TOBACCO DAYS - JULY 18-19-20 DEADLINE - JULY 5th

This place looks like it has a history, if not, at least the trees do. Eight sand courts cut into the edge of a grove of hardwoods. Fair-like surroundings, people moving among exhibits provide spectators watching the "Pros". Bandstand is within sight, playing that good old country sound. Send entry to: Greg Reiersen, 1283 Co. Trk. A, Edgerton, Wi 53534, 608-884-8821. 8

MID-EASTERN OPEN - JULY 18-19-20 DEADLINE - JUNE 30th

Kamps Kovered Kourts - like to hear the rain rattle that roof. Outside bar and grill is protected too. Air-conditioned inside bar has picture windows courtside. This tourney is well run by experience being that the first NHPA sanctioned state tournament was held here in 1967, under the new state organization. Send entry to: Ruth Sanders, 407 S. Washington St., Combined Locks, Wi 54113, 414-788-3192.

"FROM THE HORSESHOE CAPITOL OF THE NORTH"

BY GIL GENKE, MOUNTAIN, WI

The Men's tavern league got into full swing last Monday [May 12th,] with eight teams participating. We had a wonderful turn out and had a few new faces. Also the Breed [Wi] Couple's league starts Wednesday nites; this league is starting its third year. We do anticipate an interesting season at the end of which a banquet will be held.

WHPA WEATHER - JUNE & JULY

LATE JUNE: Dark nights; Monday through thursdays, rain after midnight clearing by morning; weekends fair and clear.

EARLY JULY: Sunny days; warm nights and double ringer weekends.

ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION - \$4.00 - (8 ISSUES)

SEND TO: WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

NAME _____

W204 N11912 GOLDENDALE ROAD

ADDRESS _____

GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

CITY _____

ZIP CODE _____

1986 STATE TOURNAMENT - PITCHIN' PALACE
STURTEVANT, WI - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The State Tournament Committee, rest assured, is on the job. Arrangements have been made for the WHPA meeting, Sunday morning, at the T-Bird Lounge; the management will provide coffee and rolls. As usual, the projected attendance is unknown. A full house would give your state officers a vote of confidence.

Pitchin' Palace owner, Tom Roanhouse, promised to supply the WHPA with a temporary office trailer wired to the public address system and to provide porta-johns. He will staff and manage the food and refreshment tent. Considered extras are, a Saturday night street dance in the parking lot and closed circuit TV for the result charts.

Dick Hansen, tournament director, has successfully contracted with a group of college students which will provide up to thirty-two people per day for scorekeeping. The committee anticipates spending seven hundred dollars based on the new scorekeeping rate of \$1.00 per game. Another fifteen hundred dollars will go for trophies; Dick says he hopes he has enough left for postage. There will be some outside courts but all class competition is expected to be held indoors. State program ads; \$40, one third page, \$100, full page; send to: Pitchin' Palace, 14000 Leetsbir Road, Sturtevant, WI 53177. The Pitchin' Palace is now open Monday and Thursday evenings for summer leagues.

To enter the state tournament, you must have two state scheduled tournament averages between August 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986. This rule applies to adults only. You also must be a State and National Association member. The State dues are \$3.00 (\$5.00 after May 31st), National dues are \$7.00. You can send for your membership card to: John Secord, WHPA secretary-treasurer, 2123 Brown Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. The National Digest is also available through John for \$9.00, one year subscription.

BROTHERTOWN OPEN - JUNE 1st

Hall of famer, Archie Johnson, was trying to hot-wire the outdoor beer refrigerator as we arrived at the Brothertown horseshoe shack Sunday morning. We uncovered courts; Archie instructed scorekeepers.

Class B - a 4-Man double round robin, 1st place, with 6 wins, no losses, Lloyd Rouse, Oconto Falls, 29.8%; 2nd place, Bob Traber, Cedarburg, 27.0%; 3rd place Ed Schuetz, Milwaukee, 10.6%; 4th place, Al McGowan, Milwaukee, 11.6%. Meanwhile a local handy-guy got the frige going. Sixteen Holstein Heifers lined the west fence to watch the next class. Class A - Ladies - a 4-Lady double round robin, 1st place, Ruth Sanders, Combined Locks, 52.0%; 2nd place, Cy Srenaski, Green Bay, 43.6%; 3rd place, Ann Opsteen, Holland, 36.6%; and 4th place, Sally Kubash, Milwaukee, (a good sport), 10.3%. Class A Men - and the grilled hamburgers started about the same time...(finally). 1st place, Wally Srenaski, Green Bay, 51.7%; 2nd place, Steve Weigert, Green Bay, 46.3%; 3rd place, Harry Johnson, Milwaukee, 44.9%; 4th place, Leon Uhl, Sheboygan, 44.0%; 5th place, Chris Kitti, West Allis, 38.0%; 6th place, Charley Christophis, Sheboygan, 33.7%; 7th place, Jim Haupt, Milwaukee, 39.4%; 8th place, Wayne Franzen, the Muskego flipper, 36.6%. All percentages computed by John Secord with scratch pad and stubby pencil. Arch thanks all helpers especially Wally, Bob, and Wayne. And we thank you Arch, horseshoes' one-man-band.