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## Spring Meeting

### May be a vanishing species

Forty-one members made the trip to the Dells for the Spring meeting. John Secord, the State Secretary usually starts off the meeting with the financial report. See another page.

Terry Sternberg introduced John Dolezel as the Eau Claire Club contact person for the upcoming State Tournament.

The club is planning for a two day event, Saturday and Sunday barring rain. There will be no Saturday night banquet but Sunday noon will be WHPA Hall of Fame and awards hour on the courts. The Hotel/Motel accommodations will be announced as they become available.

The working host, Jane Smith, said the washout rain date is the third weekend in September

2007 State Tournament will be jointly hosted by Deansville and the Sandbar clubs. No further details are available at this time.

The WHPA information brochure has been re-edited by Terry Sternberg and Ken Kosky and is presently available. Kosky brought 200 to the meeting. More on the way and are available from Terry Sternberg.

VP Sonia Cook reports the Scholarship Fund is in the black with a current balance of \$5600.

NHPA VP, Lorraine Sternberg

invited teams to enter the 2006 Sanctioned league tournament in Atterbury, IN. 24 teams are expected and is the limit.

Dick Hansen reminds the membership of the World tournament in Gillette, WY, same place, the Complex as in the past.

The convention will include an election to replace a 28 year veteran of the executive board, Bonnie Seibold. Aspiring to the office are Ron Kohn, Rivers Prewette, and Jerry LaBrosse.

Groundbreaking for the NHPA, Hall of Fame is May 5th for the 16 court inside and 8 court outside facility in St Charles County, MO. The nearby Holiday Inn, 1 mile away in Wentzville, MO is already a sustaining sponsor and visitors are urged to use their facility.

The rules revision is expected to be printed for possible acceptance during the convention.

To get the real lowdown on NHPA news, do not wait for the H-S (Hansen- Sternberg) reports, get your own subscription to Newline. Hansen runs the subscription base and will be happy to accept your order.

Ken Kosky, NHPA Game Related Sales Manager stated that the Beloit club is his sales force in this state, has the same horseshoes for sale. He will also be offering new scoreboards at Team-World.

Ken Jaeger, Regional Director says gas prices may make it a lean

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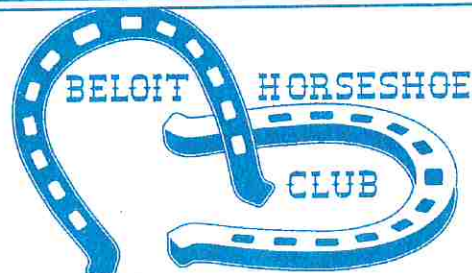


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## Coming Events

<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>Club Team @ Beloit</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart, Milw. WI 53217		
414-964-2735	<b>28-06-011</b>	D/L 4-15-06
<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>State Doubles @ Beloit per team</b>	<b>\$40</b>
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du lac WI 54937		
920-922-0080	<b>28-06-012</b>	D/L 3-31-06
<b>May 6-7</b>	<b>Encore @ Beloit</b>	<b>\$20</b>
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304	<b>28-06-013</b>	D/L 4-22-06
<b>May 19-20-21</b>	<b>Team World @ Beloit</b>	<b>\$ 240</b>
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304	<b>28-06-015</b>	D/L 4-15-06
<b>May 27-28</b>	<b>Platteville Spring Singles</b>	<b>\$16</b>
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St. Platteville, WI 53818		
608-348-9697	<b>28-06-019</b>	D/L 5-13-06
<b>June 3-4</b>	<b>Wolf River Open Limit 64</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961		
920-982-6287	<b>28-06-020</b>	D/L 5-20-06
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>Eagle River Open Limit 32</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Arthur Collien 1855 Adams Rd Eagle River, WI 54521		
715-479-6136	<b>28-06-021</b>	D/L 5-27-06
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Eau Claire Open</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>
Higher entrance fee will be reflected in pay-outs.		
Dave Schorbahn		
N36494 State Rd., Independence, WI 54747		
715-985-3515	<b>28-06-022</b>	D/L 5-27-06
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>Beloit Spring Singles</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Earl Paulson 7105 S Cty. Hwy. H, Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304	<b>28-06-023</b>	D/L 5-27-06
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Marshfield Open</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Dan David 282 Rangeline Rd. Auburndale, WI 54412		
715-384-3612	<b>28-06-024</b>	D/L 6-3-06
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Muskego Open</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Tom Steinke W343 S10062 Hwy E Eagle, WI 53119		
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<b>June 24</b>	<b>Weston Open Limit 48</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Ken Kosky 6007 Municipal St. Weston, WI 54476		
715-355-4628	<b>28-06-026</b>	D/L 6-10-06
<b>June 24-25</b>	<b>Goldendale Open</b>	<b>\$15</b>
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262-677-3300	<b>28-06-027</b>	D/L 6-10-06

This schedule is prepared by **Regional Director Ken Jaeger Sr.** Any additions or corrections should be brought to his attention.



## And The President Says

It is the time of year to check out the horseshoe leagues in your area.

Probably sanctioned leagues are the best for pitching more shoes and keeping a true average, but club leagues and bar leagues are fun for getting together with your friends and making new ones. When you have the urge to play more, check your newsletter for upcoming tournaments. Remember, the World tournament is in Gillette, WY this year. If you have four tournaments pitched from May 2005 to May 2006, it is time to take a trip. Gillette is a nice place with a very nice pitching facility. I have been there before.

Also, remember State tournament this year is in Eau Claire. You need three tournaments from August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006. Get your tournaments, and we'll see you in Eau Claire.

I have received letters from Bob Wilke in the last couple of months. He's a very interesting person to write to and hear from. He has many pitching stories and history about himself to tell. If you get a chance visit or talk to Bob, do it. Bob tells me he will be 97 on May 6, 2006.

Happy Birthday Bob!

Good pitching,

Tom

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year for tournament participation . He thanks the tournament directors in helping produce an early outdoor schedule and also asks those tournament directors for an timely return of unused patches. The cost is 50 cents each and are best kept in circulation.

Edi McKinney's announcement of Terry Sternberg to the 2006 Hall of Fame was well accepted.

Under "Old Business, " President, Tom Steinke, said the two year trial for forty shoe games at the State was completed and ready for assessment. The membership affirmed 40 shoe games after no discussion by acclimation.

State tournament champion, Aleena Cook modeled her new jacket, black with colorful embroidery.

Steinke stated that the embroidery shop that produced the state shirts will now accept personal clothing for their custom embroidery. Bring your personal articles to Steinke at the state doubles meet. State seal is \$16. Names \$6. Consult Steinke for complete information. (see below on this page)

Paulette Hansen had the new WHPA blue enameled , gold rimmed pins and will have them for sale at the future Beloit events, the Club - Team, the State Doubles and Team- World. Look for her display in Beloit.

Bylaw changes :

1. The three tournament prerequisite for state Tournament entry was extended to include the Elders class.
2. The elimination of some of the scorekeepers at the

State tournament motion did not earn a second.

3. Changing the dues structure to include a newsletter subscription was squelched when the principals of the Newsletter, publisher, editor, and writer expressed their desire to remain an entirely separate entity.

Ted Rohde thinks two months between Newsletter issues is too long and wished it could return to eight issues. The vote of confidence from Rohde is acknowledged.

Ken Kosky fielded it saying it was his call to go to a six issue year. Publishing an issue is taking a week eight times a year and cutting into his free time, and becoming a not so popular chore. The balance of the Newsletter staff felt it best to go along with their one and only publisher.

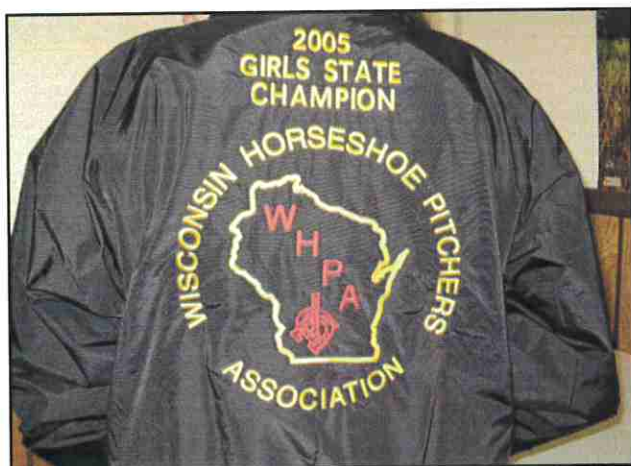
Get a load of this one. Loraine Sternberg suggested eliminating one of the two meetings per year that the WHPA now engages.

Jaeger asked for a five minute meeting shutdown to consider the alarming diversion.

When the meeting resumed in about ten minutes, the ideas still flying were varied including banquets, traveling meetings, and which of the meetings to do away with. Consequently it was asked that the motion be tabled until the fall meeting.

That will be October 21st 2006 at the same time and place. Might be the last one.

Meeting adjourned after one hour and twenty-five minutes.



#### Special printing on "your" clothing items.

WHPA Logo on back;  
\$16

Horseshoe on front;  
\$6

Small name on front;  
\$3

Last name on back,  
in 2" letters  
\$12

Get info and article of clothing, to Tom Steinke and he will get it done. **(Bring to Club Team)**

## 2006 WHPA SPRING FINANCIAL REPORT

ENDING BALANCE OCTOBER 15, 2005 \$3929.74

**DEPOSITS:**

2 - 2005 NHPA .....	34.00
2 - LATE FEE.....	4.00
251 - 2006 NHPA .....	4128.00
9 - 2006 JUNIOR NHPA.....	45.00
2 NEWSLETTER.....	16.00
STATE DOUBLES ENTRY.....	560.00
TOURNAMENT FEES.....	225.50
STATE PINS (BELOIT).....	200.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS....</b>	<b>5212.50</b>

**EXPENSES:**

5 NEWSLINE (OFFICERS).....	60.00
WHPA BROCHURES.....	195.00
ENVELOPES.....	80.03
PRINTING (DOUBLES FLYER-AVERAGES IN NEWSLETTER)...	105.00
2005 STATE JUNIORS TROPHIES.....	532.00
STATE PINS.....	830.29
INTERNET.....	221.50
NEWSLETTER.....	56.00
POSTAGE.....	78.00
NHPA.....	3057.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>5214.82</b>

MARCH 18, 2006

BALANCE 3927.42

**“The greatest friend of truth is Time, her greatest enemy is Prejudice, and her constant companion is Humility.”**  
- Charles C. Colton

**“We can't all be heroes. Somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.”**  
- Will Rogers

**“A perfect wife is one who doesn't expect a perfect husband.”**  
- Anonymous

**“We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.”**  
- Omar Bradley

**“There's no point in burying the hatchet if you're going to put up a marker on the site.”**  
- Sydney J. Harris

**“The proud man counts his newspaper clippings- the humble man his blessings.”**  
- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

## WHPA Awards

By Jane Smith

**The Hall of Fame Program** held at the State Tournament every year features several awards in addition to the Hall of Fame inductees. Some of these awards are given by individuals, some are calculated by NHPA events during the year, and others are earned through improved pitching. The purpose of this article is to clear up some of the questions regarding these awards.

**The Hall of Fame** awards are determined by the Hall of Fame committee co-chaired by Edie McKinney and Jeff Secord. Anyone can submit a nomination to Edie or Jeff by February 1. These nominations are shared by the HOF Committee which meets and makes its decision before the Spring meeting each year. To be eligible for HOF nomination a person must have been a WHPA member for 10 years and has excelled either as a pitcher, promoter or combination of both. It is important to remember ANYONE may nominate a person for this award.

**The President's Award** is awarded by the WHPA President. Dick Hansen was the creator of this award which began in 1993. The criterion for this award is determined by the president at the time. So far we have had three different presidents so basically three different sets of criteria. Communication with our president can give one a clearer picture of criteria of the year.

**The Scorekeeper of the Year Award** is given by Randy and Marge Rein. They willingly are open to suggestions from the WHPA members for persons who spend time during tournaments scorekeeping. The only restriction for this award is a person can win it only once in five years. This award was first given in 1997.

**The Pitcher of the Year (POY) Award** began in 1990 again by then president Dick Hansen. At the inception of this award a person earned 3 points for each WHPA event they participated, 5 points for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, 10 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish and 15 points for a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. The bookkeeping got to be very involved and time consuming so pitchers received points for their top three finishes. Jane Smith took over the stats and in 2004 several changes were made. The most notable was the establishment of three different divisions of POY: Category A, those with averages greater than 50%; Category B, averages between 35% and 49.99%; and Category C, averages less than 35%. The year end average as printed in the Wisconsin Newsletter is the determining factor in placing pitchers in their categories. WHPA members can also pick up 15 points for attending each of the Spring and Fall WHPA state meetings. The important point here is that category placement for pitcher is the year end average as printed in the WI Newsletter.

**The Most Improved Award** is given to the pitcher who has raised their average the most points from State tournament to State tournament. Pitchers moving from long distance to short distance are not eligible for this award in their first year of short distance pitching. Averages are taken from NATSTATS published the first week in August. This award is researched by Jane Smith and our WHPA president orders plaques and gives the award at the Hall of Fame ceremony. The first Most Improved award was awarded in 2000.

**The Casey Jones Award** is the newest of awards and has not yet been awarded. WHPA members are encouraged to give names to the WHPA president for consideration. The WHPA executive council will determine the winner. The criterion for this award is vague and is to be awarded to a person who has given their time to the game of horseshoes. Dedication beyond belief seems to be a factor as is the question, "Who do you think of when talking Wisconsin horseshoes?" Again, the WHPA membership has a say in this award; just notify the WHPA president of your choice with a few reasons for your selection.

Hopefully, some of your questions regarding these awards have been answered. If not, please contact any of your officers and they should be able to help you. The recipients of these awards are listed each year in the state tournament program. Enjoy the springtime in Wisconsin!

## Behind the Mask

with Ken Heinritz



The broken shoe of Kerry Morris at a recent tournament reminded me that I should be receiving a phone call any day now from my dad. Every April my dad calls from Arizona telling me he has a bucket of horseshoes for me. No not because it's my birthday. The bucket he is speaking of is full of **broken** shoes. Because I am a welder, he wants me to repair them, making them 'good as new'.

Many things in life as many of us know, are not 'good as new' if they were once broken. I recall a time when my family was tent camping. In fact it was the 1999 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio. One night in particular, my wife, daughter and I and of course our black lab, Shady were jostling for position on the queen size air mattress in our two-man tent, when all of a sudden we heard psssssssss. We sprung a leak. As you might have guessed we determined that it was Shady's fault as three puncture marks were identified. Thankfully we came prepared. I pulled out the patch kit, patched up the holes, blew up the mattress (takes about a half an hour) and went back to sleep. Would you believe that when morning came, we found ourselves sore and

stiff from sleeping on the hard ground? The mattress was once again deflated? As you might imagine, this routine was repeated every night for the rest of our trip.

There is a time however, when being 'broken' is the best thing that could possibly happen. And it is absolutely necessary for whole and complete restoration. What am I referring to? I am referring to something that is very difficult to do. In fact most people will not do it. So what is it? It is **simply humbling yourself**. This means having a 'broken' attitude over a very unappealing condition about oneself. Nobody enjoys the pain of a sharp knife lancing the infected wound. We too must recognize any miserable trait or wretched condition we find ourselves in. And only when we 'fess up' to our problem, will the puss come out and healing begin to take place.

Whether or not the shoes I weld up for my dad are as 'good as new' is debatable, but one thing is absolutely certain. A broken heart taken to the Lord will result in complete healing. The Great Physician can and will heal the ugliest of all conditions!

*Psalms 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted...*

*Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.*



## Humanitarian Endeavor

Individuals from the Deansville Horse-shoe Club continue their winning ways by assisting in the loading of medical supplies and equipment.

A humanitarian project by Chet Hermansen and many others, collect the supplies for a once a year shipment to Honduras to benefit hospitals and schools. Chet and others will be traveling to Honduras in late February or March to help with distribution.

## Canceled

from Eddie Wheeler

This email is to inform you, that I will be canceling all of my tournaments that are scheduled after Feb. 12. This is not an easy thing for me to do. I have seen entries to my events drop to the point of having to cancel several events in the past. Then I go to other events and they can't seem to fit everyone in. Just last weekend, Deansville had more entries in two classes, than I have for my upcoming event. I am not going to try and run these events, when there isn't enough people interested in coming. I have had to have some real lop-sided classes (percentage wise), which is not fair to the pitchers on the lower end of the class.

It's also very aggravating to see people from different parts of the state, showing up at Beloit and Deansville, but be damned if they will come to Arena.

I have tried to do my best with my tournaments, but apparently it seems like it wasn't enough. I thought by providing the opportunity to have numerous events to pitch in, that there would be plenty of chances for everyone to play this game that we all love so much,

AT LEAST I DO!!!! I will continue to pitch in as many tournaments as my body will allow, but I think it will be some time, before I will start running any more tournaments.

## And there's More..

With everything having been said about the cancellation of my tournaments,

I would like to take this time to thank all of the horseshoe pitchers that help make the tournaments I ran, a success. It's people like you, the ones that show up at each event, regardless of how many are there, that give a tournament director a feeling of satisfaction. All of the handshakes, pats on the back, and the many thank yous, can't add up to the thanks that I want to pass along to many pitchers that helped make my events a success, at least in my eyes.

I've said it after each of my events, and I will say it once more: "it's not the tournament director, that makes a tournament a success, it's the people who show up and participate in it, that makes it a success."

Thank you to each and everyone who support my events, and hopefully, someday, I will try it again. Good Pitching and we will see you around.

Ed Wheeler

**"When you reach for the stars, you may not quite get them, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.**

**- Leo Burnett**

**"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a Heaven for?"**

**- Robert Browning**

## Hey! What's going on?

Jim

Email news is lately filled with tournament cancellations.

First Eddie Wheeler drops the bomb that he is canceling all future tournaments until further notice citing lack of interest on the part of possible entrants. His own interest is as keen as ever but he will limit his participation to tournaments hosted by others.

Next we hear of the Carley tournament postponement. The reason, we have found is that there is new management at the Sandbar. They have contracted for several stage shows and are reluctant to break-down the stage area between show dates. That reduces availability of the eight courts to five which is apparently not considered enough for a full blown horseshoe tournament.

The Carley's will go when the sun comes out.

Ordinarily these columns contain tournament news. Eddie Wheeler often contributed his own tournament write-ups. We edged this note in black because it is a black day for the WHPA when Wheeler hangs it up.

He first took it upon himself to schedule a group of tournaments. So many that he scratched for names, like "Busting Loose," "Why Not," or the "Sizzler." Wheeler is a first rate tournament director and as such became the Sandbar's main man. His decision to cancel out did not come easy. Other directors know the feeling when their events fail to draw the class of players as they may have done in the past.

We feel that Wheeler felt pushed into a corner and the cancellations arose because he would not produce anything but a quality event.

In time, Wheeler will be back in the fray as director. He will need our support. Let's give it to him.



## Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Lorraine Sternberg informs us that Ralph Poppe, Rick's dad, is presently recovering after heart surgery. Cards can be sent to: Ralph Poppe PO Box 47 Benoit, WI. 54816

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In the rumor mill:

It is a fact that sanctioned tournaments may be played on un-sanctioned courts. Many sanctioned events have been played on Elden Sarbaugh's indoor courts in the last twenty years. Because of the minute pit size and close backboard, they count ringers that bounce in off that backboard. Someone objected. Against the rules they said. Courts too small. Eldon says "OK, we'll eliminate the rubber ringer practice but the courts stay the same." [maybe 2 X 2]

The entire executive board of the Ohio association want to resign over this matter. When consulted the NHPA executive board voted to accept the courts in question as they stand.

We trust the Ohio people can resolve this matter without resigning in protest.

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State rumor:

The Sandbaggers club owns the property where their courts stand. Its residential lots and worth an appreciable sum.

An offer has been made by the town of Arena to use town property to accommodate horseshoe courts. Heard that of the 12 Sandbaggers, 10 are in favor of selling out and moving the courts.

Ear is still pressed to the ground.

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Message from Jane Smith answering how many attended the spring meeting.

41, more than the last few!

If we only have one meeting, we will miss visiting with our GOOD friends we see so seldom:-) We drive four hours and thoroughly enjoy the trip, company, shopping, and best of all seeing friends we have not seen for 6 months!!!

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Don't forget, I'm counting on a full house for club-team.

## SILENT AUCTION

Place your silent bid for the "autographed" Walter Ray Williams Jr. Bowling Ball keepsake.

Either email:

[cook\\_sonia@yahoo.com](mailto:cook_sonia@yahoo.com) or snail mail: Sonia Cook, D1483 Second St. Stratford, WI 54484.

Please state your bid, submit your name, address and phone #.

All entries received by June 30, 2006 will be considered.

Good Luck

## COOL COOKS NOT ANYMORE

Congratulations to Aleena Cook who rolled her first 600 bowling series this season... 631 to be exact. Her high game was 221. Kiri rolled a personal best 686 series. Mel rolled his 8<sup>th</sup> perfect 300 game. Sonia and Tava are maintaining the same average. The Edwin Memorial Lanes proprietor awards league bowlers with a jacket for their first 600 series.



**STEINFELDT, CARL F.**, 88, of Largo, FL died Wednesday (March 15, 2006) at Largo Medical Center. He was born in Rochester, N.Y., and came here in 1978 from New York, where for 25 years he worked as a tool and die maker for General Motors. He was a four-time world horseshoe pitching champion, 23-year New York State horseshoe pitching champion, 13-year Florida state horseshoe pitching champion, a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame, and the Florida State Horseshoe Pitching Champion Hall of Fame.

## Club - Team

**Going, going, gone!** The Club - Team director is considering a team limit. . First come; first serve.

The C-Team has become the most popular tournament, other than the State, in the state. Serving as the spring kick-off coupled with the "team" venue is looked on as the reason we now attract upwards of 144 pitchers to the Beloit hockey arena year after year.

Starting the same year as Team-World with just one class the event has come a long way. Six classes now play the event in descending order of skill level.

Have 13 teams signed with the intent. Send your line-up first. The fee, \$84, can come a little later.

## Seriously?

By Jim

From the Colorado Newsletter:

"Colorado would like to recommend changing the NATSTAT last 10 rule.

Change from- All NATSTAT average ringer percentages shall be based on the three highest NHPA sanctioned events pitched in the preceding 12 months or among the last 10 events pitched during the same period whichever comes first."

Change would strike the words following 12 months.

Or include the final phrase but make it 15 months.

"Reason: Our top pitchers choose not to pitch in the winter walking doubles events prior to the world tournament due to lower percentages during doubles play. More and more states are playing doubles. Top pitchers claim the

NATSTAT ten event rule causes them not to pitch in an extra tournament when they have a good top-3 percentage average. (Top percentage may drop off). One could call it reverse sandbagging to stay qualified for the pre -World top 16. Thus we would like to see the last ten (10) either change to one full year or stretch the events out to 15.

Colorado rule change committee.

Seriously? One guy in Wisconsin, this Newsletter editor, wonders why the concern? Admission to the championship class at the World is not determined by NATSTATS or entering average but is determined by average developed in class. Furthermore why would 14,000 members consider changing an NHPA rule for the top 16 pitchers? The rule change may be reasonable but the reason is not. Colorado Rule Change Committee needs to adjust their priorities.

## Burdette Tops Mets 9-0

Another headline in this newspaper refers to Cassius Clay fighting Henry Cooper. And then the Waukesha Freeman writes of "Lively Bit of Americana," subtitled, "Horseshoe Pitching Prospers.

" The clunk of horseshoes hitting a well ground stake [sic] is no longer confined to one horse towns."

But the aroma of the Fourth of July picnic, strains of "Moonlight Bay" and the straw hat and candy striped shirt still cling to this most of American sports.

Horseshoe pitching in fact has become ingrained with other memories of things past that it claims to be more tradition than sport

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## Deansville

January 28-29, 2006 brought good weather and a full house to the Deansville Open. Four families from Burlington brought their families and made it a mid-winter vacation.

The results:

### Class A

Ken Heinritz	7-1, 57.9%
Arnie Walton	5-3, 44.76
Mitch Vyhanek	5-3, 46.85

### Class B

Tip Wipperfurth	6-1, 36.2%
John Gregorich	5-2, 38.5%
Carol Rahfaldt	5-2, 37.9%

### Class C

Sue Lange	7-1, 35%
Steve Kulow	6-2, 31.3%
Mike Lange	5-3, 34.1%

### Class D

Rose Gordon	6-1, 28.9%
Vicki Vyhanek	6-1, 24.3%
Don Wozniak	4-3, 20.7%

**"Finish each day and be done with it.**

**You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can.**

**Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.**

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**"He who knows, does not speak. He who speaks, does not know.**

**-- Lao-Tzu**

## Kerry's Clash

Another Deansville event

Warm weather greeted four full classes as they Clashed With Kerry in Mid March at Deansville.

The results:

### Class A

Nathan Heinritz	7-0	62%
Ken Heinritz	6-1	60%
Gerald Weikert	4-3	47%
Jim Larson	4-3	46%

### Class B

Tip Wipperfurth	7-0	38%
Dan Lessman	5-2	38%
Carol Rahfaldt	5-2	36%
Ray Groskinsky	4-3	36%

### Class C

Ed Wheeler	6.5-.5	39%
Dave Klipstein	5.5 1.5	38%
Dennis Capener	5-2	33%
Leo Richter	5-2	31%

### Class D

Vaughn Watzke	6-1	37%
Rudy Van Fleet	6-1	24%
Tom Steinke	5.5 -1.5	23%
Bob Anderson	4.5 2.5	25%

Class A turned out to be how close one could come to winning against a Junior pitcher, Nathan Heinritz. Pitching 62%, his entering average, he won all games. Kerry came close, Uncle Ken folded for second place. When the day was done the Deansville club had its first Junior pitcher as tournament champion.

It was a bit of a surprise and left the hosts wondering how to handle the award

It should be said that affording juniors free entry to tournaments may involve future problems and is only a WHPA tradition. Any club is allowed to charge an entry fee of a Junior pitcher. Bylaws indicate the award should go to the Scholarship Fund but an entry fee would be up to the host club. It could be a reduced Junior fee and there are those who believe there should be a significant entry fee for all participants to, at the very least, add some class to the event.

## Beloit Mar 4-5

1. Penny Steinke	74.40
2. Robert Schaver	70.80
3. Dennis Reid	69.20

### B Class

1. Rowen Swick	44.40
2. Ken Schaver	42.40
3. Jeff Gustafson	41.20

### C Class

1. Lawrence Fettes	44.00
2. Bruce McLinn	42.40
3. Linda Hycnar	35.60

### D Class

1. William Wordel	39.60
2. Norm Beckius	40.00
3. Milt Larsen	37.60

### Class E

1. David Hansen	41.20
2. Tina Press	32.00
3. Jim Haupt	32.50

### Class F

1. Walt Houck	29.20
2. Joel Ramsdell	29.60
3. Pete Kumlien	20.40

### Class G

1. Bob Anderson	23.20
2. Jim Huckabee	28.40
3. Patrick Dacy	24.40

### Class H

1. John Garvan	27.60
2. Matt Austin	24.80
3. Jerry Palmer	19.60

### Class I

1. Julie Petrovski	28.80
2. Ken Hopp	20.00
3. Matt Ramsdell	26.40

### Class J

1. Tom Bird	23.60
2. Ron (Pete) Rockers	21.60
3. Paul Valentine	16.80

The Beloit club like the Timex watch, just keeps on ticking. A later entry on the indoor scene but now the most popular.

Their location, on the state border puts them in touch with densely populated Illinois and the flatlanders have taken to the Beloit courts like bees to honey.

# News from the Past

From the Horseshoe World - Winter 1943

## WISCONSIN STATE TITLE GOES TO JONES

The 1942 Wisconsin State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was won by "Casey" Jones of Waukesha. There were 35 entries. Each contestant pitched 200 shoes counting the highest 100 for his qualifying score.

Casey Jones set a new state record with 278—90—40. His first 100 shoe pitch was 254—82—34. The 24 high qualifiers entered the finals. In the first eliminations, players qualifying 19 to 24 were matched with players 13 to 18. These six winners played players 7 to 13. These six winners and the six high qualifiers entered the final round robin. Stanley Kivlin of Madison, last year's runner up to Harvey Elmerson for the championship, furnished the big thrill of the tournament when he handed Casey Jones of Waukesha the first defeat that Casey got in a round robin and then went on to beat Elmerson in the final round.

A. J. Klement of West Allis and Walter Eck of West Allis were elected president and secretary for the coming year. This was the 19th annual tournament.

Past champions are, 1924, Seymour Johnson, Madison; 1925, Floyd Billings, Waukesha; 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, Harvey Elmerson, Milwaukee; 1932, 1933, Harold Sheets, Waukesha; 1934, Harvey Elmerson, Milwaukee; 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, Casey Jones, of Waukesha; 1941, Harvey Elmerson, Milwaukee; 1942, Casey Jones of Waukesha. (In 1923 a state tournament was held which was not conducted by the state association and won by a man named Mitchell.)

The qualifying scores of the state tournament.

Player, Address	Pts.	R	DR
C. Jones, Waukesha	278	90	40
F. Billings, Waukesha	246	76	26
M. Amidon, Brooklyne	240	72	26
Y. Licht, Madison	239	72	25
S. Kivlin, Madison	239	70	25
H. Elmerson, Milwaukee	237	71	25
G. Elliott, Two Rivers	237	67	24
B. Soch, Sheboygan	236	70	27
G. Jones, Waukesha	233	69	22
E. Ramquist, Beloit	231	71	27
M. Barachy, Milwaukee	231	69	23
E. Schimek, Milwaukee	228	69	24
F. Rogers, Lake Beulah	223	66	23
H. Sheets, Waukesha	216	61	18
C. Pfeffer, Milwaukee	212	64	19
R. Abrams, Milwaukee	209	60	17
H. Bestul, Wittenberg	209	59	18
G. Rink, Milwaukee	194	55	15
E. Bentz, Milwaukee	190	46	12
A. Van Iten, Green Bay	188	51	10
G. Welke, West Allis	186	50	14

E. McNeil, Milwaukee	185	49	10
H. Lister, Milwaukee	179	43	12
Heubner, Milwaukee	176	42	8
G. Roberts, Milwaukee	175	47	11
L. Klode, Milwaukee	169	41	9
J. Kivlin, Oregon	167	42	7
G. Glass, Milwaukee	162	35	5
A. Veith, Sun Prairie	161	40	8
B. Brodie, Milwaukee	154	38	5
E. Veith, Sun Prairie	152	35	6
C. Heffling, Milwaukee	152	31	5
E. Wing, Milwaukee	137	35	3
W. Sauer, Kenosha	133	24	2
Wm. Eckhart, Milwaukee	126	22	1

### Scores First Elimination

	Pts	R	DR	Pct.
Bestul	50	25	6	59.5
Heubner	11	12	0	29.6
Bestul	50	30	9	57.7
Heubner	20	19	3	37.5
Sheets	50	25	7	54.4
Bentz	12	13	2	28.3
Sheets	50	30	7	53.5
Bentz	24	25	7	44.6
Rink	6	15	2	35.5
Van Iten	50	29	8	69.0
Rink	50	23	6	46.0
Van Iten	19	14	2	28.0
Rink	50	35	7	47.3
Van Iten	43	33	8	44.0
Rogers	50	35	12	62.5
Roberts	25	24	6	42.9
Rogers	50	19	5	63.3
Roberts	7	6	1	20.0

Welke	50	32	8	47.0
Abram	28	27	6	39.9
Welke	50	31	7	50.0
Abram	33	24	3	38.6
Pfeffer	50	31	8	67.4
Lister	8	18	3	39.1
Pfeffer	50	23	5	48.0
Lister	17	14	1	29.2

### Scores Second Elimination

	Pts	R	DR	Pct.
G. Jones	50	33	9	58.9
Welke	27	27	7	48.2
G. Jones	50	36	8	60.0
Welke	29	29	8	48.4
Rogers	50	41	12	51.0
Schimek	36	38	10	52.8
Rogers	50	54	13	57.5
Schimek	41	52	13	55.3
Ramquist	24	28	7	41.2
Bestul	50	38	11	55.9
Ramquist	50	45	14	60.7
Bestul	34	37	7	50.0
Ramquist	50	38	11	65.5
Bestul	24	30	8	51.7

	Pts	R	DR	Pct.
Pfeffer	35	44	11	59.5
Soch	50	48	13	64.8
Pfeffer	50	45	16	72.6
Soch	35	38	10	61.3
Pfeffer	41	57	19	69.5
Soch	50	57	21	69.5
Elliott	50	36	6	50.0
Rink	40	35	10	48.6
Elliott	50	39	12	65.0
Rink	15	25	5	41.6
Barachy	50	32	11	66.6
Sheets	18	20	4	43.5
Barachy	50	51	16	65.4
Sheets	37	46	13	59.0

### Scores of Elimination Play

Player	W	S	R	DR	Pct.
Barachy	2	0	83	27	66.9
Soch	2	1	143	44	65.6
Pfeffer	3	2	200	59	64.1
G. Jones	2	0	69	17	59.5
Rogers	4	0	149	42	59.1
Elliott	2	0	75	19	56.8
Ramquist	2	1	111	32	55.5
Sheets	2	2	121	31	55.0
Bestul	3	2	160	41	54.3
Schimek	0	2	90	23	54.2
Welke	2	2	119	30	48.4
Van Iten	1	2	76	18	45.8
Rink	2	3	133	30	44.6
Abram	0	2	51	9	39.2
Bentz	0	2	38	9	37.3
Roberts	0	2	30	7	34.9
Lister	0	2	32	4	34.0
Huebner	0	2	31	3	32.3

### Scores of the final round robin

#### Round One

	Pts	R	DR	Pct.
Kivlin	42	58	16	63.1
Barachy	50	62	12	67.4
Licht	50	50	14	61.0
Ramquist	41	47	12	57.3
Rogers	37	39	11	59.1
Elmerson	50	39	11	59.1

C. Jones	50	54	19	75.0
Elliott	33	47	15	65.3
Amidon	33	44	13	56.4
G. Jones	50	48	18	61.8
Billings	50	42	9	55.3
Soch	38	38	12	50.0

#### Round Two

	Pts	R	DR	Pct.
Licht	26	32	9	51.6
G. Jones	50	42	15	67.8
Kivlin	50	36	12	72.0
Ramquist	21	26	8	52.0
Elliott	50	54	20	77.2
Billings	31	46	15	65.7

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## Horseshoe Pitching Not A Spectator's Sport?

By Ed MacFarland

Who said so? Let me take you back 25 years. In 1950 the great Fernando Isais was in his string of six consecutive World Championships which began in 1947. In this World Tournament he won his first 32 games. In the thirty-third game Stan DeLeary of Arizona defeated Isais 50 to 43 for his only loss of the tournament.

But, what I really want to tell you about is a play-off game for second place. It was between those great Hall of Fame pitchers, Ted Allen and Casey Jones. Each had won 31 and lost 4 to tie for second place. Casey had just lost 50 to 46 to Fernando. Our Editor, Ellis Cobb, also accounted for one of Casey's defeats — a 50 to 43 game.

Ted had lost his fourth game to Fernando in the 32nd game, 50 to 41.

Casey and Ted were to play one game and the winner would finish second. It was about 11:00 p.m. when the game began. There must have been 2500 to 3000 people gathered around this one court. The crowd included all the pitchers. The silence when the pitchers were actually pitching was almost complete. It was as if everyone held his breath. When a shoe missed the peg or bounced off you could hear the crowd sigh or gasp as if there was one giant breath. Ted Allen, you know, had had much experience in entertaining crowds and when he missed a shoe it seemed to shock him. The game was a seesaw affair and very close. Any shoe missed was certain to mean the opponent would get three points because these great pitchers were throwing well over 80%. One thing that happened during the game was unusual. An enthusiastic spectator who probably had visited the "pub" quite often that day shouted loudly "come on Casey" just as Ted was in the middle of his swing. The shoe went awry and Ted just stood there holding the second shoe in his left hand but not making any move to get ready to throw it. Casey questioned Ted about the delay and Ted told Casey he should get to throw that shoe again in view of what happened. Casey agreed and Ted raced down to the other end, retrieved the shoe and then threw a fast double.

When the game was finally over after 140 shoes, Casey had won 50 to 48. Friends, that was the most exciting game I have witnessed in 40 years of horseshoe pitching.

Horseshoe pitching is exciting when properly staged. The ingredients are: An even match; a game that will affect the tournament outcome; the audience must know who the players are and the exact score.

Can you imagine a game on television where two great contestants are playing for prize money and the sports commentator has beside him a "color man" like Ted Allen who comments on the game, the players, etc. and you get an instant replay. The audience will see the pitcher reach up and catch a shoe and then throw it again. It could be very exciting!



You could guess that Don Kangas is telling Jane Smith after the tournament at Plover. "I'm glad we're on the same team in April".

## Tommy Bartlen 1951 Wins 'Shoe' Title

Tommy Bartlen of West Allis won 10 out of 11 matches in the final round robin to take the class A championship in the state horseshoe pitching tournament at state fair park Saturday. Bartlen had his toughest matches with Steve Rajec and Ed Schimek, Milwaukee, both of whom he defeated, 50-49.

Carl Pfeffer, Milwaukee, finished second with a standing of 9-2. Earl Ramquist, Beloit; Wallie Saeger, Ixonia, and Schimek each had 7-4, Rajec and Joe Madden, Waukesha, each 6-5; Chris Mosher, Milwaukee, and Orv Degner, Jefferson, each 4-7; Frank Comero, Independence, 3-8; Ed Weide, Oconomowoc, 2-9, and Frank Filiput, Milwaukee, 0-12.

A. J. Klement, Fort Atkinson, was named president of the state association for the 33rd year. Art Niemann, Milwaukee, was named vice-president, and Robert H. Klement, Jefferson, secretary-treasurer.



Jane Smith & Jim Haupt

## Regional Director Stuff

This year we have a new NHPA Regional Director, Jim Haupt, Milwaukee. Also named to the team is Jane Smith, Balsam Lake. You will recall she was tenth in the World last year. It is appropriate as she is a perfect 10 who comes to pleasant people.

If the business of the NHPA is to promote the game and improve the game of horseshoe pitching in this state, they stand ready. Jarrett Smith, Box 17, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; Jim Haupt, 175 North Elkhart Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53217

## CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOES ON TV

By GLEN PORTT

Well, it happened! Did you see the show from Chicago? For those who didn't, let me tell you about it. RCA Corporation was the sponsor and signed with NBC for a 13 week series to be shown every Wednesday night at 10 p.m.

Because RCA wanted to spotlight 'colors' in order to show how clear its television sets brought 'color' into the home, the courts were constructed in various hues. The backstop was curved, cushioned, and colored gray with two large red horseshoes that crossed over each other painted on it.

The stakes were a brilliant yellow, the potter's clay orange, the pitching platforms a bright blue, and the area between the stakes green. The players were dressed in gray slacks with bright striped shirts and pitched white horseshoes with black and yellow stripes on them. The winner of each match received a gold plated horseshoe, cash money, and stayed on the program until he was defeated.

Ellis Cobb, Illinois... Truman Standard... Curt Day, Indiana... Don Titcomb, California... Milton Tate, Illinois and many others took part. How did the series do? At the end of 13 weeks, the program placed second on the Nielsen ratings for viewing at that time of the evening. The program was extended for an additional 5 weeks at which time it appeared on the "Tonight Show" on NBC, coast to coast.

Question: How come the likes of Walter Ray Williams, Dale Lipovsky, Mark Selbold, Alvin Perry, Jim Knisley, or Kevin Cone didn't appear on this series? And how about the women? Why wasn't Debbie Michaud, Phyllis Negaard, Tari Powell, or Debbie Pickering chosen?

Sorry folks, they just couldn't qualify. Some of them weren't even born. You see, I forgot to tell you that this all happened in 1957!



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