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LAS VEGAS OPEN 1996

by Jim Haupt

Like a casino machine with a progressive jackpot, Loree Meier of Missouri came from the bottom - the very last seed - in the 24-player A class, successfully working her way through two days of 11 preliminary games, boosting herself to 3rd position for the ladder play-offs.

The fourth day, as the ladder play-off began, Meier could only watch and wait while Minnesota gal, Edie Holland, started her rise from the sixth position. Holland won first from Laverne Ewing of Arizona. She then out-pointed Claude Shannahan of Michigan. Meier met Holland. The momentum swing shifted. Holland was left in third as Meier began on her own winning way. Curly Seibold of Indiana, newly adapted as a short distance pitcher, fell victim next. That put Meier on the championship court with the '95 Vegas defending champion, from Colorado, Rich Pintor. Meier was a newcomer to the class A Vegas ladder: Pintor was the odds-on favorite.

In Pintor's defense, he was not up to par. To Meier's credit, she was on a roll. Loree Meier, pitching 66% throughout the finals became the 1996 Las Vegas Open Champion.

The '96 Vegas Open was, as usual, a highly entertaining and successful venture. Some thought the absence of Co-Director, Donnie Roberts may cause cancellation of the traditional event. Director, Don Weaver, pulled it off without a hitch. It was a credit to an experienced staff with firm leadership.

The Hacienda courts with the unforgiving synthetic clay were set-up in the Matador Room in same fashion - 24 courts accommodating in excess of 400 pitchers. Pitching times began early and continued past mid-night but it was not a chore rather it seemed more like the-thing-to-do in Vegas town.

Of course ringers off the backboard count making it difficult to toss a shoe that is actually foul but foot-fouls are some thing else. Weaver announced, before starting, pitchers would receive just one warning for foot fouls and "You have just had it." He was serious. Two judges on duty were patrolling the sidelines.

Last year, the Vegas Open introduced the new scoresheet subsequently used for the '95 Perry World Tournament. This year pitchers followed the alternate pitch arrows as marked on those scoresheets. The most often repeated phrase heard was, "Who's up? I donno. Ask the scorekeeper." First pitch on the shallow layer of synthetic clay is desirable. The director's decision for alternate pitch was correct, but any procedure change, that causes a pitcher to pause and think is generally not well received.

Pitching shoe limit games without shoe counters on the board is merely inconvenient. Watching games, pointedly the final games, without counters was a legitimate complaint.

The new scoresheets must be O.K.. Last year 1500 blank sheets wound-up missing. This year Weaver printed the sheets with the Vegas name. Only 1000 were copped this time. This is no joke - cost ten cents each. It may prove very interesting when those triplicate Vegas sheets turn up at a local tournament.

Two unknown pitchers arrived early in Vegas town. Short on practice, they pulled out a couple of stored courts. Weaver was

WISCONSIN TAKES ON VEGAS

Pitching winning horseshoes in Las Vegas apparently is tough if you're from the rust-belt. Cheezeheads beware. Better you should come from the Sun-belt, maybe Arizona.

Oscar Pynnonen covered his tracks. They thought he was from Arizona. After winning first place in class I, we are glad to claim him as one of ours, really from Pardeeville, WI, just spending the winter in the South. At least we think he's coming back.

George Eckstrom also pitched I class finishing 11th for \$50 cash. Pynnonen's 42% over 11 games earned him a whopping \$250 first place money.

Finishers in the top half of the 24-man classes but short of the six-player finals were all \$50 winners

Bob Traber of Cedarburg was off the cash line in class K. **Teresa Donar** of Cuba City cashed with a 9th place finish in class F. **Marie Donar** of Dickeyville in G class, made some friends. **Pat Smith** of Oconomoc sporting his Packer jersey did well pitching 44% in the H pre-lims leading to the finals and a fifth place finish. **Dean Baxter**, Briggsville but now on the Florida tour, just missed cashing in class L. **Tom Dudenhoefer** of Oxford pitched in the N class but failed to cash. **Dick Hansen and Jim Haupt** finished in that order. Hansen won all his games the first day but ran into tough competition the second day. They were merely also-rans in E class. **Bob Anderson** of Eau Claire tried the Vegas courts for the umpteenth time but was just into making more friends in class O. Also in class O, **Sal Okon**, making his first Vegas appearance, finished 10th, good for \$50. **Tom Cutts** thought to be of Janesville was hard to locate. He also claimed to be from Arizona. The subterfuge was good enough for a 10th in J - another \$50 winner.

Of the twelve entries from Wisconsin, six cashed for a total in the neighborhood of \$525.

eventually presented with a \$250 bill from the Hacienda for damaged carpet.

Once again the pure seed came from NatStats. The California Statistician, a computer man for this tournament, Glenn Jamieson, had it onsite in his hard drive. It's a wonder of the computer age to have all that information on call and demonstrates the NatStats program is working well.

Will there be a 1997 Las Vegas Open? For the past few years a return engagement at the Hacienda has been in question. This time the Hacienda is definitely out of the running. Ownership of the host hotel has been transferred to Circus Circus Enterprises. Among their holdings are The Excalibur, The Luxor, and Circus Circus. There are rumors but few facts regarding the fate of the Hacienda and surrounding property. Weaver is currently attempting to secure a new location.

The Las Vegas Open has been the largest horseshoe tournament next to the World. Fine tuned over the years, it has been the annual winter destination of four hundred plus NHPA pitchers. The Vegas Open has a good staff, an able director.

One man, Don Weaver, may be able to pull it through

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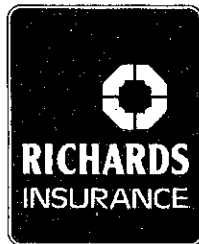
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ROYAL WOOD SPORT CENTER, PLOVER, WI

SPRING MEETING 3-16-96 1:00 PM

MAIN AGENDA; CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

I hope to get the proposals passed so the Constitution and Bylaws can be printed in pamphlet form and made available throughout the state.

I now have World Tournament entry forms available. Call or write me for them, or pick them up at the Spring Meeting in Plover.

Make your housing reservations early for the State Tournament. There is a bike rally scheduled to go at about the same time.

Good pitching to all Wisconsin players entering TEAM-WORLD. The #1 Wisconsin team is: Lorraine Sternberg & Clayton Gage at 30'; Randy Rein, Don Kangas, and John Udelhofen at 40'. Yes, you are the top five in WHPA average. Good luck to all.

Your WHPA President, Ken Jaeger

TIP WIPPERFURTH



First name: LeRoy
Current average.. 39.75%
Shoes Double Ringers
Style Flip
Home club Waunakee
Other Sport Bowling
Outstanding contribution:
Tournament Director;
Annually hosts 8 or 10
indoor/outdoor tournaments.

TIP WIPPERFURTH

CARL GILBERTSON'S DOUBLES

JANUARY: Most of thirty-two doubles pitchers at the Arena Sandbar stood in tribute to Ron Berg of nearby Barneveld and sang "Happy Birthday!" Impossible? Berg couldn't believe it either.

In all their years of doubles events at the Sandbar this is the first time Tony Scrima and Jim Haupt put it together for a win. Tip Wipperfurth and Betty Dennison were a close second while Ron Lingard and John Gregorich found third. On the "B" courts, Ken Frame and John Aeschliman ruled the roost. John Carlin and Bill Dahmen were next best and the combination of Bob Anderson with Mary Lou Endres was good for third.

IN FEBRUARY we saw a new bunch of pitchers at Carl's party. Probably there by special invitation from Carl. A class winners were Bob Anderson and Herman Adler. 2nd place claimed by Norm Mauthe and Frank Dunn. Third went to Tony Scrima and Jim Haupt. In B class it was #1, Ken Frame & John Crook, #2, Orville Baker & Ken Olson, #3, John Gregorich & Ron Lingard.

KENOSHA

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club has been pitching all winter thanks to Margetson's Millshop. Harry Nelson, while doing some electrical work, "found" the unused building. The Club rented it and organized two nights of leagues. For Thanksgiving they pitched for turkeys, at Christmas it was hams, all donated by Margetson's Millshop. They also offered a \$50 prize for a perfect game and gift certificates for 70%, 80%, or 90% games.

A benefit tournament Jan 13th, raised \$60 each for the Salvation Army and Horizon's. The pitchers received no cash but shared in \$200 worth of prizes donated by club pitchers having businesses.

Harry Nelson won Class A with all wins pitching 41.3%. Ray Billen was 2nd with 33.3%.



THE KENOSHA WINTER LEAGUES

"B" winner was Ed Kexel at 20.7%. Second place went to Everett Stewart with 21.3%

In a Club Championship Tournament a week later, the team of Wally Nelson,(40.7%) and Don Peroutka (19.3%) won. 2nd went to Harry Nelson(42.1%) and Jerry Kaplan(47.1%). Both events were sanctioned.

Newsletter subscriptions were awarded to Dave Richards and Ed Kexel for outstanding rookies. Jack Statema won his subscription as "League Sportsman."

Unfortunately, The Millshop now needs the space. The Club will have to find a new home for next year.



ANYBODY RECOGNIZE THIS COUPLE?
HINT: picture goes back to 1946 See page 6.

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110-01 DOUBLES ARENA JAN13

A1	Lavern Edge	5	39.4	28-96-001
&	Mark Mauthe		56.6	Tournament Director,
A2	Gus Schram	4	55	Jim Haupt said it was a
&	Terry Sternberg		34.4	first - first time in all his
A3	Bernard Carley	3	32.4	days that every
&	Mike Menden		51.6	tournament entry fee was
A4	Harold Brockway	3	32.2	prepaid. Seems like the
&	Ron Brockway		50.5	line on the tournament
A5	Jim Haupt	3	35	flyer, "\$2 additional at
&	John Secord		36.1	the courts," had the
A6	Ron Wilcziek	2	33.5	desired effect.
&	Gert Wilcziek		43.4	The Wisconsin River
A7	Ken Jaeger	1	33.8	Valley pitchers, in
&	Ken Kosky		26.6	prominence at Arena, are
B1	Robt C Anderson	6	37.1	aware that the season
&	LeRoy Wipperfurth		41.4	starts early here. Ninety
B2	John Gregorich	5	30	percent of the entrants
&	Ron Lingard		37.6	were already carrying
B3	Len Mauthe	4	31.1	their 1996 NHPA cards.
&	Ken Olson		41.9	High single ringer
B4	Fred Decorah	4	36.2	games were: "A" -Gus
&	Julian Tijerina		32.9	Schram 73.3%; "B" -one
B5	Tony Scrima	3	49.5	pitcher, Tony Scrima had
&	Tom Steinke		23.8	a pair of 53.3% games
B6	Russ Burns	3	30	and Norm, the Mouse,
&	Earl Paulson		36.6	Beckius pitching in "C"
B7	Paul Federer	2	27.6	also had two 53.3%
&	Chet Hermansen		34.3	games.
B8	Ken Frame	1	30	The "S" word, the one
&	John Aeshilman		29	that ends with "bag,"

C1	Norm Beckius	7	31.9
C1	Larry McCutcheon		35.7
C2	Greg Hehling	5	35.7
C2	Al Hehling		27.6
C3	Orvile Baker	4	24.7
C3	Carl Gilbertson		35.2
C4	John Carlin	3	36.6
C4	Bob Traber		23.3
C5	Hank Zeisse	3	33.8
C5	Ralph Zeisse		13.3
C6	Harold Laws	3	23.3
C6	Mike Rousseau		22.8
C7	LaVern Noltmeyer	2	15.7
C7	Alice Noltmeyer		29.5
C8	Bernard Cockroft	1	31.9
C8	Mike Eddy		16.6



Bun Carly, Mark Mauthe, Gus Schram, Mike Menden, Lavern Edge, Terry Sternberg

OFFICIAL WHPA SCHEDULE
AN ALL-INDOOR SCHEDULE

REMAINING EVENTS

- MAR 9-10 JR SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT; Arena D/L 2-24
- L. Sternberg W206 N13520 Woodside Richfield, WI 53076
- 414-677-3300 Singles #28-96-003 \$17
- MAR 16 WHPA SPRING MEETING ; Plover D/L 3-2
- Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961
- 414-982-6287 unsanctioned doubles 110% limit \$30/team
- MAR 30 RIVER-VALLEY-RUMBLE ; Arena D/L 3-9
- Ron Berg RR1 Bx96 Barneveld, WI 53507 4-man limit 180%
- 608-924-5574 #28-96-004 doubles teams of 4 \$48/team
- APR 13-14 ARENA SPRING SINGLES D/L 3-30
- Ron Berg (again) RR1 Bx 96 Barneveld, WI 53507
- 608-924-5574 #28-96-005 \$15
- APR 20 BLUEBIRD at The Jack Pine, Friendship D/L 4-6
- Francis Schalk 135 Edgewood Dr Oxford, WI 53952
- 608-584-5264 sanctioned #28-96-009 NEW singles \$10
- APR 27 CLUB-TEAM; at Telfer in Beloit D/L 4-13
- Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
- 414-964-2735 #28-96-006 4 or (5)-man team \$80/team
- APR 28 THE BELOIT ENCORE at Telfer Park D/L 4-14
- Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
- 608-879-2304 #28-96-007 24 courts \$17
- MAY 3-4-5 TEAM-WORLD at Telfer in Beloit D/L 3-31
- Earl Paulson 7105 S Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
- 608-879-2304 #28-96-008 \$200/team
- Watch for complete outdoor schedule published early Spring.
- NHPA sanctioned tournaments numbered. For complete
- tournament information save your Official WHPA schedule..

(a backwards compliment) was used in reference to Larry McCutcheon and the Mouse when they combined for 27 ringers and a 45% game in "C." High Team game in "B" was 48.3% by Tip Wipperfurth and Bob Anderson. "A" players, Mark Mauthe and LaVern Edge helped their cause with a high game of 53.3%.

From the results it is evident there were three classes of doubles teams - 46 pitchers. Middle column indicates games won. Ranking ringer percent determined ties in the standings.

Thanks, Shirley Carley. You do cool stats.

OFFICIAL 1996 WHPA OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

MAY 11 EARLYBIRD at Eau Claire	\$3	AUG 17 NOR WI CHAMPIONSHIP; Sanc #28-96-026	\$12
Dennis Kieser 1628 5th St W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751		AUG 18 FOUR PLAYER TEAM TOURNEY ; Marengo	
715-235-6535	Sanc #28-96-012	Steve Stevens Rt 1 Bx 132 Marengo, WI 54855	
MAY 11 MUSKEGO DOUBLES; Moose Lodge	\$20/team	715-278-3473 may enter one or both events	D/L 8-2
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186		AUG 20 EAU CLAIRE CITY-C OUNTY	\$5
414-542-0252	unsanctioned	Dennis Kieser 1628 Fifth St W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751	
MAY 18-19 BELOIT SPRING SINGLES; Renley Cts	\$17	715-235-6535 <i>Residents only</i> Sanc #28-96-027	D/L 8-13
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Rd H Beloit, WI 53511		AUG 24-25 MARSHFIELD II	\$15
608-879-2304	Sanc #28-96-013	Greg Bottlemy W5810 Cloverdale Rd Owen, WI 54460	
MAY 25-26 PLATTEVILLE SPRING SINGLES	\$15	715-267-6417	Sanc #28-96-028 D/L 8-10
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818		AUG 31 SEPT 1-2 STATE TOURNAMENT	\$20
608-348-9697	Sanc #28-96-014	John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac, WI 54937	
JUNE 1-2 WOLF RIVER OPEN; New London	\$13	414-922-0080	Sanc #28-96-029 D/L 7-31
Ken Jaeger N3539 Knight Rd New London, WI 54961		SEPT 7-8 WET'N WILD; Centuria	\$10
414-982-6287	Sanc #28-96-015	Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810	
JUNE 8-9 EAU CLAIRE OPEN	\$13	715-485-3057	Sanc #28-96-030 D/L 8-25
Dennis Kieser 1628 Fifth St W #1 Menomonie, WI 54751		SEPT 7-8 V.F.W. DOUBLES; Combined Locks	\$25/team
715-235-6535	Sanc #28-96-016	Don Navarrete 534 Woodlawn Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113	
JUNE 15-16 MUSKEGO OPEN; Moose Lodge	\$15	414-788-1633	unsanctioned D/L 8-30
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186		SEPT 9 GOLDENDALE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP	
414-542-0252	Sanc #28-96-017	GDL leagues only	Sanc #28-96-031
JUNE 15-16 MARSHFIELD OPEN #1	\$15-\$20	SEPT 14-15 KENOSHA OPEN	\$15
Ron Zeppelin D3320 SHW 97 Stratford, WI 54484		Glenn Bogenschneider 3109-89th St Kenosha, WI 53142	
715-384-4881	Sanc #28-96-018	414-694-6922	Sanc #28-96-032 D/L 9-6
JUNE 21-22-23 GOLDENDALE OPEN; Germantown	\$15	SEPT 21 FALL SPECTACULAR ; Centuria	\$5
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217		Jane Smith 1881 - 180 Av Balsam Lake, WI 54810	
414-964-2735 <i>Limited</i>	Sanc #28-96-019	715-485-3057	Sanc #28-96-033 D/L 9-8
JUNE 29-30 WAUSAU OPEN; Ringle	\$15	SEPT 21 BELOIT DOUBLES	\$10/person
Ken Kosky 6007 Municipal Dr Schofield, WI 54476		Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Rd H Beloit, WI 53511	
715-355-4682	Sanc #28-96-020	608-879-2304	unsanctioned D/L 9-11
JULY 5-6-7 BROTHERTOWN CLASSIC; Archie's Pl	\$16		
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217			
414-964-2735 <i>Limited</i>	Sanc #28-96-021		
JULY 13-14 FIELDHOUSE OPEN; Racine	\$15		
Dick Hansen 3085 S 76th St Franksville, WI 53126			
414-835-9108 <i>Limited</i>	Sanc #28-96-022		
JULY 13- SKIN'S OPEN; FDL; unsanctioned	\$11		
JULY 14 FOND DU LAC OPEN	Sanc #28-96-023		\$14
Jeff Secord N6337 Gardenia Ln Fond du Lac, WI 54935			
414-922-9698 may enter one or both days			D/L 6-30
JULY 19-20-21 MID-EAST OPEN; Combined Locks	\$13		
Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct Combined Locks, WI 54113			
414-788-3229 <i>Covered Courts</i>	unsanctioned		D/L 7-1
JUL 22>AUG 3 WORLD TOURNAMENT; GILLETTE, WY			
AUG 3-4, SWEN'S OPEN; Green Bay	\$15		
Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis Green Bay, WI 54302			
414-435-6310	unsanctioned		D/L 7-20
AUG 10-11 MOUNTAIN OPEN	\$13		
Debbie Trossen 14840 Deer Run Trail Mountain, WI 54149			
414-276-6041	unsanctioned		D/L 7-13
AUG 10-11 SO WISCONSIN OPEN	#17		
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Rd H Beloit, WI 53511			
608-879-2304	Sanc #28-96-024		D/L 7-15
AUG 17-18 PLATTEVILLE OPEN	\$13-\$16		
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818			
608-348-9697	Sanc #28-96-025		D/L 8-2

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schedule. Updates will appear as received.
An abbreviated calendar of all coming events will be
published in every issue.*

FREEZEROO III

As luck would have it, the Freezeroo Tournament came just a week after the record breaking sub-zero temperatures throughout the state.

Tournament director, Ron Berg, had a slug of changes in the schedule but all classes were full - two days, three shifts each day.

Scorekeeping, always a hurdle at Arena, was easier this time. True, some pitchers did not volunteer and some never will but Berg's secret was in the scheduling. He knew who would be traveling together and deliberately scheduled them to pitch at separate times on different days. Serendipity! He who must wait will often keep score - the Bottlemys for example. The Sternbergs, Ken Kosky, and Tom Steinke actually acted as stand-in T.D.'s

Concerned about necessary scorekeepers, Ron sought out the rest of the Barneveld Bergs - Cassie, Susie, Jen, and friend, Melissa. They all look like his daughters but one is really the mom.

One "C" player brought in the game of his life - an outstanding 32 ringers in 40 shoes - 80%! Ron Brockway of LaCrosse is now wishing he had been more "consistent" which really means he wants to do it every time. Brockway came away with high average in class while placing fifth.

The big winner in "C" was a last minute substitute. Always on hand, Sandbar owner/operator, Dave Forseth, was just filling-in. The class, he thought, was a little over his head. Disenchanted after losing the first game, Berg told Forseth to hang in there. Berg had called the shot. Forseth went on to hangup his first tournament win in his own house.

The final results were good for the thirty foot group. It was a clean sweep.

CLASS A

1 Lorraine Sternberg	71.07
2 Ralph Maylahn	58.57
3 Clayton Gage	67.50
4 Randy Rein	62.50
5 Ray Hill UP	58.92
6 Mark Mauthe	55.71
7 Gus Schram	55.71
8 Arnie Walton	40.00

CLASS C

1 Dave Forseth	39.64
2 Ken Olson	46.43
3 Greg Hehling	43.21
4 Jim Haupt	42.86
5 Ron Brockway	50.00
6 LaVerne Edge	44.64
7 Ted Rohde	44.29
8 Jerry Schroeder	26.07

CLASS E

1 Fred Decorah	44.29
2 Harry Nelson	43.62
3 Bob Anderson	37.14
4 Rich Pichler	40.78
5 Len Mauthe	36.43
6 Chet Hermanson	31.07
7 Ken Kosky	30.36
8 Carla McFarlane	25.71

CLASS B

1 Buck Huffman	52.75
2 John Barden	61.62
3 Tony Scrima	45.36
4 Mike Menden	43.21
5 Greg Bottlemey	42.50
6 Gerald Weikert	42.50
7 Jerry Volz	40.00
8 Heidi Sternberg	30.00

CLASS D

1 Julian Tijerina	42.96
2 Terry Sternberg	41.07
3 Ron Wilcziek	38.21
4 Luke Thompson IL	40.36
5 Ron Lingard	36.07
6 Tip Wipperfurth	40.00
7 Sonny Cockroft	38.57
8 Craig Zuelke IL	36.27

CLASS F

1 Russ Burns	39.69
2 Ken Frame	40.00
3 Carl Gilbertson	36.07
4 Jon Mease IL	31.79
5 Rich Conrad	26.79
6 Kenny Amble	32.86
7 Larry McCutcheon	28.93
8 Dave Lendosky	36.07

CLASS G

1 John Crook	37.50
2 Milt Larsen	37.14
3 Galen Kozel	32.50
4 Ken Davison	32.50
5 Duane Grossen	27.46
6 Larry Danielson	28.51
7 Jerry White	26.76
8 Chuck Herman	17.86

CLASS I

1 Sal Okon	28.93
2 Orville Baker	35.71
3 Rowen Swick	23.59
4 Joe Lipperer	23.21
5 Bud Wicks IL	23.21
6 Vernon Rosenberry IL	17.61
7 LaVern Noltmeyer	16.79
8 Ray Lopez	18.57

JUNIOR CLASS

1 Penny Steinke	42.21
2 Paul Fricano	29.92

CLASS H

1 Al Halloway	38.92
2 Bill Dahmen	42.14
3 John Carlin	35.71
4 Mike Cone	34.64
5 Mouse Beckius	23.57
6 Gary Rackow	31.07
7 Tom Steinke	25.35
8 Francis Schalk	15.00

CLASS J

1 Josh Erickson	25.73
2 Carol Crook	22.50
3 Jamie Blynn	24.29
4 Mike Eddy	21.07
5 Dick Schoener	15.71
6 Dan Belland	15.00
7 Geo Kuffer	11.07
8 Pacer	04.64

3 Lee McFarlane	22.56
4 Eric Bottlemey	28.76

Now accepting entries for the Club Team -
Class Competition All entry money remains in class*
\$80/team before deadline \$85/team at the courts

APR 27 **CLUB-TEAM**; at Telfer in Beloit D/L 4-13
 Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
 414-964-2735 #28-96-006 4 or (5)-player team \$80/team

Unlimited team percentage. Limited only by: Club, County or Area. All entries to be approved by Director. Teams may be mixed -30 & 40 ft NHPA cards nec. Traveling trophy to A team + all cash awards to classes
1995 Winners: A- Goldendale, B- F.D.L. C- Kenosha

50 YEARS



Ann and John Opsteen

John and Ann Opsteen, Combined Locks, celebrated 50 years of marriage

The former Ann Spierings became John's bride Jan. 12 1946 at St Paul Catholic Church. Original attendant, Marianne Berben, Kaukauna, was present for an anniversary gathering.

The Opsteens have lived in Combined locks since marriage. John retired in 1975 after 35 years with

Kimberly Clark Corp. Ann is member of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

John and Ann have eight children: Michael, Henniker, NH; Robert, Thomas, David, and Patrica McGowan, all of Kimberly; James, Appleton; Barbara Schreiber, Wyoming, MN; and Mary Fabisiak, Lakewood, CO. There are 15 Grandchildren.

DOWN and BACK

by Jim Haupt

Clink and Clank in an automotive essay

A horseshoe doubles team, known only for the vast number of tournaments entered, offers the solution to providing an adequate mode of tournament transportation.

Clink: By all means, let the other guy drive. He's got to have the vehicle ready for the weekend. He has to get up early to get the old clunker started. By the time he picks you up the heat gauge is all the way up. Warmth spills out as he opens the door. As copilot/back seat driver, you can run down the operational check list - *Air pressure? Up. Fuel level? Half tank. Coffee? 5 min. ahead.*

Clank: By the way Sir Clink, did you check the calendar this morning? Are you absolutely, positively sure we have the right day this time? The guys at the Sandbar must think we're some real peaches for showing up a day too early for the last one.

Clink: I sense a bit of a hesitation coming from the engine compartment, Clank. ... Are you doing that on purpose?

Clank: Hell no. But the truck has been a little sluggish this morning. It's a cool 24-below, you know.

Clink: It's 27 below in Waukesha. Your engine is missing and getting colder. Have you got any "Heet" in the gas tank?

Clank: My dear Clink, with the nifty gas that we get in Milwaukee, we don't need any "Heet."

Clink: Well you're doing 40 mph in a 65 zone. It's missing worse. Pull over at the next exit and fill up. You must have some bad gas.

Clank: O.K., O.K. I'll even put in some "Heet."

[We later checked with the expert on the "Heet" thing. Ken Kosky, an internal combustion engineer, says, "The ethanol alcohol content of reformulated gasoline should obviate the need for over the counter 'gas-driers' in the modern engine."]

So-what, we added some "Heet" at the next stop, hoping for a miracle. Two hours and four cans of "Heet" later we turned the truck over to the mechanic at Topel's Garage in Lake Mills.

Dan, the mechanic, dropped the gas tank to find the pick-up tube cracked and sucking air instead of gas. A replacement part was not available. A search of the mini junkyard outback produced an off-brand gas tank - not adaptable. It looked like we may be stuck in Lake Mills for the duration.

Then Dan the man came up with an idea. We could use a boat tank, he said. "I used to use it in my race car."

Topel's cut us loose with a five gallon Mercury outboard tank in the truck box and a rubber hose running to the gas line. We were moving again but the time for horseshoes was long gone.

Clink: Well I've had it. Head for the barn. You're not thinking of taking this jury-rigged truck to Arena tomorrow, are you?

Clank: We'll see. ...Man, I can't get over the fact that the garage guy, let me walk away without paying up. "Call me," he says, "We'll see if we can locate another tank." He's some kinda guy, that Cliff Topel. Hey! Mr. Clink! Are you sleeping?

Clink: Never! I was just counting the tar lines and thinking. ...You know, I've got a bunch of brand new caps from my daughter, the one that does the promotion stuff for Miller Brewery, and I was thinking about how much I could sell them for out at the Sandbar. ... Hey, you know..., I think this truck is running better than ever. What time are you picking me up tomorrow?



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Sometimes a guy runs into more than he can handle.

Where in Hell is Franksville?

Franksville, Wisconsin is the town listed as the return address for the World Tournament entry forms now in general distribution. NHPA people all over the U.S. of A. are wondering, where is it.

Franksville, legend has it, was originally called Franks-and-Kraut-ville by pioneer settlers. Formerly known for its sauerkraut industry, but not on most maps, Franksville is a little burg in Southeastern Wisconsin a few miles west of the city of Racine on the old Dunkelow Rd just past Kraut Rd. We need a new sign, "FRANKSVILLE EXIT NHPA OFFICES_ "K" WEST"

A FEW LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sorry about Archie, - he was in West Bend about a few weeks ago and I told him to watch for stomach pains - they lead to heart trouble ...and now this! A great loss to horseshoe, friend and competitor.
-Wes Taylor, West Bend

Susie, Please tell Jim he can call me names, he can throw doubles on me, he can kick clay in my face or even throw my shoes out of the pits but don't mess around with my Newsletter...

Best to all,

-Ted Rohde, LaCrosse

Jim or Susie, I'm not sure if the subscription is due or not, but here is my check for another year.

I really enjoy the Newsletter. We appreciate all your work to keep this publication going.
-Jim King, Green Bay

Dear Susie, About six inches more snow today prompted me to read your Newsletter. I'm thinking Spring. Ha-Ha. Sign me up again. Thanks. Sincerely, Harry Benson, Hibbing, MN

Dear Friend, My subscription expires 3/96. Please extend it for 2 more years. Thank You, -Harold Lange, Elgin, IL

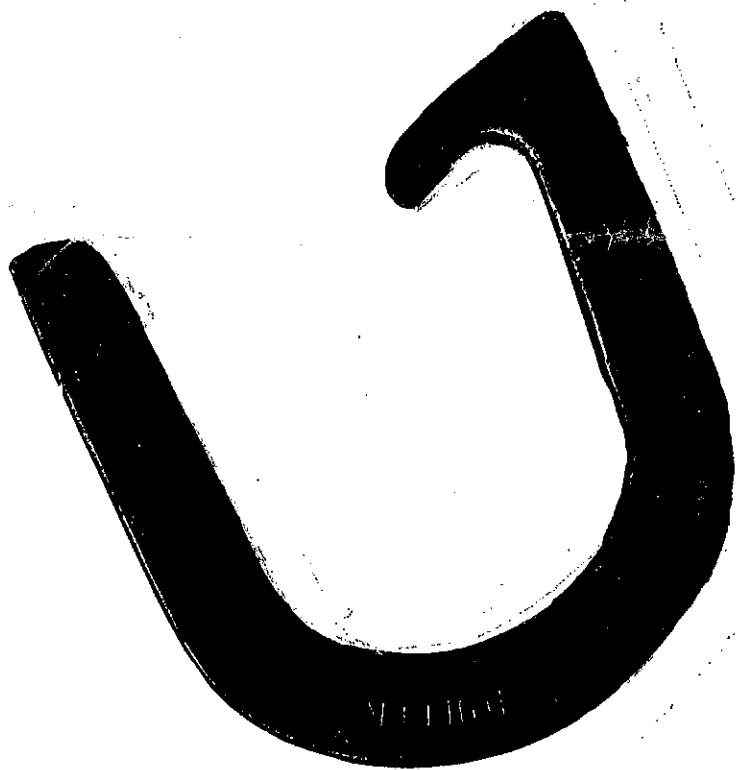
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