

FALL MEETING

Horseshoe pitching delayed the start of the Fall Meeting at the Royal Wood Sport Center by some thirty minutes. The meeting then continued at a relaxed rate near four hours. Not many members left early despite a break to witness Mr. Bob Phelan hang his plaque in the Hall of Fame display. President Dick Hansen runs a cool show.

Lorraine Sternberg stated the Junior Scholarship Fund profited by another thousand dollars this year bringing the net total to plus \$5000. Projected awards in 1993, she warned, came near to equaling entries in the Junior Division. With that news members revised the award structure. Just first (\$300) and second (#150) places will be awarded to future Junior State winners.

The 1994 schedule of tournaments is being assembled. Members were asked to report plans for all tournaments whatever the origin. Every event qualifies for and should be included on the Newsletter calendar. Jim Haupt will be happy to honor your request for NHPA sanctions and or a listing on the monthly Newsletter calendar.

Among other facts, Secretary-Treasurer, John Secord, reported an existing treasury balance of \$3,900. Secord received a letter from Donnie Roberts marking the end to the 'Complimentary Card'. Beginning 1994, entry to NHPA sanctioned tournaments will require a NHPA card - without exception.

So far the cost has been \$375 and just the Federal end of the WHPA non-profit status has been satisfied. Hansen is working to complete things with the state.

Curt Bestul has re-written the Constitution and Bylaws. For the most part the changes are words here and there but there are some other changes Hansen considers important enough to review with the board before submitting same to the membership for approval.

The re-write is seven pages; therefore considered too great an expense for the Newsletter. Copies will be distributed by the WHPA to clubs. Interested members will have to search out a copy to preview the re-write before the spring meeting.

Several people pointed out that the Newsletter has been in error on the number of tournaments required for entry in the State Tournament. This writer stands corrected. The participation requirement for the State Tournament is Two (2) NHPA sanctioned tournaments one of which could be represented by a sanctioned league of at least 400 shoes.

A successful motion now imposes a \$5 service fee for providing a cardboard name-tag for the back of blank shirts at the State Tournament. It was noted the shirt rule was printed on State schedules this year.

Jeff Secord and Curt Bestul were in favor of a move-up for the championship class at State. The ten-man format remains but the last seed will be reserved for the winner (wins/losses) of the next lower class ("A") in both the men's and women's divisions.

Results of the survey questions regarding awards on the State entry form were; 66 voted to continue awards with trophies only, 31 indicated money only. 24 others volunteered with a write-in reply favoring first place trophies and cash awards. The response, did not appear on every entry but it was probably the first time so many votes were cast by the WHPA membership. The practice of using the State entry form will continue. The trophy/cash thing isn't over either.

The Beloit Club made a bid, in absentia, for the 1995 State Tournament on their outdoor courts the weekend of Labor Day. There were no other bids; Beloit's offer was accepted.

1994 State Tournament Director, Dennis Kieser, assured WHPA members that he and the Eau Claire Club are well prepared for the next Labor Day weekend.

Two were nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. Terry Sternberg won the position by only two votes over John Udelhofen. At this late hour only 18-20 members remained to vote.

Curt Bestul, the incumbent 2nd VP, has always indicated his willingness to step aside. For all that he has done, the applause he received was just a token award. President Dick Hansen remains President winning over a formidable opponent, John Udelhofen - again. Hansen was appearing before the membership for the first time as the NHPA 5th Vice President-elect.

The dark horse, Udelhofen, received the most votes, in total, and did not win a thing, yet.

Dan Jaglowski announced he will run another sanctioned tournament at the Spring Meeting, March 19th but the deadline will be three weeks prior.

THE PITCHING AT PLOVER

Not as many signed up for this tournament as usual resulting in classes in the morning only. That shift after the meeting is a tough time for all concerned. Here's a tournament that should be conducted solely for the enjoyment of the few who attend the meeting. The synthetic clay claims a few percentage points from most pitchers. It takes a good shoe to hold to the stake and the surface at the 'Wood - more than some could master. Agreed, it's the surface of choice indoors but hopefully never for a championship event.

A Randy Rein	65.6	Joan Guetzke	55.2
B Cliff Troullier	50.8	Elainne Troullier	49.6
C Mike Hansen	40.8	Jim Larson	42.0
D Merlin Ludwig	23.6	Dan Jaglowski	22.8

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall meeting, 1993, Royal Wood Sports Center, Plover. A small gathering of horseshoe pitchers set a course for the WHPA for years to come. Well at least until the Spring meeting. In the mean time my congratulations to Terry Sternberg on his election as 2nd Vice President. Terry has been a very active worker and officer in the Goldendale Club and I know he will bring that same energy to the WHPA. We have already put him to work on expanding the Hall of Fame cabinet at Royal Wood. There will be other inductees and as of now there is one room at the Inn. I can not say enough about Curt Bestul. He has been invaluable to me as President because of his experience and knowledge of the WHPA Bylaws. I will be thinking of the Bestuls this winter when it's 20 below and they are in the warm Florida sun, playing horseshoes seven days a week. I just won't tell you what I am thinking! Good Luck and thanks to them both.

It was nice to see the interest in being on the WHPA board of officers. With two nominations for both 2nd Vice President and President, it added some merit to the elections. Even though I am now the NHPA 5th Vice President, make no mistake that I take this position of WHPA President very seriously. I believe that the two will work well together to keep me informed on both levels.

I sometimes wonder what must be done to get more members to the meeting, only about 20 stayed long enough to vote. We may want to consider----- and ----- to generate some interest. (You fill in the blanks)

My goal for the next 2 years will be to increase membership and tournament participation. I read where there are 30 million people that pitch horseshoes once a year but only 17,000 in organized play. There is a large resource out there that has not been tapped, we must go after it in a more aggressive manner. Let's work on it over the winter.

Pitcher of the year update, point totals per tournament will be kept the same as last year. All of the tournament but Arena have been entered. State Champ, Randy Rein has the early lead with 117 points with Jim Larson and Richard Conrad not far behind. Good luck and good pitching to all.

Dick Hansen

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DOWN AND BACK

November

"Next year's schedule is shaping up", says the registrar. New tournaments are planned like; Ringle by Ken Kosky, 2 in Marengo by Steve Stevens, and a January Arena event by Ron Berg. All will be NHPA sanctioned. "O.K.", says the Regional director. The Wet 'N Wild gals hosted two NHPA tournaments last September and have the same plans for '94. Muskego will have a 'for fun' doubles on an otherwise blank date in May. Fond du Lac is back on the schedule but so far, Green Bay, Janesville, and Fillmore, also 'resting' in '93, have not committed for '94.

Some dates have to be worked out but at the rate things have gone this far, it will be no problem to publish the State Schedule in the January issue.

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Have heard it said, "Its too bad we don't have at least one tournament a month at Arena." We are getting close to it. Looking at the first four months of '94, only March has no tournament scheduled at Arena. (November and December of '94 also open.) Seems like an opportunity for an enterprising pitcher or group to become tournament directors. The courts are available. Dave Forseth at 608-753-2615 is ready to take reservations. How long are you going to play the game without giving something back?

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John Secord has the all new 1994 NHPA cards with permanent numbers. Yes, to facilitate the NHPA data center, NatStats we will begin using everlasting numbers. Only the last digit will change each year. A typical number might be 280033.4. The first two digits represent the state of Wisconsin which, in NHPA language, is charter #28. The next four digits stand for the individual member's number (up to 9999). This person is 33. Finally the last digit following the decimal indicates the year.

Dick Hansen was issued number 0001. Secord took 0002. Bob Traber is 0004. We have less than 500 members in our state. What will your number be?

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We're going to Vegas in January! Mike Hansen, of Tomahawk has chosen to ride the choo-choo and make it an extended vacation. He says he can get off and on anywhere on the route and do the whole ride for \$178. Some other guys are going the old fashioned way - flying. Dick Hansen, the 5th, is going, to be a tournament official. Bob Traber is going, to make the most of his rotator cuff average. Your agent is going, to check out these and any other Badgers.

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Ron Berg of Barneveld will be running his first NHPA tournament the same time as the Vegas event, January 8-9. Calls it The Freeze-a-roo at Arena. Its on the calendar - the first sanctioned event of '94.

That means on the 8th of January lots of folks will need a new card. Also, starting January the complimentary card program no longer exists. All entrants of NHPA sanctioned tournaments must have a current NHPA card. Problem is..., we have a January tournament and most folks aren't thinking horsehoes in December. How about sending for your card before the holiday rush. A tournament director has his hands full just trying to run a good tournament without trying to provide you with an NHPA card. Give Berg a break. Besides, aren't you a little curious about your new permanent number?

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We noticed that Rick Poppe of Benoit has moved to 40' in preparation for next year when he will be 18 years old, competing in the men's classes.

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NEWSLINE published some of the top averages in the country as compiled by NatStats. The top thirty elders 30' list showed Ralph Maylahn as 5th with 67.85% and 12 tournaments. Jason Goldsmith ranks 11th of the Junior Boys with 59.12%. Wisconsin showed three girls in the top ten; Heidi Sternberg with 53.43 is listed 4th, Penny Steinke ranks 7th with 44.42, and Heather Sternberg at 43% is in 8th position. Of the top 50 men, everyone marked better than 70% and no Wisconsin pitchers were listed. No Wisconsin women were seen in their top 40 list which bottomed at 64%. This computer file was surveyed October 1, 1993 with all information available. It was noted that results are posted nearly every day and some movement on the lists should be expected.

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1993 STATE TOURNAMENT CLUB CHAMPION

by Jane Smith

A record nine teams with 95 members participated in the State Tournament Club Championship this year. Welcome to first timers Kewaskum and Combined Locks. Competition was tight but the club with the most trophies (almost Fond du Lac) is the winner this year. It seems the clubs in the northern part of the state don't like to share this traveling trophy. Winners of the past were; 1990 Eau Claire, 1991 Close Doesn't Count, 1992 Eau Claire, and in 1993, Close Doesn't Count!

Congratulations to all 11 pitchers who carried home 7 trophies; 2 firsts, 2 seconds, and 3 thirds. They averaged 6.18 points. Second place went to the 16 Goldendale pitchers with a 5.6 average, 4 firsts and 2 thirds. Third place went to Beloit pitchers averaging 5.5 points, 3 firsts and 1 third. Fond du Lac tied the winners with 7 trophies, 1 first 6 seconds. Their team average of 5 points tied with Kewaskum's 5 pitchers who took home 2 second place trophies. Combined Locks placed 6th with 8 pitchers averaging 4.7 and 2 first place trophies. Eau Claire is gearing up for next year. This year's 12 pitchers averaged 4.5 points and took home 1 first, 1 second, and 1 third place trophy. Look out next year! Marshfield's perfect 10 averaged 4.3 with a first place and 2 third place trophies. Platteville gave a never-say-die try with 3.3 average by only 6 pitchers.

Thanks for everyone's effort. This is a fun way to encourage your own club's effort and create a little old fashioned rivalry for the BEST OF THE WEST (NORTH)!

CLOSE DOESN'T COUNT	11	6.18	COMBINED LOCKS	8	4.7
GOLDENDALE	16	5.6	EAU CLAIRE	12	4.5
BELOIT	12	5.5	MARSHFIELD	10	4.3
FOND DU LAC	12	4.5	PLATTEVILLE	6	3.3
KEWASKUM	5	5.0			



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1. Ann Opsteen Cy Crenaski	59.8	1. Mer Sorensen Jerry Gossens	42.7	1. Jeff Lamers Bob Lamers	42.6
2. Harold Bestul Eugene Budeller	55.0	2. Ray Schommer John Rietveld	33.7	2. Norm Kuen Greg Breit	42.8
3. Cliff Troullier Curt Behrends	48.2	3. Wally Thorson Ernie Maki	31.7	3. Ron Sabish, Sr. Jim Sabish	38.6
4. Wally Serand Otis Wesslay	42.2	4. Al Leintz Ray Buchburger	25.2	4. Frank Warmbrum Don Wagner	37.2
5. Elmer Bigfire Steve Wiegert	41.8	5. LeRoy Meyer Carl Van Vreede	26.7	5. Joe Van Cuyk Dan Van Cuyk	36.2
6. Elaine Troullier Cathy Crook	44.2	6. Joe Gerrits Don Navanete	25.1	6. Jim Boegel Bob Struebing	21.8
		7. Jim Haupt Dave Haupt	26.0		
		8. Ray Smoody Jim Schneider	21.1		
CLASS D	%	CLASS E	%	MIXED DOUBLES	%
1. John Wallendale Jim Riel	20.7	1. Jerry Kamps Don Rietzner	20.8	*1. Cathy Crook John Udelhofen	56.8
2. Bob Demerath Mark Demerath	25.5	2. Carl Doughly Bill Hildebrand	17.8	*2. Ann Opsteen Curt Behrends	52.8
3. Steve Troullier Lyle DeBoushe	25.0	3. Norm Carlson Scott Kater	18.8	3. Kim Felton Joe Felton	34.6
4. Roger Behm Dennis Behm	20.1	4. Jack Dolkevoel Woody Wheelock	19.2	4. Dick Harold Sue Harold	42.4
5. Frank Dohrwardt Sal Okan	20.7	5. Ken Wood Bill VanGrinsven	14.6	5. Elaine Troullier Cliff Troullier	41.0
6. Bryan Menting Maurice Lamers	17.7	6. Art Barlow Earl Welthouse	11.6	6. Lori Matzdorf Gil Matzdorf	29.6
7. Mike Toby Vic Befus	17.7				
8. Darrell Huff Willard Smith	16.7				

Tournament Payouts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Class A	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00		
Class B	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Class C	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00		
Class D	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Class E	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00		
Mixed Doubles	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00		

We want to thank everyone who pitched and hope you had a good time, as we want our tournament to be a "good time tournament." Hope to see you all next year! -- Horseshoe Committee

ITS ON THE CALENDAR

Jan 8-9 FREEZE-A-ROO at Arena #28-94-001 entry \$15
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Rd Barneveld; WI 53507
608-924-5574 NHPA CARD ONLY DEADLINE 12-26
Feb 19 NHPA DOUBLES at Arena #28-94-002 \$22/team
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milw., WI 53217
414-964-2735 94 NHPA CARD REQ. (110% limit) D/L 2-5
Mar 19 SPRING MEETING & TOURNAMENT-Plover entry \$15
Dan Jaglowski 1230 Wisteria La #2 Waukesha, WI 53186
414-549-4771 #28-94-003 NHPA card req. D/L 2-26
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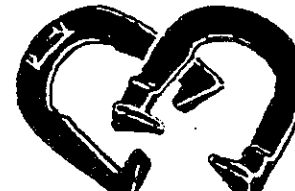
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MONICA MANAGES THE OCTOBER ARENA PITCH-OUT

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Percentages reflected the near perfect conditions of an indoor tournament. Pitchers who plain 'lost it' in Fond du Lac just a month earlier, discovered re-newed confidence at the Sandbar.

She's not a pitcher. She's a scorekeeper turned tournament director. Tolerance, a good disposition, and a quick mind are all the tools Monica Reeve needed to run the NHPA Fall tournament at the Arena Sandbar. Scorekeeping, the nagging pain of all tournament directors, is her toughest hurdle. She doesn't know pitchers well enough to ask for help. She has already signed on to do the tournament next fall and has upped the scorekeepers shift pay to \$10. Monica Reeve needs just a few more friends - who can help keep score.

RESULTS

A Randy Rein	76.25	Gus Schram	65.50
B Mark Mauthe	64.28	Arnie Walton	60.85
C John Barden	56.00	Vince Jakel	56.00
D Steve Stevens	50.57	Ken Olson	46.57
E Milt Larsen	42.00	Jerry Nordlee	46.57
F Orville Baker	27.17	Julian Tijernia	31.53
G Earl Paulson	41.42	Don Stittleburg	36.57
H Mike Menden	40.85	Ron Berg	29.17
I Beernard Gorman	18.33	Ray Schmidt	20.00
Jr Rick Poppe	62.50	Penny Steinke	51.00

Congratulations: to Randy Rein for staying in the 70's, to Steve Stevens for cracking the 50's, and to Mike Menden of Baraboo for outclassing his entire group by ten per cent.

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MOUNTAIN

BY GIL GENKE

As Mountains Class A was in progress the rains made about a hour delay but the spectators were made very comfortable sitting under our new permanent shelter to the south of the courts with the refreshment stand and to the west another shelter for the spectators and the administration scoring personnel alike. This greatly improves our gift to the horseshoe enthusiasts considerably. Next in the very near future our courts will be roofed and screened to avoid injury to the pitchers coming from the ball field from foul balls.

We had a capacity entry again with Randy Rein of Mosinee and Ken Maki of Michigan battling out for first place but Randy came out on top with 76.2%

In the ladies, deadeye Cyrena Srenaski of Green Bay came out with no defeats and a 63.5%. (pretty good in anyones language)

Hope to see you all soon if not next year, was also happy to see quite a few of the oldtimers.

Thanks to John Quant and staff for doing such a terrific job as usual plus all the volunteers, Mountain Business Association. Without those good people Mountain would not be the horseshoe capitol as we are.

LOYAL CORN FEST

BY GREG BOTTLEMY

We had good weather for my first tournament. I would like to thank everyone who helped. Special thanks to Bob and Rosie Gregorich.

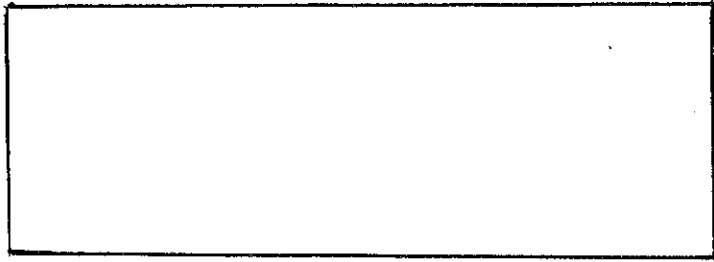
High Games included Harold Bestul, 84% and Gus Schram, 76% and 74%.

Gus and I finished tied for first in Class A. He said I let him win the playoff game because I couldn't win my tournament.

Class A		Class B	
1. G. Schram	66.5	1. D. Ladd	45.3
2. G. Bottlemy	51.4	2. J. Molling	44.6
Class C		Class D	
1. R. Ehardt	39.2	1. C. Mengel	33.2
2. H. Nelson	36.7	2. G. Ewoldt	32.8
Class E		Class F	
1. D. Frane	23.9	1. M. Briceland	33.2
2. K. Koskey	23.9	2. U. Passehl	30.7
Class G		Class H	
1. J. Gregorich	39.2	1. R. Nowak	20.0
2. J. Sowinski	32.8	2. C. Doughty	14.2
Class I		Class J	
1. R. Moore	21.0	1. J. Zepplin	20.0
2. E. Hack	23.5	2. K. Stetzer	20.0

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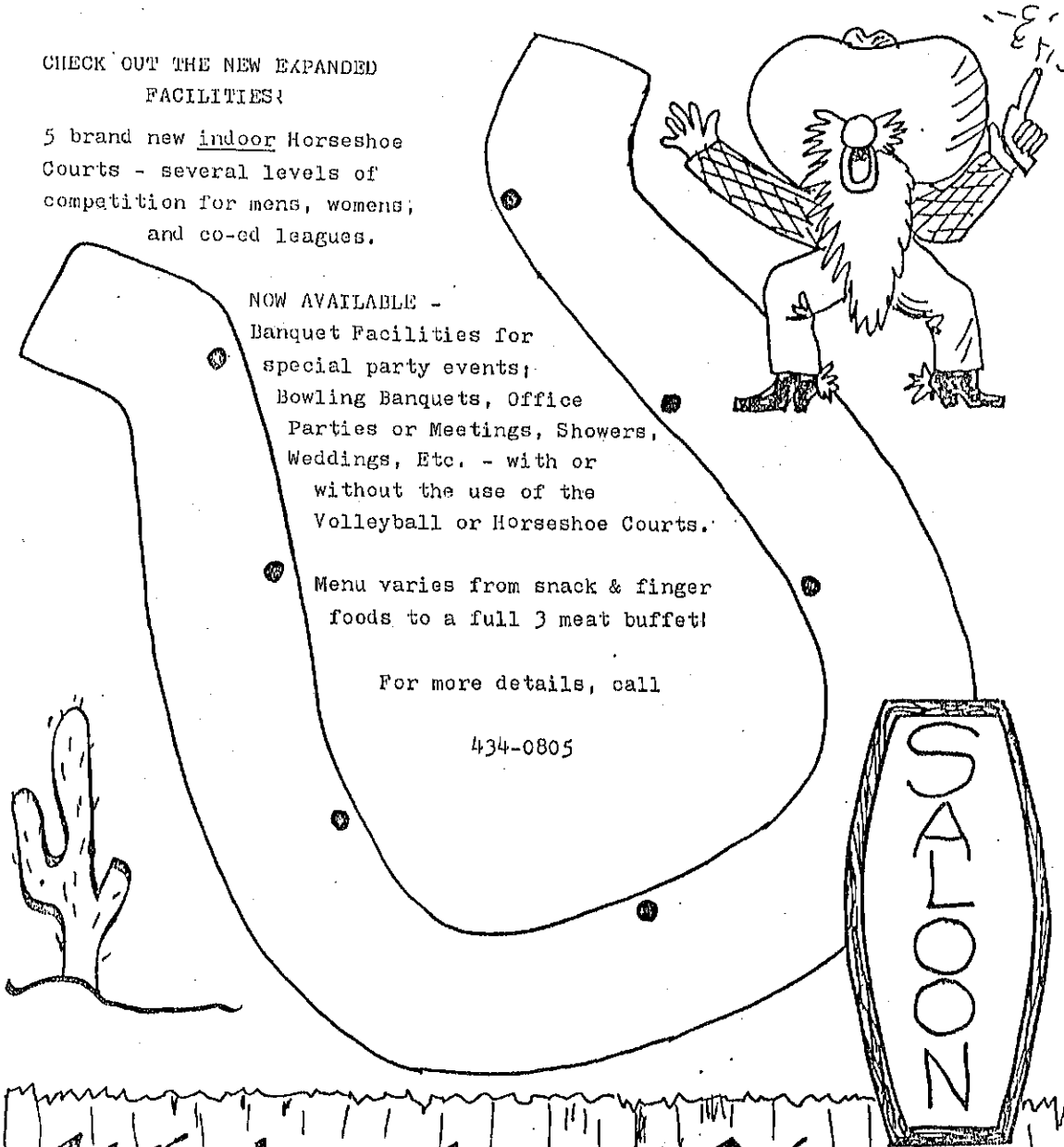
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