

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

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1998 STATE CHAMPIONS

Men	RANDY REIN
Women	GERT WILCZIEK
Jr Boys	BARRENT DAHL
Jr Girl's	NICHOLE RIEHLE
Elder Men	CLAYTON GAGE

Randy Rein, Mosinee, regained the State Title, his sixth, in straight wins. Although Steve Wiegert of Green Bay gave him a scare marking 39 of the 40 points needed for game, Rein managed to hang on to face the defending Champion, Don Kangas in the final match. Kangas led out to an early lead trying to force a play-off game and looked up to the task. Heading into that match, Kangas already had one loss but was leading in ringer percentage. Rein faltered in the close-out allowing Kangas a few catch-up ringers before taking final advantage.

Gert Wilcziek, Whitehall, is the NEW Ladies Champion. She had to stop, take a breath and remind herself where she was headed several times. Her win over Edi McKinney was a major milestone. Defending Champion, Lorraine Sternbeg already had one loss. Wilcziek had all W's and kept it that way head to head with Sternberg to complete her dream season with the State Title.

Barrent Dahl, Trempealeau, surprised his brother Dustin (or Pudge), the defending Champion, by winning the final game. Each had suffered a loss at the hands of a former champion, Wes Rein. The brothers finished the competition with essentially the same ringer percentage (68.7 & 68.5). It's a new day for the NEW champion.

Nichole Riehle, Auburndale, repeated as State Champion winning over both her opponents.

Clayton Gage, Milltown, went to a play-off game with his nemesis, Ralph Maylahn before earning the 1st place trophy this year, his fourth time running. Some said, it should have been the best 3 of 5 games for the two top elders in the State establishing a special championship class for two. The way it was within the 4-man Elders double round robin, it became the best two of three with Maylahn winning their first meeting. Their combined competition produced the two highest ringer percentages in the '98 State - Maylahn 77+% and Gage 80+%.

EVERYBODY WINS AT EAU CLAIRE

There were some anticipatory misgivings over the State Tournament schedule. Start times (10:00 AM and 9:00 AM) were too late, some said. What's going to happen in case of a rain delay?

Well forget it. It did rain, but only a few drops. There was no delay. Eau Claire tournament director, Randy Hansen, pulled it off without a hitch; unless adding the Hall of Fame program was considered a minor glitch. It did delay the start of following classes but everyone attuned to the workings of a State Tournament had allowed for it.

It took until almost Monday (11:30 PM Sunday) and contrary to popular belief, there were some fans still on hand to enjoy it when the Championship men's class finally ended with Randy Rein earning his sixth state title.

Thanks to the Eau Claire organization. They covered 14 jobs with 8 hard working people. Rob Rehm, Elly McCarn, Bob Anderson, Joyce and Stub Hazen, Dennis Kieser, Harry McCartney, Bill and Joyce Schaaf, Eli Lucas, and Randy Hansen.

From WHPA President, Ken Jaeger

I would like to thank Susie Pritzlaff for her support and dedication for the past 12 years as being Editor-Publisher of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter and for making it an Award Winning Newsletter. Thanks to Ken Kosky for taking on the job as the new -Publisher.

...At the NHPA Bylaws Convention in Nebraska there were some changes that will effect our state, starting in Jan. 1999.
.....Art.III Sect.6 Charter Secretaries are required to send membership reports and dues to the NHPA Secretary Treasurer at least once every quarter.

.....Art.X Sect.8 To make it short, if you pitch in 2 different sanction leagues they will be counted as 2 sanctioned events, the same as 2 tournaments.

.....Art.XII Sect.4c Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher by completing a 100 shoe qualifying round and one tournament, that member shall remain a short distance pitcher for that membership year.

Fall meeting - Arena Sandbar - 1:00PM, Sat Oct. 17th
...Some of the agenda for the Fall Meeting:

- Election of a 3rd Vice President, duties to include being Junior Scholarship Coordinator. Election of first Vice President and election of Secretary-Treasurer....
- .Mixing Elders Championship and Elders Class A in the State Tournament.
- Refunding of entry fee, once the State Tournament schedule is published.
- Selection of State Tournament site for year 2000. Any person or group interested as prospective host, contact Terry Sternberg prior to the meeting.

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COMING EVENTS

OCT 10-11 ARENA FALL SINGLES; Arena \$15
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608-348-9697 #28-98-037 Self-Scorekeeping D/L 9-25

OCT 17 WHPA FALL MEETING 1:00 PM Arena Sandbar

OCT 17 UNSANCTIONED DOUBLES ;ARENA \$20/team
John Crook 6225 Hy Co TZ Spring Green, WI 53588
608-588-7392 110%Limit. 16 teams: AM only cash entry

Oct 25 TIP'S DOUBLES: Arena \$7 11 AM 608-849-4655

NOV 7 SONNY'S SINGLES; Arena \$15
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560
NEW PHONE #28-98-038 D/L 10-24

DEC 13 SANTA'S SINGLES: Arena \$15 in adv \$17 at cts
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 #28-98-039 D/L 11-29

JAN 9-10 001 SINGLES; Arena \$15 in adv- \$17 at cts
Jim Haupt 5075 N Elkhart Av Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-964-2735 #28-99-001 D/L 12-26

FEB 13 FREEZER00; Arena \$15 in adv \$17 at cts
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MAR 20 WHPA SPRING MEETING; Arena

MAR 20 JR SCHOLARSHIP :Arena \$20
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
414-452-0252 #28-99-003 D/L 3-6

MAR 27 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE; Arena \$48/team in adv
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
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APR 10 ARENA SPRING SINGLES \$15
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APR 24 CLUB TEAM Beloit \$80/team in adv \$85 at cts
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KEY All dates in bold print indicate WHPA approved events.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in bold numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.

CARL'S & TIP'S

Doubles at the SANDBAR

Tip Wipperfurth is on the Sandbar calendar Sun., October 25th, 11:00 AM; entry fee \$7 per man.. Further bookings by Tip will depend on the Packer schedule. Ph. 608-849-4655

Carl Gilbertson sees all the horseshoe activity at the Sandbar and will in all probability wait until December before scheduling any of his Saturday events. Ph 608 929-7669



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THE 1998 ARCH STOKES AWARD

The most prestigious annual NHPA award to the person making the greatest impact to the sport over the last few years was mistakenly accredited to the wrong recipient on these pages last month.

Bob Dunn, the National Promotion director from Minnesota, regular contributor to Newsline, author of an historical account of horseshoes in Minnesota, and avid collector of older shoes, received the Arch Stokes award at the NHPA banquet in Ainsworth, Nebraska. He included his family in his emotionally grateful words upon accepting the award.

Paul Stewart, the NHPA 5th VP and website organizer received the Presidential Award and was further recognized for his many shifts at the World Tournament as the "Officer of the Day."

WISCONSIN SENIOR GAMES

The Washington Park Horseshoe Club hosted the 1998 Senior Games on their courts the week following Labor Day. Handling the competition were club members, Tommy Bartlen, Al McGowan, Harry Hub (bronze) John Leskovar (gold) Joe Lipperer (bronze) and Jim Haupt.

Annual competitor, Sally Kubash (gold) just back from the Rosholt County Fair, did some stats in her best "school marm" penmanship and visiting conductor Ralph Maylahn also served as combination, instructor-judge-scorekeeper.

Classes are necessarily mixed because of the twenty separate divisions. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to successful contestants over 50 yr. Women's division is another category.

Oldest entrant, Anita Treinen of Wauwautosa won her gold in the 85 to 89 yr. class, pitching from 20 feet. It's a special rule of the Senior Games that women over 75 yrs. may move up to the shorter distance.

Roy Shaffer of Waupaca should be on the WHPA tour - had one game of 85%!- 17 ringers in 20 shoes. He has an NHPA card, says he pitches mostly in Florida.

Another talent hardly seen, Snow Jacobson of East Troy, averaged 37.2 points in the 20 shoe count-all games. Amplify it to 50 shoes - a 92 average! He: "Get into tournaments." She: "I pitch Eagle?" He: "I repeat, get into tournaments!"

Results from Francis Schalk

OXFORD VFW July 12

A Ger. Weikert 38.0; Jul Tijerina 39.0; Tip Wipperfurth 34.0
B Ray Groskinsky 40.0; LeRoy Hengen 31.0; F. Schalk 39.0

STAN'S DOUBLES Aug 9

1st Jerome and Richard Peterson, Oxford; 180 points
2nd Rick Coder, Endeavor, & Ed Walters Oxford; 168 pts
3rd Dave and Ron Balsiger, Germantown; 157 points

STAN'S SINGLES Aug 9

Rick Coder 168 pt; Ron Balsiger 147; Ray Groskinsky 144



Dick Hansen receives the Hall of Fame Award from chairperson Edith McKinney

YO! HANSEN, YOU 'DA MAN!

Dick Hansen became the forty-third inductee to the WHPA Hall of Fame since its beginning in 1976 with Casey Jones and Harvey Elmerson.

His accomplishments are well known to many present day pitchers due to his nine years as President of the WHPA. He has gone on to serve as an executive board member of the NHPA first as the 5th Vice President and presently as NHPA Secretary-treasurer.

WHPA President, Ken Jaeger created a time for WHPA awards mid-day Sunday at the Eau Claire courts. There was little to report on Hansen that wasn't already written in the State Tournament program book. It is a nice write-up.

Jaeger used the book to make the award. He found some sentences were especially appealing so he read them twice apparently as an affectionate gesture to the man who last held the presidency.

Upon receiving the HOF award Hansen called his family to center court to share the moment and will go on record as having more relatives in attendance at the Eau Claire tournament than pitchers in all the championship classes.

Hansen attributed much of his success to his strong family association indicated by the throng actually standing behind him. He also claimed strong ties to his other family, the many fine people he has met through his association with the sport of horseshoes.

RESULTS OF MID-EASTERN WI OPEN

At Kamps Kovered Kourts, July 11,12,13, 1998

A Mer Sorensen 59.1; Ken Jaeger 54.3; Elaine Troullier 54.0
B Gene Mason 49.7; Roxie Sellison 55.1; Otis Wessley 44.4
C Steve Troullier 38.0; Myron Daily 40.3; Paul Wilson 36.9
D Bill Matey 38; Gerald Gromowski 41.1; M. Lamers 32.3
E Al Lientz 38.8; Mel Sorensen 32.0; Norb Fuhrman 32.8
F Gary Ayotte 26.4; Gary Colton 20.0; Will Smith 18.0
G Ron Miller 23.6; Dick Wall 24.4; Ken Eslinger 19.3
H Jerry Vandenberg 20.4; Norm Carlson 29.6; Pat Smith 22.8
Jr Jessica Sellisen 11.7; Matt Drews 9.2; Greg Heitpas 4.2

NHPF

By Dick Hansen

What is hoped to be the first annual NHPF Benefit Tournament was held the weekend of August 29th & 30th at the Fieldhouse restaurant and bar Caledonia, WI. on their seven sand courts. Even though the tournament only had 39 pitchers entered, small for a Wisconsin tournament, I think it was a successful event for two reasons.

The number one reason would be that there are now at least 39 NHPA members that know what the NHPF stands for. And secondly we did manage to raise \$250 for the NHPF. Thanks mostly to an anonymous donation of \$150.00 made to the tournament to help offset cost, add to the prize money or just donate to the NHPF.

The tournament was co-sponsored by The Fieldhouse and Firststar Bank. The Fieldhouse gave a reduced price on the menu and beer to all horseshoe pitchers for the weekend. And of course the horseshoe courts at no cost. Firststar bank donated the trophies and 25 door prizes that were given out 3 or four to a class by drawing.

Bob Distad was pitching in his first NHPA sanctioned tournament and won Class E with a 6&0 record and averaged 29% one point under what he entered at. He will be back for more.

Look for next years tournament to be bigger and better. If one tournament with only 39 pitchers can raise \$250, just think what we could do if every Charter did the same! The key word is benefit. The bank was not even interested until they were told it was a benefit tournament. Try it, it works.

BOB WILKE SAYS

The news is slow to come to the Berlin area says Bob Wilke, the walking, talking, oldest living historian of the WHPA, now preparing a horseshoe article for the local paper.

Wilke was a pretty fair pitcher in his day but "his day" started before most of us could spell horseshoe. If he could only pitch his age he laments. I think he's 90.

Anyway, he asks, "What's this I hear about Carl Joppe, the Duck Creek rat trapper? Did he actually fall out of a tree fetching his horseshoe?"

Bob you must have talked to Otis Wessley while he was winning the Labor Day doubles tournament in Redgranite. Either you or Otis is stretching the truth and I've never know Otis to fib. Steve Wiegert said the 76 year old Joppe fell off the ladder cleaning his gutters but is back pitching again. By the way who was the guy tossing those Six-Pac shoes back to Wessley each time?

Another thing, Bob, how come you're asking me for the State Tournament results? Don't you and Otis know the way to Eau Claire? And what were you doing in Redgranite on Labor Day? Sure I was in Eau Claire but they preferred to leave the result sheets hanging on the wall.

Next time you tell Dorothy to bake a cake because company's coming, you'd better check first for guests. Yes, your house is between here and Eau Claire but the interstate is also halfway across the state.

Keep the shoe up Bob, one of these days we'll get together.

FIELDHOUSE NHPF BENEFIT

Let's get it straight. The Fieldhouse is not an indoor arena. It's more like a sports bar with outside facilities for horseshoes and volleyball - inside facilities are for eating and drink - Pub and Eatery, as they call it. It's the place in Caledonia where the WHPA Christmas party is usually hosted.

Mer Sorensen, pitching 60+%, had the unenviable position of last man in an inter-divisional duel of four pitchers bound for the State Tournament. They represented the top of the open men's division, women's and over 70 yr men. Each had two chances with the others playing a 4-person double round robin. Just a couple of ringers decided the match as Maylahn could not cover final double ringers by both Sternberg and Kangas.

The following outstanding pitchers in other classes included: John Koepp; winning all games. Chuck Hansen; although pitching in the Racine County League, spends most summer weekends coaching a girl's baseball team making only a cameo appearance in an occasional shoe tournament. Area pitcher, Bob Distad; won pitching in his first ever sanctioned tournament. Beloit's Ken Lovaas; looked very comfortable pitching his reverse turn from thirty feet.

Is there a preferred or correct way to pitch a horseshoe? At the Caledonia, Fieldhouse tournament we saw a 3/4 reverse, a 1 & 3/4 reverse, a full turn reverse; flips of all description, low on line and hard, high, as in "hope it's open," and the all the usual turns. They all worked sometimes. A stranger to the game would have been hard pressed to learn how to toss a shoe the preferred or correct way by watching these flingers.

Ceil Trossen gets our vote as one of the most well traveled pitchers of the year. She keeps popping in from Suring like it's a breeze.

RESULTS

A L Sternberg 74.3; D Kangas 74.3; R Maylahn 72.0
 B John Koepp 59.3; Ken Jaeger 46.8; Tony Scrima 50.1
 C Jim Haupt 48.4; Chuck Hansen 47.6; Len Mauthe 45.2
 D Jane Meier 45.1; Blackie Mahn 38.9; Linda Aber 33.9
 E Bob Distad 29.2; Bob Kabella 31.2; Ralph Zeisse 25.6
 F Gene Satterstrom 38.3; Ceil Trossen 32.5; Ken Lovaas 25.4

STATE TOURNAMENT / YEAR 2000

By Terry Sternberg, 2nd VP

We have two horseshoe clubs that have shown interest in hosting the State Tournament in 2000. This will be voted on at our State Fall Meeting. Any other clubs interested in hosting the State Tournament should contact me at 414-677-3300.

Hope everyone enjoyed themselves at Eau Claire. Next year's State will be hosted jointly by the Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe Club and the Windy Hill Club at Wausau's Marathon Park indoor arena.

See you at the Fall Meeting in Arena - Oct 17th, 1:00 PM.

SUSIE PRITZLAFF SIGNS OFF AS EDITOR/PUBLISHER

by Jim Haupt

Susie Pritzlaff was the instigator and has been the key administrator of this Newsletter for more than twelve years.

In the spring of 1986, Susie said, "Let's sit down, I have something important to ask. What do you think about beginning a Newsletter?" was her opening remark.

In prior months, Al Lonning of Eau Claire had distributed a statewide questionnaire devoted to the possibility of a newsletter to serve the WHPA. One of the questions asked if we should join with the then current Minnesota publication and serve the U.P. as well. Very few WHPA people were even slightly interested - 58 by actual count.

In that little across the table meeting at the Lone Star Tavern, Susie found a willing ear. Her ideas were expanded. Start with the 58 in favor and a few more. She went to press with her typewriter and copy machine with a June 1986 issue - "available eight times a year for only \$4."

A month later, another issue, she bought her writer a book, "How to Write Effectively." She obtained a membership list from John Secord and selected those we thought may be receptive. Susie bought a new typewriter and speculated, sending out 180 issues. Some subscribers were approached in person. Subscriptions came in slow but sure.

Before the first year was over Susie began including her pictures and introduced the double page folded left on quality paper making a very presentable publication. Subscriptions increased to over 200. Bulk mail became available and, Tom Roanhouse advertised the Pitchin' Palace on the back page.

[Now the computer generated Newsletter mails 400 issues, 67 out of state. We estimate we reach 360 of the over 500 WHPA members. It continues to present that challenge.]

About ten years ago at a state meeting she and her writer received a standing ovation for successfully creating the publication and just a few years back there was the presidential award for the Newsletter by Dick Hansen. Predominately, those formal occasions and the satisfaction of the accomplishment were Susie's reason and reward for her dedication.

Susie was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame in 1987 on what she had accomplished before the first edition of this Newsletter. Since its inception she has been the one and only Editor/Publisher of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

From those of us still with the Newsletter we can only honor her request of a lifetime subscription and offer our gratitude for her direction in showing us the way.

Thanks Susie, it was an association of a lifetime, and a hell of a buggy ride.

NEW ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER

All correspondence regarding subscription renewals, requests for advertising, back issues, should be directed to:

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KEN KOSKY - NEW PUBLISHER SIGNS ON

When Jim asked me to join him on the newsletter staff, I could hardly say no. I consider it a great honor to be associated with a newsletter that is one of the finest in the horseshoe world. And to work with Jim will be both enlightening and gratifying.

Susie and Jim have done a marvelous job of bringing this newsletter to you over the years. For them to take this newsletter from an idea and a typewriter, to the computer generated product it is today, has to give them a great feeling of accomplishment. And well it should. It is a fine piece of work and certainly deserving of the accolades bestowed upon it.

I will do my best, as the publisher/bookkeeper, to assist Jim in maintaining the high quality product you are used to getting. You expect the best and it will be our job to see that you continue to get what you expect.

Jim will do the writing, as in the past, and I will do the picture editing and the printing. I will also collect the money and keep the books. Watch your address label to be sure we have the right expiration date for your subscription and to see that you are not in arrears. Send all subscription renewals to our new address. Not to the WHPA Secretary. We wouldn't want anyone to miss a single issue.

Ken

SUSIE PRITZLAFF SIGNS OFF

Being the Editor of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter these past 12 years has been very interesting and rewarding but for a while now I have been thinking of giving this job up. I do not have the time that I would like to have, to give to this Newsletter.

Ken Kosky has been printing the Newsletter these past few months and has shown a great deal of interest. It gave us the opportunity to ask Ken to take my place and fortunately he accepted. Ken will be Publisher and Jim, Editor.

Over the years I have received mountains of checks from our subscribers. I want to thank many of you who took the time to write a short note, along with your check, to tell us what a good job we were doing. It meant a lot to us.

I want to thank Dick Hansen for the award we received in 1995 and his thoughtful words of praise recently.

There are many newsletters out there and Wisconsin is receiving one of the best. This Newsletter is unique because of Jim's articles. He really gets inside of a tournament. Stats are nice and people like to see them but the inside story of a tournament, meeting, etc. is what makes this Newsletter interesting.

Going back to when Jim and I first started this project, I recall another person involved, John Secord. We would have been lost without your help. Thank you, John, for all the extra work you did to get us started.

And thanks Jim, it has been a great time.

-Susie

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNTY#28-98-033**Results only - six-player classes - T.D. Randy Hansen**

A Pudge Dahl 65.6; Gert Wilcziek 76.4; Roger Comero 64.0
 B Judi Hayden 48.8; Harry McCartney 41.6; Tom Modl 40.0
 C Dave Semington 40.4; Randy Hansen 44.4; B Kuhnert 38.0
 D Jim Ganther 34.8; Dennis Kieser 34.8; Rob Rehm 26.8
 E Bernie Stelter 32.5; Eli Lucas 20.4; Elly McCarn 22.1
 F Ron Sather 12.0; Jim Emery 12.4; Bob Anderson 10.0

What's happening with the former World and State Junior Girl's Champion? Debby Bestul will be married soon. October 17th was the date mentioned on the announcement posted at the Eau Claire Horseshoe courts.

PLATTEVILLE #28-98-025 August 23rd
by Norm Mauthe

After an early morning rain, the courts were ready to go at the 9:00 AM start time for the 1998 Platteville Open.

Ralph Maylahn took the championship in a play-off with John Udelhofen. John was the top ringer man of the day with a 65.93% average.

Mike Spahn increased his ringer percent by ten while repeating as junior champ. Other pitchers with strong performances were Pat Spahn, Tom Endler, and Marie Donar.

The Platteville Club improved their scoring devices by adding ringer counters this year thanks to Jim Haupt's recent newsletter article. Also due to the one day tournament, there seemed to be a large number of spectators watching the games.

Thanks to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra cash prizes and gift certificates. Due to the extra prizes and self-scoring format, payback and prizes amounted to more than 114% of entry fee in all classes. Thank you also to all club and food stand workers and to other club members for donations of food.

Thanks to all contestants,- Platteville Horseshoe Association
 NOTE: One judging tool was found.

A Ralph Maylahn 60.0; John Udelhofen 65.9; T Scrima 43.6
 B Pat Spahn 51.1; Julian Tijerina 39.6; Cliff Troullier 45.7
 C Dave Klipstein 35.6; Tip Wipperfurth 45.3; L Mauthe 34.3
 D Tom Endler 40.7; Marie Donar 32.1; C Rittweger 29.1
 Jr Mike Spahn 25.5

DOWN AND BACK**WITH JIM HAUPT**

Randy Rein has notched his sixth State Title in the past nine years. Of active pitchers Don Kangas has two, Mark Stevens and John Udelhofen have three.

Rein passed Harold Sheets mark of five and now equals the record of Tommy Bartlen both with six. Bartlen has always held that when his record, established in 1967, is threatened he will start to practice again.

Bartlen is presently the Czar of the Washington Park Dartball league where he is known as "Vince." I am merely the secretary. He is also the longtime President of the Washington Park Horseshoe Club. I'm just the vice president. At the risk of both positions I'm telling you folks - Bartlen's horseshoe threat is strictly bravado. Sometime past he turned his backyard horseshoe courts into twin flower gardens.

Rein can look forward to surpassing Bill Glass with 8, Harvey Elmeron with 9, and Casey Jones with 16. If Casey starts to practice, watch out.

An interesting remark heard in the stands during the State Tournament reportedly uttered by an Elder division pitcher. I think it was from the one who finished second. "Maybe next year I can get him. He'll be a year older."

A regional account off the Net. If you're not from Wisconsin, Minnesota, or maybe Texas, take a pass on this one.

Two boys are playing football in a St. Paul, Minnesota park when one is attacked by a rabid Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy rips off a board of the nearby fence, wedges it down the dog's collar and twists, breaking the dog's neck.

A reporter who was strolling by sees the incident, and rushes over to interview the boy. The reporter starts writing, "Young Vikings' Fan Saves Friend From Vicious Animal."

The boy replies, "I'm not a Vikings fan. "Sorry, since we're in St. Paul I just assumed you were," said the reporter and starts again writing in his notebook, "Little Green Bay Packers' Fan Rescues Friend From Horrific Attack." "I'm not a Packer fan either," said the boy. "I assumed everyone in the Twin Cities was either for the Vikings or the Packers. What team do you root for?" asked the reporter. "I'm a Cowboys fan," the boy replied. The reporter starts a new sheet in his notebook and writes, "Little Redneck Bastard Kills Beloved Family Pet."



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Elly McCarn – Scorekeeper of the Year

ELLY GETS AN EMMY

The 1998 Scorekeeper of the Year award was presented to Elly McCarn of the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club at ceremonies during the recent State Tournament. Randy Rein and Marge Yach originated and continue to sponsor the award. In the following presentation, Rein held off naming the unknown recipient until the actual presentation.

This person doesn't pitch in many horseshoe tournaments but for many years has kept score at the Eau Claire tournaments. She has taken the responsibility in her club to recruit scorekeepers to keep the score and has done a great job of it. You can be certain when you come to Eau Claire tournaments that Elly McCarn will have scorekeepers available.

Congratulations to you Elly McCarn – 1998 Scorekeeper of the Year.

GRANDDAD, REALLY!

Nichole Riehle won her second successive State Championship. Tina Riehle, pitching in her very first tournament, won the class A Girl's State Title.

Both of Dan David's granddaughter's won a first place trophy at the Eau Claire tournament. Grandma, Sylvia, took a second place trophy in Women's B but that was it for the extended Auburndale family. Gramps went home empty.

Three generations of Anderson's tried their luck at the State. Grandpa Bob., Let's get specific here with all the Andersons in the WHPA. This here Grandpa Bob Anderson is the Eau Claire Bob, now known in horseshoes as; Robt W. Anderson.

So, the a-fore mentioned Grandpa played his class but was more often parked on the North side of the courts acting as judge. Bob's son Kent is the upstart from Barron who first had been seeded into the top of A class but was moved up to the championship class because of drop outs. A real dark horse of the championship class, he made his mark with a third place finish.

And then there was Kent's son, Ryan, top seeded boy in the A class who finished second while pitching six percentage points over his average.–

"If all is well with your belly, chest, and feet — the wealth of Kings can't give you more." — Horace

Special to Newsletter from Randy Rein

Well another State Tournament has come and gone, with it a few new champs – Barrent Dahl, Jr Boys; Gert Wilcziek, Ladies State Champion and Randy Rein, Men's State Champion.

I would also like to congratulate the past champions; Don Kangas, Lorraine Sternberg, and Dustin Dahl. They lost their titles but they all put up one heck of an effort.

Congratulations to Clayton Gage and Nichole Riehle for retaining their titles again.

For me it was an end of my best year ever – finished 6th in the World Tournament and then topping it off by regaining the State Title for the 6th time. -Randy Rein

SCHEDULE CHANGES AT STATE

One man dropped from the Championship class and two dropped from A after the schedule was published.

John Barden, Waunakee, had to drop out because of a serious recurring physical problem. All of us are hoping for a complete recovery this time.

Kent Anderson, hoisted into the championship class, made the most of it with his 3rd place finish. John Koepp, elevated from B, produced the highest percentage in A and came within one place of the designed move-up to the champion class. Roger Comero caught Koepp early in the rounds of A and went on to a sixth place finish in the Championship class.

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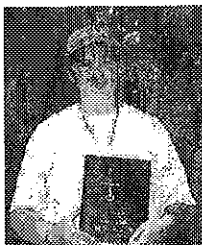
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1998 EAU CLAIRE STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WOMEN'S A (54.94 - 45.57)

1 Pam Aiken	Oak Cr.	6/1	56.0
2 Gloria Smith	Milltown	5/2	53.1
3 Ev Goshaw	Eau Claire	5/2	49.4
4 Ida Hostrup	Frederic	4/3	48.5
5 Jane Meier	FDL	4/3	45.7
6 Phyllis Davids	DePere	2/5	48.5
7 Shari Davison	Centuria	2/5	37.2
8 Pacer			



Pam Aiken



George Draeger

ELDER'S A (35.92 - 11.10)

1 George Draeger	MFLD	5/0	39.6
2 Al Johnson	Eau Claire	4/1	36.0
3 John Mitchell	Amery	3/2	35.2
4 LeRoy Meyer	Appleton	1/4	13.6
5 Robt W Anderson	E Claire	1/4	8.8
6 Oscar Donar	Dickeyville	0/5	16.0

MEN'S H (38.27 - 36.50)

1 Jeff Gustafson	L Geneva	6/1	43.1
2 John Secord	FDL	5/2	42.2
3 Terry Sternberg	Richfield	5/2	42.0
4 Mark Stevens	Marengo	5/2	41.4
5 Don Goldsmith	Janesville	3/4	38.5
6 Wayne Berger	Twin Lakes	3/4	34.8
7 Bruce McLinn	Clinton	1/6	29.1
8 Harold Laws	Beloit	0/7	31.4



Teresa Donar



Jeff Gustafson

WOMEN'S B (43.53 - 39.98)

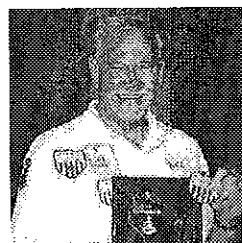
1 Teresa Donar	Cuba City	5/1	40.7
2 Sylvia David	Auburndale	4/2	41.0
3 Gracie Reed	Balsam L	3/2	38.4
4 Judi Hayden	Mondovi	2/3	35.2
5 Kathy Hansen	Boyceville	1/4	44.4
6 Renee Sternberg	Ger town	1/4	38.4

WOMEN'S C (31.81 - 10.27)

1 Joanne Alling	Clear L	5/0	37.0
2 Cecelia Trossen	Suring	4/1	32.2
3 Carmen Jensen	Mountain	3/2	23.8
4 Marie Donar	Dickeyville	2/3	28.8
5 Myrna Leef	Webster	1/4	24.4



Joanne Alling



Bill Spahn

MEN'S I (36.47 - 35.38)

1 Bill Spahn	Lodi	6/1	41.7
2 Jeff Kunz	Eau Claire	5/2	39.4
3 Gary Rackow	Browntown	4/3	36.2
4 Dave Semingson	Eau Claire	3/4	39.4
5 Bernard Cockroft	Mazo	3/4	36.0
6 Galen Kozel	Mukwana	3/4	32.2
7 Dave Klipstein	Janesville	2/5	36.2
8 Randy Hansen	Eau Claire	2/5	34.9

MEN'S J (35.33-33.10)

1 Tom Endler	Twin Lake	6/1	47.4
2 Ken Kosky	Schofield	5/2	40.5
3 John Gregorich	Waunakee	4/3	36.2
4 Rich Conrad	Pewaukee	4/3	34.0
5 Ken Davison	Meno Falls	4/3	28.8
6 Francis Schalk	Oxford	3/4	29.1
7 Ron Molitor	Port Wash	2/5	28.0
8 Steve Stevens	Marengo	0/7	14.5

MEN'S K (32.19 - 29.63)

1 Bill Matey	Appleton	6/1	35.1
2 Paul Federer	Sun Prairie	5/2	36.3
3 Duane Grossen	Monroe	5/2	33.4
4 Robt Fritz	Watertown	4/3	36.9
5 Tom Steinke	Waukesha	3/4	32.5
6 Rob Rehm	Chippewa Falls	3/4	31.5
7 Eddie Wheeler	Lodi	2/5	31.7
8 Chuck Herman	Eagle		dnp

MEN'S L (29.14 - 26.69)

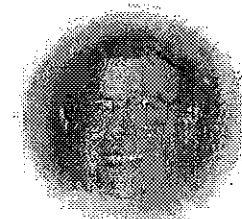
1 Jim Ganther*	Eau Claire	7/1	40.8
2 Dave Aho*	Grafton	6/2	34.3
3 Sal Okon	Lowell	4/3	29.7
4 Ray Mallo	Gilman	4/3	27.1
5 Scott Kater	Appleton	3/4	27.4
6 Don Burmeister	Br Deer	3/4	26.7
7 Roger Olson	Westby	2/5	24.0
8 Mel Cook	Stratford		dnp

CLASS A JR GIRLS (08.0 - 02.5)

1 Tina Riehle	Auburndale	2/0	16.0
2 Katie Pheiffer	Muskego	1/1	10.0
3 Nicola Hickethier	Centuria	0/2	02.8



Tina Riehle



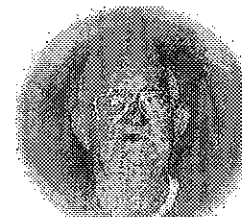
Tom Endler

CLASS A JR BOYS (26.16 - 16.61)

1 Jesse Zeppelin	Stratford	2/0	39.0
2 Ryan Anderson	Barron	1/1	31.0
3 Jamey Miller	Butternut	0/2	30.0



Jesse Zeppelin



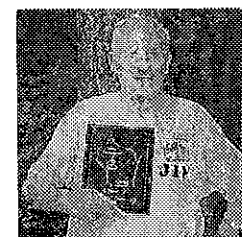
Bill Matey

Class B JR BOYS (05.0 - 04.0)

1 Cyle Cleveland	Centuria	1/0	08.0
2 Josh Cleveland	Centuria	0/1	08.0



Cyle Cleveland



Jim Ganther

*playoff

1998 EAU CLAIRE STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

(73.77-56.60)

1 Randy Rein	Mosinee	9/0	69.7
2 Don Kangas	Colgate	7/2	69.6
3 Kent Anderson	Barron	7/2	63.1
4 John Udelhofen	Barneveld	6/3	69.2
5 Steve Wiegert	Gr Bay	6/3	61.4
6 Roger Comero	Cochrane	3/6	55.3
7 John Crook	Sp Green	2/7	59.9
8 Gus Schram	Ringle	2/7	53.6
9 Mark Mauthe	Platteville	2/7	51.2
10 Arnie Walton	Lodi	1/8	53.5



Randy Rein



Jim Larsen

MEN'S B (52.20 - 50.45)

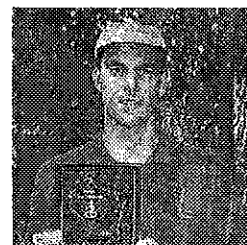
1 Jim Larson	Madison	6/1	58.0
2 Bernard Carley	Rich Ctr	5/2	54.8
3 Rick Poppe	Benoit	5/2	49.4
4 Tom Costa SR	West Bend	4/3	44.9
5 Chris Dahl	Trempealeau	4/3	40.3
6 Ken Jaeger	New London	3/4	48.0

MEN'S C (49.88 - 46.49)

1 Ken Heinritz	Meno Falls	7/0	49.1
2 Bill Hagen	Salem	5/2	46.0
3 Ron Lingard	Madison	4/3	46.5
4 Randy Miller	Butternut	4/3	40.5
5 Cliff Troullier	Manitowoc	4/3	38.3
6 G Bogenschneider	Kenosha	3/4	42.7
7 Don Hostrup	Frederic	2/5	37.4



Gert Wilcziek



Ken Heinritz

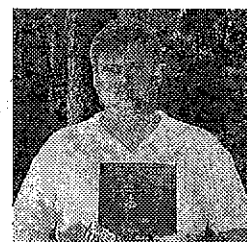
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(72.63-54.94)

1 Gert Wilcziek	Whitehall	7/0	74.3
2 L Sternberg	Richfield	5/2	70.9
3 Edi McKinney	Luck	5/2	70.7
4 Pam Aiken	Oak Creek	5/2	66.2
5 Elaine Troullier	Manitowoc	2/5	57.0
6 Jane Smith	Balsam L.	2/5	54.3
7 Sue Helene	Webster	2/5	53.5
8 Penny Steinke	Waukesha	0/7	54.5



Clayton gage

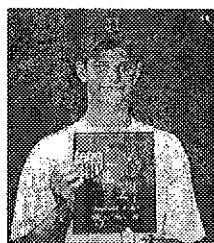


Ron Brockway

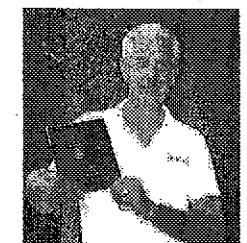
ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

(79.62-46.55)

1 Clayton Gage	Milltown	6/1	80.8
2 Ralph Maylahn	GeneseeD	5/2	77.8
3 Merrill Semington	E Claire	2/4	41.8



Barrent Dahl



Wayne Vanderhei

BOY'S CHAMPIONSHIP (65.7-50.2)

1 Barrent Dahl	Trempealeau	5/1	68.7
2 Dustin Dahl	Trempealeau	4/2	68.5
3 Wesley Rein	Mosinee	3/3	62.0
4 Jesse Zeplin	Stratford	0/6	34.8



Nicole Riehle



Tip Wipperfurth

CHAMPIONSHIP Girls (26.08-16.32)

1 Nicole Riehle	Auburndale	2/0	36.0
2 Lisa Heim	Holmen	1/1	18.5
3 Heidi Pheiffer	New Berlin	0/2	6.7

MEN'S A (56.09 - 52.69)

1 Roger Comero	Cochrane	6/1	56.6
2 John Koepp	Pewaukee	5/2	58.6
3 Tim Maule	Independence	4/3	52.9
4 Harry Nelson	Kenosha	4/3	52.0
5 Vince Jakel	Spencer	4/3	51.1
6 Tony Scrima	Waukesha	3/4	45.1
7 Dick Hansen	Franksville	2/5	35.4



Roger Comero



Gene Mason

MEN'S D (46.47 - 44.07)

1 Ron Brockway	Onalaska	6/1	52.6
2 Ted Rohde	LaCrosse	5/2	42.7
3 Jim Haupt	Milw	4/3	43.1
4 Harold Brockway	Seneca	4/3	42.6
5 Chet Hermansen	Madison	3/4	44.6
6 Bob Gregorich	Spencer	4/3	42.9
7 Kerry Morris	Johnson C	3/4	39.4
8 Jerry Schroeder	Oxford	0/7	38.3

MEN'S E (44.00 - 42.29)

1 Wayne Vanderhei	Muskego	6/1	46.3
2 Ken Frame	Mazo	5/2	45.1
3 Julian Tijerina	Madison	5/2	40.0
4 Tom Modl	Menomonie	4/3	46.9
5 Tom Hansen	U Grove	4/3	45.7
6 Ken Olson	Platteville	3/4	39.1
7 John Carlin	Madison	1/6	31.7
8 R C Anderson	Wauaukee	0/7	20.0

MEN'S F (41.77-39.97) *4-way p-off

1 Tip Wipperfurth*	Wauaukee	6/2	44.6
2 David Paul*	Baldwin	7/3	45.3
3 Paul Wilson*	Janesville	5/3	42.6
4 Lowell Kent*	Mondovi	5/3	38.3
5 Len Mauthe	Cuba City	3/4	40.6
6 Fred Decorah	Baraboo	3/4	33.1
7 Ray Groskinsky	Adams	2/5	36.9
8 Dave Miller	Wauaukee	0/7	22.8

MEN'S G (39.96 - 38.4)

1 Gene Mason	Appleton	7/0	43.4
2 Bob Lindberg	St Prairie	5/2	39.1
3 Roger Poutanen	Wausau	4/3	44.3
4 Geo Eckstrom	Gilman	4/3	42.0
5 Ron Wilcziek	Whitehall	3/4	30.6
6 Dennis Kieser	Menomon	2/5	32.6
7 Ron Berg	Barneveld	2/5	29.7
8 Earl Paulson	Beloit	1/6	27.4

MEN'S M (26.58-24.08)

1	Jason Goldsmith	Janesville	7/0	40.3
2	Dan Olson	Eau Claire	4/3	26.3
3	Dwayne Hazen	Eau Claire	4/3	26.0
4	Rob Struebing	Cmpbllsprt	4/3	24.9
5	Gene Satterstrom	Madison	4/3	24.0
6	Dick Henkel	Muskego	3/4	29.1
7	Ivan Ruzic	Stratford	1/6	20.3
8	Dan David	Auburndale	1/6	18.3



Jason Goldsmith

MEN'S N (23.85 - 21.61)

1	Ron Zeppelin*	Stratford	6/2	26.0
2	Greg Blynn*	Arena	5/3	25.5
3	Leo Zamzow	Gr Lake	4/3	29.1
4	Ken Kremnitzer	Wind L	4/3	25.1
5	Joe Zoromskis	Kenosha	4/3	24.8
6	Keith Sagert	Pell Lake	3/4	25.1
7	Guy Fleming	Jefferson	2/5	17.7
8	Gerald Dahl	Trempealeau	1/6	21.4

(* = Play-off)



Ron Zeppelin

MEN'S O (21.86 - 21.51)

1	Tom Dudenhoefer	Oxford	7/0	31.7
2	Dick Burg	Hartford	6/1	26.3
3	Wayne Franzen	Franklin	5/2	23.4
4	Stuart Bernett	Franksville	3/4	26.9
5	Gerald Zieja	West Bend	3/4	20.9
6	John Olson	Schofield	3/4	18.6
7	Merlin Ludwig	Medford	1-6	12.6



Tom Dudenhoefer

MEN'S P (16.86 - 9.85)

1	Bob Novinski	Mineral Pt	7/0	18.2
2	Jim Heim	Holmen	6/1	29.4
3	Wes Podvin	Butler	5/2	13.1
4	Ken Wood	ComLocks	4/	9.7
5	Steve Guetzke	Ger-town	3/4	11.4
6	Curt Novinski	Mineral Pt	2/5	11.4



Bob Novinski

1998 MINNESOTA STATE CHAMPIONS

Men	DALE LIPOVSKY
Women	BEV NATHE
Elders	LEN LIPOVSKY

The new 1998 Minnesota Gopher State Elders Champion, Len Lipovsky, says he's pulling the pin as NHPA Regional Director. His apparent heir is Ward Lutz of Rochester.

MAY BE TIME WELL SPENT

The WHPA Fall Meeting will convene on the 17th of October on the Arena Sandbar courts at 1:00 PM following a morning of unsanctioned doubles play under the direction of John Crook. Players had best call John first. 608-588-7392

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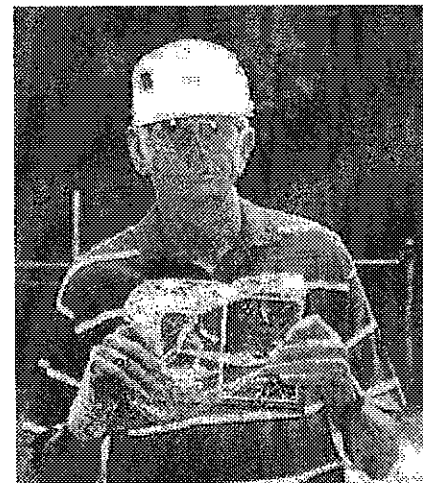
Tournament director Jeff Secord and the Fond du Lac club, looking for new innovations to attract more pitchers and restore the stature of the Winnebago Open, welcomed Dick Schoener's idea. Schoener offered to sponsor an award for the outstanding pitcher of the tournament - the pitcher who could beat the stake and his own entering average.

The competition was open only to those pitchers with an average representing three or more tournaments. Most pitchers fall into that category but on this day only five pitchers of the four classes could surpass their high three average.

Ralph Maylahn with the highest average was a touch over as was Gene Satterstrom of Madison. Mel Sorensen of Green Lake was up 2.6 percentage points. Wayne Franzen, Franklin, bettered his average by 3.91. The prize of \$75 went to Leo Zamzow of Green Lake edging Franzen with 3.95 over average. The award, sponsored by Dick's Concessions added to Zamzow's first place. To top it off Zamzow was also a cash winner in the club raffle.

The extra promotion really did not produce the desired response. Promoting a tournament for more entrants seems to take more than extra cash.

A Ralph Maylahn 71.7; Steve Wiegert 51.3; Jane Meier 46.3
B Otis Wesley 39.1; Ed Rupno 41.4; John Secord 37.9
C Ken Davison 26.7; Ron Molitor 32.5; G Satterstrom 29.6
D Leo Zamzow 26.7; Wayne Franzen 25.4; Bob Traber 10.4



Clayton Gage - Pitcher of the Year

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Clayton Gage, the top short distance pitcher in Wisconsin acquired enough wins this year to earn the 1998 POY award. He keeps entering those tournaments because he wants to enjoy it while he can. He's got this premonition that he's getting too old. Heck, he's only 75 and going strong, number two in the World T, number one in the State T.

V.F.W. DOUBLES

The entire committee of; Robert Maas, Don Navarrete, Leroy Meyer, Ken Wood, John Reitveld, and Cyril Mader was listed on the results sheet thanking all 45 teams for entering the V.F.W. doubles tournament. The VFW has been doing this thing for 15 years now but can't get together with the Green Bay Packers on conflicting game days. To alleviate matters a Friday evening class was scheduled.

A 110% limit rule was in effect for entering teams. It seems to accomplish its purpose, making for fair competition. Could it also be the reason the very top pitchers no longer are seen here? Are they afraid to pitch with someone with a complimentary average? The challenge is there.

Years past the VFW doubles teams pitched 50 shoes, now they pitch 40 – each player pitches 40 shoes. It makes for a long game. Actual playing time is 45 minutes per game. An 8-team class consumes five and one quarter hours – longer than a Packer game. It becomes a marathon. Hope there is no play-off game.

The standard doubles score-sheet, adapted from the Beloit Club model, is used at the WHPA State Doubles and throughout the state. It ends at thirty shoes (and has place for developed score). The State Doubles has gone to six team classes in an effort to limit overall playing time. VFW teams could pitch quality games with fewer shoes. Alas, old, old traditions are hard to break. It's the way they play leagues on Kamps Kourts. **A class:** Elaine & Cliff Troullier 50.8 won in a play-off with Ann Opsteen & Cy Srenaski at 45.6. Ralph Maylahn & Jeff Secord followed with 49.7%.

B class : Fred Nummi & Red Eckardt won all games with 37.20%. Steve Troullier & Norb Strzyzewski lost only one at 31.4%. Team three was Myron Daily & Joe Groeschi at 36.4.

C class: Don Wagner & Frank Warmbrum were 7/0 at 42.1. Otis Wessley & Wally Srenaski lost twice with 33.9 as did the third place team of Norm Forman & Bill Matey with 30.7%.

D class Joe & Kim Felton were #1 with a 6/1 at 31.0%. Frank Reiser & Al Seeman lost 2 pitching 26.4. Harold and Ed Wendorf had the best of the next three 4/3 records with 27.9%

E class Al Leintz & Ray Buchberger won all games at 31.0. Ray Schommer & John Reitveld hit 26.4 losing twice and The Behms, Roger & Dennis were 3/3 with 23.8%

F class Scott Schelfou & Ken Wood pitching 18.2 won a play-off match with Tracy Seiler & Dave Pappé with 17.6%.

Third was the team of Don Navarrete & Mike Delfosse at 19.4

As a footnote, Jerry Kamps, true to his word, is still hanging around even though he is no longer owner. He played Friday evening with Don Reitzner, giving away half the games pitching a combined percentage of 23.1%.

It's another tradition at the VFW. Pay-back in all divisions included all places - \$50 for 1st, \$35 for 2nd, \$30 for 3rd, \$20 for 4th, \$15 went to 3rd, \$10 for 6th, \$7 to 7th, and \$5 for the losers.

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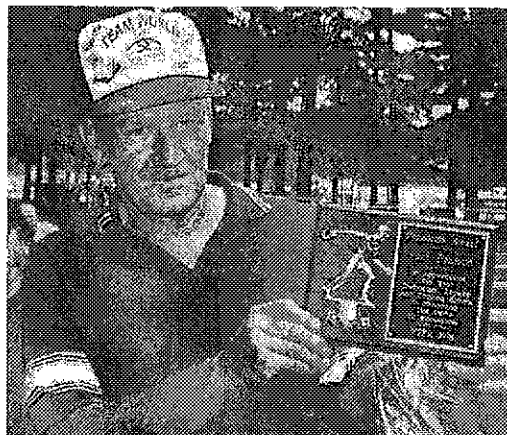
KENOSHA

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The Kenosha Club in promoting their tournament has the added task of promoting what most pitchers perceive as an extension of the season. Despite the fact that this time the weather at Kenosha was a little too warm, the club will have to sell the idea all over again next year.

Harry Nelson, defending champion in this town hung on in an A play-off game with John Koepp to retain the DC tag. Koepp had Nelson by 6 points going into the final down and back of the 40 shoe contest. Koepp had four uncharacteristic misses. Nelson didn't miss and won by six.

Some women wouldn't be seen wearing white after Labor Day. Could that mind set be extended to horseshoe pitchers in white pants? ?



Earl Paulson – WHPA Man of the Year

PRESIDENTIAL MAN OF THE YEAR

Earl Paulson, would you please approach center court. You are about to receive the Presidential Award of 1998. Your name will forever go into the record book. Ken Jaeger didn't actually say it that way but that's what happened during the WHPA ceremonial activity at the State Tournament in Eau Claire.

Paulson was the recipient of the NHPA Presidential Award last year in Kitchner. He accepted the award in the name of the Beloit Club. This time it was his personal award. He has been cited for his contribution; to his club as everlasting secretary, to the state for his continuous presence as the most productive tournament director, and to the national organization in promoting the annual premier Team-World tournament.

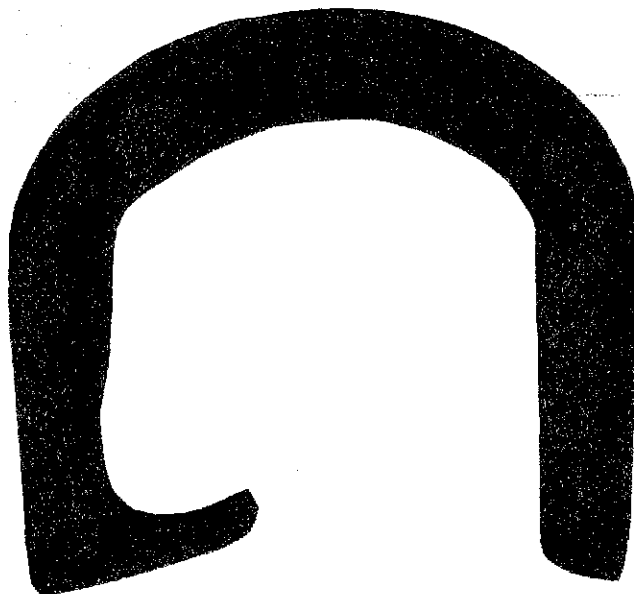
Paulson has a hand in directing a minimum of six tournaments every year. He never quits, says Jaeger who caught Paulson passing out Team-World books to top pitchers during the World Tournament.

We join with Ken Jaeger. He was right-on in selecting Paulson as his WHPA man of the year.

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