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Lorraine Sternberg Y2K NHPA 3rd VP

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INTRODUCING... from Richfield, Wisconsin, a Sanctioned League Director for the Illustrious Goldendale Club, former successful Director of the WHPA Jr. Scholarship Fund, presently Jr Promotions Director for the NHPA, four time state champion, mother of three, and NHPA 3rd Vice President elect for year 2000, Lorraine Sternberg!

Yes, she made it. In the first vote Sternberg led Steve Summerlin of Michigan by a small margin but did not carry a majority. Donnie Roberts, former NHPA Sec-Treas., addressed the electorate with forthrightness, powerful words, but was rewarded with just 20 votes. In the run-off tally with

Roberts out, Sternberg found 14 more votes to win 73 to 52.

Each candidate when queried supported the two card system of a few years back



YES!

when sanctioned league-only pitchers paid reduced dues. Presumably the would be officers wished to provide an entry level for cas-

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Special points of interest:

Casey Jones revisited

Francis/Snyder New World Champions

MENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Alan Francis OH	19/ 0	83.36
2. Art Tyson NY	15/ 4	79.58
3. Brian Simmons NH	14/ 5	78.75
4. Dale Lipovsky MN	13/ 6	76.53
5. Paul LaCrosse CO	13/ 6	74.52
6. Tommy Gann NC	13/ 6	73.83
7. W.R. Williams FL	13/ 6	73.10
8. Tom Westbrook SC	11/ 8	73.58
9. John Walters OH	10/ 9	69.26
10. Doug Kienia ME	10/ 9	68.40

WOMENS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Sue Snyder KY	18/ 1	84.52
2. Sylvianne Moisan PQ	16/ 3	80.42
3. Amy Francis OH	14/ 5	77.34
4. Connie J Filley ND	14/ 5	76.25
5. Debbie Alexander NH	13/ 6	75.27
6. Bev Nathe MN	12/ 7	74.51
12. Becky Kemper KY (DC)	10/ 9	66.09
19. Edie McKinney WI	1/ 18	54.28

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Coming Events

AUG 21-22 PLATTEVILLE OPEN \$15(A&B \$16)
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-9697 **28-99-028** D/L 8-6

Aug 28-29 NHPF Benefit Fieldhouse, Caledonia \$20
Dick Hansen 3085 76th St Franksville, WI 53126
414-835-9108 **28-99-029** D/L 8-17

Sept 4-5-6 STATE TOURNAMENT; Wausau \$25
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd Fond du Lac WI 54937
414-922-0080 **28-99-030** D/L 7-31

SEPT 11-12 V.F.W. Doubles ; Comb Locks \$25/team Don
Navarrete 534 Woodlawn Comb Lcks, WI 54113
414-788-1633 or 788-4379 unsanctioned D/L9-4

SEPT 11-12 WET 'N WILD; Centuria \$10
Jane Smith 1481 180 Av Balsam Lake. WI 54810
715-485-3057 **28-99 031** D/L 8-30

SEPT 11-12 KENOSHA OPEN \$15
Joe Zoromskis 6011 65th St Kenosha, WI 53142
414-652-6200 **28-99-032** D/L 9-5

SEPT 18 БЕЛОIT DOUBLES \$20/TEAM
Earl Paulson 7105 So Co Hy H Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 limit 110% unsanctioned D/L 9-4

OCT 2 (Rain date Oct 3) БЕЛОIT BENEFIT
TOURNAMENT \$40/Team
Earl Paulson 7105 So CTH-H, Beloit, WI 53511
608-879-2304 limit 110% unsanctioned D/L9-18

OCT 16 Fall Meeting at the Arena Sandbar 1:00 PM
Elections: WHPA President and 2nd VP

OCT 16 FALL MEETING OPEN; Arena Sandbar \$15
Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St Waukesha, WI 53186
414-542-0252 One day **Limit 32 #28-99-038** D/L 10-2

NOV 6-7 MUSIC CITY TEAM TOURNAMENT \$105
Mary Bastian 3730 Old Charlotte Pike, Franklin, TN 37069
615-591-0833 Limit for three. 215 pct. pts. D/L 9-15

NOV 6-7 SONNY'S SINGLES; Arena Sandbar \$15
Sonny Cockroft 405 Wall St Mazomanie, WI 53560
608-795-2273 **#28-99-039** D/L 10-23

DEC 12 SANTA'S SINGLES; Arena Sandbar \$15
Ron Berg 5375 Blue Ridge Barneveld, WI 53507
608-924-5574 Sun only **28-99-040** D/L 11-28

Now forming the indoor schedule. Events PROPOSED:
Jan 8-9 2K-001 Singles at the Sandbar by Jim Haupt
Feb 12-13 FREEZEROO At the Sandbar by Ron Berg
March 12 RIVER VALLEY RUMBLE at Sandbar by Berg
March 18 SPRING MEETING & JR SCHOLARSHIP Steinke
April ? ARENA SPRING SINGLES by John Crook



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KEY Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event.
NHPA sanctioned tournaments also in **bold** numbers.
Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.
Call, 414-964-2735 six wks. prior for free listing this col.

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Championship Boys

1. Branson Miller VA	6/2	71.71
5. Dustin Dahl WI (tie at third)	4/3)	65.24

Championship Girls

1. Shalee Sebastian PA	5/0	63.16
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Championship Senior Ladies

1. Teddy Guillote CA	6/1	76.60
4. Edi Holland MN		59.24

Championship Senior Men

1. Ed Aronius TX	9/2	67.33
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Championship Elder Men

1. Frank Bohun PA	11/1	82.44
2. Curly Seibold IN	10/2	73.96
10. Len Lipovsky MN	3/8	65.37
11. Warren Woolsey IN	3/8	63.97

Evelyn Goshaw, Eau Claire	15th	4.5/10.5	28.75
Jeff Gustafson, L Geneva	6th	8.5/6.5	33.83
Randy Hansen, Altoona	7th	9/6	32.00
Dick Hansen, Franksville	16th	1/14	26.8
Jim Haupt, Milwaukee	7th	8/7	33.17
Ken Heinritz, Meno Falls	2nd	12/3	48.83
Sue Helene, Webster	1st	11.5/3.5	60.67
Don Hostrup, Frederic	5th	9/6	55.17
Ken Jaeger, New London	4th	10/5	48.17
Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha	1st	13/2	48.17
Jerry Kamps, Comb Lock	2nd	12/3	25.83
George Kuffer, Milton	15th	1.5/13.5	9.00
Harold Laws, Beloit	6th	8.5/6.5	30.00
Gilbert Mahn, Mukwanago	2nd	12.5/2.5	42.50
Ray Mallo, Gilman	4th	8.5/4.5	32.5
Bill Matey, Appleton	1st	11.5/3.5	32.17
Ralph Maylahn, Gen Depot	14th	3/12	57.33
Edi McKinney, Luck	6th	9/6	63.33
Bruce McLinn, Clinton	2nd	11.5/3.5	35.17
Jane Meier, Fond du Lac	7th	7.5/5.5	40.00
LeRoy Meyer, Appleton	1st	13/2	37.67
Kerry Morris, Johnson Crk	8th	8.5/6.5	40.17
Harry Nelson, Kenosha	7th	9/6	46.33
Earl Paulson, Beloit	16th	1/14	11.00
Ted Rohde, LaCrosse	6th	10/5	36.00
Dave Schorbahn, Independ	11th	7/8	49.50
Gloria Smith, Milltown	7th	8/7	38.83
Jane Smith, Balsam Lake	15th	2/13	43.17
Mer Sorensen, DePere	3rd	11/4	57.83
Cy Srenaski, Gr Bay	1st	10/3	47.69
Wally Srenaski, Gr Bay	3rd	11.5/3.5	30.50
Penny Steinke, Waukesha	3rd	10.5/4.5	58.17
Tom Steinke, Waukesha	13th	4/11	16.17
Terry Sternberg, Richfield	11th	6/9	33.33
Rowen Swick, Beloit	5th	9/6	29.83
Julian Tizerina, Madison	8th	8/7	39.00
Cliff Troullier, Manitowoc	9th	7/8	38.67
Elaine Troullier	4th	10/5	54.00
Steve Wiegert, Gr Bay	17th	4/13	49.71
Tip Wipperfurth, Waunakee	14th	3.5/11.5	26.33
Ken Wood, Comb Locks	2nd	12/3	16.00
Joe Zoromskis, Kenosha	7th	9/6	21.83

WORLD SCOREBOARD

Most of the Wisconsin pitchers were in separate classes even different divisions but here's how they fared.

	<u>place</u>	<u>w/l</u>	<u>pct.</u>
Bob C Anderson, Waunakee	15th	4/10	22.00
Barbara Baxter Briggsville	4th	8.5/4.5	28.27
Dean Baxter, "	12th	6.5/8.5	17.33
Ron Brockway , Onalaska	3rd	11/4	52.83
Russ Burns, Janesville	10th	6.5/8.5	26.17
Bun Carley, Richland Ctr	6th	10/5	8/7
John Carlin, Waunakee	5th	9/6	34.00
Bernard Cockroft , Mazo	3rd	10/5	31.00
Rich Conrad, Pewaukee	13th	4/11	24.5
Tom Costa , West Bend	3rd	10/5	44.83
Barry Dahl, Trempealeau	11th	7.5/9.5	60.88
Dustin Dahl "	4th	12/5	66.18
Phyllis Davids , DePere	2nd	11.5/3.5	52.33
Ken Davison , Meno Falls	1st	12/3	32.17
Teresa Donar , Cuba City	1st	13/2	46.33
George Eckstrom , Gilman	2nd	11/5	40.16
Tom Ender , Twin Lakes	2nd	12/3	53.17
Guy Fleming , Jefferson	2nd	11.5/3.5	21.00
Bob Fritz , Watertown	1st	13/2	33.33
Clayton Gage, Milltown	13th	4/11	67.11



Sue Helene 1st Place Class C



Cy Srenaski 1st Place Class

No picture available at press time.

Teresa Donar 1st Place Class H

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ual pitchers. That is confusing. Just last year a similar split card proposal was voted down.

Colorado Regional Director, Allen Baptist, was victor over newly appointed NHPA Publicity person Billie Sue Pennington to replace outgoing 1st VP, the venerable Earl Winston of Missouri. This WT was #49 for Winston who has served as the 1st VP the past 17 years. Baptist, in his second attempt for the office, was promoted by Bob Champion, Colorado newsletter editor and a pro' at publicity.

President, Dave Loucks and 5th VP Paul Stewart running unopposed were re-elected by acclamation

THE REST OF THE MEETING

130 delegates attended this annual convention along with a couple dozen observers.

People representing the 2000 World Tournament site, Bismark, ND confirmed their air-conditioned ice hockey arena will be ready to go next August. (Any mention of ice appealed to these overheated delegates.) Motel and campground reservations are being accepted now for the official dates, July 31 – Aug. 13, 2000. The Bismark-Mandan area, separated by the Missouri River, has a population of 75,000.

No bids for the following year, 2001, were received by the March 15 deadline and now is by default the choice of the NHPA executive board. Kitchner, Ontario let it be known that their facility and cooperation was available if needed. Hibbing, Minnesota, site of a couple of State Tournaments, has offered their hospitality. Bill Grillo has been the main thrust and is thought to be behind this venture. They could offer 24 courts the first two weeks in August in a free air hockey arena with an additional 16 courts in a curling building. Strong financial backing seems in place. Dave Loucks will make a personal visit to the area in September of this year to survey the site before accepting any bid.

Joelton, Tennessee, future home of the Hall of Fame, present site of 18 indoor and 20 outdoor courts, entered the mix while discussing World Tournament sites. Loucks reviewed some of the site upgrades needed and problems encountered.

The national organizers recognize the need to bring the World to Joelton. To acquaint the membership with the property would strongly promote the NHPF, the foundation created to benefit all horseshoe players. However, the directors are willing to wait until perhaps 2003 to make sure the site is up to standard. The delegates were reminded that the \$15,000 normally accompanying a bid would have to come from an unknown sponsor or increased entry fees.

World Tournament site for the year 2002 is open and a few communities were mentioned; Red Deer, in Alberta, Canada, Spokane, Washington, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Midland, Michigan.

While votes are counted the chair accepts comments about the good and welfare of the horseshoe community. Joe Faron, President of the Missouri association told of the find of an original copy of the Official Rules of Horseshoes as adopted in 1922. It was hanging in a garage owned by grandparents of Jerry Griggs.

The NHPA is concerned about the NHPF. At the end of year 2000 the IRS will review the activities of the Foundation and determine whether it may continue in operation. If for some reason, such as non support, the Foundation would be ordered dissolved, the assets must be given to a charitable organization. While the possibility remains we were asked, :If we are not going to help ourselves, how can we expect others to support us financially?

Billie Sue Pennington, the new Publicity Coordinator is putting together a team to develop sponsorship solicitation.

Combining the Canadian association, Horseshoe Canada, with the NHPA to form one organization has been met with more feelings against such a merger.

With some revisions all proposed rule changes were passed by the delegates – except for the last one proposing while pitching in all sanctioned events including leagues, drinking and smoking would be prohibited similar to the restrictions on the World Tournament courts. It was defeated but only by two votes, 66 to 64. The Wisconsin camp breathed a sigh of relief.

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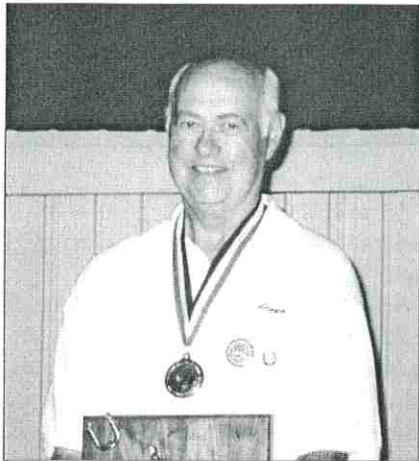
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We are accepting monetary donations to help cover the cost of our state tournament program. In the past advertising has been solicited from the local businesses to cover the production of a booklet. It really just cluttered up an otherwise interesting booklet with meaningless promotions from cement contractors, furniture stores, taverns, and gas stations in a place hundreds of miles from your home.

We are keeping the clutter out of the book and if anyone would like to help, send donations to:
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Lloyd Johnson 1st Place Class F2



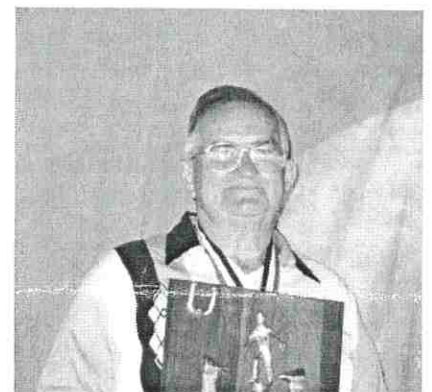
Bob Fritz 1st Place Class M1



Ken Davison 1st Place Class O2



"Moose" Meyer 1st Place Elders I



Bill Matey 1st Place Seniors H

27 World Trophies to Wisconsin

The Greenville World Tournament Trophy is really a large plaque embellished with raised figures of a pitcher, derived from a picture of former President George Bush, a globe representing the world, and a couple of horseshoes, one is full size. That's not all. Each trophy was further adorned with a special medallion on a red, white and blue ribbon.

The host club by tradition, provides all the trophies. The Dark County Club decided to make hand crafted plaques to better than professional standards. Each phase of the manufacture was displayed in a glass showcase on the fairgrounds. It included the dies for the castings of the medallions, horseshoes, figurines, and showed various stages of assembly. From all appearances it seemed the Dark County Club may have made the trophies for minimal cost. Appreciation of services received flourished throughout the display. Thanks to the Dark County, many players now own a piece of irreplaceable World Tournament horseshoe history.



Computer Tournament Set-up the easy way

Computers are a great tool for tournament set-up and really the only way to go.

Formerly tournament schedules were built by hand, using either the entry coupons or 3 X 5 cards so that additional entries could be inserted in descending order. Schedules may have been typed and hand addressed. Results were another hand operation assisted mainly with a typewriter.

When using a computer database for set-up, the hardest thing to do is waiting until the deadline to make up the list. Hopefully your computer is connected online and can receive the latest average list from State Secretary, John Secord. When most entries are in, create a split screen and begin selecting entered players from Secord's list using copy and paste. All WHPA information then goes on your schedule, name address, NHPA number, current average, etc. Unnecessary columns like numbers of tournaments can be entirely deleted.

Once the database has been built a sort will arrange players in order. Insert blank rows to form classes. Use the database

to print address labels for the finished schedule. Make double labels if results will be mailed to players. After the database is made it is very easy, with a little ingenuity, to make labels to put on the round robin cards. This label can include name, class, date, tournament name. Sure beats writing out 50 - 100 round robin cards.

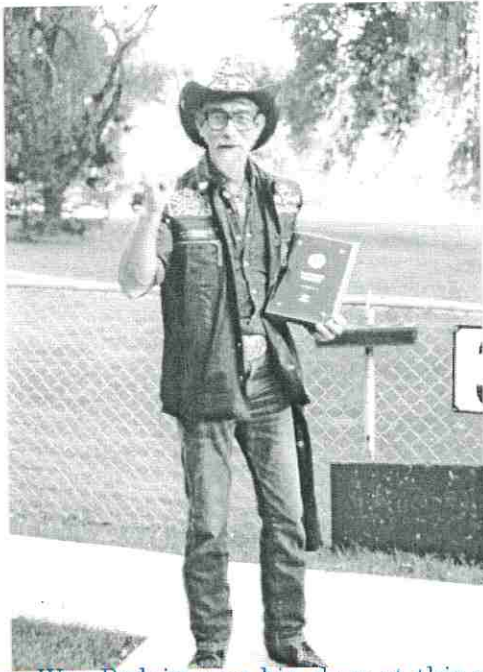
After the event arrange players in order of finish entering ringers and shoes. Insert a formula (ringers/shoes) to show percentage.

Save the database for possible use the following year as many entries will repeat

Here is where your online capability shines. The results can and should be E-mailed to the State Secretary and to the Newsletter. In this form editing is still possible. Secord may want to edit by sorting the list in either alphabetical or NHPA numerical order. The Newsletter can edit to fit their columns.

Hard copies don't make it. They went out with the 3 x5 cards. All of the above is making the conclusion that everyone is using an IBM based computer and a Microsoft spreadsheet that is compatible with the WHPA's.

Is there a better way? Your comments are always welcome. jimhaupt@aol.com



When Wes Podvin won his class at this years Goldendale Tournament it was his first sanctioned tournament win ever. He was promised that his picture would appear on the pages of the WHNL. The photographer and the Publisher didn't make connections in the last issue.

Good pitching, Wes!

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

Here's a story out of New London. Jack Algiers once served as the Chief of Police there but that may just be a coincidence. No names were included in this release.

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say,..."

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

Sometime later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

Ken Kosky Is the new "shoe guy" in Wisconsin having taken over from Cliff and Elaine Troullier.

Kosky, the innovator, has built a new display unit. He customized a small road trailer with lift up shoe trays and storage space below, inserted pegboard under the cover for odd items and it's all on wheels. Kosky is now being besieged by second-guessers on how he should have built the unit. See the Kosky display. He's waiting for your design comments.

GREENVILLE HAPPENINGS

The extra hot weather throughout the mid-west in late July also descended on Greenville, Ohio, site of the 1999 World Tournament. The extreme heat served as whipping boy for all those who could not talk about winning.

Regardless of the oppressive heat, the Greenville County Fairgrounds was alive with visitors. Most were not the human variety. Expecting another load of 4H animals, flies flew in from Indiana and the State Fairgrounds of Columbus. With a pitching arena called the "Swine Barn," what else? What else, was the expected 800 to 1000 hogs to replace horseshoe pitchers the following week. For relief pitchers visited the "Rabbit Barn" where various vendors sold souvenirs, W.T. pictures by Ernie, the workshop for the Internet site and Lee Wallace showing antique shoes.

Pitchers, of the garden variety, were treated to a different arena each of their three days. The Coliseum and the Youth Building along with the Hog Barn each housed about 16 of the NHPA platform courts. The Greenville

Club made some new courts, all of which are being forwarded to Bismark, ND for the 2000 event. Air Conditioning? Better you shouldn't ask.

Some of the, 'showcase' classes pitched in the City Park, about three miles from the Fairgrounds. Its a great park especially for such a small (15,000) community. They call themselves the horseshoe capitol of the world and that may be. The 18 courts at City Park are impeccable. Nice, newer bleachers surround the world-class layout Lighting is state of the art. Just one less than perfect observation is that the double 'Cyclone' style fence restricted spectator vision, some said.

Camping on the fairgrounds proved the better option. The Sternbergs moved in from their country location to be closer to the courts. Mer Sorensen said the electric power provided must be the best considering the heavy demand of their air-conditioners.

This Greenville event had all the nostalgic flavor of an old fashioned outdoor tournament with the guarantee of cover. True, the games at the Park did experience a few rain delays. At one stage the top class Elders were transferred to available indoor courts just to keep things moving along. On the other hand, the men's A classes began their tour in the Park at 9:30 PM, an hour and thirty minutes late.

Missing from the usual WT amenities was the daily Newsletter. Missing in action were former publishers, Bob Champion and Ed Quigley. Both were seen on the grounds, but only as visitor and player.

Players were known by name this year, a departure from the confusing number system. Making the 1550 names became one more job by Dick Hansen. Computer printed names were jobbed out to be laminated at surprisingly low cost, and players got to keep the name card. Hopefully name cards are here to stay.

There were many green shirts, a sign of the Dark County Horseshoe Club, seen around the grounds doing regular jobs.

Jim Hill had a nine day stint overseeing activities in the Hog Barn. Ken Walters hauled an incessant stream of trophies to the awards pavilion. The green-shirts were everywhere.

The Foundation, as in NHPF, figured in to the many awards ceremonies where a voluntary basket was passed to gather offerings of charitable players who understand.

All things considered the 1999 World at Greenville proved that with proper organization an anticipated nightmare can become a walk in the park

INTERNET CONNECTION TO THE WORLD

Did anybody watch the development of the World Tournament at NHPA \Online?

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9587/index.html>

Try it, mark it as a favorite, and forget the gobblygook.

For the two weeks of the World daily reports of pitchers' progress were posted. Duane Goodrich followed Ernie the photographer like a dog with his

digital camera trying to post many of the same scenes on the website. The Photo Menu was better than the Live Webcam. Clicking on the thumbnails brought those shots up close. Although brief, there were results of the Meeting but it was the prelim and championship results that made the website an instant source of news and information that formerly took weeks and months to make the rounds. Wouldn't it be great if the website also ran press releases, or is that a publicity thing.

Words of the month:

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

This Newsletter accurately reported from the letter to all WT entrants that there would be "no playoffs" at the World Tournament. Somebody threw us a curve. Later it was called a "misprint." Redeeming phrase: Playoffs for first place are required by rule at the WT. Other ties in standings were ranked by percentage.

NHPA Sec-Treas makes the News

Dick Hansen figures he works more hours in "retirement" now that he's left his computer technician's job to become the only paid staff member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

But like anyone who gets to pour himself into his hobby and take home about \$20,000 a year in the process, he's happy.

"I know people from every state in the union. It's a very rewarding job," Hansen said.

In 1993 Hansen became the first Wisconsin resident elected a vice president of the NHPA, a 15,000 member organization dedicated to the sport of hooking horseshoes around metal stakes.

In 1996 he became the first Wisconsinite (appointed) the organization's secretary treasurer, the person who actually pays the bills, works a \$500,000 budget and keeps the organization organized.

Hansen, who appropriately lives on Highway U is busiest these days in preparation for the association's World Tournament in July. Working out of his home, he is the chief organizer for this year's contest which is expected to attract more than 1500 pitchers to Greenville, Ohio, to compete for \$150,000.

Hansen, a winner of more than 100 horseshoe tournaments in Wisconsin and a member of the state's Horseshoe Hall of Fame, said he became active in the national organization when it became clear he couldn't reach his goal of becoming a world champion.

"I thought I should try to stop being a horseshoe champion and get into horseshoe politics," he said.

"Horseshoe politics is a lot easier than regular politics," joked Hansen, who ran this year and in 1987 for the Raymond Town Board. Hansen's father and next door neighbor, John Hansen, is a Racine County supervisor.

Dick Hansen said he first began pitching horseshoes at age 6 or 7 on his father's farm. He and his father started the Racine County Horseshoe League more than 30 years ago.

At 55 Hansen plays in two leagues a week and boasts a 51% average.

"The players' good nature is what makes the sport," he said.

"Every time you play a horseshoe game, you shake the guy's hand before the game starts and after, you shake it again, win or lose. You don't see that happen in too many sports," Hansen said.

"Membership in the national organization peaked in 1992 at about 18,000 when George Bush put a horseshoe court at the White House," Hansen said. "The key to maintaining membership," he said, "is to get kids interested and then hook them again after they marry."

"When they get over the age of 16, it's cars and girls and baseball," he said. "They don't come back to the game till they get married and settle down."

[From Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Racine Page 7-11-99 by Tom Kertscher]

Editors. note

Whoops! It seems the article erred. Dick Hansen was not the first from Wisconsin to serve as an NHPA executive. Mary Jones, wife of Casey Jones then of Waukesha, served as NHPA treasurer through the years 1951 to 1955 at which time the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were separate. Guy C Wertz is listed as an NHPA VP elected in 1948.

State Tournament Update

Everyone should have received their Tournament schedule by now. Hopefully everyone is pitching at their ideal time. If you haven't received a schedule please contact Ken Kosky @ 715-355-4628.

If anyone has difficulties with lodging, again please contact Ken and he will square you away. Camping on-site is first come, first served, although last time the tournament was here there was no problems getting a space.

Scorekeepers are needed. Please use the form on the back of the schedule to sign up in advance. Anyone who is not pitching and would like to keep score

please contact Edie McKinney. Her address and phone number is on page two of this publication. The scorekeeping format is still up in the air although a lot of thought is being given to the new style scoring method of having ringers on the board. This method undoubtedly makes it more spectator friendly. Please direct any comments on this issue to any of the Close-Doesn't Count or Windy Hill club members when you see them.

The Awards ceremony will take place just before the Championship classes pitch on Sunday afternoon.

**PITCHERS "DON'T" FORGET
YOUR SHIRT WITH YOUR NAME
ON THE BACK. YOU MUST HAVE
THIS IN ORDER TO PITCH.**

UNSANCTIONED BUT EAGLE DRAWS 148

Bun Carley in his personal best tournament won the twenty-fifth anniversary Eagle Open. Equally fitting was that fact that Carley has also pitched the event 24 of the past 25 years. Carley was on a tear as he went undefeated against the field in A class. He knew it was going good when he was able to gain the edge over number one seed Mark Mauthe, another first.

Club pro, Steve Koehn, always a crowd favorite, took his losses in stride. He's the same old friendly guy pitching the same 1&1/4 but perhaps without the same drive seen in years past. Koehn finished a friendly 4th pitching 48%.

MEN

A Bun Carley, 61.1; Mark Mauthe, 61.1; Tom Endler 56.3
 B Mitch Vyhanek 44.9; Doug Bakkum 46.9; Guy Modde 46.9
 C Ron Yttri 37.9; Paul Wilson 31.4; Auggie Potter 38.9
 D Hank Zeisse 36.1; S. Agustynowicz 38.9; Len Mauthe 40.0
 E Tony Mitchell 26.1; Don Kraemer 27.1; Chuck Herman 36.8
 F Bob Fritz 37.9; Kevin Peterson 32.5; Gordon Potter 35.0
 G Donald Trapp 30.7; John DeVault 31.8; Guy Flemming 25.7
 H Jerry Meinen 25.9; Rich Bonner 27.9; Lou Ktitz 25.7
 I Dan Deegan 24.6; Ralph Raduechel; Bob Anderson 23.6
 J Ernie Staebler 21.8; Bob Erb 17.1; Rick Webber 21.4
 K Steve Deegan 22.1; John Krause 20.4; Bill Krestan Jr 14.6
 L Jason Villwock 20.0; Jerry Spaulding 13.2; Gregg Scheff 10.7
 M Jack Harris 17.5; Ron Vidas 7.5; Jeff Villwock 7.9
 N Brad Daufenbach 11.7; Tim Vadnbais 4.2; A. DeLaPaz 5.4
 WOMEN

A Penny Steinke 51.7; Snow Jacobsen 33.7; Vicki Dowdle 41.1
 B Judy Rudolph 48.2; Sue Scheff 33.9; Alice Noltmeyer 25.0
 C Deb Daufenbach 29.3; Linda Higby 41.1; D. Dotzauer 29.6
 D Jane Hooten 18.5; Claudette Krestan 15.2; Katie Frink 16.2
 E Sue Hahn 29.2; Gayle Ridgeman 20.0; Sally Webber 14.2

148 pitchers is one of the bigger tournaments in Wisconsin, More women than the State Tournament. Mountain may draw a few more and the State Tournament is understandably larger. But, what's the attraction? Both Eagle and Mountain are unsanctioned events. Certainly many are just casual pitchers. Some won't part with the \$17 to join the NHPA or may be unaware of organized horseshoes.

It's the Village sport/pastime in Eagle, Wisconsin and great to see enough people to actually call it a crowd. With so many people just having fun (pitched til midnight on the rainy Saturday) one should accept it as it is and hope that this entry level will produce players who may want to go on to other tournaments on the WHPA schedule.

From Al Salmela, Eagle Tournament Director, in concert with wife Kathy, for the past nine years.

Here are the results for this year. We also gave award plaques to those who played in the 1st and the 25th Eagle Open: Ralph Raduechel, Roy Raduechel (injured) Elmer Killian, Greg Hein, Bun Carley, and the person to whom we dedicated this tournament, the late Wally Pipp.



Al Salmela is Eagle's
Tournament Director

Bun Carley was the
Class A winner at Eagle

THE STORY ON EAGLE

by Jim Haupt

The Eagle Horseshoe Club is an entity unto itself. More than ten years ago they opted to break away from the WHPA. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to say that the Eagle Club did not choose to follow the way of the WHPA.

In 1988 the WHPA was asked to pre-pay the new insurance premium included in the NHPA card. It was only \$2 per member but the treasury wouldn't allow it. At the Fall Meeting in Marshfield that year, Dick Hansen, then WHPA president, proposed that we assess ourselves 50 cents per adult tournament pitcher to be paid on submission of results.

The membership accepted this painless way to establish a

working treasury. It would only add a modest amount to the entry fee and eliminate a dues hike. To this day the State dues remain at \$5 and there are adequate funds in the treasury.

At most 50-60 members decided the financial future of the WHPA. When the new ruling went into effect a few tournament directors had to be reminded of their obligation.

The Eagle Club felt they no longer needed services provided by the WHPA computer, did not meet the obligation and were subsequently omitted from the official WHPA State Schedule as an Approved WHPA Tournament.

There are a few avid, active WHPA members who are also members of the Eagle Club. Make no mistake, there are also some pretty fair players in Eagle. Considering the great number of pitchers Eagle is bringing into the game, perhaps in the future more will want to make the tournament rounds and become affiliated with the WHPA.

Trials & Tribulations of World Tournament Travel

Author, Jane Smith. List of main characters: Gloria Smith, Edi McKinney, Sue Helene, Lu Cave, Mary Denzin, Rosie Leyk

Day 1: Sue was 20 minutes late as she had to return home to get money. On our way, 7:56 AM. Arrived at Ho Chunk casino for lunch. Some gambled for 10 minutes. On the road to Janesville shopping mall where we swiftly cruised the stores for bargains for an hour. We should have gotten gas as at 4:15 we slowly coasted to the edge of the road between Rockford and Rochelle. Our gas gauge showed 1/4 so we learned not to believe everything we see. AAA was called and after an hour called again. Several good Samaritans stopped when finally our gas arrived. On the road again at 6:00 looking for The Mall just south of Beloit near Rockford. We found our mall in Bloomington, IL about 8:00, shopped until closing. Checked in at Comfort Inn, ate at Cracker Barrel-a first for the Minnesota connection.

Day 2: Left for Ohio at 8:00 and we were cruising along fine until the van began to shake, shimmy, and finally blew a tire near Farmers City, IL at 8:30. Decided to change ourselves rather than give AAA another call. No problem, the jack, wrenches, tire were all utilized by everyone doing their part, until the bolt that held the spare was too long for our tire wrench to loosen. Finally a gentleman stopped to help. He took a nut to town and brought a wrench back. The spare got us to town where our first new tire was purchased. The tire men checked the other tires and they were pronounced OK. 9:45 we were on the road again. We purchased a screwdriver and hammer to go with our wrench, just in case. Crawfordville, IN was blessed with our company for lunch. Fifteen minutes on the road after lunch the van began to shake and shimmy again! We pulled off. Seven women looking over the tires and determining it was the rough road. Got loaded and on smooth road only to shake again. Pulled off to a small grungy station where a nice man wearing a gun sold us our second new tire! At 4:00 with the gas tank registering 1/2 full we filled up, bought Indiana lottery tickets and headed for Ohio. Arrived Greenville at 6:20 EDT.

Day 3: Got to the courts at 7:00 AM. Gloria and Mary pitched at 8:00. Some of us kept score, some just relaxed, and others watched. Headed to the park to watch the juniors, Pudge and Barrent Dahl

pitch. Even this early it was HOT--93 degrees. Needed to feed our shopping urge so stopped at Wal-Mart. After shopping, piled into the HOT, HOT van only to pile out again as it wouldn't start. Sue and Jane walked to a service station. The others headed for Pennys to shop - no use letting problems hinder the shopping.--then Floyd from Dave's rescued us by tapping on the solenoid under the van. He showed Sue who became our Dave!

Made an appointment for a new starter on Thursday. Went to the Steakhouse for a nice quiet, relaxed supper. Sue performed her magic on the solenoid as the van wouldn't start after supper. Several steakhouse customers were

smiling as she crawled out from under the van with a wrench in her hand! On our way home to rejuvenate for another day in the very HOT buildings--at least there was no sun!

Days 4-5-6: Beautiful roses of assorted colors and a good luck balloon arrived from husband, Kirby, celebrating my absence. July 27 was Sue's 25th anniversary and husband Lee did the proper thing by sending a dozen red roses. Did our rooms smell awesome! Days were filled with pitching, score keeping, and the juniors. Gloria pitched well finishing 5th in her group. Mary made lots of friends and saved ringers for later tournaments. Sue and Gloria went to a Flea Market on Sunday when everyone else went to the annual meeting -the highlight, Lorraine won!! We needed rides home after the meeting so twisted Lenny Lipovsky and Ralph Maylahn to be our chauffeurs. Ralph worried about us taking advantage of him in a secluded area :-(). Some practiced; others rested.

Day 7-8-9: More pitching and tougher schedules with two different sites and a variety of pitching times. in the end all worked out as Edie finished 6th and qualified to pitch in the Championship division Sue is the World Class

C Champion; and the rest of us have many friends! People and vehicles were shuffled as Edie, Clayton and Don (finished 5th) played at the park and the rest of us were at the fairgrounds. It was HOT with the temperature in the 90's the humidity almost as bad, and the heat indices in the 100's!!!

Clayton had a playoff for the elders Championship division but lost. There was a reason as Dorothy had developed pneumonia and was taken from the nursing home to the hospital. Clayton headed home on Friday. We filled 1/2

of his van with extra suitcases, horseshoes, and shopping bargains.

Day 10-11-12: Edie endured the HEAT and SUN pitching in the Championship class. Maybe this was-

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The Trip

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n't the year to be in the top group??? After Edie was finished we headed for food either Bob Evans, Chinese buffet, Devaults, Ponderosa, or Steakhouse. We generally had ONE gentleman with us: Don, Clayton, Ward, Everett. During these days of Championship pitching rainstorms occasionally halted pitching. Even the rain didn't cool the environment! It was still HOT! HOT HOT!!! Lenny was quite an entertainer at the courts. We hoped Dale couldn't hear his dad talking to him. It could have disrupted his concentration! Before heading home to the motel we sometimes stopped for ice cream:-)

Day 13: Began packing the van for our homeward trek at 7:30 and on the road by 7:50. Stopped at Indianapolis Speedway, after one wrong turn, so we could see the back side of the track, and shopped in the gift stores. Tours around the track were not being given until 12:00 or 12:30 so decided to leave. We couldn't get out of the lot because of a bicycle race. So some sat, others shopped and finally about an hour later lots of irate visitors began honking their horns. They let us out! Once on the road and our stomachs grumbling we saw a sign featuring homemade rolls at the

Beef House in Covington, IN. The food was GREAT. We were back on the road at 2:00 and survived NO Shopping until 2:50 when we arrived in Bloomington, IL. Shopped until 4:00 then headed to Beloit arriving at 7:00. We checked into Fairfield Inn, then rode to the river park for a walk. Ended up going into IL before we got back to the motel – just one more wrong turn, oh well!! Had a pizza party in the room as we watched "The Analyst." Great humor, if a few too many F words, so we practiced "selective" hearing.

Day 14: The end is soooo near. Got an early start as Jane forgot to set her alarm to central time zone. On the road at 8:00 arriving in Madison about the time our governor Tommy Thompson was leaving with a motorcycle brigade. All the freeway entrances were blocked and about 4 patrol cars were holding us back. Decided to eat lunch in Eau Claire at the Olive Garden.. great salad, breadsticks and lasagna!! Shopped again until 3:00 when we headed north. These trips go way too fast! As we drove through Amery we stopped at the hospital to visit Dorothy Gage. She was surprised to see all seven, the Minnesota connection-Lu, Rosie, Mary and the Wisconsin regulars Edie, Gloria, Sue, Jane, stop and wish her well. We arrived in Balsam Lake around 5:30. Kirby had picked up our goods from Clayton so we unloaded his truck and our van! Our trip to Bismark is practically

1976 CASEY JONES

Charles Casey Jones, National Hall of Fame member (1968) was one of two horseshoe pitchers honored by the newly formed Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1976.

He won the State Tournament a total of 19 times, three of which were as a junior. He was runner-up in the National Tournament five times and carried the highest ringer percentage, 87.5%, for twenty years.

In 1953 his family went into the bowling business. He is the owner of an enviable bowling record. His achievements include 10 games of 300, 13 series of 800, all being sanctioned which is the Wisconsin state record. On March 24, 1976 he bowled an 802 series.

His family consists of three daughters and a son who died in 1969. They also have three Grandsons.

Casey Jones, 81, lives with his wife Mary (former NHPA Treasurer) in Plymouth, WI spending winter months in Arizona. He last played golf in June but spent nine days in the hospital in July.

BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

The Beloit Horseshoe Club is having a benefit horseshoe tournament. It is to supplement their building fund that just isn't big enough to do what needs to be done. Major projects like drilling a well and installing a complete sewer system are a major drain on their limited funds. They need the help and support of their friends in the horseshoe community to see this project through to completion.

Bring your own partner but just be sure to stay under the limit of 110% combined average. The fee is \$40/team and all of the money goes toward the building fund.

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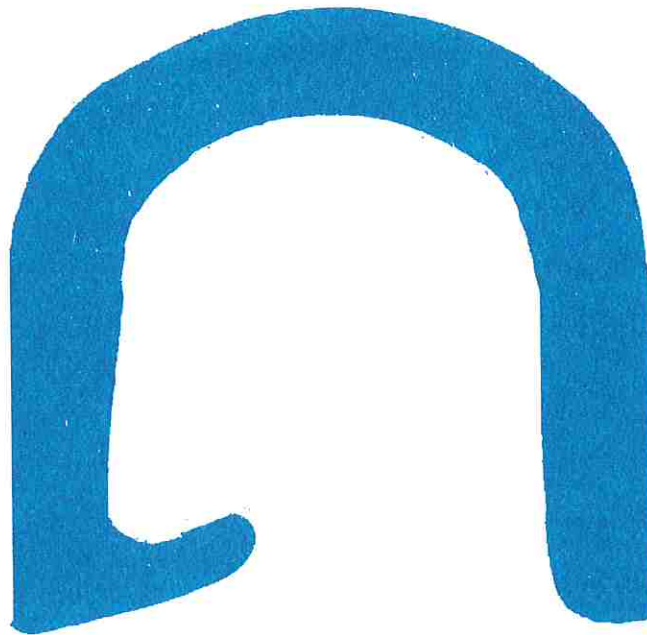
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