

## 1990 STATE TOURNEY

### CLUB CHAMP RESULTS

BY JANE SMITH

Five clubs accepted the challenge of the STATE TOURNAMENT CLUB CHAMPION. Thank you to these clubs who enjoy the game of horseshoes under all types of competition. The winner is the EAU CLAIRE HORSESHOE CLUB. They had a total of 28 pitchers, 147.5 points and a winning average of 5.46 points. The following clubs participated and finished in order: Goldendale, 17 pitchers, 84.5 points, 4.9 average; Close Doesn't Count, 13 pitchers, 77 points, 5.6 average; Fon du Lac, 7 pitchers, 46 points, 6.2 average; Beloit, 6 pitchers, 16 points, 2.6 average.

As was predicted at the Spring meeting, the club with the most pitchers won. It still took good pitching from these members so congratulations to all of you!

The winning average was calculated by dividing the number of total points by the number of pitchers. The higher the winning average the better the team pitched. This is perhaps the route we should think about in our future State Tournament Club Championships. This would seem to make it more fair to even the smaller clubs in the state. Your opinions will be appreciated. Bring them with you to the "Spring Meeting" in February at the Plover tournament.

The Eau Claire Club will receive the traveling trophy, pins for each of their state participants, paid entry fee to the 1991 State Tournament Club Champion as defending champs and cash yet to be determined because of printing fees. The trophy was donated by the Industrial Arts class of Union High School.

Again, many THANKS to the clubs participating.

### WHPA PITCHER OF THE YEAR AS OF JANUARY 1, 1991

1	REIN, RANDY	MOSINEE	67
2	FEDERER, PAUL	SUN PRAIRIE	55
3	MAYLAHN, RALPH	GENESEE DOPOT	54
4	SMITH, JANE	BALSAM LAKE	52
5	STERNBERG L.	RICHFIELD	51
6	BLOEMERS, JAMES	FOND DU LAC	48
7	GUETZKE, JOAN	GERMANTOWN	47
8	BACH, DENNIS.	DORCHESTER	44
9	OPSTEEN, ANN	COMBINED LOCKS	42
10	OGIBA, CHET	MOSINEE	41
11	STRUEBING, JOAN	CAMPBELLSPORT	41
12	GAETZ, TONY	STEVENS POINT	40
13	SCHRAM, GUS	RINGLE	40

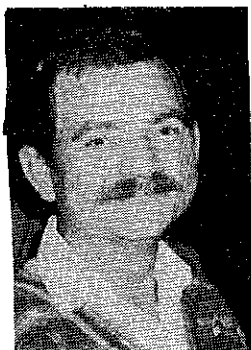
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SATURDAY  
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12:30 P.M.



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**DICK HANSEN**  
**WHPA**  
**PRESIDENT**

I wish to start this letter with a quote from the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter, "Let's make the agenda meaningful. This newsletter is your platform; use it.", by Jim Haupt. Jim, I could not agree with you more. Each year I sit at the keyboard and try to rewrite the agenda for the Fall meeting and each year the only change made is in the election of officers section. It would be nice to have some worthwhile print for our readers. If you have a proposal that you wish to make at the Fall meeting, submit it to me and I will enter it on the agenda.

I would not however like it to go so far as to make it mandatory. To make it a requirement that all new business be submitted in advance would close the meeting to new and fresh ideas. The agenda is sent out each year with the state tournament schedules and now is no more than a format for the meeting to follow. Let's list all old and new business, those officers up for election, an intent by those officers that they will accept said office and then print it in the newsletter the month before the meeting. Sounds to good to be true. Thanks Jim for one of those new and fresh ideas. Let's bring it up at the February meeting.

The year 1990 has gone by and with it the passing on of many of our friends in horseshoe. Be they remembered for their promotion of the sport or their competitive play they will always be remembered. Dave Sodarberg of Kenosha, is one of the many we will all miss. Dave was a long time friend and pitching opponent of mine for many years. Our league will miss his strong competitive play and I will miss his friendship. To all their friends and families my thoughts are with you on this the beginning of 1991.

Don't forget the Spring meeting date Feb. 16th at Royal Wood in Plover.

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- \*\* Jan 12-13 Royal Wood Point All-American All Malt Series #2  
 1501 Cedar Dr. Plover, Wi. 54467 6 Clay Cts. (Indoor)  
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- April 6-7 Arena Open 8 Clay Cts. (Indoor)  
 Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St. Platteville, Wi. 53818  
 Deadline March 22 608-348-9697
- \*\* Apr 12-13 Royal Wood Point All-American All Malt Series #4  
 1501 Cedar DR. Plover, Wi. 54467 6 Clay Cts. (Indoor)  
 Deadline March 30 (Sanction # 28-91-004) 715-341-8950
- \*\* May 11-12 Royal Wood Point All-American All Malt Series #5  
 1501 Cedar Dr. Plover, Wi. 54467 6 Clay Cts. (Indoor)  
 Deadline April 26 (Sanction # 28-91-007) 715-341-8950
- \*\* May 11 Eau Claire Earlybird 18 Clay Cts.  
 Curt Bestul 1412 Sherwin Ave Eau Claire, Wi. 54701 715-832-3603  
 Deadline April 27 (Sanction # 28-91-010)
- \*\* May 18-19 Beloit Spring Singles 13 Clay Cts.  
 Earl Paulson 7105 So. Cty Hwy H Beloit, Wi. 53511 608-879-2304  
 Deadline May 10 (Sanction # 28-91-011)
- \*\* May 25-26 Platteville NHPA Spring Singles 13 Clay Cts.  
 Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St. Platteville, Wi. 53818 608-348-9697  
 Deadline May 10 (Sanction # 28-91-012)
- \*\* June 1-2 Brothertown Open 4 Clay Cts.  
 Ralph Maylahn PO Box 244 Genesee Depot, Wi. 53127 414-968-2970  
 Deadline May 18 (Sanction # 28-91-013)
- \*\* June 8-9 Eau Claire Open 18 Clay Cts.  
 Curt Bestul 1412 Sherwin Ave Eau Claire, Wi. 54701 715-832-3603  
 Deadline May 25 (Sanction # 28-91-014)
- June 8-9 Swen's Open (Green Bay) 8 Clay Cts.  
 Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis St. Green Bay, Wi. 54302 414-435-6310  
 Deadline May 26
- June 15-16 Marshfield Open 13 Clay Cts.  
 Ron Zeppelin D3320 Hy 97 Stratford, Wi. 54484 715-384-4881  
 Deadline June 3

- \*\* June 15-16 Muskego Open 13 Sand Cts**  
 Tom Steinke 155 S Charles St. Waukesha, Wi. 53186 414-542-0252  
 Deadline June 1 (Sanction # 28-91-015)
- \*\* June 21-22-23 Goldendale Open 7 Clay Cts.**  
 Rick Fritzlaff W204 N11912 Goldendale Rd. Germantown, Wi 53022  
 Deadline June 8 (Sanction # 28-91-016) 414-628-1484
- June 29-30 Bat & Brew Open 7 Cts.**  
 Mike McDonald 512 15th Ave Union Grove, Wi. 53182 414-878-1587  
 Deadline June 15
- July 19-20-21 Mideastern Wisconsin Open (Combined Locks) 9 Clay Cts.**  
 Rosemary Kamps 101 Kamps Ct. Combined Locks, Wi. 54113  
 Deadline July 1 414-788-3229
- \*\* July 15---July 28 NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT Biloxi, Mississippi**  
 For entry form contact Regional Director  
 Jim Haupt 5075 N. Elkhart Ave. Milwaukee, Wi. 53217  
 Deadline May 15 414-964-2735
- August 3-4 Kewaskum Open 10 Clay Cts.**  
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 Deadline July 17
- August 10-11 Mountain Open 17 Clay Cts.**  
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- August 10-11 Southern Wisconsin Open 13 Clay Cts.**  
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- August 17-18 Platteville Open 8 Clay Cts.**  
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 Deadline August 3
- August 24-25 Fillmore USA Open 9 Clay Cts.**  
 Dan Ebert 684 Hwy 84 Fredonia, Wi. 53021 414-692-2739  
 Deadline August 12
- August 24-25 Loyal Corn Festival 8 Sand Cts.**  
 Bob Gregorich SH2125 Mann Rd Spencer, Wi. 54479 715-255-8974  
 Deadline August 11
- \*\* Aug 31-Sept 1-2 WISCONSIN STATE TOURNAMENT Fond Du Lac 16 Clay Cts.**  
 Tournament Director: Jim Bloemers  
 Send entries to: WHPA Sec-Treas.  
 John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, Wi. 54935  
 Deadline July 31 (Sanction # 28-91-017)
- \*\* Sept. 7-8 Cold Wet & Wild (Close Doesn't Count) (Centuria) 8 Sand**  
 Jane Smith RR1 Box 17 Balsam Lake, Wi. 54810 715-485-3057  
 Deadline August 24 (Sanction # 28-91-018)

**DOWN AND BACK**

Re'cd a five page note from Norm Mauthe who together with LaVern Edge has discovered some new indoor courts.

A couple days before Christmas they took a ride to Arena [30 mi.W of Madison]. It was 10° below but they sweated it out on the new Sports Arena which opened just before deer season. They have 8 courts and will play 4-man teams when the league starts on the 8th of January.

The stakes are removable for basketball or volley ball. At present half the courts are sand and half are dry clay in six foot pits. Its Green Bay clay but the thought is that Oakfield may be easier to work. Any truth to that?

LaVern and Norm were really impressed with the layout and think it would be a nice place for a state scheduled tournament in the Fall or Spring but the owners have to get the business established first...

Dave Forseth is the owner and also runs Lilac Gardens. Bob Reeve helped with the clay and the courts. Its a big building 240 feet by 48 feet with a bar, pool tables and arcade games.

The Sports Arena is open after 2:00PM and the phone is (608) 753-2615.

Bob Reeve and Dave Forseth said they would appreciate any help they could get from the WHPA or the NHPA. I suppose that may be an invitation to come toss a few shoes.

Norm adds that Arena is a very small town but there are a lot of pitchers in the area.

This month we are treated to the expertise of Gregory John Renfro, author and exercise physiologist to olympic jocks. We rushed this into print before it is published elsewhere and requires royalties. It confirms the line used in advertising the Milwaukee Bucks - "It Ain't The Shoes".

In the process of obtaining the workout article I became the temporary owner of book called, "Science at the Stake", written by Roy M. Smith in 1946. That year may seem like ancient history but the sport of horseshoes was at its peak, already showcasing national champs in the 80% range. All a pitcher needs to know about delivering a shoe can be found in that "Blue Book".

Pictured were "The Big 3" in their whites, Guy Zimmerman with no hat, Fernando Isais with a sailor straw, and Ted Allen in a ten gallon Stetson making him as tall as the others. The author says Fernando's name is pronounced "ee-sah-ees". But on another page in a separate picture I recognized something familiar about the stance of the of the figure at the stake. It was no one I know but the stance belongs to Washington Park's, Tommy Bartlen. A pitcher's stance at the stake is as much his own and unique as his signature.

A couple of pages later one of "The Greatest Four-Handed Games Ever Pitched" was shown:

PLayed at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA, October 30, 1938. Dean Brown and Tommy Bartlen vs. Eddie Packham and Henry Harper.

Packham	174	ringers	with	66	double	ringers
Harper	162	"	"	62	"	"
Brown	166	"	"	68	"	"
Bartlen	162	"	"	62	"	"

Total 644 ringers with 258 double ringers.

All four shoes on the stake 81 times.

Scored by Earl Collins.

Dean Brown, Tommy Bartlen's partner was the man described earlier with the familiar stance. I wonder who borrowed it from whom.

Charles "Casey" Jones, says this author, "is a flashy young pitcher who has been a leading contender since his early teens and will, in all probability, win the coveted crown one of these days".

Its a neat book.

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**LETTERS**

As I have lost my eyesight, am unable to read your interesting newsletter or pitch horseshoes anymore, so am discontinuing my subscription to the letter. After 70 years of pitching, it is hard to take.

Yours respectfully,

Harvey Elmerson

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Harvey is a charter member of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame. He has won many state championships and competed in the top classes of World Tournaments. We were sorry to hear about this and for those who may want to contact him, his address is; 110 Pleasant View Dr., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

**An Open Letter to WHPA Officers and Members:**

The vast majority of members do not attend our annual (semi-annual) meetings. So that all may be informed of the financial disbursement and receipts for 1990 of the association, a comprehensive report should be made available to all members.

This can be done by distribution at the coming meeting at Plover and subsequent publication in the Wisconsin Newsletter.

Among items of interest are specific salaries, fees paid or due and expenses for each officer and all other expenditures not of a nominal nature (i.e. over \$25.00).

Our organization is becoming of a size where considerable money is received and disbursed. The writer and many other members, I'm sure, are interested and entitled to a review of the financial aspects of our organization.


Ralph Maylahn, Genesee Depot

**WORLD TOURNAMENT**

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Tournament will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi July 15-28. The entry fee is \$50.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Juniors. All the information for this tournament is in our National publication, NEWSLINE. Due to the earlier start date the mailing deadline for entries is MAY 15, 1991.

**NHPA NEWSLINE**

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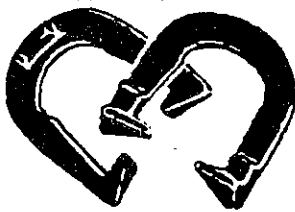
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## THE TOLL OF TIME ED WING

### MEMORY OF A PROMOTOR

WHPA Hall of Famer, Ed Wing, 81, passed away January 19th. Ed Wing, pitcher, builder, founder and guiding light of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club in Germantown.

Known as one of the good Milwaukee traveling league pitchers during the early forties, Ed's lasting contribution to horseshoes began with the construction of the courts in 1972. Ed was the first to hold a junior class at his Goldendale Open's. Thereafter a junior class became established in the State Tournament. His grandson, Randy Pritzlaff was the first Junior State Champ recorded in the WHPA's history.

In recent years Ed was no longer an active pitcher but still an enthusiast. He sat on the bench league nights, observing and encouraging with timely advice.

He is the father of Ken and Susie (Pritzlaff). Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

It may be said many active horseshoe pitchers can trace their roots to Ed Wing.

### ROYCE WRUCKE

#### EVERYBODIES FRIEND

Royce Wrucke, everybody's friend died on the twenty-ninth of November. He would have been 88 years just a half month later. Usually Royce went to Florida for the winter. This year he wasn't feeling up to it.

Certainly if you pitch Horseshoes in this state of Wisconsin you have met Royce Wrucke. He pitched all his long life from the days of the State Fair tournaments on into the latest generation of pitchers. He must have made lots of friends along the way.

A couple of years ago he won the State Senior class title which was fitting because it was he who opened our eyes to the step-up method for 70+ pitchers. It was then we figured he qualified himself for the WHPA hall of fame. He had been on the list mostly because he was very popular and had been around for a long time. Then when he won the title we made him a very popular 'hall of famer'. And it's heartwarming to know he went out on top.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Rosella, family and friends.

## BELOIT

Have you heard the saying, "The Midwest is the hotbed of horseshoe pitching"? You could say, come spring that Beloit will be the hotbed of horseshoe pitching. At their indoor facility, Telfer Park Activity & Sports Center, the Wisconsin Club Team Tournament will start off the action on Saturday, April 20th, the following Sunday, the Beloit Encore Tournament. Both of the tournaments will be NHPA sanctioned. On Friday, April 26th, the Team World Tournament will begin at noon where the prime pitchers of the world will compete for the largest prize fund this annual event has ever had.

The Team World committee can now guarantee over \$5000 in prize money with 24 teams entered. As of now we have eight \$200 individual team sponsors and a few potential sponsors to enhance the prize fund.

The Team World Tournament has been one of the treasured tournaments of the players since the first one took place in 1985. It all started with Tom Roanhouse at his indoor pitching facility, The Pitchin' Palace. It has grown from that first year with 10 teams to 20 teams last year. Even though we are not at the Pitchin' Palace anymore, Tom Roanhouse is still at the helm of this great tournament. Players, like this tournament as World Champion, Sandy McLachlin of Ontario said, "You are not alone out there, you are one of a team." It is the favorite of Wisconsin champions, Jane Smith and 1989 State Champ, Don Kangas.

The Plantation Motor Inn is once again the tournament's host motel. A nice place to stay with a restaurant and coffee shop, also a bar area, located at 2956 Milwaukee Rd., phone, 608-365-2501. The Plantation Motor Inn is also one of our team sponsors. Make plans to stay for the weekend, we can also guarantee a grand time will be had. The three day event will have some of the best pitching you will ever see.



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**THE ANNUAL CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT**

The 1991 Club Team Tournament is on deck. An entry of \$80 per team will reserve a slot for your club. Telfer Park, the big hockey arena will house 24 courts for all day action Saturday April 20th.

Fifteen teams participated in 1990. Too many teams not connected with a club was the feedback. The tournament director took a dose of post tourney heat from club purists perhaps rightly so. For those reasons we have new standards for the origin of team members.

Basically the Club Team Tournament is a contest of teams from Wisconsin clubs. However not every pitcher in this state is associated with a club : Some area teams are inevitable. See flyer below.

Team = 4 players; guys and gals mixed. Scorekeeping by players. The Beloit club handle concessions. Some known expenses are -Courts \$130; Statistics \$1 per player; Misc. \$? The Beloit club will handle Concessions. Shoe limit games determined by entry. Hopefully the 24 courts will make successive games possible. -Jim Haupt

**BELOIT TO RUN SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT**

The enterprising Beloit Horseshoe Club will use Telfer Park for a tournament of their own. The day following the Club Team, Sunday, the 24 court set-up will see some singles action

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*CLUB TEAMS= active members*

*CO. LEAGUE= active members*

*CO. TEAMS= from only one county*

*AREA TEAMS: subject to approval*

- a) N of hwy 10; Co. may draw players from surrounding adjacent counties
- b.) N of hwy 8; Players may be from the entire area.

*Jim Haupt*  
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FIRST DRAFT

1991 SCHEDULE

- 5 -APR 20 CLUB TEAM
  - 6 APR 26 TEAM WORLD
  - 2 Feb 16-17 Royal Wood WHPA Spring Mt. Open
  - 3 Mar 9-10 Royal Wood POINT All-Am Series #3
  - 4 Apr 12-13 Royal Wood POINT All-AM Series #4
  - 8 Apr 21 Beloit Encore Telfer Park
  - 7 May 11-12 Royal Wood POINT All-Am Series #5
  - 9 May 11 Close Doesn't Count Spring Fling
  - 10 May 11 Eau Claire Earlybird
  - 11 May 18-19 Beloit Spring Singles
  - 12 May 25-26 Platteville NHPA Spring singles
  - 13 June 1-2 Brothertown Open
  - 14 June 8-9 Eau Claire Open
- [ Note: Bold date indicates NHPA sanctioned ]
- June 8-9 Swen's Open (Green Bay)
  - June 15-16 Marshfield Open
  - 15 June 15-16 Muskego Open
  - 16 June 21-22-23 Goldendale Open (Germantown)
  - June 29-30 Bat & Brew Open (Kansasville)
  - July 19-20-21 Mideastern Wis Open (Comb Locks)
  - July 15--July 28 NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT
  - Aug 10-11 Mountain Open
  - Aug 10 -11 Southern Wis Open (Beloit)
  - Aug 17-18 PLatteville Open
  - Aug 24-25 Fillmore USA Open
  - Aug 24-25 Loyal Corn Festival
  - 17 Aug 31, Sept 1-2 WIS STATE TOUR Fond du Lac
  - 18 Sept 7-8 Cold Wet & Wild (Centuria)

John Secord has prepared this schedule from tournament registration forms received. When all the forms are in, the complete expanded schedule will be published.

REMINDER

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

AND MEMBERS

BY JOHN SECORD, WHPA SEC-TREAS

If your tournament is not on the tournament schedule, please send your dates to me as soon as possible so I can add your tournament to the list.

Members planning on pitching in a NHPA sanctioned tournament, please send for your NHPA card well in advance of the tournament. This makes it much easier for the tournament director if you already have your card.

ROYAL WOOD RESULTS

December 1, 1990 Sanction #28-90-017

CLASS A	CLASS B
Gerri Meistad 60.0	Gene Budelier 52.0
Joan Guetzke 57.9	Gladie Lila 47.0
CLASS C	CLASS D
Tony Gaetz 38.4	Mike Hansen 35.2
Scott Raimer 41.6	Paul Federer 36.8
CLASS E	
Lyle Roberts 32.4	Dorothy Schelke 21.2

January 12, 1991 Sanction # 28-91-001

CCLASS A	CLASS B
Randy Rein 56.5	Ken Jaeger 42.8
Gerri Meistad 60.4	Gene Budelier 45.6
CLASS C	CLASS D
Bob Traber 30.8	John Jankovich 37.6
Scott Raimer 40.0	Mike Hansen 38.4
CLASS E	
Dorothy Shelke 27.3	Walter Piuinski 29.6

These two tournaments are the first of The Point All American series. And the race is all tied up. Dorothy Shelke, Mike Hansen Gene Budelier, and Gerri Meistad have won both a first and second place. Scott Raimer formerly of Portage, now pitches with the Dwight, Illinois club and makes the Royal Wood tournaments his weekend to visit home. His two second place finishes will keep him in the hunt. For the most part, the rest of us are getting show-up points. I heard that a guy in A class turned in an "E" type percentage. He said it was not his fault. The day got off to a bad start and things kept getting worser.

Next up at the 'Wood' is the Spring(?) meeting tournament Feb. 17th. Plan to go up for the weekend ; you're sure to have some good company.



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**Junior Promotion - Something New !**

by Bob Dunn, NHPA Junior Promotion Director

Junior World Horseshoe Championships date back to 1924, when Frank Stinson won the title at the age of 14. But then there is no mention of Junior Championship for another twenty seven years, as Dave Loucks claimed Junior World titles for three straight years. It was as recent as 1967 for a Junior Girls Championship, and first won by Bonita Seibold. Now we hold annual Junior World competition for boys and girls. There is Junior competition at State Tournaments, Junior Sanctioned Leagues, National TOP TEN recognition for Juniors, and a Scholar Pitcher Program.

While the NHPA has grown into presenting opportunity for Junior pitchers, there are serious questions as to our promotion and recruiting efforts.

Are there Junior Leagues in all states? No, in fact there are only 7 Junior Leagues in all of the NHPA.

Is there Junior competition in all State Tournaments? No, and there is minimal Junior entrants in most.

Is there major involvement at World Tournaments? Not really, with 55 Juniors in 1990

While we have Juniors in our sport, the promotion to youth, and the involvement of Juniors is not widespread and needs to become uniform and consistent. There is considerable room for improvement in each and every state, and in each and every club.

Why should give attention to Junior promotion? The future of our sport will be enhanced. Our sport is one of the leading healthful and economical activities for all age groups. The younger we recruit pitchers, the longer they will be members and an ASSIST to our association.

In viewing our society, we maintain an activity that can provide that positive edge for so many youngsters.

A NHPA Junior Promotion Program is being developed. Each Charter has been requested to appoint a Junior Program Director. This position will be responsible to oversee the promotion efforts of the charter and support the recruiting efforts of all clubs and leagues. Also each club is requested to establish a Junior Coordinator position to head up the club's efforts in promotion, recruiting and welcoming Junior pitchers. The specific duties and methods of these positions will vary from area to area and depend on the time and resources available. The point is to encourage the recruiting of Junior pitchers across the country.

Each and every member is invited to join in recruiting efforts. Each Charter and every club should talk about and consider what can be done at the local level to promote and recruit. Youth bring a new spirit of enthusiasm to our sport, our tournaments, and our league activity. Youth is good for us. Lets go out and find them, invite them to join us, and we can be good for them.

Note: The NHPA Newsline has dedicated the "Junior Window" to present profiles of Junior members and articles of the successful efforts in promotion and recruiting. Subscribe to Newsline to follow the coverage of Junior involvement and please submit profiles of Junior members in your area or club to: Bob Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

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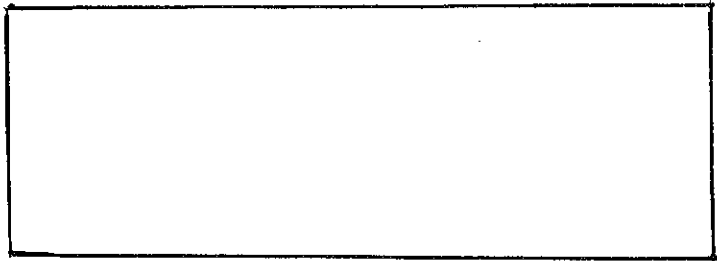
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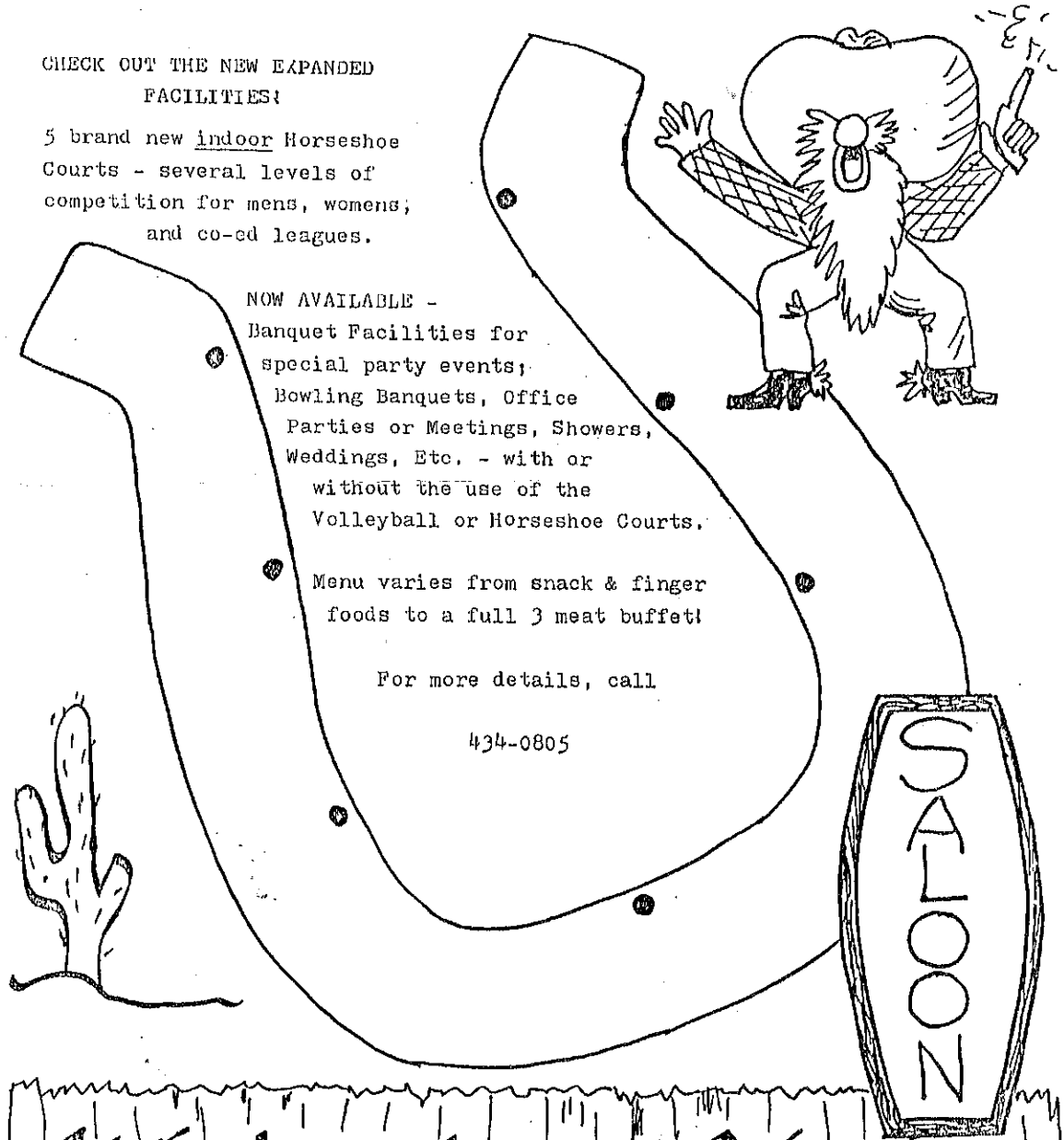
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