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State Tournament

by Jim Haupt

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**STATE TOURNAMENT
BELOIT, WI
(ENTER TODAY)
STILL PLENTY OF
TIME.
DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE FOR THE
NEWSLETTER**

Labor Day, Beloit, WI will be the scene of this 83rd State Tournament.

One of the best things that came out of the adoption of the WHPA in 1967 (previously known as Wisconsin State Horseshoe Pitchers Association) was the relocation of the State Tournament from the State Fairgrounds to other locations throughout the state. At the time horseshoes was a new sport. Something like snowboarding is now. Spectators were many. Reportedly 1500 at the fairpark.

For that reason we rue the day the courts were removed from the fairgrounds. At this time in the history of horseshoes we would like to see a tournament once again on the Fairgrounds.

We are fortunate to have a number of court layouts in the state large enough to host the State event. Beloit is one such location.

Known as the most progressive club in the state, Beloit has 13 outdoor courts and six indoor. All courts may figure into tournament director, Earl Paulson's plans.

All previous State Tournaments at the Beloit courts have been successful. We expect no less this time.

Can we expect you as an entrant? We have done what we think will attract you. Every member of the WHPA should now have a State entry form in their hands along with the last newsletter. The twofold purpose was to fa-

vorably present an opportunity to enter this State and #2 to vote on a Newsletter subscription to be included in the dues. Please remember this is not to promote the Newsletter but it is to promote the news and spirit of the game throughout all our members.

Beloit is a great place for a State Tournament because the eateries are familiar with pitchers. Years of the Team-World and other events like the State Doubles and the Club Team have acclimated area business to the presence of those weird people who toss iron.

The club itself will offer a nice variety at the concession stand. Land belongs to the club and beer sales are the order of the day.

The State Tournament entry deadline, we must remind you, is the 31st of July.

It's a good bet that noon on Sunday the WHPA will make some annual awards. One will be the pitcher-of-the-year also the three categories for the most improved pitchers of the year. We expect to see another scorekeeper of the year. Tom Steinke will make his selection for the presidential Award. All members of the Hall of Fame are invited and will welcome new inductees, Ken Jaeger Sr. and Ken Kosky.

In all probability the championship classes will follow those ceremonies to cap off the day.

For a great time this Labor Day weekend, come to Beloit and pitch some shoes.

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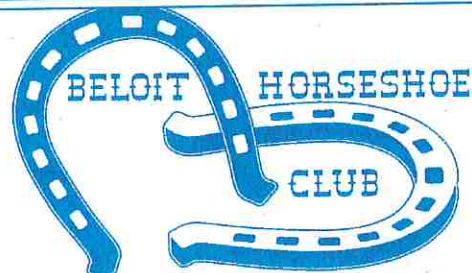


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Coming Events

JUL 10	JUNIORS ONLY,	<u>NO</u> entry fee
VFW, Sun Prairie, WI		
Sharon Derr PO Box 224, Marshall, WI 53559		
608-576-1205	#28-05-041	D/L 6-30
July 16	Green Bay Open	\$16
Steve Wiegert 1505 Ellis St. Green Bay, WI 54302		
920-435-6310	28-05-029	D/L 7-2
July 17	Oxford Open	\$17
Ron Balsiger Box 168 Westfield, WI 53964		
608-369-1869	28-05-030	D/L 7-2
July 18-30	World Tournament	\$100
Bakersfield, California		
Dick Hansen 3085 76th St. Franksville, WI 53126		
Aug. 6	Kewauskum Open	\$15
Dan Schultz 7710 Cty. Hwy. W West Bend, WI 53090		
262-463-2910	28-05-031	D/L 7-23
Aug. 6-7	Southern WI Open	\$15
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511		
608-879-2304	28-05-032	D/L 7-23-05
Aug. 5, 6, & 7 31st Eagle Open unsanctioned		
gregscheff3@aol.com D/L 7/24		
Aug. 28	Kenosha Open	\$15
Linda Johnson 8439 103 Rd. Ave.		
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158		
262-694-0681	28-05-034	D/L 8/14
Aug. 20-21	Platteville Open	\$16
Norm Mauthe 865 Eastman St. Platteville, WI 53818		
608-348-9697	28-05-035	D/L 8-6-05
Sept. 3-4-5	State Tournament @ Beloit	\$25
John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du lac, WI 54937		
920-922-0080	28-05-038	28-05-039 D/L 7-31-05
Sept. 10-11	"Wet'n Wild"	\$10
Jane Smith 1481 180th St. Balsam Lake, WI 54810		
715-485-3057	28-05-040	D/L 8-27-05
Sept. 9-10-11 VFW Doubles, Comb. Locks		
Don Navarrette 534 Woodlawn Ct. \$25.00/Team		
Combined Locks, WI 54113		
920-788-1633	Unsanctioned	D/L 8-27

THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS PREPARED BY NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR KEN JAEGER. ANY ERRORS, OR ADDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN JAEGER.

KEY: Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event. Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.



The President's Column

Good luck to the pitchers headed to the World Tournament. You will have to pitch extra good because the numbers from Wisconsin are way down, probably due to the distance and cost to travel to California. I see that the entries are down all over the country, not just in Wisconsin. They only have a little over 800 pitchers entered. You would think the pitchers close to the tournament would support it.

At the World Tournament Convention this year, Wisconsin will be well-represented by Terry Sternberg, Jane Smith, Sonia Cook, Edith McKinney, and Ken Heinritz.

The summer leagues are in full swing, as is the summer tournament schedule. I certainly hope you are enjoying both. I have been lucky with having travel friends to ride to tournaments with: Tony, Galen, Richard, Penny, or Pam. It's a lot nicer and the trip seems shorter when you have someone to talk to along the way. If you're not traveling with someone, see who is pitching the same time and give them a call.

Get your State entry in by July 31. Make sure you have three tournaments in from last August 1st, 2004 through July 31, 2005. There is still plenty of time.

At this time, I am announcing that I will be running for a second term as President. I have enjoyed the first time very much. I've met some new members and had an extremely good board to work with.

Good Pitching,
Tom

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Goldendale Tournament Results 28-05-026 June 25 & 26, 2005

Class A

Pos	Name	Won	Lost	Ringer %
1.	Lorraine Sternberg	5	0	72.40
2.	Penny Steinke	4	1	64.40
3.	Mark Mauthe	3	2	70.80
4.	Ralph Maylahn	2	3	61.20
5.	Pam Aiken	1	4	45.60
6.	Ken Jaeger	0	5	32.00

Class B

1.	Norb Fuhrman	5	0	45.60
2.	Ken Heinritz	4	1	50.80
3.	Gerald Weikert	3	2	46.00
4.	Tom Endler	2	3	42.40
5.	Ray Lopez	1	4	28.00
6.	Kerry Morris	0	5	30.00

Class C

1.	G. Bogenschneider	4	1	44.40
2.	Terry Sternberg	3.5	1.5	46.00
3.	Ed Wheeler	3.5	1.5	34.40
4.	Elaine Troullier	2	3	36.40
5.	Milt Larsen	1	4	30.00
6.	John Meyer	1	4	28.00

Class D

1.	Jim Haupt	4	1	31.20
2.	Dave Balsiger	3	2	32.80
3.	Richard Conrad	3	2	26.00
4.	Dick Hansen	2.5	2.5	32.80
5.	Roger Heinritz	2	3	31.60
6.	Dennis Ambuehl	.5	4.5	26.80

Class E

1.	Cliff Troullier	5	0	36.40
2.	Bob Kabella	3	2	29.20
3.	Russ Heinritz	3	2	25.60
4.	John Secord	2	3	29.20
5.	Wes Podvin	2	3	24.40
6.	Guy Fleming	0	5	20.80

Class F

1.	Jim Poquette	4	1	29.60
2.	Ken Davison	3	2	25.20
3.	Karen Henkel	2.5	2.5	31.60
4.	Tony Chapman	2.5	2.5	31.60
5.	Tom Steinke	2	3	25.60
6.	George Moraza	1	4	26.40

Class G

1.	Cecelia Trossen	4	1	20.40
2.	Don Wozniak	4	1	19.60
3.	Mike Zahn	3.5	1.5	16.00
4.	Kevin Cull	2.5	2.5	20.00
5.	Wayne Frazen	1	4	17.60

Pacer

Class H

1.	Jenny McTavish	3	2	21.20
2.	Dick Henkel	3	2	14.40
3.	Roy Schlagenhaft	3	2	14.00
4.	Mike Keagle	3	2	13.20
5.	Bill Frederick	1.5	3.5	12.40
6.	Steve Hentges	1.5	3.5	11.20

Goldendale Open 2005

The weather was nice, other than the humidity the pitchers had to endure and the couple of showers that passed through. We had some great games played and the results show it. Mark Mauthe had high game of 80%.

Out of the forty-nine entries, we were able to accommodate all but two requests. My apologies to those two.

Thanks again to the players for entering our tournament

and hope to see you all next year.

P.S. Cecelia Trossen was the "Big" 50/50 winner on Saturday and Tom Steinke struck gold on the 50/50 on Sunday. (Don't spend it all in one place, Tom!) Norm Fuhrman won the BoLo game raffle.

Terry Sternberg
Tournament Director

While Under the Mask

with Ken Heinritz



While "under the mask" I thought of a recent tournament match against very tough Dave Schorbahn. I uncharacteristically came out of the gate like a bolting racehorse, giving every appearance that a victory was imminent. Cruising to a very comfortable half-time lead, I found myself savoring the moment. Horseshoe pitching is always great fun, especially when you find yourself in a groove like I was in. This was simply exhilarating.

At the three-quarter mark, something interesting began to happen. The wind seemed to start blowing the other way. Dave was so keyed in to that stake, nailing ringer after ringer, but as for me the bottom seemed to drop out. I couldn't buy a ringer. Well you guessed it; Dave graciously shook my hand and

walked off the court with a wider smile than I had.

With astonishment and defeat I thought to myself, "How could this be? What happened?" What had appeared to be my high game for the tournament ended up being a bomb, leaving me in pieces!

This seems to be a little picture of what life is like. Oftentimes there are seasons in life where everything seems to be going right.

You wish life could always be like this. And then, like being blindsided by a Ringle Single (the best shoe around), you find yourself trying to somehow put the pieces back together again.

Maybe you have lost your job, a child has rebelled, or your spouse has been cheating on you or left you. Perhaps you are so deep in debt that you don't see a way out, a serious car accident has crippled you, or your child has some life-threatening illness.

How do you rebound from such a hit? Where do you turn? There is hope!

Eagle River

Art Collien has been the host for Eagle River for several years and this year he took over as tournament director. He worked the schedule, served the food and handled most of the scoreboard work along with Cliff Erickson. Art says Cliff is the heir apparent to the directors job in Eagle River.

Class A

1. Randy Rein	5 - 0	60.80
2. Ken Jaeger	4 - 1	42.40
3. Larry Barber	2 - 3	40.80
4. Jerry Niemuth	2 - 3	36.40
5. Steve Wiegert	1 - 4	38.00
6. Leroy Meyer	1 - 4	30.40

Class B

1. Ozz Jacobson	4 - 1	48.00
2. Harvey Bilz	4 - 1	36.80
3. Ken Schumann	3 - 2	37.60

4. Ray Groskinsky	2 - 3	35.60
5. Steve Mielke	2 - 3	28.40
6. Rueben Eckardt	0 - 5	29.60

Class C

1. Ivan Ruzic	4 - 1	38.40
2. Cliff Erickson	3.5 - 1.5	34.40
3. Art Collien	2.5 - 2.5	33.60
4. Al Rude	4 - 1	30.40
5. Ken Kosky	2 - 3	20.40
6. Jayme Fehr	1 - 4	24.40

Class D

1. Harold Zdroik	5 - 0	28.00
2. Dennis Wegner	3 - 2	24.80
3. Gary Simac	3 - 2	20.80
4. Ed Hack	2 - 3	26.00
5. Rick Garrett	1 - 4	18.40
6. Cecelia Trossen	1 - 4	18.00

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

For the fourth year running I have not lost a game in the Winnebago Team Open. This year was the same as last. Jeff Secord ran the event by once more canceling it due to lack of entries.

Bakersfield, CA World Tournament only 841 entrants? And you thought Red Deer was bad. Wow!

The Shoe News of Washington state did not comment on the size of this 2005 World Tournament but they did list the top World events by number of entrants.

1. 1997 Kitchner, Ontario 1740
2. 1992 Columbus, Ohio 1700
3. 1999 Greenville, Ohio 1542
4. 1996 Gillette, WY 1536
5. 1993 Spearfish, SD 1509
6. 1989 Spearfish, SD 1492
7. 1994 Syracuse, NY 1304
8. 1987 Eau Claire, WI 1287
9. 2000 Eau Claire, WI 1215
10. 1981 Genola, MN 1215
11. 2004 Pocatello, Idaho 1200
12. Perry, GA 1120
13. 1990 Stone Mt, GA 1064
14. 2001 Hibbing, MN 1045
15. Biloxi, MI 1023
16. 1998 Ainsworth, NB 993
17. 1985 Lafayette, IN 961
18. 1988 Pleasanton, CA 839
19. Red Deer. 826

Sometimes we wonder what

keeps some of the old duffers still on the courts. It has to be the challenge or the pursuit of excellence.

On a recent Monday league session, Ralph Maylahn clucked 35 times in a 40 shoe game. That's 85%. He's 85 years old! Virgil Smith was the unlucky opponent who can attest to Maylahn's percentage equals age performance.

The 'Big Sandy,' Eagle will host their 31st Tournament as listed in the Coming Events.

It has been said that the World Tournament date floats somewhere around the last two weeks of July and sometimes runs into August. The Eagle guys and gals say their event is hard and fast to the first full weekend in August and if the World conflicts, so be it

We publish results, at least the top three, when we receive them. We underlined that last phrase because we don't always see results. Somebody forgot our address.

We are publishing a bit too early to include Goldendale results but watch for a class champion in the person of the club vice-president. Jenny McTavish lost two games, tied a couple of other pitchers with 3 wins but won on the basis of percentage. Crazy! Entering average about 11%.

This young lady, not a junior, blames her club office of VP on the fact that she didn't know enough to say no. The Goldendale club is proud to have her.

Your agent has a one pit horseshoe court located on the berm between the sidewalk and the curb. Makes it an all weather court with full concrete walkways, back and forth.. One day a concerned lady came by and mentioning that she was a nurse said the stake looked like an accident waiting to happen. So, OK it was covered with a short bottomless refuse can properly painted to appeal to the neighbors in this elite suburb.

A standing suburb rule is to scoop up when walking the dog.

Imagine my chagrin when I began finding little surprise packages in with the horseshoe stake.

OK, so its dangerous, but the can is gone.

California or Bust

Wisconsin's contingent that will be at the 2005 World.

Russ	Burns
Bun	Carley
Aleena	Cook
Kiri	Cook
Tom	Costa Sr
Pudge	Dahl
Teresa	Donar
Dick	Hansen
Ken	Heinritz
Nathan	Heinritz
Sue	Helene
Ken	Jaeger
Pete	Kumlien
Ralph	Marthaler
Mark	Mauthe
Edie	McKinney
Dave	Schorbahn
Jane	Smith
Gloria	Smith
Terry	Sternberg
Jim	Uhlenhake
Hannah	Uhlenhake
Gert	Wilcziek

You Meet the Nicest People

By Jane Smith

You meet the nicest people.....on the horseshoe courts, at horseshoe tournaments, by just being involved with horseshoe pitchers! Some of the nicest people are friends we have met at horseshoe events. Looking back over the past 20-25 years of World, Minnesota and Wisconsin horseshoe pitching, I find I am ever so thankful for the friendships made and nourished over the years. Some helpful hints about friendships and handling ourselves with honor and respect we can learn from many places. My husband, Kirby, and I often think that if we treated each other as well as we treated our pets, we would indeed have a marriage made in heaven! Perhaps there is a lesson in watching our "best friend."

Things We Can Learn From a Dog. By Joy Nordquist
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul

1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
4. When it is in your best interest, always practice obedience.
5. Let others know when they have invaded your territory.
6. Take naps and always stretch before rising.
7. Run, romp and play daily.
8. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
9. Be loyal.
10. Never pretend to be something you are not.

11. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
12. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
13. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
14. Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
15. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
16. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
17. When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
18. No matter how often you are criticized, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

More on friendships... Life Lessons from Lovebirds By Vickie Lynne Agee
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul

1. If you spend too much time looking in the mirror, it's easy to lose your balance.
2. Always keep a pleasant look on your face, even if your cage needs cleaning.
3. If your mate wants to share your perch with you, move over.
4. The real treats in life usually come only after you've cracked a few hulls.
5. It takes two to snuggle.
6. Sometimes your mate can see mites you didn't even know you had.
7. Singing brings more affection than squawking.
8. It is only when your feathers get ruffled that your true colors really show.
9. Too many toys can be distracting.
10. When you have love in your heart, everyone around you will find joy in your presence.

Court Etiquette

Court Etiquette: the following information has been included in the State Tournament program several times in the past. The information came from our NHPA VP Casey Sluys. The information is good and we should all practice his suggestions.

1. A player is expected to stand at the back of the opposite pitching platform, out of vision range, while the opponent is pitching.

2. During mixed play (mixed distance) the short distance pitcher should walk to the rear of the full distance platform.
3. Exit the pitching platform in a clockwise rotation (unless pitching a left handed player). Enter the pitching platform from the rear of behind the player pitching first.
4. Harassment will not be tolerated, either by the spectators or the opponent.
5. If the conduct of your opponent is other than acceptable, please do not put your "brand" on them – see the tournament director or judge.
6. Loud profanity is not acceptable... though we all

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Wolf River

Traditionally a well attended tournament was down a few entries this year. A common problem to all events lately probably attributable to the price of a gallon of gasoline.

The courts in Hatten Park are 8 in number located on a plot of a depression days swimming pool. There is room for another 8 courts if necessary.

For those who like sand pits, these are among the best to be found. The sand is not washed but a little chalky-like what may be called bedding sand, not so gritty and nicely holds the shoe.

As usual a custom-made pair of platform practice courts were being raffled. Moose Meyer's grandson was the lucky winner. The grandson had left by the time of the drawing so Moose, thinking they would want the cash instead of the courts, sold them on the spot to Ken Kosky. Shortly after Ken returned home, Moose was on the phone, asking if he could buy those courts back. It seem his grandson, who is about 10 years old, really wanted the courts so he could learn how to pitch like Grandpa in his backyard.

Nice weather for pitching shoes came to New London on this day, until late afternoon when a tornado passed just to the south and had everyone scrambling for cover in the building. It didn't get near the courts and play was resumed in about 30 minutes.

New London Results

Class A				W--L
1	Randy	Rein	65.00	6----1
2	Ralph	Maylahn	67.86	5----2
3	Lorraine	Sternberg	65.00	5----2
4	Jack	Algiers	65.00	5----2
5	Steve	Wiegert	42.50	3----4
6	John	Koepp	52.50	2----5
7	Otis	Wessley	55.36	1----6
8	Ken	Jaeger Sr	53.21	1----6

Class B				W--L
1	Bill	Matey	53.57	6----1
2	Mer	Sorensen	47.14	5----2
3	Cal	Pitel	45.71	4----3
4	Norb	Fuhrman	46.07	3----4
5	Terry	Sternberg	43.57	3----4
6	Leroy	Meyer	41.79	2 1/2-4 1/2
7	Roger	Juedes	41.07	2 1/2-4 1/2
8	Larry	Barber	46.07	2----5

Class C				
1	Ozz	Jacobson	43.21	6 1/2-1/2
2	Gene	Mason	51.07	5 1/2-1 1/2
3	Ken	Schumann	41.42	4----3
4	Jerry	Niemuth	38.57	3----4
5	Dick	Hansen	37.50	3----4
6	Steve	Mielke	32.85	3----4
7	Elaine	Troullier	31.50	2----5
8	John	Meyer	35.71	1----6

Class D				
1	Rueben	Eckardt	37.14	6----1
2	Dick	Hanold	36.42	4 1/2-2 1/2
3	Ivan	Ruzic	40.35	4----3
4	Cliff	Erickson	38.21	4----3
5	Bruce	McLinn	35.00	3 1/2-3 1/2
6	Art	Collien	30.71	2----5
7	Harold	Zdroik	25.00	2----5
8	Ken	Kosky	22.50	1 1/2- 5 1/2

Class E				
1	Keith	Stanke	32.80	6 1/2-1/2
2	Jim	Haupt	33.50	6----1
3	David	Hansen	29.20	4----3
4	Ed	Hack	33.20	3 1/2-3 1/2
5	Ken	Davison	23.90	3----4
6	Ken	Wood	20.70	3----4
7	Tom	Dudenhoeffer	17.80	2----5

Class F				
1	Cliff	Troullier	34.28	7----0
2	Steven	Grisius	22.14	4----3
3	Jason	Maki	21.78	3----4
4	Jeff	Gabriel	16.78	3----4
5	Tom	Steinke	16.42	3----4
6	Frank	Hanold	13.92	3----4
7	Ron	Truman	12.85	3----4
8	Mike	Keagle	17.50	2----5

Everybody is ignorant,
only on different
subjects.
- Will Rogers

World Tournament Travel

An Adventure

World Tournament 2002 Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

Saturday, July 27

At 5:30 AM Sue Helene, Gloria Smith, Edie McKinney, and Jane Smith left Milltown with Al Arndt as our chauffeur to the MSP airport. It was an uneventful trip with no rush hour traffic on a Saturday. Lu Cave and Mary Denzin met us at 6:50. We checked our luggage, passed security and boarded our plane. Once there we found out our flight was leaving 1/2 hour early... lucky for us we were early birds! Gloria and Jane both had the same seat so needed to get re-seated. Took off for Chicago; it was a bad trip for Lu as she had air sickness as her seat was in the tail. Spent 1 1/2 hours in Chicago before our flight left for Calgary. (One hour time zone change.) Arrived in Calgary at 2:15, passed customs, picked up luggage, found Alamo rental, loaded the Montana. found our way to the Hampton Inn and registered finding Edie's charge card had expired. No problem. We had two rooms... a cold room and a warm room. Edie, Lu and Gloria stayed in the warm room while Sue, Mary and Jane kept their room cool. Lu stayed in the room to recoup while the rest of us went to Joe Tomatoes for supper. Great food, loud music. Went 'downtown' Calgary to Eau Claire Market street. Most stores closed at 6:00 but found some open and willing to take our \$\$\$\$. Folk Music Festival was taking place in the 'Park.' \$35 entry, we were tired, so passed and did a spur of the moment sight seeing trip returning to the motel. Picked up water and crackers for snacks. Went to bed early

Sunday, July 28

We began the day with a 6:00 AM swim. The motel offered an excellent continental breakfast. We were entertained by the Pope speaking to the youth... we think he was in Toronto???? By 9:00 AM we were on our way back downtown to check out the Calgary Tower and Stampede Buildings. Stopped at a casino, no big winners so began a major power shopping spree, stopping at dozens of stores and finding some tremendous buys.... at Canadian prices. Our \$\$\$ seemed to buy more in Canada:-) By 2:15 we were turning into the Calgary Olympic Park and participated in the park tour. We learned lots about the Olympics and stood on the stand where 'Eddie the Eagle' from England ski jumped. Wanted to take the gon-

dola ride down but it was too windy so we rode the bus. Had a chance to see where the Olympians practiced for the bobsled and luge rides. We could have taken a ride for \$35 to experience the g's experienced by the riders. Sue and I passed because we were the only ones who were covered by the insurance of our rental car. Our riders were happy:-) We needed to find a place to eat so stopped at Tony Roma's. When we got back to the motel, we discussed our day and worked up tremendous appetites for desserts. Walked to Chilis for \$ scrumptious desserts. Of course, we shared, then waddled home. We began our day eating and ended on the same note.

Monday, July 29

By 8:45 we were on our way to Lake Louise and Banff National Park. the entire trip was great OAKS as we passed through mountains, valleys, rain, sun, rainbows and all things God has blessed us with. We needed a bathroom stop, BUT all that was available was an old fashioned rest stop... no flushing... please hold your breath. We walked to Lake Louise up to the Swiss Chateau for an unbelievable buffet lunch. \$33.00 bought us all the food we could possible eat with a menu consisting of many items we had never tasted let alone identify. The desserts however were delicious! This was a once in a life time experience similar to the lunch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. We had been looking for assorted wildlife typical of the Canadian terrain, so while we were dining in this very fancy dining room of the hotel, a chipmunk ran across the floor under many of the tables. Needless to say, we were very entertained. Eventually, the little guy found his way outdoors to a safer environment. We had our first sighting of Canadian wildlife on our way home on Bow Park drive. When where were dozens of parked cars, people with cameras, we knew something was ahead. We saw two elk with very large racks lying in the woods by the side of the road. we continued our journey back to Banff stopping at Lake Moraine. We walked to a site of unbelievable blue green water. The water gets its color from the melting glacier water. The color is beautiful and the water is COLD! Our trip continued south but not without stopping at most of the typical tourist trap gift shops. Usually someone found something they absolutely could not live without! We decided not to take the gondola ride to the top of the ski chalet. Edie did something unusual and shopped seriously at the Lake Louise gift shop! On to Banff and to rest at our motel, Travelers Inn. After a bit went to the Banff gondola tourist site. Lu, Jane, Mary and Sue rode to the top of "Banff Mountain." Once there, walked on the trail to the top to view the weather cabin that was con-

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- mumble on occasion.
7. Stay within the boundaries of the court you are pitching on.
 8. Do not pick up the shoes until the opponent has had time to observe the position of the shoes, and mutual agreement is reached on their value.
 9. Be aware of the foul line. Do not overstep.
 10. Carry your own measuring tool.
 11. You are encouraged to settle points; if agreement cannot be met, call a judge
 12. The decision of the judge is final.
 13. Please observe your court area carefully when leaving. It is discourteous and dangerous to walk in the line of vision of another player.
 14. Please do not take extended breaks during round

robin play. Move quickly to your next court and begin the grooming process.

15. There may be time when you disagree with the way the host club conducts their tournament. Take the issue to the tournament director or club officers as there may be a reason not readily apparent.
16. Each player is expected to water and turn a court prior to commencing the game.
17. Use proper scoring calls.

Above all, we should remember horseshoe is a game to be enjoyed. Friendships are developed and nurtured. The pitchers are persons with feelings so relax, smile, and enjoy your time on the courts.

May 7, 2005

The Early Bird Tournament

attracted a smaller than usual number of entries with just 37 participants, allowing everyone to pitch at the same time. This proved fortunate as the rain held off until just after competition was completed.

In a stunning upset (tongue in cheek) Gert Wilcziek went 7-0, 77%, to claim Class A & tournament champion. Deb Havorson's 57% beat out Bert Logsdon's 47% for second place; both with 5-2 records.

Sue Helene dominated Class B at 5-0 & 55.6%. The "Smith Girls" claimed 2nd & 3rd place with Gloria's 3-2 & 40.8%, besting Jane's 2-3 & 39.6%.

In the only class not swept by the winner, Les Karpel 4-1, 31.6% edged out Nels Richason 3-1/2-1-1/2 & 28.8%. Ralph Marthaler 3-2 & 27.6% claimed 3rd place.

Pitching for the first year from the 30' "short hitter" line, John Dolezel went 5-0 & 45.6% to win Class D. Tammy Johnson came to life after her first game to finish 4-1 & 36% to claim 2nd. Butch Kohnen, at 2-3 & 28% took 3rd.

George Eckstrom swept away the competition in Class E at 5-0 & 23.2%, even though John Brophy's 4-1 recorded a class high 30.4%. Bob Lindberg, 3-2 & 22.8% claimed 3rd place.

Beth Strohman took 1st place in Class F at 5-0 & 23%. Our local lad, Dave Semingson, came in 2nd at 4-1 & 21.5%, followed by another local lad, Jay Ganther at 3-2 and 12%, taking 3rd place.

Written by John Dolezel

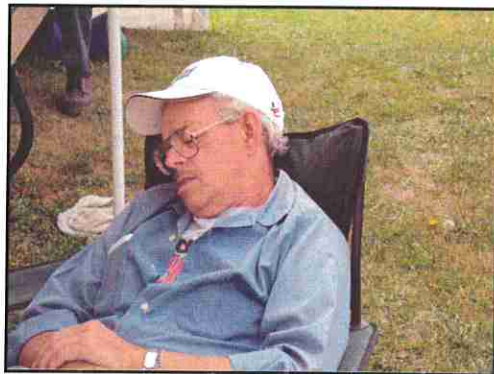
Eau Claire Club's Publicity Man



Wausau Open

Windy Hill is known for its ferocious winds, but if that is what you were expecting you were in for a disappointment on this Saturday. Most of the day was partly to mostly cloudy and the winds were very light. About as perfect a day as you could ask for. So those of you who stayed away because of the wind, eat your heart out because you missed it. We may never see it happen again.

40 pitchers descended on the courts in Ringle to try for that elusive tournament patch and 35 went home without one but everyone seemed to have a smile on their face.



Marv Besaw, (picture) from New London got tired of watching his friends Jack and Ken from A Class so he took a nap.

The Windy Hill Club thanks everyone who participated.

Sentimentality is no indication of a warm heart. Nothing weeps more copiously than a chunk of ice.

Class A

Jack	Algiers	7 - 0	52.86
Mark	Stevens	6 - 1	52.50
John	Molling	4 - 3	43.57
Vince	Jakel	3 - 4	41.07
Rick	Poppe	2 - 5	44.29
Steve	Wiegert	2 - 5	42.14
Ken	Jaeger Sr	2 - 5	41.79
Jane	Smith	2 - 5	25.00

Class B

Ivan	Ruzic	6 - 1	41.07
Joe	Doherty	5 - 2	43.21
Ken	Schumann	4.5 - 2.5	41.79
Jerry	Niemuth	4 - 3	39.64
Ray	Groskinsky	3.5 - 3.5	37.50
Ralph	Marthaler	3 - 4	35.36
Leo	Bratland	2 - 5	38.21
Gloria	Smith	0 - 7	23.93

Class C

Marvin	Besaw	4 - 3	40.00
John	Mills	5 - 2	34.29
Dan	David	4 - 3	33.21
Rueben	Eckardt	4 - 3	31.07
Art	Collien	3 - 4	30.36
Steve	Mielke	3 - 4	25.36
Keith	Stanke	2 - 5	28.57
Jim	Jakel	2 - 5	27.50

Class D

Gary	Wegner	5 - 2	30.00
Bob	Kallstrom	5 - 2	26.07
Dennis	Wegner	5 - 2	25.00
Cliff	Erickson	4 - 3	35.00
Ken	Kosky	3.5 - 3.5	27.50
Jayme	Fehr	2 - 5	23.93
George	Eckstrom	2 - 5	22.14
Harold	Zdroik	1.5 - 5.5	23.21

Class E

Jason	Maki	7 - 0	22.50
Gary	Simac	6 - 1	15.00
John	Olson	5 - 2	6.43
Mike	Stanke	3 - 4	13.21
Ron	Truman	3 - 4	8.57
Jim	Sherman	2.5 - 4.5	7.50
Andrew	Straub	1 - 6	3.57
Dan	Craft	.5 - 6.5	4.29

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structed before modern equipment. It was difficult to believe all of the building supplies and materials were transported by mules and took days. The weather man stayed up there for months at a time. It was a very interesting bit of history. At 8:00 PM began our trip back to the motel but stopped at the Hot Springs, grocery store and finally back to our rooms. Edie, Sue, and Jane took in the hot tub, steam room and shower. Last call at 10:30 to finalize plans for Tuesday.

Tuesday, July 30

Up and ready to hit the road by 7:00 AM but waited until 8:00 to check out and head to the Ice Fields and Glacier. got to the ice fields around 10:30 in time for the next tour. Sue, Jane, and Mary took the trip. It was COLD. Jane was one of two in shorts:-) Made a few snowballs and did a lot of shivering! It was amazing to see how much of the Glacier melts each year. We were fortunate to see an avalanche! What a site. Edie, Gloria and Lu learned by reading the displays in the WARM tour building and gift shops. Left about 12:30 and stopped for a 'walk and stretch' break at Saskatchewan Crossing. No wild life on the way back. Got to Banff at 3:15 and hurried to Spaghetti Factory for a delicious supper. Had done little Banff shopping so visited a few stores in downtown Banff. Jane and Sue went to the Sulfur Springs for massages and a hot springs bath. Gloria, Lu and Edie went to the hot tub steam room. Mary joined them in their rooms for a days recap and finalize plans for Wednesday. Bed felt comfortable at 10:00 PM.

Wednesday, July 31

Began our journey to Red Deer about 8:15 and after a few questionable turns stopped for directions. Drove for about an hour and decided we needed coffee and a riding break. Everyone was ready to stretch their legs. Drove to Rocky Mountain House. We thought it was a special place to eat but it is the name of a town. We found a fruit stand which had fresh fruit so purchased some. Found a nice family diner for lunch and warmed up during lunch. The wind was a blustery cold north wind and the temps seemed to be about 32 degrees with a mixture of rain and snow flakes. continued our journey toward Red Deer and drove through "Caroline" the practice area of Kurt Brown-ing. We also drove past Myrna Kissicks ranch. We arrived in Red Deer about 1:30, dropped Gloria to rest at the motel, while we went to the courts to retrieve our luggage from Ken Kosky. Ken wanted to know if

we wanted the good or bad news first. He shared the bad: the border was tough to get through as he had to unpack our luggage for customs. he said it was difficult to explain ladies underwear and no women in site. He also said he had to sort the underwear by colors and lacy etc. The good news: he was kidding:-) We returned with our luggage to the motel, picked up Gloria who had to register by 5:00. she won 3 lost two in a very nice facility.

Thursday, August 1 - Friday, August 2, Saturday, August 3

Sue chauffeured Jane and Edie to the courts as Jane was to pitch at 8:15. Edie kept score and at noon we went for lunch. Most of our next three days were spent pitching, eating and scorekeeping. Gloria finished 3rd (trophy, and \$100). Jane finished on Saturday. Lu Cave's daughter was in the Jr. Championship finals so we kept score for her class. Gloria, Edie and Lu stayed at the motel on Saturday to do laundry. Three loads later... headed to the courts for more scorekeeping \$\$.

Sunday, August 3

Lu, Jane, and Edie went to the annual meeting with Sue again our chauffeur. George Nick gave us a ride home after the meeting. We met at the shopping mall across from the motel. Gloria and Mary walked over. Lu went to the banquet. Clayton and Mary joined us for a Chinese Buffet supper. We hot tubbed, Sue exercised, and we shopped till we dropped. Finally called it a night as others had to be ready to pitch ringers on Monday AM.

Monday, August 4

Lu and Sue began pitching at 11:30 and Edie and Mary at 2:30. Everyone had some good and some not so good games. Monday evening had us dining with the company of Ken Kosky and Jim Haupt at a steak house. Of course, we ate well AGAIN!

Tuesday, August 5

We spent time at the courts again. Don and Clayton were also pitching at this time. We had live entertainment for supper again as Jim Haupt shared his story of falling love with a nun. He also received his first kiss when he rode his bike after a poor innocent girl. He shared a few bedroom stories with us. We met for supper at a Pizza place and again ate very well and had awesome company.

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Wednesday, August 6

The sun is finally shining bright for the first time since we left Banff. We have had the coldest, rainiest weather possible. Everyone had to buy more warm clothes. Pitching in the arena was warm but getting to and from the buildings to the cars was COLD. Red Deer has had an unseasonable cold weather pattern with 2-3 inches of snow several days! Being the WT is in EC in 2003 the information stand was busy. Jane, Ken, Kathy, Ken, and Melissa were busy answering questions. Edie, Sue and Gloria filled in when people needed a break. The WHPA officers and tournament directors also had to get the state tournament organized for the end of August. We got to the courts early to pack the extra souvenirs to send to the CVTB. We Fed Exed them for a fee of about \$200. this was a quite a day as Edie and Mary ended in 2nd place in their classes. Sue took 3rd. We celebrated supper with Ken Kosky and Jim Haupt. Jane, Edie, and Lu went to the hot tub. We hit the sack early as Edie had to pitch in the Senior Women Championship Class on Thursday.

Thursday, August 7

We had our usual continental breakfast before heading to the courts and Edie's championship games. Edie started her first game getting called for fouling so was happy to tie for 3rd and winning \$270. Clayton won 4 of his 6 games and had the rest of his games on Friday. Once again we all went to dinner to celebrate. We had to celebrate Susie's birthday so went to a special place. We definitely surprised Sue and got some terrific moose birthday pictures. It is birthday she will not soon forget.

Friday, August 8

We dropped Lu off at the courts and headed north to the Edmonton Mall. We arrived about 10:30, parked and began a day of shopping in the largest Mall of the world! It was a fascinating place with an ice rink, wave water pool, theaters, restaurants and many unique shopping stores. We were especially interested in jewelry, and beanie babies. Of course the chocolate candy and coffee stores were hits too. We had a fast food lunch before heading back to Red Deer and the courts to pick up Lu. Most of our Canadian travel has been in the rain or snow flakes. Once we got back to the courts we watched the championship men before heading out for another bite to eat. some of us settled for just dessert! Finally headed home to a warm room and comfortable bed and a night of rest.

Saturday, August 9

The warm room - Edie, Gloria and Lu - had a difficult night of sleep so were a bit sleepy and groggy this day. Sue was nursing a bad back she put out during her last day of pitching. Sound like we were in tough shape! We helped Kenny Kosky load his game Related supplies and some of our extra luggage. We watched the remaining championship games for the day. At 7:00 it began to rain again and we went to Kelsey's for supper. It was a slow night with poor service, OK food and arrived home at 9:00. We went to our rooms, watched a bit of "Touched by an Angel" and visited. It was also time to pack for our trip home. Just before lights out, after a call to the airlines, Jane found out we will be home a few hours earlier as there was a shorter layover in Chicago.

Sunday, August 10

Our last day, we are packed and heading to Calgary for our flight home. No trouble getting to the airport, and returning the van. Got through security and customs. Lu stood guard as the rest of us shopped. We found a few things we absolutely could not live without! Saw Paul Stewart and Mark Seibold also heading home by air. The flights were fine - no one got sick. Leaving Chicago was a challenge as there were 13 planes lined up to take off before our plane. We arrived in MN around 10:30. Al our chauffeur was waiting for us. Lu took Mary to Buffalo on her way to Rice. It was hard to believe our trip was over for yet another year. We had a great time, good food and wonderful company. It was a little different as we are usually planning our next WT trip BUT being we get to work the EC 2003 tourney we had to be content to think about Pocatello in 2004.

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand.

- Mark Twain



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