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MEET CONNER

By Jackie Hughes, MGSHPA Charity Director

This year's Make-A-Wish Child is Conner, 9, from North Branch, MN, battling Ewing's Sarcoma. Conner is an outgoing, talkative guy who enjoys playing with the Wii with his brother. Some of his favorite things are golf, the Twins, Pizza Hut, chocolate and his dog.

Conner's wish is to travel to Hawaii! He is most excited about seeing a volcano, walking on cold lava, riding a train and seeing turtles! His wish trip is scheduled for October!

EWINGS SARCOMA

As a parent, the fact that your child has cancer is one of the worst situations you can be faced with.

Sarcomas are rare types of cancer that develop in the supporting structures of the body. Ewing's Sarcoma is named after Dr. James Ewing, who described the tumor in the 1920s. It is a cancer which can develop anywhere in the body, although it most often starts in the bone. Any bone can be affected, but the pelvis, thigh bone (femur) and shin bone (tibia) are the most common places.

The frequency in the United States depends on the patient's age, with a rate of 0.3 case per 1,000,000 children in those younger than 3 years of age to as high as 4.6 cases per 1,000,000 in adolescents aged 15-19 years.

Although, Ewing's Sarcoma is a type of bone cancer, it can also very rarely occur in the soft tissues rather than starting in the bone. This is called extraosseous Ewing's sarcoma. Sometimes these cancers are called primitive neuroectodermal tumors (PNET).

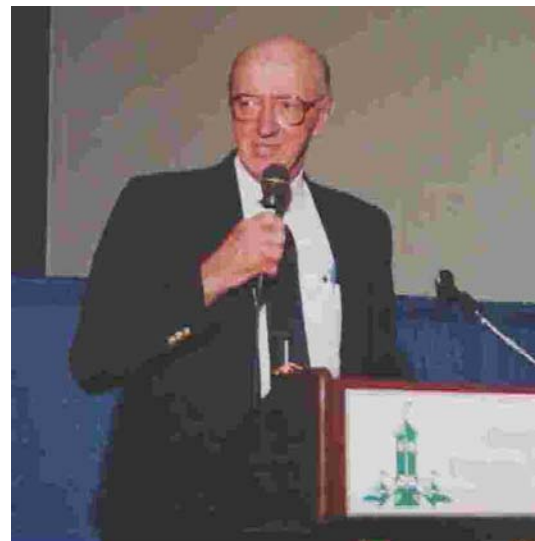
The exact causes of primary bone cancer are unknown. The development of Ewing's sarcoma may be in some way related to times of rapid bone growth, which may explain why more cases of Ewing's Sar-

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Lenny Lipovsky Inducted Into NHPA Hall Of Fame

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Rick Wright



Hey Everyone,

I hope everyone had a nice winter (that seemed to never end) and by now everyone should have started their league play. I wish everyone good luck with their league and tournament play. As you know, one of many jobs as President is to promote the playing of our sport. So, I encourage everyone to get out there and meet new friends and enjoy the fresh air pitching. For those of you that have not played in any tournaments before, you should really give it a try this year. The atmosphere at a tournament is so much more exciting and you meet a lot of people while having great competition. I realize the gas prices have gone up daily, along with everything else, but with the wide range of tournaments, I am sure you could find at least one or two close to home.

Speaking of tournaments, I really want to encourage you all to come to the State Tournament this year. I am looking forward to it this year. We will be giving away \$2000.00 plus other prizes in our membership contest. We also have arranged for some star quality entertainment as well. This year our banquet will be held at the Pierz Ball Room across the street from the Brick Yard where we have held the banquet in the past years. I would like to thank the people at the Brick Yard for doing a good job in the past. As we continue to grow and the banquet has been increasing year after year, I feel as State Tournament Director that change means growth and as we keep growing bigger and stronger, our tournament will continue to grow bigger and stronger. On that note, this year is the end of our commitment to Genola Arena for State Tournament, so we will start accepting bids for our 2009 State Tournament. Any Clubs that are interested in hosting our 2009 tournament should submit a bid to me by August 1st.

Lastly, I would like to mention that this is the end of my 1st term as President. I have a choice of running for one more term. I have had a lot of fun and at this point I have not accomplished everything that I would like to as President. As they say, time flies when your having fun, and I am not done having fun yet. We have accomplished a lot during my first term with a lot of help of good, dedicated, hardworking people. I would like to thank all the board members for their support and am looking to continue this till the year 2011. I would also like to thank the membership for all the support you have givin me as well. **So at this time, I am announcing that I will be seeking my 2nd term as President.** Looking forward to seeing you all on the courts this summer.

Rick



REGIONAL DIRECTOR

by Jerry LaBrosse

Hello to all you returning members of our great association, and a special welcome to all of you new members. I hope all of you who have recruited any new members make sure that our membership director Bonnie Holland is aware of your efforts. With this year's membership drive raffle, you and your new recruit will both have an opportunity to win some very nice cash and material prizes. From what I've seen and heard so far, our state membership is in position to take a substantial boost this year. But remember one thing, it's not just about the numbers of members that we have, it's the quality of our organization that really counts. It's true that with more members we will have more and larger tournaments, which is a good thing, but I truly believe that we're enriching people's lives with a great family activity. Horseshoe pitching is inexpensive and healthful sport that the whole family can enjoy, and at any skill level. New friends can be made by attending your leagues and traveling to tournaments.

What's Happening in the NHPA?

This year's world tournament in York, PA is going to be the largest in many years. As of the entry deadline there were well over 1300 entries. With the new equipment to pitch on, and given the beautiful facility we're going to be setting up in, I want to make a prediction. I predict that the overall averages in all classes will be up this year, and that there will be some world records set. Watch for Alan Francis attempting to set an all time high ringer percentage in a world championship. And with the high number of expert women pitchers, I wouldn't doubt if there's records set in their division, as well as the Elders, Seniors, and Juniors. The new pitching conditions are going to be better than they've ever been, and anything is possible this year.

At the convention we will be voting on the location of the 2010 world tournament. Those of you who subscribe to the NHPA magazine, Newsline, already know that the bidders for the 2010 tournament are Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Little Rock, Arkansas, Pocatello, Idaho, and Lebanon, Ohio. Minnesota has the largest membership in the NHPA, therefore we have the most votes at the convention. At the time of this article I don't know what location we will be voting for, that is decided at the spring membership meeting, which was held in Forest Lake on June 1st.

What's Happening in the MGSHPA?

As I stated in the opening section of this article, our membership is poised to take a healthy jump this year. Please take the time to invite your friends and neighbors to join you on a league night, or invite them to come with you to a tournament. Show others what fun our great sport can be, and maybe win a great prize for doing so.

So far we have two bidders for our state tournament for 2009 – 2010. The North Mankato Horseshoe Club is finalizing all aspects of their bid to host our premier event, see their notice in this digest. President Rick Wright and myself went to Mankato and did a site tour a few weeks ago and the facility is more than sufficient to host this event. The North Mankato club has already assembled their various committees to deal with all aspects of the tournament. The state association is very pleased that we have multiple bidders for this event.

The other club that has submitted a bid for the 2009-2010 state tournaments is the Ringers of Rice Horseshoe Club. I have not seen this bid as of yet, but I understand that they intend to host the tournament in the Genola Arena.

So I hope you all make plans to attend the annual state meeting this year in Genola and voice your opinions on these and many other issues. This is your organization and we want you to be an active part of the decision making process.

I want to wish you all the best of luck this season. As always, if you have any questions, please contact President Rick Wright or myself and we will do our very best to help you.



Debi Pool, member of the Rockford Ringers Horseshoe Club, is shown working with the Target mascot dog. See Debi's profile on page 14

State News

EAST LEAGUE 2008 SPRING MEETING

Gene Erickson, East League President, called to order the last Sanctioned East Horseshoe League meeting on Monday April 14, 2008 @ 7:02 pm. Those in attendance and the towns they represented were; Mike Lawrence, Madelia, Mark J. Baumann, Madelia, Duane Anderson, Madelia, Robert Werner Wells, Dennis Bruckoff, Wells, Dale Grunzke, Wells, Harold Schrader, Easton, Bert Knight, Easton, Bernie Kunkel, Easton, Dale Maine, Mapleton, Don Landstiener, Mapleton.

Minutes for the 2007 League meeting were read by VP Mike Lawrence and approved as read. The Madelia Horseshoe Club members were awarded their 2007 League Championship Patches. Other awards included; Harold Schrader High Average, Dale Maine High Game Over Average and Wayne Nielson Most Improved.

Roll call was taken to determine the number of 4 man walking teams for 2008. Rapidan and Easton were not able to fill out a 4 man roster and would not have teams. Wells and Mapleton were not sure if they would have teams. Madelia was the only town able fill out a 4 man team roster. Therefore it was agreed to by the League members in attendance to end the sanctioned East League due to the declining rosters. Other options were discussed

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North Mankato by Russ Rigdon

The horseshoe season is officially underway in North Mankato! The spring meeting was held on April 7 at North Mankato Fire Station # 2, with 16 of 18 teams present. The highlight of this meeting was the decision of the club to pursue a bid for hosting the Minnesota State Singles tournament for 2009 and 2010. Ivan Baumgartner was also applauded for his efforts as club treasurer for the last several years. At this time, there are 125 pitchers signed up for the 2008 season. There are three divisions with 6 teams in each division. League play is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Makeups are to be played on any of the other remaining

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LEN LIPOVSKY TO BE INDUCTED TO THE NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

Long time MGSHPA member Len Lipovsky will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame this summer at the World Tournament held at York, PA. Len will be inducted into the Player-Organizer category as his accomplishments include both great pitching accomplishments and promotional efforts.

Len's interest in horseshoe pitching dates back to the age of 10 when he started pitching with his father and family on the farm in Boyceville, Wisconsin. After moving to Minneapolis in 1966, Len met Frank Stinson and others from the Minneapolis Horseshoe Club. Len pitched at the Loring Park Courts for parts of four decades and also was a charter member as the Bloomington Horseshoe Club was formed in 1979.

Len gave a lot of effort to support the sport in Minnesota, by serving as a Minneapolis Club President 1977-1979 and Vice President from 1980 through 1983. He served as MGSHPA Vice President in 1977 and 1978, and in 1983 he accepted the position of NHPA Regional Director, a position that Len served with distinction for 15 years. His dedication to the job was recognized by the NHPA as Len was named the NHPA Regional Director of the Year in 1990.

There are many promotional efforts over the years that include pitching exhibitions from the Red Wing Correctional Facility to pitching at a special promotion at Canterbury Downs. Len, a member of the Toastmasters, entertained hundreds of members over the years at the many awards banquets he emceed. He also delivered a eulogy at Frank Stinson's funeral.

Len's pitching accomplishments may be highlighted by claiming the Immediate Men's World Championship in 1990, but there was also a great day in 1987 at the Mn. State Tournament in Wadena, when Len averaged 75.00% ringers only to end up in 4th place, not even qualifying for a trophy! That came after playoff losses in 1985 and 1986 where Len ended up in the runner-up spot, losing in a playoff with Jack O'Connor in 85 and coming up

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coma are seen in teenagers. Like other cancers, it is not infectious and cannot be passed on to other people.

Pain is the most common symptom of bone cancer. However, symptoms may vary depending on the position in the body and the size of the cancer. There may be some swelling in the affected area and it may become tender to touch. Bone cancer is sometimes discovered when a bone that has been weakened by cancer breaks, after the child has a minor fall or accident.

Treatment will depend on a number of factors, including the size and position of the tumor, and may include chemotherapy, surgery and radiotherapy, or a combination of these. A high percentage of children with Ewing's sarcoma can be cured. Even if the tumor comes back, further treatment may be given successfully. Surgery and radiotherapy can stop bones growing and may make muscles and tendons shorter. This may mean that further operations will be necessary later in life. However, most children who are successfully treated for Ewing's Sarcoma grow up without major disability.

HAWAII--THE ALOHA STATE BECAME THE 50TH STATE IN 1959

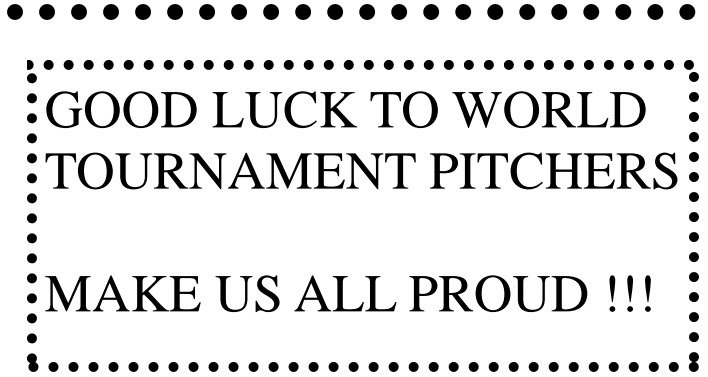
Hawaii is like no other place on Earth!! Home to one of the world's most active volcanoes and the world's tallest sea mountain. Birthplace of surfing and the hula. Former seat of a royal kingdom. Hawaii is one of the youngest geological formations in the world and the youngest state of the union. But perhaps Hawaii's most unique feature is the Aloha Spirit: **the warmth of the people of Hawaii that wonderfully complements the islands' perfect temperatures.**

There are primarily six major islands to visit in Hawaii: **Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Maui, and Hawaii's Big Island.** You'll find each island has its own distinct personality and offers its own adventures, activities, and sightseeing opportunities.

Kauai's incredible **Waimea Canyon** is 10 miles long, and one mile wide; Duke Kahanamoku, the **"Father of Modern Surfing,"** grew up in Waikiki on Oahu; the tallest sea cliffs in the world can be found on Molokai's north side; a hulking ship is still trapped in the waters of **Shipwreck Beach** on Lanai; the crater of **Haleakala** on Maui is roughly the size of the island of Manhattan; **Kileaua Volcano in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii's Big island is the world's most active vol-**

cano.

Anytime is truly a good time to travel to Hawaii. Conner will be going in October and temperatures will be averaging 75-88 degrees Fahrenheit. **All of us from the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitching Association wish you: ALOHA, CONNER!!**



First	Last Name	City	CL
Harold	Bischel	Apple Valley	30
Larry	Brabec	Browerville	M
Lu	Cave	Sartell	W
Daren	Chambers	Rushford	M
Mary	Denzin	Buffalo	W
Richard	Giese	Holloway	M
Roger	Harp	Cromwell	30
Les	Holland	McGregor	30
Edi	Holland	McGregor	W
Bob	Knudtson	Columbia Hghts	30
Jerry	LaBrosse	Greenfield	M
Michael	Littell	Spring Park	M
Leslie	Marquardt	Foley	M
Mary	Matuke	Brooklyn Park	W
Joe	Mueller	Ham Lake	M
Joey	Mueller	Ham Lake	B
Jim	Rebrovich	Bigfork	M
Katie	Sheehan	Plainview	G
James	Sheehan	Plainview	M
Crystal	Sheehan	Plainview	W
Mary Ann	Sheehan	Plainview	W
Micah	Snead	Sauk Rapids	M
Gerald	Stangland	Big Fork	M
John	Stover	Burnsville	M
Rick	Wright	Stacy	M

18th Annual N. Mankato Fun Days Tournament July 12-13 Wheeler Park

“Great Concessions”

Beer Garden Fri-Sat-Sun p.m.

Carnival rides Fri-Sat-Sun p.m.

Parade Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Scorekeepers paid \$1 per game

6 person mixed classes

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ cash awards \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Entry fee: \$20 Entry deadline: June 27

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Don't miss this one!!!

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Team World Wrap

by Dick Dvorak

The Top Five Teams **1. Kentucky, 2. Colorado, 3. Wisconsin #1, 4. Illinois #1, 5. Minnesota #2**
As the 2008 Team World competition came to a close there were some rather remarkable items to note.

First, was the outstanding performance of first time contestant Bob Knudtson who recently made the move to short distance pitcher. Bob's record was 16-1 during the regular tournament and pitched an outstanding 66%! He had high games of 75%, 77.5%, 80%, and 82.5% !

Secondly, this was the first time in the history of this tournament that another Minnesota team, besides Minnesota's No 1 team, made it to the Championship playoffs. It was also one of the few times that Minnesota's No1 team DID NOT make it to the playoffs.

All Minnesota teams made a strong showing with MN-2 finishing fifth and advancing to the playoffs. However they were unable to gain any victories there and also finished fifth in the playoffs. Members of the MN-2 team were Bob Knudtson, Gerald Stangland (57%), first time contestant Dale Hustad, (50%) the only player to gain victories in the playoffs and Dick Dvorak (53%). Members of the MN-1 team that finished in sixth place, were Dale Lipovsky (63%), Edi Holland (62%), Harold Schrader (60%), and Dave Hughes (55%). Members of the MN-3 team that finished in eighth place were Bert Logsdon (58%), first timer Jim Aleckson (54%), Jerry LaBrosse (49%), and Mark Smith (49%).

FOSS AND SAUCE by denny

Is it spring yet? I think I missed a season or two. I thought we had four seasons. Shovels, snow blowers, and most winter things are usually put away by now or getting ready for storage. The first time the temperature rises for a week or so we think of getting most of the patio stuff out. Oh no! where were we on ground hog day, we should have listened.

Some friends and I made one last trip to the Lake of Woods before ice out. We didn't even set up our portables for two days of ice fishing. Two days of ice fishing, sun shining, no wind to speak of and we caught enough to eat and also our limits to bring home. Saturday night forecast was for colder; wind and some snow, which could be measurable. Are we glad we left early on Sunday. It took an extra 2 hours of driving time. The next morning it reported that 30 inches fell where we traveled. May 10 the season opened again with ice still on some lakes and more snow to boot. Where are the global warming people?

With the Dakota Magic tournaments over until next fall I still want to tell everyone about their winter tournament. Bill Trader was honored to have 3 of the NHPA officers in attendance. They were Paul Stewart (national president) Stu Sipma (5th VP) and our own Jerry LaBrosse (4th VP) along with Clint Bryson (ND and SD) Regional Director. The Saturday night karaoke was another success. With Paul Stewart in attendance, he was called upon to lead the group in doing the Hokey Poky dance with Denny Klein doing the sing along. Everyone got in to it. More singing followed with the Minnesota singers leading the way.

May starts league play for most and shoes that were polished up earlier will be flying again. For some of us it will take a few weeks to get the rough spots worked out. I know I've got a few to work on. Looks like Bob Knudtson has worked his rough spots out already when he and Marlene were in Florida. His move to 30 ft. has raised his average a lot. Way to go Bob, keep doing what your doing, it's working for you.

June is when tournaments start in full swing. Remember you need 1 MN sanctioned tournament plus 2 or more NHPA tournaments, or pitch 700 shoe minimum to qualify for state. Check the digest or the state web site for tournament listing. One of the tournaments you should think about going to should be the Leprechaun at Rice. A lot of door

prizes for every pitcher and the prize monies are the highest in the state. With 6 person classes 1st place wins \$100 and pays down 3 places. Can't beat that can you? There are other games played that also have big prizes. August 9th and 10th watch the Ringer.

Two interesting thoughts to ponder
I believe-That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them
I believe-That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent person.



Player Profile

Fred Krentz - Belle Plaine

Fred Krentz was born January 27, 1940 in a farm house south of Belle Plaine. He grew up in that same house, spent his working career farming the land where that farm house stands, and still lives in that home in his retirement years.

Fred picked up the interest in pitching horseshoes at a Sunday School picnic where there was a small pitching event. He saw how most the men were throwing a ¾ turn so that is how he started pitching. In 1972, he entered his first tournament at Rapidan and that really got him hooked on the sport. There he saw most of the top pitchers were pitching 1¼ turn shoes and he made that switch. By the way, Fred won Class G in his first ever tournament, with a 6-1 record and averaged 30.6% ringers.

After that first tournament, Fred's career flourished. From 1976 to 1998, Fred qualified for 10 State

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Toll of Time



Norm Wunderlich 1923—2008

Norm lived in the Holdingford area many years, where he farmed, worked as a machinist, and raised a family of four, before retiring and moving to Royalton MN.

He was devoted to God, Family, Community, and his Friends. Many times he would give a neighbor a ride to church during the week. Norm would help the Royalton Legion with their Lenten Friday fish dinners. He was a life member of the Holdingford Legion as well as a life member of Royalton where he also served as its Chaplain.

Horseshoes was a sport that Norm enjoyed very much. He not only had courts at his home, but also at the farm where one of his son's lived. When he and Rita would be there, horseshoe could be practiced. The love of the game kept him pitching at tournaments, league play at Genola, and winter Monday afternoons at Upsala. One spring when his voice was affected he wasn't going to pitch, until some of his fellow pitchers encouraged him to continue by having his opponent call the score.

A quote from General Douglas MacArthur's retiring speech was "old soldiers never die they just fade away". Horseshoe players like Norm Wunderlich will never fade away from our memories. We'll miss you on the courts Norm.



The Hibbing club has adopted a self scorekeeping system. It's like a cribbage board with one long row and one short row of holes. One pitcher calls the score and the other pitcher moves the peg when they pitch at one end and the other pitcher moves the peg when they pitch at the other end. The players like it because the game moves along smoother and faster. Also, we've gotten into the habit of watching the scoreboard more closely. I've seen many mistakes at world tournaments that weren't caught because the pitcher was concentrating on their pitch and not watching the scoreboard.

Jim Rebrovich

John Patrick Kinniry, age 73,

The Kilkenny Horseshoe Club is sad to report the passing of one of its competitive and influential members, John Patrick Kinniry, of Kilkenny. He lost his fight with cancer on January 5th, 2008.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 - 1956, with most of his service in Korea. John farmed for awhile, and worked for 39 years with area farmers delivering bulk petroleum.

He married Barb on June 11, 1958 and their family of one daughter and four sons was always number one to him.

John was an all around handyman, and enjoyed doing wood working for family and friends. Besides horseshoe pitching, his other interests were playing baseball, bowling, cards, gardening, deer hunting, and four-wheeling.

He was a life long member and Past Commander of the local VFW Post, and was presently serving as Commander of the local American Legion Post when death came upon him.

John had been a member of the Kilkenny Horseshoe Club for 23 years and one of our top competitors, being always at the top of his game. One always knew when John arrived at the courts - the radio in his pick-up was always blaring with Old-Time music, and everyone would say "Here comes Johnny"!! I think he just wanted to put us all in the mood for his competitiveness and that beaming Irish smile told it all. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends and his doubles partner, Clinton Kazamba. " Go Get'Em, Johnny"!!

Submitted by Leon Pittman
Kilkenny Horseshoe Club Director



North Mankato Club Seeking 2009 State Tournament Bid

The North Mankato Horseshoe Club is proud to announce our intention of submitting a bid to host the Minnesota State Singles Horseshoe Tournament for 2009 and 2010.

The facility in which this event would take place is the Alltel Center, located in downtown Mankato. It is a beautiful facility with hotel rooms connected all within the complex.

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Spotlight On Juniors

By MaryAnn Sheehan

Hi Juniors!

It sure is nice to see the weather warming up, its been a long winter & spring! I am looking for profiles of juniors that pitch for the state association. If you can fill out the following questions and submit a picture to me, I can post it in the Ringers Digest. I am looking for the following:

- Name:
- Age:
- City:
- School attending:
- Grade:
- Sports or Academic Activities:
- Favorite class:
- Favorite food:
- Favorite summer/winter activity:
- Name of horseshoe league you belong to:
- How did you get in horseshoes?

Please take the time to fill this out and send to Mary Ann Sheehan, 110 2nd St SE, Plainview MN 55964 or email @ sheehan.mary@mayo.edu

Check out the answers to the puzzle posted in the last Ringer Digest. Hope you had fun with it, and I'll try to put more games and puzzles into future issues.

Thanks! Mary Ann



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MGSHPA president Rick Wright and Regional Director Jerry LaBrosse came down for a site visit on April 26th and met with our committee and an Alltel representative. They agreed that this facility is the best they've ever seen to host this event.

The various committees required to plan, organize, and conduct a state tournament have already been formed, and are in the process of finalizing this bid.

The North Mankato Horseshoe Club is really fired up about hosting this event, and would very much appreciate your support at the annual membership meeting in Genola on Sunday August 31st.

Answers:

1. hoesesrosh is horseshoes.
2. ntartneoum is tournament.
3. npmhicao is champion.
4. reignr is ringer.
5. patrnr is partner.
6. inieioatnlm is elimination.
7. oohk is hook.
8. phrteic is pitcher.
9. cyal is clay.
10. oulf is foul.
11. ithfrtteye is thirtyfeet.
12. aetsk is stake.
13. ptino is point.
14. fdoared is fourdead.
15. sxikapc is sixpack.
16. bacaodbkr is backboard.
17. teshceores is scoresheet.
18. loewt is towel.
19. nhsehadka is handshake.
20. ahrsspmsipnot is sportsmanship.
21. rptneagce is percentage.
22. gpir is grip.
23. aepcrtci is practice.
24. ahdancip is handicap.
25. urtco is court.



Hey Juniors,

By the time you read this, you will probably be out of school for the summer. Now is the time to get your friends out and join your horseshoe league. You know you guys are a big part of our association. And you to could win prizes at the State Banquet by bringing in new members. Your name would go into the hat for the drawing of \$1000.00 and \$500.00 as well as \$500.00 for your new friend that you signed up. Not a bad pay day for having fun. I hope you all have a fun and safe summer. Good Luck on the courts.

Rick Wright

MGSHPA Tournament Schedule for 2008

Date	Tournament	Director
June 7th	West St Paul	Patti Oakes
June 14 th	Fridley	Greg Stumpf
June 21st	Santiago Open	Jim Aleckson
June 21 st	Engebretson Open	Fargo, ND
June 22 nd	40 th Allard Open	Harry Fillafer
June 20 th	Hibbing Senior Only	Jim Rebrovich
June 21 st	Hibbing Open	Jim Rebrovich
July 12 th	Litchfield	Jeff Waataja
July 12-13	North Mankato	Erwin Tischer
July 7-19	World Tournament	York, PA
July 19 th	Minneapolis Open	Bill Orman
July 26 th	Junior Only	MaryAnn Sheehan
July 26-27	Kolachy Days	Dick David
Aug 2 nd	Coon Rapids Open	Claude Emmerich
Aug 9 th	Rockford	Marlys Timm
Aug 9-10	Leprechaun Open	Randy Danzl
Aug 16 th	Northwest Open	Dick Dvorak
Aug 24 th	Bud Nelson Open	Rick Wright
Aug 23-24	Donnelly	Jerry Werk
Aug 29-Sept 1	State Tournament	Bonnie Holland
Sept 6 th	Younger Bros	Mike Lawrence
Sept 13-14	State Doubles	Dan Girtz
Oct 18-19	Upsala Fall	Mel & Joyce Larson



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Tournament Class B appearances and three Class A appearances. He qualified for Class A in 1978, 1980 and 1986, averaging 62.25% ringers in 1978 and 62.37% in 1980. Fred Class B in 1984 with a 60.33%, and was runner-up in 1977, 1983 and 1981. His highest Class B average was 64.79 in 1979.

For many season, Fred pitched in the LeSueur Horseshoe League. One thing that Fred is proud about is that he pitched in every State Tournament held in Preimesberger Arena.

He still remembers his highest single game, a 41 ringer gem against Art Holter in 1972. He had a streak of 13 consecutive doubles during that 82% game.

For those who played with Fred, you probably saw him juggling shoes. That is a skill he learned in high school using stones. He always was interested in work working so he made some wooden rings and juggled those for years, until around 1975 when Fred practiced juggling horseshoes.

Health reasons now have forced Fred to hang up his shoes, but he certainly had a career that we all can admire.

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since 1981. They own four horses, two dogs, and a cat. Debi was recently featured in the Delano Herald Journal due to her unique profession.

Her younger years, growing up on a farm, gave her the perfect background for her career. After high school, she attended Hennepin Community College seeking a career in advertising as a professional photographer.

After college, Debi was hired by Dublin Productions to work in the black and white lab developing and printing. Eventually she started managing the studio. Dublin was into working with animals and after 19 years with them she decided to start up her own business.

Several years ago Animal Talent Pool became a reality. Debi has worked with just about every kind of animal imaginable. Some of the animals include skunks, rabbits, donkeys, deer, fish, ducks, beaver, elephants, hippos, kangaroos, pigs, cows, turkeys, monkeys, as well as everyday pets such as dogs and cats. She looks for an animal that is used to being around people, very social and one that will let other people touch them.

She likes to use area animals and chose a Holstein cow in Howard Lake, right off the farm, for a Timberwolves TV commercial and also photographed area dogs for Milk Bone packaging, which will be hitting the store shelves shortly.

Another one of her latest projects was an ad for Target which featured five, all-white bull terrier puppies. They had to be between 7-8 weeks old as Target wanted the puppies' ears to be flopped down as the ad featured as they get older the ears go up! She also did the photo shoot of card-playing dogs pictured on a Target gift card.

Some animal trivia that Debi has learned is that penguins are mean and will bite; chimpanzees do not like cigarettes; and a chameleon can camouflage itself and hide in a home for days without being found!

Why not check out her web site at www.animaltalentpool.com and see for yourself some of the fun she has had over the years.

NEW TOURNAMENT LISTING—SANTIAGO OPEN—JUNE 21ST

Member Birthdays for June/July

Send a birthday greeting to a horseshoe friend !!

Ackman	Miriam	6/21	Hansen	Dan	7/4	Nelson	Bud	7/25
Ahles	Joyce	7/18	Hanson	Kris	6/12	Nicholson	Al	6/7
Albrecht	Ryan	7/30	Harwell	Dan	7/15	Nick	June	6/12
Alickson	Scott	7/23	Heiden-Ericks	Robert	7/4	Nick	George	6/21
Ammerman	Destin	6/21	Henrich	Donald	7/27	Norman	Steve	7/8
Anderson	Virgil	6/29	Hillegas	Mark	7/10	Oakes	Patti	7/22
Anderson	Ben	6/12	Holz	Mike	7/20	O'Brien	Ginger	6/19
Anderson	Shawn	7/17	Honsey	Bob	7/12	Olson	Bob	6/2
Anderson	Robert	7/28	Hoppe	Brian	6/7	Olson	Richard J	6/17
Andrea	Cheryle	6/25	Hughes	Dave	7/29	Olson	Chad	7/24
Apostolou	Ana	7/8	Hughes	Crysta	6/5	Otterness	Al	6/21
Awsumb	Henning	7/2	Hunter	Floyd	6/4	Owens	Vernon	6/30
Bares	Diane	7/16	Isaacson	Linton	7/30	Palmersheim	Maurice	7/30
Bartel	Danny	7/20	Johnson	Dylan	7/22	Pedersen	Dave	6/8
Baumgartner	Ivan	7/9	Johnson	Blaze	6/13	Pepper	Bruce	6/25
Berggren	Randy	7/1	Johnson	Dwight	6/9	Pfeiffer	Kevin	6/14
Biehn	Steve	6/1	Johnson	Brandon	7/12	Pietruszewski	Corny	7/26
Bliss	Mike	7/23	Kaehn	Bob	7/3	Presler	Cliff	7/6
Bonn	Gordon	7/3	Kaufhold	Andrew	7/16	Reasor Sr	John	7/26
Booker	Butch	6/5	Kehn	Mitch	7/29	Richmond	Kevin	6/20
Brabec	Larry	7/12	Kemling	Jerry	7/9	Rigdon	Ron	7/21
Brogger	Jerome	7/15	Klugherz	Pete	7/25	Rigdon	Dave	7/16
Brown	Brian	7/16	Kohnen	Butch	6/10	Ripley	Ed	7/12
Brown	Dennis	7/2	Kolden	Darrell	6/5	Robinson	Dan	6/4
Bullard	Kyle	6/25	Kopetka	Kathy	7/8	Rodi	Sherlen	6/12
Burggraaf	Tom	6/16	Kopischke	Ashley	7/4	Rosenow	Glenn	7/8
Buse	Travis	7/8	Kough	Carol	7/14	Rowe	Luke	6/16
Bussey	Richard	7/7	Kramer	Delmar	6/8	Ryan	Jim	7/28
Carey	Nick	7/12	Kruse	Julie	7/19	Sandquist	Scott	6/6
Carlson	Steve	6/13	Lager	Sue	7/26	Schaefer	Mark	6/5
Christensen	Buddy	6/12	Lampton	Richard	6/21	Schmidt	Greg	6/20
Christiansen	Harvey	7/31	Lampton	Randy	7/7	Schreifels	Warren	6/8
Christoffel	Andrea	6/11	Lampton	Arlo	7/8	Schreiner	Marilyn	6/17
Dahlberg	LeRoy	6/27	Langner	Leroy	6/12	Schultz	Arnold	7/22
Dallmann	Steve	6/27	Larson	Dennis	7/11	Sheehan	Mary Ann	7/7
Dalrymple	Daryl	7/20	Larson	Julian	7/2	Sherwood	Karen	6/18
Dearing	Anthony	6/17	Larson	Janet	7/20	Shults	Dutch	6/27
Delong	Ben	7/1	Larson	Alan	6/29	Skon	Jason	7/27
Doyle	Jake	6/14	Lashinski	Tom	7/16	Smith	Rick	7/9
Duenow	Joel	7/26	LeForte	Renee	6/4	Smith	Mark	6/5
Duenow	Linda	7/12	LeForte	Marc	6/26	Sowers	Zach	6/9
Edwards	Pete	7/11	Lenway	Tim	6/4	Speltz	Clarence	7/7
Egging	Patrick	6/6	Lewis	Joe	6/25	Statz	Simon	7/8
Eischens	David	7/23	Lilly	Nicole	6/11	Strack	Mel	6/18
Elmore	Karrina	6/15	Lilly	Steve	6/29	Stromberg	Richard	7/13
Engelen	Andrea	7/2	Linder	Joe	6/16	Stumpf	Lisa	6/26
Erickson	Gene	6/8	Loper	Ron	6/21	Swirtz	Zach	6/27
Erickson	Bill	6/18	Lopez	Darius	7/13	Switajewski	Tim	6/23
Esch	Robert	7/14	Lozier	Duane	6/8	Szabo	Colleen	6/28
Ewert	Jason	7/15	Ludwig	Mark	7/9	Thrasher	Sarah	7/7
Fietek	Leon	6/19	Lundeen	Charlie	6/9	Toribio	Austin	6/16
Fisher	Gary	6/22	Lundeen	Doug	7/9	Torseth	Barry	7/1
Fleier	Brad	7/12	Lundgren	Dale	6/4	Tripp	Roger	7/3
Flicsek	Robert	7/9	Maine	Dale	6/26	Turensky	Ray	6/14
Fournier	Clarence	7/27	Mans	Jerry	7/31	Virnic	Jeff	6/16
Fredenberg	Paul	6/5	Maquire	Mike	7/3	Wabshaw	Lacey	7/13
Fuchs	Delrose	7/23	McCormick	Matt	6/18	Wacholz	Jerry	7/9
Gangi	Tom	7/1	Mead	Aaron	7/6	Walsh	Alison	6/8
Giese	Wally	7/16	Mead	Paula	6/21	Warring	Mike	7/31
Giese	Tony	7/2	Melberg	Dan	7/27	Werner	Robert	6/12
Granquist	Mike	7/6	Melin	Mike	6/6	Westlund	Larry	7/30
Greenwaldt	Norman	6/4	Merila	Ray	7/7	Williamson	Lloyd	7/15
Gritz	Richard	7/4	Miller	Brittney	6/8	Wipper	Tom	6/28
Grose	Bev	6/21	Miller	Jim	7/1	Wright	Dave	6/15
Gross	Gene	7/8	Moran	Art	6/29	Wunderlich	Norm	7/8
Haack	Brianna	6/29	Naylon	Sharon	7/20	Yost	Jared	7/3
Hagler	Gary	7/10	Naylon	Scott	6/16	Zuehlke	Christine	6/22
Hall	Jim	6/29	Nelson	Jody	6/8	Zuehlke	Bob	7/17
Hammer	Dan	7/10	Nelson	Steve	6/13			

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Upsala Spring Tournament

On April 19, 2008, the Upsala Spring tournament was held one day only for the first time. We made this decision because we have been unable to fill our 64 person schedule the past few years. This year, we could have done another 16 person shift which could have been done on Sunday afternoon or 3 shifts on Saturday which would have fun til Saturday evening, probably 7:30 PM. We would probably prefer Sunday afternoon which would be classes A and B.

Anyway, the tourney was a big success and a lot of fun. We were full four weeks ahead of time. Class D was won by Aaron Mead with Larry Brabec 2nd and Les Marquardt 3rd. All three of these guys seem to do well here in Upsala. Aaron and Ron Mead played each other the last game. The winner would probably be first and the loser would drop to 4th.

You can see the result. Class C was won by Tom Prokop. I believe this was his second win in a row. Joe Mueller was second, throwing 40%. Nice job, Joe. Norm Greenwaldt took 3rd.

Class B was won by old reliable Stan Barney. Stan doesn't seem to throw bad so you just have to go out and beat him. No one did. Wally Runia took second and Jim Aleckson third. All three had records of 5 – 2. So all was decided by total points in the class that was handicapped.

Class A was a logjam right up to the end. This class was not handicapped. Edi Holland beat Bob Knudtson the last game to take first. Bert Logsdon was 2nd and Bob Knudtson was 3rd. Note the old saying, it's not always how you pitch, sometime it's when you pitch it. Note Mark Smith threw nearly 55% and was in last place. Thank you much to all the people who came early and stayed late to keep score. Our condolences to Rob Hagman whose father died the day before the tourney. Thanks to Rick Wright who graciously limped through to take Rob's place.

Mel and Joyce Larson

Upsala Spring Tournament

Sanction #23-08-004

Class A

Edi	Holland	McGregor	MN	5	2	58.57%
Bert	Logsdon	Maplewood	MN	5	2	57.86%
Bob	Knudtson	Columbia Hgths	MN	4.5	2.5	59.64%
Dale	Hustad	Roseville	MN	3	4	51.79%
Marlys	Timm	Loretto	MN	3	4	45.71%
Bill	Larson	Otsego	MN	3	4	44.29%
Bud	Nelson	Lindstrom	MN	2.5	4.5	47.86%
Mark	Smith	Darwin	MN	2	5	54.64%

Class B

Stanley	Barney	Clara City	MN	5	2	48.93%
Wallace	Runia	Balaton	MN	5	2	42.50%
Jim	Aleckson	Princeton	MN	5	2	53.57%
Henry	Greenwaldt	Bertha	MN	4	3	52.14%
Rosie	Leyk	Hillman	MN	3.5	3.5	48.57%
Lucas	Christoffer	Cottonwood	MN	2.5	4.5	40.71%
Jerry	Werk	Herman	MN	2.5	4.5	48.93%
Paula	Mead	Rogers	MN	0.5	6.5	35.71%

Class C

Thomas	Prokop	Mpls	MN	5.5	1.5	36.42%
Joe	Mueller	Ham Lake	MN	5	2	40.00%
Norman	Greenwaldt	Rice	MN	4.5	2.5	34.28%
Richard	Giese	Holloway	MN	4.5	2.5	34.64%
Harland	Christoffer	Marshall	MN	3	4	30.35%
Rick	Wright	Stacy	MN	2.5	4.5	27.14%
Patti	Oakes	Roseville	MN	2	5	24.64%
Les	Holland	McGregor	MN	1	6	22.14%

Class D

Aaron	Mead	Rogers	MN	6	1	28.57%
Larry	Brabec	Browerville	MN	5.5	1.5	30.71%
Leslie	Marquardt	Foley	MN	5	2	20.00%
Ron	Mead	Rogers	MN	4.5	2.5	28.93%
Gene	Booker	Clarissa	MN	3	4	18.93%
Daren	Chambers	Rushford	MN	2	5	11.43%
Bryan	Christoffer		MN	2	5	6.43%
Ben	LaCoursiere	Brooklyn Park	MN	0	7	11.79%

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Rochester Monday Night #1

Sanction # 23-08-030
Monday June 9th, 2008
Sign up on site at 6:30 pm, pitch at 7:00 pm
You will play five 30 shoe games
Entry Fee is \$6.00, with \$1.00 to Make a Wish
Tournament Director:
Darlene Albrecht
507-292-1632
albrecht.darlene@mayo.edu

Hibbing Friday Open

Sanction # 23-08-009
Friday, June 20th, 2008
Tournament open to all sanctioned members
Entry Fee is \$20.00, with \$1.00 to Make a Wish
Entry deadline is June 6th
Format depends on entries
Send entries to: Jim Rebrovich
31289 Co Rd 52 Bigfork, MN 56628
218-245-1053
rlampton@ngwmail.des.state.mn.us

Engebretson Open

“Just across the river from Moorhead”

Saturday, June 21st, 2008
Send \$15.00 entry fee to:
Paul Anderson
3313 Meadow Way
West Fargo, ND 58078
701-282-2660

40th Allard Open

Sanction # 23-08-008
Sunday, June 22nd, 2008
Entry fee \$20.00, juniors free, \$1.00 going to
Make a Wish
Limited to the first 72 guaranteed paid entries
Deadline: **Received** by Friday, June 13th
Scorekeepers paid \$1.00 per game
Format is 50 shoe games (may be handicapped)
Make checks out to :Moorhead Horseshoe League
Harry Fillafer
8492 Broadway St. NW
Moorhead, MN 56560
218-233-4024
fillafer@fargocity.com

Hibbing Open

Sanction # 23-08-012
Saturday, June 21st, 2008
Entry Fee is \$20.00, with \$1.00 to Make a Wish
Entry deadline is June 6th
Format depends on entries
Send entries to: Jim Rebrovich
31289 Co Rd 52 Bigfork, MN 56628
218-245-1053
rlampton@ngwmail.des.state.mn.us

Santiago Open

Sanction # 23-08-033
Saturday June 21st
Entry Fee \$20.00
Entry Deadline June 11th
Limited to the first 32 PAID entries
8 person classes - 40 shoe games
Classes will be handicapped if more than 10 %
spread in averages.
Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded
Send Entries to:
Jim Aleckson
1212 190th Ave. NE
Princeton, MN 55371
763-662-2366

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material submitted.

Litchfield Make a Wish Benefit

Sanction # 23-08-011
Saturday , July 12th,2008
Entry Fee is \$25.00, with \$5.00 to Make a Wish
Entry Deadline is June 28th
Send Entries to: Jeff Waataja
218 S. Donnelly Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355
320-593-6845
waataja@hutchtel.net

Minneapolis Open

Sanction # 23-08-013
Saturday, July 19th (rain date July 20th)
Entry Fee is \$11.00 with \$1.00 to Make a Wish
Entry deadline is July 5th
100% payback with bonus
\$100.00 for highest game(regardless of class)
Send entry with phone number to:
Bill Orman
3116 West 85th Street
Bloomington, MN 55431
952-885-0135
billorman2002@yahoo.com

17th North Mankato Fun Days

Sanction # 23-08-012
Open Tournament on July 12th and 13th
Entry Fee is \$20.00 and Juniors are free
Entry deadline is June 28th
Scorekeepers paid \$1.00 per game
Format is 6 person mixed classes
Please make checks payable to :
North Mankato Horseshoe Club
C/O Erwin Tischer
55903 174th Lane
Good Thunder, MN 56037
507-278-3424

Kolachy Days

Sanction # 23-08-015
July 26-27, 2008
Montgomery, MN.
8 person mixed classes 40 shoe games
Entry Fee is \$25.00
Entry deadline is July 14th
This event is limited to the first 64 Paid entries
Send entries to :
Dick David
13232 Lake Ave.
Montgomery, MN 56069
507-364-7673
Keogh49@frontiernet.net

Rochester Monday Night #2

Sanction # 23-08-031
Monday July 14th,2008
Sign up on site at 6:30 pm, pitch at 7:00 pm
You will play five 30 shoe games
Entry Fee is \$6.00, with \$1.00 to Make a Wish
Tournament Director:
Darlene Albrecht
507-292-1632
albrecht.darlene@mayo.edu

Junior Only Open

Sanction # 23-08-014
Saturday July 26th
Montgomery, MN.
Pre-registration by July 12th
No Entry Fee
This tournament to be held in conjunction with the
Kolachy Days Tournament. Scheduling will de-
pend on the number of total entries for both tour-
naments. Contact the Junior Only Tournament
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