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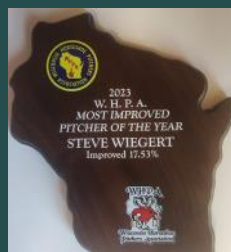
**Blake Benzing**  
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### Congratulations 2023 Champions and Award Winners!

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 Most Improved Jr/Cadet—Brandon Benzing  
 Lower left to right Pitchers of the Year:  
 Division A—Penny Steinke, Division B—  
 Kalena Quaid, Division C—Dave Quaid  
 President's Award—Penny Steinke



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Sept 16-17	City of Parks Doubles	Merrill		22	Sept 9	Lambert Narlock
Sept 16	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	20	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 17	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		22	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 30/Oct 1	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	20	Sept 20	Dan Newkirk
Oct 7-8	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	42	20	Sept 23	Dave Volz
Oct 14	Whpa Fall Meeting	Wisconsin Dells				
Oct 21/22	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	20	Oct 14	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 4-5	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	16	22	Oct 28	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 11-12	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Nov 1	Dan Newkirk
Dec 2-3	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 25	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 9-10	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 29	Dan Newkirk
Dec 16-17	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 2	Dave Volz

**101<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament  
- 2023 -**

**Recap – By Kevin Brekke**

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who came to the State Tournament in Eau Claire Labor Day weekend. There were 110 contestants over a two-day period.

The Eau Claire Club needs to be commended for their efforts in hot weather conditions and they made everyone feel welcome and all wore many hats so things could run smoothly. Some like Tim Sheehan pitched, paced and even kept score a few times. And Dan Sheehan also pitched and paced in two classes. This along with all their other duties. Thanks Tim and Dan. Special thanks to the co-directors Paul Wiese and Dean Chaffee. As Paul Wiese said many times, “This was a labor of love.”

It was 40 years ago that I participated in my first state tournament at Eau Claire in Carson Park. This year’s state brought back a lot of good memories pitching against pitchers like Ivan Ruzic and Bob Jackson. I still remember going to the local Pizza Hut with Bob and his wife Faith.

Special thanks to Sonia and Mel Cook for running the raffle to fund the Junior Scholarship fund for our state. I do not know how many years they have been doing it, but it has been a lot. Thank you.

For over 10 years now the Beloit Club has lent out their electronic scoring system, along with their tents, and expertise to our state tournament. They should be commended and thanked, led by Dan

Newkirk and his supporting cast. Thank you.

Being in-charge of the scorekeepers again this year I was thankful for all that kept score. Having scorekeepers on the side ready to fill in really helps when things come up. The scorekeepers this year were: Robert Fleege, Jill Peterson, Kevin Brekke, John Meyer, Dave Quaid, Kalena Quaid, Cliff Shave, Joel Ramsdell, Toni Sloper, Ken Heinritz, Mary Ann Kouba, Cindy Castellano, Jeff Secord, Sequoia Wiese, Dean Kallenbach, Tim Sheehan, Sarah Chaffee, Ivan Mitchell, Leslie Mitchell, Brenda Price, Donna Berquam, Dan Newkirk. We had several first-time scorekeepers, and they did a remarkable job. Thank you all.

Also, special thanks to our judges Fred Lane and Jeff Secord and those from the Eau Claire club that pitched in, including Mr. Everything Paul Wiese who had his hands in just about everything that I could tell. I got there early on Friday morning to turn and water courts on one end, and Paul was on the other end.

We had many first-time state pitchers that signed our state banner( see age 7). Please forgive me if I missed someone. Rich Callway, Robert Conachen, James Duerr, Robert Fleege, Kailee Grob, Angie Hazen, Donald Lammers, Dennis Marquardt, Leslie Mitchell, Jay Parizo, Glen Schultz. These three new pitchers were cadets. Logan Lepak, Mattias Wiese and Own Prasalowicz.

Next year’s State will be in Wausau, and hope all are able to attend. Ringers to all.

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Northland Pines Eagles Trap Team

Not only is Brandon Benzing a World Tournament pitcher but also a High School Trap team competitor. He represented his Northland Pines Eagles Trap team placing 9th of 2034 participants and 6th in the Varsity division.

Congrats to Brandon (middle in the picture on the right) and trap team.



### STATE TOURNAMENT 2023 What a time we all had huh?

First, a huge THANK YOU to the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club for hosting the tournament. What a great group of people you are. You did everything in your power to keep everything running smoothly and to keep everyone comfortable. Not an easy task in 100 degree weather.

Every state tournament I have attended always leaves me feeling so fulfilled. I am always so happy to get to spend that time with my horseshoe family. I walk away with a sense of pride in our organization and love for each and every member. I am already excited for Wausau next year.

Our fall meeting is October 14, 2023 at the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club in Lake Delton. You can renew your membership, learn what's happening in our little chunk of paradise and get those all-important 15 points towards the Pitcher of the Year award. It's a win-win situation all around.

Much has been going on in my personal life which I will be sharing soon. As always, I believe everything happens for a reason, even those things we wish would not happen. There is a reason, and with the love of my family, including this one, I have no fear.

Until next time, with love and gratitude.



### Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

What do you notice about this picture? Yes, I think you got it . . . 3 of these boys look alike!! That's right, they are brothers. I absolutely love it. Keeping score for the Junior Boys class at State caused me to reminisce back to relatives of mine who once joined us at the courts (mostly at State Singles & Club Team). Let's see if you remember any of them, there was my dad - Roger; 2 brothers - Russ & Randy;

my sister Lori; my brother-in-law Tom; 13 nephews - Mike, Timmy, Blake, Steven, James, Caleb, Joshua, Ezra, Ben, Nathan, Jonathon, another Joshua & Kyle; 6 nieces - Bethany, Christina, Samantha, Emily, Brooke & Krystal. Now I may have missed some, but those I remember equals 24. And 17 times a member of the Heinritz Clan won a State Title. I was surprised when I looked it up in the State Tournament booklet.



What a tremendous blessing it has been over the years to have family members join me in a sport I love doing and did pretty well. And believe me, I thoroughly enjoyed watching & cheering them on. Good memories like this have a way of bringing a smile to the heart.

If you don't recognize this (family pitching horseshoes together) as a blessing from the very hand of God, that's too bad. Because it is!! The sad thing is that many of us have our eyes closed to Him. It's important to be reminded of how good our gracious Heavenly Father really is. We all need that reminder. Don't you think so?

*"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow." James 1:17 NLT*

Championship Cadets

Conner Kildahl	5	0	18.12
Owen Prasalowski	4	1	6.34
Josie Boehm	3	2	1.33
Jazmyn Kildahl	2	3	6
Mattias Wiese	1	4	1.37
Logan Lepak	0	5	0



Owen, Conner



Randy

Elders A

Randy Rein	7	0	56.79
Cliff Erickson	6	1	63.93
Roger Poutanen	5	2	53.93
Bun Carley	3	4	46.43
G Bogenschneider	3	4	40
Gene Pribnow	3	4	39.64
Dan Bloom	1	6	43.57

Elders B

Steve Grob	7	0	53.57
Gerald Harris	5	2	41.07
Don Lammers	4	3	37.14
Dave Leckwee	4	3	35.71
Bob Klingaman	4	3	32.86
Mark Rice	2	5	30
Dave Volz	1	6	33.8
Bruce McLinn	1	6	21.13

Elders C

Ralph Marthaler	7	1	41.88
Joel Ramsdell	6	2	33.44
Rich Callaway	5	2	37.86
Kevin Brekke	4	3	31.43
Ron Studinski	4	3	30.36
Larry Danielson	2	5	30.71
Steve Kulow	1	6	26.43

Elders D

Glenn Schulz	5	1	42.33
Bob Conachen	4	2	34.67
George Dorn	2	3	28.40
Paul Henning	2	3	25.2
Robert Fleege	2	3	24.4
James Duerr	1	4	24.4

Elders E

John Secord	5	0	20.80
Rich Conrad	4	1	22
Tom Steinke	2	3	17.2
Robert Lawrence	2	3	16
Reese Geier	2	3	12.8
Jim Berdan	0	5	10.4

Championship Jr Boys

Blake Benzing	6	0	36.73
Bradley Benzing	3	3	32.05
Brandon Benzing	2	4	21.73
Zach Secord	1	5	15.48



Bradley, Blake



Steve

Championship Jr Girls

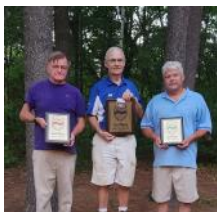
Lillyan Kildahl	3	0	27.78
Sequoia Wiese	0	3	3.97



Sequoia,  
Lillyan

Championship Elders

Jim Bilderback	6	1	65.51
John Meyer	5	2	62.95
Randy Rein	4	3	66.48
Ken Jaeger Sr	4	3	60.81
Cliff Erickson	4	3	55.08
Jeff Gustafson	3	4	59.27
Cliff Shave	2	5	51.79
Ray Groskinsky	0	7	47.49



John, Jim, Randy



Ralph

Championship Men

John Nawroot	7	0	65.48
Jim Larson	6	1	51.23
Dean Chaffee	5	2	48.56
Rich Peterson	3	4	44.41
Zak Schwartz	2	5	45.39
Ken Heinritz	2	5	45.38
Lonny Trangsrud	2	5	40.49
Dustin Duerr	1	6	36.09



Jim, John, Dean



Glenn

Championship Women

Sarah Chaffee	7	0	89.24
Penny Steinke	6	1	77.78
Aleena LePak	5	2	72.43
Mona Lane	4	3	53.14
Kalena Quaid	3	4	41.38
Tammy Newkirk	2	1	42.36
Jill Peterson	1	6	41.13
Rayna Bauer	0	7	32.52



Aleena, Sarah, Penny



John

Mens A

Ken Heinritz	7	0	46.70
Justin Schultz	6	1	38.93
Dusty Duerr	5	2	43.21
Rick Weller	4	3	36.43
Rich Brockway	3	4	23.57
Les Karpriel	2	5	28.93
Josh Smith	1	6	26.07
Dave Quaid	0	7	23.21



Ken Mona

Womens A

Mona Lane	5	1	50
Cindy Castellano	4	2	39
Rayna Bauer	3	2	42.8
Kalena Quaid	3	2	42.4
Tonya Kaulum	1	4	9.2
Susie Erickson	0	5	27.60

Womens B

Brenda Price	5	0	38
Angie Hazen	4	1	38
Paula Schwerdtfeger	3	2	28
Toni Sloper	1	1	33
Rondi Mengelt	1	4	23.6
Jane Smith	1	4	19.6



Michael Brenda

Womens C

Kailee Grob	5	0	31.6
Sonia Cook	4	1	24
Tava Cook	2	3	27.6
Leslie Mitchell	2	3	20
Dobie Gutweiler	2	3	15.6
Barb Ramquist	0	5	9.6



Dennis Kailee

Mens B

Michael Benzing Jr	6	2	31.33
Brian Schoonover	5	3	29.01
Bob Kallstrom	4	3	34.29
Tim Sheehan	4	3	30.36
Dominic Saxby	4	3	20.14
Patrick LaBarge	3	4	22.14
Mark LaBarge	3	4	19.64

Mens C

Dennis Marquardt	7	1	22.5
Russ Brockway	6	2	27.19
Marv Mengel	5	2	28.93
Dan Newkirk	4	3	23.93
Ivan Mitchell	3	4	17.86
Paul Wiese	2	5	12.86
Guy Fleming Jr	2	5	11.43
Ray Cayer	0	7	14.29



Jay

Mens D

Jay Parizo	4	1	14
Mike Berdan	3	2	16
Fred Lane	3	2	10
Dan Sheehan	2	3	13.2
Jeremy Studinski	2	3	9.2
Brad Behrens	1	4	6.8

**Summer Fun**

Josh Gibson / Dave Volz

Class A

John Wallace	5	2	50.71
Roger Poutanen	5	2	48.93
Cliff Erickson	4	3	52.82

Class B

Sandra Balz	6	1	42.14
Kari David	6	1	28.57
Leslie Mitchell	6	1	17.14

**Fall WHPA Meeting**

**October 14**

**1:00 PM**

**Delton Sportsman Club**

**9602 Berry Road, Wisconsin Dells**









Top row: World Champion— Sarah Chaffee, World Class Champions—Dean Chaffee, Cindy Castellano, Blake Benzing, Dusty Duerr. 2nd Row: World Class Champions—Jeff Gustafson, Gerald Harris. Trophy and \$\$\$ winners ; Ray Growskinski, Dominic Saxton, Marv MEngel, Kalena Quaid.

Row 3 Trophy and \$\$\$ winners: Tanya Kaulum, Dobie Gutweiler, Lullyan Kildahl, Jazmyn Kildahl (2), Conner Kildahl.

Group Juniors / Cadet winners: Brandon Benzing, Blake Benzing, Bradley Benzing, Lillyan Kildahl, Conner Kildahl, Jazmyn Kildahl. CONGRATULATIONS!!

2023 WT Results – WI Pitchers

Over 50 WHPA pitchers participated in the WT, July 16-26 in Lansing MI bringing home 17 trophies and cash. WI Left the horseshoe world knowing horseshoes is strong in our state. CONGRATS to everyone participating.

Womens Championship

Sarah Chaffee	World Champion	15	0
Penny Steinke	5 <sup>th</sup>	11	4
Aleena Lepak	8	8	7

Womens A

Sarah Chaffee	3	11	4
Penny Steinke	7	8	7
Aleena Lepak	12	5	10

Womens B

Cindy Castellano	Class Champ	11	4
Mona Lane	8	8	7
Donna Berquam	13	5	10
Jill Peterson	16	2	13

Womens D

Kalena Quaid	3	10	3
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Womens E

Tonya Kaulum	2	11	4
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Womens F

Emily Lazaris	4	9	4
Nancy Murleau	12	3.5	9.5

Womens G

Dobie Gutwieler	3	8	5
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Womens H

Sandy Anderson	5	8.5	4.5
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Sr Women A

Susie Erickson	12	2	11
Toni Sloper	14	2	11

Mens B2

Dean Chaffee	Class Champ	11.5	3.5
Ken Heinritz	6	10	5
Lonny Trangsrud	8	8	7
Rich Peterson	13	5	10

Mens C2

Alvin Schultz	10	8	7
Rick Weller	11	6	9
Justin Schultz	12	5	10

Mens D1

Dusty Duerr	Class Champ	11.5	3.5
Dave Quaid	9	7	8

Mens E1

Les Karpziel	5	9.5	5.5
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Mens E2

Michael Benzing Jr	9	7.5	7.5
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Mens F1

Rich Brockway	6	9	6
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Mens G2

Marvin Mengel	2	12	3
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Mens H1

Dominic Saxby	2	12	3
Paul Wiese	15	5	10

Mens J1

Steve Killian	10	7	8
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Mens J2

Guy Fleming Jr	4	11	4
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Elders A1

Jim Bilderback	13	5	10
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Elders B2

Ray Groskinsky	3	10.5	4.5
Cliff Erickson	8	8	7
Gene Pribnow	15	4.5	10.5

Elders B2

Jeff Gustafson	Class Champion	14	1
Kerry Morris	15	3	12

Elders D1

Bruce McLinn	15	1	14
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Elders D2

Bob Klingaman	10	8	7
Dave Volz	14	5	10

Elders E1

Curt Panfil	5	9	6
Jim Tollefson	12	8	7

Elders F1

Ralph Marthaler	5	9.5	5.5
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Elders H1

George Dorn	10	6.5	8.5
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Elders I2

Gerald Harris	Class Champion	13	2
Tom Steinke	8	9	6

Jr Girls Championship

Lillyan Kildahl	3	5	2
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Jr Boys Championship

Blake Benzing	4	4	3
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Jr B

Blake Benzing	Class Champion	8	1
Lillyan Kildahl	4	5.5	3.5
Bradley Benzing	8	2	7

Jr C

Brandon Benzing	5	4	4
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Cadet Girls Championship

Jazymn Kildahl	2	4	2
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Cadet Boys Championship

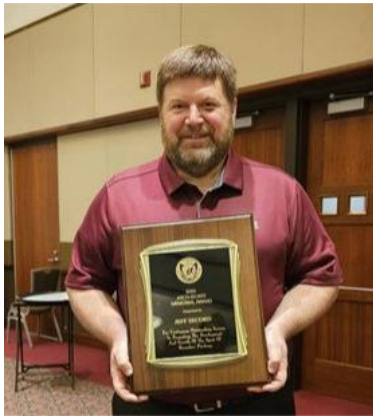
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Cadet A

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Cadet C

Jazymn Kildahl	3	5.5	4.5
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**Congratulations to  
Jeff Secord!  
NHPA Arch Stokes  
2023 Award**

**2023 Arch Stokes Memorial Award Recipient  
Jeff Secord**

Established in 1958, The Stokes Memorial Award commemorates the memory of Arch Stokes, one of the most beloved and important figures in the history of horseshoe pitching. The award is presented each year to the person who has done the most during the preceding three to five years to promote, foster and build the sport. Arch Stokes was a four-time president of the N.H.P.A. His efforts rescued the game following World War II and built the courts in Murray, Utah, where the World Tournament was held 13 times.

I was awarded the Stokes Memorial Award during the awards banquet at the World Tournament this year. I was praised for my activity as tournament director and promoter of Team World and became only the fourth person from Wisconsin to be honored by receiving this prestigious award. Dick Hansen (2001), Lorraine Sternberg (2007), and Aleena Lepak (2021) received the Arch Stokes Memorial Award in past years.

I am honored for being recognized at the NHPA level for the time and effort that I put into promoting horseshoe pitching and being tournament director of an outstanding horseshoe pitching tour-

**What's New?**

Jane Smith

Attending the State Tournament in Eau Claire this past Labor Day weekend was a wonderful time. Friends from earlier pitching days came to visit: Elly McCarn, Ron Brownell, Gary Olson, Joyce Hazen, Gert Wilcziek, Ivan Ruzic, Terry and Lorraine Sternberg to mention a few. Horseshoe Family is forever!! While visiting, it was discovered we have horseshoe family who are facing many different life challenges. We need to send extra prayers and positive vibes to these forever friends. We also have current



nement. However, I must admit that I do not make this happen on my own. I have had the good fortune to be tournament director of the past 3 Team World tournaments with a committee that is “top notch” in every regard one can think of. There is also an amazing group of people that are members of the Beloit Horseshoe Club and the WHPA that put in lots of volunteer hours and effort into making the event go so smoothly every year. The many compliments we receive about Team World and recognition from pitchers that come to compete in it makes me feel proud of what we accomplish each year.

The recognition that the Executive Board of the NHPA presented to me with the Stokes Award is something that makes me feel very humbled in receiving. I believe that everyone that helps put on this event should share in taking pride in knowing all our hard work is being acknowledged. The entire group working together is how we can host one of the best horseshoe pitching events anywhere in the world. Thank you to all that contribute to making Team World such a fantastic event. It can't be done this well without such a great team of people working together.

members who are needing extra prayers of peace and comfort. Sending virtual smiles and hugs can brighten our days.

A new tourney event—a Cancer themed event—is being planned by Susie Erickson with the help of the Little Bull Falls club and interested WHPA members. Plans for this event will be shared as plans are finalized. August 24/25 looks to be the date for this event.

We are still looking for someone to take over the WHNL—editor, printing, mailing, subscriptions.

Remember the Fall WHPA meeting Oct 14.

**Pioneer Days pics**

Jer Wegner

Class A

Bun Carley	4	1	51.2
Randy Rein	3	2	56.8
Cliff Erickson	3	2	49.6

Class B

Dennis Wegner	6	1	48.57
Gary Wegner	6	1	38.93
Josh Smith	5	2	35

Class C

Randy Mitchell	4	1	29.2
Ed Hack	3	2	18.8
Sam Woolsey	3	2	16.4



Pioneer Days

Class A: Randy, Bun, Cliff  
No Class B available.

Class C: Ed, Randy, Sam

**Whiskey Ranch pics**

Gena Quaid

Class A

Fred Eisele	6	1	56.67
Tammy Newkirk	5	2	61.90
Rich Bonner	4	3	59.05

Class B

Charlotte Potter	5	2	39.52
Mike Carlson	5	2	34.76
Steve Kulow	4	3	36.19

Class C

Kevin Heckert	7	0	41.43
Kevin Brekke	5	2	30.48
Dan Newkirk	5	2	24.29



Whiskey Ranch

Upper left: Class A  
Fred, Tammy, Rich, Zach, Dan

Upper right: Class B  
Steve, Todd, Charlotte, Mike

Left: Class C  
Robert, Kevin, Kevin, Dan, Gary

**Rozellville Lions Tourney Pics**

Mel Cook

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	6	0	50.83
Ralph Marthaler	4	2	41.67
Dustin Duerr	4	2	37.08

Class B

James Duerr	4	1	27
Theresa Vlach	4	1	21
Conner Kildahl	3	2	18



Rozellville Tourney

Class A: Dusty, Ray, Ralph, Aleena    Class B: Theresa, Jim, Conner

**Carson Park Classic**  
Paul Wiese

pics



Class A: Jim, Sarah, Dean

Class B: Deb, Rich, Jane



Class C: Dennis, Kailee, Dean

Class D: Luke, Jay



Class D: Erik, Alec

Class	Name	1st	2nd	3rd	Score
<u>Class A</u>	Sarah Chaffee	5	0		85
	Jim Bilderback	4	1		68.5
	Dean Chaffee	3	2		52.5
<u>Class B</u>	Rich Callaway	4	1		34.5
	Deb Bestul	3	2		45
	Jane Smith	3	2		27.5
<u>Class C</u>	Kailee Grob	5	0		33.5
	Dennis Marquardt	3	2		20.5
	Dean Kallenbach	3	2		28.5
<u>Class D</u>	Jay Parizo	3	0		13.33
	Luke Lundquist	1	2		8
	Gavin Wiese	1	2		8
<u>Class E</u>	Erik Anderson	3	0		5.33
	Alec Marquardt	2	1		3.33
	Mattias Wiese	0	3		.67

**Wet N Wild**  
Toni Sloper

Class	Name	1st	2nd	3rd	Score
<u>Class A</u>	Sarah Chaffee	5	0		82.5
	Penny Steinke	3	2		72
	Jeff Washburn	3	2		58.5
	Bun Carley	4	1		52
<u>Class B</u>	Brad Heth	4	1		48.5

Susie Erickson	3	2		51
<u>Class C</u>				
Don Lammers	5	0		54
Cindy Castellano	3.5	1.5		45
Ralph Marthaler	3	2		41
<u>Class D</u>				
Bob Kallstrom	4.5	.5		36
Art Longen	3	2		34.5
Tim Sheehan	3	2		30.5

<u>Class E</u>				
Deb Thomsen	4.5	.5		27
James Bond	4	1		22.5
Dan Sheehan	3	2		16.5
<u>Class F</u>				
Wayne Goers	5	0		17
Mike Sheehan	4	1		18.5
April Lynch	3	2		21.5



Top Row L-R: Penny, Sarah, Jeff  
Bottom Row L-R: Art, Bob, Tim

Brad, Bun, Susie  
Aaron, April, Mike, Wayne

Ralph, Don, Cindy, Dusty  
James, Deb, Dan

**Fond Du Lac Open**

John Meyer

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	7	0	61.43
John Nawrot	6	1	55
Ken Jaeger Sr	3	4	52.14
<u>Class B</u>			
Roger Poutanen	6	1	45
Dan Bloom	5	2	52.14
Mona Lane	5	2	45.36
<u>Class C</u>			
Justin Schultz	4.5	.5	40.5
Joel Ramsdell	3.5	1.5	39.5
Lambert Narlock II	2.5	2.5	37
<u>Class D</u>			
Robert Conachen	5	2	38.21
Kevin Brekke	4	3	33.93
Brenda Price	3	3	32.92
<u>Class E</u>			
Glenn Schultz	6	0	34.58
Robert Fleege	4	2	20.83
John Secord	4	2	12.92
<u>Class F</u>			
Ricky Pritzlaff	5	0	38
Leslie Mitchell	4	1	12.5
Fred Lane	2	3	14.5

**Warm up Event**

Dan Newkirk

<u>Class A</u>			
Penny Steinke	5	0	70.5
Cliff Shave	4	1	72
Dennis Reid	2	3	59.5
<u>Class B</u>			
Jill Peterson	4.5	.5	55.83
Rich Bonner	4	2	55
Kerry Morris	4	2	48.33
<u>Class C</u>			
Brian Schoonover	5	1	31.25
Dale Mattson	4	2	39.58
Dave Quaid	4	2	35.83
<u>Class D</u>			
Loren Bamborough	6	1	29.64
Brenden Kane	5	2	27.5
Robert Fleege	4.5	1.5	28.33
<u>Class E</u>			
Marna Galvan	5	1	27.5
Glenn Hanson	4	2	21.25
Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	16

**Fond Du Lac Team pics**

Jeff Secord

- Three Quarters 13 wins
  - Ken Jaeger
  - Rich Callaway
  - Ray Cayer
- Three Amigos 11.5 wins
  - Ray Growskinsky
  - Kerry Morris
  - Jim Menzel
- Riverside Ringers 10 wins
  - Roger Poutanen
  - Mona Lane
  - Dustin Duerr



Class A: Cliff, Penny, Dennis      Class B: Rowan, Kerry, Jill, Rich  
 Class C: George, Dale, Brian, Dave      Class D: Brenden, Loren, Robert



Class E: Guy, Marna, Glenn



**Mosinee Open**

Kent Frailing

Class A

John Nawroot	4	1	62.5
John Wallace	4	1	56
Ray Growskinsky	4	1	52.88

Class B

Mark Rice	3	2	44
John Drexler	3	2	40
Kevin Brekke	3	2	33.2

Class C

Ralph Marthaler	5	0	50.4
Rich Callaway	3	2	41.2
Ron Studinski	3	2	39.6

Class D1

Ken Bentzler	6	1	25
Randy Mitchell	5	2	24.64
Mike Ezell	5	2	23.21

Class D2

Joe Zwifelhogfer	4	3	16.43
Ivan Mitchell	3	4	24.29
Jim Menzel	2	5	16.79

Class E

Leslie Mitchell	5	0	28.8
Thaddeus Monthie	4	1	22
Rory Balz	3	2	16.4



Class A: Ray, John, John

Class B: John, Mark, Kevin



Class C: Ralph, Rich

Class D1: Ken, Randy



Class D2: Joe, Ivan

Class E: ????. Leslie, ?????

**Merrill Open**

Lambert Narlock / Dave Volz

Class A

Randy Rein	4	1	62.4
Ken Jaeger Jr	4	1	60.4
Cliff Erickson	3	2	52.4

Class B

Mona Lane	4	1	48
Dave Volz	3	2	46.8
Mark Rice	3	2	46.4

Class C

Jane Smith	5	0	36.8
Bob Conachen	4	1	35.6
Kent Frailing	3	2	22.4

Class D

Mark Trepanier	7	1	28.75
Leslie Mitchell	6	2	22.5
Ed Hack	5	2	22.86



Class A: Ken, Randy, Cliff

Class B: Dave, Mona, Mark

Class C: Jane, Bob

Class D: Ed, Mark, Leslie





### Horseshoe Song

Dusty Duerr

If heaven ain't got horseshoes  
I don't want to go  
If heaven ain't got horseshoes  
I'd just as soon stay home

I was one of the chosen few  
To be born to play this game  
If you don't understand that  
Then we are not the same  
I met a lot of good women  
And shook ole Alan's Handd  
If I never see the pearly gates  
I've walked through the promised land

If heaven ain't got horseshoes  
I don't want to go  
If heaven ain't got horseshoes  
I'd just as soon stay home

If they don't have an indoor arena  
Like they do Mosinee  
Just send me to hell or New York City  
It would be about the same to me!

The picture above was posted by Dusty Duerr after he won his class at the 2023 World Horseshoe tournament.

His post: Thank you so much to every one of you that one way or another reached out to congratulate me. Whether it be a FB post, a phone call or text, it means more to me than you will ever know. And to the horseshoe family—Horseshoes Around Wisconsin. I love yu guys and gals. My picture is of the horseshoe family at the World Tournament, Not everyone could be in this picture as many were competing yet.

### World Tournament Reflections

Dusty Deurr

Whether you placed first, last or somewhere in the middle, don't give up. Don't look back. Man this is surreal. WOW! WOW! WOW! I've been pitching competitively since I was 10. Horseshoes and our horseshoe family is everything to me. This was my 4th World Tournament. For those who watched me play day by day, you know how hard I fought for this. 8 of my wins came on the final pitch. All but 2 games, I had to come from behind. I've lived one hell of a life so far, but this may have been the happiest day of my life. After walking off the courts after the last game, I didn't wknow whether to smile, laugh or cry—I did it all! In big part to the support team and so thankful my Dad got to be in the arena with me. Pitch on my friends, pitch on.





**“The Cruel Shoes”  
by Justin Kern**

“Easy to Get Things Done a.k.a.  
The Search for Consistency”

I want to be regular.  
Wait, that doesn’t come across  
quite right.  
Normal, that’s more like it.  
Steady. The same.

This summer at the pits has been all about consistency. It’s bedeviling, isn’t it? That we could do something so many times, yet feel like we do it differently in a million tiny ways. When you’re locked in, there is a natural and obvious sense, where the inner dialogue hushes up and you seem to pitch effortlessly. Actual athletes call it “the zone” or attribute aphorisms.

Yet one twist, step or adjustment later, and you feel like you’ve never thrown a horseshoe before in your life.

So this summer for me has been all about seeking consistency. There were peaks and valleys last year, which was my strongest to that point, when I settled in around a 12-percent ringer ratio. Far from champion caliber, but good enough to beat most of my friends and even fellow pitchers on a good day.

I did my level best starting in spring of 2023 to be regular. The same. A cookie cutter, a math problem. The unnervingly plain lyrics to a Talking Heads song. This drive for sameness was only amplified after seeing Alan Francis in Beloit. An absolute machine, you couldn’t detect an aberration from his first pitch to his last, and his ringers proved it.

Easier said than done (especially, you know, with me believing I could will myself in a jump of 70 ringer ratio points between myself and Francis ... we play the same game but boy oh boy does it seem different). Performance psychologist Chris Pomfret –

the job title alone lets you know there is enough of a challenge in this field to employ a cottage industry of thinkers and advisers – calls consistency the “most highly valued goal of all elite athletes and performers.” So what about us non-elite athletes and performers?

Hence, consistency, rather than outright ringers, became my goal this summer. Cue the training sequence from the first “Rocky” movie or the similar and shorter training sequence from the “Mike Tyson’s Punch Out” Nintendo game. Consistency for me involved a few features that I brought with me nearly every day at the horseshoe pits, in Milwaukee and back where I grew up in western New York. First was pace, making sure I wasn’t in a damned hurry, especially in a sport in part meant for relaxation. Second was to isolate a few mechanics toward refinement, the idea that focusing on three or four physical motions I know lead to good or ugly pitches would limit the amount of overall adjustments or discombobulation. For me, these were elbow placement, step consistency, retaining a semi-firm grip and maintaining a smooth and straight delivery. And my third feature hit on the mental part that keeps people like Chris Pomfret employed. Something not quite right? Take in some air, walk in a circle, talk to that can of Modelo ... anything to reset and avoid the spiral of self doubt and curse words that likely keep most people from approaching me at the park.

And through early September, I have to stand by the outcomes. My ringer ratio bumped up to 16 percent – my best day most days last year – and I’ve tossed the best days of my life, with a quarter of my throws semi-circling that cursed stake some afternoons. The focus on a couple of the problems, with the acceptance to stop-breathe-start over, made room for less frustration and more success. A stellar summer from dedicated normalcy. With the clockwork cycle of the seasons, the upcoming winter break gives me a chance to stop and get ready to do it all over again.

### World Tournament Adventures

Toni Sloper

Pitching at the World Tournament is a great experience and this year at Lansing, MI didn't disappoint. WI represented very well with lots of trophies won. But the most fun is catching up with other pitchers from around the country and just hanging out and having fun.

The adventure sometimes begins before we arrive. Dustin Duerr, James Duerr, Ralph Marthaler and their families took the ferry across Lake Michigan to get to Lansing. Ray Groskinsky and Kerry Morris were also going to take the ferry but got a call that the ferry was shut down. They then made the decision to drive the northern route to Lansing and they arrived safely.

Lansing Visitor Bureau had an app we downloaded and you would check in at different locations to get points and then get souvenirs. It was a great way to see the city. The app lead us to Michigan State University campus which was huge and had a lot of gardens to stroll through. Also, to the State Capitol, the river walk and the Oldsmobile museum (which was more interesting that I thought it would be).

Dobie Gutweiler, Gerald Harris, Tom Steinke, Penny Steinke and Mel and Sonia Cook took in the

Lansing Lugnuts baseball game on Sunday afternoon and the following Saturday at the ballpark there was the Best of Lansing which was a free event with lots of vendors and different foods to try.

We had our horseshoe bingo party at Dobie, Gerald, Sandy and Nancy's house. We had a good crowd this year – Dave and Kalena Quaid, Cindy Castellano, Tom and Penny Steinke, Kerry Morris and me. Good food and beverages but mostly tons of laughter.

There were also very good restaurants in the area and you would usually run into horseshoe players at them. They also had karaoke at the Lansing Shuffle. I didn't witness it but I heard that Dean Chaffee had a go at it.

On the last day of the tournament quite a few of us went out to eat – Fred and Mona Lane, Roger and Ruth Poutanen, Tom and Penny Steinke, Cindy Castellano, Dobie Gutweiler, Gerald Harris, Lonny Trangsrud and me. Then Tom, Penny, Lonny, Cindy, Dobie, Gerald and I went to High Caliber to throw some axes. Cindy and I just watched and laughed but the rest did it. By the end they were getting quite good.

Can't wait for next year in Kennewick, WA. Hope to see you all there!!



**World  
Tournament  
Smiles**