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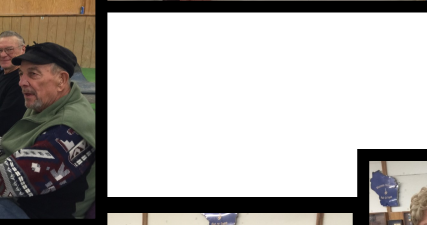
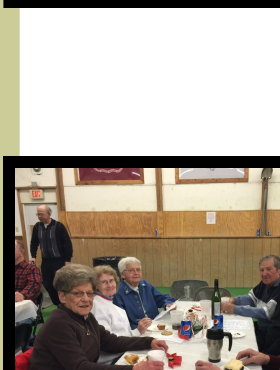
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### COUNT-ALL

By, Jim Haupt

Everybody does it, at least every pitcher playing a handicapped league is very likely playing count-all horseshoes. And everybody should then know that all shoes, within six inches, can count,

Point average per game of a given number of shoes times the accepted percentage determines handicap defined as the points given and/or accepted.

How many count-all pitchers have had a perfect game? A perfect count-all game is keeping all shoes in count. Regardless of the number of ringers, if the remaining shoes are within six inches they too count. It should be a category in the Sanctioned League's Top Ten listing—"Perfect Game Award."

### What's New?

By, Jane Smith

At this point we have eight new WHPA members. Welcome!! As in the past a new member receives a complimentary issue of the WHNL with the hope of subscribing to keep abreast of the exciting activities of the WHPA. Welcome to Scott and Lynette Ahlgren, Alan Arenseon, Bob Barczak, Rhonda Gogerty, Tim and Sandy Prust and Dave Quaid. Anyone may read and print their own copy, in color, from the WHPA web site.

The WHPA website is another abundant fountain of information for horseshoe pitchers. Terry Sternberg and his daughter Heidi Poppe do an excellent job of keeping the website current.

The WHPA has had several Constitution and Bylaw changes the past several years. A revised and updated version can be printed from the WHPA web site.

### The Latest from Regional Director

By, John Meyer

I hope everyone survived the winter and are ready to pitch horseshoes again this season. So far I have received requests for 39 sanctioned tournaments in 2015 so there is plenty of opportunity to compete this upcoming season. Horseshoe courts must be sanctioned in order to have a sanctioned tournament.

For all tournament directors, this is the year for re-certification of courts. I have already started the process and will continue it throughout the year. As I come to tournaments I will re-certify the courts for the next two years.

I would appreciate all tournament directors to please contact me as far as where your courts are and what the name of your facility is so I can find the courts and re-certify or sanction them for the first time, especially if I have never been there.

To those directors that still haven't gotten your tournament dates to me, please get them into me as soon as possible so that it will make the newsletter and I can get you the appropriate patches.

Lets everyone have a great year on the courts.

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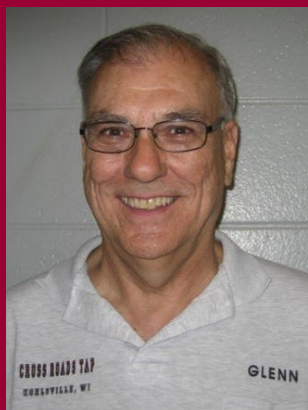
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With Glenn Bogenschneider



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Hello, to my fellow Membership Growth & Retention Committee members. Have you signed up a new member yet? Only ten months left until the end of the year. There is no time like NOW to open up the wonderful world of horseshoe pitching to your friends or relatives.

The outdoor tournament schedule is being finalized. Please plan on attending one or more tournaments this year. In the meantime, indoor tournaments are being held in Deansville and Beloit.

This year the World Tournament is being held in Topeka, KS., nice and close for our pitchers. The enrollment deadline is around May 15th and the tournament runs from July 13th thru 25th. If you have never pitched in the World, this is the year. If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers. Another important date is April 18th, our Spring Meeting. This is your meeting and we need YOU to be there!

In closing, remember, membership growth is possible if "each one, reaches one". Keep on pitching!



## Behind the Mask

With NHPA Chaplain  
Ken Heinritz

Are your shoes hanging up for the winter? Believe it or not, a little break from the game may prove to be beneficial; whether intentional or not. But waiting usually does not come easy to a competitor. The challenge to control those competitive juices combined with wanting to get right back out onto the court makes it difficult. I waited for 3 months and finally decided that it was enough. I had the itch to play in a tournament again, but had no lofty goals set, thinking that it would take some time to get back into the groove. To my astonishment I felt better than ever and pitched one of my best tournaments of my life. Funny game, isn't it? I look at it as somewhat of a new beginning. What may have helped me before the tournament was pondering the fundamental technique of my approach & delivery. The interesting thing about that is that next time it may not work. All I am saying is that a little break from the action just may be the ticket toward improvement and at the same time put a stop to some of those bad habits. Who knows?

I do know that in the Christian life amazing things happen when I learn to wait on the Lord, rather than trying to figure things out on my own. All too often I try to make something happen when Divine Providence does it so much better.



*"But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run & not be weary and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

## Year End Average Report

### Top 20 Averages in Wisconsin

1) Ron Button	75.37	8) G.Bogenschneider	60.72	15) John Koepp III	53.20
2) Gert Wilcziek	67.24	9) Gunnar David	58.31	16) Dave Ninnemann	52.38
3) Martin Papesh	64.93	10) Aleena Lepak	57.35	17) Tory Jeske	52.31
4) Penny Steinke	63.97	11) Randy Rein	57.22	18) Leo Richter	52.30
5) Larry Grabowski	62.91	12) Norm Gage	56.57	19) Mark Mauthe	51.93
6) Pam Aiken	62.42	13) Galen Kozel	55.54	20) Dean Chaffee	50.37
7) Ken Heinritz	60.89	14) Lonny Trangsrud	53.84		

### Pitchers Who Played the Most Tournaments

Tony Scrima	23	Linda Roeber	15	Jack Zane	13	John Dolezel	11
John Meyer	22	Kerry Morris	14	Ann Murray	13	Toni Sloper	11
Kevin Brekke	20	Mark Rice	14	Tom Steinke	12	Gloria Smith	11
Martin Papesh	20	Greg Bergles	14	Tom Bird	12	Gunnar David	11
Ray Groskinsky	19	Ron Button	14	John Olson	12	Cliff Erickson	10
Galen Kozel	19	Allen Johnson	14	Mark Mauthe	11	Kevin Peterson	10
Al Huiizenga	17	Lonny Trangsrud	13	Jeff Gustafson	11	Scott Linhart	10
Bruce McLinn	17	Joel Ramsdell	13	Richard Conrad	11	David Palmersheim	10
John Resch	17	Steve Wiegert	13	Dave Carpenter	11	John Secord	10
G. Bogenschneider	16	Bernard Carley	13	Kevin Aarstad	11	Leo Linhart	10
Dave Ninnemann	16	Dave Schorbahn	13	Norm Gage	11	Rondi Mengelt	10
Leo Richter	15	Ed Hack	13	John Mcneill	11	Cecilia Trossen	10

## Jeff Gustafson's New Years Day Rumble

2015

By, Earl Paulson

22 people decided it was too cold outside so this event was held indoors at Beloit.

This tournament is decided by total team points rather than by who won each game.

After a complete round-robin of 11 teams, total of 30 points per game the first 4 winners were:

1st - Ken Beebe & Skip Ramsdell	276 Points
2nd - Jesse Garza & Roger Anderson	273 Points
3rd- Dick Perkins & Herman Robisch	273 Points (Tie)
4th- Dutch Rittweger & Rondi Mengelt	271 Points

The first 4 teams finished 5 points apart. The others as follows:

Jim Huckabee & Rick Swan	256
Karen Keelin & Guy Modde	250
Mouse & Russ Burns	235
Walt Houck & Leonard Razim	224
Tom Bird & Dave Carpenter	222
Georgia Beebe & Ann Murray	200
Dan Lessman & Kevin Brekke	191

Jeff Gustafson was unable to come due to furnace problems. Jim Huckabee took over and did a good job of setting up the teams. Everyone had a good time and had plenty to eat. Mouse prepared a ham and we had plenty of goodies to munch on. This event has turned out to be a benefit for the Rock County Humane Society conducted by Georgia Beebe.

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## 2014 Year End Averages—Men (Name, Avg, #Tournaments)

Ken Heinritz	60.89	9	Jim Heim	32.72	4	Jim Harder	20.20	3
Randy Rein	57.22	8	Layne Olson	32.66	2	Tom Steinke	20.11	12
Lonny Trangsrud	53.84	13	Rick Weller	32.46	5	Stan Fox	20.00	1
John Koepp III	53.20	1	Gary Volz	32.30	2	Tom Fischer	19.88	4
Tory Jeske	52.31	4	Joel Ramsdell	32.20	13	Greg Bergles	19.84	14
Mark Mauthe	51.93	11	Mike Rousseau	32.16	3	Trent Bratland	19.33	4
Dean Chaffee	50.37	7	David Wietrzak	31.94	7	Herm Gentry	17.42	2
Jeff Gustafson	50.00	11	Terry Sternberg	31.87	8	Dave Carpenter	17.30	11
Steve Miller	49.78	2	Mark Anderson	31.80	7	Kevin Aarstad	17.28	11
Ray Groskinsky	48.91	19	Rowen Swick	31.60	7	Matt Ramsdell	17.19	2
Todd Sheehan	48.21	1	Russ Heinritz	31.17	4	Mike Berdan	16.66	4
Nick Muller	47.68	6	Greg Hehling	31.11	3	Eugene Stevens	16.50	5
John Meyer	47.23	22	John Brophy	30.34	7	Jack Ellinger	15.41	2
John Molling	47.19	6	Josh Smith	30.15	3	Kent Frailing	15.25	1
Cliff Erickson	46.40	10	Scott Linhart	30.12	10	Dale Zastrow	15.00	2
Kevin Peterson	45.47	10	John Drexler	30.10	7	Marv Bennett	14.58	1
Al Huizenga	44.94	17	Bob Cole	30	11	Pj Collins	14.40	1
Dan Bloom	43.83	9	Tom Kau	29.75	1	Kenny Rentz	13.80	5
Rich Peterson	42.85	2	Kevin Brekke	29.25	20	Gary Hestekin	13.50	1
Jeff Mauthe	42.61	4	Ken Jaeger Sr	28.87	7	Rich Nuchell	13.48	4
Jerry Oleskow	42.00	2	Mitch Littlegeorge	28.39	1	Randy Zlensky	13.41	2
Jim Bilderback	41.88	3	Randy White	28.33	6	Stan Fredrickson	13.00	2
Steve Mielke	41.60	7	Randy Barnes	28.18	2	Jay Ganther	12.26	5
Jarrold Bisch	41.16	5	Ralph Marthaler	28.17	6	Phil Stanley	11.75	1
Jason Villwock	40.77	6	Mike Perdzock	27.88	4	Ken Graber	11.00	1
Kerry Morris	40.63	14	Ed Leverty	27.70	3	Craig Krueger	10.25	1
Jim Verstoppen	39.88	4	Jerremy Wegner	27.50	4	David Tellier	9.55	2
Steve Wallin	39.85	6	Randy Mitchell	27.29	8	Mark Keihl	9.53	2
Mark Rice	39.78	14	Craig David	26.86	8	Dan Schabert	8.83	2
Duane Henriksen	39.02	2	Ricki Williams	26.15	2	John Brandt	8.75	1
Les Karpel	38.75	3	Randy Heinritz	26.14	3	Rod Ganther	8.66	2
Bruce McLinn	38.11	17	Mike Lange	25.38	7	Tom McTavish	8.25	1
Dave Torrey	37.81	8	David Palmershiem	23.78	10	Mike Burns	7.5	1
Bob Kallstrom	37.53	3	John Gehrman	23.12	3	Mike Sheehan	6.62	3
Jerry Gossen	37.4	5	Tim Sheehan	22.94	4	Bill Teigen	6.25	1
Jerry Niemuth	37.23	8	Don Goldsmith	22.85	4	Chris Perdzock	6.00	1
Doug Bakkum	36.36	3	Dick Poff	22.60	2	Pat Kaczor	5.00	1
Kurt Jochimsen	36.25	2	Mark Stevens	22.39	1	Pete Sorenson	4.75	1
Dan Williams	36.25	1	Paul Widell	22.00		Dave Melin	3.57	2
David Volz	36.23	6	Richard Conrad	21.94	11	Eric Mueller	3.53	2
Tom Endler	34.76	4	Dennis Wegner	21.52	4			
Gary Wegner	33.63	3	Ed Smith	21.25	3			
Michael Benzing Jr	33.56	4	Eddie Wisniewski	21.19	7			
Jim Tollefson	33.5	4	Ed Wheeler	21.18	6			
Rich Brockway	32.99	9	Dave Quaid	20.31	2			
James Wicklander	32.92	8	Dan Sheehan	20.25	4			

**Junior Boys**  
(age 18 and under)

Gunnar David	58.31	11
Mason Bisch	28.34	4
Blake Lazaris	26.60	2
Isaac Wegner	16.93	4
Mason Kuchenbecker	13.02	1
Garett Kuchenbecker	12.69	2
Cole Trangsrud	7.47	4
Tyler Ramsdell	6.52	4
Alex Tyznik	6.00	2
Brady Reetz	2.50	1

**Junior Girls**  
(age 18 and under)

Heather Feavel	46.08	3
Christina Heinritz	37.66	6
Emily Lazaris	28.12	3
Shayla Wallin	23.15	4
Cassi Williams	13.10	2
Cailyn Trangsrud	12.50	3
Alisha Prasalowicz	8.28	3
Kaity Teigen	3.50	1
Abby Aiken	3.13	2
Jasmine Schallhorn	2.58	2
Alyssa Simonz	2.17	1
Mary Ann Aiken	2.08	1
Marissa Sheff	0.66	1

**Cadets**  
(age 12 and under)

Brooke Lazaris	43.54	1
Steven Lazaris	38.46	2
Nicholas Prasalowicz	20.14	3
Gabe Burgin	16.51	5
Brandon Benzing	11.75	3
Krystal Lazaris	8.00	1
Aiden Ramsdell	5.71	4
Jader Kuchenbecker	4.34	2
Morgan Chaffee	4.00	1
Sarah Chaffee	3.73	1
Jedidiah Sowatzke	3.66	2
Blake Benzing	3.64	3
Carter Poppe	2.77	1
Lillyan Kildahl	2.09	3
Caitin Simonz	1.08	1
Kane Kuester	1.05	2

**Beloit Snowflake Results**

By, Earl / Jimmy Paulson

Class A

G. Bogenschneider	5	0	52.4
Jeff Gustafson	3.5	1.5	50
Jesse Garza	3.5	1.5	47.6

Class B

John Meyer	5	0	45.2
Linda Roeber	3.5	1.5	42
Kevin Peterson	3.5	1.5	35.6

Class C

Bruce McLinn	4	1	42
Jack Zane	4	1	40.4
Jim Huckabee	2	3	40

Class D

Dick Perkins	5	1	36.25
Bill Lasiewicz	4	2	37.5
Joel Ramsdell	4	2	34.58

Class E

Robert Starck	4	1	34
Leo Linhart	3	2	33.6
Herman Robisch	3	2	27.2

Class F

Don Goers	5	1	30.83
Rick Swan	4	2	30
Kevin Brekke	4	2	22.5

Class G

Scott Conrad	4	1	30
Fred Morel	4	1	24.8
Rondi Mengelt	3	2	22.4

**Beloit Snowflake Continued**

Class H

Russ Burns	4.5	.5	19.5
Dave Quaid	4	2	22.08
Ed Wheeler	4	2	15

Class I

Eric Nelson	4	1	14.8
Rich Nuchell	3.5	1.5	12.4
Dave Carpenter	2	3	16.8

Class J

Steve Nelson	5	1	8.75
Ed Dolan	5	1	7.85
Tonya Madison	1	5	4.13



Class E



Class C



Class J



Class H

### 2014 Year End Averages—Women (Name, Avg, #Tournaments)

Gert Wilcziek	67.24	5	Jane Smith	33.18	8	Karen Henkel	17.76	2
Penny Steinke	63.97	9	Dobie Gutweiler	31.66	1	Chris Gage	16.25	3
Pam Aiken	62.42	5	Kari David	31.02	8	Mary Sue Morris	16.00	3
Aleena Lepak	57.35	5	Denise Williamson	30.83	4	Julia Larsen	15.50	1
Bethany Heinritz	48.25	6	Heather Sowatzke	30.29	7	Jenny Wolf	14.75	1
Toni Sloper	47.27	11	Jenny Reed	30.00	2	Lori Mikshowskey	14.57	2
Linda Roeber	46.18	15	Gloria Smith	29.65	11	Naomi Williamson	12.60	3
Sue Helene	45.37	4	Jennifer Wegner	28.36	4	Marsha Deitelhoff	10.50	1
Cindy Castellano	44.88	9	Evelyn Larsen	28.21	8	Luann White	10.37	2
Sonia Cook	39.43	4	Rondi Mengelt	25.76	10	M. Wojciechowski	10.11	5
Elaine Troullier	39.23	8	Gloria Sheff	25.41	2	Pat Novinski	9.83	2
Tava Kildahl	38.56	3	Ann Murray	24.87	13	T. Horstman-Brown	8.80	1
Karen Keelin	37.94	4	Kathy Koelsch	24.00	2	Barb Ramquist	8.40	6
Michelle Plaisance	36.55	4	Marge Rein	23.03	2	Barb Austad	7.33	4
Nancy Lietzau	35.75	1	Tricia-Ryan Tellier	22.53	2	Joy Barthman	7.25	1
Susie Erickson	33.95	6	Cecilia Trossen	20.86	10	Sandy Williams	4.25	1
Tonya Kaulum	33.69	4	Barbara Peters	18.00	1	Julie Paulson	2.30	2
Laurie Dolezel	33.52	4						

### 2014 Year End Averages—Elders (Name, Avg, #Tournaments)

Ron Button	75.37	14	Bill Dahmen	40.00	4	David Stakston	31.78	3
Martin Papesh	64.93	20	Rick Borgwardt	39.87	5	Leroy Meyer	31.75	6
Larry Grabowski	62.91	5	Jack Zane	39.48	13	Ed Bonebright	31.42	8
G. Bogenschneider	60.72	16	Wayne Lemar	39.43	3	Jerry Kamps	30.14	5
Norm Gage	56.57	11	Harold Ballmann	37.88	4	John Gregorich	29.92	1
Galen Kozel	55.54	19	Jim Ganther	37.79	4	Ron Ramquist	29.28	6
Dave Ninnemann	52.38	16	John Brugger	37.75	5	Millard Harding	27.10	3
Leo Richter	52.30	15	Milt Larsen	37.53	4	Dexter Meise	26.88	3
Steve Wiegert	50.12	13	Dennis Kieser	37.25	2	Gary Schmitz	26.25	4
Bernard Carley	50.00	13	Jack Algiers	37.00	1	Wayne Franzen	23.65	2
Dave Schorbahn	49.62	13	Julian Tijerina	36.76	3	Ken Steffel	22.80	1
Cal Pitel	49.10	8	Dick Perkins	36.71	8	Art Collien	22.49	7
Don Illgen	48.71	3	Gerald Weikert	36.66	1	Russ Burns	21.88	18
Allen Johnson	48.02	14	Tony Scrima	36.41	23	Bernie Human	21.77	3
Ed Hack	48.00	13	John Dolezel	35.93	11	Jim Poquette	21.50	1
Gene Mason	47.50	1	Ken Davison	35.67	3	Jerry Schroeder	21.29	2
Tom Bird	47.04	12	David Carter	35.66	5	Ted Rohde	21.12	6
Dick Hanold	46.78	4	John Secord	34.11	10	Charlie Goldsmith	15.50	1
Norm Beckius	46.15	8	Robert Starck	33.78	9	Al Ostenson	14.47	8
Ed Mell	45.07	5	Leo Linhart	33.58	10	Jim Haupt	13.93	8
John Olson	44.76	12	Bill Matey	33.58	5	Jerry Loose	9.16	1
Norb Fuhrman	42.38	3	John Resch	33.51	17	Scott Shackleton	7.64	3
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## John Drexler Pitches Plays Guitar

-By, Jim Haupt

John Drexler, the guitar playing, horseshoe pitcher, from upstate who often performs during



Ken Heintz's chapel services, is seriously committed to his mission.

We know John as a horseshoe pitcher through his association

with Kurt Jochimsen at a bar league about twelve years ago. Then graduating to the Little Bull Falls Club of Mosinee and full sanctioning with an NHPA cards.

Aside from his own club tournament, he likes Marshfield, probably only 30-40 miles away. "Sure, I've won a few times when I'm lucky enough to pitch some 50% games," adding, "occasionally." And, he's played double elimination in Jump River. "Meeting people," is his aim in entering horseshoe tournaments.

Drexler calls Stratford home. He works there as an electrician allowing that he drove school bus for seventeen years, and pitching' shoes weekly, when he has the time.

Time must be valuable to the Drexler family. He and wife, Cindy, have raised eight children who have increased the fold, to fifteen grandchildren. It is time to hire a professional photographer for a family of that size.

Some of the music he plays is his own, been doing it for fifteen years. Writes for and plays with a group named "Crosswinds." They play a lot of charity gigs for housebound older folks. Three years ago the Crosswinds lost their lead guitar player when John's brother died. He also recalled praying at the deathbed of his son, David.

Sensing the end of this interview, Drexler said with conviction, "As much fun as it is, pitching shoes, the most important thing (in my life) is my relationship with Jesus Christ."

## A VISION FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT

By, Al Huizenga

Wisconsin is one of the few states that does not provide prize money for accomplishments in the state horseshoe tournament. Trophies are awarded for first, second and third place finishes.

Some Wisconsin horseshoe players have expressed an interest in the possibility of awarding prize money. Of course, awarding money would involve an affirmative vote by the membership. I did some preliminary research into how other states reward winners in the state tournament and presented this information at the WHPA Fall meeting.

Some states do not provide money because they have too few sanctioned pitchers. Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are among states that do award money, and I spoke with officers from these states. The sources for prize funding in these states include: soliciting support from outside sources; using part of the funds from the state sanctioning fees; using \$1.00 from each individual entry fee for sanctioned tournaments; and reduction in the number of trophies given in the state tournament.

I have figures for division of prize money for these states, if you would like to see them. Other states not surveyed may have additional ways of coming up with money for the prizes.

Reasons for awarding prize money for the state tournament might include: all other Wisconsin tournaments during the year issue prize money; I have the impression that a high percentage of all the states issue monetary prizes at their state tournaments; the state tournament is the ultimate annual celebration of Wisconsin horseshoe.

The State Tournament is our annual party. It is the highlight of our whole year. It is the tournament of tournaments. It goes beyond dividing into classes and competing. It is a reunion where relationships are renewed. Family reunions take place for the same reason. Those who attend don't get together to eat. They celebrate seeing each other. They celebrate their blood relationship. Horseshoe players are family.

We should do everything we can to make the state tournament the greatest celebration of the year. Prize money and trophies are only part of the celebration. One state has a Saturday evening banquet similar to that of the World Tournament. All we have to do is dream. IMAGINE! Be creative in arriving at the greatest celebration of our tournament year! Let us CELEBRATE!

## Horseshoes...It's In Her Blood

By, Aleena Cook



Along with her Grandpa, Dad, two uncles, two older brothers, older sister, and cousins, Christina Heinritz from Pewaukee Wisconsin, is an avid pitcher. Pitching horseshoes is tradition for the Heinritz family. Growing up only seeing her Grandpa, Dad and uncles pitch, she thought horseshoes was just a sport for men. Christina tried it with her Dad and siblings in

their backyard, had fun, and realized this was something she wanted to pursue. Christina pitched in her first tournament when she was seven years old, which happened to be the Wisconsin State Tournament. Winning her first title as the 2010 Wisconsin Cadet State Champion, Christina started with a double flip using Imperials but has moved to a sing flip with Snyder EZ Flips. She has placed second at state for Jr. Girls, won Juniors Class D at the World tournament in Louisiana, and has placed in various tournaments so far. Living in Wisconsin you can't really practice in winter so she will occasionally pitch in the spring and fall, but will throw about 100 shoes every day during the summer to increase her percentage.

Christina loves that this is such a great sport that allows her to meet new people, grow in her friendships, and with her family. "It's fun, and a great opportunity for scholarships. It's one big happy family and you can still have fun even if you don't have a good game because you know you can improve."

Pitching against other juniors at State and World is a more intense experience than when pitching with adults. As most juniors can attest to, it is a different atmosphere but still a competition. For Christina it's this challenge plus when she had to compete against her sister. When Christina and Bethany would pitch it felt like being back home and it had Christina knowing this was competition but she could feel a little more laid back. Her parents probably didn't feel laid back watching as they wanted both girls to succeed. When asked who her hero is she replied, "My dad because he is such a really hard worker and tries to help me

in horseshoes and with other sports." Both of her parents have encouraged her to be the best she can be and that has helped make her into the young lady she is today.

Being fifteen years old now, Christina has completed taking drivers education and will be going for her temporary license on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She also plays tennis, runs track, and enjoys reading, playing volleyball, and going to school. Her favorite subjects are Math and English. After high school, Christina would like to pursue a career in business or a health occupation. As she loves the atmosphere of Horseshoes, she plans to continue with it into college and will be at State for sure. Be sure to keep your eye out for this young lady at many tournaments, with her family by her side.



Editor Note: Aleena wrote this article which was published in the NHPA Newsline. We are proud to share her work with our association.

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## Deansville Open

By, Rudy Van Fleet

<u>Class A</u>			
G Bogenschneider	5	1	58.8
Ken Heinritz	4	2	64.6
Leo Richter	2	4	48.8
<u>Class B</u>			
Harold Ballman	4	1	40.5
Jason Villwock	4	1	38.6
Gary Volz	3	2	40.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Gary Schmitz	5	0	32
Ed Wheeler	3	2	20
Greg Bergles	3	2	10



## Friends Missed

### Bob Champion—Colorado

By, Jane Smith

One of the very first gentlemen I met when I first began pitching shoes and attending World Tournaments was Bob Champion. He and Jack Adams, former Canadian Association President, welcomed me, Edie McKinney and Debby Thompson to our first World Tournament. The smiles and hugs were symbols of lasting and deep friendships. The horseshoe world lost a very good guy with the death of Bob Champion. He received many NHPA and CHPA awards. He was the Publisher/Editor of the Double Ringer Colorado Newsletter which was sent free of charge to many recipients since the birth of the Newsletter in 1982. He pitched in many tournaments in Colorado and World Tournaments placing 58 times in the top three. He had a delightful sense of humor and more than a bit of devilish fun loving behaviors. Bob earned a Guinness World Record by being the oldest World Class champion at the 2006 World Tournament. He passed away nearly 97 years young and after the September 2014 Double Ringer issue was distributed. Bob Champion is indeed a champion who will be missed.

### Ray Tilli—Minnesota

By, Jane Smith

Ray Tilli, an octogenarian, and member of the Duluth Horseshoe Club and the MGSHPA was another gentleman of the horseshoe world. He lived a great life as an awesome promoter of our fine game and league at the Ice Arena on the West End of Duluth. World and state champions from surrounding states pitched unbelievably high averages at this event. This was a premier sanctioned event horseshoe pitchers looked forward to in early July every year until fire destroyed the facility. Ray pitched and visited the Wet N Wild tournament in Centuria, WI. Ray is another of the genuine gentlemen of the horseshoe family. Ray will be remembered and missed by many friends and family of the horseshoe world.

### Clayton Gage

By, Jane Smith

Clayton Gage was quite a person! A champion! A Grandpa! A Dad! A mentor! A Veteran! He had an interesting sense of humor and many stories from a wide variety of experiences. He once rode with Edie McKinney and me to a tournament. He was in the back seat but was leaning on the front seat sharing his adventures with buddies from WWII.

He grew up in Milltown, WI on a family resort on Half Moon Lake. He moved his family to St. Paul where he lived and worked until retirement. He pitched many horseshoes as a MSGHPA member before moving back to Half Moon Lake. He joined the Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe League with Don Hostrup as the first two male members of this elite group!

He is a WHPA Hall of Fame member and the record holder of the most State Elder Championship titles. He traveled with his personal cheerleader and wife, Dorothy, to many World Tournaments never quite reaching his goal as World Elders Champion when pitching in the Championship division.

His entire family is following in his footsteps: son Norm; daughter in law Chris; grand daughters Heather, April, and Tiffany. Great grand children are still testing the waters (clay).

He has not pitched recently BUT was never far from the game. He will be missed by many. Our sincere and deepest sympathy to his family.

### The Music of Christmas

As the music of Christmas fills the air  
The multitudes worship the Christ child everywhere  
Before the birth, an Angel would speak to his mother

Because this birth, would be like no other  
Given a name above every other name  
With his birth, the world wouldn't be the same  
Sent from Heaven, His life would begin  
With one mission, to save us from our sin  
The music of Christmas, a message for everyone  
Straight from God himself, wrapped in His infant son

Kevin Brekke

12/14/2014



## 2015 WHPA TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament	Fee	Sanction #	Deadline	Contact	Phone
Jan 01	New Years Day		Unsanction	Dec 21	Jeff Gustafson	
Jan 10	WHPA Christmas Party		1pm	Beloit		
Jan 17/18	001 Tourney	\$20	28-15-001	Jan 07	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Jan 24/25	Rumble w' Rudy	\$18	28-15-002	Jan 17	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7579
Feb 7/8	Valentine	\$20	28-15-003	Jan 28	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Feb 28	Bring a Pal Doubles	\$10	Unsanction	Feb 18	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Mar 7	Bring a Jr Doubles	\$10	28-15-005	Feb 25	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Mar 14/15	Klash with Kerry	\$18	28-15-006	Mar 07	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7579
Mar 21/22	Red Ferguson	\$20	28-15-007	Mar 11	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Apr 11/12	Spring Fling	\$20	28-15-008	Apr 01	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Apr 18	Spring Meeting Lake Delton			1:00 pm		
Apr 18/19	April Showers	\$10	28-15-009	Apr 11	Les Karpel	715-924-4020
May 02	Club-Team	\$84	28-15-010	Apr 22	Jim Haupt	414-722-4175
May 03	WI Walking Double	\$40	28-15-011	Apr 23	John Secord	920-022-0080
May 09	Beloit Encore	\$20	28-15-012	Apr 29	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
May 9	Early Bird	\$10	28-15-013	Apr 25	Dean Chaffee	715-861-3470
May 15-17	Team World	\$200	28-15-014	May 01	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
May 23	Platteville Spring	\$16	28-15-015	May 15	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
May 30	New London Open	\$16	28-15-016	May 16	Ken Jaeger	920-982-6287
Jun 07	Eau Claire Open	\$20	28-15-017	May 24	Dean Chaffee	715-861-3470
Jun 06/07	Eagle River Open	\$18	28-15-018	May 30	Cliff Erickson	715-479-1059
Jun 13/14	Bring a Pal	\$10	Unsanction	Jun 02	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Jun 13	Winnebagoland	\$18	28-15-019	Jun 06	John Meyer	920-021-2936
Jun 20	Muskego Open	\$15	28-15-020	Jun 14	Tom Steinke	262-594-5464
Jun 20	Phil Wall Open	\$20	28-15-021	Jun 06	Wayne Lemar	608-317-9512
Jun 20	Marshfield Open	\$20	28-15-022	Jun 13	Mel Cook	715-650-0639
Jun 27/28	Ken Kosky	\$20	28-15-023	Jun 19	Unknown at this time	
Jul 04	The Patriot	\$20	Unsanction	Jun 23	Kevin Brekke	608-669-1218
Jul 11	Arkdale Open	\$18	28-15-024	Jul 04	Ray Groskinsky	608-339-2466
Jul 13-25	World Tournament			Topeka, KS		
Aug 08/09	Ken Lovaas	\$18	28-15-025	Jul 28	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Aug 08	Locks Classic	\$18	28-15-026	Aug 01	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
Aug 11	Carson Park Classic	\$10	28-15-027	Jul 28	Dean Chaffee	715-861-3470
Aug 15	Green Bay Open	\$20	28-15-028	Aug 05	Steve Wiegert	920-435-6310
Aug 15/16	Log Jam	\$20	28-15-029	Aug 07	Trent Bratland	715-581-7108
Sep 5/7	State Tournament	\$25	28-15-031	Jul 31	John Secord	920-922-0080
Sep 12	Arkdale Doubles	\$21	28-15-033	Sep 05	Duane Henriksen	608-566-3655
Sep 12/13	Wet n Wild	\$15	28-15-034	Aug 28	Jane Smith	715-485-3057
Sep 19	Goldsmith Doubles	\$20	Unsanction	Sep 09	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Oct 17/18	Fall Singles	\$20	28-15-035	Oct 07	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Oct 24/25	Deansville Singles	\$18	28-15-036	Oct 17	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7579
Nov 14/15	Autumn Harvest	\$20	28-15-037	Nov 04	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Dec 05/06	Snowflake	\$20	28-15-038	Nov 25	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Dec 12/13	Deansville Open	\$18	28-15-039	Dec 05	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7579

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