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2008 FALL MEETING REPORT - by Jim Haupt

Ed Wheeler Replaces Ken Jaeger as Wisconsin's Regional Director



The recipient of the Presidential Award and WHPA Chaplain **Ken Heinritz** was called upon to open this fall meeting with a prayer.

In **Jane Smith's** absence, as she was visiting England, **Sonia Cook** made the Club awards based upon performance during the State Tournament. The Fleet team of Marshfield took first and did it with the most pitchers, 14.

Terry Sternberg, one more time, thanked the Little Bull Falls Club, who hosted the State along with the help of the Wolf River Ringers.

Platteville, hosting the next State Tournament, is concerned about the lack of continuous concrete platforms for the cadet pitchers. Suggestions were wood, patio blocks, limestone screenings or whatever. Offi-

cers said, "Whatever it takes." The Arena club will be a co-sponsor.

Cook told of a gross balance of \$7,324 in the Junior Scholarship fund.

NHPA Third Vice President **Lorraine Sternberg** took the opportunity to make longevity awards for the Sanctioned League Program. A five-year plaque went to the Fleet Reserve League of Marshfield. Ten-year plaques for both Combined Locks and the Wolf River Ringers. Top honors for 25 years went to the Close Doesn't Count Club.

The National Sanction League Tournament in Missouri in early fall had four Wisconsin teams, two from Kenosha, one from Beloit, and another from Combined Locks. Next year, the event will play at Camp Atterbury in Indiana, October 10-

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		Entry	D/L	Contact Person
Jan 3, 2009	WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit	\$13	12/26	Earl Paulson
Jan 10-11	001 Tournament (28-09-001)	\$18	1/2	Jim Haupt Earl Paulson
Jan 31-Feb 1	Deansville Rally (28-09-002)	\$15	1/23	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb 14-15	Valentine @ Beloit (28-09-003)	\$18	2/4	Earl Paulson
Mar 14-15	Clash with Kerry (28-09-005)	\$15	3/6	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar 21	Spring Meeting @ Delton Sportsman's Club 1:00pm 9602 Berry Rd. Lake Delton			
Mar 28-29	Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-09-006)	\$18	3/18	Earl Paulson

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Please notify **Regional Director Ed Wheeler**
of your horseshoe events, along with all changes and/or corrections.

WHAT TOOK SO LONG? - by Pam Aiken

As many of you noticed, this issue came out very late. Following our normal publishing schedule, you would have received your newsletter a few weeks ago.

As you know, we have a very small staff and there are only so many things a person can do in one day. I've been completely buried in responsibilities, along with the demands of my family life. I apologize for the delay.

I hope to get the first issue of 2009 out by the end of January, as originally planned. Look forward to the annual Year-End Averages Report and the entry forms for Club Team and the State Doubles tournaments, held the end of April in Beloit. Over the Christmas holiday, I'm also planning on updating wihorseshoes.com with more classic issues of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

Happy Holidays to all,


Pam 

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A FRIEND WE WILL MISS

My old buddy **Dennis** - by Jim Haupt
Jancoski of Florida died on
September 10, 2008 at age 78. Formerly of St.
Francis, Washington Park and the Pitchin' Palace,
"Denver Denny" had his own band and retired
to Florida. He also took up clogging. I last saw him
a couple years ago at the Moose tournament.

His children held a memorial service and picnic
in honor of one of the world's nicest guys. 



FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke




First, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And with your new set of horseshoes, I hope to see you at

some of the indoor tournaments. It is good to see all the long-time friends and possibly make some new ones.

This year, the WHPA will need everyone to help encourage a new member to join the association. With the economy being down and the dues being raised to \$25, we will no doubt lose some of the regular members. With the NHPA raising their dues \$5 per person, the WHPA raised our dues by \$3 now instead of in a few years. The increase in dues, whether it be \$1 or \$8, will cause hard feelings and a loss of membership. I can't remember the last raise in dues and certainly hope it will be a long time until the next one. Even at \$25 a year, it is still an inexpensive club to belong to. So please do your best to keep everyone with us and bring in a new friend.

This year, the World tournament is in Illinois, so it's close! If you want to experience a great tournament, this would be it. You have to have four tournaments in between May 15, 2008 and May 15, 2009. Plan ahead. It's a great time.

Good Pitching,

Tom 

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TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

- by Regional Director Ed Wheeler

When sending in the information for your events, I would like to see all of the information that is listed on the form below. For those that do not have an email address, please make sure your phone number and mailing address are filled in. For those who have events late in the spring and early summer, I would like to get these events from you by the January 15th.

Thank you,

Ed Wheeler, RD 

Tournament Information Form	
Name of Event	
Date of Event	
Location of Event	
# of Patches Needed	
Entry Deadline	
Entry Fee	
Contact Person	
Phone Number	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	

FALL MEETING REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

11. The limit is 24 teams and it is expected to be sold out. Three-player teams compete in a handicapped format, same as done in the league.

Ken Jaeger, in his final appearance as Regional Director stated that every four years courts will be re-sanctioned. He also explained that the boundary fence fulfils security for insurance purposes. He also stated that Park Falls is planning a six-court layout, Merrill is going with 10 courts. Jaeger's new email address is deershoe@live.com.

Rudy VanFleet was honored as the "Tournament Director of the Year" with a plaque, originally displayed at the State Tournament. His promptness in reporting results is one reason he received the award.

Jeff Secord stood in for **Edie McKinney** in requesting more nominations for the Hall of Fame, which is considered the ultimate award for a WHPA pitcher. The nomination form is available on page 15 and through the WHPA website.

Somebody remembered so that all could wish Jeff a Happy Birthday!

Eddie Wheeler caught up with his Pitcher-of-the-Year plaque and was named the New NHPA Regional Director in the bargain. He expects to take on the schedule duties, maintaining the indoor schedule he inherited, and is looking forward to building the outdoor schedule for 2009. The deadline for tournament registration is February 15th, but is open now. Contact Wheeler with tournament date, number of patches required, entry fee, and deadline. Now would be a good time (See p.4 for an article from Ed Wheeler).

He also plans a mail campaign to remind pitchers who have not secured their 2009 card within three months of the new year.

Jim O'Loughlin supported a revenue-sharing policy to put the Arena courts back on the map. The presi-

dent, **Tom Steinke** shared his misery but said the other tournaments cannot be expected to come to the aid of one location, stating that the association can regulate just one tournament, the State.

Wheeler, the Arena tournament director of choice, tempered O'Loughlin's concern for the Arena situation saying that what they really need is more cooperation from the ownership, a warmer welcome for the pitching community.

Mouse Beckius said that 50-50 raffles could be sponsored by other clubs in direct support of the Newsletter. That's the way the Beloit club was able to purchase the color printer now being used to publish the Newsletter. O'Loughlin thought the Newsletter price should be raised.


The WHPA board, thinking it was an opportune time to raise dues, had to ask the members if they wished to open the book for a "special" change.

It took a two-thirds vote to get into the book and further to suggest a \$3 increase in state dues. The NHPA dues have been boosted \$5. That make the Wisconsin fee a total of \$25 per year. Some states, it was noted, are already at the \$30 mark.

Bids were open for the 2010 State Tournament briefly. Beloit, being the only bidder, won in a landslide. And the land did come into play. Camping, they promised, will be allowed on the premises.

Al Huizenga tossed out the idea to play the State on some other day that the traditional Labor Day. Lack of interest killed the proposal.

Kevin Brekke put in a plug for the Springfield, World tournament, to be held this July 27th through August 8th.

John Secord, Jane Smith and Sonia Cook were all re-elected without opposition. Oh yeah, there were only 27 on hand for the meeting, which lasted two hours. 

State and World Tournament Dates

<p>2009 State Tournament: Platteville HSC with Arena as Co-Host September 5-7 Entry Deadline: July 31st</p>	<p>2009 World Tournament: Springfield, IL July 27-August 8 Entry Deadline: May 15th</p>
<p>2010 State Tournament: Beloit HSC</p>	<p>2010 World Tournament: Cedar Rapids, IA July 26-August 7</p>

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STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM COMPETITION RESULTS *- by Jane Smith*

We had a record number of teams enter the State Tournament Team competition, with 10 clubs choosing to participate. The entry cost is minimal but the rewards are "priceless." Club-togetherness and camaraderie reign, plus "gloating rights" as an added perk.

Each team that participates receives a certificate with their club accomplishments. Those finishing in the top half receive monetary awards. The Champion receives all of the former awards plus a traveling trophy and free entry into the 2009 event.

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| <p>10th Place: Delton Sportsman's Club
Five pitchers averaging 3 points.</p> <p>9th Place: Beloit Horseshoe Club
Five pitchers averaging 3.63 points.</p> <p>8th Place: Combined Locks
Six pitchers averaging 4.16 points.</p> <p>7th Place: Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club
Eight pitchers averaging 4.37 points and one State Champion.</p> <p>6th Place: Eau Claire Horseshoe Club
Fourteen pitchers averaging 4.92 points and one State Champion and one State Class Champion.</p> <p>5th Place: Muskego Horseshoe Club
Nine pitchers averaging 5.44 points and one State Class Champion.
They received \$5 in prize money.</p> | <p>4th Place: Deansville Horseshoe Club
Seven pitchers averaging 5.57 points and one State Class Champion.
They received \$10 in prize money.</p> <p>3rd Place: Team Heinritz
Nine pitchers averaging 5.70 points and one State Class Champion.
They received \$17 in prize money.</p> <p>2nd Place: Close Doesn't Count
Five pitchers averaging 5.80 points and one State Champion.
They received \$22 in prize money.</p> <p>1st Place: Marshfield Horseshoe Club
Fourteen pitchers averaging 6.48 points and three State Class Champions and three State Champions.
They received \$30 in prize money.</p> |
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Congratulations to the Marshfield Club for defending their shared title with the Close Doesn't Count Club in 2007, and winning this all by themselves.

Congratulations to all clubs and pitchers participating in this event. Over half of the state tournament entries were also part of this event! 🎉

ON THE MEND...

Hank Zeisse of Franklin is recovering nicely after suffering from his first-ever heart condition in early November, shortly after his 93rd birthday. Even though a pacemaker fixed him up, he is done bowling for the season. However, he was still able to vote and continues to enjoy his Thursday night dartball league. 🎯



Let There Be Peace On Earth

If there is to be peace in the world,
there must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
there must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
there must be peace in the heart.

- Lao Tse




“GROWING WITH JUNIORS” RAFFLE WINNERS

- by Sonia Cook

The 2008 "Growing with Juniors" annual raffle proved to be another success. Many thanks to the membership for the tickets you sold and (of course) the tickets you purchased. Sincere thanks to the WHPA, clubs and individuals for the 19 donations.

As always, this is our major fund raiser to support the scholarships awarded to the State Boys and State Girls Champions and runners-up, respectively.

Personally, I thank **Aleena Cook** and **Gunnar David** for sharing their persuasive talents at our State tournament to promote the raffle.

Thank you,
Sonia 


<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Winner</u>
\$100	WHPA	Wayne Johnson
\$50	WHPA	Mike Blackwood
\$50	WHPA	Close Doesn't Count HSC
\$50	Beloit HSC	Tom Kazmark
\$25	Beloit HSC	Gert Wilzciek
\$25	Beloit HSC	Jim Hager
\$25	Combined Locks HSC	Tom Steinke
\$25	Marshfield HSC	Dan Lessman
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MUSKEGO SANCTIONED LEAGUE RESULTS

- by Penny Steinke

August 18th wrapped up the first ever sanctioned horseshoe league at the Muskego Moose Lodge. There were ten pitchers this year playing three 50 shoe games a night. The league was 80% handicapped, count all. It went very well for being the first year. Everyone who pitched improved their horseshoe game this summer. It showed at the State Moose Tournament, where there were three first place finishers and two second place finishers from this league! It sure is great to have won the traveling State Moose Horseshoe Trophy! It is finally back in Muskego for the first time since 1996.

At the end of the season, there was a tie for first place between **Penny Steinke** and **Dexter Meise**. After a playoff game, Penny won by pitching 64%. At the end-of-season tournament, **Karen Henkel** came ready to win. She won all three of her games pitching 32%, 44%, and 44%! Other winners this season were **Mona Harvey** for High Game over Average and the Sportsmanship Award, Dexter for Rookie of the Year, Penny for High Average and High Game, and **Chuck Hansen** for Most Improved. Each player received a NHPA Sanctioned Club League Membership Patch and also a patch for their single highest game. Medals were also awarded for first and second place and money was paid back to all players.

It was a lot of fun and everyone is looking forward to next summer. Come to the annual horseshoe meeting, which is held at the Muskego Moose Lodge on the last Tuesday in April. The horseshoe season starts on the second Monday and Tuesday of May. Don't miss out! 



SHOULD TOURNAMENTS BE HANDICAPPED? - by Pam Aiken

Horseshoes is most often compared to bowling and dart ball, both of which use handicapped averages to even the playing field. Is horseshoes behind the times in not requiring a handicap?

Mike Hruby of Woodruff, WI has a suggestion for making sanctioned tournaments more competitive for everyone: requiring tournament directors to handicap classes where the difference in entering averages is greater than 10% from top to bottom. In Wisconsin, whether to handicap an event or not is solely left to the discretion of the tournament director.

Hruby writes, "...the ringer percentage spread in the class that I participated in was almost 25 points. I realize that the tournament directors do not have a choice when they have only a limited number of participants in the tournament. But in a situation like this, that class should be required to be handicapped. This would give the people participating a better chance of being competitive." He also states that handicapping the class would keep new pitchers from being discouraged and not returning. "I would like to see a rule change in the NHPA that would require the tournament directors in the various tournaments to handicap these tournaments if the point spread exceeds 10 points, which is how they handle the situation in Florida."

NHPA Rules Committee Chairman **Jerry LaBrosse** of Minnesota stated that to require all tournament directors to use handicapped averages, whether it be all events and classes or only for an average discrepancy of 10 points or more, a change of NHPA rules would have to be submitted to him by the end of the year, to be voted on at the NHPA winter meeting. If accepted, the issue would go to a vote at the World Tournament next summer. It is my understanding that this suggested rule change will be submitted for consideration.

The current NHPA rule regarding handicapping states:

Handicapping may be used in open tournaments and in league play. The Tournament/League Officials shall determine the amount of the handicap. Class winners will be determined by win/loss record or by total points. An alternate-pitch format shall be used. For the breaking of ties, the options in Section B (covers determining class winners and breaking ties) may apply, except that ringer percentage shall not

be used. Game handicapping shall not be used in any World, National, or Regional Tournament or in the Championship Class of a designated Division of any State Championship Tournament.

- From horseshoepitching.com
official website of the NHPA

Depending on the circumstances, attending a handicapped tournament can be a blessing or a curse. This would especially be the case in Class A. For anyone who has maintained a pitching average in the high-40's to mid-50's, you know what a rough time pitching in the top class can be. Yes, it is an honor to finally make it up to Class A and to play against the big pitchers. Yet, after awhile it does get old to be kicked around *every weekend*, knowing you don't really have a chance at first place. For some pitchers, it diminishes their enjoyment of the sport. A handicap would prevent these pitchers from being constant cannon-fodder.

In the non-A classes, even more pitchers can benefit from a handicap. How disappointed are you when you see the schedule and that you're the bottom seed? If the spread is fairly high, your chances of success are much lower than if your class is close. A handicap would even the class, not always to your detriment. Whether or not you would be giving or receiving points would depend on where you are seeded in the class. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. What is it we tell newcomers to the sport? Everyone can play, regardless of how good you are. When you enter a tournament, you will be seeded into a class with other pitchers of your skill level so you will have competitive games. With the number of entries down at many tournaments, a handicap would actually guarantee that the class would be even for everyone, not just the newcomers.

However, if you're the high-average pitcher that usually does the "kicking," a handicap would not directly benefit you. In reality, there are only a handful of pitchers this rule would negatively affect (we won't mention any names, but you know who you are). You *will* lose more games. But in the interest of sportsmanship, can losing some games actually benefit you in other ways? Do you have *any idea* how happy a person is when they finally beat you?

There is also an issue of determining the handicap, since a true handicap average is a total of both ringers and points. Long-time tournament director **Jim Haupt**

HANDICAP (CONTINUED)

comments, "Handicapping is easy when using count-all scores [as is done in sanctioned leagues], but is not-so-easy when you have only the ringer percentage for a base." However, he says the solution to this problem was answered about 20 years ago. "At the Pitchin' Palace, we developed a handicap method using just ringer percentage. In the case of a 40-shoe game, the handicap is the difference in ringer percentages. For 20-shoe games, it's half the difference. For 50-shoe games, it's 1.25x the difference. It calculates to be an 83% handicap based on ringers only. And it works!"

Personally, I've had good and bad experiences with handicaps. A game I pitched about twenty years ago still stands out in my mind. I subbed in a sanctioned league at the old Pitchin' Palace. No idea who I was filling in for, no idea why I got to play. As a relatively new pitcher at about 14 years old, I don't remember a lot about the place, but I can still remember the smell of clay dust and the sight of those fancy electric scoreboards! My average at the time was low, but improving. The only game I can recall from that day was my last one, against **Ralph Maylahn**. I didn't really know Ralph at the time, just knew who he was and that he was a top pitcher. Ralph had a bad game, and I had a good one. With the handicap, I managed to tie him. Not beat him, just tie him. He grumbled about pitching lousy and congratulated me on my good game. I was over-the-moon happy. What a coup! I TIED Ralph Maylahn! I believe it was after that game he took an interest in my pitching. I guarantee you, if I'd just been blown out by Ralph, rather than getting the opportunity to tie him, I would *never* have remembered that day. It didn't matter to me that it was handicapped. I was still honored, and I like to believe that Ralph wasn't really any worse off for having lost that half a game.

A bad experience I had with a handicap also happened when I was a junior pitcher. We traveled to a "Juniors Only" tournament in Minnesota one weekend.

I was totally unaware that it would be handicapped. I was the top seed, so my first game was against the bottom. In a 30-shoe game, I had to give the kid 30-some points. That took the wind out of my sails quite handily. I pitched lousy and never won a game all day.

Looking back, I realize what the real problem was: going in, I didn't know the tournament was handicapped. Had I known, I either would have been mentally prepared to give a lot of

points, or else begged my dad to let us skip this one. Either way, the true fault was the not-knowing. If a conditional mandate were to pass on a national level, pitchers would not know going into a tournament if their class was going to be handicapped or not, as you would not know until you saw the pitching schedule. Whether or not this would discourage somebody from entering sanctioned tournaments, I do not know.

"Another potential problem with handicapping is the grumbling it would no doubt cause. Some possible examples: "I have to give *that sandbagger* points?" or "I should have walked through this class." Regardless of

whether or not the tournament is handicapped, the grumbling will still exist, as the possibility of a pitcher whose ability is higher than his recorded average will always exist. When we discuss the rules of play, I believe we need to look at horseshoes as pure sport, without the assumption that people are trying to outwit the system or get something for nothing. No doubt, there are less-than-scrupulous players who try to maximize their success through less-than-honorable means, but rules are in place to make the sport as competitive as possible. In general, it is not in our best interest to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

The implementation of this rule would fall on our hardworking and dedicated tournament directors, most of whom do not like to be told how to run their tournaments. Some directors may not be "pro-handicap," yet the rule change would force them to handicap certain classes in their events. A clever way to avoid handicap-

Wisconsin's New Regional Director Ed Wheeler's 2¢

"Handicapping leagues works great. It gives the lower average people a fighting chance to beat up on the higher average throwers. It's a great confidence builder, no matter which way you look at it.

Handicapping singles tournaments, in my opinion, has the potential to do more harm than good to the sport. It will (or should) help the lower average pitcher, should they shoot well, but in the same token, it will hamper the higher average pitcher, who throws his average and doesn't win a game.

My question to you is, who do you think won't be returning to that certain tournament director's events anymore?"

HANDICAP (CONT.)

ping a tournament is by splitting a class. Muskego tournament director **Tom Steinke** has been using this method for the past several years. Classes A and B are each four-man classes, but combine to play an eight-man round robin. It reduces the potential point spread yet still gives the lower average pitchers a chance to win a patch. The prize money is another issue. Steinke commented, "I paid a little extra out of pocket. Not that big of a deal. I wouldn't like it if somebody came along and told me I *couldn't* do it." Another option would be to solicit a tournament sponsor, as the Platteville club does with its local Country Kitchen.

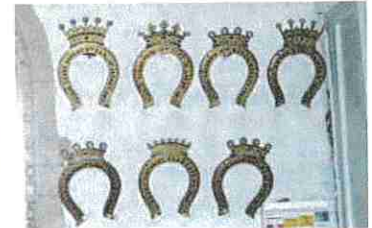
Another potential positive is that handicapping could potentially solve our perennial Pitcher of the Year problem of how to make it possible for more than just a few pitchers viable candidates. Since points for the competition are awarded for winning first, second and third places, the top dogs won't necessarily be raking in a guaranteed first or second every weekend. Imagine, a 50% pitcher as the Division A Pitcher of the Year! With handicaps, it could happen.

This potential rule change would not require handicapping entire tournaments, only the classes where there is a point spread of 10% or more. As demonstrated, a tournament director could still get around having to handicap if he was truly against it. But after thinking about the pro's and con's of a handicap, I don't think it would be such a bad thing to handicap whole tournaments. However, mandates from above generally don't go over very well. If the NHPA wants to pass such a rule, I hope the membership is aware of this potential change and properly informed of its benefits and costs. If you have an opinion on this subject, I encourage you to write to this newsletter and to your NHPA and WHPA officers. 🐾

JANE SMITH VISITS A HORSESHOE CASTLE IN ENGLAND

On her trip to England this past October, **Jane Smith** visited a castle with walls adorned with horseshoes. Oakham Castle is located in Rutland County in Oakham, England. Jane writes, "All four walls are decorated in different horseshoes which were forfeited to the Lord of the Manor, including those from Edward IV, the Prince Regent, Edward VII (as Prince of Wales), George VI and Elizabeth II, as well as judges and peers of the realm.

This was a small castle (maybe the size of half a football field) with one large, high-ceiling room. The horseshoes that were given as gifts to the Lord were all mounted on the walls. It was impressive." 🐾



LITTLE BULL FALLS LOG JAM FESTIVAL RESULTS

AUG 9-10, 2008 - by Randy Rein

Class A

Randy Rein, Mosinee	4-1	57.6
John Molling, Wausau	4-1	48.8
Ivan Ruzic, Stratford	2-3	53.9

Class B

Ralph Marthaler, Medford	6-1	43.2
Steve Wiegert, Green Bay	6-1	32.8
Ray Groskinsky, Friendship	5-2	41.4

Class C

Randy Mitchell, Weston C	6-1	33.1
Trent Bratland, Wausau C	4-3	28.2
Jayne Fehr, Merrill C	4-3	25.0 U

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full tournament results.

GREEN BAY OPEN RESULTS AUG 16, 2008

- by Tournament Director Steve Wiegert

Class A

Randy Rein, Mosinee	6-1	57.1
Otis Wessley, Oneida	5-2	60.0
Jack Algiers, New London	5-2	56.4

Class B

Elaine Troullier, Whitelaw	5-0	44.4
Steve Wiegert, Green Bay	4-1	36.8
Ken Jaeger, Sr., New London	2-3	36.0

Class C

Wally Thorson, Combined Locks	5-0	40.0
Jerry Kamps, Combined Locks	3-2	38.0
Leroy Meyer, Appleton	3-2	34.4

Class D

Ceil Trossen, Mountain	5-0	24.4
Mike Zahn, Lomira	4-1	22.4
Jim Haupt, Milwaukee	3-2	24.8 U

COMBINED LOCKS TOURNAMENT RESULTS - by Bill Matey

The Mid-Eastern (unsanctioned) and the Lox Classic (sanctioned) at Kamps Kovered Kourts were held in ideal weather conditions with covered courts shielding from the sun and a cool breeze across the courts was reflected in the keen competition, as no pitcher in the Lox Classic was able to achieve a perfect record, although the numbers of pitchers were lower then hoped. Seems to be the trend, we were able to field four eight person classes.

A special thanks to all volunteers and especially the **Kamps** and **Troulliers** for there endless help to make the tournaments a success.

MID-EASTERN OPEN RESULTS (UNSANCTIONED)

JUL 26, 2008

Class A

Jerry Kamps	5-0	49.5
Cal Pitel	3-2	45.5
Gene Mason	2.5-2.5	62.0

Class B

Ken Eslinger	4-0	18.7
Bill Beschta	3-1	18.7
Craig Domnick	1-3	13.7

LOX CLASSIC RESULTS (SANCTIONED)

JUL 27, 2008

Class A

Randy Rein	6-1	65.3
Jack Algiers	5-2	63.9
Jim Larson	5-2	52.8

Class B

Steve Wiegert	5-1	45.0
Ron Miller	4.5-1.5	44.5
Dick Hanold	4-2	45.4

Class C

Jerry Kamps	5.5-0.5	41.6
Art Collien	4.5-1.5	41.6
Cliff Troullier	3-3	30.0

Class D

Karen Henkel	6-1	22.5
Susie Erickson	5-2	32.5
Debby Schell-Kotnik	5-2	31.4

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BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- by Jimmy Paulson

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SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OPEN JUL 26-27, 2008

Class A

Jesse Garza	5-0	62.8
Walt Houck	3-2	46.0
Lawrence Fettes	3-2	44.4

Class B

Wayne Lemar	3.5-1.5	43.6
Linda Hycnar	3.5-1.5	41.6
Virgil Smith	3-2	41.2

Class C

Clarence Becorest	5-0	50.8
Guy Modde	3-2	38.0
Russ Burns	3-2	28.8

Class D

Jerry Smith	3-2	35.6
Steve Kampmeier	3-2	35.2
Jim Huckabee	3-2	29.2

Class E

Carl Schliem	5-1	33.8
Guy Modde	4.5-1.5	27.5
Kevin Brekke	4-2	30.8

Class F

John Wilson	5-0	32.4
Rob Pankhurst	4-1	24.4
Gene Satterstrom	3-2	16.8

Class G

Leo Linhart	4.5-0.5	25.6
Wayne Goers	3.5-1.5	18.8
Don Goers	3-2	24.0

Class H

Jim Haupt	5-0	19.2
Rondi Mengelt	4-1	9.2
Julie Paulson	3-2	13.6

AUTUMN HARVEST NOV 1-2, 2008

Class A

Jesse Garza	6-0	62.5
Jeff Gustafson	4-2	46.3
Mark Mauthe	3-3	57.9

Class B

John Meyer	4-2	47.5
Steve Kampmeier	4-2	42.5
Don Goldsmith	4-2	42.1

Class C

John Brugger	4-1	39.6
Earl Paulson	4-1	39.2
John Garvan	3-2	37.6

Class D

Joel Ramsdell	4-1	28.4
Norm Beckius	3.5-1.5	30.8
Bud Hammer	3-2	32.4

Class E

Robert Bowser	4-1	32.0
Dan Stieber	3-2	31.6
Jim Huckabee	3-2	24.8

Class F

Jim Neukirch	5-0	32.4
Stan Smith	4-1	28.4
Allen Johnson	3-2	23.6

Class G

Tom McGavock	5-0	32.0
Tom Steinke	3-2	23.2
Wayne Goers	3-2	20.4

Class H

Matt Ramsdell	5-1	18.8
Rondi Mengelt	5-1	15.0
Mike Carroll	4.5-1.5	16.7

FALL SINGLES OCT 11-12, 2008

Class A

George Graham	5-0	58.8
Jesse Garza	4-1	60.0
Penny Steinke	3-2	58.4

Class B

Linda Hycnar	4-2	47.3
Bruce McLinn	4-2	43.3
Lawrence Fettes	2.5-3.5	42.7

Class C

Daniel Lessman	5-1	41.7
Jim Tollefson	4-2	42.1
Julian Tijerina	3.5-2.5	35.0

Class D

Bud Hammer	5-0	46.4
Norm Beckius	4-1	35.2
Earl Paulson	2-3	34.8

Class E

Russ Burns	4.5-1.5	27.1
Dan Stieber	4-2	30.8
John Press	4-2	30.0

Class F

Guy Modde	6-0	31.7
Jim Neukirch	4-2	28.3
Allen Johnson	4-2	21.3

Class G

Scott Conrad	4-1	30.4
Ann Murray	4-1	25.6
Tom McGavock	3-2	26.0

Class H

Stan Smith	5-0	25.2
Kari David	4-1	20.4
Jerry Kochman	3-2	14.0





BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONT.)

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SNOWFLAKE DEC 6-7, 2008

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class G</u>		
Jesse Garza	4-1	60.8	Dan Stieber	4-1	35.2
Mark Mauthé	4-1	54.8	Kevin Brekke	3-2	32.0
Dennis Reid	3-2	61.6	Russ Burns	3-2	25.2
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class H</u>		
Paul Wilson	5-0	54.0	Allen Johnson	5-0	26.0
Walt Houck	3-2	50.8	Sue Lange	4-1	23.6
Dan Bloom	3-2	49.6	Cody Stone	3-2	22.4
<u>Class C</u>			<u>Class I</u>		
Walt Houck	5-0	47.6	Leslie Stone	5-0	30.0
Bruce McLinn	4-1	45.6	John Gordon	4-1	25.6
Dutch Rittweger	3-2	38.8	Scott Raimer	3-2	24.8
<u>Class D</u>			<u>Class J</u>		
Kerry Morris	6-0	46.3	Jerry Kochman	3.5-1.5	19.6
John Brugger	4-2	29.6	Wayne Goers	3.5-1.5	16.0
Jim Tollefson	3-3	40.4	Rose Gordon	3-2	21.6
<u>Class E</u>			<u>Class K</u>		
Steve Kampmeier	3-2	36.8	Matt Ramsdell	4-1	16.8
John Garvan	3-2	34.8	Ernie Rakstad	3-2	25.2
Mike Rousseau	3-2	34.4	Ron Fritz	3-2	18.0
<u>Class F</u>					
Mike Lange	5-0	32.4			
Joel Ramsdell	3-2	31.6			
Ed Wheeler	3-2	31.6			

BELOIT HSC'S FALL GOLF OUTING

- by Dutch Rittweger

The Fourth annual Wet and Wild results from the Barwood Golf Course in Rockton IL, held on September 9, 2008:

1st Place	Tom Bird
2nd Place	Mike Rousseau
3rd Place	Three-way tie: Paul Wilson Jim Tollefson Bill Wordel

Food, drink, and some lies were all enjoyed at the Beloit Club after the outing. U



Russ Burns, showing off the World Tournament court sponsored by the Beloit Horseshoe Club



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COULEE REGION HORSESHOE CLUB TOURNAMENT JUL 9, 2008

In this tournament, we had two classes of eight pitchers. One of our registered horseshoe players was unable to attend, so we had to use a pacer in Class A. Thanks **Ardell** and **Linda** for helping out. **John Brandt**, one of our league players, recorded the scores and kept things going smoothly. John suffered a stroke one week before the beginning of our season and is working hard to get back in form. **Ted Rhode** could not participate because he fell on the railroad tracks on his way to Bucky's Burgers and bruised his ribs. **Kathy Koelsch** made barbecues and **Al Loose** brought the refreshments. Several other players brought treats.

- by Doug Bakkum

We used 80% handicapping based on ringer averages and broke ties with total points. In Class B, second and third places had identical records and total points, so we used high ringer percentage to break the tie. In Class A, second through fifth had 4-3 records, so total points worked fine to break the ties. To show close doesn't count in horseshoe, if all else stayed the same, three points, two to win one game and one to win another could have moved me from sixth place to first. We all had fun.

Thanks to all who helped.

Class A		Class B	
Jim Heim	5-0.5 40.4	Ardie Stoltenberg	6-1 35.0
Wayne Lemar	4-3 45.4	Kathy Koelsch	5-2 26.1
Tammy Wild	4-3 34.3	Brian Hove	5-2 18.6
Bob Johnson	4-3 29.6	Butch Kohnen	4-3 29.3
Lyle Halliday	4-3 26.1	Roger Olson	4-3 21.1
Doug Bakkum	3.5-3.5 41.8	Lori Mikshowsky	2-5 12.5
John Brophy	3-4 33.9	Dale Zastrow	2-5 8.9
		John Ranzenberger	0-7 8.2



DOWN & BACK WITH JIM HAUPT



Wisconsin has a new Regional Director in **Ed Wheeler**.

Simply put, Eddie is a pitcher whose avid interest turned him into a tournament director. He lives in Lodi, about 30 mi. from his scene of operations, the Sandbar. Having directed so many events, he ran out of names so he ended up calling one tournament the "No Reason." He always shows a keen interest in the game of horseshoes and just last fall won a plaque as a Wisconsin "Pitcher-of-the-Year."

As his participation grows, we enjoy the fruits of his labor and are highly pleased that he is "one of us."

When told the reason for daylight savings time the old Indian said... "Only a white man would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket and sew it to the bottom of a blanket and have a longer blanket."

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?"

Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"

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- State and World tournament titles
- Pitching records achieved (perfect game, repeat performances, etc)
- Sportsmanship

Player/Organizer Category

- Candidate's accomplishments from both the **Player** and **Organizer/Promoter** categories.
- If a Junior pitcher participates in the workings of the WHPA as an adult, their Junior performance as well as their adult qualifications will apply towards their nomination.

Organizer/Promoter Category

- Local and State promotion
- Tournament directorship
- Local, State and National offices held
- State and National committee involvement
- Club and League organization

Honorable Mention Category

- Candidates from states other than Wisconsin who have had a positive influence on Wisconsin horseshoes
- Candidates from Wisconsin who have contributed to WHPA events

The WHPA Hall of Fame committee is comprised of the WHPA officers, former WHPA president, and three WHPA members at large. Edie McKinney is the Chairlady, with Jeff Secord as her co-chair.

Nominations for the WHPA Hall of Fame are due February 1st.

Send the following information to Edie McKinney, 2339 205th St, Luck WI 54853

Name of Nominator _____

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Please attach a typed page of credentials and/or reasons for the nomination. Feel free to enumerate and promote your nominee with statistics and facts from their horseshoe career.

Number of years in WHPA: _____ (minimum of 10 years)

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