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## Earl Paulson

December 27, 1929—March 11, 2021  
 The WHPA lost a very gracious and caring gentleman. To say he was the King of Horseshoes in WI is an understatement. His home away from home seemed to be the Beloit Horseshoe Club house for the past 30 years. Pitcher, tournament director, mentor... he did it all!!

### A tribute to Earl from his granddaughter Julie

My grandpa was the purest man who ever lived. He touched so many people's lives with his kind and gentle spirit. He always knew how to make everyone feel good about themselves. He never said a bad word to anyone or about anyone and he always chose his words wisely. He had a lot of patience. He taught me how to play horseshoes and to keep striving to be better than I was the day before. I will probably never meet a man as patient and kind as grandpa.

### A few words about Earl and Horseshoes

Kevin Brekke

Twenty years ago in 2001, Earl was one of our state's Hall of Fame inductees. The Beloit club held the State tournament that year, the 4th time since 1989, their first. He won the state's President award, and the National Director award. But he was most proud of the Team World tournament, renting the Telfer Park hockey arena. The tournament continues to draw top pitchers from the United States, and at one time, Canada. Earl also has won many Wisconsin Moose Championships, notably in 1996 and 1997.

On a personal note, Earl was always looking for scorekeepers for tournaments and I was happy to keep score. As I joined to club in 2005, I learned from him and took over this responsibility. I watched him pitch, be behind the computer entering scores, and would talk to anyone and make them feel they were important and with a little practice, could be better. He was a fierce competitor, as many pitchers here would agree. Even when his legs were going out, he would still try and pitch from a shorter distance.

Earl had the respect of everyone he met and when you met Earl, you knew was one of our state's 2001 Hall of Fame Inductees. The Beloit club held the state tournament that year, the 4<sup>th</sup> time since 1989, you had a friend. I once asked a successful fisherman, what as their secret to success. They replied, time on the water. Well I think part of Earl's success was his time with horseshoes at the club, at a tournament, and with his horseshoe family. Thank you, Earl.

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Mar 27-28	Birthday Bash	Wonewoc	30	\$11	No	Mar 20	Dave Volz	
April 10-11	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Mar 31	Dan Newkirk	
April 17	WHPA Spring Meeting	Delton Sportsman's Club						
April 24-25	April Showers	Chetek	16	\$10	No	April 17	Les Karpel	
May 1	May Day Tournament	Wonewoc	36	\$11	No	April 24	Dave Volz	
May 8	Eau Claire Early Bird	Eau Claire	64	\$10	No	May 1	Paul Wiese	
May 8	Beloit Encore	Beloit	72	\$20	No	April 28	Dan Newkirk	
May 15	Butternut Open	Butternut		\$15	No	May 9	Jer Wegner	
May 22	State Walking Doubles	Beloit		\$40	No	May 10	John Secord	
May 29	Platteville Spring Singles	Platteville	36	\$16	No	May 22	Mark Mauthe	
June 5	Wolf River Open	New London	48	\$16	No	May 29	Ken Jaeger	
June 6	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64		Yes	June 5	Paul Wiese	
June 12-13	Spring Fling	Beloit	72	\$20	No	May 29	Dan Newkirk	
June 12-13	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	\$180	No	June 2	Cliff Erickson	
June 19	Sylvia & Dan David Mem.	Marshfield		\$20	Yes	June 12	Mel Cook	
June 19	Muskego Open	Muskego	48	\$20	Yes	June 12	Tom Steinke	
June 26-27	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48	\$20	No	June 19	Kent Frailing	
June 26-27	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	\$20	No	June 16	Dan Newkirk	
July 4	The Patriot	Beloit	48	\$20	No	June 23	Dan Newkirk	
July 10	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32	\$18	Yes	July 31	Ray Groskinsky	
July 17-18	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	72	\$20	Yes	July 10	Fred Lane	
July 19-31	World Tournament	Winnemucca, NV		May 15				
July 24	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	\$15	No	July 17	Jer Wegner	
July 31	Wisconsin State Singles Tournament Entry Deadline							
July 31	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	\$20	No	July 24	Russ Brockway	
Aug 7	Lox Classic	Combined Locks	48	\$20	No	July 31	Fred Lane	
Aug 7	Summer Shindig	Rozellville		\$15	No	July 31	Mel Cook	
Aug 10	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	64	\$10	Yes	Aug 3	Paul Wiese	
Aug 14	Fond Du Lac Open	Fond Du Lac	32	\$20	Yes	Aug 7	John Meyer	
Aug 21	Warm Up	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Aug 11	Dan Newkirk	
Aug 21-22	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48	\$20	No	Aug 14	Kent Frailing	
Aug 28	Goldendale Open	Germantown	36	\$20	No	Aug 21	Ken Heinritz	
Sept 4-5	State Singles Tournament	Eau Claire		\$25	Yes	July 31	John Secord	
Sept 11-12	Wet N Wild Tournament	Centuria		\$15	No	Sept 1	Toni Sloper	
Sept 18	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	32	\$22	No	Sept 11	James Wicklander	
Sept 18	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	\$20	No	Sept 8	Dan Newkirk	
Sept 19	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		\$22	No	Sept 8	Dan Newkirk	
Oct 2	Junction City Singles	Junction City	24	\$20	Yes	Sept 25	James Wicklander	
Oct 2-3	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Sept 22	Dan Newkirk	
Oct 9-10	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	30	\$11	No	Oct 2	Dave Volz	
Oct 16	WHPA Fall Meeting Delton Sportsman's Club							
Oct 23-24	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Oct 16	Gary Volz	
Nov 6-7	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	32			Oct 30	Gary Volz	
Nov 13-14	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Nov 3	Dan Newkirk	
Dec 4-5	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Nov 27	Gary Volz	
Dec 11-12	Snowflake	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Dec 1	Dan Newkirk	

Jr Class Yes or No (Yes = They will have their own class if enough entries. No = They will be in mixed classes)

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Let's be real for a minute, 2021 has been a rough start for many of us. While the weather is finally allowing us the ability to get outside without freezing, and covid-19 finally seems to be slowing down, we have been looking at our horseshoe family with baited breath wondering if everyone is okay. The loss of Team World and Club Team for another season is sad, but you know what: It will be fine. Other tournaments are starting up, Walking Doubles is a go and currently the World Tournament plans to move forward. Luckily, we will finally be together this spring and summer pitching shoes and sharing smiles. At least we can look forward to something.

But, like everything else, with the good, comes the bad.

The fight of Kelly Heinritz to beat cancer in its tracks and send it packing has so many of us hitting our knees on a regular basis. The unexpected diagnosis of Smiling Greg Bergles left us all speechless as we can do nothing more than simply pray that we see him in the pits soon and can look upon that smile again. Now, the loss of someone like Earl Paulson is immeasurable isn't it? While Earl's death was not unexpected it still hit like a punch to the gut didn't it? Beloit without Earl? Unimaginable. How much more can our horseshoe family take?

"Horseshoe Family"...while we have all said that phrase hundreds of times, it seems like lately I have been getting a better definition of it for myself. What does it mean to you when you hear the words "Horseshoe Family"? Let me try to explain what it means to me.

I am diagnosed as having "persistent and major depressive disorder". What that means, in its simplest terms, is that I am a walking basket case of emotions. Now, those that know me best know what that means and how I may act. Sometimes, for no reason at all that I can put in words, I am terrified, or deeply sad, or overly giddy, or incredibly shy, or ridiculously boisterous. I can be a huge pain in the behind for those that know me best and love me regardless. My local club in Deansville has dealt with this for over 20 years now and they are awfully good at it. Have there been moments where they wish I were more normal? Undoubtedly more times than I could ever count. But I also know that they will do anything to help at any time. Losing long term club members over the last few years has taken a toll on my feeling of safety, but with the passing of those like Rudy Van Fleet, Don Ilgen, Allan Huizenga, and Billy Dahmen, I still have the security of John Meyer, Kerry Morris, Julio Tijerina and Gary Volz. But, the best part, is my new horseshoe family members who seem to have noticed that I now need them. People like Sandy Anderson, Gerald Harris, and Ed Pulsfus. All of whom have become much larger parts of my family than they may even know.

Now, I know that covers my local leagues, but sometimes my moods can make it terrifying for me to go to other tournaments. That is where the horseshoe family really kicks in. When I travel someplace and see faces that instantly calm me. When I am sitting in my car trying to decide if I can really do it today, and the right smile or wave hits and I know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that I am safe and that I am cared for. I can only hope that someone out there feels that way when they see me approaching as well...and isn't that what family is all about really, surrounding yourself with people you love, who love you in return? Thank you all, from the bottom of my messed up heart, for being my family.

## Unfortunate Cancellations

Jeff Secord

The Beloit Horseshoe Club has made the heartbreaking decision to pull out of hosting the events planned to be held at Telfer Park in May because of restrictions of public rental of parks for activities and events has been extended by the City of Beloit Parks and Recreation Department into May and potentially longer.

### **Beloit / Telfer Arena Updates**

Court setup for April 24 is canceled. The Jim Haupt Memorial (Club Team), State Walking Doubles, and Beloit Encore Tournaments will not be played on their scheduled dates at Telfer Park. Watch for communication from the following people for details on whether these tournaments will be rescheduled or cancelled:

- Club Team (Jim Haupt Memorial) - Dave Volz
- State Doubles - WHPA Executive Board
- Beloit Encore - Dan Newkirk

Team World is canceled and will not be rescheduled in 2021.

The 36th Team World Tournament will be held May 13, 14, and 15, 2022 at Telfer Park in Beloit.



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

God has had a lot to say about life and death in the Bible, not really earth-shattering news since He is the giver of life. He states in the book of James that “Your life is like the morning fog – it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.” I can remember my high school years as plain as day. And blink ... I’m in my 30’s. Another blink ... I’m in my 50’s. The next blink I may be in heaven. Where does the time go?? I’m a grandpa now, is that possible? Can’t be, I don’t feel like I’m a grandpa. But the grey beard and forming wrinkles tell another story.

How long do each of us have? How long will you be pitching at a high ringer percentage? Remember you are getting older too? The body feels more aches than it did. The joints hurt. Muscles feel weak. The mind isn’t as sharp. Getting ringers takes extra work.

While I look forward to the warmer weather & pitching shoes again, it’s hard to say what is in store for me. Will I pitch in very many tournaments? Probably not. Will I pitch in the World Tournament ... don’t know. State ... too far off to call. You see, my situation in life has drastically changed 3 months ago. My wife Kelly has been diagnosed with cancer, not a pleasant thought. And after 3 surgeries, numerous doctor’s appointments, tests & other lab activities, I can honestly say that we have had our fill of doctors. And we cannot be sure of the outcome. She just received her first chemotherapy treatment, so I down & 15 to go. Oh and then there is radiation treatment. What will her quality of life look like throughout the year? And though it’s not me that has cancer, my heart aches right alongside of hers. In marriage, according to our Creator, the two become one. When she hurts I hurt. When she is doing well, I’m doing well.

My advice to you is simple, do not take life for granted. None of us can say what a day may bring forth. You may hear of others going through cancer or some other life changing situation, but how many of us think “It will never happen to me”? Will Kelly survive this ... don’t know. We have no guarantees! The moment you think you’ve got it licked, it may come back with a vengeance. Life is a gift.

So my dear horseshoe pitching friends, if God has given you good health, then get out there on the courts. Truly enjoy the camaraderie with friends. Build those relationships. Hopefully I can join you. And thank Him for every moment you have breath.

*“When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. ... Young people, it’s wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do.” Ecclesiastes 11:8-9 NLT*

### “The Patriot Horseshoe Tournament”

July 4th - 2021 (Sunday) – Sanctioned (28-21-028)

Place: Beloit Horseshoe Club (640 W Ravine Dr, Beloit, WI 53511)

Entry Deadline: Saturday, June 23, 2021

Entry Fee: \$20.00      Limit: 48 entries      Rain Date: None

Format: Singles, Round-Robin, 40 or 50 shoe games depending on class size

Starting class times (approx): 9am, 12:30, 4 pm

Cash awards (for everyone plus a prize):

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Many pitchers say this is the most fun tournament of the year and cannot wait to see everyone again. There will be food, raffles, and just plain fun, and maybe even some random face painting. I have some new shirts made up at a cost of 15.00. Note new location and that the tournament now is sanctioned. Sign up early, as this tournament usually fills up a month ahead. If you are not sanctioned yet, that cost is 35.00 plus entry fee.

Kevin Brekke, event organizer.

**Deansville Memorial**

Gary Volz

Class A

Eugen Pribnow	5.5	.5	55.42
G Bogenschneider	4.5	1.5	55.83
Ray Groskinsky	4	2	55.42

Class B

Rich Peterson	5	2	45.36
Al Holloway	4.5	2.5	41.07
Tianna Lincoln	4	3	37.5

Class C

Dobie Gutweiler	4.5	.5	35.5
Gary Volz	4	1	37
Jim Menzel	3	2	31.5

Class D

Brenda Price	5.5	1.5	26.79
Mark LaBarge	5	2	21.79
Greg Bergles	4	3	18.21



Deansville Memorial Photos

Class A: Ray, Eugene, Glenn

Class B: Rich. Al, Tianna

Class C: Gary, Dobie, Jim

**Summit Ridge Freezeroo**

Dave Volz

Class A

John Meyer	4	1	66
Ray Groskinsky	4	1	57
Kerry Morris	4	1	51.5

Class B

Cliff Shave	5	0	60.5
Rich Peterson	2	3	43.5
Greg Smith	2	3	37

Class C

Edwin Pulsfus	5	0	32
Gary Volz	4	1	30
Dave Quaid	2.5	2.5	26

Class D

Jim Menzel	4	1	31
Russell Kozlowski	4	1	28.5
Chad Volz	3	2	25.5

Class E

Mark LaBarge	5	0	24
Patrick LaBarge	4	1	21
Kalena Quaid	3	2	13



Freezeroo Photos

Class A: Ray, John, Kerry

Class B: Rich. Cliff, Greg

Class C: Dave, Edwin, Gary

Class D: Russell. Jim, Chad

Class E: Patrick, Mark, Kalena

**Each One Reach One Contest**

We have started another Each One Reach One contest this year. For each new member you refer you get an entry into a drawing for 2 \$25 prizes and 5 \$10 prizes. A new member is anyone who has not been a WHPA member for the past 2 years. The drawing will be held at the fall meeting. Submit the name, address, DOB, email, phone, sponsor to John Secord

**Valentine Results**

Dan Newkirk

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	5	0	71
Dennis Reid	4	1	64.5
Tammy Newkirk	3	2	54
<u>Class B</u>			
Bruce McLinn	5	0	41
Rowen Swick	4	1	45.5
Cliff Shave	3	2	38.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Sam Mataya	4	1	39
Jill Peterson	4	1	38
Jeff Gustafson	3	2	37
<u>Class D</u>			
Kevin Brekke	5	0	30.5
Greg Smith	4	1	36.5
Jim Menzel	3	2	28
<u>Class E</u>			
Dave Quaid	5	0	37.5
Tom Steinke	4	1	32.5
Patrick LaBarge	2	3	22
<u>Class F</u>			
Rondi Mengelt	4	1	29
Leo Linhart	4	1	27.5
Glenn Hanson	3	2	20
<u>Class G</u>			
Rick Swan	5	0	28
Mike Loftus	4	1	15
Greg Bergles	3	2	13
<u>Class H</u>			
Gary Glover	5	0	13.5
Kalena Quaid	3	2	11.5
Barb Ramquist	3	2	8.5



Valentine Photos

Class A: Tammy, Dennis, John      Class E: Patrick, Dave, Tom  
 Class B: Bruce, Rowen, Cliff      Class F: Glenn, Rondi, Leo  
 Class C: Jeff, Sam, Jill              Class G: Greg, Rick, Mike  
 Class D: Greg, Kevin, Jim            Class H: Kalena, Gary, Barb

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If renewal is after June 30th 2021, \$2 is added to dues

I would like to donate to the electronic scoring upgrade fund .

Just add \$2 \$5 \$10 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the total

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**Pitcher of the Year**

Dave Volz

The Pitcher of the Year award is determined by the number of points accumulated in tournaments from August 1st through July 31st. There are 3 Divisions which are determined by pitcher averages as of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. Division A is 45% and over, Division B is 30% - 44.99% and Division C is below 30%. Pitchers receive 15 points for a 1st place finish, 10 points for a 2nd place finish and 5 points for a 3rd place finish in open WHPA sanctioned tournaments. Bonus points are awarded for attending the WHPA Spring and Fall meetings in the amount of 15 points each. The current leaders are Division A – John Meyer, Ray Groskinsky and Penny Steinke. Division B – Tom Steinke, Jill Peterson and Jeff Gustafson. Division C – Kevin Brekke, Rayna Bauer and Edwin Pulsfus. If you would like to see the current standings, go to the website at [www.whpahorseshoes.com/awards](http://www.whpahorseshoes.com/awards) The site is updated as the results come in from the tournament directors. This award is presented to the winners each year at the awards ceremony at the WHPA State Singles Tournament as well as most improved awards for one adult and one Cadet / Jr. pitcher which is determined by comparing averages each year on August 1<sup>st</sup> to the previous year.

**Klash With Kerry**

Gary Volz

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	7	0	62.5
Eugene Pribnow	5	2	57.8
Bun Carley	4.5	2.5	56.07
<u>Class B</u>			
Jeff Gustafson	7	0	50
Bob Klingaman	4.5	2.5	40.71
Dobie Gutweiler	4	3	32.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Dave Volz	5	2	33.21
Fred Lane	5	2	21.43
Mark LaBarge	4	3	26.79

**Regional Directors Report**

Dave Volz

With all events scheduled to be held at Telfer Park in Beloit having to be canceled, here as an update on them. Team World and Club Team (Jim Haupt Memorial) will not be held again this year because of the number of courts required to effectively run these events. They will be scheduled again in 2022. The Beloit Encore singles tournament will be held as scheduled on May 8th but will be held at the Beloit Horseshoe Club instead. The WHPA State Walking Doubles will be held at the Beloit Horseshoe Club on May 22nd. Ken Heinritz canceled the Kewaskum Open and offered that date for this event. The deadline is May 10th, the entry form is in this issue as well as the WHPA website.

The 2021 World Tournament is still scheduled to take place in Winnemucca, Nevada on July 19-31. The deadline is June 8th and the entry form and online entry is available on the WHPA website. There is also information available about motels and area attractions. If you are making plans for future World Tournaments, the 2022 and 2023 World tournaments have switched years, 2022 will now be held in Monroe, Louisiana and 2023 will be held in Landsing, Michigan.

The new eShoe program is in full swing and seems to be running quite smoothly. The HSMaster program for running tournaments has been upgraded with eShoe and it is a great improvement. When tournament directors send tournament information, player stats and averages are updated immediately. One important thing for pitchers entering a tournament is to make sure your membership dues are up to date. This can easily be done through eShoe or by mail with the form on the website. If a pitcher's membership isn't up to date their tournament information will not update until it is. Tournament Directors easily can and should check an entrant's membership status on the HSMaster program or through eShoe. The latest HSMaster can be downloaded from the WHPA website, there are also videos as well as an HSMaster step by step instructional guide on how to run your tournament. I will have patches and tournament certificates for Tournament Directors at the WHPA spring meeting on April 17th at the Delton Sportsmen's Club. See you there!



Klash With Kerry Photos:  
 Class A: Eugene. Bun, John, Kerry  
 Class B: Jill. Bob, John, Dobie  
 Class C: Fred, Dave, Mark



## “The Cruel Shoes”

by Justin Kern

### “Deep Thinking in Deansville”

*“When I came apart / I  
wasn’t made of sand /  
when you fell apart / clay  
crumbled in my hands”  
Echo and the Bunynmen*

Long drives and throwing shoes are both ideal activities for contemplating big thoughts, those ideas that wander inaudibly and piece

together the whole world. Until the shoe clangs off the stake, or the country road is split from you by a train passing through. With the right setting – peace, time, et cetera – you can return to wandering strands of the world, large and small, even as you’re focused on the task at hand, whether it’s the open road or the horseshoe pits.

The last few months of the past year have been short on long drives and nearly any horseshoes, for me. That is typical of winter where we live; my entirely amateur existence in pitching shoes has been in the sand, which, outside of the year-end folly from last issue’s column, necessitates warmer months.

The possibility of pitching shoes for the first time in clay came at a perfect time for me, after COVID vaccination shots and just before the Deansville Horseshoes Club pulled together their winter season-ending tournament. At the suggestion of our colleague Dobie, I drove an hour and change from my house, going westward, passed idling deer in early active farms and a couple times over the serpentine Maunasha River, to the Deansville. “Isn’t it technically in Marshall?,” the GPS appears to ask with incrimination when I dial up directions. When you’re alone in the car on a trip, you can answer aloud those questions in your head. “Who’s keeping score, Google Maps?” Off the Interstate and through Ixonia, soon after stopped by a mile-long train. Ixonia ... so this is where those “state banks” all come from, huh? All around, spring got closer the closer you looked, if you looked past the melting snow.

Through a surprise cluster of worn residential homes, then over more tracks to the big, welcoming lot at The Barrel Inn, the landing strip next to our horseshoes club du jour. Switch from that freeform thought on the world around me, to one more inward, reflective. Until ...

I had thought maybe I would throw shoes by my-

self, a typical occurrence that I typically relish. Let the brain wander on the back end while I try to knock off the rust against that spike (and sometimes the backboard) in these Club confines. Amid separation from the pandemic, far fewer social situations, I had forgot the search for peace and humanity sometimes, you know, involves other people.

Gerald met me at bar to kindly grab the key for the club next door. After feeling out for comfort levels and making each other laugh once or twice about the state of the world, he offered to keep me company at the club, a quite nice shed with a bar, historical pictures and member folk art, to go along with a music stage and beer signs. In this social atmosphere, it was natural and comforting to have my precious little thoughts joined in parallel by Gerald, pitching and pontificating.

He talked the lingo picked up from about four years of intense playing. Shared advice on why my toss kept coming up short. Explained how to turn over the clay and the ways the old wooden score counters were used. Interspliced, we shared family stories, work histories, thoughts on natural disasters. For innings, sometimes quiet between the *clangs* and *schlocks* of shoes hitting the stake or sucked straight into that cool, absorptive clay. In whole, Gerald offered: “Horseshoe people, that’s who they are,” and then proceeded to share the openness of people he’s come across across Wisconsin, at tournaments across the country.

That wandering flow of dialogue, this time not stowed inside, and a reminder of the conversational freedom in this sport. I’d imagine it’s much more of a pain to touch on your grand theories of the everyday as well as your favorite shaggy dog stories when, say, skating 20 m.p.h. into another player during 30-second shifts on a hockey rink. In horseshoes, you can mull your Zen and speak it, too. Philosophy closer to what you’d find in the barroom, though no less valuable.

Which, after 200-or-so tosses, is where we ended up. In the bar less for drinks and more for the fish fry and, at Gerald’s insistence, the clam chowder. There were still the masks and the distance that have marked and marred this past pandemic year, but it was inching closer to a normal Friday night out. Tasty meals, then some thank yous and goodbyes, before we were both, separately, out the door, into the inky outside at an old train depot converted into a restaurant. Haul home. I took the straighter route back to Milwaukee, through different and fewer farm fields and bucolic yards. Night stepped in as company with a soundtrack of an old ska CD on my car stereo onto the Interstate for a pleasantly thoughtless trip back.

# 25th Annual Wisconsin State Walking Doubles Championships

**Saturday, MAY 22, 2021**

Those entering must have a 2021 paid membership and have a year-end NATSTAT average, as printed in the February 2021 newsletter or have a current E-SHOE average to compete.

Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.

Entry form and \$40 fee payable to the WHPA must be received by MAY 10<sup>th</sup>

Send to: John Secord W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

**Current averages will be used to set all classes.**

**Pitchers combined average may not exceed 120% using year-end average.**

Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.

Cash awards to half of each class.

Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries.

The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.

Players will keep their own score.

**Start times will depend on number of entries.**

**The schedule will be posted online at <http://whpahorseshoes.com>.**

**You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.**

• Competition to be held at 640 W Ravine Rd. Beloit, WI

NHPA-Sanctioned,

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Concessions by the Beloit Horseshoe Club

Please send your entry form and check, payable to the WHPA to:

John Secord W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

High % Pitcher: \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA # \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_

Low % Pitcher: \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA # \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_

### What's New?

Jane Smith

Welcome to 6 new WHPA members: Kim Briggs, April Kaczor, Mark LaBarge, Rich Lodor, Mark Matzke and Kenneth Wery. Each of these new members will receive this issue of the WHNL. Please welcome them to tournaments held this season. Good to all!

The Spring WHPA meeting will be held in Lake Delton, April 17 at 1:00. The WHNL meeting will not be held. This is a GREAT time to see Horseshoe Family members we have not seen for several months. Please mark your calendars now.

### Blast From the Past

Thank you Dave Volz for sending these pictures from years and tournaments of the past. The people in these pictures are / were dedicated WHPA movers and shakers. How many can you name / match? Match the names with numbers. The answers will be in the next WHNL.

You will be smiling and remembering great friendships from these events:-)

### Bits and Pieces

Jane Smith

This opportunity to work on our WHNL is an honor. When subscribers send their renewal money, generally there is a very heartwarming message. As Dobie mentioned, our Horseshoe Family means something different to each person. Our Horseshoe family may never know how we are soothed just thinking of such a caring, friendly class y group of people we call our Horseshoe Family. Dobie mentioned several of our members battling health issues. There are those that may not be out and about in our horseshoe world: Gert Wilczeik, John Garvan, Norm Gage— former pitchers who are battling health issues. We also have the family members of Dave Schorbahn, John Dolezel, Al Huizenga, Tom Steinke (Pam, Penny), Moose Meyer, Gloria Smith who are adjusting to life without their Dad, Mom, spouse, best friend. We have many, like my husband Kirby, who has not always been a horseshoe fanatic but is appreciative of the many kind words, cards, messages, prayers that are sent to ease their days in Hospice.

Keep sending those prayers and positive vibes to our entire Horseshoe Family. God only gives us what we can handle as well as guides us through the adventure.



1.

- A: Woody Woodruff  
Carl Joppe  
Wally Srenaski  
Steve Wiegert  
Cy Srenaski
- B: Hank Schwartz (Zak)  
Lorraine Sternberg  
Jim Haupt  
Gary Schwartz



4.



2.

- C. Bun Carley,  
Ron Yttri  
Bob Runnas  
Sid Anderson
- D: Dan Bloom  
Jane Smith  
Steve Kehn  
John Udelhofen



5.



3.

- E: Duey Valle  
Keith Schlichter  
Ron Butz  
John Secord
- F: Norm Mauthe  
LaVern Edge  
Bill Matey  
Len Mauthe



6.