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Welcome to the WHPA Fall Meeting



Our WHPA Fall Meeting was interesting—as usual. The day began with snow showers travelers had to contend with; the friends catching up with each other since the State Tournament; and celebration Jeff Secord's 50th Birthday!





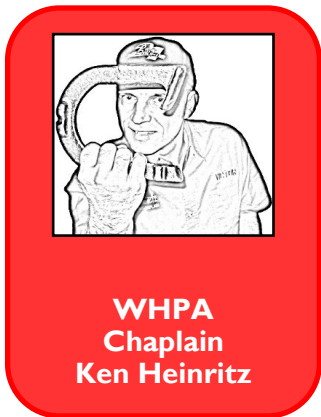
**WHPA President
Dobie Gutweiler**

The holiday season is upon us. As I write this we are sneaking up on Thanksgiving and Christmas is right around the corner. As I plan and prepare meals and gifts I think about everyone that I love and everyone that I want to have a wonderful holiday.

I have a fairly large immediate family. I have 4 children, 1 furry daughter, 2 in-laws, 3 grandsons and 4 furry grandchildren. I also have a nephew I adore, a beautiful niece, a furry nephew, 2 brothers, a sister, a furry sister and my father. Needless to say, my house will be insanely busy on November 22nd, December 24th and December 25th of this year.

Then I think about my other family, the family I chose, all of you. Horseshoes has brought me the most amazing relationships I could have ever imagined.

In my Deansville Club I have been blessed with league partners that have become my closest friends. I still miss Don Illgen every time I pitch a shoe but I am so grateful to have been given John Meyer and Gerald Harris as my current partners in our local leagues. Every time I look around my club, at my team and at the other teams, I can't help but smile. These people are the ones my heart has chosen to love, and they love me right back. I feel the same way when I walk into the Beloit Club and the Platteville Club. Family, we are a family. Now, as president of the WHPA and trying my hardest to go to other Clubs and other tournaments, in spending time with Officers that I didn't know as well as I do now, my heart is exploding with love. All of you, each and every one of you reading this, I hope that 2019 brings all of us more laughter, new friends, old friends and love enough to fill the Grand Canyon. To 2019.



Don't forget to enjoy yourself at your next horseshoe tournament. Yes many of us just go to pitch horseshoes and go home. But why not combine that tournament with something unusual, something 'fun'? Then maybe it would be a little more tolerable for friends or family to come with you and watch. Remember, to the outsider, pitching for 3 hours sounds more like a marathon and it can be difficult to endure. After the tournament, take your spouse to a nice restaurant or take the kids to get ice cream. Doesn't everyone enjoy ice cream? Break up that serious routine and mix it up a little bit. Winning isn't everything!



Life is to be enjoyed whether you win or lose. After all, this is just a game. Life is a gift from God and it's worth living no matter how well you pitch. So watch your attitude, people are watching you. Remember, a cheerful outlook on life is more attractive to those looking in from the outside. He can help you if you let Him.



"My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:10 NLT

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We have a new group email message service. As of now, we have 118 members. If you received a message telling you the latest issue of the WHNL was online, you are a member. If not, send your email address to davevolz@hotmail.com. More information is available on our website:

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What's New?

Jane Smith

We welcome Nancy Murleau, Ken Kinjerski, Melanie Kasun and Brian Kasun as our newest WHPA members. They should receive the NHPA welcome kit including a Tee shirt with the NHPA logo on it and a grocery tote with an inscription that reads "I'd rather be pitching." They will also receive a complimentary issue of our WHNL.

John Secord brought the NHPA New Member shirt and bag Dobie and Kevin are holding.



2019 Sanctioned Tournament Schedule

Date	Sanction #	Tournament	Location	Max Entry	Jr Class	Deadline	Contact
Jan 12-13	28-19-001	001 Tourney	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Jan 2	Dan Newkirk
Jan 19-20	28-19-002	Rumble with Rudy	Deansville	40 \$20	No	Jan 14	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb 9-10	28-19-003	Valentines Tournament	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Jan 31	Dan Newkirk
Feb 16-17	28-19-004	Deansville Memorial	Deansville	40 \$20	No	Feb 10	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb 23	28-19-005	Deansville/Beloit Challenge	Deansville				
Mar 2	28-19-006	Bring a Junior Dbls	Beloit	\$10		Feb 20	Dan Newkirk
Mar 9/10	28-19-007	Klash with Kerry	Deansville	40 \$20	No	Mar 2	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar 30/31	28-19-008	Birthday Bash	Wonewoc	30 \$11	No	Mar 23	Dave Volz
April 6		WHPA Spring Meeting	Delton Sportsman's Club				
April 13-14	28-19-009	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Apr 3	Dan Newkirk
April 27/28	28-19-010	April Showers	Chetek	16 \$10	No	Apr 20	Les Karpel
May 4	28-19-011	Jim Haupt Memorial Team	Beloit	28 \$84	No	Apr 24	Dave Volz
May 5	28-19-012	State Walking Doubles	Beloit	72 \$40	No	Apr 24	John Secord
May 11	28-19-013	Beloit Encore	Beloit	72 \$20	No	May 1	Dan Newkirk
May 11	28-19-014	Eau Claire Early Bird	Eau Claire	64 \$10	Yes	May 4	Dean Chaffee
May 17-19	28-19-015	Team World	Beloit	\$200	No Jrs	May 3	Jeff Secord
May 18	28-19-016	Butternut Open	Butternut	\$15	No	May 11	Jer Wegner
May 25	28-19-017	Platteville Spring Singles	Platteville	36 \$16	Yes	May 17	Mark Mauthe
June 1	28-19-018	Wolf River Open	New London	48 \$16	Yes	May 18	Ken Jaeger
June 2	28-19-019	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64 \$20	Yes	May 25	Dean Chaffee
June 8-9	28-19-020	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32 \$18	Yes	June 1	Cliff Erickson
June 8-9	28-19-021	Spring Fling	Beloit	72 \$20	No	May 30	Dan Newkirk
June 15	28-19-022	Phil Wahl Open	Holman	28 \$20	No	June 12	Wayne Lemar
June 15	28-19-023	Sylvia & Dan David Mem.	Marshfield	\$20	Yes	June 8	Mel Cook
June 15	28-19-024	Muskego Open	Muskego	48 \$20	Yes	June 9	Tom Steinke
June 22-23	28-19-025	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48 \$20	No	June 14	Kent Frailing
June 29-30	28-19-026	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72 \$20	No	June 19	Dan Newkirk
July 6	28-19-027	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	36 \$20	No	June 29	Russ Brockway
July 13	28-19-028	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32 \$18	Yes	July 6	Ray Groskinsky
July 20-21	28-19-029	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Pt	72 \$20	Yes	July 13	Fred Lane
July 22-Aug 3		World Tournament	Wichita Falls Tx			May 15	
July 27	28-19-030	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28 \$15	No	July 20	Jer Wegner
July 31		Wisconsin State Tournament	Entry Deadline				
Aug 3-4	28-19-031	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48 \$20	No	July 26	Kent Frailing
Aug 10	28-19-032	Lox Classic	Combined Locks	\$18	No	Aug 4	Rosemary Kamps
Aug 10-11	28-19-033	Summer Shindig	Rozellville	\$15		Aug 4	Mel Cook
Aug 17	28-19-034	Fond Du Lac Open	Fond Du Lac	48 \$20	Yes	Aug 7	John Meyer
Aug 24-25	28-19-035	Warm Up	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Aug 14	Dan Newkirk
Aug 31 - Sept 1	28-19-036 28-19-037	State Singles Tournament State Championships	Eau Claire	\$25	Yes	July 31	John Secord
Sept 7-8	28-19-038	Wet N Wild Tournament	Centuria	\$15	No	Aug 28	Jane Smith
Sept 14	28-19-039	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	32 \$22	No	Sept 7	Duane Henrikson
Sept 21-22	28-19-040	Don Goldsmith Dbls	Beloit	\$22	No	Sept 11	Dan Newkirk
Oct 5	28-19-041	Junction City Singles	Junction City	24 \$20	Yes	Sept 28	James Wicklander
Oct 5-6	28-19-042	Oct. Fall Singles	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Sept 25	Dan Newkirk
Oct 19		WHPA Fall Meeting	Delton Sportsman's Club				
Oct 26-27	28-19-043	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40 \$20	No	Oct 12	Rudy Van Fleet
Nov 2-3	28-19-044	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Oct 23	Dan Newkirk
Nov 9-10	28-19-045	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	32		Nov 2	Rudy Van Fleet
Dec 7-8	28-19-046	Deansville Open	Deansville	40 \$20	No	Dec 1	Rudy Van Fleet
Dec 14-15	28-19-047	Snowflake	Beloit	72 \$20	No	Dec 4	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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Close Doesn't Count League	Centuria	28-19-049
Platteville League	Platteville	28-19-050
New London League	New London	28-19-051
Stevens Point League	Stevens Point	28-19-052

2018 WHPA Fall Meeting Write up - October 20, 2018 - Lake Delton

Kevin Brekke

Call to order by President Dobie at 1pm. Chaplain Ken Heinritz gave the opening prayer. Secretary John Secord read the minutes of the spring meeting and where accepted as read. That meeting was held at Telfer park on May 5 with 39 in attendance. It was held in conjunction with the Club Team tournament because of the weather cancellation of the spring meeting earlier. The Hall of Fame meeting was immediately after that meeting. John also gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was 2,624.17 and ending balance was 2,536.63.

Jane Smith gave her last 1st VP report for the last time. A few people including myself stood up to tell how much Jane is loved and a pleasure to work with. Jane also mentioned how much she has valued everyone and the horseshoe family made her job that much easier. She will still be doing the newsletter asks for any ideas to make it better. She will also continue to do the stats for the State Teams competition. Jane read off the ten teams that signed up for the state contest among teams. Their position from 1st to last: State Tournament Team Champions – Little Bull Falls, followed by Marshfield, Arkdale, Close Doesn't Count, Stevens Point, Deansville, Eau Claire, Beloit, Muskego and Summit Ridge. Little bull Falls received the traveling trophy, money, certificate of participation and free entry into the 2019 competition. All Clubs received Certificate of Participation with the top 5 receiving money. Thanks to all clubs taking part in this event.

Second VP Kevin Brekke talked about helping out with Telfer Park setup and tear down. The Beloit club is in need of help for setting up at Telfer Park in Beloit for the Club Team, State Doubles, Beloit Encore and Team World tournament in May. There is now a committee consisting of Kevin Brekke, Dobie, Dave Volz, and Ed Wheeler that will be coordinating the help. Please contact and one of the four to volunteer. Date are: to setup up – Saturday April 27, Sun-

day April 28: to tear down – May 20. Kevin also mention the places and dates for the next two world tournaments. They are: 2019 : Wichita Falls Texas – July 22 to August 3rd. (1000 5th St. Wichita Falls, TX 76301) and 2020: Monroe, LA – July 13-25.

Third VP Sonia Cook reported on the Junior Scholarship Fund – Beginning balance was 8,961.11 and ending balance was 10,457.45. Liabilities are now 3,300. She thanked all who donated prizes to the raffle and also made monetary contributions this year.

Marketing and Publicity Director Fred Lane mentioned that the facebook and website are being used for promotion; he secured a sponsor for the state tournament; is willing to work with any club to promote and get monies to help with the costs of running a tournament. He also mentioned about the group email now setup up to get the word out. Dustin Duerr mentioned that rural area do not have internet access and how do we reach them? It was mentioned that he use the phone and mail as an alternative.

Hall of Fame Committee Chairman Jeff Secord mentioned how the presentation at state is a special event. This year's induction of Kevin Brekke was very special. Kevin had a quilt made with his many horseshoe accomplishments and memories featured. His speech was given after which his family was introduced. He mentioned that the vote is just before the spring meeting and nominations are always welcome. To see current nominees you can go to whpahorse-shoes.com and hit the HOF link.

NHPA Jr Promotions Director Aleena Lepak was not present. Sonia mentioned the WT meeting and Junior changes regarding monetary awards.

John Secord did the drawing for the Each One Reach One contest. We had 51 new members this year and we give out two \$25.00 awards and five \$10.00 awards. They went to in order: Jeremy Wagner and Tom Steinke the \$25.00 awards. Jason Villwock, Dave Schorbahn, Deansville club, Eau Claire club, and a Tom

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Fall meeting summary continues from page 7

Dave Volz talked about the state website – WHPA-HORSESHOES.COM – Team World link is now under our State site. He was asked to make sure the newsletter link has the current issue first.

Lonny Transgrud from the Eau Claire club talked about hosting state in 2019. Will be able to park camper inside Carson Park. Hotel and other camping information will be available at the spring meeting. There is a race that goes on that Saturday, but times of the race are not yet known.

Bids for the 2020 State Tournament – Mark Mauthe who was not present but mentioned to Kevin Brekke that the Platteville club was interested and would go in with the Beloit club again. They have some things with the city of Platteville that need to be addressed and would be conditional. If that fell through, the Beloit club would take state then. This will be addressed at the Spring Meeting.

There was mention of a bylaw change because of the new bylaw at national that juniors can accept monies. ARTICLE IX, Section 1B. d. Cash awards may not be won by Juniors pitching. (NHPA RULE)

Since this does not come into play until the State Tournament, will be mentioned in the next newsletter and voted on at the spring meeting.

John Secord mentioned that we currently have 354 members, 306 adults and 48 juniors/cadets.

Next meeting will be April 6th at Lake Delton Sportsmen Club – 2019, 1:00 PM.

10 -20-30 Year Members

John Secord

A very special congratulations to Roger Poutanen as he has received a 50 year membership patch! This is quite an accomplishment. Though he does not pitch very often in competition, he is a very valuable member and role model for all of us. 4 pitchers have earned 30 year patches: Russ Burns, Mel Cook, Penny Steinke, and Elaine Troullier. 5 pitchers received 20 year patches: Tom Bird, Art Collien, Tava Cook, Russ Heinritz, and Jerry Kamps. A grand total of 12 pitchers received 10 year patches: Randy Barnes, Jarrod Bisch, Dave Carpenter, Cindy Castellano, John Drexler, Blake Lazaris, Steven Lazaris, Mary Sue Morris, Todd Sheehan, Toni Sloper, Randy White and Jack Zane. Congratulations to all!

Pitcher Profile - Russ Brockway

Fred Lane

There's no question Russ Brockway loves the sport of horseshoe pitching! Russ has been around horseshoes and it's been in his blood since he was born. As a young boy he recalls seeing his Dad Duffy, Grandpa and a bunch of "old farts" pitching shoes on their lunch hour during the tobacco harvest. Russ also grew up with pits in his backyard. His dad, Duffy, would eventually build a garage around the pit so he could pitch year-round! Russ didn't start pitching sanctioned horseshoes until a few years back. He was introduced into sanctioned horseshoe pitching from his brother Rich Brockway and it didn't take long for him to start seeing success. Russ has won a number of patches including a State Class Championship, he earned 2016 most improved and Class C pitcher of the year as well as Class B pitcher of the year in 2017. Russ Brockway's passion for the sport is unmatched. This year Russ volunteered to become the WHPA historian, preserving the WHPA's history for many years to come! The WHPA is lucky to have a guy like you. Thank you Russ!

2018 was a very special year for Russ and the crew down in the Kickapoo Valley! He organized and worked hard with locals to install 6 brand new sanctioned horseshoe pits at Log Cabin Heritage Park in Gays Mills, WI where he hosted a very successful tournament. If you didn't make this year's tourney, the beautiful scenery and drive alone is worth the travel to Gays Mills.

Those that know Russ, knows he loves collecting horseshoes. Russ probably has a pair of horseshoes in every room of his house. Between the hundreds and hundreds of horseshoes Russ owns, his Henton V-Locks are his favorites! It was the first pair of horseshoes his dad gave him and he even has them autographed by Red Henton himself. Russ dedicates a lot of his time to the sport he loves but I asked Russ what enjoyed doing when he wasn't pitching shoes, he said with a smile "I love doing anything outdoors...fishing, hunting and picking mushrooms."

Kevin Brekke's 2018 Christmas Poem. Thank you, Kevin

Deansville Singles
Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

G Bogenschneider	7	1	54.17
Leo Richter	6	2	54.58
Tammy Nwkirk	5	3	52.08

Class B

P Schwerdifeger	6	2	41.25
Dustin Duerr	4	4	36.67
Cliff Shave	2	6	42.92

Class C

Kerry Morris	5	2	35
Randy White	5	2	30.71
Dave Volz	5	2	30.71

Class D

Tom Steinke	5	1	30.24
Sandy Anderson	5	1	24.17
Ralph Marthaler	5	1	23.76

Class E

Chuck Wargner	4	1	24
Jedidiah Sowatzke	4	1	22.65
Richard Conrad	2	3	14.5

Added Note: Jedidiah Sowatzke, 10 years old, participated and placed very well. He was a welcome addition and we hope he will come back and play in other Deansville tourneys.

Deansville Doubles
Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

Al Holloway / Mike Cone	5	0	43.65
John Meyer / Sandy Anderson	4	1	39.65
T. Newkirk / D. Newkirk 2	1	3	32.65

Class B

Tegwin Case / Mike Stabenow	6	0	36.1
Dave Leckwee / Bill Dahman	5	1	28.8
Tony Scrima / Tom Steinke	3	3	27.4

A Different Kind of Night

Tonight, would be different, a few would see
 A babe would be born that would change history
 This babe would embody all truth to those few
 This night would be different, if they only knew
 Shepherds left everything to follow a star
 That different night would not tell them how far
 Even wise men were moved to go on a journey
 That would just add to this different night's story
 Could this night forever change the hearts of men
 And answer for all, the question of when
 Like those that night they left everything to see
 Could that night make a difference in me?

Kevin Brekke
11-26-2018



First time State Tournament pitchers signatures on the WHPA Banner: George Dorn, Dee Esberner, Wally Grulkman, Bob Klingaman, Jim Menzel, Jeff Pagel, Zak Rodriguez, Zach Secord, Sean Shopinski, David Stakston, Ron Studinski, Mitchell Uttech



Deansville
Doubles
Pitchers



A Legend – Casey Jones with Mary Jones

Fred Lane

FOUR DEAD . . . a phrase often called out when watching the best horseshoe pitchers battle it out on the horseshoe courts, vying for the coveted title of Wisconsin State Champion. The term “four-dead” means all four horseshoes are around the stake, cancelling each pitcher’s ringers out. After enjoying the competition at the 2018 WI State Tourney my curiosity got the best of me and I began to research the history of Charles “Casey” Jones. Casey Jones was a 19 time WI State Champion, earning 3 titles as a Jr and 16 Men’s titles. Casey was Wisconsin’s best horseshoe pitcher and is considered by many to be the best horseshoe pitcher never to win a world championship. Casey competed in eleven World Tournaments finishing 2nd four times, 3rd four times, 4th, 6th and 10th. He had an overall ringer percentage of 80.4% He was inducted into the NHPA HOF in 1968 and the WHPA HOF in 1976. After researching the internet, I came across a wonderful article from 2017 on Casey’s wife, Mary Jones.



The article told a story about Mary’s life growing up, adventures with Casey and her outstanding bowling achievements. I would have never thought in my wildest dreams I would have the chance to meet the wife of horseshoe legend, Casey Jones. But I figured if she’s still around, I might as well give it a try. I found Mary’s number and gave her a call. When I explained who I was and that I was interested in meeting her, she was more than happy to invite me over for a visit. On September 23rd, Kevin Brekke, Jane Smith and I traveled to Plymouth to meet Mary and she opened her door and welcomed us with open arms. Mary Jones resides in Plymouth, lives life to the fullest and just celebrated her 95th birthday. She’s an avid Packer and Badger fan and loves to play cards with her friends. Mary showed us 3 of Casey’s trophies that she had kept for all these years. Casey’s first boy’s title he won in 1932, his first men’s title he won in 1935 and a Midwest championship trophy he won in 1947. Mary also showed us an Ohio and Gordon horseshoe that was pitched by Casey as well as an album loaded with newspaper articles and pictures from Casey’s horseshoe pitching days. Mary would go on to donate this album to the WHPA to preserve its history. We were all truly honored to meet Mary that day. We didn’t want to come empty handed, Jane shared a bottle of her maple syrup, I brought a WHPA lapel pin and Kevin presented Mary with a WHPA HOF patch to recognize Casey for his 1976 induction. The experience was unforgettable and 3 hours flew by in what seemed like minutes. I’ll cherish the moment for a long time.

A Friend Missed

Norm Mauthe lost his life in a car accident on his way to the Fall WHPA meeting. Those of us at the meeting were wondering where Mark and Norm were as they are dedicated members of our WHPA. After the meeting, we received a call saying Mark and Norm were in a one car accident and Norm was killed instantly. Mark was the passenger and survived the accident. It was a sad ending to what was an interesting day of hugs, smiles and snow showers.

Norm and Joyce (his wife who preceded him in death in 1994) had two sons, Jeff and Mark. The Mauthe’s were a horseshoe family beginning in 1981. Norm was a founding member of the Platteville Horseshoe Club. He was instrumental in hosting the WHPA State Tournament in Platteville three different years. In 1999, he was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame. Norm was a quiet gentleman who loved the horseshoe game and family. He will be greatly missed on the courts as spectator and tournament director.

Norm was a man of many interests as he enjoyed gardening, cards, hunting, bowling and cheering on the Badgers and Packers.

Norm was a devoted Christian and lived a life with God’s love in his heart. He Was a faithful and caring husband, a loving and providing father, a person who gave of himself to others and took time to listen intently and genuinely cared. He was an honest man and worked hard in life and believed in the importance of being meticulous at his craft. He was a quiet and humble man who led by example in that he showed people that it is the easiest thing in the world to be kind.

