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Fall Meeting

-Jim Haupt

President Glenn Bogenschneider brought down his gavel at 1:00 p.m. to start the Fall Meeting at the clubhouse of the Lake Delton Sportsmen calling on our Chaplain.

Ken Heinritz addressed the WHPA members with a prayer asking for good communication, granting our leaders the wisdom to rule well, finally asking for better health for members suffering.

John Secord read previous minutes and the treasurer's report indicating a current balance of \$2238.



Wisconsin Hall of Fame Update

-Edie McKinney

At this time we have 13 persons nominated for the WI Hall of Fame. After 10 years on the HoF nomination selection list the nominee's name is removed from the list. In 2012 Dave Forseth and Ken Lovaas were removed. They can be nominated again by anyone completing the form on page 11 of this issue.

The following is a list of the present nominees and a brief bit of information about them. Anyone at any time can add to the accomplishments of the nominees to update their information.

Don Goldsmith, nominated in 2006.

First VP, Jane Smith thanked all tournament directors for reporting results with sanction numbers for her POY database. Then she switched to making awards for the club competition at the state tournament. Winner, once more, is, drum roll, Marshfield.

Smith next announced the list of the club conglomerate cooperating together to run the 2013 State Tournament at Mosinee, to be: New London, Close Doesn't Count, Marshfield, Fond du Lac, Muskego, Little Bull Falls, and Arkdale, with Ray Groskinsky as THE tournament director. It should be said, these clubs actually are represent-

ed by just one or two members: Jane Smith, and Edi McKin-

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Pitched in many State tournaments and won his class in 1981 and 1983. In 1992, he was diagnosed with Leukemia and returned to pitching in 1993!

Don Hostrup, nominated in 2008. Began pitching in 1983 and attended 17 World tournaments. He and his wife, Ida, made the scoreboards for the CDC league and designed the trophies for the 1986 State tournament.

Gene Mason, nominated also in 2008, entered his first State tournament in 1959. He was Elders State Champion and has missed only four State tournaments in 50 years!

Cliff and Elaine Troullier, in 2008, attended and worked many world tournaments. They also were mainstays at the State tournaments not only pitching but also running

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| | | Entry Fee | D/L | Contact Person |
|-------------|--|------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 1-2 | Deansville | \$18 | 10/23 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Dec 8-9 | Beloit Snowflake (28-12-039) | \$18 | 12/1 | Earl Paulson |
| Jan 5 | X-mas Party Beloit | \$15 | 12/29 | Earl Paulson |
| Jan 12-13 | Beloit 001 Tourney (28-13-001) | \$18 | 12/6 | Earl Paulson |
| Jan 26-27 | Deansville Rally (28-13-003) | \$18 | 1/16 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Feb 9-10 | Beloit Valentine (28-13-002) | \$18 | 2/2 | Earl Paulson |
| Mar 2-3 | Bring A Pal Doubles @ Beloit – one sanctioned & one unsanctioned pitcher (If pitching both days, must have different partners) | \$20/ team | 2/22 | Earl Paulson |
| Mar 9 | Bring A Junior Doubles (includes 2012 Sanction for Junior) | \$10 | 3/2 | Earl Paulson |
| Mar 16-17 | Klash with Kerry Deansville (28-13-004) | \$18 | 3/6 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Mar 23-24 | Red Ferguson (28-13-005) | \$18 | 3/16 | Earl Paulson |
| April 13-14 | Spring Fling (28-13-006) @ Beloit | \$18 | 4/6 | Earl Paulson |
| April 20-21 | April Showers Limit 16 Chetek (28-13-038) | \$10 | 4/6 | Les Karpziel |
| May 4 | Club Team (28-13-007) @ Beloit | \$84/ team | 3/18 | J's Haupt/Paulson (see p.2) |
| May 5 | WHPA Doubles (28-13-008) @ Beloit | \$40/ team | 3/17 | John Secord (see p.2) |
| May 11 | Earlybird Eau Claire (28-13-009) | \$5 | 5/4 | Laurie Dolezel |
| May 11 | Beloit Encore (28-13-010) | \$20 | 5/4 | Earl Paulson |
| May 17-20 | Team World (28-13-011) @ Beloit | \$200 | 5/3 | Earl Paulson |

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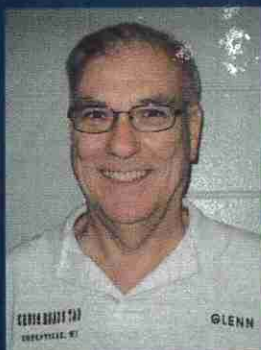
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From the President- Glenn Bogenschneider



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WOW! Another horseshoe year is coming to a close. It seems like just yesterday I was doing my first President's Message and now I am doing my sixth.

It been an outstanding year for the WHPA. We had a number of new clubs and cities offering tournaments. We had the winning TEAM World entry. We received National attention as we bid for the 2014 World tournament. We had a professional and successful State tournament that saw three new state champions crowned.

It was also a sad year in that we lost a number of our significant contributors to horseshoe pitching in Wisconsin. We will deeply miss them.

I would like to thank Jim Haupt for serving as our Regional Director. Jim is always ready, willing, and able to assist in any way that he can. Job well done, Jim. We welcome John Meyer as our new RD and wish him the best in his position. John is truly qualified to serve and is off to a great state for 2013.

In recapping his year, I would say the thing that stood out the most was - - YOU. I have met more people this year than ever before and the feeling of togetherness, respect, and comradeship really hit home. Horseshoe pitchers are fun to be around.

Thank you for that, and, please keep it up.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the midst of the Holiday Season. On behalf of Sandy and myself, here is wishing you and yours a truly safe, healthy, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Behind the Mask

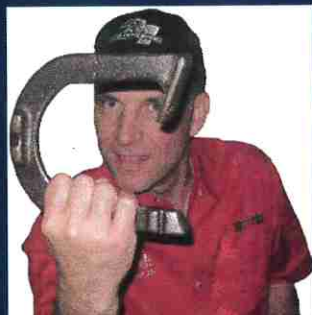
With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Quietly, a champion rises to the top, but none as graceful as Wisconsin's very own Gert Wilcziek.

Is there an NHPA sanctioned league that does not need a sub every once in a while? Of course we all do. But what would you think if the sub you acquired would be a state champion within 4 years? Well, that's exactly what happened with this Whitehall gal. Sitting on the spectator side of the courts in 1994, while cheering on her husband Ron, Gert was coerced into subbing in for someone who did not show up on a league night. Little did that group of men know that this hardworking farm girl had what it took to be a champion? Can you say NATURAL?

Since winning her first championship in 1998, top honors would be hers 11 more times; that's 12 Wisconsin Women's Titles in 14 years. One might wonder, what could have happened if she had subbed in 30 years earlier in that Men's league.

Gert, who is very soft-spoken, has not only starred in State tournaments but has also made her mark at World Tournaments. A couple years ago after the Women's A-1 Class prelims, former World Champions Sue Snyder & Joan Elmore were overheard talking. Sue stated, "At least we won't have to worry about Gert this year" who chose to play in the Senior Women's Division" rather than the Championship Women's Division. That year, Gert completed the 3



Down 'n Back - followed by a siren

By, Jim Haupt

I participate in a few horseshoe leagues. Three lay north of my home, about twenty miles.

While on my way home from horseshoes one night this past summer, and on my usual route down the I-road, I approached the exit at high speed. Rather than abruptly brake and lose my momentum I continued through the U-turn exit like Barney Olfield coming out of the north turn at the Fair Park.

Immediately, upon reaching the city street, I heard a siren. I did brake then looking to and fro for the accompanying red light. Nothing.., Ok to proceed. Still there was that siren following me.

Changed the radio station. It didn't stop. Actually shut down the radio. The siren still blared. Passed two cops having a gab fest..

"Maybe I should ask them what was up. The heck with that. What do they know anyway? "

The wail of the siren continued.

"Oh-Oh," I thought, " the check engine light has been on for almost a year, maybe the car manufacturer has it programmed to sound off a siren after neglecting the service light.

"Boy-Oh-boy, I am going to give those Acura people a piece of my mind."

The siren is just as loud.

"Stop it!"

I said it aloud, thinking,

"O Yeah."

So I stopped. Shut down the engine only to hear that damn siren!

I was almost all the way home. Backed into the driveway all the time listening to that siren behind me..

" Behind? Yes, behind."

Then it struck my mind.

"Behind!"

I released the trunk lid. Sure as Hell, there was my battery powered megaphone laying on its side, alert switch in the on position, blaring with that incessant whine.

"Well.., anyway.., guess the batteries are OK."



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days of prelims on top of the A-I class, finishing ahead of both Sue & Joan.

This year Gert easily won the Senior Women's Title going 7 -0, pitching a whopping 81.97%, with only one game below 80%.

By comparison, only Joan Elmore of the Championship Women's Division finished with a higher percentage.

Gert wins big tournaments, but quietly wins. No fanfare or formal celebrations. Perhaps it's because we know she is good and expect her to win. Maybe Gert's fame hasn't reached epic proportions, but maybe it has. My niece Christina was 9 years old and learning to pitch when she said, "I want to pitch like Gert." There you have it.

When you are known by your first name only, you know that you've arrived. And to do it with such grace!

Way to go Gert . . . another true champion!!

Our Lord states in I Peter 3:4 that *"You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."*



Missed the newsletter deadline? Have some important news to share?

Simply send an email to:

whpa_bulletin@yahoogroups.com

Everyone who subscribes will receive your important email!

Hall of Fame Nominations

Just a reminder, Hall of Fame nominations are due to Chairlady, Edie McKinney, by February 1, 2013. Her address is found on page 2 of this edition. The form is on Page 11 of this newsletter and is also available on the WHPA Site.

State Horseshoe Tournament Video on DVD

A full version video of the state tournament activities is now available for purchase. Since you were a part of this event, I know that you would enjoy it. I shared it with Laurie Dolezel and Jane Smith (Tournament Directors) and they provided the following reviews.... Laurie said " it is a great momento! I think it will be a good Christmas present too! Loved the music you chose for it too! I encourage anyone who attended to purchase this. So many pictures, so many friends, so much fun watching! (better than the sit coms on TV anyway!)" And Jane Smith commented "WOW! You did a super job with the video. It included many pitchers and spectators. I don't think you missed anyone".

The video is provided to you on a DVD. On the DVD is a 50 minute video of all activities from the opening flag ceremony on Saturday morning to the awarding of trophies late on Sunday evening. Activities covered include portions of the Chapel service, the complete Hall of Fame Ceremony, photo slideshows of all the winners of all the classes, the final shoes of the Men's and Women's Championship matches, video coverage of the awarding of trophies to the Championship classes and more.

So your question is...."I'd really like to purchase one or more DVD's for my own viewing or as a gift to a family member or friend. How might that be possible?" Here is the pricing information.

Each DVD can be purchased for \$15.00. Add to that \$2.00 to cover shipping and handling. I will send them to you via the United States Postal Service. If interested, contact me by US mail or email, provide me your mailing address, let me know how many DVD's requested, send me a check (or cash) and I will send you the DVD(s). You can use the form provided below.

DVD sales can also provide a way to add money to the horseshoe youth scholarship fund. If you send me a check for \$20.00 or a \$20 bill, I will reimburse to Sonia Cook the extra \$3.00 to the scholarship fund.

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| Number of DVD(s) _____ | @ \$15 = | _____ |
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| Scholarship Fund Contribution | | \$3.00 (Optional) |
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I have seen a copy of the aptly described DVD and can attest to the foregoing words by Denis Keiser. This is the first time I have ever had the good fortune to relive a great State Tournament. You can too. -JH

Fall Meeting Continued from Page 1

ney, Mel and Sonia Cook, John Meyer and John Secord, and Tom Steinke and a few. Add Mosinee, Randy and Marge Rein, by default. Set-up labor on a volunteer basis will be a full week prior, August 24. Ken Jaeger will be looking for all the help he can get.

Publishing the tournament booklet is anticipated as a unique problem in that local advertisers are not likely customers for remotely located clubs. Clubs, all clubs, are being asked to ante-up \$40 to cover printing costs.

The raffle queen and Scholarship Fund Director, Sonia Cook, took over thanking the Golden-dale Club and other direct contributors, announcing the Fund has liabilities of \$7800 and a cash balance of \$10,200.

Our direct connection to the NHPA, Dick Hansen, said he was sorry the Wausau World Tournament bid failed as he anticipates the 2014 World will be his last year as NHPA Sec-Treas. He also lamented the fact that overhand pitching was officially banned at the last convention, that and the sixty-five yr. old designation was not, not, recognized for the Elders division. Some members see a Cadets discrepancy with five years old kids facing a bigger kid of twelve.

New NHPA Regional Director, John Meyer, asked for better communication with tournament directors, saying he is well into forming the 2013 schedule but has not heard from some prospective directors.

The Days of November

By, Jim Haupt

Cooler weather brings the dismal of days of November. Horseshoe pitchers are likely deer hunters. Most also gather for a family Thanksgiving. While Black Friday is of little consideration, bundle up, butcher that venison, digest that stuffed turkey and consult your December calendar. Enter an indoor event, either at Deansville or Beloit.

Jeff Secord, Edi McKinney's right hand man, repeated the request for more letters of either Hall of Fame induction or additional approval for those already in nomination.

Under 'Old Business', Bogenschneider stated that the association is still looking for volunteers to chair both a publicity and a membership committee. "We will give them directions," was Bogenschneider's promise.

New Business: The WHPA provides each new member with one copy of the Newsletter. It was suggested it be accompanied by a cover letter including these words by Jeff Secord, "Please fill in the subscription form for additional copies."

Last spring the State Meeting was conducted in May, being deferred on a one year trial. Scheduling next spring's meeting went up for a vote. Too close to be called by show of hands, it went to paper: 15 voted April. 14 voted March. Next meeting is April 3, 2013, Lake Delton.

The Wisconsin team, winning Team World last year will be honored as defending champions, repeating with the same personnel despite the fact that others may out-rank them on a percentage scale.

Randy Rein announced, Badger State Games will once more schedule horseshoes looking for greater participation.

With the absence of other bids, Beloit was awarded to be the host club for the 2014 State Tournament.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm.

Percentages

By, Jim Haupt

Bob Champion of Colorado publishes the "Double Ringer," a horseshoe newsletter heavy on results and statistics. We borrowed these, interesting to all.

From a World Tournament survey it was found that 93% pitched right handed, 49% with a 1&1/4 turn, 16% - 3/4 turn, 13% - 1&3/4 turn, and 21% pitched the flip.

The average horseshoe pitcher pitching a **31% average is right on the median**. Over that and you're above average. 44% and up, you're in the top 20%, over 50% is in the top 10%. Only one percent of pitchers over 70%.



Beloit October Singles

Oct 13/14

Class A

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| Jesse Garza | 5 | 0 | 56. |
| Mark Mauthe | 4 | 1 | 55.2 |
| Jeff Gustafson | 3 | 2 | 44.4 |

Class B

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|-------|
| Linda Roeber | 5 | 1 | 32.5 |
| Mike Rousseau | 4 | 2 | 38.33 |
| Jim Haupt | 4 | 2 | 27.5 |

Class C

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| Rowen Swick | 5 | 0 | 32.8 |
| Norm Mauthe | 3 | 2 | 24. |
| Robert Starck | 2.5 | 2.5 | 29.6 |

Class D

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|-------|
| Ron Stevens | 6 | 0 | 30.42 |
| Julie Petrovski | 4 | 2 | 15. |
| Donald Miller | 3 | 3 | 27.5 |

Class E

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Rondi Mengelt | 4 | 1 | 24. |
| Rick Borgwardt | 3 | 2 | 24. |
| Guy Modde | 2.5 | 2.5 | 22.8 |

Class F

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---|-------|
| Jack Zane | 5 | 0 | 17.2 |
| Anne Miller | 3 | 2 | 9.6 |
| Al Ostenson | 2 | 3 | 10.32 |

Marengo

By, Steve Stevens

Night rains changed to an early morning sun to welcome out of town pitchers. The sticky Chenoa clay would dry throughout the cool and windy day.

A ringer express from the north side of Marshfield journeyed here to tailgate and enjoy the north's colors.

Two Wisconsin tournament directors bring to town, teams looking for a title.

A five time neighboring state league champion would provide a formidable task.

Congratulations to a new tournament champion and thank you to everyone that made this tourney run smoothly.

Class A

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|------|
| Cliff Erickson | 4/1 | 38.47 | Mark Stevens | 3/2 | 30.6 |
| Ed Hack | 4/1 | 25.7 | John Olson | 2/3 | 30.3 |

Class C

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|------|------------------------------|-------|--|
| Jim Bertelson | 4/1 | 27.4 | <u>4 player team doubles</u> | | |
| Randy Mitchell | 4/1 | 21.4 | Bessmer, MI | 15/5 | |
| | | | Eagle River | 12/8 | |
| | | | Wausau | 10/10 | |
| | | | Stratford | 3/17 | |



Beloit Autumn Harvest

Nov 3/4

Class A

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|-------|
| Jesse Garza | 5.5 | .5 | 55.83 |
| Gunnar David | 4 | 2 | 50.83 |
| Jeff Gustafson | 4 | 2 | 44.58 |

Class B

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Linda Roeber | 5 | 1 | 40. |
| John Wilson | 5 | 1 | 37.5 |
| Kerry Morris | 4 | 2 | 38.33 |

Class C

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| Jim Huckabee | 4 | 1 | 34.4 |
| Kevin Peterson | 3 | 2 | 33.2 |
| Kari David | 3 | 2 | 29.2 |

Class D

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Donald Miller | 4 | 1 | 31.2 |
| Julie Petrovski | 4 | 1 | 24.4 |
| Scott Linhart | 3 | 2 | 29.2 |

Class E

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|------|
| Dick Poff | 4 | 1 | 31.2 |
| Russ Burns | 4 | 1 | 26.4 |
| Joe Annoreno | 3 | 2 | 26.8 |

Class F

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---|------|
| Ed Wheeler | 4 | 1 | 19.6 |
| Craig David | 4 | 1 | 18.8 |
| Tom Steinke | 3 | 2 | 15.2 |

Class G

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Earl Paulson | 5 | 0 | 18.4 |
| Wayne Goers | 3 | 2 | 14.8 |
| Scott Winefka | 3 | 2 | 12. |

Class H

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| John Resch | 4 | 1 | 15.2 |
| Gene Satterstrom | 4 | 1 | 14.8 |
| Kevin Aarstad | 3.5 | 1.5 | 7.2 |

Platteville Open Results

By, Mark and Norm Mauthe

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Gloria Sheff | 6 | 1 | 23.53 |
| Nick Muller | 6 | 1 | 42.85 |
| Mark Mauthe | 5 | 2 | 56.78 |

The shade trees were enjoyed by all. Matt Lee did the stats for us. Thanks to the Country Kitchen for the gift certificates. Because the averages were so spread, the class was handicapped as we were all club members who decided to play for the fun of the of the game.

9 Teams Compete for State Tournament Team

By, Jane Smith

Nine teams competed for the 2012 State Tournament team Championship. Marshfield successfully defended their title with 10 pitchers earning a winning average of 6.9 points. They also can brag about 2 State Champions and 1 State Class Champion. Little Bull Falls club, last year's State tourney host placed 2nd with 5.8 points, 9 pitchers, 1 State Champion and three Class Champions. Close Doesn't Count Club placed 3rd, 6 pitchers, 5.5 points, and 1 State Class Champion. The Heinritz Clan placed 4th; 9 pitchers, 5.4 points, 1 State Champion. Arkdale placed 4th with 6 pitchers, 5.33 points. They are also a member of the conglomerate for the 2013 State tournament. 5th place honors went to the 2012 host club, Eau Claire; 23 pitchers (the most in this event), 5.0 points, 4 State Class Champions. 7th place went to the club that hosts the most events in a season, Beloit. 15 pitchers earned 4.9 points, and 3 State Class Champions. The Delton Sportsman's Club placed 6th with 6 pitchers earning 4.16 poi. Thanks to this club for hosting the Fall WHPA meeting. Muskego Horseshoe Club placed 9th. Their 11 pitchers earned an average of 4 points and they had 1 State Class Champion.

This is an exciting part of the State tournament creating camaraderie amongst the clubs. A Club needs at least five pitchers. Two or more clubs may band together if they are a small club and then can participate. The entry fee is \$10. We may have to raise this fee as the engraving costs are increasing. Each club receives a certificate of participation with the top clubs receiving cash awards. The Champion Club also has their entry fee waived for the next State Tournament.

2013 State Tournament Info

By, Jane Smith

The major hotel host for the 2013 State tournament in Mosinee will be the Quality Inn. A block of rooms, 20, have been reserved until August 1. The block is listed under "Horseshoes." The quoted rate is \$59.99 for two people in a standard room—2 beds, continental breakfast, hot tub and swimming pool. Each additional person is \$10.00. Reservations can be made by calling Quality Inn, 715-693-9000. Thanks to Marge and Randy Rein in setting this up.

Friends We'll Miss

Jack Statema

A sudden onset of cancer claimed the life of Jack Statema this past Wednesday, November 17. He had reached the age of 77. Until retiring he operated an auto shop business for many years. Horseshoe pitchers will remember Jack from the days of the Pitchin' Palace and the Kenosha Horseshoe Club. Just a week earlier, upon learning of his affliction, a benefit dinner was conducted in his honor. He is survived by, two sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren. All who knew Jack can attest to this outstanding fact..., he was a nice man.

Ron Lingard

Sad news from the Deansville Club is that Ron Lingard has passed away. He had been under hospice care. Aware of his limited time, he just recently, donated his horseshoes and equipment to the club. Ron was 79, a student of the horseshoe game, and an avid pitcher. He was also a very high average bowler of note yet lately still trying to gain more speed on his ball. Our thoughts and sympathy goes to his wife Judy. Ron was a great friend to all and will be remembered for his lasting support to the Deansville Club.



Support Horseshoes.
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Let's Make 2013 Better!!



Club Feature: Close Doesn't Count League

By, Jane Smith



Polk County was a hotbed of horseshoe pitchers in the late 1970's. There were both a Men's and Ladies Leagues that sported three divisions with eight teams and eight regular pitchers on each team. It was a traveling tavern league. Games were usually played to 21 points with a doubles format.

As time went on interest moved from horseshoes to golf to watching offspring in school sports. By the beginning of 1980, the number of pitchers was drastically reduced to one division in each league. The Ladies league folded first. However, there were still avid horseshoe pitchers wanting to continue pitching ringers. In 1982, thirteen ladies began pitching 50 shoe cancellation games in Centuria, WI. Edie McKinney, Gloria Smith and Jane Smith were in this group. As interest grew, we eventually had between 20 and 30 ladies pitching shoes. In 1984 we decided to become a NHPA Sanctioned League. Because our pitchers were from all over Polk County, the League became known as Close Doesn't Count.

In 1986, Clayton Gage and Don Hostrup joined our ranks. Now we were officially a mixed league. Over time a few more men pitchers joined us. Because interest was growing, it was necessary to add more courts. The League approached the Centuria Village with a proposal to get four more courts. The village was very cooperative as they furnished the manpower while the league paid for the cement, stakes and backboards. The village Parks Committee listened to our plan and put in full walkways for all eight courts. Pitchers from all

over the state, Minnesota and Michigan have enjoyed pitching on our courts. We do have the "shade" and "sun" domes.

A CDC Junior League was established in the early 1990's. For a couple years, our Junior league was the largest nationwide! The Junior league ceased to exist during the summer of 2012. Every Tuesday evening it was exciting to watch kids of all ages pitching their shoes and sometimes pitching ringers and doubles.

The adult league consists of 5-7 teams of 3, 4, or 5 pitchers. Teams are determined by averages play is a round robin schedule. Originally, the league ran June through August, with a first and second half winner playing for the league championship. Recently there was interest in a shorter season. We now have team play June and July; individual competition in August. Games are 40 shoe cancellation with 200 shoes pitched in an evening. In the summer of 2012 it was suggested to begin a day league. We tried this as a 40 shoe count-all league. Monday mornings were perfect for pitching shoes. This was a resounding success and will continue in the future.

The CDC league sponsors the Wet N Wild tournament every September. We have a very great group of pitchers who all help in making this event fun, memorable and exciting. We invite you to enter the Wet N Wild Tournament in the future. It will be guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!

WHPA Hall of Fame Nomination

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must have been a WHPA member for ten (10) years. There are four (4) major categories:

Player Category

- Outstanding State & World tournament performance
- State & World tournament titles
- Pitching records achieved (i.e. perfect game, repeat performances, etc.)
- Sportsmanship

Organizer / Promoter Category

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

Player / Organizer Category

Candidates' accomplishments from both above categories.

Honorable Mention Category

- Candidates from states other than WI who have had a positive influence in WI horseshoes
- Candidates from WI who have contributed to the 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-anchor. **Nominations for Hall of Fame are due February 1st. Send the following information to Edie McKinney.**

Name of Nominator _____

Address of Nominator _____

Phone Number / e-mail of Nominator _____

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone Number / e-mail of Nominee _____

Choose a category:

Player _____ Organizer / Promoter _____ Player / Promotion _____ Honorable Mention _____

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 of their horseshoe career.

Number of years in WHPA _____

Accomplishments: Titles won, offices held, leagues formed, etc.

Roles played in the WHPA: tournament director, court organization, Jr. participation, etc.

Other:

Wisconsin Hall of Fame Update Continued from Page 1

the Game Related Sales booth.

Glenn Bogenschneider, 2008, has been an WHPA member for over 25 years. He is our present WHPA president; and worked with the Junior Scholarship program.

Ed Wheeler, 2008, joined the WHPA in 1996 and pitched in his 1st State Tournament in 2000. He has also served as Regional Director for the WHPA.

Kevin Brekke, 2008, began pitching in the 1980's. He has won several WHPA awards and is presently our "Man in Charge" of scorekeepers at the State tournaments.

Sylvia, deceased, and Dan David, 2008, organized the Marshfield League in 1976. They have helped and pitched in Marshfield tournaments and encouraged friends and family to get involved in the great game of horseshoes.

Gus Schram, nominated in 2010 as a pitcher. He designed and patented the "Ringle Single" horseshoe. He also designed the plaques for the State tournaments in 1996.

Sonia Cook, nominated in 2011, began pitching in 1978. She has enjoyed working with the Jr. league program; encouraged youth to pitch shoes, as seen by her daughters pitching; and is currently a WHPA officer.

Rudy VanFleet, nominated in 2012 and is the backbone of the Deansville Club. He is the club Secretary-Treasurer, tournament director and devoted member of the club and WHPA.

27 Clubs Alive in Action

Arkdale
Beloit
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Count
Colgate
Combined Locks
Deansville
Eagle River
Eau Claire
Fond Du Lac
Green Bay
Goldendale
Kenosha
LaCrosse
Mosinee
Merrill
Marengo
Marshfield
Muskego
New London
Platteville
Roseville
Eagle
Edgerton
Lake Delton
Junction City

24 Tournaments Gone Not Forgotten

By, Jim Haupt

Boyceville: Faded with the lack of Hall of Fame tournament director, John Brezina.

Fillmore: U.S.A. home of Lady State Champ, Darlene Ebert.

Mountain: Formerly a big tournament inaugurated by Swen Bowman but refused to sanction. Understand it is still in operation yet still unsanctioned.

Sheboygan: Went under when Charley Christopherson went west. What happened to guys like Leon Uhl and Shorty, one of the best cooks on the tour?

Arena: We lost a good deal of members when shoes shut down in Arena.

Brothertown: While Archie did not run the Brothertown Classic, he did add a lot of color. Miss those days.

Neenah: "When the lights went out in Neenah," Ralph Maylahn would say on why he lost the State Title to Bill Glass.

Madison: For a couple years there was a nice indoor horseshoe place, south end.

Waunakee: For a few years the indoor Hawk's Nest, or was it the Whippoorwill, was in operation.

Wausau: Home of the State Tournament a couple of times and Windy Hill in Ringle. Gone now as is our revered leader, Ken Kosky. All pitchers now gravitated to Li'l Bull Falls or Mosinee.

Berlin: 1978, State Tournament was con-

ducted under direction of the man who developed the present NHPA logo, Ed Yankowski.

Watertown: Another site of a State Tournament by Felix Kubly.

West Allis: Original home of the State Tournament (44yr) in conjunction with the State Fair (World in '48) but State only until 1967. They continued with five more events finally letting it die.

West Bend: Silver Dollar & Trenton View golf course with Carl Shade.

Kewaskum: Beautiful Park, courts, & club, alas no more tournament.

Kenosha: Club remains active, no tournament.

Pitcin'Palace: Lest we forget those days.

Whiting IN: Wonder if they are still going.

Loyal Cornfest: Big day, truck pulls and carnival.

Kenosha: Nice courts, Nash Park, club but no tournament.

Royal Wood, Plover, indoor, clean, synthetic clay.

LaCrosse: lately missing from the schedule.

Club tournament only last year.

Janesville Moose: Moved clubhouse. Pitchers moved to Beloit.

The Goldsmith Courts: Ancient history but start of Beloit Club.

Janesville AFL-CIO: Remember the off court mud wrestling?

Ann Opsteen turns a magic 90!

By, Bill Matey



The Combined Locks Horseshoe Clubs' own Ann Opsteen celebrated her 90th Birthday this summer with family and friends, including a many past and present fellow horseshoe pitchers.

Ann was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame in 1983, the first woman inducted. Along with acting as Chair-lady for the early years of the Hall of Fame, she was one of top woman pitchers in this state for many years and competed in tournaments throughout the state including many

WHPA State Tournaments.

Ann is no longer pitching but still remains an active member of the Club and for many years assumed the responsibility to enter all league scores into the local newspapers and maintained the records of league play high scores to be added or updated on the Clubs 100 Honor Board.

"Here comes the yarn lady," was often heard as Ann delivered bags of unused yarns collected from family and friends to the courts which was then forwarded to Lady Volunteers to knit blankets and afghans for unwed mothers and cancer patients.

Ann has 8 Children, 15 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren. Congratulations, Ann, and many more special days.

Horseshoe Family / What's New

By, Jane Smith



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Horseshoe Family

We are aware of some of our horseshoe family facing health challenges. John Garvan has undergone surgery for a brain tumor. Kevin Brekke reports that John is in good spirits as he undergoes cancer treatments.

Al Huizenga shared information with us about Ron Lingard. Hospice comes to drain Ron's lung on Monday's. This creates discomfort for Ron. When the first lung was drained a spot was found. Because of two heart attacks, prostrate problems, he has decided not to pursue treatments looking to have quality of life and comfort. He has brought his horseshoes to the Deansville Club to use at their discretion. How wonderful to share his passion with his club. He can best receive cards – 13 Daffodil, Madison, WI 53714. If a visit is your choice, please call him first.

Ed Wheeler shared on the WHPA bulletin that Dennis Capener has been diagnosed with cancer in his esophagus, bronchial tubes and lymph nodes. He is undergoing chemotherapy. Cards can be sent to N364 Center St, WI Dells, WI 53965

Clayton Gage has spent the past several weeks in Amery Hospital and Good Sam's Care Center as he fell and injured his leg, has a temporary cast and is not to put weight on the leg. He is now home, 2036 135th St, Milltown, WI 54858, with his son, Norm, and daughter in law (Chris), his caregivers. Norm will have extra duty as Chris fell and broke her left wrist.

Mark Stevens is pitching a few shoes as he placed in the Marengo tournament. It is always nice to see those with health issues returning to the tournaments.

As we care for our own family members let's share a few positive thoughts and prayers with our horseshoe families as they face daily challenges.

What's New

We have had 10 new members join the WHPA since our last issue: five ladies – Barb Austad, Katie Drewelson, Sharon Kelly, Sharom Mork, and Lonnie Stowell; two junior boys – Nate Lind, Bryce Strandt; one junior girl – Cierra Lind; and two men – Dietrich Peterson, David Stakston. Welcome to one of the greatest sports associations in the nation. Each of these members will receive one complimentary issue of The Newsletter, "Wisconsin Horseshoes."

John Secord shared end of the year WHPA membership numbers. Our 2012 membership was 371 adult pitchers and 44 cadets and juniors. We added 68 new members in 2012. Unfortunately, we had 80 members in 2011 who did not return. This is a good indication that we desperately need a membership committee. Because our clubs are spread out over the state, it might be a suggestion to find a pitcher from each club to act as publicity and membership contact person. This group could share ideas with one another more minds tend to create better suggestions. Local papers, radio stations and TV stations are more likely to use information submitted from a local resident. Public Service announcements via newspapers and cable stations are also excellent methods of communication.

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