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## WISCONSIN'S 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



**MENS CHAMPION**

Randy Rein  
(Mosinee)



**LADIES CHAMPION**

Gert Wilcziek  
(Whitehall)



**ELDERS CHAMPION**

Gene Mason  
(Appleton)



**BOYS CHAMPION**

Nathan Heinritz  
(Menomonee Falls)



**BOYS CADET  
CHAMPION**

Gunnar David  
(Marshfield)



**GIRLS CHAMPION**

Aleena Cook  
(Stratford)



**GIRLS CADET  
CHAMPION**

Mary Ann Aiken  
(Oak Creek)

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		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Oct 6	Marengo Doubles & Singles (28-07-042, 043)		10/6	Steve Stevens
Oct 13-14	Fall Singles @ Beloit (28-07-048)	\$18	10/3	Earl Paulson
Oct 20-21	Deansville Singles (28-07-049)	\$15	10/14	Rudy Van Fleet
Oct 27	Fall Meeting, 1:00pm @ Lake Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton			
Nov 3-4	Autumn Harvest @ Beloit (28-07-050)	\$18	10/24	Earl Paulson
Nov 10	Fall Classic @ Arena (28-07-051)	\$18	10/29	Ed Wheeler
Dec 1-2	Deansville Open (28-07-052)	\$18	11/24	Rudy Van Fleet
Dec 8-9	Snowflake @ Beloit (28-07-053)	\$18	11/28	Earl Paulson
Dec 15	Santa's Singles @ Arena (28-07-053)	\$18	12/3	Ed Wheeler
Jan 5, 2008	WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit	\$12		Earl Paulson
Jan 12-13	001 @ Beloit (28-08-001)	\$18	1/2	Jim Haupt
Jan 19-20	Something To Do @ Arena (sanction # TBA)	\$18	1/7	Ed Wheeler
Jan 26-27	Deansville Rally (sanction # TBA)	\$15	1/16	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb 16-17	Valentine @ Beloit (sanction # TBA)	\$18	2/6	Earl Paulson
Mar 8-9	Clash With Kerry @ Deansville (sanction # TBA)	\$15	2/28	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar 15	Spring Meeting, 1:00pm @ Lake Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton			
Mar 22-23	Why Not @ Arena (sanction # TBA)	\$18	3/3	Ed Wheeler
Mar 29-30	Spring Fling @ Beloit (sanction # TBA)	\$18	3/19	Earl Paulson

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of all changes and  
corrections.

### Attention Tournament Directors:

Regional Director Ken Jaeger Sr. wishes to conduct a meeting with you *after* the Fall meeting in Lake Delton on October 27th.

## THIS JUST IN!

A prolific tournament director is showing interest in developing a renewal of the State Fair Tournament at, and maybe during, the Fair itself. What are your views? Would the WHPA members balk at paying admission to the Fair? The Newsletter is your opportunity to express your opinions. ☺

## "GROWING WITH JUNIORS"

### 2007 RAFFLE - by Sonia Cook

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the 2007 raffle. This is the major fund raiser for the \$900 needed each year for the Junior State Champions. I hope more clubs and individuals come forward with donations to add more prizes for the 2008 raffle.

Thank you to the officers and other members who sold tickets throughout the year. Also, a huge thank you to the clubs and individuals who send tournament or free-will donations to the Junior Scholarship Fund throughout the year. Every donation helps to support the Junior pitchers.

The names of donors and raffle winners are listed throughout this newsletter. ☺

### "Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winners

- \$100, donated by the WHPA:  
**Tony Scrima**
- \$50, donated by the WHPA:  
**Bun Carley**

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



- by Tom Steinke

The 2007 Labor Day State horseshoe tournament is in the books. Congratulations to all champions. There was a large number of close games. Nice pitching.

Congratulations to **Bun Carley** on your Hall of Fame induction. I never realized you have that much family! It was very nice that they could attend.

Thanks to the Arena and Deansville clubs for hosting a very well-run State tournament.

My pick for the President's Award this year was **Pam Aiken**, the reason being is it should be a person who stands out and does that little extra for the WHPA. After **Ken Kosky** passed away, there was a need for a lot of help with the newsletter. **Jim Haupt** and **Jane Smith** were doing a good job, but needed another editor. Pam said she would do it. I was surprised that with three small kids and her work with scouts that she would take this on too, but she did and she's doing a great job. I know Jim and Jane appreciate the help. The three of them work well together and the newsletter will keep getting better and better.

Good Pitching,  
Tom 🍷

# STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT - by Bun & Shirley Carley



The 2007 State Tournament was held in Arena, co-hosted by the Sandbaggers and Deansville. The weather was fantastic after having a record month of rainfall. We started the tournament with Color Guard, National Anthem sung, and local minister saying a prayer. On Sunday, there was a Church Service by **Ken Heinritz** and then the National Anthem was played. The help was unbelievable, only twice did we have to announce for scorekeepers. **Kevin Brekke** did a great job organizing it. **Ron Berg** set up the program in the computer, **Dobie Bultman** ran the stats with help from **Lorraine Sternberg** and **Jimmy Paulson**, who also finalized everything for us and sent it on.

**Gert Wilczek** set a record by pitching a 100% game. And just to show how close the percentages in each class were, we had 10 play-offs for first place.

**Pam Aiken** received the President's Award and the Ken Kosky Award, which were both greatly deserved. She has done a great job with the Newsletter.



We would like to thank **Rudy Van Fleet** for nominating Bun and the Hall of Fame Committee for their vote. Thank you to Rudy and to **Jim Haupt** for the nice speeches at his induction. Thanks to the committee for putting both our pictures on the plaque, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Sandbaggers for the plaque and gift certificate. It was great having family and so many friends there to share this with.



Thanks to everyone for making this tournament a success. 🍷



## PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS - by Jane Smith

Points towards this award are earned by participating and placing in the top three finishers in your class. First place receives 15 points, second place 10 points and third place 5 points. A person may earn 15 points per meeting by attending the WHPA Spring and Fall meetings.

With all of the 36 Wisconsin events recorded, the POY winners are:

**Kevin Brekke, 140 points**  
*Division C (averages less than 35%)*

Kevin attended the Fall meeting, had five 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, three 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and four 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.

*Runners Up: Tom Steinke, 130; John Garvan, 100*

**Rowen Swick, 115 points**  
*Division B (between 35% and 49.99%)*

Rowen had six 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and one 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Runners Up: Julio Tijerina, 95; Jeff Gustafson, 85*

**Penny Steinke, 170 points**  
*Division A (averages over 50%)*

Penny finished 1<sup>st</sup> seven times and 2<sup>nd</sup> five times, and attended the Fall meeting.

*Runners Up: Randy Rein, 150; Mark Mauthe 125*



## 2007'S MOST IMPROVED PITCHERS

**John Brugger**  
*Most Improved Adult Pitcher*

John improved his pitching average 14.49 percentage points from August 2006 to August 2007. He pitched 29.48% in four tournaments in 2006. He pitched in nine tournaments, averaging 43.97% in 2007.

**Beau Davison**  
*Most Improved Junior Pitcher*

Beau improved his pitching average 16.98 percentage points. Beau pitched in one tournament in 2006 with an average of 7.06%. In 2007, he pitched in 3 tournaments averaging 24.48%. 🍷

## STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT

- by Terry Sternberg, WHPA 2nd Vice President

### Bids for 2009 and Beyond Still Needed

In my article in the March-April issue of the Newsletter, I suggested that clubs discuss with their members the hosting of the State Tournament in 2009 and/or in the future. Clubs that do not have the required 13 or more sanctioned courts should consider teaming up with a club that does, as did Close Doesn't Count, Deansville and Goldendale Clubs. At this point, I have not received any requests to bid for 2009 State Tournament, which will be on the agenda for the WHPA Fall Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. I would much like to see two or three bids if possible. Let me know as soon as possible if your club is interested.

### 2007 State Tournament Report

I would like to thank **Bun Carley**, with the help of Arena Sandbaggers and **Rudy Van Fleet** and his gang from Deansville, for a well-run State Tournament over Labor Day weekend. They were blessed with great weather to complete the tournament in two days.

The trophies were very unique, one of which I was honored to win. They were the crafted work of **Bun Carley**. Congratulations again, to Bun on his induction to the WHPA Hall of Fame.

Also, congratulations to **Pam Aiken**, who received several deserving awards for helping **Jim Haupt** keep the Newsletter alive, by taking over the editing and publishing after the passing of **Ken Kosky**.

Our entries this year for State Tournament was 141. It would be nice to see 2008 at Mosinee to be closer to 200, like it was a number of years ago. It is the Tournament of the year for our State, so let's support next year's State Tournament Director by planning to enter in 2008 at Mosinee (need three state sanctioned events to qualify). 🍷

# 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

\* Playoff for 1st Place

## MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Randy Rein, Mosinee	6-1	60.92
2	Mark Mauthe, Platteville	5-2	60.70
3	Jim Larson, Sun Prairie	5-2	56.25
4	John Udelhofen, Barneveld	4-3	54.52
5	Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva	3-4	53.03
6	Ken Heinritz, Menomonee Falls	2-5	48.50
7	Roger Comero, Cochrane	2-5	48.31
8	Tom Endler, Twin Lakes	1-6	44.44

**Randy Rein** makes it for the 12th time! His mates made him earn it. Same as last year, **Jim Larson** tried to upset the class by winning his games over both Rein and **Mark Mauthe**. It set up the last round with the top three, Larson, Rein, and Mauthe with one loss each. In an earlier game, **Ken Heinritz** gave Larson his one "L." The advent of **John Udelhofen** returning to the Championship was Larson's pitfall. Losing that game put Udelhofen in fourth, Larson in third. Meanwhile, Rein was taking it to Mauthe once again become the Wisconsin State Horseshoe Champion.

*Class High Game: Randy Rein, 70.69%*

## LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Gert Wilcziek, Whitehall	7-0	79.63
2	Pam Aiken, Oak Creek	6-1	58.43
3	Penny Steinke, Waukesha	5-2	64.38
4	Edie McKinney, Luck	4-3	53.11
5	Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield	3-4	55.33
6	Shirley Brumbaugh, Hammond <b>B</b>	2-5	42.52
7	Sonia Cook, Stratford	1-6	22.07
8	Elaine Troullier, Whitelaw	0-7	28.40

**Gert Wilcziek** is, of course, the hands-down

Ladies Champion, with her overall percentage was a whopping 79.63, also thought to be a record.

So the games were really for second. **Pam Aiken** and her sister, **Penny Steinke** had a battle royal. Pam won by a point and it determined the finish order in the class.

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 ■ Congratulations to  
 ■  
 ■ **GERT**  
 ■ **WILCZIEK**  
 ■  
 ■ for pitching the only  
 ■ **100% GAME**  
 ■ ever played at a  
 ■ sanctioned Wisconsin  
 ■ State Tournament  
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## ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1*	Gene Mason, Appleton	7-1	60.44
2*	Clayton Gage, Milltown	6-2	58.91
3	Vince Jakel, Spencer <b>A</b>	5-2	58.82
4	Norm Gage, Milltown	4-3	55.45
5	Ivan Ruzic, Stratford	3-4	47.71
6	Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha	3-4	47.38
7	Bill Matey, Appleton	1-6	40.88
8	Cal Pitel, Greenville	0-7	39.18

We have a new State Champion in **Gene Mason**, losing just one game. It set up a playoff with DC, **Clayton Gage** who took second this year. Mason won twice over Gage, and suffered his loss from the shoes of **Vince Jakel**, who was third in a competitive Elders championship class. Mason started pitching in the State tournament in 1958, has pitched 43 times in the annual event, and has finally won a title. definitely a longevity record.

*Class High Game: Norm Gage, 78.13%*

## BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1*	Nathan Heinritz, Pewaukee <b>A</b>	6-1	69.76
2*	Ryan Hyatt, Racine <b>A</b>	5-2	56.57
3	Malachi David, Marshfield <b>C</b>	2-4	31.07
4	Aleena Cook, Stratford <b>B</b>	0-6	12.21

**Nathan Heinritz** continued his winning ways earned at the World Tournament. Although he did lose one game, he wrestled the title back from **Ryan Hyatt**, pitching 69.76% over Hyatt's 56.57%, with both pitching over their averages. Third went to **Malachi David**, who more than doubled his entering average with 31.07%. **Aleena Cook**, who was off her usual form, lost every game and settled for fourth.

*Class High Game: Nathan Heinritz, 83.33%*

## JUNIOR CADETS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Gunnar David, Marshfield <b>C</b>	6-0	17.78
2	Mary Ann Aiken, Oak Creek <b>C</b>	3-3	2.22
3	Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee <b>C</b>	3-3	0.56
4	Tony Secord, Fond Du Lac <b>C</b>	0-6	0.00

**Gunnar David** won his second State championship for this division. He walked through the competition pitching almost three times his entering average. **Mary Ann Aiken** was second by percentage over **Christina Heinritz**. Notice all last names seen elsewhere.

*Class High Game: Gunnar David, 33.33%*

# 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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## MENS CLASS A

1*	Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva	7-2	50.28
2*	Bernard Carley, Richland Center	5-3	51.88
3*	John Molling, Wausau	5-3	43.13
4	Tom Endler, Twin Lakes	4-3	53.57
5	John Meyer, Fond Du Lac	3-4	41.43
6	Bob Kallstrom, Arkansaw <b>B</b>	3-4	40.36
7	Kerry Morris, Jefferson	2-5	40.71
8	Glen Bogenschneider, West Bend	1-6	43.57



**Mens Class A Champion  
Jeff Gustafson  
(Lake Geneva)**

Jeff Gustafson lost to John Molling in regular play, but beat him in the first playoff match, giving him a shot at **Bun Carley** for the title. Gustafson and Carley both pitched a tight final game,

with Gustafson winning the game and the class.

*Class High Game: Tom Endler, 67.50%*

## MENS CLASS C

1	Dennis Ambuehl, Oconomowoc <b>B</b>	6-1	44.29
2	Jim Heim, Holmen <b>B</b>	5-2	38.93
3	Terry Sternberg, Richfield	5-2	36.62
4	Julian Tijerina, Madison	4-3	35.56
5	Dave Volz, La Valle	3-4	38.93
6	Steve Mielke, Green Bay	3-4	30.36
7	Tony Scrima, Waukesha	2-5	28.87
8	Leroy Wipperfurth, Waunakee <b>C</b>	0-7	20.07



**Mens Class C Champion  
Dennis Ambuehl  
(Oconomowoc)**

Terry Sternberg gave class champion Dennis Ambuehl his only loss of the day. Sternberg was poised to tie for first, but lost his last game to **Jim Heim**, who earned the second place spot with

higher ringer percentage.

*Class High Game: Jim Heim, 57.50%*

## MENS CLASS B

1*	Mike Cone, Baraboo	6-2	50.63
2*	Bruce McLinn, Clinton	6-3	43.06
3*	Mitch Vyhanek, Burlington <b>B</b>	5-3	44.69
4	John Koepp, Pewaukee <b>B</b>	4-3	47.50
5	Steve Wiegert, Green Bay	4-3	45.00
6	Ken Frame, Mazomanie	3-4	38.57
7	Ray Groskinsky, Friendship	1-6	38.57
8	Kurt Jochimsen, Stratford	1-6	36.79



**Mens Class B Champion  
Mike Cone  
(Baraboo)**

Mitch Vyhanek, Bruce McLinn, and Mike Cone all tied for first place with a 5-2 record. McLinn was able to beat Vyhanek for second place. In the final playoff game, Cone came up

with a big game of 70% game against McLinn to earn the championship.

*Class High Game: Mike Cone, 70.00%*

## MENS CLASS D

1*	Ken Amble, Arena <b>B</b>	6-2	37.19
2*	Ken Schumann, Rhinelander <b>B</b>	5-3	38.75
3	Russ Heinritz, Waukesha	4-3	35.92
4	Dave Klipstein, Hillsboro <b>B</b>	4-3	36.07
5	Leo Richter, Stoughton	4-3	35.00
6	Galen Kozel, Mukwonago	4-3	32.14
7	Dennis Capener, Wisconsin Dells	1-6	30.36
8	Dean Hove, Holmen	1-6	27.46



**Mens Class D Champion  
Ken Amble  
(Arena)**

With a two-way tie for first and a four-way tie for third, this was arguably the most evenly-matched class of the tournament.

**Ken Amble** and **Ken Schumann** got to play off to decide first and second. Amble pitched a strong game to claim the Class D title.

*Class High Game: Ken Schumann, 55.00%*

# 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

\* Playoff for 1st Place

## MENS CLASS E

1	Ralph Marthaler, Medford	6-1	35.07
2	Richard Peterson, Pardeeville	5-2	39.64
3	Norm Beckius, Beloit	5-2	27.50
4	John Crook, Spring Green	4-3	37.14
5	David Paul, Baldwin	2-5	28.57
6	Harvey Bilz, Phillips	2-5	25.00
7	John Garvan, Edgerton	2-5	24.64
8	John Secord, Fond Du Lac	2-5	23.26



**Mens Class E Champion  
Ralph Marthaler  
(Medford)**

Mouse Beckius had a hot game of 45% to give class champ **Ralph Marthaler** his only loss. **Richard Peterson's** class-high average earned him second place on ringer percent over Beckius.

*Class High Game: Ralph Marthaler, 52.50%*

## MENS CLASS G

1	Dave Forseth, Arena <sup>C</sup>	7-0	34.64
2	Mike Lange, Burlington <sup>E</sup>	6-1	26.07
3	Tom Dudenhoffer, Oxford <sup>C</sup>	4-3	20.71
4	Rick Weller, Baraboo	3-4	26.43
5	Jayme Fehr, Merrill	3-4	24.29
6	Robin McDonough, Baraboo	2-5	26.43
7	Pete Kumlien, Mukwonago	2-5	20.71
8	Ron Berg, Arena	1-6	20.36



**Mens Class G Champion  
Dave Forseth  
(Arena)**

**Dave Forseth** pitched a great tournament and won undefeated. **Mike Lange**, 6-1, won three of his games by a total of four points, earning him at the #2 spot with "under pressure" pitching.

*Class High Game: Dave Forseth, 40.00%*

## MENS CLASS F

1*	John Brophy, Galesville <sup>B</sup>	7-1	34.69
2*	Gary Wegner, Park Falls	6-2	35.63
3	Mike Rousseau, Beloit	5-2	35.00
4	Ed Wheeler, Lodi	4-3	27.86
5	Dick Hansen, Franksville	2-5	28.21
6	Gary Volz, Marshall	2-5	27.86
7	John Mills, Sun Prairie	2-5	25.36
8	Kevin Brekke, Edgerton	1-6	18.93



**Mens Class F Champion  
John Brophy  
(Galesville)**

In class play, **Gary Wegner** lost a single game to third runner-up **Mike Rousseau**, but was able to force a playoff by beating undefeated **John Brophy** his last game. Both Wegner and Brophy were playing to win, making the playoff a close one. Wegner threw 42.50%, and Brophy edged him out pitching an impressive 45% game to win the class.

*Class High Game: John Brophy & Gary Wegner, 45.00%*

## MENS CLASS H

1*	Mitch Littlegeorge, Baraboo <sup>C</sup>	6-2	26.56
2*	Mel Cook, Stratford <sup>C</sup>	5-3	25.30
3	Jason Goldsmith, Janesville <sup>C</sup>	4-3	31.07
4	Steve Rick, Hillsboro	4-3	25.00
5	John Gordon, Burlington	4-3	20.00
6	Dan Nalepinski, Mazomanie	3-4	26.39
7	Mike Zahn, Lomira	2-5	20.71
8	Larry Danielson, River Falls	1-6	21.28



**Mens Class H Champion  
Mitch Littlegeorge  
(Baraboo)**

Five pitchers were in striking distance for the championship with only two games remaining in this very close class. In the end, it came down to a playoff between **Mel Cook** and newcomer **Mitch Littlegeorge**. Littlegeorge had Cook's number all day, narrowly beating him in both regular play and the playoff match.

*Class High Game: Steve Rick, 42.50%*



# 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

\* Playoff for 1st Place

## MENS CLASS I

1*	Ray Mallo, Gilman <b>C</b>	5-1	21.33
2*	Jim O'Loughlin, Adams	4-2	23.00
3	Tom Steinke, Eagle	3-2	28.40
4	Gene Satterstrom, Madison	3-2	20.80
5	Jim Haupt, Milwaukee	1-4	13.60
6	Jim Rick, Wisconsin Dells	0-5	16.40



**Mens Class I Champion  
Ray Mallo  
(Gilman)**

Ray Mallo lost the first game to **Jim O'Loughlin**, but was given a second chance to beat him when O'Loughlin lost to **Gene Satterstrom** his third game. A close playoff game, with a score of 33-31, kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Mallo came out on top and took the class.

*Class High Game: Jim O'Loughlin & Tom Steinke, 34.00%*

## MENS CLASS K

1	John Amble, Arena <b>C</b>	5-0	16.40
2	Curt Novinski, Platteville <b>C</b>	3-2	8.80
3	Wayne Franzen, Franklin <b>C</b>	3-2	8.00
4	Michael Franzen, East Troy	2-3	9.60
5	Don Peroutka, Pleasant Prairie	2-3	4.80
6	Mike Cruice, Baraboo	0-5	1.20



**Mens Class K Champion  
John Amble  
(Arena)**

John pitched a great tournament, four points above his entry average and went undefeated. **Curt Novinski** earned second place on percentage, but also beat third-place finisher **Wayne Franzen** in regular class play.

*Class High Game: John Amble, 20.00%*

## MENS CLASS J

1*	Phil Haas, Arena <b>C</b>	5-1	15.33
2*	Roger Olson, Westby <b>C</b>	4-2	14.00
3	Bruce Hove, Holmen <b>C</b>	3-2	14.80
4	Dave Semingson, Eleva	2-3	13.60
5	David Tellier, Greenfield	1-4	10.80
6	Jerry Kochman, Kenosha	1-4	10.40



**Mens Class J Champion  
Phil Haas  
(Arena)**

Roger Olson was undefeated going into his last game when **Dave Semingson** proved to be too much for him. **Phil Haas** was given another chance at Olson, and was able to win the

Class J Championship in a playoff.

*Class High Game: Dave Semingson, 24.00%*

## LADIES CLASS A

1	Sonia Cook, Stratford	6-1	33.21
2	Shirley Brumbaugh, Hammond	5-2	38.57
3	Kiri Cook, Stratford <b>B</b>	5-2	31.07
4	Tava Cook, Stratford	4-3	30.00
5	Karen Henkel, Muskego	4-3	24.64
6	Gloria Smith, Milltown	3-4	18.21
7	Ann Murray, Beloit	1-6	10.00



**Ladies Class A Champion  
Sonia Cook  
(Stratford)**

Sonia lost only one game, to her daughter, **Kiri**. By winning the class, she qualified to play for the Championship, along with class high-average pitcher **Shirley Brumbaugh**.

*Class High Game: Shirley Brumbaugh, 50.00%*

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\* Playoff for 1st Place

**LADIES CLASS B**

1*	Sue Lange, Burlington	7-1	24.06
2*	Vicki Vyhanek, Burlington 	6-2	23.75
3	Laurie Dolezel, Altoona 	4-3	31.07
4	B.J. Johnson, Baldwin	4-3	17.14
5	Cecilia Trossen, Mountain	3-4	18.21
6	Tricia-Ryan Tellier, Greenfield	3-4	17.14
7	Rose Gordon, Burlington	1-5	13.75



**Ladies Class B Champion**  
**Sue Lange**  
(Burlington)

Sue Lange lost a game early to **Tricia Ryan-Tellier**, but then beat undefeated **Vicki Vyhanek** her last game to force a playoff. Lange finished the day strong and beat Vyhanek a second time to take the class championship.

*Class High Game: Laurie Dolezel, 42.50%*

**ELDERS CLASS B**

1	Dave Ninnemann, St. Croix Falls	6-1	40.00
2	Russ Burns, Beloit	5-2	34.29
3	Willis David, Marshfield	5-2	33.21
4	Ron Lingard, Madison	4-3	37.14
5	Roger Heinritz, Brookfield	3-4	32.14
6	Dan David, Auburndale	3-4	20.00
7	Millard Harding, Baraboo	2-5	27.86



**Elders Class B Champion**  
**Dave Ninnemann**  
(St. Croix Falls)

Dave Ninnemann pitched a great tournament, losing only one game to **Dan David** with a score of 19-21. Even though **Willis David** beat **Russ Burns** in class play, Burns earned second place on ringer percentage.

*Class High Game: Dave Ninnemann, 52.50%*

**ELDERS CLASS A**

1	Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha	6-1	50.71
2	Norm Gage, Milltown	6-1	52.86
3	Norb Fuhrman, Combined Locks	5-2	42.86
4	Milt Larson, West Allis	4-3	36.79
5	Merrill Semingson, Eleva	3-4	32.50
6	John Brugger, Platteville	2-5	30.71
7	John Dolezel, Eau Claire	1-6	40.36
8	Cliff Troullier, Whitelaw	1-6	28.93




**Elders Class A Champion**  
**Lloyd Johnson**  
(Kenosha)

After losing a close game to **Milt Larson**, **Norm Gage** finished out the day by winning six in a row. **Lloyd Johnson** also pitched a great tournament, having only one loss. The class was poised for a playoff game, which Gage declined, making Johnson class champion. Both Johnson and Gage moved up to pitch in the Championship Elders division.

*Class High Game: Norm Gage, 67.50%*

**MIXED JUNIORS CLASS A**

1	Malachi David, Marshfield	4-0	31.25
2	Bethany Heinritz, Pewaukee	2-2	9.38
3	Nichole Feavel, Van Dyne 	2-2	6.25
4	Heather Feavel, Van Dyne	2-2	5.63
5	Alex Secord, Fond Du Lac	0-4	6.25




**Junior Boy**  
**Class A Champion**  
**Malachi David**  
(Marshfield)



**Junior Girl**  
**Class A Champion**  
**Bethany Heinritz**  
(Pewaukee)

**Malachi David** made a strong showing at his last State tournament in this division. **Bethany Heinritz** was the best of the rest in this otherwise close division.

*Class High Game: Malachi David, 40.00%* 

## WORLD TOURNAMENT FROM THE EYE OF THE PITCHERS

Just 20 Wisconsin pitchers made the trip to Ardmore, OK. Almost half responded to a Newsletter's questionnaire. This is a collection of their views of the 2007 World.

*First we asked if the Ardmore facility stood out in any respect.*

The responses varied from no, not much, to finally a place with real air-conditioning. Weather was hot, air appreciated. Maybe too cold for the scorekeepers. One responder would opt for indoor practice courts. The motel rates were noted as very favorable.

*Were there any glitches, or did the event run OK?*

One individual working part time with the NHPA bemoaned the absence of willing scorekeepers, add-

ing, "as usual." And, "Where are those top pitchers?" Another complaint arose because of the granular floor surface that demanded constant cleaning of the rubber strip walkways. Some courts around the edges of the set-up were grossly out of level, a regretful situation that proved hard to deal with.

*Asking about personal performance elicited the expected.*

Some of our people did OK and even better. Some did OK but not for all three days. One person said, "Pitiful." Some found there is such a thing as a good loser too.

*Do you think Ardmore will bid again and would you try to attend?*

The general consensus is that another bid may not be seen but yes we may attend, even though we like to

travel to different places every year.

*Comments:*

"Don't the council members check the playing conditions before accepting the bid?" one person asked.

"Liked the one-on-one competition," said another.

*Here is a quote we could not pass up:*

"If you enjoy pitching horseshoes and meeting a lot of nice people or enjoy vacationing, the World Tournament is the place you ought to be. Make plans, somehow make it work. You will not go away disappointed. And you will get your fill of the game you love." ♪

### "Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winners

- \$50, donated by the WHPA: **Dave Austin**
- \$25, donated by Combined Locks HSC: **Jim Haupt**
- Wood Vase, donated by Bun & Shirley Carley: **Troy David**
- 1 Quart Maple Syrup, donated by Dan & Sylvia David: **Jeff Gustafson**

## WASHINGTON PARK LEAGUE RESULTS

- by Jim Haupt

Season results from Washington Park, Milwaukee found **Wayne Franzen** in first place. **Hank Zeisse** won the club handicap tournament on the final outing.

Washington Park was also the scene of the Senior Olympics. Although it is open to all comers, pitchers of the WHPA or the picnic variety, we could only attract one class of seven this year. First place Elder went to **Lloyd Roe** of Waukesha. **Ray Klitzke** won gold at 40 feet and **Doris Klitzke** won the women's division. ♪

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- Fall Meeting Notes
- Indoor Tournament Schedule



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## BEHIND THE MASK WITH KEN HEINRITZ

You missed out if you were not at the World Tournament, held this year in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Yes, of course, for the 13<sup>th</sup> time the Men's title has gone to the "king of the hill" **Alan Francis**, as he went undefeated in the Championship round. He went head-to-head against 19 contenders and swiftly turned each one away. **Stan Griggs** of MO was the only one scoring over 20 points on him. Francis, however, was not as invincible as we all have become accustomed to. Ever since the 2004 World Tournament when former Canadian National Champion **Andre Leclerc** took him by surprise, Alan has not registered a loss. Well move over Andre, because on Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup>, our very own **Mark Mauthe** rose to the occasion overtaking the champ before a good-sized crowd during the preliminary action of the A-1 Class. The news of Mark's victory spread like wildfire as it reached me while in the middle of a match. Hats off to Mauthe as he accomplished something very few people have done over the past 15 years. Mark's fine play earned him 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, not bad to be runner-up to the World Champion. His previous best was a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish only a year ago.

Another great story occurred in the championship class was the play of **Harry Mariano**, a Navajo Indian from NM. Harry barely made the cut by finishing 7<sup>th</sup> place in the A-2 class. Working with a new slate and pitching against the big dogs, he stepped up his game and quickly dismantled **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** in the 1<sup>st</sup> game. Harry, displaying a long ponytail, finished the tourna-

ment taking a surprising 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Seventy-seven year old **Paul Quam**'s dream came true when pitched well enough to make the top class. All broken up over the thought of accomplishing such a feat, he went on to take 11<sup>th</sup> place overall. Though amazing as that was, what is more amazing is the fact that he first picked up a horseshoe five years ago, looking for something to do when his wife passed away. His story lends hope to many.

Two-Time Junior Boys World Champion, **Drew Becker** of Ontario Canada, decided to forego his last year of eligibility in the Junior Class to play big-time in the Men's Division. Losing his first five games in the A-2 Class and eight out of his first ten, he admitted that he had a case of the 'rookie jitters.' But Day Three, he came out hot as a pistol, smoking his five opponents while pitching a very satisfying day's average of 63%, finishing up in 9<sup>th</sup> place. In one particular game, he needed a double on his last throw and he got it. I remember that one well because I was on the losing end. Look for this young man's name to be in the Men's Championship Class in years to come. The switch from 30 feet to 40 feet bode well for Drew.


Just imagine with me for a moment. You are warming up in your back yard just one week before the World Tournament and you don't feel comfortable with your motion. It has happened to all of us, right? Would you ever in your wildest dreams consider pitching with the other hand? You'd have to be nuts, wouldn't you? Maybe for all but one person, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** Yes it's true. One week before, yes, the World Tournament, he switched over to pitching right-handed. And

he ended up tying for first in the prelims with Francis, thanks to Mauthe's victory over Alan. And if that doesn't beat all, Mr. Williams not satisfied with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, switched back to pitching left-handed for the championship round. Does this make him a switch-pitcher? Though nearly everyone roots for his opponents to win, you must appreciate the kind of talent he has. Oh, and of course not to mention that he's also the all time top money earner in the Professional Bowlers Association with over 3.7 million dollars to his credit. Walter Ray finished fourth in the Championship final.

As great as each of these stories are, there's one highlight for me I'll always remember. If you guessed winning the Men's A-2 Class or making it to the Men's Championship, you guessed wrong. Rather, it was a pick-up doubles game in which **Mark Mauthe** and I took on World Champ **Alan Francis** and his wife **Amy**. We played in a sand court next to the parsonage at **Pastor Jerry Holt's** church after a time of worshipping the Lord together.

Time spent together praising the 'Lord of all' is always a blessing not to be taken lightly. Apparently I am not the only horseshoe pitcher who feels this way. One week earlier at the Chapel Service in Ardmore, 144 individuals chose to make Him the top priority as the meeting place was jammed. Make plans to attend a Chapel Service at the next State Doubles, Singles, Team World or even at York, PA where the 2008 World Tournament will be held.

*"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."*

Matthew 6:33 

## EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY RESULTS AUGUST 14, 2007

- by John Dolezel

The Eau Claire Club, nearing the end of the 2007 season, held its City-County Tournament on August 14. This is basically a local tournament, participated mainly by league members, but also includes some tournament-only pitchers. A one-point handicap was employed.

There were no surprises in Class A as **Gert Wilcziek** won all five games with an 81.6% average. **Roger Comero** claimed second place at 4-1 and 62.4%.

In the only 8-person Class B, **John Brophy** won his first six games en route to a 6-1, 38.2% performance to win first place. **Layne Olson**, 40.4%, and **Stub Hazen**, 31.1%, both with 5-2 records, finished second and third places respectively.

**Al Johnson** easily won Class C, winning all five games with a 39.6% average. Three pitchers tied for second at 3-2 with **Laurie Dolezel** taking second with a 35.2% average.

Two new club members this year won first and second places in Class D. **Eline Knowlton** claimed first at 4-1, 13.6%, with **Mark Gagnon** taking second at 3-2 and 7.6%.

*A Note from Elly McCarn* - John is probably reluctant to boast about his daughter Laurie taking second place in Class C, but this is her FIRST year of pitching and she had two 42% games in this tournament. I believe her league average is about 18%. I think her nickname will soon be "Laurie Gert." ♪

## LITTLE BULL FALLS LOG JAM RESULTS

AUG 18 & 19, 2007

- by Randy Rein, Tournament Director

The Little Bull Falls Log Jam Tournament was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Mosinee at River Park, off of Main Street, adjacent to the scenic Wisconsin River.

The tournament was a success in spite of the rain. All classes went on as scheduled, except for Class B which was cancelled due to rain. We had a total of 31 pitchers entered in the tournament.

People came, they pitched their shoes and they all liked the "new" horseshoe courts. **Jim Haupt** even said, "You went all out on these courts."

The courts are not completely done yet. We are still in need of lights, retaining walls and fencing. We are planning on holding three tournaments next year. These courts will be available for practice at the 2008 State Horseshoe Tournament which will be held at the Indoor Hockey Arena in Mosinee.

Thanks to all who entered the tournament. ♪

Class A

Randy Rein	5-0	58.50
Ivan Ruzic	4-1	58.50
John Molling	4-1	57.50

Class B was cancelled due to rain.

Class C

Ralph Marthaler	4-0	37.50
Ed Hack	3-1	29.16
Ken Davison	2.5-1.5	20.83

Class D

Cecelia Trossen	6-1	25.00
Bob Mikrut	5-2	26.42
Trent Bratland	5-2	23.57

## SOUTHERN WISCONSIN OPEN AT BELOIT RESULTS

- by Jimmy Paulson

AUG 11 & 12, 2007



<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Mark Mauthe	5-0	69.20	Clarence Becorest	5-0	40.80
Jesse Garza	4-1	63.20	John Garvan	4-1	31.60
Penny Steinke	3-2	59.60	Russ Burns	3-2	34.80
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class E*</u>		
Kerry Morris	5-0	48.80	Larry Fettes	4-1	31.60
Rowen Swick	4-1	36.40	Guy Modde	4-1	26.80
John Gregorich	2-3	40.80	Ann Murray	3-2	21.60
<u>Class C</u>			<u>Class F</u>		
Virgil Smith	4.5-0.5	46.40	Pete Gorski	6-0	29.39
Julian Tijerina	4-1	40.00	John DeVault	5-1	20.18
Linda Hycnar	3-2	39.60	Al Johnson	4-2	12.08

For photos and results from the Beloit, go to <http://teamworldhorseshoe.com>

\* First place was decided by total points, not by playoff or high ringer %.

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## WOLF RIVER OPEN RESULTS

AUGUST 4 & 5, 2007 - by Jim Haupt

The new date for the New London tournament did not adversely affect popularity. As usual, most of the Wolf River entrants were visitors, pitchers who had been to Hatten Park and enjoyed the event in previous years. It is those pitchers that make the tournament what it is: very popular. It's also those folks we come back each year to see, talk with and trade jabs, a happy group.

**Kenny Jaeger Jr.** was married earlier in the year—reason for the advanced tournament date. He and his new wife looked great. Perhaps now he will find time to get back in the game. He remains a fine horseshoe pitcher.

The state tournament shirt was shown, on sale by **Randy Rein**. It has a Does & Arrows emblem on the front and celebrates the 86th anniversary of the Sate Tournament (2008) emphatically on the back. Deep purple, \$15.

We nominate **Cecilia Trossen**, Mountain, as the best traveler from the North country. She placed third here and won at Mosinee.

Great tournament, certainly worth the trip. ☺

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class C</u>		
Randy Rein	6-1	67.14	Cliff Erickson	5-2	41.78
Jack Algiers	5.5-1.5	61.78	Ron Miller	5-2	41.42
Gene Mason	5-2	56.78	Ed Hack	5-2	36.78
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Norb Fuhrman	6-1	54.28	Mike Zahn	6-1	24.28
Ozz Jacobson	5-2	54.28	Art Collien	6-1	18.92
Steve Mielke	5-2	46.78	Cecelia Trossen	4-3	27.85

## ON THE MEND

**George Eckstrom** is on the liver or kidney transplant list. His son did not match. We wish him luck and time. He pitched and won his class at the Wet N Wild tournament in Centuria!

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**Jerry Schroeder's** wife is suffering from three different kinds of cancer. We wish her well.

Rest and recovery to **Clayton Gage** as his fractured vertebrae heals.

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**Edi Holland**, MN, has recovered from her bout with Bells Palsy as she participated in the Minnesota State Tournament. She expresses her thanks for the well-wishes. ☺

## HEART OF THE VALLEY VFW RESULTS

- by Sally Lamers, Secretary for the Ladies Auxiliary  
VFW Post 10544

It was one of those perfect weekends in the last stage of summer...the morning dew dried up before the courts were uncovered. Soon after, the sound of horseshoes clanging was heard in the neighborhood. It is a sound we grew up with in Combined Locks.

Kamps Kovered Kourts hosted the 24th annual "Heart of the Valley VFW" Horseshoe Tournament and there was a total of 23 teams. Not as many as years past when there were up to 45 teams, but a better showing than some. We had clubs representing Green Bay, Milwaukee, Rhinclander, Mountain, and "strays" from the Fox Valley area. There is always a friend waiting at a horseshoe tourney. Meeting up and reminiscing since the last time with an abundance of smiles, handshakes, and stories that go around and around!

The VFW Post 10544 and Ladies Auxiliary earned a good amount of money that will go toward continued local and national VFW campaigns as well as Cancer Awareness. We thank all the pitchers and fans who came out to support this worthy cause!

### Class A

1st Place: Steve Wiegert & Steve Mielke  
2nd Place: Jerry Gossen & Bill Matey  
3rd Place: Otis Wessley & Orville Anderson

### Class B

1st Place: Jim Haupt & Moose Meyer  
2nd Place: Jerry Niemuth & Al Rude  
3rd Place: Jerry Kamps & Don Reitzner

### Class C

1st Place: Dick Wall & Jim Esslinger  
2nd Place: Ron & Gary Miller  
3rd Place: Vic & Joe Schelfhout

Actually, ALL the pitchers were winners in our book! See you next year! ☺

## DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

**Ken Jaeger Sr** did not show up for A class at the Green Bay tournament. Word was he fell off a ladder. Shortly after he sent us these words:

"As of right now, my means of transportation is crutches. I see a specialist mid-week. Emergency room said six to eight weeks before I can step on it. Hoping the specialist sees different. Hoping to leave for Colorado 8-30-07."

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Garnered from conversation among some pitchers, I heard that **Harry Nelson's** health has taken a turn for the better.

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**Bruce McLinn** reports that he actually saw Illinois pitcher **Rich Andrysiak** purchasing not one but two snake bite kits from the local Wal-Mart in Ardmore. Hard to believe. He was looking ahead, and it must have worked. Didn't Andrysiak go on to win his class?

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There's something **Ozzie** about this. You would think if you knew a person named Ozz, he would be the only one. Not this time. At the Green Bay tournament, this fellow named Ozz was said to be sandbagging because his average did not match his recent success. He was a kind of short guy, not the Ozz I remembered but I temporarily dismissed it. A while later, I thought I recognized one of the spectators. Sure enough it was **Ozz Anderson** of Green Bay from the old days. Turns out the guy on the courts is **Ozz Jacobson** from Fond du Lac. Hurray! Now Fond du Lac can boast of four possible tournament pitchers.

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The Milwaukee Journal carried a story regarding the adverse effects on global warming played by some animals. Apparently it is known that cows are producing large quantities of methane gas, and now someone has named the moose as another violator. An adult moose is capable of releasing 2,100 kg of that dreaded methane gas in a year. That's as much as a car on an 8,000-mile trip. It's all done through burping and

flatulence. Wow! So if your uncle is going moose hunting, maybe he can forget calling and just listen. He'll know it when he hears one.

**Moose Meyer** of Combined Locks probably is unaware of this problem, would disown the animal, and is in no way connected with its source.

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The Log Jam tournament schedule included a map in the form of a brochure

wherein all activities were outlined. I wonder if anybody noticed the picture of a previous lumberjack show with a with a logger doing a standing chop.




*Little Bull Falls LogJam festival offers family entertainment, a historic rendezvous encampment, trad-*

Look into the audience. Who do you see sitting there, hands in pocket, enjoying the show? Sure as grass is green, it's **Ken Kosky!** Get your brochure out if you don't believe it. And let me know if you also picked up on it.

Not all material in this column is B.S. This is real!

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Some folks come to the State Tournament not to pitch but to renew old friendships. So it was when we saw **Carl Gilbertson** escorting **Mrs. Orville Baker** of Platteville. Also had a visit from **Mer Sorensen** and **Helen**. Mer, using a cane said he needed it but just for balance.

**Jerry Udelhofen**, John's dad, looking hale and hearty as ever was there just maintaining an old Labor Day family tradition. 

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