

WISCONSIN'S 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



MENS CHAMPION

**Ken Heinritz
Colgate**



LADIES CHAMPION

**Gert Wilcziek
Whitehall**



ELDERS CHAMPION

**Paul Wilson
Janesville**



**BOYS
CHAMPION**

**Jacob Birch
Kenosha**



**BOYS CADET
CHAMPION**

**Blake Lazaris
Colgate**



**GIRLS
CHAMPION**

**Aleena Cook
Stratford**



**GIRLS CADET
CHAMPION**

**Abigail Aiken
Oak Creek**

STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP MENS

Ken Heinritz took the title this year for the first time, starting and ending with 70% games. By the completion of round four, the battle was among the top three finishers: **John Udelhofen, Randy Rein** and **Ken**, each with four wins. Randy went on to beat John in round five. Going into round six, both the defending State Champion Randy Rein and Ken Heinritz were undefeated, and after 48 shoes, Ken took the win and the championship. Ken commented that his experience pitching at the World Tournament this summer definitely paid off at State.



1. Ken Heinritz, Colgate 7-0 64.81
2. Randy Rein, Mosinee 6-1 59.76
3. John Udelhofen, Barneveld 4-3 54.66
4. Jim Larson, Sun Prairie 4-3 51.68
5. John Molling, Wausau 3-4 50.32
6. Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva ... 2-5 49.67
7. Mark Mauthe, Platteville 1-6 43.93
8. Kerry Morris, Watertown 1-6 41.08

Class High Game: Ken Heinritz, 73.33%

CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES

After pitching 380 shoes, the most of anyone in this class, the 2009 WI Hall of Fame Inductee **Gert Wilcziek** won her tenth state title in twelve years, but it wasn't easy.

In the first round, the game came down to the last two shoes, in a 70-shoe game with move-up **Tava Kildahl**. By round six, only two were undefeated, Gert and **Penny Steinke**. After a 78 shoe game Gert pulled off the win. In the last round Gert and **Pam Aiken** played in the longest game of the tournament, 80 shoes. After a long day of pitching, Gert retained her title for another year.



1. Gert Wilcziek, Whitehall 7-0 ... 68.47
2. Penny Steinke, Waukesha 6-1 ... 67.03
3. Pam Aiken, Oak Creek 5-2 ... 69.55
4. Edie McKinney, Luck 4-3 ... 50.94
5. Shari Davison, Centuria 2-5 ... 46.48
6. Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield.. 2-5 ... 39.34
7. Tava Kildahl, Marshfield 1-6 ... 37.78
8. Kiri Cook, Stratford 1-6 ... 33.90

*Class & Tournament High Game:
Gert Wilcziek, 80.00%*

On another note, this is the first time we can think of that the Ladies Championship class was made up of two sets of sisters (Penny & Pam, Tava & Kiri).

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STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP ELDERS

Paul Wilson started the day seeded number one, and after 7 rounds and 356 shoes, that's where he stayed. Round five was a close one between Paul and **Wayne Lemar**, it was 39-38 for Wayne, and Paul came through with a double to win the game. The biggest game was the last one between Paul and **Norm Gage**. Each was undefeated going into this round. It was another close one: 43-38, with Paul taking the win. Norm ended the day with the highest ringer percentage in the class at 57.79% and the high ringer game of 75.00%.



1. Paul Wilson, Janesville 7-0 ... 51.68
2. Norm Gage, Milltown 6-1 ... 57.79
3. Ozz Jacobson, Fond Du Lac . 4-3 ... 48.68
4. Wayne Lemar, Lacrosse 4-3 ... 47.78
5. Ivan Ruzic, Stratford 3-4 ... 43.37
6. Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha 3-4 ... 40.80
7. John Dolezel, Eau Claire 1-6 ... 41.47
8. Bill Matey, Appleton 0-7 ... 38.88

Class High Game: Norm Gage, 75.00%

CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR BOYS

1. Jacob Birch, Kenosha 7-0 37.23
2. Tim Lazaris, Colgate 6-1 37.14
3. Beau Davison, Centuria 5-2 42.24
4. Mike Lazaris, Colgate 3-4 28.68
5. Joshua Heinritz, Sussex 3-4 25.12
6. Gunnar David, Marshfield 2-5 23.05
7. Caleb Heinritz, Sussex 2-5 16.84
8. James Heinritz, Sussex 0-7 29.35



Class High Game: Beau Davison, 55.88%

After seven games with seven wins, **Jacob Birch** became the Junior Boys Champion. **Tim Lazaris** came in second losing only to the champion in the fourth round, 41-30. Third place went to last years champion **Beau Davison**, who also pitched the highest ringer percentage in the class. Beau lost only to Jacob and Tim in the first and last rounds of the tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Aleena Cook, Stratford 5-0 49.36
2. Bethany Heinritz, Pewaukee... 4-1 23.60
3. Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee . 3-2 19.62
4. Heather Feavel, Van Dyne 2-3 18.18
5. Nicole Feavel, Van Dyne 1-4 9.85
6. Samantha Lazaris, Colgate 0-5 6.89



Class High Game: Aleena Cook, 70.83%

Aleena Cook took the championship for the fourth time in five years, pitching a respectable 49.36%, never losing a game. She was also thrilled to pitch her best game ever, 70.83%. Coming in a close second was **Bethany Heinritz**, with only one loss to the champion. **Christina Heinritz**, move-up from Junior Girls Class A was very competitive in the championships, losing only to the first and second place contenders. She was Aleena's toughest opponent, scoring the most points against the champion, 12.

CHAMPIONSHIP CADET BOYS

1. Blake Lazaris, Colgate..... 2-0..... 17.22
2. Steven Lazaris, Oak Creek 0-2..... 2.22

CHAMPIONSHIP CADET GIRLS

1. Abigail Aiken, Oak Creek..... 2-1..... 0.93
2. Alyssa Simonz, Slinger 1-2..... 0.93



With only two boy Cadets and two girl Cadets entering the tournament, the four pitched together in one class. **Blake Lazaris** didn't lose a game, pitching 31 ringers out of 180 shoes to become the Boys Cadet Champion. Coming in second for the boys was **Steven Lazaris**, with 4 wins overall.

Like juniors classes of the old times, the Girls Cadet Championship was between a Steinke and a Sternberg. The champion wasn't decided in regular play. After 6 games, **Alyssa Simonz** (Terry and Lorraine Sternberg's granddaughter) and **Abigail Aiken** (Tom Steinke's granddaughter) finished with one win a piece; it was time for a play-off. Abigail ended up with one ringer, winning by just two points. ♪

PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The 2009 Pitcher of the Year award included records of 286 pitchers. The year-end averages determined the Division for each pitcher. Points were earned by participating and placing in the top-three spots in your class. First place received 15 points, second place 10 points, and third place 5 points. Pitchers could also earn 15 points by attending the Spring and Fall meetings. - by Jane Smith

This is the first time in recent years that the Division A winner did not have the most points. With all 42 of Wisconsin's events recorded, the Pitchers of the Year are:

Jim O'Loughlin
Division C, 110 points
(averages less than 35%)

Jim had four 1st place finishes,
three 2nd's and four 3rd's.

John Garvan
Division B, 170 points
(averages between 35% and 49.99%)

John had seven 1st place finishes,
four 2nd's, and five 3rd's.

Randy Rein
Division A, 115 points
(averages over 50%)

Randy had six 1st place
finishes and two 2nd's and five 3rd's.



Kiri Cook
Most Improved Pitcher

Cook improved her average by 12.16% points, from 37.29% in 2008 to 49.45% in 2009.

Congratulations, Kiri! ♪

2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

LADIES CLASS A

1. Tava Kildahl, Marshfield..... 5-0..... 41.60
2. Sonia Cook, Stratford 3-2 38.40
3. Laurie Dolezel, Altoona 3-2 36.80
4. Elaine Troullier, Whitelaw ... 3-2 32.80
5. Gloria Smith, Milltown 1-4 26.40
6. Karen Henkel, Muskego..... 0-5 22.80



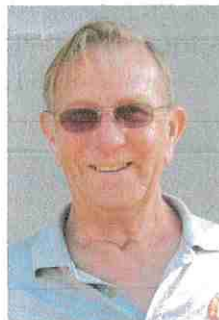
**Ladies Class A Champion
Tava Kildahl
Marshfield**

Tava Kildahl and **Laurie Dolezel** squared off in the final game, with Tava undefeated and Laurie with one loss. With some cool-under-pressure pitching, Tava managed to keep Laurie at bay and earned the move-up spot to Championship.

Class High Game: Tava Kildahl & Laurie Dolezel, 48.00%

ELDERS CLASS A

1. John Dolezel, Eau Claire.....6-1 44.64
2. Ivan Ruzic, Stratford.....4-3 41.07
3. D Ninnemann, St Croix Falls .4-3 38.57
4. Milt Larsen, West Allis4-3 37.50
5. John Brugger, Platteville.....3-4 36.78
6. Dale Griffith, Platteville3-4 32.50
7. Tony Scrima, Waukesha3-4 30.35
8. Jim O'Loughlin, Adams1-6 31.42



**Elders Class A Champion
John Dolezel
Eau Claire**

Milt Larsen saved his best game for last to give **John Dolezel** his only loss for the day. The class was fairly balanced, with most pitchers either going 4-3 or 3-4, except for the champ and **Jim O'Loughlin**, who did beat Milt in game 3.

Class High Game: Ivan Ruzic, 57.50%

LADIES CLASS B

1. Tricia Tellier, Greenfield..... 5-0 26.00
2. Joanna Hollenback, Baraboo.. 4-1 23.25
3. Cecelia Trossen, Mountain.... 3-2 31.39
4. Linda Wisniewski, Merrill 2-3 15.60
5. Beth Strohmman, Marshfield... 1-4 10.80
6. Kari David, Marshfield..... 0-5 9.60



**Ladies Class B Champion
Tricia Ryan-Tellier
Greenfield**

Tricia Ryan-Tellier went undefeated to take the class championship. The battle for second place between **Joanna Hollenback** and **Cecelia Trosson**, however, was a nail-biter. Cecilia made a comeback in the last 10 shoes to tie up the game. Two trips down and back were required to decide the winner. Joanna eventually prevailed and earned the second-place spot. Although ranking third, Cecilia pitched the class high average and high game.

Class High Game: Cecelia Trossen, 46.00%

ELDERS CLASS B

1. Earl Paulson, Beloit5-0 39.00
2. Wayne Franzen, Franklin3-2 28.50
3. Cliff Troullier, Whitelaw3-2 24.00
4. Cliff Van Natta, Platteville2-3 22.50
5. Dan David, Auburndale.....2-3 12.50
6. Merrill Semingson, Eleva0-5 10.00



**Elders Class B Champion
Earl Paulson
Beloit**

Two players had dropped out before the event even began, turning an eight man class into a six man. **Earl Paulson** pitched an outstanding tournament, going undefeated for the day. However, **Wayne Franzen** gave Earl a good scare. **Cliff Troullier** and Wayne pitched each other the last game to decide who would take second place. Cliff had his lowest game of the day, losing to Wayne and taking third in the class.

Class High Game: Earl Paulson, 47.50%

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MENS CLASS A

1. Kerry Morris, Watertown 6-2 50.31
2. Bruce McLinn, Clinton 5-3 42.81
3. John Koepp III, Pewaukee 4-3 50.71
4. Jeff Mauthe, Platteville 4-3 44.28
5. John Molling, Wausau 3-4 53.21
6. Dan Bloom, Janesville 3-4 45.71
7. Ray Groskinsky, Friendship... 3-4 43.92
8. Todd Sheehan, Chetek 1-6 37.50



Mens Class A Champion
Kerry Morris
Watertown

Bruce McLinn defeated **Kerry Morris** in the last game to force a playoff for first place. Kerry won the playoff game 31-18 to take the Class A championship.

John Koepp pitched a strong tournament, barely missing out on the class playoff.

Class High Game: John Molling, 70.00%

MENS CLASS C

1. Tory Jeske, Frederic 6-2 44.37
2. Jim Tollefson, Janesville 5-3 39.68
3. John Garvan, Edgerton 4-3 36.07
4. Ralph Marthaler, Medford 4-3 34.28
5. Terry Sternberg, Richfield 3-4 36.78
6. Don Goldsmith, Janesville 3-4 36.42
7. Jim Heim, Holmen 2-5 33.92
8. Al Huizenga, Stoughton 2-5 31.07



Mens Class C Champion
Tory Jeske
Frederic

Tory Jeske lost his first two games, then went unbeaten including a win in the final round over **Jim Tollefson** to force a playoff. Tory lead 25-8 after 20 shoes and won 41-14, shooting

50% to Jim's 27.50%.

Class High Game: Jim Tollefson, 65.00%

MENS CLASS B

1. John Bauer, Spooner 6-2 47.81
2. Bun Carley, Richland Center . 5-3 43.75
3. Les Karpel, Chetek 4-3 41.78
4. G Bogenschneider, W Bend .. 4-3 41.07
5. Tom Endler, Twin Lakes 4-3 39.64
6. Lonny Trangsrud, Eau Claire. 3-4 38.21
7. Steve Wiegert, Green Bay 2-5 36.78
8. Joe Ellinger, Albany 1-6 33.92



Mens Class B Champion
John Bauer
Spooner

Glenn Bogenschneider had a spectacular come-from-behind win against **Bun Carley** in game 6, which forced a playoff between Bun and **John Bauer**. Pitching 16 ringers out of the first 20 shoes of the playoff, John defeated Bun to become the Class B champion.

Class High Game: Les Karpel, 60.00%

MENS CLASS D

1. Kurt Jochimsen, Stratford 6-1 31.42
2. Julian Tijerina, Madison 5-2 41.78
3. John Brophy, Galesville 5-2 35.35
4. Jerry Schroeder Sr, Oxford ... 4-3 30.71
5. Norm Beckius, Beloit 3-4 30.00
6. Galen Kozel, Mukwonago 3-4 27.85
7. Randy Mitchell, Weston 2-5 32.85
8. Pacer



Mens Class D Champion
Kurt Jochimsen
Stratford

Whoever said "close doesn't count" in horseshoes doesn't know Class D champ **Kurt Jochimson**. **Jerry Schroeder** and **Mouse Beckius** fell victim to the point-game; Kurt scored 14 single points against each of them, winning both games despite pitching fewer ringers than his opponents.

Class High Game: Kurt Jochimson, Julian Tijerina, 47.50%

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MENS CLASS E

1. Mitch Littlegeorge, Baraboo... 6-1 33.45
2. Steve Mielke, Green Bay 5-2 36.78
3. Rick Weller, Baraboo 4-3 32.85
4. Kevin Brekke, Edgerton 3-4 31.59
5. Craig Novinski, Barneveld 3-4 30.71
6. David Volz, Wonewoc 3-4 28.87
7. Dick Hansen, Franksville 2-5 29.16
8. Ed Wheeler, Lodi 2-5 22.85



**Mens Class E Champion
Mitch Littlegeorge
Baraboo**

Mitch Littlegeorge returns as class champion, making this 2 wins in 3 years at State. **Craig Novinski** gave Mitch his only loss in game 6, winning 26-23. **Steve Mielke's** playoff chance was stymied by **Dave Volz** in game 7, losing 17-22.

Class High Game: Steve Mielke, 50.00%

MENS CLASS G

1. Leo Richter, Stoughton 7-1 33.75
2. Tom Dudenhoefer, Oxford ... 6-2 25.00
3. Mike Zahn, Lomira 5-2 27.50
4. Tom Steinke, Eagle 3-4 24.64
5. Larry Danielson, River Falls... 3-4 20.35
6. Gene Satterstrom, Madison ... 3-4 14.64
7. Jayme Fehr, Merrill 2-5 17.85
8. Pacer



**Mens Class G Champion
Jim O'Loughlin
Adams**

Leo Richter pitched an excellent tournament, pitching the class high average and game. He brought it to the playoff against **Tom Dudenhoefer**, winning 46-5. Although **Mike Zahn** started out 5-0, he lost his last 2 games, keeping him out of contention.

Class High Game: Leo Richter, 55.00%

MENS CLASS F

1. John Secord, Fond Du Lac 7-1 27.50
2. Dave Klipstein, Hillsboro 6-2 29.68
3. Russ Heinritz, Waukesha 4-3 37.50
4. Bob Kallstrom, Arkansaw 4-3 32.85
5. John Drexler, Stratford 3-4 27.50
6. Rich Conrad, Pewaukee 3-4 26.07
7. Randy Heinritz, Pewaukee 1-6 22.85
8. John Bentz, Platteville 1-6 16.07



**Mens Class F Champion
John Secord
Fond du Lac**

John Secord managed to squeak by **Russ Heinritz** by one point in game 2, but fell to **Dave Klipstein** in game 3 in another close one. **John Drexler** gave Klipstein his only loss in game 2. Secord out-pointed Klipstein in the playoff game, winning the championship.

Class High Game: Russ Heinritz, 42.50%

MENS CLASS H

1. David Tellier, Greenfield 5-0 27.20
2. Jason Goldsmith, Milwaukee.. 3-2 26.80
3. Mel Cook, Stratford 3-2 18.80
4. Ted Rohde, La Crosse 2-3 18.00
5. Craig David, Marshfield 2-3 18.00
6. Jerry Kochman, Kenosha 0-5 5.60



**Mens Class H Champion
David Tellier
Greenfield**

It was **David Tellier's** day, walking through the class to take the championship. Consistency was key, as he pitched 28% in 4 out of 5 games. **Jason Goldsmith** defeated **Mel Cook** in the final game to earn the second spot via ringer percentage.

Class High Game: Jason Goldsmith, 34.00%

2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

MENS CLASS I

1. Eddie Wisniewski, Merrill 5-1 16.00
2. Mike Franzen, East Troy 4-2 15.00
3. Don Peroutka, Pl. Prairie 3-2 12.80
4. Mike Berdan, Auburndale 2-3 8.80
5. Curt Novinski, Platteville 2-3 6.40
6. Dave Semingson, Eleva 0-5 2.40



**Mens Class I Champion
Eddie Wisniewski
Merrill**

Eddie Wisniewski lost a close one to **Mike Franzen** in game two, 27-33. However, Mike lost to Don Peroutka in game three, so Eddie and Mike ended up in a play-off. Eddie got his revenge by winning 47-16 and throwing the high game in the class.

Class High Game: Eddie Wisniewski, 24.00%

JUNIOR GIRLS A

1. Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee 6-0 15.00
2. Kayla Dolezel, Altoona 4-2 14.58
3. Mary Ann Aiken, Oak Creek . 2-4 2.08
4. Emily Lazaris, Colgate 0-6 0.00



**Junior Girls A Champion
Christina Heinritz
Pewaukee**

The girls played a double round robin with **Christina Heinritz** and **Kayla Dolezel** ahead of the rest of the class. Christina won 25-19 and 27-10 in her two games over Kayla and won the class with an undefeated record and the high average, despite coming in as the low seed.

Class High Game: Kayla Dolezel, 25.00%

JUNIOR BOYS A

1. Ross Kuchenbecker, Verona 5-0 6.80
2. Mason Kuchenbecker, Verona 4-1 5.20
3. Ezra Heinritz, Sussex 3-2 5.20
4. Tony Secord, Fond Du Lac 2-3 1.60
5. Garrett Kuchenbecker, Verona 1-4 2.00
6. Pacer



**Junior Boys A Champion
Ross Kuchenbecker
Verona**

There was an 60% chance that a Kuchenbecker was going to take the class title. **Mason Kuchenbecker** and **Ross Kuchenbecker** were both undefeated going into last game. Ross pitched a good game, and unfortunately Mason saved his lowest ringer game for last. Ross won easily 29-9 for the class title.

Class High Game: Ezra Heinritz, 16.00% 🏆



Junior Boys Class A



Junior Girls Class A



2009 STATE TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS



Sand volleyball court, a big hit with the kids



Joanna Hollenback



Dave & Trish Tellier
Husband & Wife Champions



Norm Gage



Jane Smith



Judge Gabe



Cook Sisters Tava & Kiri
at their first meeting in
Championship Womens



Three generations of the Dolezel family:
John, Laurie and Kayla



Dave Forseth and
Bun Carley



John Udelhofen, pitching John Molling



Ron Berg
marking score



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