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## 2023 Whpa Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
May 20	Butternut Open	Butternut		20	May 13	Jer Wegner
May 27-28	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	48	20	May 20	Fred Lane
June 3	Wolf River Open	New London	48	20	May 20	Ken Jaeger
June 4	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64	20	May 27	Paul Wiese
June 10-11	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	20	June 3	Cliff Erickson
June 10-11	Spring Fling	Beloit	72	20	May 31	Dan Newkirk
June 17	Sylvia & Dan David Memorial	Marshfield		20	June 10	Mel Cook
June 17	Muskego Open	Muskego	28	20	June 10	Tom Steinke
June 18	Platteville Spring Singles	Platteville	36	16	June 11	Mark Mauthe
June 24-25	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48	20	June 17	Kent Frailing
June 24-25	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	20	June 14	Dan Newkirk
July 4	The Patriot	Beloit	48	20	June 24	Dan Newkirk
July 8	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32	20	July 1	Ray Groskinsky
July 15-16	Summer Fun	Mosinee	48	20	July 8	Josh Gibson
July 17-29	World Tournament	Lansing, MI			May 15	
July 22-23	Whiskey Ranch Open	Delevan	40	20	July 15	Gena Quaid
July 29	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	20	July 22	Russ Brockway
July 29	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	20	July 22	Jer Wegner
July 31	Whpa Singles Entry Deadline					
Aug 5	Rozellville Lions Tourney	Rozellville		20	July 29	Mike Berdan
Aug 5	Goldendale Open	Germantown	36	20	July 29	Ken Heinritz
Aug 8	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	64	10	Aug 1	Paul Wiese
Aug 12	Fond du Lac Open	Fond du Lac	32	20	Aug 5	John Meyer
Aug 13	FDL Team	Fond du Lac	10	54	Aug 1	Jeff Secord
Aug 19-20	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48	20	Aug 12	Kent Frailing
Aug 26-27	Warm Up	Beloit	72	20	Aug 16	Dan Newkirk
Aug 26-27	Merrill Open	Merrill	64	20	Aug 19	Lambert Narlock
Sept 2-3	WHPA State Singles	Eau Claire		25	July 31	John Secord
Sept 9-10	Wet N Wild	Centuria		15	Sept 2	Toni Sloper
Sept 16-17	City of Parks	Merrill	64	20	Sept 9	Lambert Narlock
Sept 16	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	20	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 17	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		22	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 30/Oct 1	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	20	Sept 20	Dan Newkirk
Oct 7-8	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	42	20	Sept 23	Dave Volz
Oct 14	Whpa Fall Meeting	Wisconsin Dells				
Oct 21/22	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	20	Oct 14	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 4-5	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	16	22	Oct 28	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 11-12	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Nov 1	Dan Newkirk
Dec 2-3	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 25	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 9-10	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 29	Dan Newkirk
Dec 16-17	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 2	Dave Volz

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**Dobie Gutweiler—President**

I am writing to inform you of my intention to seek re-election as President of the WHPA. These last years as your President has shown me how truly wonderful every member of the WHPA is. I want to take a moment to thank those who have truly had my back since day one and who have made my presidency some of the best times of my life. My fellow officers, John Secord, Dave Volz, Sonia Cook, Dan Newkirk and Jeff Secord. There is no better group to

work with than these people. If re-elected, I hope to get to know more of you more intimately and to continue going to every World Tournament for the duration to cheer on our family. Thank you.

**Dan Newkirk—2nd Vice President**

I am writing to inform the WHPA of my intention to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president again. While I am the newest board member, I feel like I can bring a lot to the board and to the WHPA. Thank you.

**What's New**

Jane Smith

Our horseshoe family lost another ringer—Steve Stevens. He recently was able to move back to his home in Marengo and was getting dialysis in Ashland. He was so looking forward to his wedding in July. We do not know any arrangements at

this time but will share on our webpage when we know more. His address is PO Box 132, Marengo, WI 54855. We still have WHPA family with a variety of illnesses needing prayers. As we pitch in leagues and tournaments this summer, enjoy and appreciate the fact we are here and pitching. Our horseshoe friends are forever!



### LOVING LIFE AT TELFER PARK!!!

As I write this I am sitting at Telfer Park watching week 2 of the month's rental, the Beloit Encore Tournament. Like a well-oiled, and cared for machine, this place runs as smooth as a clock. Now everyone knows, especially tournament directors, that there are always problems arising in the background of a tournament, but here at Beloit you would never know it. This team of people is just incredible to watch. They simply astound me.

Now we all know that Dan & Tammy Newkirk, the Prince & Princess of the WHPA, dedicate themselves 100 % to every tournament they host, as do all Beloit Team members, but this weekend I focused on those that keep these tournaments together by assisting the Newkirks as much as they can. While that can be said about every single member of the Beloit club, I especially want to give a shout out of thanks to Brian Schoonover, Rayna Bauer, Ken Beebe and Gena Quaid. At any point in time that you see these people they are doing something for the club. They are in the kitchen, they are making store runs, they are emptying garbage cans, cleaning....anything and everything is so cared for so that we may have a well-run machine of a tournament. THANK YOU to every member of the Beloit Horseshoe Club.

As the World Horseshoe Tournament approaches, I am so glad to see that as of May 13<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin has 43 members pitching in the tournament and there are still 2 more days to register. How exciting is that? As President I am staying in Lansing for the entire tournament and plan to cheer each and every one of you on. Read the WHPA tournament schedule for the remaining season.. Come join your shoe family this sum-



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

If you had a mind-set of playing this sport for the sheer joy that is gained from getting better every time you played, I don't think you would play very long. Frustration may set in.

Not sure how it is for you, but I feel like it's often only a quarter of the tournaments that I throw in, that I do well (you know what I mean ... my average or better). What a test! This is a difficult sport!

But know this: times of testing will produce perseverance, and endurance in us. We will be able to have endurance during hard times like Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2). Trials and testing are a part of life. It's easy to be strong when nothing is going wrong. The true test of strength comes when facing a struggle. Fortunately, our strength is large because we do have God with us for even the toughest of days.

Hopefully better days of pitching are ahead. But remember, God is there willing to help ... if we will only call out to him.

*"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." Proverbs 24:10*

**WHPA 2023 Doubles Tournament**

Dave Volz/ John Secord/ Dan Newkirk

Championship Class

Tammy Newkirk / Jeff Gustafson	6	1	50.95
Cliff Shave / Zak Schwartz	4	3	46.43
Gene Pribnow / Jill Peterson	4	3	46.19
Cliff Erickson / Ken Heinritz	4	3	44.29
Ray Groskinsky / Kerry Morris	3	4	45.48
Joe McCrossen / Susie Erickson	3	4	45
Jim Larson / Bun Carley	3	4	41.90
Aleena Lepak / Lillyan Killdall	1	6	39.76

Class A

Rowen Swick / Dave Quaid	5	1	38.33
Dan Bloom / Bob Klingaman	4	2	41.39
Penny Steinke / Tom Steinke	3	2	36.67
Larry Grabowski / Rick Weller	3	2	32.67
Cindy Castellano / Toni Sloper	1	4	32
Blen Brandemuehl / Joel Ramsdell	0	5	27

Class B

Rich Peterson / Kim Peterson	5	2	35.71
Kalena Quaid / Rondi Mengelt	4	3	35
Donna Beerquam / Robert Fleege	3	3	31.67
John Wallace / Greg Hehling	3	3	23.61
Linda Roeber / Kevin Aarstad	2.5	2.5	25.67
Dave Leckwee / George Dorn	.5	4.5	23.67

Class C

Rayna Bauer / Scott Linhart	4	1	25
Joe Koch / Gary Glover	3.5	1.5	25
P Schwerdtfeger / H Schoenbeck	2.5	2.5	24.67
Jim Alf / Rich Conrad	2	3	27
Roger Poutanan / Jeremy Studinski	2	3	23.67
Roger Anderson / Mary Thompson	1	4	19.67

Class D

Brenda Price / Kim Briggs	6	1	20
Scott Peckham / Brandon Peckham	5	2	21.43
Paul Henning / Dan Newkirk	3	3	19.72
Ron Studinski / Jim Menzel	3	3	18.33
Dobie Gutweiler / Gerald Harris	3	3	18.06
Ray Cayer / Fred Lane	2	4	13.06
Tom Bird / Barb Ramquist	0	6	7.78



State Doubles  
Champions:  
Jeff, Tammy



Class A:  
Dave, Rowen  
unavailable



Class B:  
Rich, Kim



Class C:  
Scott, Rayna



Class D:  
Kim, Brenda

**Jim Haupt Memorial**

Dave Volz

**Class A****Muskego 13 7**

Penny Steinke	5	0	75
Cliff Shave	4	1	69.5
Pam Aiken	4	1	59
Zak Schwartz	0	5	39.5

**Arkdale 12 8**

Ray Groskinsky	2	3	44.5
Cliff Erickson	4	1	53.5
Joe McCrossen	1	4	44.5
Susie Erickson	5	0	50.50

**Beloit 9 11**

Dennis Reid	1	4	49
Tammy Newkirk	3	2	51
Dan Bloom	3	2	48.5
Leonard Razim	2	3	43.5

**Class B****Summit Ridge 2 14 6**

Rich Peterson	4	1	47
Jill Peterson	4	2	41
Brenda Price	3	2	32.5
Kim Peterson	3	2	36

**Close Doesn't Count 13 7**

Donna Berguam	4	1	42
Cindy Castellano	5	0	47.5
Toni Sloper	4	1	36
Todd Sheehan	0	5	3.5

**Beloit 4 11 9**

Joel Ramsdell	2	3	37
Jim Huckabee	2	3	31
Dave Quaid	3	2	29
Brian Schoonover	4	1	31.5

**Class C****Summit Ridge 3 14 6**

Rick Weller	4	1	35
Jarrold Bisch	5	0	36.5
Carey Jennings	2	3	28
Rick Capener	3	2	22.5

**Summit Ridge – Merrimac 13.5 6.5**

Dan Nalepinski	2	3	27
Justin Schultz	3.5	1.5	33
Alvin Schultz	5	0	36
Glenn Schultz	3	2	14.5

**Whiskey Ranch 11.5 8.5**

Mike Carlson	1	4	31.5
Kevin Heckert	1.5	3.5	36.5
Todd Thompson	4	1	24.5
Charlotte Potter	5	0	40

**Class D****Beloit 8 12 8**

Gary Glover	2	3	22
Robert Fleege	5	0	20.5
Paul Henning	5	0	25.5
Mitchell Uttrich	5	0	21

**Beloit 7 12 8**

Ray Cayer	3	2	22.5
Scott Winefka	3	2	22
Dan Newkirk	4	1	21.5
Zach Secord	2	3	14.5

**Beloit 6 12 8**

Landon Morgan	4	1	27
Fred Lane	1	4	9
Gregory M Beaver	3	2	16.5
Carl Nyman	4	1	21

**Jim Haupt Memorial (club) Team**

By: Dave Volz

It was nice to see Telfer pavilion in Beloit filled to capacity again. We had 24 four person teams and filled all 24 courts in both shifts. Thank you to Tammy Newkirk for pushing this event and coming up with extra teams. I ran it a little different this year, instead of flipping a shoe and the winning captain selecting who pitched against who, I set it up so that the top pitchers on each team in each class pitched each other and so on down the line for all four pitchers. It saved a lot of confusion for pitchers trying to set up each match up on the laptops every game and a lot less mistakes were made. All you had to do is select the court and the game number and you were good to go. There were very few minor issues and everything ran quite smoothly. In Class A, Muskego pulled off winning the title again by one game over Arkdale by beating them 3 to 1 in

the final matchup of the day. Third place had a three-way tie that was broken by total ringers with Beloit taking it by one ringer over Deansville 1 and two ringers over Summit Ridge 1. In Class B, Summit Ridge 2 took first by one win over defending class champion Close Doesn't Count. In Class C, Summit Ridge 3 edged out Summit Ridge (Merrimac) in the last round and won first by half a game. Beloit 8 dominated Class D with 3 of the 4 pitchers on the team going 5 and 0. I also made a change on the trophies, instead of updating the plates on them I put the winners' picture and names on them. They will be changed out each year with the new winners. I also made up past winners display boards for each class with winners and pictures. There are some years with missing pictures, so if anyone has any of the missing ones, please let me know! You can find all the picture boards on the website. Go to the State Tournament page and they are listed on the bottom of the page.

**Beloit Encore**

Dave Volz/ Gina Quaid/ Dan Newkirk

Class A

Penny Steinke	7	0	77.86
Cliff Shave	6	1	63.57
Tammy Newkirk	5	2	62.86



**Class A:** Jeff, Tammy, Penny, Cliff

Class B

Jill Peterson	6	0	54.17
Dave Volz	4	2	51.67
Robert Bowser	4	2	46.67



**Class B:** Kenneth, Robert, Jill, Dave

Class C

Joel Ramsdell	6	1	33.57
Roger Anderson	5	2	37.14
Dave Quaid	5	2	31.79



**Class C:** Dave, Joel, George, Roger

Class D

Dale Matteson	4	1	31
Brian Schoonover	4	1	23.5
Larry Fettes III	3	2	22.5



**Class D:** Brian, Dale, Larry

Class E

Adrianna Thornquist	5	0	28.5
Harl Morgan	3	2	25
Gary Glover	3	2	25



**Class E:** Gary, Adrianna, Harl

Class F

Dan Newkirk	5	1	23.75
Richard Conrad	4	2	19.58
G. Brandemuehl	3	3	22.08



**Class F:** Glen, Marna, Rich, Dan

Class G

Allison Goers	6	0	24.17
Scott Linhart	4	2	17.92
Bud Carton	3.5	2.5	16.67



**Class G:** Wayne, Bud, Allison, Scott

**World Tournament**

Lansing MI, July 17-29

As of May 17 there are 915 entries to the WT in Lansing. Wisconsin is very well represented with 56 entries—the third most. MI has 129 entries with OH next. Way to go WHPA!! Good Luck to everyone, Safe travels, Stay healthy,





## WHPA SPRING MEETING

APRIL 15, 2023

Lake Delton

Sportsman's Club

Jane Smith

Generally, I have assistance in generating the Spring Meeting minutes. Kevin Brekke has been the main guy in this project. Due to Karla's (his wife) impending surgery, he was unable to attend the meeting. He has missed so very few over the last decades. Sending halting prayers and positive vibes to their family.

The WHPA Spring Meeting was called to order at 1:01 with 4 attending. Dobie lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Moments of Silence. Ken Heinritz was unable to attend as he had several students attending the State Welding Contest. Kathy Jaeger was also wished and sung Happy Birthday.

John Secord read the Fall WHPA minutes, which were approved; he gave the Treasurer's report which was also approved. We have \$7186.27 in our treasury.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Dave Volz updated us with the NHPA WT information. He asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend in Lansing this year. At this date we have 8 signed up but it was early; he also asked for a show of hands of those attending for the first time. WI should be well represented. He also mentioned the deadline for the Club Team and Walking Doubles are nearing. He has 22 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teams for Club Team needing 5 pitchers to make 24 teams for this event. He talked a bit about the Website and Regional Director job of sanctioning the pitching courts this year.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dan Newkirk updates us with the EC Club hosting the WHPA State tournament Sept 2/3 this year. Paul Wiese was modeling the shirt available for this event. They will be available for sale at all EC events this summer. The 2024 State Tournament will be held in Beloit. Dan also

informed and asked for help in setting up and take down of the clay, lines, filling boxes and moving clay for Tel-far Arena for the Beloit May



tournaments. He and Tammy had printouts of the set-up schedule for those able to help.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Sonia Cook spoke of the JR Raffle. She had tickets and is accepting any donations for the State Tourney drawing. Tammy said she would get and donations to Sonia for the raffle in EC. We have \$5700 disbursements and a total of \$12,457.96 in this account. We have an amazing horseshoe family as everyone is willing to help when needed.

Jane Smith, WHNL editor, reminded everyone we will need a new editor and printing staff for the WHNL next year. The duties of the editor include gathering reports from the President, Chaplain, officers



and any feature column. The tournament results and pics are provided by Dave Volz on the Webpage. It takes between 10-20 hours to get the WHNL ready for proofing, printing, labeling, and mailing. An additional but not time-consuming task is keeping the subscription list updated and banking of incoming checks. I send the list of those requestion hard copies to Gary Volz who does the final proof, sends to printer, folds, labels and sends. He had a credit card at US Bank to cover expenses. We are hoping our new editor will have access to a US Bank branch.

Jeff Secord, HOF Chair, announced Don Kangas will be inducted into the HOF in September. Don's credentials are outstanding as Jeff recently completed a detailed spreadsheet of WI pitchers. This spreadsheet will be available on our website as Dave has time to take care of this. Jeff also talked of the TW event, this the 37<sup>th</sup> year. Teams from Canada and Ohio are making an appearance after several years not attending. There are 20 teams at this time. The finals will be Sunday, afternoon, May 21 and it is guaranteed to be quite a show. WI has a chance to be the first team to win 4 consecutive times. GOOD LUCK WI! The Earl Paulson Awards are going to Sue Snyder, deceased, and Alan Francis for their participation in this tourney. NHPA Officers Gary Roberts and Jim Kinney will also be attending this event. There will be a TWV in 2024. Way to go Jeff and Beloit!

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 Jeff Secord talked of his spreadsheet under old business. He had a three ring binder with amazing stats on WI pitchers for the entire 52 years of WHPA history. His research found Gene Mason, Mr Horse-shoe, having pitched in 49 State tournaments, including several at the WI State fair grounds in Milwaukee. John Secord pitched in 48 State tourneys followed very closely by Bun Carley with 40. These are some very impressive statistics and amazing guys. Thank

You, Jeff for this research. It is a very interesting book to spend time reading.



Dobie mentioned in New Business the election of President and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP at the October 14<sup>th</sup> WHPA Fall meeting, Those interested in running for these offices must notify Dobie Guitweiler or Jane Smith by June 1 so the announcements can be printed in the July issue of the WHNL. Dobie also asked WHPA members to read over the NHPA proposed rule changes so our delegates- Dobie, Sonia, Dave and Ken – can vote accordingly. Ken Jaeger brought up the suggestion to write a rule change recognizing a Sanctioned League Card. This card was available years ago and created monies for the NHPA. Dobie, John and Ken will work on this proposal to present to the NHPA Rules committee. Our Fall meeting will be held Oct 14 at the Lake Delton Sportsman’s Club. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.



April Showers  
 Les Karpziel / Dave Volz

Class A

Donna Berguam	6	0	48.75
Larry Grabowski	3	3	40.42
Don Lammers	3	3	45

Class B

Ralph Marthaler	5	1	35.42
Josh Smith	3	3	35.42
Dusty Duerr	3	3	30.83

Class C

Les Karpziel	3	1	28.5
Dave Volz	3	1	40
Russel Kozlowski	2	2	22.5



April Showers: Class B—Josh Smith, Ralph Marthaler  
 Class C– Dave Volz, Les Karpziel, R. Kozlowski

Looking for another mind boggling earth shattering experience? We may just have the thing for you:-) The WHNL Staff is looking for several persons who are willing to continue the editing, assembling, printing, mailing and subscriptions for our WHNL. If you are interested in learning any of the afore mentioned tasks, please talk to Gary Volz or Jane Smith for a more specific explanation.

**March With Penny**

Dan Newkirk / Dave Volz

Class A

Penny Steinke	6	0	74.58
Cliff Shave	5	1	65.83
Tammy Newkirk	3.5	3.5	60.42



Class A: Penny, Cliff,  
Tammy, Gene

Class B

Jeff Gustafson	5	0	51.5
Bob Klingaman	4	1	44
Rayna Bauer	2.5	2.5	27

Class B: Rayna, Jeff, Bob



Class C

Joel Ramsdell	4	2	38.5
Jim Alf	4	2	28.33
George Dunn	4	2	25.42



Class C: George, Jim  
Joel, Jim

Class D

Kalena Quaid	5	0	38.5
Dale Matteson	4	1	34
Edwin Pulsfus	3	2	18.5

Class D: Edwin, Kalena,  
Dale



Class E

Landon Morgan	5	0	40.5
Rondi Mengelt	4	1	24.5
Hari Morgan	3	2	22.5



Class E: Rondi,  
Landon, Hari

Class F

Brenden Kane	6	1	26.07
Joe Koch	5	2	41.07
Gary Glover	3	3	20.83

Class F: Gary, Brenden,  
Gary, Mitchell



Class G

Glen Brandemuehl	5	0	17.5
Tom Steinke	3	2	17
Gene Friede	2	3	17



Class G: Guy,  
Glen, Tom

Class H

Sherry Worrall	5	0	18.5
Sandy Anderson	3	2	18
Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	10.5

Class H: Sandy,  
Sherry, Guy



**Birthday Bash**

Dave Volz

**Birthday Bash Photos**

below

**Red Ferguson Classic**

Dan Newkirk / Dave Volz

Class A

Jim Larson	4	1	59.5
Ken Jaeger Sr	4	1	54.5
Bun Carley	3.5	1.5	52

Class B

Mike Cone	4	1	57.5
Dan Bloom	3.5	1.5	53.5
Rich Peterson	3	2	53

Class C

Dan Nalepinski	4	1	38.5
Justin Schultz	3	2	39
Alvin Schultz	2	3	40.5

Class D

Kalena Quaid	5	0	42
Ralph Marthaler	4	1	38.5
Mark Rice	2	3	40.5

Class E

Rick Weller	5	0	38
Kalena Quaid	4	1	34.5
Jarroed Bisch	3	2	42

Class F

Ron Studinski	5	0	33
Glenn Schultz	4	1	31.5
Rich Brockway	3	2	26

Class G

Mitchell Uttech	5	0	25.5
Gerald Harris	4	1	31.5
Dobie Gutweiler	3	2	37



Class A

Penny Steinke	6	0	76.25
Cliff Shave	4.5	1.5	55
Dennis Reid	3.5	2.5	60

Class B

Jeff Gustafson	5	0	53
Jim Tollefson	4	1	35
Kalena Quaid	3	2	31.5

Class C

Dave Quaid	4	1	34
Landon Morgan	3	2	35.5
Jim Huckabee	2.5	2.5	39.5

Class D

Charlotte Potter	4	1	32.5
Rondi Mengelt	3	2	24
Herman Robisch	2	3	24

Class E

Gerald Harris	6	0	23.75
Robert Fleege	5	1	21.67
Gary Glover	3	3	25.83

Class F

Marvin Mengel	5	1	27.5
Glen Brandemuehl	5	1	20
Dan Newkirk	4	2	23.75



Harold Zdroik

Harold, 90, left us on April 8, 2023. He lived in the Milwaukee area; served in the US Army, stationed in Germany. He married Jean and they had four sons. In 1972, Harry and Jean moved from Cudahy to Eagle River, WI. He worked for Landish Forging for many years before opening Harry's Market in Eagle River. He is well known for his stone wishing wells and windmills adorning many yards in the Northwoods. They enjoyed family and friends. Harry was an avid horseshoe pitcher playing in leagues and tournaments until he was in his 80's. He was also an avid bowler. He will be missed by his own family as well as our WHPA horseshoe family. Prayers of comfort and peace to his family and friends .

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## 2023 WHPA Membership &amp; Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

If new member, referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your Division:

Men-\$35 Women-\$35 Elder Men-\$35 (70+) Jr. Boys-\$5  
Jr. Girls-\$5 Med/Exempt-\$35 Cadet Boys-\$5 Cadet Girls-\$5

If renewal is after June 30th 2023, \$2 is added to dues

Send to: **WHPA W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI 54937**(Note: If you want a printed membership card you can go to [www.eShoe.com](http://www.eShoe.com) to print one.)

## 101st

## Wisconsin State Singles Tournament

Hosted By:

## Eau Claire Horseshoe Club

Carson Park 100 Carson Park Dr Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Labor Day Weekend (Sept 2,3, 2023)

Entry Deadline: July 31, **2023 Entry Fee:** \$25 Adults, Junior and Cadets FreeSend Entry form and entry fee payable to **WHPA to:**John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. **Fond** du Lac, WI. 54937**All registrations must be received by July 31, 2023**You must have competed in a minimum of **THREE** NHPA sanctioned events  
between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023.

Junior and Cadets are not required to meet the three-event rule.

All eight person classes will pitch 40 shoe games, six person classes 50 shoe games.

Adult Championship classes will pitch 40-point games.

Junior Championship classes will pitch 40 points or 50 shoes, whichever occurs first.

Cadets Championship classes will pitch 30 points or 30 shoes, whichever occurs first.

**Pitching schedule will be posted on the WHPA web page.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City St Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You can pitch in only one division. Please circle the Division you are entering:

**40 Ft Men 30 Ft Elders Women Jr. Boys**  
**Jr. Girls Cadet Boys Cadet Girls**

**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association  
Sanctioned Club/League  
2022 National Top Ten Winners!**

Penny Steinke

**Conner Kildahl:**

- #6 – 22.0 High Ringer Game/Cadet
- #7 – 13.13 High Ringer Average/Cadet
- #9 – 8.87 High Ringer Game Over Average/Cadet

**Aiden Weller:**

- #7 – 18.75 High Ringer Game/Cadet,
- #8 – 10.94 High Ringer Average/Cadet

**Ken Jaeger Sr. :**

- #7 – 66.57 High Ringer Average/Elder

**Lillyan Kildahl:**

- #4 – 21.13 High Ringer Average/Jr. Girls,
- #4 – 38.0 High Ringer Game/Jr. Girls
- #10 – 54.81 High Point Average/Jr./Cadet/50 Shoe Games

**Penny Steinke:**

- #1 – 115.35 High Point Average/Adult/50 Shoe Games
- #2 – 71.87 High Ringer Average Women
- #2 – 86.0 High Ringer Game/ Women
- #2 – 133.0 High Point Game/50 Shoe Games

**Sarah Chaffee:**

- #3 – 71.05 High Ringer Average/Women
- #4 – 82.0 High Ringer Game/Women

**Kerry Morris:**

- #5 (tie) – 87.5 High Ringer Game/Elder

**Ray Groskinsky:**

- #5 (tie) - 87.5 High Ringer Game/Elder

**Tammy Newkirk:**

- #7 – 75.0 High Ringer Game/Women

**Hunter McCrossen:**

- #4 – 24.44 High Ringer Game Over Average/Jr. Boys

**Jane Smith:**

- #3 – 31.36 High Ringer Game Over Average/Women

**Lonny Trangsrud:**

- #1 – 42.25 High Point Game Over Average/ Adult/50 Shoe Games

**Tim Sheehan:**

- #5 – 35.87 High Point Game Over Average/Adult/50 Shoe Games

**“Ringers & Pins”**

Sonia Cook

Horseshoe pitching and bowling have the same momentum...as proven by our WHPA members in central Wisconsin.

April 23, 2023 the ladies captured FIRST place in the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Channel 7 Pinbusters Tournament-Ladies Division. Gross Motors of Marshfield has sponsored the ladies for many years...with highest prior place of 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2011.

Highlighting the team was Aleena Lepak with a personal best 737 series. Her high game was 270. Adding to this championship team: Sonia Cook, Tava Cook, Sierra Jones and Kaitlin Wirkus.

The week prior... Mel and Sonia Cook and Dylan and Aleena Lepak teamed up to earn 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Couples Division. Also, Mel and Dylan's team earned 6<sup>th</sup> place in Mens Division - “Ringers & Pins”

**HORSESHOES**



## “The Cruel Shoes”

by Justin Kern

“April Signs Bring May Surprises”

The signs are still up, even though their central purpose has changed. Early March gave us a few days to consider seasons other than winter in southeastern Wisconsin and I used that time to visit my most familiar pits, at Milwaukee’s Humboldt Park. With each passing year, the gracious Eagle

Scout project that crafted those wooden sandbox pits show more wear, from myself and a handful of players, plus errant children and snooping animals, all multiplied by the wet and cold of our outdoors.

An idea at the back of my head came forth – protect this place in whatever meager way you can. The Milwaukee County park system is epic and essential in our city. However, over the years, as use and regard for the number of horseshoe pits have simultaneously dwindled, the County has cut the number of public pits. We’re down to two or three, leaving me grateful but guarded for this single pit at Humboldt Park just up the street from my home. (The adjacent beer garden is icing on the cake. Delicious, Modelo-flavored icing on a Lakefront Hazy IPA cake.)

Having few discernable skills save writing, I decided a sign was my best approach to guard and inform people that this was sacred ground. Something to post at or near the pits, to warn the children to point their strollers to the playground over yonder, to remind the dog owners that human hands dig around in this sand. In all that, I’d add niceties, rules of the game and possibly an off-brand parks department logo.

After nearly six minutes of typing, layout and copyediting, I brought my naïve Barbara Kruger design to be laminated, before stopping off at stores to pick up thumbtacks and extra play sand, as there have been years where that was on me and other pitchers. Defend our turf, yeah, that’s the thought. Me or who else? As I arrived, I pulled together my signs, my thumbtacks and my sand, and lugged it all a hundred or so yards from the road to the pits.

Here I saw a different me-

mento. No toy trucks or cigar wrappers, not a leaf pile or gift of indeterminate animal origin. In the pit, just ahead of the season, someone had already brought sand, good stuff at that, plus a small hand-rake to even it out. Whether it be county worker or stranger or fellow player, these were offerings to come back, keep pitching. Stood there with my jumbled armful of sand and tacks and posters, surprised by a place familiar, in good and in shabbiness.

With my warnings on my handmade sign, I had to pause to ask myself a toned down version of that question so often pondered on Reddit forums: am I the crank? My intent with these signs was so focused on a big underlined “NO”, to pets and kids who have other places nearby to sniff and slobber for fun. Hardly inviting.

Seen another way, the text I laid out was light on rules and primarily emphasized the ease of getting into the game that I find (mostly) relaxing and (mostly) engaging. And while the “NO” is prominent, even larger is the first word you’d likely see – “Welcome”. Looking over the unprompted additional sand and hand-rake, I felt it’d still be a welcome addition to post these signs on the back of the backboards, inviting if not slightly cranky.

(Outside of internal pontification, I also earned the label “suspicious”. Weeks later, I ran into a friend who said they recognized me that day but didn’t feel like it was a good time to stop over and chat as I was involved in something “suspicious” in the park, on account of my hulking around large bags of sand to the soundtrack of shaking thumbtacks.)

A few weeks after they were posted, the signs remain. They’ll stay up however long it takes for someone to peel them away, vandalize them through boredom. That’s fine. For one, I printed and laminated a bunch of them. For the time being, they should help invite visitors and the interested, with caution to the careless. All of those signs will go missing in due time, to wind and teenagers and the occasional attentive park employee. No matter, they’ll have been worth a shot, to see if we get a few more pitchers this season, which, for me at least, starts promptly tomorrow in the early May sunshine as I walk with my shoes down to Humboldt Park.



**“The Patriot Horseshoe Tournament”****July 4th - 2023(Tuesday) – Sanctioned**

Kevin Brekke– since 2010

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

Entry Deadline: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Entry Fee: \$20.00

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

Limit: 48 entries

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

Cash awards no matter the place, and prizes from Medallion for 1<sup>st</sup>, to toilet paper for last.

Send information to:

Dan Newkirk Text or Call PHONE: 608-921-2834 EMAIL: dnewkirk05@gmail.com

Many pitchers say this is the most fun tournament of the year and cannot wait to see everyone again. There will be food, raffles, and just plain fun, and maybe even some random face painting. I have some new shirts made up at a cost of 10.00.

If you are not sanctioned yet, that cost is 35.00 plus entry fee.

**Regional Directors Report**

By: Dave Volz

The deadline for the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing Michigan has passed and the tournament schedule should be completed by the first of June. I will be posting it on the WHPA website as soon as it is available. I don't have a final number, but I know Wisconsin will have over 50 pitchers participating this year, many who will be pitching in their first World Tournament. Reminder, all contestants must have their name and state professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirt cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toed shoes must be worn. For those who are attending their first World, here are a few things that may be helpful. Arrive early and check the place out! Upon arrival stop by the “WELCOME” booth which will be located in the hallway of the main entrance and sign in. The CVB will have a list of all pitchers entered. You will be asked your name and state and will be given a welcome bag which will have a World Tournament program, patch and towel as well as numerous other items and information. On your first day of pitching, you must check in one hour before your scheduled pitching time. There will be signs show-

ing you where to check in. At check-in, class group pictures will be taken and your shift director will give everyone some brief instructions followed by a question-and-answer period. You will be given your round robin card for your first day's games. You will then be allowed to go your assigned courts, but you are not allowed to enter the court pitching area until all games from the previous shift have been completed and you are instructed to by your shift director. You will be allowed approximately fifteen minutes of practice each day before your games are started. On your second and third days you will pick up your round robin cards at a designated area. You should check in there approximately thirty minutes before your scheduled start time and you should have your shoes with you because they may be doing random shoe checks where they measure and weigh your shoes. Most classes in the preliminaries are set up with sixteen pitchers per class and you will pitch fifty shoe games for three consecutive days. It is cancellation and they have electronic scorekeeping with paid scorekeepers. Following your last day of pitching there will be an awards ceremony for your shift after any play-off games have been completed. Good luck! Have fun and make the best of your World Tournament experience!