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WHPA Spring Meeting

March 21, 2009

1:00 pm

Delton Sportsman's Club, Lake Delton WI



GOLDENDALE COURTS TO BE TORN OUT

Club To Relocate To City of Butler, Goldendale Open Uncertain

A rumor that started circulating last summer after the passing of Florence Wing, the long-time owner-operator of the Lone Star Tavern, turned out to be true. In accordance with Wing's last will and testament, the home of the Goldendale Horseshoe Club since 1972 are scheduled for destruction. The old barn and courts are going to be torn down and the property to be sold off for building lots. A club member has already claimed the clay from the courts, so don't get any ideas.

Terry Sternberg and the club officers are looking towards the future. "We are getting together to see what our next step will be for the club and our tournament." They are already in contact with the Village of Butler, which is located about 10 miles south of Goldendale and home to four brand-new sand courts built to NHPA specifications. The park is also home to three baseball diamonds and tennis and basketball courts. Bringing organized horseshoe to these public courts could prove to be good exposure for our sport. Butler's Village Administrator has already granted the club its permission to use the courts.

The Goldendale club promises to keep us informed as the situation unfolds. ☺

2008 YEAR-END AVERAGES ARE IN

Check out pages six through nine to see how you measured up last year. These are the averages the WHPA will use to seed you and your partner in the State Doubles tournament in April, as well as placing you in your division for the 2009 Pitcher of the Year competition.

As a state, Wisconsin fared quite well. We have 10 pitchers who made the NHPA's top-average pitchers lists in their respective divisions. And although we can say we only added a single new member since this time last year, we should still be proud. The other 49 states combined lost a total of 440 people, or about 4% of its membership. ☺

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UPCOMING EVENTS

		ENTRY	D/L	CONTACT PERSON
Jan.31/Feb.1	Deansville Rally (28-09-002)	\$15	1/23	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb. 14-15	Valentine @ Beloit (28-09-003)	\$18	2/4	Earl Paulson
Feb. 28	Phil's Doubles @ Arena (unsanctioned)	\$20/team	2/19	Phil Haas, Ed Wheeler
Mar. 14-15	Klash with Kerry @ Deansville (28-09-004)	\$15	3/6	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar. 21	Spring Meeting @ 1:00 PM, Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton			
Mar. 28-29	Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-09-005)	\$18	3/18	Earl Paulson
Apr. 18	Rozellville Lions - 1 (28-09-006)	\$5	4/8	Dan David
Apr. 25	Club Team @ Beloit (28-09-007)	\$84/team	4/11	Jim Haupt, Earl Paulson
Apr. 26	WI. State Doubles @ Beloit (28-09-008)	\$40/team	3/31	John Secord
May 2-3	Beloit Encore (28-09-009)	\$20	4/22	Earl Paulson
May 9	Earlybird @ Eau Claire (28-09-010)	\$5	4/25	Laurie Dolezel
May 15,16,17	Team World @ Beloit (28-09-011)	\$200/team	4/10	Earl Paulson

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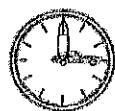
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A FRIEND WE'LL MISS...

- by Jim Haupt

GLEN BRYANT

Age 84, passed away Monday January 5, 2009. In Joliet, Illinois he was known as an avid horseshoe pitcher and the Will County champion for 25 years. We remember him as a top pitcher who often made the trip to the Pitchin' Palace with the Illinois crew of Booty Lange, Eldon (Nick) Bryant, Don Peters, and/or Larry Knop, (lots of ringers from that bunch). Those were the days (my friend). Glad to have pitched with Glen. May he rest in peace. (Submitted by Eldon, no relation) 🕊

FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke



I hope everyone had a great holiday. It's time to get into horseshoe shape. With State Doubles and Club Team coming up fast, you'll want to be ready. Gas prices are down, so you can't use that excuse this year. Yes, times are hard right now, there is no doubt about that. But you still need to have some entertainment besides the television. Horseshoes is probably one of the more reasonably-priced things to do.

I had a guy tell me the other day that he couldn't do another thing. He plays dart ball now, goes to the bar five times a week, and also plays video games. I would say that either he just doesn't like horseshoes that much or that just a trip to the bar is enough. We'll see if I can get him to change his mind by summertime...

Horseshoe people are fun, honest, and nice to be around. If you're looking for a day out, sign up for a tournament and bring a friend.

Make plans for the State Doubles and Club Team in Beloit, as well as for the World Tournament in Springfield, IL. 🐾



BEHIND THE MASK WITH KEN HEINRITZ



Competition in this great sport of ours is one facet that will never go away. Not only must we develop the skill to throw a horseshoe correctly and attain a high degree of concentration, but also adding a determination to win, seems to be a recipe for success.

The 2008 World in York, PA reminded me of two particular men. Neither of them is in their youth or even at the zenith of their lives. But in the class level they are in, certainly they are not slouches by any stretch. I'm speaking of **Ken Duquet** and **Ed Arionus**, both are in the top class of the Elders Division. I not only met each one but enjoyed visiting with them during their three days of competition as I kept score for their class.

Duquet, age 78 and resides in FL, came fully prepared with a 40-foot oxygen gas hose, along with an oxygen bottle that he placed at mid-court of the lane he pitched in. Talk about competition and love for the game; this man with appropriately attached headgear was quite adept at whirling the oxygen hose between every pitch. One might come to the conclusion that perhaps he should call it quits, but not this man. His entering ringer percentage of 68.54 placed him in the thick of the competition.

And Arionus, age 74 of TX, having already attained the Elders Title has decided to move back to 40 feet and is attempting to eclipse the Senior Mens Champion. We certainly hear all the talk about moving up to 30 feet, but when was the last time you heard someone talk about moving back 10 feet? Yes it's true, but hard to believe.

Where does this youthful spirit come from? And who gets the credit? Let's once again be reminded of the source:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits... who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Ps. 103 🐾

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Membership!**



DOWN & BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

An NHPA card now costs \$25 in Wisconsin but it is one of the cheapest, rewarding forms of recreation.



	Bowl- ing	Golf	Dart- ball	Horse- shoes
Gear	\$250	\$350	\$0	\$50
Fee	\$15	—	—	\$25
events	\$7.50	\$15 & up	25 cents	\$15
cycle	2/ wk	2/ wk	1/ wk	1/ wk
season	32	24	28	20 weeks
Tot./yr	\$745	\$970	\$7	\$390

If a horseshoe pitcher enters 20 tournaments, does not go to the World, he may spend as much as \$390 a year without ever cashing at even one of those tournaments.

An avid golfer will be hard pressed to get by with less than \$1,000 a year if he plays other than county courses. Bowlers, not bad, if you don't add it up.

Hands down thriftiest type of recreation is dart ball especially if you don't buy the darts. \$7/yr will buy you a cup of coffee for each game.

Heard about a lady with a problem. Her dog came home with a dead rabbit, dirty, full of soil. She recognized it as her neighbor's pet, Fluffy. "Oh my gosh!"

Taking the corpse to the laundry, she shampooed and gave it a blow-dry. Next, under cover, she placed the white rabbit back in its hutch at the neighbor's house.

Later on, she saw her neighbor looking distraught, repeating the words, "I don't understand, don't understand, Yesterday after Fluffy died we had a funeral and everything while we buried him in the flower garden. And here he is again!" ☺

WHA' HOPPEN? - by Jim Haupt

This space was reserved for the report of the early goings at the Beloit complex also known as Red's Palace. Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no story, except for this:

One January Saturday morning, your agent was relaxing when the call came from **Earl Paulsen** of Beloit. "Jim, are you coming?" I replied, "Sure, I'll be there for the Christmas Party, 4 o'clock." Following a moment of silence, Earl dropped the words, "**The party was last week, the tournament is today.** And your class starts in 15 minutes."

What a shock! Missed the Christmas Party. Now missing my own 001 tournament.

On occasion, I have forgotten what day it was. Now I'm doing it a week at a time. This is 2009, right?

Has anyone ever heard of a voice-activated calendar? ☺

READY FOR CLUB TEAM?

The Club-Team tournament is coming again. This year the kickoff time will be early Saturday, the 25th of April, the day before the State doubles in Beloit's Telfer Park arena.

Are you aware that Club-Team is the runner-up for the most well-attended horseshoe tournament on the WHPA schedule? Yes, next to the State Tournament, Club-Team is the most popular and, we want to keep it that way. We have room for more.

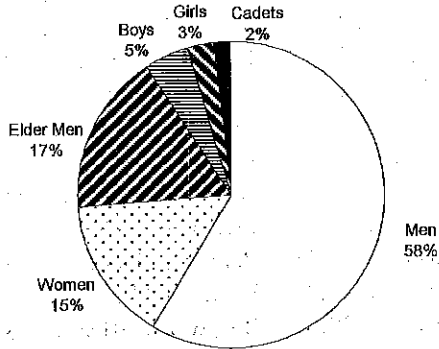
With 24 courts going three shifts, we can accommodate up to 168 pitchers. And you can't lose. Cash awards will go to the winners along with the coveted Club-Team shirt. Cash will go to the top three finishing teams. All pitchers will share a sense of well being knowing that some of their entry money went to the national foundation for another brick in the walk for the NHPA hall of fame. Besides that, every pitcher is awarded a free raffle ticket for the coming Team-World event.

So get your buddies together, all four of you, get your act together. Remember, all teams will be percentage ranked for fair competition. It is never too soon to enter the Club-Team. ☺



YEAR-END AVERAGES REPORT — AT A GLANCE

2008 WI PITCHERS WITH A NATSTATS AVERAGE



Men.....	266
Elder Men.....	77
Women.....	69
Junior Boys.....	21
Junior Girls.....	13
Cadets	7
Total:	453

WI's Average Ringer % (Sum of All Averages, divided by 453) .. 25.69 %
 Change in WI's Average Ringer % from 2007 -0.65%
 Median Ringer % (the middle % of All WI Averages)25.41%

TOP 20 AVERAGES IN WISCONSIN

1. Gert Wilcziek W... 78.40	11. Vince Jakel..... 30 ... 60.00
2. Randy Rein M ... 67.91	12. Mark MautheM.... 59.60
3. Gene Mason 30... 63.00	13. John Udelhofen ...M.... 58.06
4. Jack Algiers 30... 62.80	14. Norm Gage 30 ... 57.63
5. Ryan Hyatt..... B.... 62.64	15. Otis Wessley 30 ... 55.93
6. Jim Larson M ... 61.69	16. John MollingM.... 55.92
7. Pam Aiken W... 60.86	17. Shari Davison..... W ... 55.88
8. Penny Steinke W... 60.84	18. Ken Jaeger JrM.... 55.25
9. Martin Papesh 30... 60.68	19. Ivan Ruzic..... 30 ... 54.93
10. Ken Heinritz..... M ... 60.18	20. Edie McKinney.... W ... 54.61

PITCHERS WHO PLAYED THE MOST TOURNAMENTS

John Garvan 29	Ivan Ruzic 16	Tom Endler 11
Kevin Brekke..... 22	Kerry Morris..... 15	Bill Matey..... 11
Jim Haupt..... 22	Jerry Kochman 14	Jim O'Loughlin ... 11
Ray Groskinsky ... 20	Dave Ninnemann.. 14	Cliff Troullier 11
Jim Tollefson..... 18	Tom Steinke 14	Norm Gage 10
Russ Burns..... 17	Gert Wilcziek..... 14	Don Goldsmith.... 10
Al Huizenga 17	Norm Beckius 13	Ken Jaeger Sr. 10
Mark Mauthe..... 17	Ed Hack..... 13	Allen Johnson 10
John Molling 17	Bruce McLinn..... 13	Gene Mason 10
Randy Rein 17	Mike Rousseau..... 13	Gloria Smith 10
Gene Satterstrom 17	Penny Steinke..... 13	Lonny Trangsrud . 10
John Meyer 16	Rowen Swick 13	Elaine Troullier ... 10
Earl Paulson 16	Joe Ellinger..... 11	Steve Wiegert 10

NATIONAL STATISTICS

- Total # of pitchers tracked in NATSTATS10,943
- Percentage of total # of pitchers represented by WI..... 4.14%
- Decrease in the # of USA pitchers from 2007 to 2008 440
- Increase in the # of WI pitchers from 2007 to 2008..... 1

What it means: WI picked up one new member, while the rest of the country lost 440 members.

How Wisconsin Measures Up:

	WI	USA
Men	58%	62%
Women	15%	14%
Elder Men	17%	17%
Juniors (all)	10%	7%

WISCONSIN PITCHERS ON NATIONAL CHARTS

USA Men's Top 100

#21 Randy Rein	67.91
#71 Jim Larson	61.69
#90 Ken Heinritz	60.18

USA Women's Top 100

#8 Gert Wilcziek	78.40
#56 Pam Aiken	60.86
#57 Penny Steinke	60.84
#89 Shari Davison	55.88

USA Elder Men's Top 50

(no pitchers from WI on this list)

USA Junior Boy's Top 50

#6 Ryan Hyatt	62.64
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USA Junior Girl's Top 25

#5 Aleena Cook	43.28
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USA Cadets Top 10

#3 Gunnar David	36.16
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Check out NATSTATS Online
www.horseshoepitching.com

2008 YEAR-END AVERAGES—MENS DIVISION

Rein, Randy	67.91	Henriksen, Duane ..	38.54	Mills, John.....	30.65	Kau, Tom	25.00
Larson, Jim.....	61.69	Gabriel, Jeff.....	38.29	Kozel, Galen.....	30.43	Dudenhoefer, Tom.	24.92
Heinritz, Ken	60.18	Marthaler, Ralph....	37.75	Balsiger, Duane.....	30.00	Wolf, Shorty.....	24.76
Mauthe, Mark.....	59.60	Hanold, Dick	37.64	Ellinger, Jack.....	30.00	Fleming, Guy.....	24.28
Udelhofen, John.....	58.06	Oleskow, Jerry.....	37.50	Larson, Daniel.....	30.00	Wilkins, Darwin....	24.25
Molling, John	55.92	Hargrave, Roger	37.19	Paulson, Mike.....	30.00	Bratland, Trent.....	24.21
Jaeger Jr, Ken.....	55.25	Jochimsen, Kurt	36.79	Anderson, Ryan	29.89	Ludwikowski, Butch	24.21
Bloom, Dan	51.71	Gullickson, Rock ...	36.78	Lange, Mike.....	29.69	Reiter, Tom	24.00
Gustafson, Jeff.....	49.76	Volz, Dave	36.71	Radl, Chuck.....	29.58	Mcnamara, Tim.....	23.92
Meyer, John.....	49.62	Garvan, John	36.58	Schaetzka, Terry	29.58	Bennett, Marv.....	23.79
Stevens, Mark.....	49.38	Potter, Augie	36.50	Klipstein, Dave	29.40	Paul, David	23.75
Bauer, Dale.....	48.75	Tijerina, Julian	36.50	Nalepinski, Dan	29.37	Borgwardt, Rick	23.71
Koepp III, John	47.56	Bisch, Jarrod	36.40	Rosenthal, Tom	29.16	Gordon, John.....	23.37
Carley, Bernard	47.39	Chaffee, Dean	36.33	Wegner, Dennis.....	29.13	Capener, Dennis....	22.80
Mauthe, Jeff.....	47.30	Brophy, John	36.24	Davison, Ken	29.01	Fredrickson, Stan ...	22.75
Groskinsky, Ray.....	46.77	Hermansen, Chet... ..	35.95	Williams, Dan	28.87	Johnson, Bob	22.30
Schorbahn, Dave	46.44	Ambler, Ken.....	35.75	Brekke, Kevin	28.78	Heidtke, Ryan.....	22.25
Sheehan, Todd.....	46.25	Hinz, Darryl	35.71	Stoltenberg, Ardie ..	28.52	Pankhurst, Rob.....	22.17
Cone, Mike.....	45.84	Rude, Allen.....	35.39	Gonzales, Juan.....	28.19	Heidtke, Ryan.....	22.14
Bogenschneider, G. .	45.35	Schumann, Ken	35.23	Johnson, Allen.....	28.08	Emery, Jim.....	22.00
Bauer, John.....	44.71	Rousseau, Mike	34.73	Conrad, Rich.....	28.07	Struebing, Rob	21.66
Endlet, Tom	44.32	Hansen, David.....	34.45	Crook, John.....	28.00	Duerr, Dustin	21.48
Frame, Ken.....	44.32	Hansen, Chuck.....	34.00	Hruby, Mike	28.00	Haupt, Jim	21.28
Wiegert, Steve.....	44.23	Hack, Ed	33.33	Peterson, Joe	27.94	Olson, Roger	21.07
Bakkum, Doug.....	44.11	Mitchell, Randy	33.28	Weller, Rick	27.90	Meurmann, Gary ...	21.05
Goldsmith, Don	44.00	Wietrzak, Dave	33.22	Secord, John	27.79	Linhart, Leo	21.02
Ellinger, Joe.....	43.71	Connell, Brian.....	33.00	Schoessow, Ken	27.59	Muhlenbeck, Scott .	20.87
Erickson, Cliff	43.49	Schroeder, Jerry	32.81	Ganther, Jim.....	27.53	Tritz, Don.....	20.72
Niemuth, Jerry	43.20	Littlegeorge, Mitch.	32.61	Holloway, Al.....	27.43	Wallin, Steve	20.70
Huizenga, Al	42.83	Hansen, Dick	32.58	O'Loughlin, Jim	27.26	Heinritz, Randy.....	20.59
Morris, Kerry	42.75	Schliem, Carl.....	32.53	Elsile, Fred	27.07	Goldsmith, Jason....	20.49
Peterson, Rich.....	42.75	Wiese, Ron	32.50	Michels, Jeff.....	26.66	Cook, Mel	20.31
Corning, Craig.....	42.11	Novinski, Craig	32.40	Volz, Gary.....	26.32	Nehls, Bill.....	20.26
Struebing, Mike	42.08	Kallstrom, Bob	32.33	Schulz, Dan	26.25	Grisius, Steven	20.00
McLinn, Bruce.....	42.05	Moraza, George.....	32.33	Sopinski, Bernie	26.17	Bird, Tom.....	19.87
Wegner, Gary	41.52	Linhart, Scott.....	32.16	Mikrut, Bob	26.16	Satterstrom, Gene..	19.87
Swick, Rowen	41.33	Ramsdell, Joel.....	31.94	Humphrey, Jeff.....	26.07	Mallo, Ray	19.79
Tollefson, Jim.....	41.25	Beckius, Norm	31.92	Bentz, John.....	26.00	Hove, Bryan	19.70
Trangsrud, Lonny ...	41.23	Wheeler, Ed	31.72	Mensching, Mark....	26.00	Christianson, Bill ...	19.48
Jaeger Sr., Ken	40.73	Barnes, Randy.....	31.28	Scrima, Tony.....	25.87	Danielson, Larry	19.07
Sternberg, Terry	40.53	Barnes, Randy.....	31.25	Highstrom, Greg....	25.75	Legler, Rich.....	18.96
Karpiel, Les	40.12	Mielke, Steve	31.00	Fehr, Jayme	25.65	Harder, Jim	18.87
Fisher, Jan	40.09	Olson, Layne	31.00	Zahn, Mike.....	25.49	Rohde, Ted	18.82
Jeske, Tory	40.00	Ambuehl, Dennis... ..	30.94	Rick, Steve	25.41	Harpold, Dale	18.73
Heim, Jim	39.51	Peterson, Roger.....	30.72	Steinke, Tom	25.26	Peterson, Tom	18.60
Carlin, John	38.92	Heinritz, Russ	30.65	Wisniewski, Kurt	25.17	Wiese, Paul	18.55
Hove, Dean	38.88	Leverty, Ed	30.65	Hehling, Greg	25.08	Bonebright, Ed	18.46

2008 YEAR-END AVERAGES — MENS DIVISION (CONTINUED)

Gierach, Dale 18.14	Johnson, Gary 14.24	Wisniewski, Wayne 9.14	Engel, Chad..... 5.25
Kochman, Jerry 18.00	Uhlenhake, Jim 13.97	Stevens, Steve..... 9.02	Kooiker, Jerry..... 5.00
Stewart, Steve 18.00	Carpenter, Dave 13.88	Caron, Ted..... 8.96	Laidig, Marv 5.00
Ramsdell, Matt 17.27	Paulson, Jimmy 13.88	Shamberg, Dale 8.96	Gagnon, Mark..... 4.84
Nord, Mark 17.19	Wisniewski, Eddie.. 13.76	Schwartz, Steven 8.76	Eberspacher, C..... 4.76
Wilcox, Paul 17.03	Balsiger, Dave 13.70	Levandowski, Joel 8.75	Baker, James..... 4.75
Forseth, Dave 17.00	Hestekin, Gary 12.25	Ganther, Randy 8.55	Koshute, Daniel..... 4.75
Espinoza, Frank..... 16.91	Ganther, Jay 12.06	Davison, Scott 8.50	Papenfuss, Mort..... 4.65
Kieser, Dennis 16.78	Haas, Phil 11.84	Hamiton, Bill 8.50	Johnson, Dennis 4.25
Hyatt, Gary..... 16.66	Stuhr, Scott 11.42	Craig, Frank..... 8.05	Mengelt, Steve 4.25
Maki, Jason 16.66	Zoromskis, Joe 11.12	McTavish, Tom..... 8.00	Simpson, Ted..... 4.25
Tellier, David..... 16.44	White, Randy 11.08	Root, Tim 7.61	Kulakowski, Rich..... 4.00
David, Craig..... 16.02	Franzen, Mike 10.53	Brandt, John 7.50	Kildahl, Chris..... 3.25
Polley, Bob 15.92	Truman, Ron 10.51	Glimm, Steve 6.66	Shackleton, Scott 2.96
Richter, Leo..... 15.90	Berdan, Mike 10.40	Peters, Lance 6.46	Reitan, John 2.75
Palmersheim, David 15.54	Semingson, Dave ... 10.27	Benaszkeski, Andy..... 6.34	Kinstler, Darin 2.25
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Wilcziek, Gert..... 78.40	McCarn, Elly..... 28.52	Mengelt, Rondi 14.62
Aiken, Pam 60.86	Trossen, Cecelia..... 27.85	Johnson, Vera 14.13
Steinke, Penny 60.84	Koelsch, Kathy 27.64	Leander, Joyce 13.92
Davison, Shari 55.88	Thayer, Michelle 27.50	Mikshowsky, Lori 12.79
McKinney, Edie 54.61	Lange, Sue 26.40	Novinski, Pat 11.52
Sternberg, Lorraine... 51.11	Higby, Linda 25.69	Knowlton, Eline 11.25
Cook, Kiri 50.88	David, Sylvia 25.47	Ramquist, Barb..... 9.32
Hartman, Jane 43.65	Murray, Ann 24.86	Benner, Steph 9.00
Smith, Gloria..... 43.38	Wegner, Jennifer 23.95	Peters, Barbara..... 8.76
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Cook, Tava 34.16	Strohman, Beth 19.75	Starks, Laurie..... 4.84
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Papesh, Martin.....60.68	Gregorich, John 42.58	Nelson, Harry.....34.32	Humphrey, Gary... 22.70
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Ruzic, Ivan 54.93	Lovaas, Kenneth.... 39.00	Troullier, Cliff32.02	Poquette, Jim..... 20.46
Johnson, Lloyd 52.62	Lingard, Ron..... 38.96	Cummings, Earl ...31.47	Weidner, Marty... 20.17
Matey, Bill.....52.58	Spahn, William 38.33	Burns, Russ31.46	Bergles, Greg..... 16.35
Wilson, Paul 52.24	Heinritz, Roger..... 37.45	Sorensen, Mer30.83	VanNatta, Cliff.... 16.25
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Koepp, Jason..... 3.76
Golz, Kyle..... 3.09
Benner, Tyler 2.00
Larsen, Joe 2.00

JUNIOR GIRLS

Cook, Aleena..... 43.28
Feavel, Heather 17.39
Heinritz, Bethany 12.76
Paulson, Julie 12.02
Larsen, Julia 10.92
Williamson, Naomi 9.55
Kuske, Amanda 8.54
Alling, Johanna.....7.27
Feavel, Nicole 6.84
Kuchenbecker, Brianna ...5.66
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Golz, Jessica 4.18
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David, Gunnar 36.16
Heinritz, Christina.....6.11
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Kuchenbecker, Garrett3.33
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2009 Summer Tournaments		Entry	D/L	Contact	Phone
May 23	Platteville Spring Singles (28-09-012)	\$16	5/9	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
May 30-31	Mosinee Opn (28-09-013)	\$18	5/10	Randy Rein	715-693-1199
June 6-7	Spring Singles @ Beloit (28-09-014)	\$18	5/27	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
June 6-7	Wolf River Open (28-09-015)	\$15	5/23	Ken Jaeger	920-982-6287
June 7	Eau Claire Open (28-09-016)	\$20	5/27	Laurie Dolezel	715-552-8070
June 13-14	Eagle River Open (limit 32) (28-09-017)	\$15	5/30	Cliff Erickson	715-479-1059
June 20	Marshfield Open (28-09-018)	\$15	6/2	Dan David	715-384-3612
June 20	Muskego Open (28-09-019)	\$15	6/6	Tom Steinke	262-594-5464
June 27-28	Arkdale Open (28-09-020)	\$16	6/20	Ray Groskinsky	608-339-2466
June 27-28	Goldendale Open (28-09-021)	\$15	6/13	Terry Sternberg	262-677-3300
July 11	Mid-Eastern (handicapped)(unsanctioned)	\$15	6/29	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
July 11-12	Merril #1 (28-09-024)	\$15	6/27	Darryl Hinz	715-921-4143
July 12	Lox Classic (limit 48) (28-09-023)	\$20	6/29	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
July 18-19	Southern Wi. Open @ Beloit (28-09-025)	\$18	7/8	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
July 25-26	~ DATE AVAILABLE ~				
July 27-Aug 8	2009 World Tournament, Springfield, IL	\$125	5/15	Dick Hansen	262-835-9108
Aug 8-9	Mosinee Log Jam (28-09-026)	\$18	7/19	Ed Hack	715-842-0150
August 15	Green Bay Open (28-09-028)	\$18	8/3	Steve Wiegert	920-435-6310
Aug 15-16	Arkdale Doubles (28-09-027)	\$21	8/7	Marv Bennett	608-565-2325
Aug 29-30	Merril # 2 (28-09-030)	\$15	8/15	Darryl Hinz	715-921-4143
Sept 5-7	WI. State Tournament @ Platteville	\$25	7/31	John Secord	920-922-0080
Sept 11-12	VFW Doubles (handicapped)(unsanct.)	\$25	9/5	Moose Meyer	920-788-4379
Sept. 13	Beloit Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$24/team	9/3	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304

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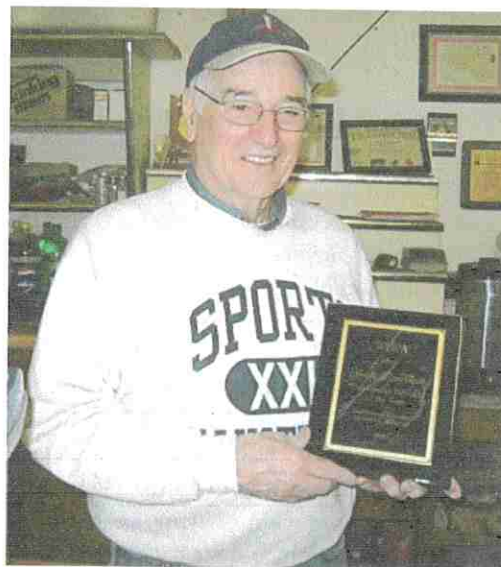
DEANSVILLE IN DECEMBER - by Jim Haupt

Deansville's four-court house was in full swing. Class A, still on the courts, had one more game as we approached our scheduled start time of 3:00 PM. Court One featured **Jim Larson**, Deansville's resident King-of-the-Hill, and **John Molling**, down from Wausau. Neither player had lost a game to this point. It was nip and tuck most of the way to 50 shoes, but Molling won in the fourth quarter by a couple of ringers. Larson had high percentage for the day but Molling was coming off 37 out of 50 game.

This is the place to "Clash with Kerry" although someone may have beaten you to the punch. **Kerry Morris** is sporting an oversized wrap on his right hand and blames it on the "4" pin. Seems he missed it three successive times last time bowling, but did not miss the explosive jab on a nearby post. The post won. Good thing he pitches lefty.

Speaking of "Lefty," how many pitchers could even hit the clay with the unfamiliar opposite hand? Sure, we know **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** can do it, but then we are not all of that caliber. **Leo Richter** of Stoughton has a bum shoulder, cannot pitch right handed, can hit the clay but often not the stake. Our class, the lowest, mostly cannon fodder, was limited to 30 shoes just so the tournament director can get going. Richter agrees to go along for the ride. Richter feels he really needs to log a tournament. What else? He pitches left handed. Lost every game, had a total 8 ringers even with 5 in one game, and finished last, pitching .04%, yes, less than 1%, -point, zero, 4 percent. He establishes the lowest full tournament average for 2008 and a big "E" for effort. That should be worth some Pitcher-of-the Year points.

And that's the news from Nelson's Crossing, where the men are willing, the women are few, and there are no kids. 



**2008 Tournament
Director of the Year
Rudy Van Fleet poses with his award**

Next event at Deansville: Klash with Kerry on March 14-15, 2009.

Jim Larson taking a break from shoveling at the Deansville courts at Nelson's Crossing.



DEANSVILLE OPEN

- by Rudy Van Fleet

DEC 13, 2008

Class A

John Molling	5-0	58.0
Jim Larson	4-1	59.5
Joe Ellinger β	3-2	44.0

Class B

Kerry Morris	7-0	41.4
Tip Wipperfurth	6-1	42.9
Ed Mell	3-4	35.7
John Garvan	3-4	35.0

Class C

Gary Volz	6-1	27.1
Jeff Humphrey \cup	5-2	26.2
Gary Humphrey \cup	4-3	23.8
Gene Satterstrom	4-3	15.7

DEANSVILLE SUPER WEEKEND—DEANSVILLE RALLY RESULTS

JAN 30-31, 2009

- Story by Jim Haupt, Results by Rudy Van Fleet

Hopefully all classes were done by kickoff time.

One perk pitching in the bottom class is that one gets to meet all the people new to the game. Makes me feel like the greeter in a big-box store. Some are old friends coming back, others may be fresh from the hayloft.

I didn't recognize her until she spoke, **Dobie Bultman**. She admits to sounding like an old blues singer. Well, she wasn't having enough fun so its nice she's back after a couple of years.

Remember **Ron Brockway** and his dad, **Duffy**? Ron sold the house with the horseshoe court in the basement and has other interests. Ron just did not have a pleas-

ant time pitching shoes. We met his brother, Rich—nice shoe, nice guy, won't be in this class for long. Regretfully Duffy passed away some time ago.

Saw the "Tipper," Tip Wipperfurth, that is. He says he's back to using his old bowling balls, the ones he used to hold a 200 average. He may visit **Bill Spahn** in Arizona before the snow stops flying. Other news from Arena is an unsanctioned doubles is on deck in a couple of weeks.

Of course, **Rudy Van Fleet** and **Kerry Morris** were on hand to run the show.

Newbie, **Anna Markart** entering at 18%, pitched 30% to win the class. That's not all, she had me looking at 53+% in our game.

Class A

John Gregorich	4-1	46.4
Mike Cone	3-2	40.0
Ivan Ruzic	3-2	41.6

Class B

Rich Peterson	6-1	40.3
Ed Wheeler	5-2	32.8
Jim Haug	4.5-2.5	40.0
Tip Wipperfurth	4-3	31.4

Class C

Harry Nelson	6-1	37.8
Gary Volz	4-3	31.0
David Wietrzak	4-3	28.5
Terry Schaeetzke	4-3	21.4

Class D

Anna Markhardt	6.5-.5	30.4
Gene Satterstrom	5-2	13.3
Richard Brockway	4.5-2.5	21.9



THE "001" TOURNAMENT RESULTS JAN 10-11, 2009

Class A

Jesse Garza (IL)	4-1	65.20
Dennis Reid (IL)	4-1	65.20
Paul Wilson	3-2	57.60

Class B

Bruce McLinn	5-0	45.20
John Koepp III	4-1	48.40
Walt Houck (IL)	2-3	44.00

Class C

Dutch Rittweger (IL)	6-0	44.58
Rowen Swick	4.5-1.5	42.08
Jim Tollefson	4-2	47.08

Class D

Mike Rousseau	5-0	35.20
Steve Kampmeier (IL)	4-1	38.00
Robert Bowser (IL)	2-3	34.80

Class E

Marvin Zoellick (IL)	5-1	38.33
Joel Ramsdell	4-2	31.25
Carl Schliem	4-2	29.17

Class F

Mike Lange	6-0	20.00
Norm Beckius	5-1	29.00
Dick Perkins	4-2	22.33

Class G

Rick Borgwardt	4-1	24.00
Tom McGavock (IL)	3-2	28.80
Danielle Rakstad (IL)	3-2	23.20

Class H

Cody Stone (IL)	5-0	25.20
Bill Nehls	4-1	26.00
Don Goers (IL)	2-3	21.60

Class I

Matt Ramsdell	3.5-1.5	23.20
Ernie Rakstad (IL)	3.5-1.5	20.40
Ron Fritz (IL)	2.5-2.5	19.60

Class J

Jimmy Paulson	4.5-0.5	18.00
Mark Nord	3.5-1.5	15.60
Julie Paulson	3-2	14.00

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VALENTINE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

FEB 14-15, 2009

- by Jimmy Paulson

For complete results, news and photos, please visit
<http://teamworldhorseshoe.com>

Class A

Dennis Reid (IL)	5-0	61.20
Jesse Garza (IL)	4-1	61.20
Walt Houck (IL)	2-3	50.80

Class B

Don Goldsmith	5-0	44.00
Jim Tollefson	3.5-1.5	43.20
Lawrence Fettes (IL)	2.5-2.5	40.00

Class C

Kerry Morris	4.5-0.5	38.40
Rowen Swick	4-1	38.40
Marvin Robers (IL)	3-2	38.00

Class D

Mel Daily (IL)	6-0	47.92
Augie Potter	5-1	38.33
Jerry Smith (IL)	3-3	32.92

Class E

Norm Beckius	5.5-0.5	37.50
Joel Ramsdell	3.5-2.5	34.58
Dick Hansen	3.5-2.5	32.08

Class F

Galen Kozel	5-0	31.20
Dick Perkins	3-2	30.80
Anna Markhardt	3-2	27.60

Class G

Leslie Stone (IL)	4-1	26.40
Jim Huckabee (IL)	3-2	28.80
Kevin Brekke	3-2	27.20

Class H

Tony Scrima	5-0	42.80
Red Ferguson (IL)	3.5-1.5	20.00
Danielle Rakstad (IL)	3-2	22.40

Class I

Dale Grover (IL)	5-1	24.17
Don Goers (IL)	4.5-1.5	16.67
Ernie Rakstad (IL)	3.5-2.5	21.25

Class J

Jim Mazan (IL)	4-1	20.40
Larry Bennett (IL)	3.5-1.5	20.80
Jerry Kochman	3.5-1.5	16.00

Class K

Dave Carpenter	4-1	16.80
Bill Nehls	3.5-1.5	21.20
Steve Nelson (IL)	3-2	22.40

**Next Beloit Tournament :
 March 28, 2009**

RICH WISNEWSKI

Rich Wisnewski, 65 of Arlington Hts., IL left us, November 16, 2008.

Fourteen years ago, Rich was given the ultimate gift of life. You may remember, he received a heart transplant that gave him quality time in which he saw his family go through many memorable occasions.

We first met Rich at the 1985 World in Indiana and renewed our acquaintanceship at many more tournaments throughout southern Wisconsin, also at his home club, Whiting, Indiana. His optimism, courage, and joyful outlook provided an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a happy man, and will be greatly missed.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with his wife, Elaine, two children and three grandchildren.

As a final tribute to Rich, the family requests that you consider becoming an organ donor so that others may benefit as he did. ☺



Chillin' out at Red's Palace in Beloit.



EVER EATEN A HORSESHOE?



Eating a horseshoe is actually a pretty tempting idea. The Horseshoe Sandwich is considered the signature dish of Springfield, Illinois, the home of Abraham Lincoln and the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament. This sandwich will make your arteries cringe and your taste buds rejoice!

The original Horseshoe Sandwich was served on a sizzling metal plate (known as the Anvil). Two thick-cut slices of bread were toasted and added to the plate. Then a thick slice of ham, shaped like a horseshoe, was added, to it a Welsh rarebit cheese sauce made of white sharp cheddar, and then just before serving, fresh-made French fries were added as the (nails) in the horseshoe. The secret to this sandwich is the delicious cheese sauce.

Today's sandwiches now offer either a thick fried ham steak or two large hamburger patties, and the cheese sauce is poured over the fries.

The name of the sandwich comes from the shape of the ham with the fries representing the horseshoe nails, and the heated steak platter as the anvil. If you order a Pony Shoe Sandwich, it is the same thing, but a smaller or half a Horseshoe portion (usually one slice of toast).

The "Horseshoe" or variations of it soon became a popular item in many Springfield restaurants. Today, every restaurant and chef serving this sandwich, seems to have his or her own secret cheese sauce recipe.

Thanks to Bill Matey and whatscookin-gamerica.net for their contribution to this article.

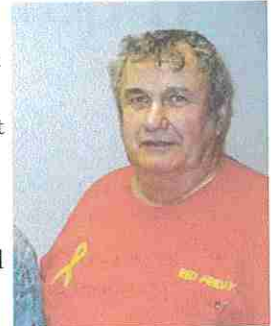
DID HELL FREEZE OVER, AND NOBODY TOLD ME?

- by Pam Aiken

Tony Scrima, Waukesha, long-time pitcher and friend to many, has taken an action that made me wonder if hell had, in fact, finally frozen over. The Beloit Valentine was host to Scrima's first tournament as a thirty foot pitcher in the Elders Division.

Scrima joins a long line of distinguished pitchers who previously said that hell would have freeze over before he moved up (see Maylahn, Ralph). Or was it that pigs grew wings?

Regardless, best wishes in future tournaments, especially in the State Doubles with your devoted partner, yours truly. 🐷



REMEMBER SUMMERTIME?

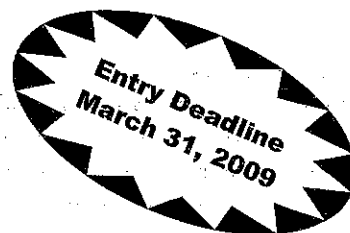
Below are two photos from the Arkdale Doubles tournament in August. I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to wearing shorts and pitching outside again!



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