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Lake Mills man pitches horseshoes in all 50 states in less than a year



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| Date | Tournament | Location | Max | Entry | Deadline | Contact |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-------|----------|----------------|
| Jan 8-9 | 001 Tourney | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Jan 1 | Dan Newkirk |
| Jan 15-16 | Dance with Dobie | Deansville | 40 | 20 | Jan 8 | Gary Volz |
| Feb 5-6 | Deansville Memorial | Deansville | 40 | 20 | Jan 29 | Gary Volz |
| Feb 12-13 | Valentines Tournament | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Feb 2 | Dan Newkirk |
| Feb 19 | Deansville/Beloit Challenge | | | | | |
| Feb 26 | Bring a Jr Doubles | Beloit | | 10 | Feb 16 | Dan Nekirk |
| Mar 5-6 | Klash with Kerry | Deansville | 40 | 20 | Feb 26 | Gary Volz |
| Mar 19-20 | March with Penny | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Mar 9 | Dan Newkirk |
| Mar 26-27 | Birthday Bash | Wonewoc | 42 | 15 | Mar 12 | Dave Volz |
| Apr 9-10 | Red Ferguson Classic | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Mar 30 | Dan Newkirk |
| Apr 16 | Whpa Spring Meeting | Wisconsin Dells | | | | |
| Apr 23-24 | April Showers | Chetek | 16 | 10 | Apr 16 | Les Karpel |
| April 30 | Jim Haupt Memorial Team | Beloit | 24 | 84 | Apr 20 | Dave Volz |
| May 1 | WHPA Walking Doubles | Beloit | | 40 | Apr 20 | John Secord |
| May 7 | Beloit Encore | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Apr 27 | Dan Newlirk |
| May 7 | Eau Claire Early Bird | Eau Claire | 64 | 10 | Apr 30 | Paul Wiese |
| May 13,14,15 | Team World | Beloit | | | Apr 10 | Jeff Secord |
| May 14 | Butternut Open | Butternut | | 20 | May 8 | Jer Wegner |
| May 21-22 | Stevens Point Open | Stevens Point | 72 | 20 | May 14 | Fred Lane |
| May 29 | Platteville Spring Singles | Platteville | 36 | 16 | May 21 | Mark Mauthe |
| June 4 | Wolf River Open | New London | 48 | 16 | May 20 | Ken Jaeger |
| June 5 | Eau Claire Open | Eau Claire | 64 | 20 | May 28 | Paul Wiese |
| June 11-12 | Eagle River Open | Eagle River | 32 | 18 | June 4 | Cliff Erickson |
| June 11-12 | Spring Fling | Beloit | 72 | 20 | June 1 | Dan Newkirk |
| June 18 | Sylvia & Dan David Memorial | Marshfield | | 20 | June 11 | Mel Cook |
| June 18 | Muskego Open | Muskego | 48 | 20 | June 11 | Tom Steinke |
| June 25-26 | Ken Kosky Memorial | Mosinee | 48 | 20 | June 18 | Kent Frailing |
| June 25-26 | Ken Lovaas Memorial | Beloit | 72 | 20 | June 15 | Dan Newkirk |
| July 4 | The Patriot | Beloit | 48 | 20 | June 24 | Dan Newkirk |
| July 9 | Arkdale Open | Arkdale | 32 | 18 | July 2 | Ray Groskinsky |
| July 11-23 | World Tournament | Monroe, La | | | May 17 | |
| July 30 | Pioneer Days | Butternut | 28 | 20 | July 23 | Jer Wegner |
| July 30 | Kickapoo Valley Open | Gays Mills | 32 | 20 | July 23 | Russ Brockway |
| July 31 | WHPA Singles Entry Deadline | | | | | |
| Aug 9 | Carson Park Classic | Eau Claire | 64 | 10 | Aug 2 | Paul Wiese |
| Aug 13 | Summer Shindig | Rozelville | | 15 | Aug 6 | Mel Cook |
| Aug 13 | Fond du Lac Open | Fond du Lac | 32 | 20 | Aug 6 | John Meyer |
| Aug 14 | FDL Team | Fond du Lac | 10 | 54 | Aug 1 | Jeff Secord |
| Aug 20-21 | Warm Up | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Aug 10 | Dan Newkirk |
| Aug 20-21 | Mosinee Open | Mosinee | 48 | 20 | Aug 13 | Kent Frailing |

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|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----|----|---------|------------------|
| Aug 27 | Goldendale Open | Germantown | 36 | 20 | Aug 20 | Ken Heinritz |
| Aug 27 | Holmen Singles | Holmen | 24 | 20 | Aug 20 | Rich Brockway |
| Sept 3-4 | 100th WHPA State Singles | Beloit | | 25 | July 31 | John Secord |
| Sept 10-11 | Wet N Wild | Centuria | | 15 | Aug 31 | Toni Sloper |
| Sept 17 | Arkdale Doubles | Arkdale | 32 | 22 | Sept 10 | Ray Groskinsky |
| Sept 17 | Earl Paulson Classic | Beloit | 54 | 20 | Sept 7 | Dan Newkirk |
| Sept 18 | Don Goldsmith Doubles | Beloit | | 22 | Sept 7 | Dan Newkirk |
| Sept 24 | Junction City Singles | Junction City | | | Sept 24 | James Wicklander |
| Oct 1-2 | October Fall Singles | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Sept 21 | Dan Newkirk |
| Oct 8-9 | Summit Ridge Fall Singles | Wonewoc | 42 | 15 | Sept 24 | Dave Volz |
| Oct 15 | Whpa Fall Meeting | Wisconsin Dells | | | | |
| Oct 22-23 | Deansville Singles | Deansville | 40 | 20 | Oct 15 | Gary Volz |
| Nov 5-6 | Doubles at the Barrell | Deansville | 32 | | Oct 29 | Gary Volz |
| Nov 12-13 | Autumn Harvest | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Nov 2 | Dan Newkirk |
| Dec 3-4 | Deansville Open | Deansville | 40 | 20 | Nov 26 | Gary Volz |
| Dec 10-11 | Snowflake | Beloit | 72 | 20 | Nov 30 | Dan Newkirk |
| Dec 17-18 | Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament | Wonewoc | 42 | 15 | Dec 3 | Dave Volz |

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So, as I sit to write this article I am overwhelmed, as are all of us, with so much. 2022 is certainly not starting as we had hoped it would, has it? So many of our family facing illness and loss of loved ones. So many of us seeking an end to the nightmare that is Covid and realizing that this may not end any time soon.

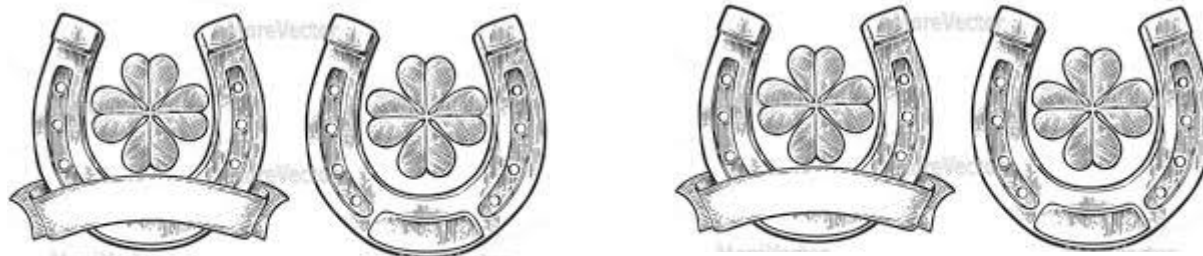
If you pray, I ask that you pray for our horseshoe family as well as your personal family and friends. If you do not pray, I ask for good thoughts, good juju, whatever you got. I am reminded lately of one of my favorite songs in the world. It's called "A little good news" and was released by the artist, Anne Murray. Search it on Google or YouTube and give it a listen if you find time. We all sure could

use a little good news couldn't we?

I need to search for positives in this brand new year. That is my resolution for 2022. They are out there and worth searching for. But admittedly it is easier to find the negatives. Look for them in the faces of children and those who beat Covid, search for positives everywhere you go and share them when you can, we all need them.

There is of course, the incredible Gerald Harris, who is off on another mission. He has dedicated himself to breaking the record of pitching more than 74 tournaments in a 12 month period. His goal is to complete by May 15, 2022. Keep in mind, he has already pitched all 50 states in 7 months. The man is amazing. In this month's newsletter is a copy of the article about Gerald's exploits that was printed recently. Give it a read. While some of you may know this about Gerald, here is something many of you don't know. With that hectic schedule, Gerald, as a VP of the Deansville Club, still manages to contribute huge chunks of his time to us. He cleans the barn, he is scheduled to learn tournament setup and scoring and even how to help our director run tournaments in the future, he also pitches league twice a week. Additionally, he finds time to pray for us as we pray for his safety. He checks in on me and my health while I worry about him. He is priceless, I love him very much and I am so very thankful that God brought him into my life.

How I hope to see you in the pits soon! Love to you all!!!



Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz



After a long lay-off from the game you love, what shoe would you turn to? How about going back to old faithful? For me it's a no brainer. This shoe has a comfortable feel, opens every time & has given me a lot of success over the years. The Ringle Single is definitely one of a kind. With caulks down, I use a fingertip grip, resting the tip of my middle finger exactly where the inside of the shoe begins to turn. Then I set my other fingers along-side that middle finger while the shoe dangles on those 4 fingers. And finally, my thumb comes down on the outside of the shoe, steadying it to some degree. I am fully aware that it doesn't look right. Yes, it's a little awkward but I have become used to it. People have commented on this unusual grip so many times over the years that I simply tell them "Don't do it, I know it looks weird, I would never recommend trying it". We're all unique & we certainly don't have to do what the next guy does. Maybe it's time to think outside the box.

If your game has come to a standstill, maybe it's time to try something different. It may actually surprise you that if you do, you may see your game advance to a whole new level. It happened to me.



"I will give thanks to you because I have been so amazingly and miraculously made. Your works are miraculous, and my soul is fully aware of this." Psalm 139:14

Top 20 Averages in Wisconsin

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Sarah Chaffee | 88.30 | Bernard Carley | 62.65 | Pam Aiken | 55.50 |
| Aleena Lepak | 72.53 | Eugene Pribnow | 60.83 | Lonny Trangsrud | 55.43 |
| Penny Steinke | 70.20 | Jim Larson | 58.38 | Ray Groskinsky | 54.85 |
| Jim Bilderback | 70.02 | Cliff Erickson | 57.84 | Ken Jaeger Sr | 53.15 |
| Larry Grabowski | 66.39 | Kerry Morris | 57.40 | Glenn Bogenschneider | 53.00 |
| John Meyer | 66.17 | John Nawrot | 57.23 | Veronica Groshek | 52.67 |
| Tammy Newkirk | 63.32 | Martin Papesh | 56.85 | | |

Most Tournaments Played

| | | | | | |
|----------------|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Gerald Harris | 63 | Fred Lane | 21 | Richard Conrad | 15 |
| Ray Groskinsky | 31 | Mona Lane | 20 | Penny Steinke | 14 |
| Tammy Newkirk | 27 | Kalena Quaid | 20 | Jim Tollefson | 14 |
| Kerry Morris | 27 | Patrick LaBarge | 20 | Brenda Price | 14 |
| Eugene Pribnow | 26 | Joel Ramsdell | 18 | Cliff Shave | 13 |
| Bob Klingaman | 26 | Rayna Bauer | 18 | Scott Linhart | 13 |
| Kevin Brekke | 25 | George Dorn | 18 | Ron Studinski | 13 |
| David Volz | 25 | Bruce McLinn | 17 | Dobie Gutweiler | 12 |
| Dave Quaid | 25 | Al Holloway | 17 | Edwin Pulsfus | 12 |
| Dan Newkirk | 25 | Jerry Schroeder Sr | 17 | Jason Hatlan | 12 |
| John Meyer | 24 | Jim Bilderback | 16 | Zak Rodriguez | 12 |
| Jill Peterson | 24 | Bernard Carley | 16 | Sandy Anderson | 12 |
| Jim Menzel | 23 | Rowen Swick | 15 | Gary Glover | 12 |
| Jeff Gustafson | 22 | Tom Steinke | 15 | | |
| Rick Weller | 22 | Rich Brockway | 15 | | |
| Greg Smith | 21 | Lambert Narlock II | 15 | | |

Cadets

| | | |
|------------------|-------|---|
| Conner Kildahl | 27.82 | 3 |
| Aiden Weller | 17.50 | 6 |
| Alan Edwards | 6.67 | 1 |
| Sequoia Wiese | 4.64 | 6 |
| Owen Prasalowicz | 4.17 | 1 |
| Josie Boehm | 2.78 | 1 |

Junior Boys

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|---|
| Bradley Benzing | 35.68 | 3 |
| Zarek Nawrot | 33.33 | 4 |
| Brandon Benzing | 33.14 | 4 |
| Jedidiah Sowatzke | 33.03 | 4 |
| Blake Benzing | 31.79 | 1 |
| Zach Secord | 21.29 | 7 |
| Tory Weller | 15.17 | 2 |
| Mason Chambers | 13.23 | 2 |
| Gavin Wiese | 10.86 | 6 |
| Stuart Goldsmith | 2.81 | 2 |

Junior Girls

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Lillyan Kildahl | 22.72 | 3 |
| Felicity Wiese | 6.66 | 5 |
| Destiny Swenson | 2.40 | 2 |

Mens, Average, # of Tournaments

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|--------------------|-------|----|---------------------|-------|----|
| Jim Larson | 58.38 | 7 | Gerald Harris | 28.91 | 63 | Mitchell Uttech | 20.00 | 7 |
| John Nawrot | 57.23 | 7 | Robin McDonough | 28.83 | 3 | Brandon Ferguson | 19.73 | 1 |
| Lonny Trangsrud | 55.43 | 10 | Scott Linhart | 28.75 | 13 | Gary Glover | 19.69 | 12 |
| Dean Chaffee | 51.80 | 8 | Lambert Narlock II | 28.42 | 15 | Richard Brown | 19.44 | 4 |
| Zak Schwartz | 51.27 | 10 | Mike Ezell | 28.32 | 7 | Ivan Mitchell | 18.81 | 7 |
| Rich Peterson | 50.67 | 11 | Jason Villwock | 28.08 | 2 | Guy Fleming Jr | 18.63 | 2 |
| Randy Rein | 50.00 | 1 | Mark Rice | 27.61 | 10 | Kenneth Whitehouse | 18.22 | 2 |
| Jeff Gustafson | 49.56 | 22 | Randy Mitchell | 27.51 | 9 | Jason Goldsmith | 18.21 | 1 |
| Mike Cone | 48.50 | 1 | Bob Kallstrom | 27.50 | 3 | Will Fillback | 17.50 | 5 |
| Cliff Shave | 47.89 | 13 | Robert Reinhart | 26.92 | 2 | Dave Hilgart | 17.11 | 2 |
| Dean Groshek | 47.41 | 9 | Mark LaBarge | 26.67 | 5 | Dennis Marquardt | 15.61 | 3 |
| Josh Smith | 44.34 | 6 | Alvin Schultz | 26.50 | 1 | Eddie Wisniewski | 15.36 | 2 |
| Ken Heinritz | 41.11 | 1 | Scott Peckham | 25.63 | 4 | Kevin Aarstad | 15.16 | 5 |
| Dennis Bach | 39.00 | 7 | Marvin Mengel | 25.58 | 6 | Dean Kallenbach | 14.70 | 2 |
| Rick Weller | 38.16 | 22 | Joe Koch | 25.50 | 4 | Kenny Rentz | 14.38 | 2 |
| Jerry Oleskow | 37.92 | 4 | Wally Schmitt | 25.36 | 1 | Greg Bergles | 14.22 | 11 |
| Gary Volz | 37.65 | 10 | Tim Sheehan | 25.35 | 4 | Ryan Bergles | 14.17 | 5 |
| Dustin Duerr | 37.56 | 11 | Jim Schraufnagel | 25.22 | 6 | Sam Woolsey | 13.73 | 10 |
| Michael Benzing Jr | 36.85 | 4 | Jason Hatlan | 25.17 | 12 | Mike Sheehan | 13.70 | 4 |
| Todd Sheehan | 36.72 | 4 | Zak Rodriguez | 25.00 | 12 | Jeremy Studinski | 13.70 | 4 |
| Jarrold Bisch | 36.67 | 3 | Craig David | 24.98 | 3 | Mike Berdan | 13.58 | 3 |
| Gary Wegner | 36.60 | 2 | Patrick LaBarge | 24.88 | 20 | Josh Cone | 13.16 | 5 |
| Justin Schultz | 35.77 | 5 | Ben Kinjerski | 24.63 | 4 | Craig Hans | 12.86 | 3 |
| Rich Lodor | 35.23 | 4 | Ray Cayer | 24.62 | 7 | Alex Secord | 12.38 | 1 |
| Greg Hehling | 34.23 | 6 | Evan Schoohs | 24.13 | 5 | Gene Friede | 12.00 | 1 |
| Edwin Pulsfus | 33.50 | 12 | David Palmersheim | 23.54 | 5 | Matt Podschweit | 12.00 | 1 |
| Russell Kozlowski | 33.29 | 11 | Brad Moeller | 22.90 | 3 | Jack Zane II | 11.31 | 3 |
| David Volz | 32.76 | 25 | Fred Lane | 22.87 | 21 | Bill Bahan | 11.25 | 1 |
| Les Karpel | 30.98 | 8 | Dominic Saxby | 22.76 | 3 | Aaron Jordan | 11.25 | 1 |
| Jerremy Wegner | 30.77 | 5 | Dan Sheehan | 22.60 | 5 | Marshall Narlock | 11.00 | 1 |
| Dave Quaid | 30.69 | 25 | Jim Alf | 22.54 | 6 | Joe Zwifelhofer | 9.81 | 2 |
| Russ Brockway | 30.69 | 9 | Kevin Hellenbrand | 22.54 | 3 | Rob Tilton | 9.46 | 3 |
| Kelly Thayer | 30.57 | 2 | Paul Henning | 22.19 | 7 | Casey Stoll | 7.34 | 2 |
| James Wicklander | 30.39 | 10 | Brian Herbst | 21.50 | 1 | Alan Arneson | 6.59 | 2 |
| Isaac Wegner | 30.00 | 1 | Tom Jacobson | 21.40 | 1 | Luke Lundquist | 5.80 | 2 |
| Rich Brockway | 29.83 | 15 | Ron Studinski | 21.19 | 13 | Tony Morgese | 5.72 | 1 |
| Chad Volz | 29.12 | 4 | Paul Wiese | 21.15 | 7 | Andrew Brockway | 5.71 | 1 |
| Ed Leverty | 29.12 | 2 | Jason Ramsdell | 20.5 | 1 | Alec Marquardt | 3.38 | 1 |
| Dan Newkirk | 29.03 | 25 | Bj Marty | 20.31 | 5 | Tyler Melde | 2.5 | 1 |
| | | | | | | Mark Bogenschneider | 1.45 | 1 |

Womens, Average, # of Tournaments

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|----|------------------|-------|----|---------------------|-------|---|
| Sarah Chaffee | 88.3 | 10 | Rayna Bauer | 33.06 | 18 | Tava Cook | 21.98 | 2 |
| Aleena Lepak | 72.53 | 5 | Jane Smith | 32.9 | 7 | April Kaczor | 19.11 | 2 |
| Penny Steinke | 70.2 | 14 | Brenda Price | 30.83 | 14 | Cassi Williams | 17.14 | 1 |
| Tammy Newkirk | 63.32 | 27 | Rondi Mengelt | 30.59 | 6 | Tricia-Ryan Tellier | 16.95 | 1 |
| Pam Aiken | 55.5 | 2 | Marianna Seep | 29.5 | 1 | Kim Briggs | 14.73 | 3 |
| Veronica Groshek | 52.67 | 9 | Kari David | 28.86 | 3 | Gloria Smith | 13.28 | 1 |
| Mona Lane | 52.03 | 20 | Melanie Kasun | 28.68 | 4 | Stephanie Morgese | 13.13 | 1 |
| Linda Roeber | 51.17 | 7 | Tonya Kaulum | 28.45 | 4 | Karen Henkel | 11.42 | 2 |
| Glenda Lawver | 49.33 | 4 | Dee Esberner | 26.67 | 2 | Pat Kaczor | 8.78 | 1 |
| Jill Peterson | 48.73 | 24 | Theresa Vlach | 25.83 | 4 | Barb Ramquist | 8.69 | 8 |
| Cindy Castellano | 47.68 | 5 | Kim Peterson | 25.54 | 5 | Brenda Rice | 5.79 | 2 |
| Susie Erickson | 41.43 | 3 | Heather Sowatzke | 25.51 | 3 | Jillian Jordan | 5.00 | 1 |
| Toni Sloper | 39.18 | 6 | Mary Thompson | 25.27 | 7 | Lilli Young | 5.00 | 1 |
| Donna Berquam | 38.75 | 1 | Barb Peters | 24.52 | 1 | Beth Prasalowicz | 3.87 | 1 |
| Dobie Gutweiler | 35.29 | 12 | Bev Hans | 24.3 | 1 | Korinne Wiese | 3.36 | 1 |
| Tegwin Case | 34.5 | 1 | Sandy Anderson | 24.21 | 12 | Rebecca Hoefffer | 3.03 | 1 |
| Kalena Quaid | 33.28 | 20 | Karen Molitor | 23.22 | 1 | Carol Zervic | 1.92 | 1 |
| Tianna Lincoln | 33.13 | 2 | Mary Sue Morris | 23.03 | 2 | | | |

Elders, Average, # of Tournaments

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|----|--------------------|-------|----|------------------|-------|----|
| Jim Bilderback | 70.02 | 16 | Donald Lammers | 40.50 | 4 | Jack Zane | 24.38 | 3 |
| Larry Grabowski | 66.39 | 10 | Galen Kozel | 39.67 | 4 | Ken Bentzler | 23.76 | 3 |
| John Meyer | 66.17 | 24 | Tom Leair | 38.06 | 2 | Mark Matzke | 23.75 | 3 |
| Bernard Carley | 62.65 | 16 | Wally Grulkowski | 37.84 | 7 | Ken Davison | 23.57 | 3 |
| Eugene Pribnow | 60.83 | 26 | Al Holloway | 36.72 | 17 | Larry Danielson | 23.21 | 2 |
| Cliff Erickson | 57.84 | 10 | Ralph Marthaler | 36.72 | 3 | Richard Conrad | 22.65 | 15 |
| Kerry Morris | 57.40 | 27 | John Drexler | 35.69 | 3 | Dan Bloom | 21.25 | 1 |
| Martin Papesh | 56.85 | 6 | Josh Gibson | 35.64 | 4 | Terry Sternberg | 20.61 | 1 |
| Ray Groskinsky | 54.85 | 31 | Dave Leckwee | 35.38 | 3 | Harold Ballmann | 20.00 | 1 |
| Ken Jaeger Sr | 53.15 | 11 | Joel Ramsdell | 35.00 | 18 | Pat Simmons | 20.00 | 1 |
| Glenn Bogenschneider | 53.00 | 6 | Kevin Brekke | 34.57 | 25 | Don Goldsmith | 18.75 | 1 |
| Rowen Swick | 50.78 | 15 | Roger Anderson | 34.38 | 8 | Stan Fredrickson | 18.36 | 5 |
| Dick Perkins | 48.20 | 6 | Jerry Schroeder Sr | 34.25 | 17 | Kenneth Wery | 17.69 | 3 |
| Bruce McLinn | 46.78 | 17 | David Carter | 32.97 | 5 | Reese Geier | 17.36 | 3 |
| Curt Panfil | 46.68 | 5 | Tom Steinke | 31.26 | 15 | Robert Lawrence | 17.29 | 4 |
| Steve Mielke | 46.07 | 1 | George Dorn | 30.50 | 18 | David Tellier | 16.67 | 1 |
| Bob Klingaman | 45.88 | 26 | Jim Menzel | 28.02 | 23 | Steve Wiegert | 15.24 | 3 |
| Dennis Wegner | 43.91 | 5 | John Secord | 27.54 | 4 | Wayne Franzen | 9.58 | 1 |
| Jim Tollefson | 43.83 | 14 | Ed Bonebright | 26.85 | 2 | Jim Berdan | 8.68 | 2 |
| Jerry Niemuth | 43.09 | 8 | Dale Matteson | 25.81 | 3 | John Resch | 7.00 | 1 |

Autumn Harvest pics
Dan Newkirk



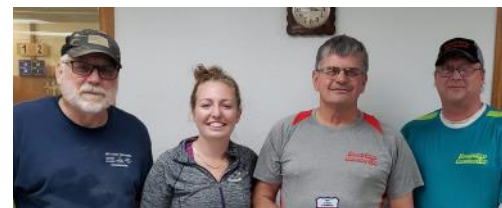
Class A: Pam, John, Tammy



Class B: Jim, Dick, Robert



Class C: Bob, Cliff, Bruce



Class D: Joel, Kalena, Dave, Russ



Class E: Tom, Tayna, Dan, Roger



Class F: Mike, Glenn, Joe



Class G: Dave, Rich, Jim

| <u>Class A</u> | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| John Meyer | 5 | 0 | 66.5 |
| Pam Aiken | 4 | 1 | 59.5 |
| Tammy Newkirk | 3 | 2 | 61 |
| <u>Class B</u> | | | |
| Dick Perkins | 5 | 0 | 54.5 |
| Jim Tollefson | 4 | 1 | 46.5 |
| Robert Bowser | 2 | 3 | 50.5 |
| <u>Class C</u> | | | |
| Cliff Shave | 5 | 0 | 42 |
| Bruce McLinn | 3.5 | 1.5 | 39.5 |
| Bob Klingemann | 3.5 | 1.5 | 37.13 |
| <u>Class D</u> | | | |
| Dave Volz | 6 | 1 | 33.93 |
| Kalena Quaid | 6 | 1 | 29.29 |
| Joel Ramsdell | 5 | 2 | 34.29 |
| <u>Class E</u> | | | |
| Rayna Bauer | 5 | 1 | 34.58 |
| Tom Steinke | 5 | 1 | 29.17 |
| Roger Anderson | 4 | 2 | 34.58 |
| <u>Class F</u> | | | |
| Glenn Hanson | 4 | 1 | 22.5 |
| Mike Gauthier | 4 | 1 | 16 |
| Joe Koch | 3 | 2 | 26 |
| <u>Class G</u> | | | |
| Rich Conrad | 5 | 0 | 28.5 |
| David Carter | 3 | 2 | 33 |
| Jim Alf | 3 | 2 | 24.5 |

Deansville Open pics
Gary Volz



Deansville Winners
Upper Left—Class A:
Eugene, John, Kerry
Upper Right—Class B:
Ralph, Rick, Kalena, Al
Lower left— Class C:
Patrick, Dave, Rich,

| <u>Class A</u> | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|-------|
| John Meyer | 4.5 | .5 | 63 |
| Eugene Pribnow | 4 | 1 | 56.5 |
| Kerry Morris | 3 | 2 | 56.5 |
| <u>Class B</u> | | | |
| Rick Weller | 7 | 0 | 38.57 |
| Ralph Marthaler | 4 | 3 | 35.25 |
| Kalena Quaid | 4 | 3 | 30.36 |
| <u>Class C</u> | | | |
| Dave Quaid | 5 | 2 | 29.29 |
| Patrick LaBarge | 5 | 2 | 27.14 |
| Rich Conrad | 5 | 2 | 22.14 |



Snowflake pics
Dan Newkirk

Class A

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Tammy Newkirk | 5 | 0 | 62.5 |
| Bun Carley | 3 | 2 | 51 |
| Pam Aiken | 2 | 3 | 51.5 |

Class B

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|----|-------|
| Robert Bowser | 5 | 0 | 42.92 |
| Dick Perkins | 4.5 | .5 | 42.92 |
| Rowen Swick | 4 | 0 | 43.39 |

Class C

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Cliff Shave | 5 | 1 | 49.58 |
| Bruce McLinn | 4 | 2 | 42.5 |
| Jeff Gustafson | 3 | 2 | 43.5 |

Class D

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Sam Mataya | 5 | 1 | 37.08 |
| Al Holloway | 4 | 2 | 27.69 |
| Jim Huckabee | 3 | 2 | 40.1 |

Class E

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| Roger Anderson | 5 | 0 | 35.5 |
| Joel Ramsdell | 3 | 2 | 34 |
| Tom Steinke | 3 | 2 | 26 |

Class F

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|-------|
| Dave Carter | 4 | 2 | 34.17 |
| Patrick LaBarge | 4 | 2 | 21.67 |
| Dan Newkirk | 3 | 3 | 28.75 |

Class G

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|-------|
| Rick Swan | 4 | 1 | 27 |
| Jim Alf | 3 | 2 | 23.76 |
| Dale Matteson | 3 | 2 | 23.76 |

Class H

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Gary Glover | 4 | 1 | 13.5 |
| Jason Ramsdell | 3.5 | 1.5 | 20.5 |
| Carly Nyman | 3 | 2 | 17.5 |



Class A: Pam, Tammy, Bun



Class B: Rowen, Kerry, Robert, Dick



Class C: Jeff, Cliff, Bruce



Class D: Sam, Jim, Al



Class E: Joel, Roger, Tom



Class F: Mary, Dave, Patrick, Dan



Class G: Jim, Rick, Dale



Class H: Jason, Gary, Carly

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Gary Volz

Class A

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|------|
| John Meyer | 4.5 | .5 | 65.5 |
| Eugen Pribnow | 4.5 | .5 | 63.5 |
| Ray Groskinsky | 3 | 2 | 58.5 |

Class B

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Rich Peterson | 5 | 0 | 50.5 |
| Jarrold Bisch | 4 | 1 | 35 |
| Jill Peterson | 3 | 2 | 38.5 |

Class C

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Justin Schultz | 5 | 1 | 39.17 |
| Al Holloway | 4 | 2 | 35.42 |
| Dustin Duerr | 2 | 4 | 35.42 |

Class D

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Edwin Pulsfus | 4 | 1 | 42.5 |
| George Dorn | 3 | 2 | 29 |
| Dave Quaid | 3 | 2 | 28 |

Class E

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Russ Brockway | 5 | 0 | 29 |
| Rick Brockway | 4 | 1 | 30 |
| Chad Volz | 2 | 3 | 29.5 |

Class F

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Aiden Weller | 5 | 0 | 22.5 |
| Will Fillback | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Darren Chambers | 3 | 2 | 19 |



Class A: Eugene, John ,Ray



Class B: Jill, Rich. Jarrod



Class C: Dusty, Justin, Al



Class D: Dave, Edin. George



Class E: Chad, Russ, Rick



Class F: Will. Aiden, Darren

Friend Missed



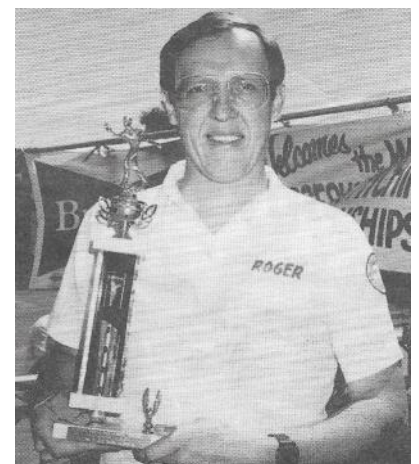
Helen Mason

Helen was Gene (Mr Horseshoe) Mason's wife and cheerleader for their 55 years of marriage. She loved to knit for friends, family and those in need. She was a cosmetologist for 50 years. Cooking, baking, gardening and enjoying campfires kept her busy.

Her last several months were laced with health challenges with Hospice helping. Friends and family were at her side celebrating her October birthday. She is now at peace in heaven and missed by Gene and family. Our sincere sympathy.

Blast From the Past

Dave Volz



Roger Poutanen finished 2nd in the Mens Class A Finals with a ringer percent of 65.83% at the 1988 World Tournament in Pleasonton, CA

Junior Program Raffle

Sonia Cook

The Junior Program Raffle is a go for 2022. Yes- I plan to run the same format... so welcome any and all donations / prizes. Contact me if you have any questions or need help storing an item. Our membership generosity / donations is what makes this raffle a success. Any you all know me- that I like to have lots of winners.

Junior Program

Sonia Cook

Best of Luck to Gabe Burgin as he pursues his secondary education. He received his \$300 Scholarship money. *** A reminder to contact me with proof of High School graduation and acceptance in post/ secondary training. All Scholarships must be claimed before the former junior reaches their 25th birthday.

Regional Directors Report

Dave Volz

First, a reminder to everyone to renew their NHPA/ WHPA memberships if you haven't already done so. You can find a membership form in this newsletter and on the WHPA website. You can also renew online on the website, just click on Renew Membership or on eShoe, enter your name and click on Renew. You can also join new members by clicking on New Members Information. There is information there about pitching divisions and membership types as well as a form to fill out. If you are changing pitching divisions, you will have to contact John Secord. It is important that your membership is up to date when entering a tournament so that eShoe accepts the stats and there are no red flags to deal with.

The 2022 WHPA sanctioned tournament schedule is in this issue, you can also find a printable copy on the website. If you print off a schedule, make sure you have the latest copy. There are a few open dates that may be filled as well as occasional changes. Any changes will be on the website copy as they are made and there is also a date on it for reference. You can also view the Wisconsin schedule or any other state on eShoe by clicking on Event Search and the state that you wish to search. There is also a calendar on the website that shows WHPA tournament information as well as driving directions to the court facilities.

The 2022 World Tournament will be held July 11-23 in

What's New?

Jane Smith

Welcome new WHPA members: Marshall Narlock, Jason Ramsdell, Matt Moore, and Dale Matteson. When you see these new WHPA members please welcome them with smiles and sincere wishes of good luck.

We have several WHPA members who are and have been battling health challenges for several months, years. If you have a chance visit Kelly Heinritz's Caring Bridge site. She is an amazing person with a delightful sense of creative humor. She has had quite a battle all the while maintaining a positive and thankful attitude. Family, friends and faith are strong allies in fighting challenges. Of course, a bit of Good Luck cannot hurt. Sending healing prayers and positive vibes to all WHPA family members experiencing personal issues.

Congrats to Sonia Cook who, I think recently retired – I only discovered this when the email I had for her was returned. There are no bad days in retirement and we seem to be busier than ever, wondering how we ever accomplished what we did while working!

Monroe Louisiana. The entry deadline is May 17th, 2022. All adults must have pitched in 4 sanctioned events in the 12 months prior to the May 17 deadline in the same division you are entering. Only 1 event is required for juniors. There is a printable entry form on the WHPA website as well as a link to enter electronically. There is a World Tournament flyer on the website with facility information, hotel rates, RV parks and camping, as well as things to do and new things to eat. I will be ordering some Monroe area packets and have them available for the WHPA Spring meeting.

The World Tournament Participation – All Years is now available on the web. There is a link to it on the home page of the WHPA website. This is an amazing file that has been updated and maintained by Stanton Griggs. It lists in alphabetical order all World Tournament participants from 1909 through 2021. It shows how many they have pitched in, how many years in a row, the year, the location, their division and class, how they placed and their ringer percent. Some interesting finds on a few Wisconsin pitchers are Casey Jones who pitched in 12 Worlds and finished 2nd 4 times and 3rd 3 times in the men's championships and averaged over 80% in 8 of them. Bun Carley who has pitched in 28 World Tournaments and Ralph Marthaler who pitched in his first at Eau Claire Wisconsin in 2003 and has currently pitched in 18 consecutive World Tournaments. There is a lot of interesting information in that file, check it out!

Ringer 'round the nation

Amber Berger

There is a distinct sound to a horseshoe hitting the stake when pitching. The clinking noise indicates the competitor has hit the target for a ringer. Gerald Harris knows how that clinking noise sounds in all 50 states. Within less than a year, the 63-year-old has traveled to every state to pitch horseshoes.

It was never his intention to pitch in each state. The journey began in February 2021 when Harris, who moved to Lake Mills from nearby Waterloo a year ago, decided to seek out more tournaments. First, there was a tournament in Iowa, where he could participate in the contest and visit some family. Then, he found some tournaments in Indiana. Before too long, Harris took part in tournaments in South Dakota and then realized a week later there would be a contest in another part of the state, roughly five hours “I thought, I might as well pitch these two and stay out all week,” he said. During the week, Harris drove to North Dakota and pitched at three clubs before taking part in the second pair of South Dakota tournaments. By the end of May, he’d pitched in four states outside of Wisconsin.

“Coming up in July was going to be the World Tournament in Winnemucca, Nevada,” Harris said. A week before the World Tournament, he competed in a South Dakota tournament. “At that point I thought, ‘Well, I have a week. Let’s see how many states I can get to before Nevada,’” Harris said. The seven-day trip included stops in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon before the Nevada tournament. On the return drive to Wisconsin, the man pitched in Utah and Nebraska.

“And that’s when it all started,” Harris said. Harris began participating in a competitive league five years ago. The retiree who previously worked at Aztalan Engineering in Lake Mills had been looking for an indoor activity to take part in during the winter months. Harris had played horseshoes casually when at bars during the warmer months of the year but never in a league.

When the retiree first started in the indoor Deansville Horseshoe Club competitive league, he had 5% ringers. It wasn’t until the last year or two when Harris started to obtain 30% ringers. For Harris, horseshoes has never been about winning or getting a high pitching percent. The entire experience, from being in the club leagues to pitching in all 50 states, has been about fun and camaraderie. “I go to have fun and meet people, anything above that is a bonus,” Harris said.

The game can get frustrating,” he added, pointing out how just a slight change in stance or the way a shoe is held can change the ability to get a ringer. “I’ve stayed here for the friendships. I feel like I’ve been part of these

clubs forever; I call these people my horseshoe family.” He belongs to two clubs – the Deansville Horseshoe Club at the Barrel Inn located just outside of Marshall and the Beloit Horseshoe Club. He pitches four times a week during winter – three times at Beloit and once at Deansville, and five times each week during summer – all of them in Beloit.

The weekly travels to Beloit are insignificant to the number of miles Harris has put on to his car since February 2021. “I have 45,000 on my car from driving to pitch just this year,” he said. Harris was committed to pitching in each of the continuous 48 states. His travels would take him to a region where he could take part in a tournament then pitch in multiple states that were within driving distance of one another. Sometimes Harris would be able to have a friendly game against people who were already at the pits, in other instances he pitched a practice game alone.

There were tours through the New England states, the southeast part of the country, and the southwest. There was a bit of a challenge when it came to pitching in Mississippi. “No one knew of any places to pitch,” Harris said.

A bit of creative thinking helped him find a way to check the state off his list.

A friend manufactured some portable pit elements that could be placed into the ground. While in Mississippi, he set up a temporary pit to be able to pitch a few practice rounds.

“I called it Harris’ Homemade Horseshoe Pitch,” he said.

The final stop would be California on Halloween weekend. By the start of October, the Lake Mills resident decided to go all in and booked a trip to Alaska for the second week of the month and a trip to Hawaii for the following week.

The 2021 50-state journey is tracked on his horseshoe box, each one marked with a sticker. Some of the state stickers are marked with a star, indicating Harris had competed in a tournament while there.

His favorite place to pitch while on the 50-state tour was the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum in Wentzville, Missouri. “It has such a great set-up,” he said of the location, adding it was unreal to be able to compete there. “I’m looking forward to pitching there again.”

Pitching in each state is just part of his journey, by May of this year he will have competed in 83 tournaments within a 12-month period. The current record is 74. Once Harris completes the challenge of getting the most tournaments in 12 months record, he plans to scale back on the number of competitions he attends. But he has no plans to hang up the horseshoes and step away from the pits anytime soon.



“The Cruel Shoes”

by Justin Kern

“Zen and the Art of
Dishwasher Maintenance”

“You look at where you're going and where you are and it never makes sense, but then you look back at where you've been and a pattern seems to emerge.”

-Robert Pirsig

Jeff is the new-ish appliance person for our Milwaukee home. If you have no gifts with tools – as is the case between the brain trust of myself, my wife Jess and our three cats – you acquire “people” or “guys” to do your fix-it jobs. In that sphere, there are specialists, with Joe recently replacing Paul as our handy man for all things lights, fences and fixtures. Suzie, a.k.a. my mother-in-law, since retired as a child psychologist, has kindly volunteered herself as our interior decorator. And when it comes to appliances, we now have Jeff to generously take our calls and correct the inevitable break-down of each item in a nearly 100-year-old home.

It’s late Fall as Jeff installs a brand new dishwasher, near his recently installed microwave, both stainless steel because that is what is not so much new as it is pervasive. From the kitchen floor of our aged home, he shimmyes one thing into place, divines old patches and wires out of the way. There is no mention of the stacks of dirty dishes in and around the sink, though Jeff works with a briskness of understanding that our home is probably days away from a knock on the door by the city health department. Amid his merciful appliance work, Jeff asks “Whose horseshoes?”

The horseshoes in question were mine, hidden in their travel case in the sun porch he passed through to

install the dishwasher. It’d take a keen person to clock my bag as worthy of further conversation around horseshoes. (The WHPA patch could’ve been a giveaway, but others may be thrown off the scent by another patch for punk band Los Crudos plus a pin from Milwaukee’s Polish Fest.)

As it was, horseshoes were integral to gatherings within Jeff’s family during his youth, he told us without missing a beat on his handy duties. His family had pits behind their candy store in Fillmore, in Washington County, just southeast of Boltonville, if you’re presently eyeing a map. Into his teen years and 20s, Jeff loved to pitch shoes, too, with family, at bars. With work and raising his own family, he fell out of touch with the game, lost time for the leagues. A familiar story, to be sure, though Jeff, as he casually tested outlets and drains that would in no uncertain terms enable our home to return to a habitable form, offered wider whimsy on the sport he once knew so well.

“Maybe it’ll come back,” he said, pulling a tube, cranking a knob, all basically magic. “People are into the older things and it could come around again. Who knows?”

Like Jeff, like many of you, I’ve shared this vision of a new boom in horseshoes. A generational trend – we’re a TikTok video away, people! Or could it come in the form of the hottest trend in fitness, something that mixes the latest in yoga, spin classes and pitching ringers, with a quasi-spiritual portmanteau name like SoulShoes.

Ideas for another column or to hash out over a beer at a tournament. These days, I’d call it a big step forward to follow through on my tiny wish to remove from the side yard of our home an aluminum shed, in a state of decline fluctuating between one week left and 25 years. And then, maybe we’d have the space for a single outdoor pit of our own. Shoes right outside my front step, a hobbyists dream. To build it? If Jeff isn’t the “guy,” I’m sure he could recommend one.

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A Provisional membership is a reduced fees membership that allows players to pitch in all leagues and tournaments except state tournaments and the world tournament for the period beginning at their first tournament/league entry to the end of the current calendar year. During their Provisional time, a member can upgrade to Full member at any time. (Provisional is a one-time membership and is restricted to persons who have never previously been an NHPA member.)

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