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## 47 WHPA Pitchers in Knoxville

-Jane Smith

Only seven states have more pitchers than the WHPA. Pitchers who have, are or will pitch at the World tournament by the time you read this are: 12 men in the Elders Division: Wayne Lemar, Galen Kozel, Dave Schorbahn, Dave Ninnmann, John Dolezel, John Grugger, Cal Pitel, Jim Ganther, Jerry Kamps, George Eckstrom, Gary Schmitz, and Bernie Human. 15 men in the Open Men Division: Ken Heinritz, Mark Mauthe, Kerry Morris, Lonny Trangsrud, John Garvan, Kurt Jochimsen,

Russ Heinritz, Kevin Brekke, Steve Wallin Terry Sternberg, Ralph Marthaler, Dick Hansen, Mike Zahn, Craig David and Ray Mallo. 8 Senior Men: Bruce McLinn, Bun Carley, Al Huizenga, Glenn Bogenschneider, Jerry Neimuth, John Meyer, Jim Tollefson, and Tom Steinke. 10 Women, several who could qualify for the Senior Women Championship: Gert Wilcziek, Penny Steinke, Edie Mckinney, Kiri Cook, Aleena Cook, Laurie Dolezel, Michelle Plaisance, Gloria Smith, Kari David, and Ceil Trossen. 2 Juniors: Gunnar David and Heather Feavel. Sending them safely on their travels and many ringers!

This will be an interesting Convention as Wausau is bidding for the 2014 World Tour-

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## Team World Champions!

-Jim Haupt



Congratulations!! Wisconsin Champions: Pam Aiken, Ken Heinritz, Gert Wilcziek, Martin Papesch.

At long last, 28 years, Wisconsin claimed the Team-World trophy. Finishing number one in pre-lim wins, they rested while runner-ups played the ladder

for position.

Of the eighteen teams entered, the Indiana #2 team placed sixth, Michigan fifth, Illinois #1 fourth, Missouri #1 third. Indiana #1 and Wisconsin met in the final game with Wisconsin taking the match 3 to 1.

In that final match, Gert Wilcziek out-pointed Herschel Walters 31-16 with 33 ringers. Martin Papesch dropped his game to Sue Snyder, 23 to 32. Snyder had a 28 ringer game. Ken Heinritz took Mark Seibold, 37 to 22 with 22 ringers. Pam Aiken tossed a double, her last two shoes, to overcome Ted Sprinkle by one point 26-25.

Of the top pitchers:

1. Herschel Walters IN 79.13

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Jul 21	Merrill Open (28-12-043)	\$18	7/14	Darryl Hintz
Aug 11-12	Mosinee Log Jam (28-12-029)	\$18	8/4	Ed Hack
Aug 14	Eau Claire City-Co (28-12-042)		8/9	Laurie Dolezel
Aug 18	Green Bay Open (28-12-030)	\$18	7days	Steve Wiegert
Sept 1-3	STATE Tournament Eau Claire	\$25	30 days	John Secord
Sept 8-9	Wet 'n Wild Centuria 28-12-034	\$10	8 days	Jane Smith
Sept 16	Beloit Doubles unsanctioned	\$20	7 days	Earl Paulson
Sept 22	Marengo 28-12-046		7 days	Steve Stevens
Sept 23	Marengo 4-man team unsanc		7 days	Steve Stevens
Sept 25	Arkdale Doubles	\$22	7 days	Duane
Oct 6-7	Beloit Fall 28-12-035	\$18	7 days	Earl Paulson
Oct 13-14	Deansville Sing 28-12-036	\$18	7 days	Rudy VanFleet
Nov 3-4	Beloit Harvest 28-12-037	\$18	7 days	Earl Paulson
Dec 1-2	Deansville Open 28-12-038	\$18	7 days	Rudy VanFleet
Dec 8-9	Beloit Snowflake 28-12-039	\$18	7 days	Earl Paulson

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## Your President- Glenn Bogenschneider

WOW! The "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us. The "Dog Days" are the hottest, most sultry days of summer. History has it they are usually 40 days in length, starting as early as July 3rd. Did ours not start in March? It sure made it difficult for the June 30th, July 4th and July 8th tournaments. I pitched in two of the three and it was HOT! Thanks to those pitchers who hung in there, pitched, and supported the tournament directors. This is not an easy task.

The deadline for our State Tournament is July 31st. Unfortunately, some of you will not receive this reminder before then. Hopefully, you sent your entry in

time. If not, drive on up, or over, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, to see Norm Beckius be inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame!

We are currently finalizing our presentation for the 2014 World Tournament in Wausau. We will be making our bid on Sunday, Aug. 5th. We will be fielding a strong team and are confident of VICTORY!

The next day to circle on your calendar is Oct. 20th, for our State Fall Meeting at Lake Delton.

In closing, I would like to add my "Congratulations" to our Wisconsin #1 team for winning the Team World championship. Thank you for a job well done and you make our State proud!

## Behind the Mask

NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

The Heinritz Homestead courts had a very auspicious beginning. After determining where the courts would be built, the very first shovel in the ground hit something hard. It turned out to be a bone. What are the chances of that? That bone happened to be next to another bone and another bone, until I had a whole bucket of bones. Now who do these bones belong to?

And then there was the point of a huge rock protruding through the ground that needed to be chipped off. Of course, it was in the center of one of the walkways.

The treated lumber I used for the pits appeared to be ideal until days later the box transformed itself into pretzel.

Because I didn't know what I was doing, I incorrectly set the pits in place first, and then worked on the walkways. Using a 4 foot level to lay my blocks, it wasn't long until I found out that one end was a foot lower than the other end . . . not good for

any kind of pitcher.

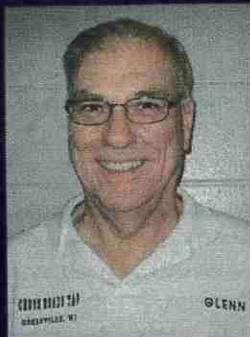
Okay, I know that I am opening myself up to some ridicule, but I am leading to a point.

Many of us have had rough beginnings. We messed things up royally. Perhaps it was due to poor choices or maybe some unfortunate events came your way. Life can get better. In fact, it can be beyond what you can possibly imagine.

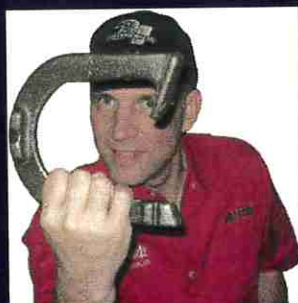
The courts I built might not have materialized if I hadn't come through that rough beginning. At times I wondered if it was worth it. Now that I have some very nice courts, I can say that it was worth it. The challenges I faced early on seem so distant at this point.

Don't despair or give up. There is hope.

*"He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God."* Psalm 40:2-3



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## Team World Champions! Continued from Page 1

2. Gert Wilcziek, WI 78.47 All wins
3. Sue Snyder, IN 77.25 All wins
4. Greg Craven MO 72.37
5. Sharon Chiddister IN -2 63.68
6. Martin Papesh WI 63.33
7. Pam Aiken WI 61.81
8. Bob Vandiver IL 61.18

As with any regional tournament, Team-World is a people-oriented event. A host of non-pitchers were along for the ride, among them, number one horseshoe fan, Chuck Blakely.

In keeping with modern technology, the entire event was computer scored. Scorekeepers marked for two courts which required either swivel chairs or rear view mirrors.

Most teams took advantage of the rule permitting three short distance pitchers per team.

Sixty percent of the competitors opted for thirty feet.

Twenty-four courts will accommodate 24 teams. Team World is looking for a few more good teams. And be aware, the beer taps begin to flow at 10:00 am. See you there next year.

### Platteville

By, Jim Haupt

Driving across the state, rain all the way, to a place known for weather, were three optimistic horseshoe pitchers rewarded by what turned out to be a very pleasant day.

The Country Kitchen, a tournament sponsor, is a good place to see who else is pitching today.

Once on the courts we found there were a couple no-shows, but all classes started at about the same time, as scheduled.

The sixteen courts in Legion Park make the all class start possible and has been a productive State Tournament site.

Some club members, not pitching today, were on hand for setup and breakdown and we are glad to report that despite news of Norm Mauthe's physical problems, it did not interfere with his overall monitoring

## 2012 Goldendale Open

By, Terry Sternberg

This year, our Club was hosting its 41<sup>st</sup> tournament on its six clay courts at the Lone Star Tavern in Germantown. The pitchers, were greeted by new bright yellow scoreboards and along with that, "Scorekeepers". As in the past several years, entries have been just enough to fill one day.

It was nice to see some pitchers that haven't been at Goldendale for a number of years and also, former Club members, like Bob Mattson, Ken Davison, Dolly and Harold Kloehn, who came to watch their four great-grandchildren pitch in the Jrs. Class. Alyssa Simonz won her first tournament, winning all her games against her sister, Caitlin and two cousins, Kane Kuester and Carter Poppe. This was Kane and Carter's first tournament. Hopefully they found it fun and keep it up, we do need our Jrs.

After forty consecutive years, John Secord had to bow out, do to surgery, but still appeared to cheer on his granddaughter, Heather Feavel. Mark Stevens came down from Marengo, and felt well enough to pitch. It was good to see him doing so well in his battle with cancer.

This year, we setup the tournament, using the HS Master Program, which worked out great. I suggest the directors to try it out. We still posted the stats on the board as usual, which the pitchers like to keep an eye on.

Thanks to Rich Conrad, for his donation of baseball style hats to give away as we pleased, which turned out to be to last place.

Like to thank our Club's scorekeeping crew, Chris "The Prez" Perdzock, Mike Perdzock, Tom Fischer, Jim Haupt, Glenn Boenschneider. Jim Poquette, Pat Kaczor, Mike Burns and others, like Tony Scrima, John Secord, Steve Simonz, Kip Kuester and Rick Poppe, for taking the time to be our scorekeepers.

We collected \$11 for the Jrs Scholarship Fund, most of it, thanks to Pat Kaczor's scorekeeping monies.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to everyone for entering the tournament. Hope to see you all back next year. See you on the courts.



### Heinritz Homestead Courts

During construction and the action!

How strong are the magnets?



**Beloit Spring Singles**

By, Jim Haupt

**F.D.L.**

By, Jim Haupt

Before the sun set on the second day of this event, the results were up on the internet, some kind of record.

It's the computer, sure, but it takes a real live dedicated person to send it out.

Win or lose, at Beloit a pitcher can go home with a game-by-game printout, not seen at other events.

The forecast was for hot weather; instead, it was just sunny with an occasional gust strong enough to blow over the scoreboards. No gripes.

While at the courts we were given a glossy magazine. Not just a glossy cover, this was high class, glossy throughout, ads and all 269 pages, a coffee table magazine.

Called "Northwest Quarterly.com," the issue ran a piece featuring the Beloit Horseshoe Club titled "For the Love of Horseshoes," five pages. Fully half, full color pictures of Beloit pitchers all would recognize; Tony Scrima and Ken Lovaas playing dominoes; Walt Houk and Jim Huckabee pitching; Jesse Garza turning the Cheona clay, the Bobby Johnson's delivery.

From the copy of the article we can tell Earl Paulson, also pictured, told of the club history. New to us were the words of the executive director of 'Visit Beloit,' Deb Fredericksen, "Horseshoe tournaments contribute about \$100,000 to the local economy each year."

Georgia Beebe had the last word on friendships acquired, "It blows your mind.., that's what makes the game of horseshoe so special."

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Class A

Dennis Reid 5 0 60%  
 Jesse Garza 3 2 49%  
 Mark Mauthe 2 3 48%

Class B

Linda Hycnar 5 1 38.75%  
 Rich Lodor 4 2 37.92%  
 Al Huizenga 4 2 35%

Class C

Wayne Thornsbury 5 1 35%  
 Kevin Brekke 3.5 2.5 31.67%  
 Pete Gorski 3.5 2.5 30.83%

Class D

Jim Haupt 5 0 37.6%  
 Jim Huckabee 3.5 1.5 31.2%  
 Daniel Lessman 3.5 1.5 25.2%

Winnebagoland, as its called, is in operation once more. After a twenty year hiatus the 16 courts of the Fond Du Lac Club were alive with tournament pitchers.

It was a hot day, temperature in the 90s, full sun, pitchers wilted, delaying games. Tony Scrima dropped out of "A" after a few games.

Others continued under the unrelenting heat. The word was, take it easy, rest when you can. One guy actually sat out one game. But the shoes kept flying on baked clay.

Twenty years have been kind to the FDL courts. They look about the same as always, nice clubhouse. They have all the amenities of a fine horseshoe club, plenty of space, close parking, rest rooms, a kitchen area, and water on the courts.

Of special interest, in the clubhouse are large-sized pictures of the facilities of many other horseshoe clubs promoting travel to all.

Cash payback was generous and, as an added wrinkle, the Tournament Director, John Meyer, awarded a gold medallion to high average pitchers, Ken Heinritz in "A" and Curt Bruger in the 40% group.

Conducting this event looked like a one-man operation. Meyer went all out upgrading courts, score devices, and stat procedures to become acceptable to tournament pitchers of this era.

Meyer states, "As long as I am running the show there will be an annual tournament in Fond Du Lac."

Class E

Nick Muller 5 0 40%  
 John Wilson 4 1 30.4%  
 Dennis Simler 2.5 2.5 22.4%

Class F

Ed Wheeler 5 0 24.4%  
 Jack Zane 4 1 16.8%  
 Samantha Gorski 3 2 22.6%

## Combined Locks

By, Jim Haupt

Not the oldest horseshoe club in Wisconsin but the Combined Locks Club with Kamps Courts has history dating back to 1967 when the Wisconsin's first sanctioned tournament, was conducted here.

Back in those days Combined Locks was a horseshoe mecca in this state. Along with Eau Claire, they wrestled control of the State Tournament from the then Wisconsin State Horseshoe Association and their tie to the West Allis Fairgrounds. It then became the WHPA which has since conducted the State Tournament at various locations throughout the state. All pitchers owe a debt of gratitude to Jerry Kamps for his foresight and execution in his endeavors.

Kamps is rehabilitating after heart surgery, was unable to pitch this event but was on hand greeting all comers.

While on the courts we spied 90 yr old, WHPA Hall of Famer, Ann Opsteen looking on and visiting. She was seated on the deck or outdoor party spot.

Later, after the last pitch was delivered, a young man with a guitar and stuff began his gig on that deck. We left town thinking, Pretty good. Hey, Bill Matey, why didn't you let him play while we were playing?

## Marshfield 2012

By, Sonia Cook

After the percentages were in... the middle was really tight so we broke the classes as competitive as possible. Class B only had a 4.4 difference with eight pitchers.

Weather was iffy and rained on two games, but after a 10 minute downpour - everyone finished.

Tournament Champ won by Gene Mason. He brought family/fans from Las Vegas to cheer -and it helped. Class B was won by Gary Wegner. The class spread was only 7.6%. Class C was won by Greg Hehling and Class D by his brother Dave Hehling.

## Germantown

By, Jim Haupt

Forty years ago Ed Wing built the Goldendale courts where the annual tournament is conducted under the pines. For those forty years, John Secord has been a habitual contestant. Not this time. Recovering from surgery he was on hand, but only to observe his granddaughter, Heather Feavel, pitch.

Harold and Dolly Kloehn came to see some of their great-grandkids pitch. They actually run and skip between the stakes, a joy to see.

The whole 'fam family' was in town. Mark Stevens pitched "A". Rick Poppe also pitched. Heidi made the trip, as did the Stevens boys' sister, Joyce Poppe. Horseshoe runs in their genes.

As a return to yester-year, the Club provided live scorekeepers operating new devices which seemed well accepted by visiting pitchers.

Ken Heinritz, home boy, won again joining other greats like Carl Joppe, Bill Glass, Ralph Maylahn, Rick Pritzlaff, Don Kangas, Lorraine Sternberg, and Cliff Sjurset who all once had a stranglehold on this old tournament.

## Wolf River

By, Jim Haupt

The walleyes on the Wolf may have made their spring run but did not appear on the serve your self groaning board set out, we assume, by Grandma Jaeger. Lots of meat, from her sausage factory, beans, and deviled eggs was the daily fare. Grandma was busy with the twin girls again and we saw daddy, Kenny Jr., for a change.

Five classes made it in one day in Hatten Park. Although the top end was a surprise. Resident pro, Martin Papesh lost out to Combined Locks' Mr. Horseshoe, Gene Mason pitching 62+%

Our pick for the pitcher of the day is Steve Mielke, Green Bay guy, way over his average with 42.85, first place, of course.

Ken Jaeger's Wolf River event remains the best paying tournament on the tour. Class A payout started with \$50. Other classes paid \$45 for first and he does it all with a \$16 entry fee.

Best payback on the tour. Should be a two day event.

**47 WHPA Pitchers in  
Knoxville  
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nement. They are looking for Wisconsin pitchers to spend some time promoting the Wausau site at the booth on the exhibition floor. Glenn Bogenschneider, Randy and Marge Rein, Sonia, Mel, Aleena and Kiri Cook, Jimmy Paulson, Jane Smith have offered to help the Wausau Sports Authority and Tourism Bureau answer questions at the booth. Some Wisconsin pitchers may have been drafted to help promote and while doing so met many new faces in assisting at the Wausau Booth. Your expertise as a horseshoe pitcher is a valuable resource. THANKS!! And GO WAUSAU!!

The WHPA has seen many changes in the past years. It is an honor and pleasure to be part of such dynamic leaders past and present! There are exciting times ahead and I would very much appreciate your vote for 1st VP at the Fall meeting October 20 as I tender by bid for this office. Thank you and see you on the courts—somewhere, sometime Jane Smith.

John Secord, Secretary-Treasurer

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for reelection to the office of WHPA Secretary-Treasurer. We have a dedicated executive board and it would be my privilege to continue working with them and the membership. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

**Notice to Membership**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my WHPA involvement, and I take this opportunity to announce my bid for another term as your 3rd Vice President, Director-Jr. Scholarship Fund. I have a few more ideas and welcome any from you to improve our WHPA. Vote for Sonia in October! Thank you for your past support and all the donations to the annual raffle. Remember, you can't win if you don't buy a ticket! Sonia Cook

**Ken Kosky Memorial Tournament  
River Park – Mosinee, WI**

By, Randy & Marge Rein

The Kosky Memorial Tournament was held at River Park – Mosinee on Sunday, July 1, 2012. We had a total of (32) entries for the one day tournament. We had one person drop out due to a back issue.

In order to accommodate all pitchers and due to the hot weather we had all (30) shoe games. We started our first class at 7:30 a.m. and ended around 8:15 p.m. It made for a long day, but everyone had a great time. Food and beverages were provided at the court. The pitchers liked only having to pitch (30) shoes, since many of them had pitched in the Fond du Lac tournament on Saturday and it was an extremely warm day.

Thanks to Trent Bratland for taking pictures of the class winners and sending them to Jimmy Paulson for the newsletter.

We had to switch our tournament date from June 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> because of the Badger Summer Games being held that weekend. We are sorry to report the horseshoe event was cancelled due to lack of participants. There were only (7) individuals that signed up. The Central WI Visitors Bureau indicated they had 225 hits on their website for horseshoes. It tells them there is some interest out there, not sure why more people did not sign up. They will try again in 2013.

Good luck to all pitchers going to the World Tournament in Knoxville, TN. Remember to vote for WAUSAU 2014 for the World Tournament. Our next tournament in Mosinee will be the Log Jam Tournament held on August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ed Hack at (715) 842-

0150 to sign up for the tournament.



Ken Kosky Memorial, Class C (left) and Class A (right)



### Eau Claire EarlyBird

By, John Dolezel

Maybe it was more pitchers needing another tournament in order to enter the State or World tournament, or maybe it is a sign the continuing slow economy is convincing more people to turn to our modest cost of entertainment, but the result was a dramatic increase in participation in this event from 24 pitchers last year to 55 this year. Great weather and great people made this an enjoyable event for all.

Gert Wilcziek, back on top of her game, waltzed to 1st in Class A; Ron Craigmile pitched well to take 2nd while former Wisconsin pitcher, Pudge Dahl claimed 3rd.

Talk about "close" in Class B!! Lonny Trangsrud and Todd Sheehan both finished with a 4-1 record. Lonny took 1st with 129 ringers compared to 128 for Todd. (Dave Schorbahn finished with 127 ringers. BUT...) Jim Sheehan claimed 3rd.

Larry Grabowski was able to wrest 1st place from Les Karpel, with Jerry Oleskow taking 3rd in Class C.

Ladies ruled in Class D with Denise Williamson taking it to the boys for a 1st place finish, followed by Greg Hehling and Dennis Kieser.

In Class E, Jeff Kunz, Larry Danielson, and tournament newcomer Jeff Reiter placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

A clean sweep at 5-0 carried Bernie Human to 1st in Class F. Regular tournament participant, Tom Dudenhoffer took 2nd followed by Eau Claire club member Warren Puhl for 3rd.

Dave Hehling dominated Class G, followed by Dan Rude and George Eckstrom for 2nd and 3rd.

The Ganther boys dominated Class H (how could they avoid it—they made up half the class!) with Randy, Jay, and Rod claiming 1st, 2nd & 3rd respectively (On to State & World???)

It was nice to have a mixed Juniors/Cadets class for the first time in awhile. Lonny Trangsrud's twins, Cole and Cailyn took 1st & 2nd respectively—both pitching an identical 13.75% with 22 ringers. Dennis Kieser's grandson, Alex Tyznik came in 3rd. It was great to see the kids participating.

At this writing, the turnout for the Eau Claire Open Tournament on June 3rd appears to be very good.

PS: from typist Elly McCarn: Some of you already know this, but John had been in the hospital for four days & unable to

pitch in this event. He was released late Sat. afternoon and his daughter brought him to the tournament courts for nearly an hour and with explicit orders to behave himself!

### Fond Du Lac WinnebagoLand

By, John Meyer

Saturday June 30th began like every other day in June, hot, very hot, as 30 competitors took to the horseshoe courts. Fond du Lac, after 20 years, was having a tournament. Throughout the tournament the heat got to everyone as only 28 survivors made it to the end. The tournament was a success with a lot of lessons learned by the club. At the end and after all prize money was handed out, a special award was given to the pitchers that has the highest ringer game in 2 brackets, one under 40% pitchers, the other 40% and over pitchers. Curtis Brugger from class "C" threw a 60% game and Ken Heinritz from class "A" threw a 75% game to earn the awards. These awards, you could call them medallions or coins, were do-



nated by The Goldsmith Shop in Fond du Lac. Hopefully these two pitchers will show them off at upcoming tourna-

ments. A thanks to everyone that participated in this first tournament and to the club personnel,



wives and girlfriends who put the time and effort into getting everything ready and making it a success.

**WinnebagoLand Tournament**

28-12-024

**Fond du Lac**

By, John Meyer

Class A

Randy Rein	6	0	58.7
Ron Button	5	1	50.8
Ken Heinritz	4	2	54.5

Class B

G. Bogenschneider	6	1	37.1
Jerry Neimuth	6	1	35.3
Al Huizenga	4	3	36.7

Class C

Jim O'Loughlin	6	1	32.1
Curtis Burger	5	2	41.4
Jim Haupt	4	3	37.9

Class D

Mike Benzing Jr	5	1	23.7
Tom Rosenthal	4	2	32.5
Mike Zahn	4	2	21.6

**Marshfield**

28-12-021

By, Sonia Cook

Class A

Gene Mason
Randy Rein
Gunnar David

Class B

Gary Wegner
Tava Kildahl
Harry Zdroik

Class C

Greg Hehling
Dave Torrey
Mark Rice

Class D

Dave Hehling
Mike Berdan
Craig David

**Rozellville Lions #1**

By, Sonia Cook

Rozellville Lions #1 Sanction Tournament held July 26, 2012 boasts three very competitive classes.

Class A showed a tie between Cathy Asmundson (49%) and Randy Rein (64%). Maybe the rain that started during the pitch-off made a difference. Randy took the game and Tournament Champ Patch. Third place won by Ivan Ruzic (49%).

Class B was Ladies Choice as Sonia Cook (49%) left six men in her wake. Darryl Hintz (30%) took 2nd and Randy Mitchell (37%) pulled out a tie for 3rd with Ed Hack (28%).

Class C pitchers were troopers all finishing their last three games in the rain. Greg Hehling (40%) only lost one game. Mark Rice (33%) took 2nd pulling out a tie with Dave Hehling (27%) who settled with 3rd.

Join us for tournament #2 on July 14, 2012.

**Wolf River**

28-12-016

By, Ken Jaeger

Class A

Gene Mason	7	0	62.14
Martin Papesh	5	2	60.35
Cal Pitel	5	2	52.5

Class B

Ray Groskinsky	5	0	45.2
Elaine Troullier	3	2	33.2
Norb Fuhrman	3	2	31.6

Class C

Jim O'Loughlin	3.5	1.5	39.5
Cliff Erickson	3	2	38
Kevin Brekke	3	2	33.6

Class D

Jim Haupt	7	0	42.1
Bill Matey	6	1	46
Moose Meyer	4	3	33.9

Class E

Steve Mielke	6	1	42.85
Tom Rosenthal	6	1	35.35
Mike Benzing Jr.	5	2	31.07

**Ken Kosky Memorial**

28-12-023

By, Randy & Marge Rein

Class A

Randy Rein	7	0	61.68
Ron Button	6	1	59.52
John Meyer	4	3	48.09

Class B

Jim O'Loughlin	7	0	52.38
Ray Groskinsky	4	3	44
Ed Hack	4	3	40.99

Class C

Greg Hehling	6	1	36.19
Ralph Marthaler	5	2	39.05
Susie Erickson	5	2	31.90

Class D

Mike Benzing Jr	6	1	34.28
Art Collien	6	1	32.85
Dave Hehling	5	2	30.95

**Eagle River Open**

28-12-019

By, Cliff Erickson

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	6	1	41.7
Randy Rein	5	2	48.9
John Molling	5	2	45.7

Class B

Jim O'Loughlin	6	1	37.1
Gary Wegner	5.5	1.5	33.9
Jim Verstoppen	5	2	42.5

Class C

Bill Matey	5	2	40.
Moose Meyer	4	3	33.9

Class D

Susie Erickson	5	0	26.4
Mike Benzing Jr	3	2	29.6
Art Collien	3	2	23.2

Class E

Dominic Warwick	5	0	22.4
Tonya Kaulum	4	1	16
Jordan Cox	3	2	16.4



**Goldenale Open #2**

28-12-022

By, Terry Sternberg

Class A

Ken Heinritz	6	0	64.4
John Meyer	3	2	42.8
Tony Scrima	3	2	40.

Class B

Elaine Troullier	6	0	41.67
G. Bogenschneider	5	1	40.
Russ Heinritz	4	2	30.83

Class C

Bill Matey	6	0	35.
Jim Haupt	4.5	1.5	40.
Tricia Ryan-Tellier	4	2	27.92

Class D

Mike Perdzock	4	1	21.2
Tom Fischer	4	1	19.6
David Tellier	4	1	18.8

Jr. Class

Alyssa Simonz	3	0	
Kane Kuester	2	1	
Carter Poppe	.5	2.5	
Caitlin Simonz	.5	2.5	

**Arkdale**

28-12-027

By, Ray Groskinsky

Class A

Randy Rein	7	0	69.6
Ken Heinritz	4	3	57.
John Molling	4	3	50.

Class B

Jarrold Bisch	5	2	49.5
Kerry Morris	5	2	38.
Duane Henriksen	4.5	2.5	40.9

Class C

Jim O'Loughlin	6	1	44.8
Ed Hack	5	1	42.9
Cliff Erickson	4	3	44.3

Class D

Gary Volz	7	0	45
John Olson	4	3	39.5
Marv Bennett	4	3	25

Class E

Faye Lloyd	7	0	34.2
Tonya Kaulum	5	2	22.8
Ed Wheeler	5	2	20.4

Youth

Nicholas Prasalowicz	5	0	11.
Mason Bisch	4	1	17.5
Cassi Prasalowicz	3	2	1.6

**Lox Classic**

28-12-026

By, Bill Matey

Class A

Gert Wilcziek
Gene Mason
John Meyer

Class B

Brian Repinski
John McNeill
Heather Feavel

Class C

Dick Braten
Dave Torrey
Mark Rice

Class D

Susie Erickson
John Olson
Wally Thorson

**Arkdale News**

**Clipping**

By, Loren Lecy

On June 14 the Roche-A-Cri Lions in conjunction with the Arkdale Horseshoe Club hosted their annual sanctioned singles horseshoe tournament. There were five classes with each class filled with Wisconsin area pitchers – including some state champions. Everyone had a great time pitching their games with some wishing for only a few more ringers.



Arkdale Class A Winners



Arkdale Class B Winners



Arkdale Class C Winners



Arkdale Class D Winners



Arkdale Class E Winners



Arkdale Junior Pitchers

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Eau Claire Open

28-12-018

By, Laurie Dolezel

**Class A**

Ron Craigmile	4	1	72.8
Pudge Dahl	3	2	62
Wayne Lemar	3	2	55.2

**Class B**

Dave Ninnemann	7	0	54.6
Dave Schorbahn	6	1	61.8
Todd Sheehan	4	3	44.6

**Class C**

Jim Heim	4	1	35.2
Dennis Keiser	4	1	31.6
Les Karpriel	3	2	34.4

**Class D**

Bob Kallstrom	4	1	35.6
Del Karsjens	4	1	31.6
Cindy Castellano	3.5	1.5	30.4

**Class E**

Gerg Hehling	5	0	35.2
George Eckstrom	2.5	2.5	20.4
Bernie Sopinski	2	3	28.4

**Class F**

Jeff Reiter	4.5	.5	21.6
Cory Hughes	4	1	28.8
Ted Rhode	2.5	2.5	24.

**Class G**

Dave Hehling	5	0	20.
Dan Rude	3	2	17.5
Ray Mallo	3	2	13.

**Class H**

Kenny Rentz	6	1	7.5
Rod Ganther	5	2	10.
Steve Onstein	5	2	6.8

**Juniors**

Alex Tyznik	3	0	8.6
Cailyn Trangsrud	2	1	4.
Cole Trangsrud	1	2	3

Eau Claire Open

By, John Dolezel

The weather could hardly have been better when the 57 competitors threw iron at Carson Park. The 9:00 a.m. session used all except two of our 18 courts. Everyone I talked to seemed to be having a great time, even those who were disappointed with their pitching!

We have come to expect a 110% effort from Elly McCarn when it comes to helping prepare for a tournament, but this time she was over the top. Although being hospitalized for seven days, just 11 days prior to the tournament, Elly prepared the score sheets & round robin cards WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL (with pneumonia, two blood clots & tendonitis in her right wrist). Talk about dedication!

Class A was the only class that was handicapped due to a 16% spread in ringer percentages. Ron Craigmile pitched 4% above his average to win the class. Fellow Minnesotan Pudge Dahl threw 6% over average to claim 2nd followed by Wayne Lemar in 3rd.

Dave Ninnemann won all his games in 8-person Class B. Dave Schorbahn threw a class high 61.8% to take 2nd place, followed by Todd Sheehan.

Jim (Sand Shoe) Heim edged out Dennis Keiser for 1st place in Class C. Both were 4-1 while Jim had 88 total ringers to 87 for Dennis. Led Karpriel came in 3rd.

Bob Kallstrom and Del Karsjens both were 4-1 in Class D. Bob took 1st, Del 2nd and Cindy Castellano 3rd.

In Class F, Jef Reiter tied his first game, then won four straight to win the class. Cory Hughes threw a class high 28.8% for 2nd with Ted Rhode, the Pride of LaCrosse, taking 3rd.

The other Hehling, Dave, dominated and won Class G. New Eau Claire club member Dan Rude placed 2nd, with Ray Mallo taking 3rd.

In 8-person Class H, Club Treasurer Kenny Rentz claimed 1st, followed by Rod Ganther and Steve Onstine for 2nd and 3rd respectfully.

Finally, in the 4-person Junior Class, Alex Tyznik won all three games for 1st place. Cailyn Trangsrud edged out her twin brother Cole for 2nd place.



Eau Claire Special

By, Laurie Dolezel

**Class A**

Jeff Reiter	4	1	27%
Dave Hughes	3	2	47.5%
John Dolezel	3	2	38%

This was a special event to enable pitchers needing a qualifying event for the 2012 State tournament in Eau Claire. Congrats to the EC club for their dedication in creating opportunities for WHPA members to continue to enjoy the game. Of notable "transfer" pitchers, the Hughes family—Dave, Jackie and son Cory—recently relocated to Wisconsin and are now all pitching shoes after a brief hiatus. Welcome to Wisconsin! Unfortunately, Wisconsin does not have many sanctioned events "north of Hiway 8."



**Southern Wisconsin Open**

28-12-025

By, Earl Paulson

Class A

Terry Beagle	5	0	62.80
Jesse Garza	3	2	54.4
Glenn Wicklund	3	2	50.8

Class B

Jim Tollefson	4	1	36.
Al Huizenga	3	2	36.5
Lynda Hycnar	3	2	34.5

Class C

Steve Kampmeier	5.5	.5	40.83
Mike Rousseau	5	1	35.42
Larry Fettes	4	2	36.67

Class D

Dan Lessman	5	0	20.4
John Wilson	4	1	32.8
Scott Linhart	3	2	29.3

Class E

Greg Bergles	5	1	17.22
Leo Linhart	5	1	16.67
Earl Paulson	4	2	12.78

**Muskego Results**

28-12-020

By, Pam Aiken & Tom Steinke

Class A

Pam Aiken	6	1	59.38
Jesse Garza	4	3	50
Penny Steinke	4	4	50.89

Class B

Ray Lopez	3	4	42
Jim Huckabee	3	3	39.2
Debby Schel-Kotnik	3	3	37.2

Class C

Kevin Peterson	6	1	37.14
Jim Haupt	5	2	30.36
Wayne Franzen	4	2	33.75

Class D

Karen Henkel	5	1	22.92
Carl Skroback	4	2	21.25
Lucas Champion	3.5	2.5	22.08

Jr.s

Mary Ann Aiken	3.5	.5	10
Abby Aiken	.5	3.5	1.67

Cadets

Brady Bretzinger	2.5	.5	3.33
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**Merrill Open**

28-12-043

By, Darryl Hinz

Class A

Randy Rein	6	1	61.43
Ron Button	6	1	56.79
Martin Papesch	5	2	56.07

Class B

Darryl Hinz	7	0	32.5
Mark Rice	6	1	31.43
Steve Mielke	4	3	30

Sorry to have forgotten to take pictures. The best match was between Randy Rein and Ron Button. Randy threw a double his last two shoes. Ron had to pitch a ringer to win by one point. He did! Both pitchers had 27 ringers to complete an awesome match. There were five new pitchers this year. Perhaps we can double that next year! Unfortunately, several pitchers had to cancel for a variety of reasons. We are hoping for better luck next year.

**Wausau Falls Short on 2014**

**WT Bid**

By, Jane Smith

The Wausau Sports Authority reps, Dick and Darren, along with many WHPA members presented an excellent display for their bid to host the 2014 World tournament. Tournament visitors and pitchers were treated to "squeaky" fresh cheese curds, cheese crackers, cheese head coasters, pens, highlighters, buttons and wonderful conversations stressing why Wausau was the best site for the 2014 tournament. The materials—a visitor's booklet, maps of the park site, listings of camping and motels, a Wisconsin map showing the location of Wausau— were very informative and eye catching. Randy and Marge Rein, Jimmy Paulson, Kevin Brekke, Glenn and Sandy Bogenschneider, Gloria Smith, Sonia Cook, Mel Cook, Jane Smith all spent time at the booth promoting and were given the bright red jerseys as "walking billboards." Things looked very promising but New York and West Virginia also had impressive displays.



**Platteville Spring Singles**

28-12-015

By, Norm Mauthe

Class A

Jesse Garza	4	1	48.33
Mark Mauthe	3	2	52.08
John Meyer	2	2	46.5

Class B

Jerry Schroeder	5	0	38.4
Jeff Mauthe	3	2	37.2
John Brugger	2	3	29.6

Class C

Jim Haupt	4	0	29.5
Jim Tollefson	3	1	28
Kevin Brekke	2	2	30.

Class D

Nick Muller	6	0	36.66
Rich Brockway	2	4	20.41

Juniors

Jacob Brunette	5	1	8.88
Brady Bretzinger	4	2	1.66
Andrew Brockway	3	3	1.11

This tournament, held Memorial Day weekend, had rain on Friday night and a hard rain Saturday morning. All of the pitchers pitched in to help drain the water and turn the courts for play. By start time, 10:30, all was ready for play. Some players canceled so a few classes had to reflight. Four Junior boys pitched a double round robin. Sheiran Austin for came with food; Mat Lee collected money and did stats for all five classes one shift. Someone left as red 28 ounce hot/cold water bottle. Call 608-348-9697 to claim. Thanks to everyone for pitching and preparing the courts. A special thanks to the Platteville Country Kitchen for the gift certificates.

**World  
Tournament  
Candids**



**Edgerton Patriot - Unsanctioned**

By, Kevin Brekke

Class A

Randy Rein	6	0	60.91
Jesse Garza	3	3	51.82
Al Johnson	3	3	44.55

Class B

Linda Roeber	5	1	40.45
Jerry Schraeder	4	2	35.91
Bruce McLinn	3	3	29.55

Class C

Norm Beckius	4	0	31.88
Jim Haupt	2	1	36.67
Spike Carothers	1	3	25.63

Class D

Randy White	5	1	30
Russ Burns	4.5	1.5	23.89
Doug Sherman	2.5	2.5	24.44

Class E

Earl Paulson	5	0	17.33
Mae McKenzie	4	1	14.67
Greg Bergles	3	2	18.67

Class F

Marty McGuire	4	1	19.5
M. Schneeberger	4	1	13.5
Crud Hemenway	4	1	12.5

**Rozellville Lions #2**

28-12-026

By, Mike Berdan

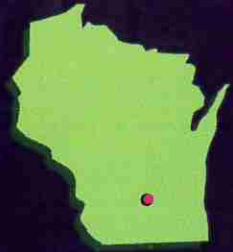
Class A

Dave Hughes	5	0	58.50
Cathy Amundsen	4	1	53.
Kurt Jochimsen	3	2	37.5

Class B

Janice Asmundsen	6.5	.5	32.38
Dave Hehling	6.5	.5	26.19
Jerremy Wegner	4.5	2.5	32.38





**WISCONSIN  
HORSESHOES**



**Pitcher of the Year / Our Horseshoe Family**

By, Jane Smith

**Pitcher of the Year Update**

With 42 of 48 tournaments in the books, we have some new names still popping up for the Pitcher of the Year awards. Division A (averages over 40%) has five pitchers within 60 points. In alphabetical order: Ray Groskinsky, Jim Haupt, Galen Kozel, Randy Rein and Gert Wilcziek. Division B (averages 25% - 40%) has seven pitchers within 70 points: Mike Benzing Jr., Glenn Bogenschneider, Kevin Brekke, Russ Burns, Kari David, John Garvan, Elaine Troullier. Division C (averages less than 25%) has five pitchers within 40 points: Leo Linhart, Scott Linhart, Tom Steinke, Gary Volz and Ed Wisniewski.

With 6 scheduled events yet to be recorded anyone can reach the top of their Division.

**What's New?**

Wausau Tourism Bureau is actively working with the WHPA and local pitchers, Randy Rein and Sonia Cook, in pursuing the World Tournament for 2014. Glenn Bogenschneider, Randy Rein and Aleena Cook will be part of the video promo presented at the convention in Knoxville on August 5th. The two ice arenas and Marathon Park will hopefully be the site for 2014. Dick Barrett of the Sports Authority part of the tourism bureau is a very dynamic and energetic leader with innovative and interesting ideas that will help sway the delegates to vote for Wausau.

**Our Horseshoe Family**

A trip to Mosinee for the Ken Kosky Memorial tourney is a favorite for several reasons. One is the very tasty ice cream in Abbotsford! The major reason—Ken was a great guy and promoter of our game. He was extremely generous to the WHPA. This tourney makes one appreciate their friends in the horseshoe family. Several pitchers participating this year have overcome health problems or are facing them with a determined and positive attitude. Mark and Steve Stevens made the trip. Mark challenged the pitchers in his class. Jim O'Loughlin and his wife have just been diagnosed with cancer. We have had so many pitchers facing health problems; we need to continue sending positive vibes to them. We have lost members so have special stars in the skies guiding our shoes to the stake.



**Movers and Shakers for  
Wausau 2014**

Randy Rein, Aleena Cook and Glenn Bogenschneider along with Dick Barrett of the Wausau Tourism Bureau are actively working on their presentation for the Convention in Knoxville on August 5. They will help promote the Wausau site at the Wausau Booth on the exhibition floor during the first week of the World tournament.

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*A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be. A friend is a living treasure, and if you have One, you have one of the most valuable gifts in life...*  
-anonymous

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