

WISCONSIN HORSESHOES

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KEN KOSKY, 1944—2006

Saturday, October 14th was to have been an organizational day for the WHPA, as the fall meeting was to have taken place in Lake Delton. Unfortunately, the meeting was canceled due to the sudden and unexpected death of Ken Kosky. October 3rd, Ken underwent Bariatric surgery at a Schofield hospital. Jason Maki, his son, emailed to let concerned friends know that the surgery was a success and Ken was feeling fine. I (Jane) had the pleasure of talking to Ken on October 5th. He called from the hospital and sounded very pleased and happy with the process. He mentioned feeling so good that he would be going home either Friday or Saturday. A person could hear the smile of satisfaction as he talked. Knowing surgery sometimes limits one from driving, I offered to swing by Wausau to pick him up as Edie McKinney and I made our way to the meeting. He declined, wanting to wait until the date was closer and to receive an all-clear from his doctor. We chatted a while longer about suggested changes in the horseshoe world, and even a bit about the trip to Oklahoma in 2007. I was relieved that things went well and called Edie, as she too was concerned. We were looking forward to the next week when we would see Ken in person.

In my Sunday email, there was a message from Jason, stating Ken had complications with his surgery. Never in a million years did I expect the call from Burly saying Ken had passed away on Wednesday, October 11. Word spread throughout the horseshoe world and on Saturday, October 14, Ken's horseshoe family gathered in Schofield for the Celebration of Ken's life. The typical reaction was head-shaking and disbelief. Visitation was held before the service and many friends and family laughed and cried together.

After the funeral services, we were invited to a hospitality hour at the offices and shop of K & S Fuel Injection. In the rear of the parking lot, eight horseshoe courts were lined out. Leagues and tournaments were conducted right there on the premises.

Added to the corporation sign out front was another sign, indicating that this was the home of the "NHPA Game Related Sales Division." We looked over the stock of new horseshoes neatly stacked in their own room, perhaps awaiting delivery. Paul Stewart mentioned we were looking at probably the greatest number of Allen shoes that we would ever see in one place.

Ken will be dearly missed by his family and many horseshoe friends. His family has started a charity in his name. Donations may be made to:

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COMING EVENTS

Jan. 6	XMAS Party at Beloit	\$11/person
Earl Paulson* 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511 Please RSVP. 608-879-2304		
Jan. 13-14	001 at Beloit	\$18
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Jan. 20-21	The Arena Event @ Arena	\$18
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Jan. 27-28	Deansville Singles	\$15
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Feb. 10-11	Arena Open @ Arena	\$18
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Feb. 17-18	Valentine at Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson* 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-07-003 D/L 2-7-07		
Mar. 10-11	Clash With Kerry at Deansville	\$15
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Mar. 17	Spring Meeting	FREE
Lake Delton Sportsman's Club 1:00 pm		
Mar. 24-25	Spring Fling at Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson* 7105 S Cty Hwy H, Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-07-005 D/L 3-14-07		
Apr. 28	Club Team at Beloit	\$84
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Apr. 29	State Doubles at Beloit	\$40
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This fall, the WHPA and the NHPA suffered a great loss in the passing of Ken Kosky. He was a man that spent a lot of time and effort in horseshoes — promoting tournaments, selling NHPA game-related items, and especially this Newsletter. It will take time, but everything will get back to normal.

Ken's wake was on the same day as the fall meeting was to be, so obviously the meeting was cancelled. After the funeral, we talked about skipping the fall meeting, but we decided to reschedule for December 2nd. The Deansville club had a tournament that day, so we asked if they would be willing to host the meeting in Deansville on that day as well, rather than have it in Lake Delton, as usual. Rudy VanFleet talked with his club, and they were happy to help us out.

Deansville was very organized, and the club really went out of their way for us. They had food set out, and moved tables around for the occasion. We all appreciated the warm welcome we got. Thanks to Rudy, Kerry Morris, and the rest of the club.

However, since we want our meetings be as accessible to as many people as possible, the spring meeting will be held at the regular meeting location of the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club, which is more centrally-located.

Good pitching.

- Tom Steinke

"GROWING WITH JUNIORS" 2006 RAFFLE

This year's raffle netted the Junior Scholarship fund a total of \$655. Winners were drawn over Labor Day weekend at the State tournament in Eau Claire. The names of donors and winners are listed throughout this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and sold and bought raffle tickets. We are accepting donations for the 2007 raffle.

Please support our junior pitchers!
- Sonia Cook

REMEMBERING KEN KOSKY

Ken Kosky will be missed dearly by so many people. Here are a few stories from people whose lives he touched. More stories on pages 7 and 8.

As long as we knew Ken Kosky he referred to his friend, Ray Hill from the town of Wakefield in the UP, as "The Man." He said it with a tone of reverence which I'm sure he had for Ray Hill, being the leading horseshoe pitcher in the UP.

Kosky spearheaded the move to induct Hill into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame albeit honorary because of residence. Admiration of character, it would seem, would go a long way describing why Hill deserved the name, "The Man." Kosky realized it and passed it on to us.

- Jim Haupt

When I received the call about Ken, I was on my way to meet friends in North Branch, Minnesota. I called Edie with the sad news. We talked, cried, laughed our way through the shock and disbelief of Ken's passing. When the cell signal faded, I continued my drive thinking about all of the things Ken did for our group of traveling ladies, and more importantly the WHPA and NHPA. Many people will be needed to fill his shoes. We all know that Ken is no longer suffering from any physical health concerns. He is finally comfortable and any decision he makes will be perfect. We will miss him whenever we hear a diesel truck fire up; whenever we read a horseshoe newsletter; whenever we attend a horseshoe event; whenever we attend a banquet; whenever we see horseshoe friends; the list is endless. His affect on the many horseshoe friends... priceless!!!

- Jane Smith

Ken and I were going to Quail Ridge for the ground breaking, and he stopped here in Davenport, Iowa to pick me up. We headed straight down Hwy 61. Ken and I talked about all kinds of things. After a stop for lunch in southern Iowa, we headed on down the road. We saw a big sign that said, "Welcome to Illinois and the Mississippi River." Whoa, Ken!! Missouri is under Iowa, not Illinois. So we back-tracked and got back on Hwy 61. Also did ya'll know Ken was taking pictures of the Hog Saga about Paul all over the place? He really had fun doing that. We lost a great friend.

- Burly

When I heard Ken had passed away, I knew I had lost a special friend, the same as many others. Some people just have a way of making everyone feel important and comfortable. Ken was one of those in my life. My feeling is that each of us is a better person for knowing Ken.

The girls from north of Hwy 8 came to rely on Ken for such things as hauling our luggage and horseshoes to the World Tournaments. A tournament wasn't complete without us going out to dinner a couple of nights. We also co-sponsored a few State horseshoe tournaments and Ken was the backbone of our ventures. It would be hard to explain the friendship we had. One evening on one of our many trips, Ken and I were sitting next to each other when the malt I ordered slipped from my hands. Everyone jumped up to clean the spilled mess I made. When everything settled down, Ken says "What about me?" Then we saw the malt splashed over his face and clothes! We had such a good laugh. The laughs and entertainment we had with Ken could go on for pages. One of his best was when he was supposedly stopped by customs into Canada with several suitcases of ladies "frilly" lingerie. The Border Patrol had a difficult time swallowing his story. This was an adventure he would bring up very often during our dinners together.

- Edie McKinney

Ivan Ruzic was going cross country when his truck broke down while visiting his sister in Oklahoma. He called Ken Kosky for mechanical advice. The next day, Kosky loaded his spare truck on a trailer and drove it to Oklahoma, for Ivan's use, then loading Ivan's crippled truck for the return trip to Wisconsin.

"That's the kind of friend he was to me," brags Ivan.

- Jim Haupt

KEN KOSKY, 2005 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

The following speech was read at Ken's Induction Ceremony to the Hall of Fame, and by the minister at his funeral:

Ken Kosky was born July 7, 1944 in Iron River, MI, a small town of about 2500 residents in the UP of Michigan. He is the oldest (wisest) of 4 children, having 1 brother and 2 sisters. He grew up on a small farm about 10 miles out of town. Being the oldest, he got an early dose of working with his father on a wide range of chores, including milking cows, operating farm equipment, logging, and truck driving. In 1962, after high school graduation he left home to attend school in Milwaukee. After graduating with an Associate degree in Diesel Engineering, he moved to Chicago where he worked in a steel warehouse for a couple of years. In 1965, he went to work for the Cummins Engine Co distributorship where they specialized in component rebuilding. That led to a job for an independent repair shop in Green Bay in 1970, and eventually back to Cummins in DePere, WI in 1973. In 1968, he married and had three children: Terri, Michael, and Jason. In May of 1977, the doors of his diesel fuel system repair shop opened in Wausau, WI. Sons, Mike and Jason, are working with Ken today and are gradually taking over the business.

He started playing horseshoes in a bar league in about 1982. After traveling with Gus Schram for several years, he was persuaded to buy a card and enter a tournament. His first was in New London, and the rest is history. He has attended as many as 20 tournaments in one year. In 1994, the Windy Hill Horseshoe Club was formed and Ken was the President for 10 years. An annual NHPA-sanctioned tournament began in 1994 with as many as 94 pitchers for the weekend. An NHPA sanctioned league began in 1996, and Ken was the league

secretary/director until 2003. He has attended the World Tournament for 10 of the past 13 years and won a Class Championship in 1994 in Syracuse, NY.

Not only was Ken a pitcher but was the man behind the scenes. He received the President's Award from Ken Jaeger in 2000. The State Tournament was held in Wausau in 1997, 2000, and 2002. Ken served as the State tournament director in 1997, and the co-director in 2000 and 2002. Ken was very instrumental in working with Ken Jaeger in planning and organizing the World Tournament in Eau Claire. These two gentlemen were tireless organizers and workers with the Eau Claire WT committee. Without them, the success of the tournament would have been questionable.

In 1999, a new style printer for doing some things in business was purchased. It was also ideal for doing printing the WI Horseshoe Newsletter. Rick Poppe and Jim Haupt knew there would be a need for a publisher of the WI Newsletter. Ken became the Publisher of the best horseshoe newsletter in the country, thanks to Jim Haupt's efforts.

Because Ken is a man who never sits still, he bought the horseshoe sales business from Cliff Troullier. For the next several years was a distributor under Curly Seibold. In 2001, Ken developed his own web site and started selling horseshoes over the internet. In 2004, Ken was appointed the Director of NHPA Game Related Sales taking over from Ed Domey.

Ken Kosky has definitely earned membership in the Wisconsin Hall of Fame for the many services he donates to better the game of horseshoes.

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

- Erma Bombeck

FALL MEETING MINUTES — DECEMBER 2, 2006

On December 2, 2006, the Deansville Horseshoe Club hosted the delayed WHPA Fall Business Meeting – delayed because of the unexpected death of friend and fellow pitcher **Ken Kosky**. President **Tom Steinke** opened the meeting. He stated that it will be challenging to compile and print the newsletter without Ken. Articles will be sent to **Jane Smith** and **Pam Aiken**.

As the meeting continued, Chaplain **Ken Heinritz** paid tribute to Ken Kosky for his contributions to WHPA through his pitching, shoe sales, and untiring efforts in printing one of the best, if not the best, state newsletters in the country. Kosky often subsidized the very newsletter he printed. Chaplain Ken spoke of the times he enjoyed with him on the court and in WHPA chapel services. He then led the group in prayer.

Kerry Morris, president of the Deansville club, welcomed the 34 present and expressed thanks for the opportunity to host the meeting. Secretary-Treasurer **John Secord** read the minutes of the Spring meeting at Lake Delton. The minutes were approved as read.

Bun Carley was introduced as the 2007 Wisconsin State Tournament Director. The tournament will be held in Arena and hosted by the Arena and Deansville clubs.

Jane Smith was unable to attend because of illness and thus could not give her 1st Vice President's report. The group approved 2nd Vice President **Terry Sternberg**'s report. **Sonia Cook**, 3rd Vice President, reported that the current balance of the Junior Scholarship Fund is \$6663.46. She and extended family gave a horseshoe exhibition. Because it was on the same day as Ken Kosky's funeral, several of the exhibitors were excused to attend the service. The WHPA acknowledged Sonia's efforts to promote the sport of horseshoe.

Lorraine Sternberg was not present to give her NHPA 3rd Vice President's report. NHPA Secretary-Treasurer **Dick Hansen** informed us that the NHPA has printed the most complete rule book ever published with an excellent glossary and table of contents. He mentioned that the 2007 World Tournament will be

held in Ardmore, OK from July 23 through August 4. The 2008 tournament will not be held in Alabama as planned because the host facility has been sold. Bids have been made by York PA, Morgantown WV, Springfield IL and Cedar Rapids IA. Things look favorable for a World Tournament in the Midwest.

Ken Jaeger, Sr., regional director, handed out the current horseshoe schedule and requested that notices of tournaments to be held this next summer be submitted by January 10, 2007.

Old Business:

Comments were favorable for continuing the format of two business meetings a year.

New Business:

The Spring Business Meeting will be held March 17, 2007, at Lake Delton.

State Tournament 2008 presentations were given by **Randy Rein** of the Mosinee club and **Mark Mauthe** of the Platteville club. After the presentations, members voted 22-7 in favor of Mosinee as the 2008 tournament site.

Election of Officers:

Secretary-Treasurer — John Secord

1st Vice President — Jane Smith

2nd Vice President — Sonia Cook

These three individuals ran unopposed and were approved by the membership.

The meeting closed with a video interview by Ken Heinritz of **Alan Francis**, 12 time World Horseshoe Champion. The interview provided a very insightful look into Francis' life. He looks at his horseshoe ability as a God-given gift and strives to portray this ability in a manner that glorifies God rather than Alan Francis. He stated that horseshoe is not the most important thing in his life. Rather, it is life itself and how we live it. He

FALL MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

describes his most important accomplishments as being able to accept winning graciously and encouraging others even in their losing. Much could be said in support of his determination to remain calm on the court, not getting upset with himself or upset at others. As he states, life is bigger than some of the things we experience, including our horseshoe experiences. He considers the gift of conducting himself well on the court greater than the gift of his pitching. We all desire to pitch better. A calm, friendly approach just may result in an increased ringer percentage.

- Al Huizenga

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2006

Liabilities Balance as of 3/18/06	\$5,600.00
Cash Balance as of 3/18/06	\$5,667.97
Receipts:	
Travelling Trophy	\$17.20
Clubs	
Platteville Spring Singles	\$3.00
Marshfield HSC	\$77.00
Beloit HSC	\$15.00
Platteville Open	\$3.00
Club Total	\$98.00
Raffle Fund Raiser	\$655.28
Interest Payment	\$225.01
Total Receipts as of 10/2006:	995.49
Liabilities:	
(12) Scholarships @ \$150 each	\$1,800.00
(1) Scholarship @ \$200	\$200.00
(15) Scholarships @ \$300 each	\$4,500.00
Total Liabilities as of 10/2006	\$6,500.00
Disbursements:	\$0.00
Liabilities Balance as of 10/14/06	\$6,500.00
Cash Balance as of 10/14/06	\$6,663.46

- Sonia Cook

KEN, MY ANGEL

- by Sonia Cook

I had been after Ken to find the perfect "Horseshoe necklace" for me. I have the gold one but wanted one with a little more sparkle but not too much. The past year or so he constantly reminded me that he was "looking". At 2006 World he had a new necklace but it was a set of 3 - we agreed the middle size would have been perfect. At 2006 State he welcomed me to the courts and added - "No necklace yet BUT I'm looking."

Marshfield HSC prepared a demonstration with a Horse Expo October 14 & 15. In Sept. when I approached Ken for literature and any display items, he informed me that I could have what I wanted, but he may not be available to help due to scheduled surgery. I wished him well, gave him a big hug, and stated we would have many prayers heading his way.

Well, you all know the rest and the shock across the horseshoe world. The memorial service was scheduled for 10/14. During a 'lull' in the demonstrating at the Expo, I viewed jewelry on display in a horse vender's area. I found a very pretty horseshoe necklace. I went back a couple times and was always drawn to this necklace. Finally, I asked to have it off the rack so I could return with some money. I headed for my van, and as I rounded the corner, the overcast sky cleared and the sun shone brightly. I looked up, thought, "Hey it must be getting late. We're going to have to hurry to get to Wausau." I looked down next to my van and there on the ground was a crisp \$20 bill. I looked around and saw no one digging in a wallet or purse so I picked it up. The sun went back behind the clouds. I had this strange feeling that I should hurry back and buy that necklace. The vendor informed me that someone had just purchased the other three necklaces so it was a good thing I had stashed the one I wanted. This confirmed my feeling that Ken had picked this necklace out and even bought it for me. I have tears in my eyes as I am writing this, the same as I get whenever I put the necklace on. I will treasure this piece of jewelry as a memento of my never-ending special friendship with Ken. Ken had promised to find me the perfect necklace... and he did, but not in the way I was hoping for. Aleena, Kiri, Tava, Mel, and I love you always Ken!

IN MEMORIAM

BOB NOVINSKI

1933 — 2006

Robert "Bob" Novinski, age 73 of Platteville, Wisconsin died on July 31, 2006 at his home. He was a lifetime farmer until retirement.

Bob was a 15 year member of the NHPA and over 20 year member of the Platteville Horseshoe Association. His wife and three of his four children also pitched in the Platteville leagues.

Along with league play Bob pitched in almost all of the Platteville tournaments and also helped with scorekeeping whenever

needed. He especially liked to enter in the State Tournament and was also an avid bowler and card player.

Bob is survived by his wife Pat; daughters, Michelle (Mark) Pitzen, Melody (Chris) Brunette; sons Curt and Craig (Heather) Novinski; nine brothers and sisters and five grandsons.

He will be missed and always remembered.

- Norm Mauthe

ROGER SCHULTZ

1945 — 2006

Roger E. Schultz, 61, of Marshfield passed away in June 2006.

He was very active in outdoor sports and was President of the Marshfield Horseshoe Club for many years. During that time, he was tournament director on many occasions, including State tournaments. He enlisted the help of the entire club to ensure each tournament was a success. He would delegate the roles, but let us arrange the details, and then he would bring it all together.

Roger participated in singles and team men's leagues. He also teamed up with his wife, Janet, to pitch in

the mixed-couples league. Janet preferred to work the concession stand, socialize with everyone, and support her children. Their son, Todd, was a very competitive pitcher. Neighbors commented how they would hear the familiar "clink" in the Schultz's backyard. Daughter Tara also competed as a Junior girl.

At the memorial service, she told me "the horseshoe people were always friendly. Both commented to me that they would like to get back into horseshoe pitching. I hope they do.

- Sonia Cook

REMEMBERING KEN

- by Edie McKinney

After the State tournament in Eau Claire this past fall, we did our usual dinner thing. Ken and Kathy Jaeger, Marge and Randy Rein, Burly, Gloria, Jane, Ken and I had a late supper. Conversation was good and the feeling was of a successful weekend, as everyone worked above and beyond the call of duty. After the meal we were bidding each other goodbye with the usual hugs and wishes for safe travel until we met again. At the time we did not realize that only one more time, at the Wet N Wild tournament, were we able to get that horseshoe hug from Ken as he headed back East to Schofield. It was so cold on Sunday, and Ken was not feeling well. He decided to leave early, and he felt bad about missing the annual Sunday night dinner after the tournament. We had surprised him with a travel easy chair for his future trips to World Tournaments. It was a small thank you for all of the things he did for us to make our travels easier. I remember turning my courts and waving as he drove away. His smile was evident as he drove away and it was the last time I saw my friend.

He was in our thoughts as October 3rd came and his surgery was over. Jane received word from Jason that all went well and Ken called Jane on Thursday and was in a great mood. Jane called me and we said a few prayers for continued success and recovery. The next week, Burly called Jane, she called me and the rest is history and our Wisconsin horseshoe world was shattered.

"Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith."

- Henry Ward Beecher

TOURNAMENT RESULTS FROM DEANSVILLE HORSESHOE CLUB

DEANSVILLE REPORT

Pitchers might cash for fourth place at Deansville because of the eight-man classes, but unfortunately this Newsletter reports only on the first three, the ones that count toward the POY.

The club has weathered well, is about the same as we saw it last year, nice score boards. Rudy Van Fleet runs the show here but introduces Kerry Morris as President who also keeps the peace and result board up to date.

Total points on the wheels, ringers under the magnet, that's the score in Deansville.

Because of our recent change of staff, the Newsletter is going through some major changes.

I am not up to date on all of our current "policies," but I certainly believe that printing the top 4 of an 8-man class is perfectly reasonable.

You send 'em, we'll print 'em.
- Pam Aiken

DEANSVILLE — OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2006

The first tourney of the winter season at Nelson's Crossing was held on Oct. 21-22, 2006. It was good to see **Ray Lopez** back on the tour. He has been battling a sequence of sicknesses for the past year.

All four classes were full and the results are as follows:

Class A

Randy Rein	65.4%	7-0
Jim Larson	63.9%	6-1
Paul Wilson	50.7%	4.5-2.5

Class B

Tom Endler	46.7%	6-2
Bun Carley	45.4%	6-2
Leroy Wipperfurth	38.3%	6-2

Class C

Leo Richter	40.7%	7-0
Walt Houk	42.1%	6-1
Julio Tijerina	36.4%	4-3

Class D

Russ Burns	33.2%	5-2
Ray Lopez	29.6%	5-2
Marv Bennett	29.2%	5-2

- Rudy Van Fleet

DEANSVILLE OPEN — DECEMBER 2, 2006

The Deansville Horseshoe Club was honored to host the rescheduled WHPA Fall meeting.

The results are as follows:

Class A

Penny Steinke	4-1	63.6%
Jim Larson	4-1	60.0%
Ken Heinritz	3-2	55.6%
Randy Rein	2-3	58.85

Class B

John Gregorich	6-0	50%
Ken Frame	4-2	39.6%
Rowan Swick	4-2	38.75%
Mitch Vyhanek	3-3	44.5%

Class C

Dennis Capener	6-0	40.9%
Dan Lessman	4-2	39.6%
LeRoy Wipperfurth	4-2	35.8%
Carol Rahfaldt	3-3	34.2%

Class D

Sue Lange	6-1	36.7%
Augie Potter	5-2	44.2%
Gary Volz	4-3	39.2%
Ray Lopez	4-3	38.3%

Class E

Julie Potter	3.5-1.5	25.6%
Vicki Vyhanek	3.5-1.5	24.0%
Tom Steinke	3-2	22.4%
John Gordon	1-4	24.4%

- Rudy Van Fleet

"Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winner:

Set of Portable Courts, donated by Ken & Kathy Jaeger: **Dennis Kieser**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS FROM BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB

FALL DOUBLES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

Class A

Dutch Ritweger	54.17
Bud Hammer	44.17
Dalton Simmons	60.00
Rich Andrysiak	41.67
Virgil Smith	42.50
Jim Tollefson	36.67

Class B

Rowen Swick	28.00
Dianne Leopold	44.00
Red Ferguson	42.67
Ken Lovaas	30.00
Galen Kozel	32.00
Tony Scrima	32.67

Class C

Dan Lessman	55.33
Russ Burns	28.00
Clarence Becorest	37.33
Jeff McAuley	14.00
Lynda Hycnar	31.33
Julie Petrovski	18.67

Class D

Don Kilgore	27.50
Virgil Beckius	29.17
Chuck Radl	24.17
Tom Steinke	15.00
Ernie Rakstad	27.50
Danielle Rakstad	15.00

"Growing With Juniors"

Raffle Winners:

- \$20, donated by Beloit HSC:
Jim Genett
- \$20, donated by Beloit HSC:
Eddie McKinney
- \$20, donated by Beloit HSC:
Deb Steiner

FALL SINGLES

OCTOBER 28, 2006

Class A*

Penny Steinke	5-1	62.50
Paul Wilson	5-1	58.75
Mark Mauthe	4-2	66.67

Class B*

Bruce McLinn	3-2	44.00
Rowen Swick	3-2	44.40
Kerry Morris	3-2	43.20

Class C

Marvin Robers	4-1	40.80
LaVere Roesslein	3-2	43.60
Virgil Smith	3-2	36.40

Class D*

John Brugger	5-1	41.67
Harold Laws	5-1	40.83
Walt Houck	4-2	41.67

Class E

Linda Hycnar	6-0	38.33
Joel Ramsdell	5-1	25.42
Julie Petrovski	4-2	27.92

Class F

Ray Lopez	5-0	38.00
Russ Burns	3-2	30.40
Guy Modde	3-2	28.40

Class G*

Kevin Brekke	4-1	29.20
Ken Hopp	4-1	19.60
Ernie Rakstad	2-3	19.60

Class H*

Ron Fritz	4-1	22.80
Wayne Goers	4-1	16.80
Don Goers	4-1	16.00

* First place was decided by total points, not by playoff or highest ringer %.

AUTUMN HARVEST

NOVEMBER 26, 2006

Class A

Mark Mauthe	5-0	66.00
Paul Wilson	4-1	56.40
Jesse Garza	2-3	58.00

Class B

Jeff Gustafson	5-0	47.20
Lawrence Fettes	3-2	48.80
Kerry Morris	2-3	40.00

Class C*

Daniel Lessman	4-1	41.20
Linda Hycnar	4-1	37.60
Walt Houck	3-2	34.00

Class D

Ray Lopez	5-0	34.00
Russ Burns	3-2	32.80
Mike Lange	3-2	28.00

Class E

Tom Steinke	5-1	22.08
Jim Huckabee	3-3	23.33
John Gordon	3-3	23.75

Class F

Ron Fritz	4.5-0.5	19.60
Kevin Brekke	3-1	25.50
Wayne Goers	2.5-1.5	20.00

Class G

Ric Carmazino	6-0	11.25
Julie Paulson	4-2	4.17
Jimmy Paulson	2-4	6.67

* First place was decided by total points, not by playoff or highest ringer %.

"Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winners:

- \$100, donated by the WHPA:
J. Engel & Aleena Cook
- \$50, donated by the WHPA:
Eddie McKinney

17TH ANNUAL STATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

There were only four clubs competing in this mini tournament over Labor Day weekend. Perhaps the low participation is due to the fact that we had fewer than usual State tournament participants – about 140 pitchers. The requirements are few to participate in this event: a minimum of five pitchers, a cost of \$10.00, and a roster submitted during the weekend.

Rewards are many: team or club camaraderie, gloating rights, a traveling trophy, a certificate of participation, cash back, and free entry to the next years competition (if your club is the winner). I appreciate those that tried to enter but did not have enough

pitchers to reach the minimum. Something to consider for future years is a combination of two clubs geographically close. For example, We recognized Lacrosse and Platteville in 2005.

This years results:

- 4th Place: Eau Claire HSC
16 pitchers, 1 State Champion
1 State Class Champion
4.9 winning average
- 3rd place: Heinritz Ringers
(Defending Champs)
6 pitchers, 1 State Class Champion, 5.3 winning average

- 2nd Place, Marshfield HSC
14 pitchers, 1 State Champion
2 State Class Champions
5.9 average

- 1st Place Champions:
Close Doesn't Count Club
11 pitchers, 1 State Champion
3 State Class Champions
7.45 winning average

Congratulations and thanks to these participating clubs. This is a fun event and adds to the ambiance of the State Tournament. Work to get your club involved!

- Jane Smith

"Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winners:

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| • \$50, donated by the WHPA:
Sylvia David | • \$25, donated by Goldendale HSC:
Tony Scrima | • \$20, donated by Beloit HSC:
Keith Strasser |
| • \$50, donated by Combined
Locks HSC: Paulette Hansen | • \$25, donated by Goldendale HSC:
Vanessa McDonell | • \$20, donated by Beloit HSC:
Deb Smith |

PLATTEVILLE OPEN/NHPF BENEFIT

AUGUST 19, 2006

Despite two days of rain and heavy humidity, the courts were ready to go on time. Classes A and D had playoffs for first place. **Glen Wicklund** of Illinois had an 80% game and two 75% games.

Thanks to everyone who made the tournament a success, and to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra cash and gift certificates.

- Platteville Horseshoe Association

High Ringer % Game Winners:

Class A Mark Mauthe	87.50%
Class B Teresa Donar	52.50%
Class C John Brugger	50.00%
Class D V. Rosenberyz	37.50%

Class A

Mark Mauthe	7-1	69.68
Glen Wicklund	6-2	61.56
Dutch Rittweger	5.5-1.5	54.28
Jesse Garza	4.5-2.5	56.07

Class B

Dave Klipstein	6-1	34.64
Dave Volz	5-2	36.42
Teresa Donar	4-3	32.85
Walt Houck	4-3	32.50

Class C

Craig Novinski	6-0	35.41
John Brugger	4-2	38.33
Dave Miller	3-3	26.66
John Bentz	3-3	22.91

Class D

Vern Rosenbery	6-2	26.25
Cliff VanNatta	5-3	21.87
Rich Wisniewski	4-3	20.71
Phil Haas	4-3	17.85

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DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

(With apologies to my old buddy)

We were cruising Grand Ave. in search of the funeral home in Wausau. The complaint was there was not even a gas station seen to ask directions. One guy said to just stop at any restaurant; they are sure to know Kosky.

We found it anyway, and were not at all surprised to be seated next to two nice ladies who just happened to be waitresses.

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Has anybody seen Jim O'Loughlin? He has not been pitching for a couple years hear tell.

There was this guy pitching out at Deansville who kept hitting the ceiling. Looked like O'Loughlin. Made a heckova clatter. And one time it got stuck up there. Really, they had to get out a ladder and peel the shoe off the overhead where they had previously nailed some insulation.

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Every time some guy's friend wins, a few of his buddies say they ought to have an award for that. Consider this: First, a pitcher wins while pitching for his club at the

Club Team event. Then, next day, he picks up a good partner and wins a State Doubles class. Finally, he completes the trifecta by winning at the Eau Claire State Tournament.

Is lucky Gary Volz that good? Or or is his award for picking good partners?

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This Newsletter is in the midst of re-organization. We have lost our publisher, Ken Kosky, a man we will find difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

At this moment the TV screen is showing Yul Brenner recruiting Steve McQueen. Steve says, "How many have you got?" When Yul flips up one finger, Steve responds in kind flipping two fingers.

Realizing the need and without any inducement, Pam Aiken flipped up three fingers, to include herself with Jane Smith and me. We are happy to introduce her as our new layout editor.

All contributors are asked to forward any requests of publication to her at pamaiken@gmail.com.

Any help you can offer will not go unnoticed.

ON THE MEND...

Best wishes for a speedy and full recovery for our horseshoe friends:

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Ralph Maylahn found himself in the hospital recently with fluid on his lungs and shortness of breath. He came home fitted with a brand-new pacemaker.

Doctors are hoping to strengthen his heart muscle through diet, medication, and rest. He will be off the horseshoe circuit for the next two or three months.

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Jim Haupt has been staying with his son since re-breaking the same leg he broke this past summer. He is under doctor's strict orders to stay off his feet well into the new year.

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Jane Smith was kept from attending the Fall meeting due to sciatic nerve pain. The doctors have diagnosed a herniated disc and she is considering her treatment options.

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UPDATE ON ALYSSA SIMONZ

I would like to say Thank You for everyone that has sent Alyssa cards and gifts and the many prayers said for her. Horseshoes is truly more than just a game: its the people that pitch the game. And I am truly happy to be part of this family. On behave of our entire family, we thank you all.

Alyssa is doing very well at this time. She has just gone through a number of chemo treatments again but some how comes home and still has a smile on her face. We are truly inspired by this little girl.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and thank you all!

- The Sternberg Family

BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB AWARDS BANQUET

The Beloit club sets aside a special night to make awards for the outdoor season. The players are many and the night is long. About 85 players and guests were in attendance to partake of the catered dinner and share in the patches, and cash earned over the length of the season.

Included in the awards package is always a patch for high average another for high game. With some players, it's not *if* they had the high average but *how*

many high averages they could win in one night.

Ralph Maylahn won a bundle, perhaps not the league championship, but certainly high average and often high game. He was also cited for his bi-weekly trip to conduct the old-timers leagues.

The one award considered first and foremost of all others is the "Sportsmanship Award," given annually to the one person in the club who exhibits real sportsmanship or what the club stands for. This year,



Walt Houck
Sportsman of the Year

Walt Houck was named "Beloit Sportsman of the Year."

Another special trophy is passed on each year to the most deserving party. It is inscribed, "Without us, you are nothing." **Earl Paulson** passed it off to **Red Ferguson** this time.

The club settled it publicly: Lou Grant edged out Al Schliem in the old guys department by one year, 92 to 91. The Beloit club admires longevity and raised their collective hats to Grant who is an active league pitcher.

Foreign guests included the folks on the neighboring property, the **Gordons**. WHPA president, **Tom Steinke**, and sidekick **Tony Scrima** came to partake. **Jim Haupt** made it and as usual, **Dick and Paulette Hansen** were also invited.

- Jim Haupt

BEHIND THE MASK

- by Ken Heinritz



Do you ever feel like an outsider?

Do you feel like you can't be yourself without people judging you, looking down on you? Have you ever wondered whether anyone understands what you're going through? Whether there is anyone who cares enough to really get to know you? Do you worry that if people actually did get to know you they wouldn't like you, that you'd just end up rejected and lonely?

On the horseshoe courts I have to admit that many of us are so serious about 'our' game that getting to know our opponent is pretty much out of the question. And perhaps during the game is not the appropriate place or time. How about arriving an hour early or staying 'after' with the goal of saying something uplifting to five different people? Or maybe just introducing yourself to someone you don't know? What kind of a friend are you? Do you really care about others? Believe it or not, many people we rub shoulders with are hurting. They may feel rejected. Maybe past failures or experiences have them thinking that nobody cares. Human beings are so good at wearing masks that one gets the impression that life is 'hunky dory' with them. But is it?

Let's seek to imitate the one whose love is beyond human comprehension. God does care and we should too.

"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us..." Ephesians 5:2

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:4-5

"Growing With Juniors" Raffle Winners:

- Hand-made commemorative quarter display, donated by Jim Poquette (Goldendale Club): **Larry Volz**
- Hand-carved wood vase, donated by Bun & Shirley Carley: **Ted Larson**

WHAT IS THE WHPA BULLETIN? - by Pam Aiken

The WHPA Bulletin started up a couple of years ago, by Tom Steinke, as an email alert system for Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers. Anyone who wanted to receive the bulletin could submit their email address, and they would then be added to the list to receive bulletins. Of course, out-of-staters are welcome to sign up, as well. Anyone can post messages important or relevant news between newsletter publications by sending an email to:

whpa_bulletin@yahoo.com.

The bulletin can be used to announce births, deaths, important news or events related to horseshoes; to advertise your tournament, your club's website, or to look for a pitcher to round out a class for your tournament. No junk mail or jokes, please.

We have updated the service to a Yahoo! Group, which allows for messages to be broadcasted instantly, rather than having to be filtered or moderated before sending to the whole group. When we made the switch from using a Hot-mail account to the Yahoo! Group, we lost a few subscribers. If you want to receive the bulletin, you must be signed up through the Yahoo! Group. See instructions below on how to subscribe to the bulletin.

If you'd like to check out the bulletin site without signing up to receive alerts, you can go to:

http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/whpa_bulletin

The bulletin proved to be particularly useful for broadcasting the unexpected death of Ken Kosky. We were able to get the news out about the cancellation of the fall meeting, and the details of Ken's funeral. It really is a useful service for our association, and I hope we can get as many people on board as possible. If you need any assistance in subscribing, please contact me.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE WHPA BULLETIN - by Pam Aiken

Subscribing to the bulletin is a THREE-STEP PROCESS. You need to submit your email address, then reply to the email from **Yahoo! Groups** in order to confirm. If you do not reply to the message from Yahoo! Groups, you will not be added. To subscribe:

STEP ONE: Send a blank email to:
whpa_bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com

STEP TWO: Yahoo! Groups will send an email to your account with the subject:

"Please confirm your request to join wHPA_bulletin"
After you open the email, you will have two options:

1) Go to the Yahoo! Groups site by clicking on this link: [whatever link they give you]

OR

2) REPLY to this email by clicking "Reply" and then "Send" in your email program

The simplest way to begin receiving the bulletin is option 2 - replying to the email.

However, if you choose option 2, you will have limited access to the home page (cannot change email delivery preferences, cannot see members' email addresses), but will still receive all bulletin messages.

If you'd like to be a full member of the group, choose option 1, where you are required to have or sign up for a Yahoo ID. You can still use your regular email address for receiving the bulletin. You won't be required to use Yahoo's mail system, it is for registration purposes only.

STEP THREE: Check your email for confirmation.

After you replied to the message, you will receive a confirmation email:

From: wHPA_bulletin Moderator

Subject: "Yahoo! Groups: Welcome to wHPA_bulletin. Visit Today!"

Once you receive this confirmation email you are officially signed up and will receive all future bulletins.

If you are having problems signing up, let me know and I will work with you to get you on the list.

WET 'N WILD — MINI BORDER BATTLE RESULTS

Fifty-five adult pitchers from Minnesota (28), Wisconsin (26), and Illinois (1) battled the COOL temperatures and windy environment in Centuria, Wisconsin, September 8,9,10. Sixteen juniors kicked off the tournament on Friday evening following a pot luck dinner and short awards program. This tournament is known for the excellent food prepared by **Shari Davison**, and for the great experiences and averages pitched on the BEST sand courts in northern Wisconsin.

The past several years have challenged pitchers from MN and WI to pitch well for gloating rights as to the best pitchers. Because the REAL Border Battle has been non existent these past few years, this tourney takes its notorious place. Wisconsin pitchers were perfect hosts as they were out-pitched by the Minnesota pitchers: Minnesota had 5 firsts, 5 seconds, and 4 thirds in the eight classes. Wisconsin had 3 firsts, 3 seconds, and 4 thirds. The lone Illinois pitcher took 4th place in his class. (Thank you Glenn for planning

a visit with your family in Balsam Lake. Kirby and I were dining out at a local food establishment when we ran into ex horseshoe pitchers who told us about the "world class tournament held in Centuria over the weekend!")

A very sincere thank you to all who pitched or supported our tournament. Keep the second weekend in September open in 2007 for a GREAT time in Northern Wisconsin!

Class A

David Hughes	5-2	62.1
Mary Matuke	5-2	53.2
Edi Holland	4-3	55.0

Class B

Rosie Leyk	7-0	62.5
Edie McKinney	5.5-1.5	54.2
Gloria Smith	5-2	45.0

Class C

April Lynch	6-1	40.0
Bob Kallstrom	5-2	43.92
John Bauer	5-2	38.3

Class D

Ida Hostrup	5.5-1.5	39.6
Dave Paul	5-2	37.5
Dean Chaffee	5-2	35.7

Class E

Rick Wright	4-1	32.4
Dick Hall	4-1	29.6
Bill Bunting	2.5-2.5	28.4

Class F

Dave Ninneman	5-0	40.8
Dave Hammer	4-1	28.8
Joyce Ahles	2-3	22.0

Class G

Jackie Hughes	5-0	43.2
Henry Brown	3.5-1.5	32.0
Randy Neumann	3-2	26.0

Class H

Bob Lindberg	5-0	26.8
Dutch Schults	3.5-1.5	20.0
Ev Larsen	3-2	12.0

Junior A

Beau Davison	4-1
Cola Hickethier	3-2
Julia Larsen	3-2

Junior B

Jenelle Larsen	4-1
Amanda Kuske	4-1
Jason Salmon	3-2

Junior C

Eric Kuske	3-2
Jena Alling	3-2
Naomi Williamson	3-2

- Jane Smith

LETTER TO THE WHPA PRESIDENT - From Joe & Carol Doherty

In the recent newsletter, you wanted to know why the decline in participants in tournaments.

Here are some reasons I believe there is a decline: There are some people who believe that Sunday is the day of the week that the Lord needs to be recognized and public worship should be observed. It's not just another day of the week.

I think pay-out and ringer percentage spread are some other reasons, along with gasoline prices.

In 2005, I took 1st place in my class at La Crosse and won \$30, when entry fee as \$15. There were 9

people in the class, which means \$135 total. Payout for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd totaled \$75. The club kept \$60 just in my class alone.

Then the ringer percentage spread is a discouragement. Let's say the top person in a class is 41%, and say you are a 27%. You are probably going to be thinking, "I haven't got a chance."

It would be nice to see a handicap applied. Maybe some of the various club people need to wake up.

Hopefully things will change, because I think horseshoes in Wisconsin is at a critical junction.

**WISCONSIN HORSESHOE
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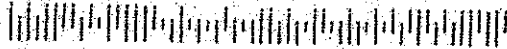
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