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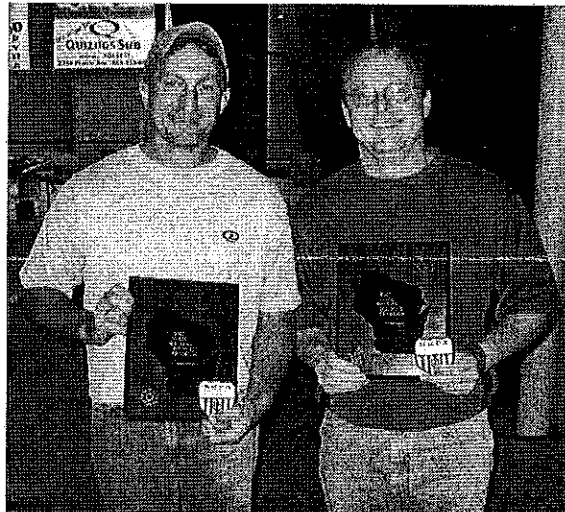
## STATE WALKING DOUBLES

The 2007 champions are John Udelhofen & Jim Larson

- by Jim Haupt

Competitive was the word for the Championship doubles class. Most in the class have been past champions, some near to it.

But for *one point*, the fourth place **Heinritz** team, **Ken** and **Nathan** would have been one of the final play-off teams. It was that close.



2007 Walking Doubles  
Tournament Champions  
John Udelhofen & Jim Larson

### CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1	Jim Larson	5-1	53.33	55.28
	John Udelhofen		57.22	
2	Penny Steinke	4-2	60.56	52.50
	Dan Bloom		44.44	
3	Gert Wilcziek	3-2	77.33	60.67
	Ron Wilcziek		44.00	
4	Nathan Heinritz	3-2	62.67	57.00
	Ken Heinritz		51.33	
5	Mark Mauthe	1-4	50.00	40.34
	John Brugger		30.67	
6	Edie McKinney	0-5	40.67	34.00
	Shari Davison		27.33	

As it happened, **Penny Steinke** and **Dan Bloom** were looking good to go all the way when they dropped just one game. It produced a play-off with **Udelhofen** and **Larson**, who were in the same straits.

The third place **Wilcziek** team, **Gert** and **Ron** pitched a high of 60.5%. Heinritz's, in fourth, were good for 56.95%. The champs, Udelhofen and Larson were at 55.25%, and the second place Bloom and Steinke duo came in at 52.95%.

Play-offs were the choice in five of the eight classes, making for a longer day, and the reason earlier winners had to wait for their awards.

Two classes were won outright. Class A guys **Jeff Gustafson** and **Tom Endler** set down all five games. Trophy-man **Dick Muhlenbeck** and **Jane Hartman** had the same

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		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Jun 9-10	Eagle River Open (Limit 32) (28-07-016)	\$15	5/26	Cliff Erickson
Jun 10	Eau Claire Open (28-07-017)	\$20	5/26	Dave Schorbahn
Jun 9-10	Beloit Spring Singles (28-07-018)	\$15	5/29	Earl Paulson
Jun 16	Marshfield Open (28-07-019)	\$15	6/2	Dan David
Jun 16	Muskego Open (28-07-020)	\$15	6/2	Tom Steinke
Jun 23-24	Goldendale Open/Alyssa Simonz Benefit (28-07-022)	\$15	6/10	Terry Sternberg
Jun 30 - Jul 1	Ken Kosky Memorial Tourney (28-07-021)	\$15	6/20	Ed Hack
Jul 7-8	Arkdale Open (28-07-023)	\$15	6/23	Ray Groskinsky
Jul 14-15	The Sizzler @ Arena (28-07-0??)	\$18	6/30	Ed Wheeler
Jul 14	Mid-Eastern Open (Unsanctioned)	\$15	6/30	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 15	Lox Classic (Limit 48) (28-07-024)	\$17	6/30	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 23 - Aug 4	World Tourney @ Ardmore, OK	\$125	5/17	Dick Hansen
Jul TBA	Oxford Open (28-07-025)	TBA	TBA	TBA
Aug 4-5	Wolf River Open (28-07-026)	\$15	7/21	Ken Jaeger
Aug 4-5	Eagle Open (Unsanctioned)	\$15	7/20	Greg Scheff
Aug 11-12	Southern WI Open (28-07-027)	\$15	7/23	Earl Paulson
Aug 11	Green Bay Open (28-07-028)	\$16	7/30	Steve Wiegert
Aug 18-19	Platteville Open (28-07-033)	\$16	8/4	Norm Mauthe
Aug 18-19	Little Bull Falls Log Jam Festival (28-07-035)	\$15	8/4	Randy Rein
Aug 25	La Crosse Open (28-07-036)	\$15	8/11	Ted Rohde
Aug TBA	Kenosha Open (28-07-037)	TBA	TBA	TBA

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT** - by Tom Steinke



Congratulations to all Club Team Champions and State Doubles Champions. The weather in Beloit was comfortable and there were

new pitchers as well as long-time pitchers who I hadn't seen in a long time. It was a great weekend.


We are signing up new WHPA members, but still need a lot more. If you have a friend who is thinking about joining, help him (or her) sign up, then take him to a tournament with you. It will make for a nice day for both you and your friend.

When I talk to non-members about why they don't join the WHPA, they never say it's because of the \$17. It's always one of the usual excuses: I'm not a good enough pitcher, I can't be committed to play a lot of tournaments, I don't know where the tournaments are, I don't know how tournaments are run, I won't know anybody there. These are all questions or concerns that can be answered by you or anyone else who has been to tournaments.

The deadline for the State Tournament is July 31, 2007. You must have three sanctioned tournaments (or two tournaments and one sanctioned league average) played be-

tween August 1, 2006 and July 31, 2007. Please don't wait until the last minute. The Sandbaggers and Deansville will be hosting a great tournament over Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you there.

I am announcing that I will be running for WHPA President a third term. I have enjoyed working for the past four years with a very knowledgeable board that covers most of our state and is easy to work with. Our WHPA membership also has some great personalities and very few problems. It has been my pleasure.

Good Pitching,  
Tom 


**PENNY STEINKE EARNS TEACHING'S HIGHEST ACCREDITATION**

- by Jane Smith While visiting with Penny Steinke after the State Doubles tourney, she told me that she earned her national teaching certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. A teacher-driven, voluntary process established by NBPTS, certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete and measures what the most accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. As part of the

process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes, a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching, and an assessment of their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

Of course, being in education for 33 years, I can understand Penny's dedication and commitment of both time and money. This certification is a great accomplishment that only 402 teachers in Wisconsin have earned since the inception of the program in 2002.

We can be proud of Penny for her accomplishments professionally as well as her expertise pitching ringers! Congratulations Penny! 

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This year's Wisconsin delegates for World Tournament :

- Sonia Cook
- Edie McKinney
- Jane Smith
- Tom Steinke
- Terry Sternberg

## ARENA'S "SANDBAGGER OPEN" RESULTS - by Ed Wheeler

There was a lot of sunshine, heat and plenty of WIND! With the wind blowing the way it was, it played a large role in the ringer percentages today. There were only four or five players that were either close to or just over their average at the end of the day.

In Class A, **Rowen Swick** won the last game over **Ivan Ruzic**, while **Mike Cone** lost to **Dan Lessman** to prevent a three-way playoff for first place.

In Class B, **Dave Volz** and **Dave Klipstein** needed to go an extra game, to see who would take the first place prize. They went 44 shoes before they came up with a winner. **Dave Volz** came out on top, this time.

In Class C, **Ed Wheeler** won the class with a 6-1 record, while **John Mills** was right on his heels with a 5-2 record. The battle for third was some-

### Sandbagger Open April 22, 2007

<u>Class A</u>	
Rowen Swick	4-1
Mike Cone	3-2
Ivan Ruzic	3-2

<u>Class B</u>	
Dave Volz	6-1
Dave Klipstein	5-2
Ken Amble	3-3


<u>Class C</u>	
Ed Wheeler	6-1
John Mills	5-2
Dave Forseth	4-3

<u>Class D</u>	
Millard Harding	6-2
Phil Haas	5-3
Dan David	4-3

thing else. **Dave Forseth** and **Robin McDonough** ended up tied with 4-3 records, also tied on ringer percentage at 25.71%, and the only way Robin lost third place was that Dave had beat him in the very first game by one ringer.

Finally in Class D, **Millard Harding** and **Phil Haas** decided that seven games wasn't enough and decided to go another 40 shoes to see who would walk off with the top prize. Millard was just too much for Phil in the final match, as Millard threw 14 ringers against Phil's 7 ringers.

I want to thank all those that entered and to all the club members, especially **Phil Haas**, that helped make this event the success that it turned out to be.

It's not the tournament director that makes these events, but the people that enter. 

## PITCHER OF THE YEAR UPDATE

All events through March, with the exception of the following have been recorded: Green Bay Open (032), La Crosse Open (038), 001 at Beloit (001), Arena Event (011). If the tournament directors from the missing events could send me their first three finishers in each class, I can update the standings through May in our next issue.

The POY front runners are (in alphabetical order):

### Division C (< 35%)

Marv Bennett  
Kevin Brekke  
Russ Burns  
John Garvan  
Ron Lingard  
Tom Steinke

### Division B (35% - 49.99%)

Tom Endler  
Jeff Gustafson  
Kerry Morris  
Rowen Swick  
Julian Tijerina  
+ 7 tied

### Division A (> 50%)

Jim Larson  
Mark Mauthe  
Randy Rein  
Penny Steinke  
Paul Wilson

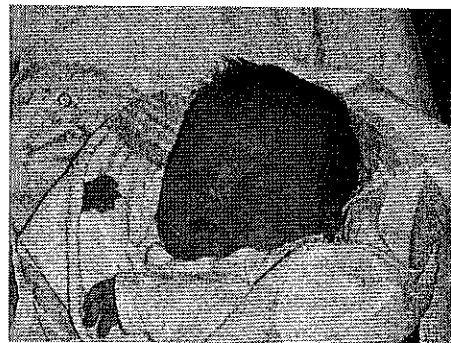
There are still plenty of tournaments you can enter to earn points! First place pays 15 points, 2nd pays 10 points, and 3rd pays 5 points. You can also earn 15 points by attending each WHPA meeting in the Spring and Fall.

- by Jane Smith



## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to new mom  
Tava Cook



Lillyan Louise

Born April 24, 2007

8 lbs 15 oz, 21 inches long

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## CLASS A

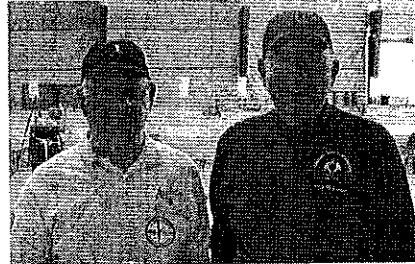
1	Jeff Gustafson	5-0	46.67	47.34
	Tom Endler		48.00	
2	John Molling	3-2	52.00	45.34
	Ivan Ruzic		38.67	
3	Randy Rein	2.5-2.5	56.00	42.34
	Jim Jakel		28.67	
4	Gene Mason	2.5-2.5	41.33	38.00
	Wally Thorsen		34.67	
5	John Dolezel	1-4	36.00	34.67
	Dave Schorbahn		33.33	
6	Paul Wilson	1-4	42.67	33.67
	Norm Beckius		24.67	



**Class A Champions**  
Tom Endler & Jeff Gustafson

## CLASS B

1	Norb Fuhrman	4-1	52.00	48.00
	Cal Pitel		44.00	
2	Pam Aiken	4-1	46.67	40.00
	Tony Scrima		33.33	
3	L. Sternberg	2.5-2.5	45.33	40.33
	Terry Sternberg		35.33	
4	Elaine Troullier	2-3	38.00	37.00
	Cliff Troullier		36.00	
5	Steve Wiegert	1.5-3.5	36.67	34.34
	Steve Mielke		32.00	
6	Kerry Morris	1-4	39.33	33.67
	William Spahn		28.00	



**Class B Champions**  
Norb Fuhrman & Cal Pitel

## CLASS C

1	Jane Hartman	5-0	44.00	39.34
	Dick Muhlenbeck		34.67	
2	John Gregorich	3-2	46.00	36.34
	Julian Tijerina		26.67	
3	Lloyd Johnson	2-3	44.00	38.00
	Everett Stewart		32.00	
4	Bruce McLinn	2-3	40.00	31.34
	Russ Burns		22.67	
5	Aleena Cook	2-3	40.00	30.34
	Willis David		20.67	
6	Bernard Carley	1-4	31.33	26.00
	Roger Peterson		20.67	



**Class C Champions**  
Jane Hartman & Dick Muhlenbeck



**Class D Champions**  
Kurt Jochimsen & Greg Hehling

record in class C.

**Ron Lingard** and **Chet Hermansen** went for the top in a three-way play-off in Class E, only after **Ken Frame** and **Dan Nalepin-ski** took out the **Volz** team of **Gary** and **Dave**.

For a while it looked like the Adams guys, **Ray Groskinsky** and **Marv Bennett** would win all. **Kurt Jochimsen** and **Greg Hehling** stopped their clock in a D class play-off.

It took a play-off for **John Garvin** and **Kevin Brekke** to repeat their victory of last year over other Class F aspirants, **Roger** and **James Heinitz**.

After a slow start in the play-off for Class B, **Pam Aiken** and **Tony Scrima** finally came back to life, but **Cal Pitel** and **Norb Fuhrman** proved to be too much for them and won the class.

A few familiar faces were seen checking out the action. **Ron Berg**, just passing through town on vacation, had to stop and see some friends at Telfer.

A pitcher from the past, **Jerry Nordlee** of Janesville, must have heard about the WHPA doubles. He had to look, but there are still a few pitchers still at it who

WI State Doubles Tournament  
Prizes (per team):  
1st Place—\$104 & Patch  
2nd Place—\$60 3rd Place—\$40

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remember pitching him.

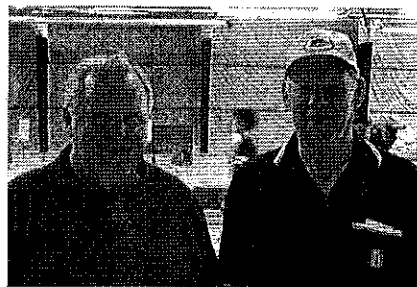
Many people go into the makeup of the WHPA doubles, but none are more appreciated than **Jimmy and Julie Paulson**. The 96 pitchers and this tournament director owe them a debt of gratitude for a perfect job done on the computer. The pitchers had immediate factual results. The tournament director had the benefit of computerized NHPA results, and the Paulsons also supplied results and photos for the Newsletter.



**Class E Champions**  
Chet Hermansen & Ron Lingard



**Class F Champions**  
Kevin Brekke & John Garvan



**Class G Champions**  
Dale Shamberg & Don Tritz

**CLASS G**

1	Dale Shamberg	4-1	16.67	19.00
	Don Tritz		21.33	
2	Ed Bonebright	3-2	12.67	16.00
	Dave Wilson		19.33	
3	Jim Uhlenhake	3-2	11.33	11.33
	Greg Bergles		11.33	
4	Jayne Fehr	2-3	22.00	18.00
	Trent Bratland		14.00	

**CLASS D**

1	Kurt Jochimsen	5-1	54.67	42.67
	Greg Hehling		30.67	
2	Ray Groskinsky	4-2	46.00	37.00
	Marv Bennett		28.00	
3	Harvey Bilz	2-3	36.67	34.67
	Gary Wegner		32.67	
4	John Secord	2-3	24.67	28.00
	Dick Hansen		31.33	
5	LeRoy Meyer	2-3	23.33	26.00
	Tom Rosenthal		28.67	
6	Rowen Swick	1-4	23.33	24.33
	Carl Schliem		25.33	

**CLASS E**

1	Ron Lingard	5-1	41.33	39.67
	Chet Hermansen		38.00	
2	Ken Frame	5-2	37.22	33.89
	Daniel Nalepinski		30.56	
3	Dave Volz	4-2	23.33	24.72
	Gary Volz		26.11	
4	Dennis Hartman	2-3	24.00	20.66
	Scott Muhlenbeck		17.33	
5	Dave Wietrzak	1-4	21.33	20.00
	Harry Nelson		18.67	
6	Ray Lopez	0-5	14.67	16.67
	George Moraza		18.67	

**CLASS F**

1	John Garvan	5-1	28.33	28.06
	Kevin Brekke		27.78	
2	Roger Heinritz	4-2	26.11	21.95
	James Heinritz		17.78	
3	Matt Ramsdell	3-2	22.67	26.34
	Joel Ramsdell		30.00	
4	Galen Kozel	3-2	29.33	22.66
	Tom Steinke		16.00	
5	Earl Paulson	1-4	34.00	22.66
	Jimmy Paulson		11.33	
6	Rueben Eckardt	0-5	12.67	13.00
	Jim Sherman		13.33	

5	Edward Hack	1.5-3.5	25.33	16.00
	Ron Truman		6.67	
6	Ann Murray	1.5-3.5	8.67	9.67
	Jerry Kochman		10.67	

# CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT RESULTS — APRIL 28, 2007

## Beloit Scores Again - by Tournament Director Jim Haupt

The Beloit team, showing versatility, changed half their lineup to defend their Club Team title. The traveling trophy is not going to travel for another year. The winners were led by **Dan Bloom**, pitching 51% and winning all five of his games. **Jesse Garza**, 62% was their top pitcher and from Illinois. **Paul Wilson** and **Jeff Gustafson** completed the four-man championship team. All told, the crew from Beloit lost only four of their 20 games.

First-time entry and second-place finishers, Mosinee had an all-game winner in **John Molling**, pitching 52%. Mosinee finished only two games off the pace.

In the rest of Class A, Eau Claire looked best on paper entering the event. **Gert Wilcziek** pitched 77% and won her share, yet her teammates fell short, resulting in a third in the standings.

Close Doesn't Count, finishing fourth, has lost their everlasting grip on the hammer of Club Team. Pitching changes are the cause.

In Class B, Kenosha had to play an extra game. After disputing the posted result board, team captain **Tom Endler** proved a tie in the standings, resulting in a play-off. Kenosha vaulted to the winners circle over the Combined Locks #2 team.

Kewaskum swiped the Class C trophy from The Deansville #2 team by just one game win. **Earl Paulson** was the only pitcher in the class to win in all attempts.

The Adams County gang won Class D by three games over the Waukesha County boys. **Lorraine Sternberg** and **Kevin Brekke** were the all-five game winners in D.

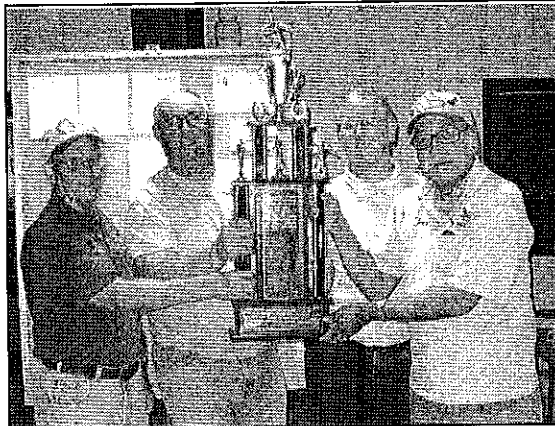
Class E was an unusual division. There were three teams from Wausau, three teams from Beloit, and one from Kenosha. Wausau #1 won in a walk with **Greg Hehling** the win leader of the day.

The annual Club Team was an unusually eventful affair this year. We missed some traditional entries this year from teams we have grown

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The Club Team Tournament was originally conducted in the first year of the Team World Tournament. It has a long history, which probably explains its popularity.

Six-team classes were awarded \$200 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, and \$72 for 3rd. In the bargain, each pitcher received a free Team-World raffle ticket. Class E paid four places. This event has more expenses than most, including building rental along with a benefit donation for the NHPPF.



Club Team  
Tournament  
Champions

### Beloit #1

*Paul Wilson  
Jeff Gustafson  
Dan Bloom  
Jesse Garza*

#### Class A

<b>Beloit #1</b>	16	54.38%	<b>Close X Count</b>	7	44.88%
Jesse Garza	4	61.50%	Clayton Gage	3	50.00%
Paul Wilson	3	52.50%	Edie McKinney	2	50.00%
Dan Bloom	5	51.00%	Norm Gage	2	41.50%
Jeff Gustafson	4	52.50%	Shari Davison	0	38.00%
<b>Mosinee</b>	14	50.00%	<b>Com Locks #1</b>	6	39.75%
Kurt Jochimsen	2	45.50%	Gene Mason	1	45.00%
Randy Rein	4	54.50%	Elaine Troullier	2	42.50%
John Molling	5	51.50%	Wally Thorson	3	41.50%
Ivan Ruzic	3	48.50%	Cliff Troullier	0	30.00%
<b>Eau Claire</b>	12	53.00%	<b>Beloit #2</b>	5	42.50%
Gert Wilcziek	5	77.00%	Dutch Rittweger	2	54.00%
Ron Wilcziek	3	53.50%	Bruce Mclinn	2	44.00%
John Dolezel	2	40.50%	Pooch Roesslien	1	41.00%
Dave Schorbahn	2	41.00%	Rowen Swick	0	31.00%



## CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8)

to expect, but entries were augmented when Beloit entered ten teams. The 31 teams, coupled with the tournament director's misinformation, had some of the teams guessing when they arrived at Telfer Park.

Once in Beloit, teams found the classes realigned and one more team than previously announced. A seven-team E class started at 8:00 AM. After serious delays, it was suggested this class, especially since it had many pitchers not acquainted with tournaments, should have pitched the last shift of the day. And although Club Team is designed as six-team classes pitching 50 shoes, some of the later classes elected to play 40 shoes

because of the delays. Certainly, in the future, we will try to maintain an on-time schedule to avoid delays. Live and learn.

In an effort to build a better tournament, we entertain all constructive comments. However, we are committed to the four player team format, based on areas or clubs, but welcome other thoughts.

It was evident this year that the final statistics were verified. When a problem appeared, and there were a few, it was soon rectified by computer expert **Jimmy Paulson**. It was his idea to do the results on the com-

(continued on page 10)

<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class C</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
<b>Kenosha #1</b>	14.5	44.75%	<b>Kewaskum</b>	12	30.25%	<b>Adams</b>	16	28.60%
Tom Endler	4.5	56.33%	G. Bogenschneider	4	46.50%	Ray Groskinsky	4	35.60%
Jane Hartman	4	46.00%	Mike Struebing	3	35.00%	Marv Bennett	4	31.20%
Denny Hartman	4	33.67%	Don Schulz	3	24.50%	Jim O'Laughlin	4	19.20%
Lloyd Johnson	2	43.00%	Rob Struebing	2	15.00	Dan Williams	4	28.40%
<b>Com Locks #2</b>	13.5	40.83%	<b>Deansville #2</b>	11	38.55%	<b>Waukesha</b>	13	27.60%
Norb Fuhrman	3.5	46.00%	John Gregorich	4	43.00%	Tom Steinke	2	18.00%
Cal I Pitel	5	55.33%	Julian Tijerina	4	31.50%	Tony Scrima	4	42.40%
Moose Meyer	4	30.33%	Leo Richter	3	30.00%	Galen Kozel	3	28.00%
Tom Rosenthal	1	31.67%	Chet Hermansen	3	39.00%	Chuck Radl	4	22.00%
<b>Green Bay</b>	11	37.40%	<b>Beloit #4</b>	10	34.88%	<b>Beloit #6</b>	11	22.90%
Otis Wessley	3	47.20%	Dan Lessman	4	44.00%	Guy Modde	2	21.20%
Steve Wiegert	4	41.20%	Earl Paulson	5	45.00%	Jim Huckabee	2	20.40%
Steve Mielke	2	36.40%	Mouse Beckius	0	28.50%	Matt Ramsdell	2	25.60%
Lyn Koehn	2	24.80%	Ken Lovass	1	22.00%	Kevin Brekke	5	24.40%
<b>Beloit #3</b>	9	37.70%	<b>Kenosha #2</b>	9	26.88%	<b>Goldendale</b>	10	30.21%
Bud Hammer	2	42.40%	Everett Stewart	3	35.00%	Lorraine Sternberg	5	52.40%
Virgil Smith	3	39.60%	Harry C Nelson	1	16.50%	Terry Sternberg	4	35.60%
Walt Houck	2	39.60%	Jack Statema	2	24.50%	Mike Keagle	1	13.60%
Harry Laws	2	29.20%	Dave Wietrzak	3	31.50%	Jenny McTavish	0	16.50%
<b>Marshfield</b>	9	37.70%	<b>Beloit #5</b>	9	24.63%	<b>Kenosha #3</b>	5	22.80%
Bob Gregorich	3	46.00%	John Garvan	2	30.00%	Jan Fisher	1	34.40%
Vince Jakel	3	58.40%	Russ Burns	3	24.50%	Lloyd Skarda	1	20.40%
Dan David	2	21.20%	Ann Murray	1	12.00%	Dale Shamberz	1	16.40%
Willis David	1	23.60%	Bill Wordel	3	32.00%	Wally Nelson	2	20.00%
<b>Deansville #1</b>	8	35.60%	<b>Deansville #3</b>	7	27.63%	<b>Beloit #7</b>	5	19.05%
Jim Larson	3	52.00%	Dave Volz	1	30.00%	Skip Ramsdell	1	25.00%
Kerry Morris	2	40.80%	Gary Volz	3	29.00%	Ken Hopp	1	17.20%
Ron Lingard	2	32.00%	Joe Ellinger	2	29.50%	Ed Bonebright	1	13.60%
Steve Kulow	1	17.60%	Jack Ellinger	1	22.00%	Matt Austin	2	21.60%

## CLUB TEAM (CONT. FROM P.9)

puter, a decision well-received. Jimmy was hard pressed, also providing photographs for the Newsletter.

### Class E

<b>Wausau #1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23.85%</b>
Rueben Eckhardt	4	22.08%
Ron Truman	3	9.58%
Greg Hehling	6	37.50%
James Fehr	5	26.25%
<b>Beloit #8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16.41%</b>
Ron Fritz	2	11.00%
Pete Rockers	2	15.83%
Wayne Goers	5	17.50%
Allen Johnson	5	20.42%
<b>Wausau #2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19.58%</b>
Randy Benaszkeski	1	8.33%
Jim Sherman	2	13.75%
Ed Hack	5	25.83%
Jim Jakel	5	30.42%
<b>Beloit #9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17.08%</b>
Don Goldsmith	4	27.92%
Don Goers	2	16.67%
Rondi Mengelt	4	11.25%
Jimmy Paulson	3	12.50%
<b>Beloit #10</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>14.90%</b>
Mike Rousseau	1	28.75%
Dave Wilson	1	15.83%
Ken Posmer	1.5	9.58%
Linda Kelly	0	5.42%
<b>Wausau #3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17.50%</b>
Trent Bratland	1	15.00%
Andy Benaszkeski	2	17.50%
Jerry Schmidt	4	19.17%
Dan Holding	2	18.33%
<b>Kenosha #4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>14.06%</b>
Jim Ulenhake	1	12.08%
Bob Johnson	2.5	13.75%
Don Peroutka	1	13.75%
Don Tritz	3	16.67%

## SANCTIONED LEAGUES IN WISCONSIN

- Article compiled by Pam Aiken from [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com)

- Club information provided by Lorraine Sternberg

The basic concept of league play is that two teams of four players per team play a match on a given day. The players of one team pitch against the members of the other team. Wins by individual pitchers count toward their team's win total. The exact format will depend upon the number of courts and pitchers. A good rule of thumb is to allow 2 to 2-1/2 hours for all pitching. Four 50-shoe games or the equivalent has been found satisfactory.

Not all clubs choose to utilize the team concept. Some prefer singles (one-man team), doubles (two-man team), or class (tournament-type) play, although the latter is the least effective.

**To level the playing field, leagues are handicapped.** Theoretically, players of differing abilities will be made equal by using 100% handicap; that is, give the lower average player bonus points equal to the difference in their respective averages. In practice, this can unfairly penalize a very good pitcher (over 60% average) because he mathematically has less room for improvement in a particular game. Since the purpose of handicap play is to provide close competition regardless of the averages, many leagues use either 80% or 90% of full handicap.

For more information, visit [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com), contact National Sanctioned Club/League Director Lorraine Sternberg (contact information on page 2), or a local sanctioned club league:

**Beloit HSC** in Beloit, WI Earl Paulson (608)879-2304

**Close Doesn't County HSC** in Centuria, WI Jane Smith (715)485-3057

**Combined Locks HSC** in Combined Locks, WI  
Bill Matey, 1019 S. Joseph St, Appleton, WI 54915

**Coulee Region** in La Crosse, WI  
Tammy Weld, 110-1st Ave. S.W., Spring Grove, MN 55974

**Deansville HSC** in Deansville, WI Rudy Van Fleet (920)623-4924

**Eau Claire HSC** in Eau Claire, WI Gert Wilczek (715)538-2275

**Fleet Reserve Sanctioned Pitchers League** in Marshfield, WI  
Sonia Cook (715)384-5540

**Goldendale HSC** in Germantown, WI Lorraine Sternberg (262)677-3300

**Kenosha HSC** in Kenosha, WI Harry Nelson (262)694-7288

**Platteville HSC** in Platteville, WI Mark Mauthe (608)348-9697

**Sandbar Sandbaggers HSC** in Arena, WI Ed Wheeler (608)592-4424

**Skippy's Tuesday HSC** in Germantown, WI Dave Balsiger (262)251-8575

**Weston HSC** in Wausau, WI Ron Truman (715)355-4628

**Wolf River Ringers HSC** in New London, WI Ken Jaeger (920)982-6287

## EAU CLAIRE EARLYBIRD RESULTS (MAY 5, 2007) - by John Dolezel

Eau Claire initiated the Earlybird Tournament years ago to give pitchers needing another one to qualify before entering the World Tournament. Some years the weather has been an issue, but this time, although it misted early on, the skies cleared quickly.

In Class A, a seven-pitcher class, **Gert Wilcziek** went undefeated with a 78.2% average. **Dave Hughes** was 5-2, 65.3% and **Bert Logsdon** 5-2, 54.3% (both from Minnesota) took second and third place, respectively.

Class B, reduced to five pitchers by a no-show, was dominated by

**Dave Schorbahn**, 5-0, 39%, with **Merrill Semingson** taking 2nd place at 4-1, 30%, both from our local league.

Class C also became a five-person class with a dropout. **Dean Hove** went undefeated at 5-0, 29.5% and **Harold Bischel** claimed second place at 4-1, 35%.

In Class D, **John Brophy** 4-1, 31% edged out **Jerry Schroeder** 4-1 with 29.5%.

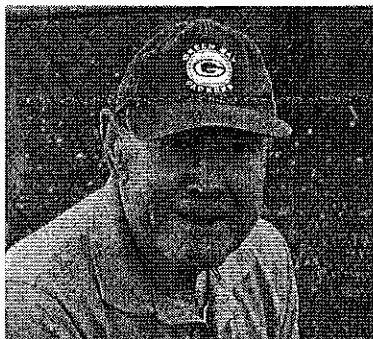
In the eight-person Class E, **Al Johnson** claimed first place at 6-1, 31% followed by **Ted Rohde** 5-2, 26.5% and **George Eckstrom** 5-1, 22%.

Class F, another class reduced to five by a no-show, **Tom Dudenhofer** took first with 4-1, 21.5% with **Bryan Hove** taking second at 3-2, 16.5%.

In Class G, two pitchers participating in their first tournament, dueling it out in a play-off game to determine class winner. **Steve Wallin** took first at 5-1, 17% with **Laurie Dolezel** taking second at 4-2, 7%.

*Note from Elly McCarn:* Laurie is John's daughter...this is her first year of pitching...she also enticed three other newcomers into joining our league. John "brought her up right!" ♪

## PITCHER PROFILE — HANK ZEISSE OF FRANKLIN, WI - by Pam Aiken



Age: 91  
Occupation:  
Retired from  
Ladisch, also owned  
and operated his  
own tavern, E-Z  
Tap, in St. Francis  
with his wife,  
**Myra**, who passed  
away in 2004.

### Pitching Basics

Starting pitching horseshoes: 1971

First NHPA Sanction Card: 1982

Preferred Shoes: Pony, EZ Grips

Style: 1¼ turn — "I could never throw a flip even when I tried."

Top Average: 44% (from 30 feet)

### Summer Pitching

Home Courts:

Legion Post 434 in Oak Creek

Legion Post 494 in Caledonia

Washington Park

Doubles games to 21 points is Hank's game of choice these days. A frequent partner? His younger brother **Ralph Zeisse**, age 82.

### Winter Pitching

Hank didn't pitch this winter, but he was plenty busy. He bowled three days a week, his average a respectable 160. He also played dartball once a week, with his niece, **Joyce**, often his company for those nights out on the town.

### Going to Tournaments

Back when Hank first started pitching in sanctioned tournaments, he and Myra would travel all over the state would make a weekend of it, staying overnight in a hotel and seeing the sights while they were in town.

Over the years, Hank and Myra attended four World tournaments: Eau Claire '87, Spearfish '89, Stone Mountain '90, and Biloxi '91. ♪



## DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

Erstwhile pitcher **Jerry Nordlee** of Janesville dropped in to the State Doubles tournament just to see if his old friends were still at it. We have so many new pitchers that Nordlee had to look around a bit. He knew **Tony Scrima**, Tony didn't know him. Walking the courts is a problem with Nordlee, but he can manage the golf course and keeps a fishing boat up at Boulder Junction.

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A ton of folks approached us in Beloit saying how much they liked the article we did on "the home" in the last issue. Don't look for further episodes. Thanks, but the research necessary is out of the question.

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Did we read that **John Udelhofen**'s name has been dropped as a possible Hall of Fame Inductee? He's the latest State Doubles Champ! The ten year listing limit has backfired.

If you think John Udelhofen should be reinstated as a possible Hall of Fame pitcher, send your name to me. Please, send your name to me. I will include it as signatory to my next paragraphs in favor of Udelhofen in the HOF.

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After doing a weekend of two tournaments in Beloit, we see a need for a remedial penmanship and spelling class for horseshoe pitchers.

Most tournaments provide name cards that you may mistakenly believe is to show the audience who is

missing all those ringers. Wrong. The name card is to introduce you to your opponent in hopes that you will spell his name correctly on the score slip.

Did you ever see the people at the score table passing a slip around, laughing like crazy, shaking their heads, misbelieved? You got it. Some guy signed his name with an X. Hey! One slip came in marked "Eau Claire vs. Mosinee." No names... can't misspell that way.

Wisconsin has forms of self scoring that lead to confusion. It helps to have a tournament director who knows everyone in the association, how to spell their names, nicknames and how someone else might try to spell those names.

Although there are no academic requirements to play the game (hey, is that why we award the juniors a scholarship?), one should always try to put the brain in gear before picking up the pencil. Pretend the person on the board doesn't know you and try to tell him in writing who played and who won.

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We feel the most important space in this Newsletter is on page 2, "Contributing Writers."

Last issue, there were 15 people who had the courage to submit something to share. For that we owe them an undying debt of gratitude. Thanks.

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Sunday, during the Doubles awards, your agent took the opportunity to make a plea for few bucks to buy a brick to memorialize the late Ken Kosky, former publisher of this

Newsletter, who gave us so much.

We explained that the previous day, Club Team pitchers accounted for \$124 and we had a few more dollars that some folks donated at the funeral service. We were looking for a little more to make it even.

To our astonishment, the pitchers of the Doubles group dropped in a total of \$102.


The pitchers of the Club Team, with help from the others, sponsored \$300 for Kosky bricks.

Our thanks to all.

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The big show is coming to town. **Team World** has contracted for 18 top-notch teams for the 18th, 19, and 20th of May.

The schedule is forecast to be slightly different this year with not all teams playing on the final day, Sunday. Scorekeeping opportunity may be at a premium. Players have come to expect the service of the Beloit scorekeepers at Telfer Park. This year it should be easy.

If its ringers you crave to see Telfer Park is the place to be. 

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## BEHIND THE MASK

- by Ken Heinritz




Shortly after the awards were handed out at the State Doubles, my thoughts quickly turned to a passage in the book of Ecclesiastes. "Two are better than one... for if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."

When time for getting home was at a premium, I found, to my surprise, that my car was dead. To my delight, several men (I counted 10) unselfishly stayed behind, ready and willing to help me.

Humbling as the experience was, I came away feeling like a million bucks. The tires were on the road while I was flying high, thanking God for each one willing to assist me.

You can take or leave what I am about to say: if you are busy, do whatever it takes to slow down. Get your eyes off of yourself and look around for someone in need. Every time this happens to me, that person or persons hold a special place in my heart. At times you may feel like a 'regular Joe,' but the truth is that you have been a blessing or maybe an answer to someone's prayer.

As a lad, I remember a commercial saying 'You meet the nicest people on a Honda.' I wouldn't be exaggerating by saying 'You meet the nicest people in the NHPA.'

By the way, how many of you notice the **Chet's Car Care** advertised in the Horseshoe Newsletter? Well, this man **Chet Hermansen** knows his stuff. He didn't ask for money or even an 'adaboy,' but only wanted a prayer said for him. And a prayer you got, mister! THANK YOU! 


## CITY OF MOSINEE GETS FOUR FIRST-CLASS COURTS

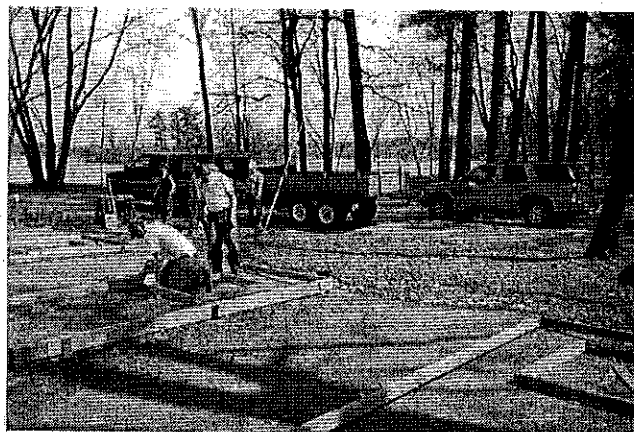
- by Jayme Fehr, D&A Horseshoe Club (formerly Windy Hill)

The city of Mosinee will be home to four of the finest horseshoe courts you'll ever play on in a public park. Work has begun in beautiful River Park, located a few blocks west of downtown Mosinee on the Wisconsin River. It is an excellent place to bring the family for a picnic or just to relax in the shade of the big oak trees.

A meticulous emphasis was made to blend the courts into the park to maintain the natural beauty and to not interfere with other activities. In other words: location, location, location.

The courts have become a reality thanks to the many phone calls and a lot of footwork by eleven-time State Champion **Randy Rein** and his wife, **Marge**. Also, a special thanks to **Ken Jaeger Sr.** for getting the courts properly laid out and leveled. This reporter wishes he had a ringer for every time Ken said, "Girls, talk to me."

You'll get a chance to try out these new courts when the City of Mosinee hosts the Little Bull Falls Log Jam Festival and Horseshoe Tournament on August 18th and 19th. Hope to see you there! 



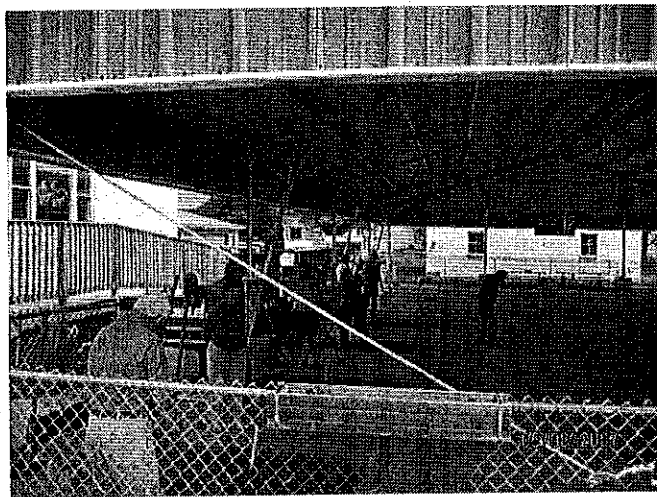


Combined Locks, WI

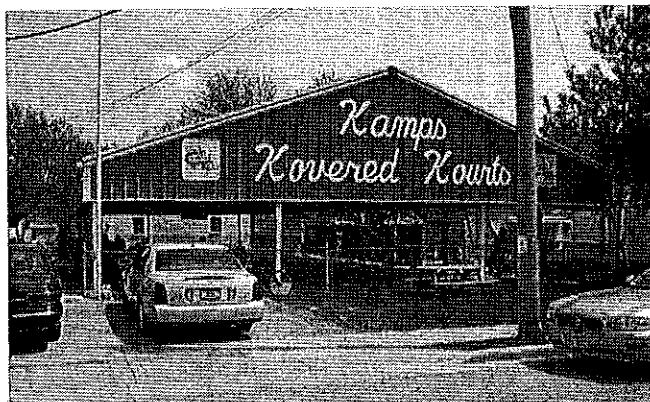
*A Special Feature Profile:*  
**COMBINED LOCKS HORSESHOE CLUB**

Combined Locks may very well be one of the older established clubs in the WHPA. Although the Combined Locks Club began in 1967, horseshoe pitching actually began in 1960 on one sand court at Jerry Kamps' Bar. **Bob Vanden Boogart, Robert Laha, Bob Lamers, Jerry Kamps and John Rietveld** were the organizers of this club. More courts were added over the years, until the present eight clay courts were established. In 1971, a steel roof was installed over the courts and they were renamed **Kamps Covered Kourts**. This was a major perk, as there were no more league or tournament rainouts. Over time, additional improvements, such as concrete walkways and a chain link fence, were added.

This year, President **Bill Matey**, Secretary-Treasurer **Ray Schommer** and Recording Secretary **Rosemary Kamps** are the club's leaders. The courts are used Monday through Thursday with a variety of games, including mixed couples count-all, senior couple count-all, twelve Men's teams playing 50 shoe count-all, and eighteen teams playing three games of count-all.



There are currently about 135 adult pitchers, but no juniors (yet). After each league completes their play, the players meander inside the bar to discuss their game, good and bad, over a few glasses of beer. Each week, the pitchers return for another round of horseshoes, beer and the exquisite camaraderie everyone enjoys.



Each July, the club hosts a sanctioned tournament called the "Mid East Open," first held in 1965. **John Rietveld**, who was the tournament director for 30 years, turned this event over to **Rosemary Kamps**. This tournament has drawn quality horseshoe pitchers from all over the state: **Tommy Bartlen, Ed Schimek, Wally Saeger, Carl Joppe, Bill Glass, Ralph Maylahn, Don Kangas, Gert Wilcziek, Mer Sorenson, Phyllis Davids, Al Seemann, Al Leintz**.

The Combined Locks club also hosted the Wisconsin State Tournament five times in the 1960's and 1970's.

The club also boasts of five WHPA Hall of Fame members: **Jerry Kamps, Cy and Wally Srenaski, Bob Phelan, and Ann Opsteen**, who in 1983 was the very first woman inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Thanks to Combined Locks Club Historian **Gene Mason**, aka "Mr. Horseshoe," who sent the Newsletter many pages of information about horseshoes at Kamp's Kourts.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Prior to 1967, the Sate Tournament was traditionally conducted at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, WI under the auspices of the "Wisconsin State Horseshoe Pitchers Association," which balked at becoming associated with the NHPA. Thus, the current Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitcher's Association (WHPA) as we know it was formed.

In 1967, Combined Locks hosted the first State tournament under the authority of the new WHPA.

*Do you want your club featured in the Newsletter? Contact Jane Smith. As space permits, we will share your club's history.*

## STATE TOURNAMENT LODGING

### Camping at the Courts

There will be 12 to 15 RV spots (electric and holding tank refills, no sewer hookups) and unlimited tent camping.

*Reservation Deadline:* August 19 or when full

*Cost:* No charge, donations to Sandbagger HSC accepted and encouraged.

*Contact:* **Ron Berg**

402 Dalogasa Dr  
Arena, WI 53503  
608-220-4855,  
berg\_ron@hotmail.com

### Camping Off the Courts

#### **Bob's Riverside Inc.**

S13220 Shifflet Rd  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-588-2826

#### **Cedar Hills Campground**

9798 Dunlap Hollow Rd  
Mazomanie, WI 53560  
608-795-2606

#### **Valley RV Park**

E5016 US Highway 14 & 23  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-588-2717

### Hotels, Motels, & Inns

#### **House on the Rock Inn**

5754 State Rd 23  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-935-3711

#### **Spring Valley Inn**

Highway Centre Hwy 14  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-588-7828  
www.springvalleyinn.com

#### **Prairie House Motel**

4884 East Hwy 14  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-588-2088

#### **Round Barn Lodge & Pasta Barn Restaurant**

E4830 Hwy 14-60  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
608-588-2568  
www.roundbarn.com

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Spring Green, WI 53588  
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608-588-2323  
www.usonianinn.com

#### **Deer Valley Lodge & Water Park (12 miles from Arena)**

401 W Industrial Dr  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
608-924-1600, 888-924-1601  
www.DeerValleyLodgeWI.com

#### **\*Starlite Motel**

2000 Hwy 14 E, Richland Center 608-647-6158

#### **\*Park View Inn**

511 W. Sixth, Richland Center  
608-647-6354

#### **\*Ramada Inn**

1450 Veterans Dr, Richland Center  
608-647-8869

#### **\*Rest Well Motel**

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#### **\*Riverside Motel**

28299 US Hwy 14, Richland Center  
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100 Foundry Dr, Richland Center  
608-647-8988

#### **\*Richland Center is 30 miles from Arena**

- Bun & Shirley Carley 

## NEW MEMBERS

The WHPA would like to welcome the following new 2007 NHPA/WHPA members :

Mary Ann Aiken	Oak Creek	JG
Abby Aiken	Oak Creek	JG
James Baker	Wauwatosa	40
Stephanie Benner		W
Jacob Birch	Pleasant Prairie	JB
Mike Chamberlain	Eau Claire	40
Laurie Dolezel	Altoona	W
Jack Ellinger		40
Joe Ellinger		40
Joe Falkenberg	Eagle	40
Mark Gagnon	Altoona	40
Allen Johnson	Janesville	40
Dennis Johnson	Eau Claire	40
Steve Johnson	Eau Claire	40
Eline Knowlton	Eau Claire	W
Nancy Lietzau	Germantown	W
Mitch Littlegeorge	Baraboo	40
Stephen Mengelt	Beloit	40
Joseph Miglieti	Sharon	40
Richard Peterson	Pardeeville	40
Carter Poppe	Hudson	JB
Brady Reetz	Hudson	JB
Terry Schaetzka	Arkdale	40
T.J. Scheff	Eagle	40
Jerry Schmitt	Stratford	40
Bernard Sopinski	Minocqua	40
Steve Stewart	Colfax	40
Don Tritz	Genoa City	40
Chris Valentine	Oxford	40
Korinne Wiese	Eau Claire	W
Ron Wiese	Augusta	40
Jim Zelinski	Burlington	40

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 ■ Kevin Brekke will be in charge  
 ■ of SCOREKEEPING  
 ■ at the State tournament.  
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 ■ Anyone interested in  
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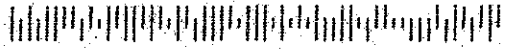
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