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Recap of WHPA – Fall Meeting

By Kevin Brekke, 2nd VP

The annual WHPA Fall meeting was on October 15, 2016 at the Lake Delton Sportsmen club. President Gary Volz welcomed those in attendance, and let us know our membership was up two in 2016. This is great news, as every year we lose some, gain some. This year we gained 76, and lost 74. In years past, we have been losing more than we have gained. It was to the point where we were close in going under 300 members. If we have over 300 members, we can send four delegates to the convention at the World Tournament to represent Wisconsin. I want to thank you for renewing, and thank you to the new members, and the excitement and energy you bring to the game. If you are not a



member, or a past member, I would encourage you to seriously consider getting sanctioned for

2017. The state tournament then will be in Beloit, and their club puts on a great tournament and does their own food which is outstanding. The World Tournament will be in St George, Utah starting July 17, and entry forms and promotions are on the national website, horseshoepitching.com.

Gary Volz also mentioned that he will be updating the website for the Each One, Reach One program for 2017, and he is also adding the wording of a late fee of \$2.00 for the sign up for our state tournament. That wording is in the bylaws, but needed to be on the registration form.

Our Secretary / Treasurer – John Secord mentioned that the state's treasury is down to five hundred dollars, and needs to be addressed. It was talked about at the Executive Committee meeting just before the general meeting, and decided that to add revenue to the state treasury, we could look to amend Article 9, Section 1B, letter C in the state bylaws. This currently reads: File results with the Secretary with 15 days and include \$0.50 per adult pitcher. The change would increase what is sent to \$1.00 per adult pitcher. This was brought up at the general meeting, and voted on. It passed. So, starting 2017, the tournament directors of all sanctioned tournaments in Wisconsin will need to send to John Secord \$1.00 per adult pitcher.



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Looking back on 2016, we had a very successful year. We had a good representation at world, especially our juniors / cadets and first timers. The state tournament was a big success and again we had a large contingent of first time pitchers. Our membership numbers were up slightly this year which reverses a long series of declines.

The fall meeting was held in October. Jane Smith, Sonia Cook, and John Secord were all re-elected to their positions. Thank you for all you do for horseshoes in Wisconsin. Our account balance had fallen to a level that we felt we needed to take action. It was approved at the fall meeting to raise the adult pitcher fee for sanctioned tournaments from \$0.50 to \$1.00. This will go into effect starting January 1st 2017.

Now is a good time to get your tournaments in for World and State next year. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2017. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



“Thy faith hath made thee whole” was the statement Jesus told a woman in Matt. 9:22. This particular woman recognized her broken condition & desired that she be made well. This broken condition is what the Bible calls sin & it is a predicament all mankind finds themselves in. But faith our Savior restored her condition & gave her new life. Forgiveness is available & offered to all who desire to be ‘made whole’.

A broken horseshoe can be repaired and be made whole. So can you?



“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

| Month/Date | Tournament Title | Entry Fee | Sanction # | Deadline | Contact |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 03/04 Dec | Snowflake | \$20 | 28-16-039 | Nov 23 | Earl Paulson |
| 10/11 Dec | Deansville Open | \$18 | 28-16-040 | Nov 26 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| 14/15 Jan | 001 Tournament Beloit | \$20 | 28-17-001 | Jan 05 | Earl Paulson |
| 21/22 Jan | Rumble with Rudy Deanville | \$18 | 28-17-002 | Jan 14 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| 04 Feb | Deansville/Beloit Chall. | | 28-17-003 | | |
| 11/12 Feb | Valentine Beloit | \$20 | 28-17-004 | Feb 02 | Earl Paulson |
| 18/19 Feb | Memorial Deanville | \$18 | 28-17-005 | Feb 11 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| 04 Mar | Bring a Junior Beloit | \$10 | 28-17-006 | Jan 22 | Earl Paulson |
| 11/12 Mar | Klash with Kerry Deansville | \$18 | 28-17-007 | Mar 4 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| 18/19 Mar | Bring a Pal Beloit | \$10 | unsanctioned | Mar 09 | Earl Paulson |
| 25/26 Mar | Red Ferguson Classic Beloit | \$20 2 | 8-17-008 | Mar 09 | Earl Paulson |
| 08 Apr | State Spring Meeting | | | | |

RAFFLE SUCCESS FOR JUNIORS!

By, Sonia Cook

Thank you to the members who donated items, and talents to the pool of prizes.

A HUGE THANK YOU

TO: Rich Conrad for arranging the donations from Jensen Equipment- the multiple chain saws, and leaf blower causing many google eyes of possible owners.

TO: Bun Carley for his personalized wood lathed artwork which causing many to imagine where they would display it.

TO: the support of the WHPA Membership, Beloit Horseshoe Club, and Marshfield Horseshoe Club through monetary or item donations.

TO: Tony Scrima for his hand crafted horseshoe box and "picker-uppers" recently won by WHPA members who know how to use them.

TO: Elaine Troullier for her hand-made kitchen items ... many stated the "color" they wished to win.

TO: Marshfield Clinic and Heinzen Printing for donated items.

TO: Fred Lane, Craig David, and Mel Cook families for raffle items donated.

TO: Norm Mauthe for his treasure "trunk" of neat items collected over the past year to allow "many" winners of us all.

We awarded 75 prizes to 66 different winners. Plans are started for another raffle in 2017 soooooo set aside items to donate: start crafting, talk to your employers to arrange donations to this annual fundraiser. If you need help to store the item(s) until the state tournament, contact Sonia Cook.

I personally like to have many winners... but our real winners are the Junior runners-up and Junior STATE Champions.



Player Profile

Gus Schram

By, Fred Lane

Photo: Fred,
Gus

This past Veterans Day, Kevin Brekke and I had an opportunity to visit with Gus Schram over at King Veterans Center in King, WI. It was my first time getting to meet Gus and I was excited to be able to meet the inventor of the "Ringle Single". Needless to say, there was never a dull moment during my visit. With plenty of laughs throughout our brief visit, I learned a lot of interesting things about Gus that I would like to share.

I learned that Gus enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was just 17 years old. He served our country from 1955 to 1958. Gus was a part of the USMC Fleet Marine Force and was stationed over in Okinawa, Japan. To recognize Gus for his service Keven Brekke had brought over a Patriot medal with a ribbon for Gus to wear. When it was given to Gus he proudly placed it around his neck to show it off.

Gus didn't start pitching horseshoes until he was about 50 years old. He moved to Ringle, WI and joined a local horseshoe league. As the story goes, he was hooked! His memory is still as sharp as a tack. Gus recalled his first state tournament he pitched in was located in Marshfield, where he went on to win State in the K class. The year was 1988. It wasn't long after Gus found himself pitching a 1/4 turn in the A-Class.

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Meet Charlie Rein !!!

By, Dobie Gutweiler

Well, horseshoe family, another possible pitcher was born in the Mosinee area on August 3, 2016 to Bethany & Shannon Rein and we hope that he will work hard to be as good as his Grandpa Randy some day.

But life has not been easy for little Charlie so far, so I am reaching out to our horseshoe family to help. You see, Charlie was born with a rare form of cancer called alk positive histiocytosis. Charlie is only the 5th child in the world to have been born with this cancer and while the good news is that all of the children born with this disease have survived, the bad news is that costs are rising on this young couple.

Bethany says,

"I have been staying with Charlie in Milwaukee, and Shannon has returned to work and visits us on the weekends. Funds will be used for Charlie's medical expenses as well as travel, living and recovery expenses we will incur. Staying in Milwaukee and spending all day in Charlie's hospital room we have not had the luxury to be frugal with even basics such as lodging, food and gas. We have had to pay for convenience."

Here's where you can help. The family has started a Go Fund Me account where donations can be made to help Charlie's parents deal with his medical costs as well as the costs they are incurring so that Bethany can stay in Milwaukee with Charlie as he fights this battle.

Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/baby-charlie-fund-2u9fwnw> to make a financial donation. If you can, please send cards to Bethany & Shannon in care of Randy and Marge at 201 2nd St. Mosinee, WI 54455. The family is hosting a benefit Jan 7th, 2017 at "The Bar" in Rothschild, WI from 4pm-8pm. Jerry Schmidt band will be playing. Also, please keep all of the Rein's in your thoughts and prayers. Let's show them that their WHPA family is behind them all the way.



Growing with Juniors Raffle 2016 Winners

By, Sonia Cook / Jane Smith

Sonia shared with me her 2016 raffle winners. As we know, Sonia likes more winners so she divides donations to benefit more people. This is her very caring and sharing personality coming through. Thank you to Sonia and her family in working to secure prizes for this adventure. We will try to list as many contributors and winners as space permits. Chain Saw, Jensen Equipment(Richard Conrad) - Bruce McLinn: Scrolled Saw Hanging, Bun and Shirley Carley - Tom Steinke; \$50 WHPA – Jay Jochimsen, Mike Blackwood; \$50 Beloit Horseshoe Club – Rick Pokallus; \$25 WHPA – John Drexler. Sonia Cook, Cecelia Johnson, Todd Luepke; \$25 Beloit Horseshoe Club – Ken Heinritz, Tony Scrima; Embroidered shirt, Heinzen Printing – Mark Mauthe, Fred Lane; horseshoe carryBox, Tony SCrima – Lynn Squando Murphy; Team USA Jacket, Fred Lane – Tony Lepak, Dean Chaffee, Gary Volz, John Meyer, Kevin Brekke, Brian Hartman; Blanket, Marshfield Clinic, Sonia Cook – David Burger; Horseshoe Picker upper, Tony Scrima – Norm Mauthe; Meat Shears, Norm Mauthe- Russ Heinritz, Laura Gilbertson, Agnes Gianoli, Ron Ramquist; Bag Chairs, Cook Family – Kari David, Jay Jochimsen, Tom Steinke; Miscellaneous kitchen items , Norm Mauthe, Elain Trouiller – Sowatzke, Jazmyn Kildahl, Jon Dolezel, Lonny Trangsrud, Shirley Carley, Glenda Lawver, Mel Cook; Flashlights and assorted tools, Norm Mauthe- John Olson, Penny Steinke, Kurt Jochimsen, Caitlyn Simonz, Rondi Mengelt, Ryan Spidler, Btuce McLinn, Linda Roeber, Ashley Mitchell, Donna Gilbertson, Jim Berdan, Tony Scrima, Kevin Brekke, Mark Strasser, Rick Pokallus, Steve Mengelt, Sharon Schroeder, Jeff Gustafson, Kurt Jochimsen, Jill Chaffee, Kevin Aarstad, Trent Bratland, Lee Richter, Gary Volz, Penny Steinke, Jon Schaffer, Megan Heil; Assorted goods, Marshfield Clinic, Sonia Cook, Jay Jochimsen, Rick Weller, Todd Ziefmeier, Teresa Vlach, Janet Chojnacki; Coolers, Marshfield horseshoe club- Cody Heil, Erick Grimm; Can Cooler Craig and Kari David Family – Agnes Gianoli

Horseshoe Travels

By: Fred Lane

This past year has been one for the books to say the least! My wife, Mona Lane and I decided to join the WHPA last year and we never dreamed of the places it would take us! As first year sanctioned pitchers, we pitched in over a dozen sanctioned horseshoe tournaments, participated in the state and world horseshoe tournaments and met a lot of amazing people along the way. I wanted to share some of our most memorable moments I will never forget.

Near the end of July, Ray Cayer and I traveled down to Montgomery, AL to pitch in our first world horseshoe tournament. We were blessed to meet up with fellow Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers Craig, Kari and Gunnar David of Marshfield, WI. They welcomed us into "Camp David" with open arms. After competition, we would hangout around a portable campfire, tell stories and laugh until it was time for bed. I ended up placing 2nd in my class and got to meet and shake hands with some of the best horseshoe pitchers of my era, like Brian Simmons and Alan Francis.



In September, we traveled to my wife's home town of San Jose, CA to get ready for her brother's wedding. We were surprised to see a sanctioned horseshoe tournament scheduled in town and we jumped at the opportunity to break out the horseshoes again. Without hesitation, I called up Mike Anderson, president of the San Jose Golden Eagle Horseshoe Club to sign up. When we arrived, I couldn't believe the layout of the courts. They had 22 courts, 20 of which were clay. As we warmed up, we were welcomed over and over by friendly faces and handshakes. At the start of the day we were given our round robin cards, said the Pledge of Allegiance and found our starting pit. Mona had been hunting the entire year for her elusive first patch. This was the day, this was HER day. She came in with an average of 14% ringers and walked out going undefeated and pitched a tournament high 30%! It's pretty neat she earned

her first patch back in her home town. Once the tournament was over we enjoyed hanging out with a potluck, cold beer and good conversation.



In October, we went on a family vacation to the island of Kauai in Hawaii. We enjoyed snorkeling with sea turtles, seeing amazing sights of waterfalls and playing horseshoes! Yes, you read that correctly, HORSESHOES! Nestled in the town of Anahola, on the island

of Kauai lives former president of the Hawaii Horseshoe Pitching Association MyrtleMay Kamoku. I contacted her a few weeks before we arrived and she planned a day for our family to come over for dinner and horseshoes! MyrtleMay has 12 sanctioned courts in her yard, surrounded by the beautiful scenery of the oceanfront on one side and the Kalalea Mountains on the other. When we arrived to her house, our family was treated with a Hawaiian Lei that was made of fresh Plumeria flowers. After getting to know each other, we drew for partners and pitched in a doubles tournament. My wife drew her brother Nick and they went on to take 1st. After pitching shoes, we enjoyed an amazing dinner with the Kamoku family, which included special Hawaiian foods like Ahi Poke and Kalua Pig.

Looking back, I feel very fortunate to have pitched horseshoes in Alabama, California and Hawaii. Many thanks go out to the David family, the San Jose Golden Eagle Horseshoe Club and the Kamoku family for making these experiences so amazing. No matter where I went, I could feel the love from my horseshoe family.



State Meeting Recap continued

Our 3rd Vice President, Sonia Cook stated that the Junior Scholarship Fund was another success and all the raffle tickets were sold. She stated a special raffle will be held in support of the scholarship fund next year, with the prize of a portable court from Lorraine Sternberg. More to come at the spring meeting. She also mentioned that anyone with donations can contact her throughout the year.

Hall of Fame Chairman – Jeff Secord encouraged members to send in nominations as we are always looking for candidates to consider. He also announced two new at large members to the committee – John Meyer and Ray Grosinsky. He mentioned the great family support for the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees at Mosinee – Dan and Sylvia David. Just a reminder, the Hall of Fame committee votes at the Spring meeting every year.

Randy Rein did a recap of the State Tournament for 2016 in Mosinee. He mentioned that they ordered 89 state shirts and all were sold. They had 188 booklets and sold 32 ads. He also thanked those that helped. It takes many people to have a successful state tournament and this year's was one of the best.

At our fall meeting, it is in the bylaws that we vote on a host site for our state tournament two years out. After I talked during the year to tournament directors and others, no one officially bid for 2018. I spoke to Randy Rein about the possibility of Mosinee hosting again. He would like to but it is up to the members of his club and he would not know until they met two weeks later. He did say Mosinee would bid for 2018 with the condition of the members of their club giving the OK. The membership at our state meeting voted to accept their bid, once it was official. I am happy to report that Mosinee club did meet and agreed to host for 2018. They also mentioned that they will be bidding for 2022 - the 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin State Tournaments. That leaves 2019, 2020, and 2021 as years we will need host sites. It is a ways off but clubs should be thinking of ways to host a state tournament. Any questions, feel free to contact me, Kevin Brekke, at brekkekev3@netscape.net

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We asked Gus, “Why did you decided to make the Ringle Single?” He replied, “I always wanted to do something different, that hasn't been done before.” We can all agree he's accomplished that. In the early stages of development, Gus made patterns out of wood while working at the Waupaca foundry. After developing the horseshoe, Gus wanted to compete with it at the world tournament. He did just that. In 1995 he brought the Ringle Single to the world tournament in Perry, Georgia. He brought around 100 horseshoes to sell and they quickly sold out. That year, Gus said there were 7 people that won their class at the world tournament pitching with the Ringle Single. I believe Terry Sternberg to be one of them.

Throughout our talk, there were many times he would have us laughing. One moment in particular Gus said sometimes when he pitched, he would use a modified leather archery tab to grip the shoe. He said it was easier on the hands and it helped him with his release point. Sometimes people would ask him, “Hey, is that legal?” Gus said he would reply, “That's all that's left of my glove.”

More About Gus

By, Kevin Brekke

I have known Gus Schram for almost 30 years. I do not remember the first day I met him, but I do have some memories of going to tournaments back in the 1980's through the 2000's, and Gus would be there. Fred Lane and I went to visit Gus on Veteran's Day at the King Veterans Home (picture above), and trading stories from the past. One memory I do have was one game I played against Gus, and I was up, 20-0 in a 21-point game. Gus told me you cannot win on 20, and he was right, I lost, 21-20. Another memory was in 1991, at the State Tournament in Beloit. I went down with Cliff and Gladys Lila from Stevens Point, and I stayed in their camper. In the evening, inside the camper, the door opened, and there was Gus. I asked Gus if he ever made a hotel reservation in his life, and the answer was a resounding, “No!”

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Horseshoes...It's In Her Blood

By, Aleena LePak

Along with her Grandpa, Dad, two uncles, two older brothers, older sister, and cousins, Christina Heinritz from Pewaukee Wisconsin, is an avid pitcher. Pitching horseshoes is tradition for the Heinritz family. Growing up only seeing her Grandpa, Dad and uncles pitch, she thought horseshoes was just a sport for men. Christina tried it with her Dad and siblings in their backyard, had fun, and realized this was something she wanted to pursue. Christina pitched in her first tournament when she was seven years old, which happened to be the Wisconsin State Tournament.

Winning her first award in 2007, taking 2nd in the Wisconsin Cadet State Championship, Christina started with a double flip using Imperials but has moved to a single flip with Snyder EZ Flips. She won the 2008 Cadet state title, fourth for junior girls in 2010, and third in 2011, and from 2012 to 2016 she has placed second in the state championship. Living in Wisconsin you can't really practice in winter so she will occasionally pitch in the spring and fall, but will throw about 100 shoes every day during the summer to increase her percentage. She has also received the "Sanctioned Club/League Scholar Pitcher award" for the 2012-2013 school year and 2013-2014 school year. Christina placed first for junior girls at the Muskego Open this year. Along with tournaments in Wisconsin, Christina has also pitched in five World Tournaments. In Iowa, she placed 3rd in Juniors D, 1st in Juniors D in Louisiana, and 2nd in Juniors C in Utah.

Christina loves that this is such a great sport that allows her to meet new people, grow in her friendships, and with her family. "It's fun, and a great opportunity for scholarships. It's one big happy family and you can still have fun even if you don't have a good game because you know you can improve."

Pitching against other juniors at State and World is a more intense experience than when pitching with adults. As most juniors can attest to, it is a different atmosphere but still a competition. For Christina it's this challenge plus when she had to compete against her sister. When Christina and Bethany would pitch it felt like being back home and it had Christina knowing this was competition but she could feel a little more laid back. Her parents probably didn't feel laid back watching as they wanted both girls to suc-

ceed. Both of her parents have encouraged her to be the best she can be and that has helped make her into the young lady she is today.

Being seventeen years old now, Christina also plays tennis, runs track, and enjoys playing guitar, and spending time with her family. Her favorite subjects are Spanish, Painting, and Biology. After high school, Christina would like to pursue a career in the holistic health field. As she loves the atmosphere of Horseshoes, she plans to continue with it into college and will be at State for sure. Be sure to keep your eye out for this young lady at many tournaments, with her family by her side.

Gus Schram continued from page 8

Gus was one of those people where nothing bothered him, and at one time, his ringer average was over 60 percent. He told Fred and I his high game was 88 percent. I was grateful years ago to have a pair of shoes that Gus made before the Ringle Single shoe. Gus thought of this shoe, as he was from Ringle, he developed, and got the shoe sanctioned by the NHPA. Our current state men's champ Ken Heinritz pitches Gus's shoe, and many others throughout the Country. Gus is doing well, except he cannot drive, and is challenged to hear, but his memory is good. Also in the picture is a medalion I gave Gus that reads, "Freedom is not Free", and Fred brought a pair of Ringle Singles for Gus to autograph for him and Randy Rein. I am sure others have fond memories of Gus, and how blessed we are to have known him, pitched with him, kept score for him, but most importantly, consider Gus a friend.

P.S. Gus has been nominated by Terry Sternberg as a hall of fame nominee. If you would like to say something on his behalf, please contact one of the hall of fame committee members, of which I am one.

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State Tournament Club Results

Jane Smith

If my records are correct, this was the 28th year of the State Tournament Club Team Competition. This is an opportunity for State Tourney pitchers to encourage and support their members at this event. Each pitcher receives points for their class finish. The points are totaled and divided by the number of pitchers from the club. If a club is small and cannot field 5 players, two clubs in the vicinity may join together. Entry fee is \$15 per club with the half of the clubs receiving cash and participation certificates. Every club receives a certificate with the State Champion club receiving free entry to the 2017 State event. This year we had 8 clubs participating: 8th – Marshfield; 7th - Eau Claire (defending Champs); 6th - Beloit (most tournament pitchers with 22); 5th - Close Doesn't Count; 4th - Summit Ridge; 3rd – Heinritz Homestead; 2nd – Little Bull Falls (State Tourney host); and Champions – Platteville with 6 pitchers an 8.5 winning placement and 3 State Class Champions. Platteville has bragging rights for a year as they have possession of the Traveling trophy.



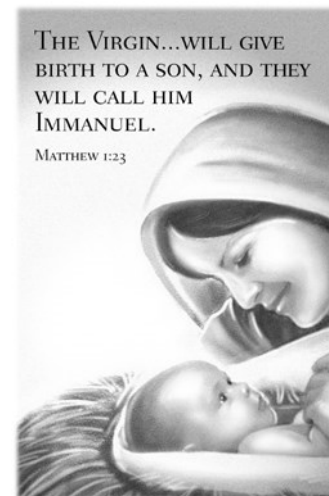
Congratulations to all State Tournament pitchers and to the clubs participating in this event.

Ask a Baby

When a child comes, life seems to change
 Another person comes out, isn't that strange
 No other person, can seem to do this
 What about this time, this place, this Christmas
 Let the Christ child, change you this year
 And others will see, your old self disappear
 That's a good thing, and you will find
 What it means to, be good and kind
 Let the Christ child, be born in you
 And, like a child, all things become new
 It can happen, try it, and see
 Today can be different, just ask a baby

Kevin Brekke
 10-29-2016

*** Note of interest from Jane Smith: Kevin Brekke is a person of many talents. He has written and shared with me his Christmas poems for years. I am sorry to say, this is the first time sharing his very special work. Please enjoy. Thank YOU Kevin for your talent.



2017 NHPA /WHPA Membership & Renewal Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

If new member, referred by: _____ NHPA Card #: _____

Circle your Division: Men-\$25 Women-\$25 Elder Men-\$25 (70+)
 Jr. Boys -\$5 Jr. Girls-\$5 Med/Exempt-\$25
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Jrs. & Cadets include Birthdate: _____

* If renewal is after June 30th \$2 is added to the dues

Send to: WHPA
 W6868 Brown Rd.
 Fond du Lac, WI 54937

(NOTE: Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Deansville Singles

Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

| | | | |
|------------------|---|---|------|
| G Bogenschneider | 6 | 1 | 60 |
| Bun Carley | 6 | 1 | 44.3 |
| Leo Richter | 5 | 2 | 54.9 |

Class B

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| Al Holloway | 4 | 3 | 41.9 |
| Rudy Van Fleet | 2 | 5 | 32.8 |
| Bill Dahlman | 1 | 6 | 26.4 |

Class C

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Russ Brockway | 5 | 0 | 39.6 |
| Rick Weller | 4 | 1 | 36.4 |
| Kerry Morris | 3 | 2 | 34 |

Class D

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Tom Steinke | 5 | 2 | 22.1 |
| Ed Wheeler | 5 | 2 | 21.8 |
| Mike Stabenow | 5 | 2 | 19.3 |

Deansville Doubles

Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Richter / Ricki Williams | 6 | 1 |
| John Meyer / D Gutweiler | 5.5 | 1.5 |
| R Groskinsky / J McCrossen | 5 | 2 |

Class B

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Randy White / Bill Dahmen | 5 | 0 |
| Ed Mell / Jack Ellinger | 4 | 1 |
| J Wicklander / Ray Cayer | 3 | 2 |

Doubles at the Barrel

Dobie Gutweiler

Well, November 12th was the first annual "Doubles at the Barrel" in Deansville. We had a great time and we are very thankful to all of those who participated. We had two pitchers who pitched in their very first sanctioned tournament with us that day, Jack Ellinger and Paula Schwertfeger. Welcome to the WHPA. We are so happy to meet you and get to know you.

Congratulations to Class A winners Leo Richter and Ricki Williams and Class B winners Bill Dahmen and Randy White.



Deansville Doubles
Class A Champs
Leo and Ricki



Deansville Doubles
2nd Place
Dobie and John



Deansville Doubles
3rd Place
Ray and Joe



Deansville Doubles
Class B Champs
Bill and Randy



Deansville Doubles
2nd Place
Ed and Jack



Deansville Doubles
3rd Place
Ray and James

What's New

John Secord / Jane Smith

23 seems to be “the” number this issue. John Secord was busy writing our 2017 WHPA membership cards at the Fall Meeting. Some new members. These 23 new WHPA members will receive a complimentary issue of our Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter. Welcome to a wonderful organization where fun, families and friends meet. We have three Junior Boys – Jarimiah Delap, Jestin Delap and Easton Hans. Eight new Women pitchers joined the ranks – Allison Birr, Jessica Feltz, Verronica Groshek, Bev Hans, Caryn Johnson, Carrie Johnson, Shawna Maki, Paula Schwerdtfger. One short distance pitcher – Roland Swaim. Eleven new Mens Division pitchers help add to our membership – James Alf, Ted Casper, Jestin Delap Sr, Gary Feltz, Dean Groshek, Craig Hans, Joe Kramarczyk, BJ Marty, Clifford Shave, Pat Simmons and Chris Parrish. A very warm WHPA welcome to all. Please venture beyond the local club to tournaments around the state.

John Secord also announced that Al Huizenga received his 10 year WT Consecutive Participation Patch. Mark Mauthe received his 20 year patch! Congratulations gentlemen.

Congratulations!!

John Secord / Jane Smith

23 WHPA members have received NHPA longevity patches from 10 – 40 years membership. At the WHPA Fall Meeting held at the Sportsmen's Club, John Secord awarded his son Jeff Secord with a 40 year membership patch. Tony Scrima, also attending the meeting received his 30 year patch. The other 21 members receiving patches are: 10 years – Mark Anderson, Laurie Dolezel, Jack Ellinger, Susie Erickson, Al Johnson, Nancy Leitzau, Julie Paulson, Carter Poppe, Tricia Ryan-Teller; 20 years – Ed Bonebright, Tom Endler, Karen Henkel, Al Holloway, Tom McTavish, Cal Pitel; 30 years - Rich Conrad, Gloria Smith, Terry Sternberg, Ron Stevens, Ceil Trossen. Way to go!!!



Jeff Secord with his 40 year patch; Tony Scrima with his 30 year patch.

Friends Missed

We have received word that Tammy Davison, Ken Davison's wife passed unexpectedly while at their Florida residence. Our sympathy to the Davison family. Tammy always had a ready smile and hug for horseshoe friends.

Ramblings....

By, Jane Smith

Another year has come and nearly gone. Our horseshoe family has lost some very good friends, gained some new friends, added new tournaments and leagues, created a merchandise website, undergone a website change, prayed for those with health issues and experienced change throughout the state.

As we participate in different tournaments and meetings, we look around and find some missing faces of those who have been very involved in the horseshoe world. Grand children, travel, health issues have all been sited for these absences. Know you are missed. I cannot mention names as I would forget someone. Life is good and our lives have been enriched by horseshoe friends everywhere.

Thank you to all who have stepped up to fill the voids left by those moving on. There is no way this measures to Jim Haupt's articles. He was a great mentor in my horseshoe world. I was very fortunate to have known and worked with him the past decades.

If you have any questions regarding membership, feel free to contact Fred Lane by phone at 715-347-2507 or please email at fred-lane@live.com For more information on Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitching visit us online at www.whpahorseshoes.com and “LIKE” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/whpahorseshoes