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M	/HPA Spring Meetings
	April 20, 2024
	Lake Delton Sportsman Club
	9602 Berry Rd ,WI Dells
1:30	WHNL Meeting
2:00	Officer Meeting / HOF Meeting
1:00	WHPA Spring Meeting

# **By-Law Change Proposals**

ARTICLE IV
B All participants in the State Tournament must have name on the back of their hirt. A five dollar (\$5) fine shall be imposed for failing to comply. CHANGE
B All participants in the State Tournament are required to have their last name professionally printed on the back of their shirt. A twenty five (\$25) fine shall be mposed for failing to comply.
Reason for change is the \$5 fine not a strong enough.
ARTICLE VIII
The annual dues of the Association shall be \$10.00 if paid by June 30, an addi- tional \$2.00 after June 30.
CHANGE
The annual dues of the Association shall be \$10.00. if paid by June 30, an ad- ditional \$2.00 after June 30.

Reason for the change is additional fees are not allowed to be added by date with on-line membership registration, so the extra charge is no longer manageable.

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# VOLUME 38ISSUE 2WHPA 2024 Schedule

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Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
April 6	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72	20	Mar 27	Dan Newkirk
April 20	WHPA Spring Meeting (I pm)	Wisconsin Dells				
April 20/21	Set up/ Work Day Team World	Beloit				Dan Newkirk
April 27-28	April Showers	Chetek	16	10	April 20	Les Karpiel
May 4	Jim Haupt Memorial Team	Beloit	24	84	April 17	Dave Volz
May 5	WHPA Walking Doubles	Beloit		40	April 17	John Secord
May 11	Beloit Encore	Beloit	72	20	May I	Dan Newkirk
May II	Eau Claire Early Bird	Eau Claire	64	10	May 4	Paul Wiese
May 17,18,19	Team World	Beloit		200	April 10	Jeff Secord
May 18	Butternut Open	Butternut		20	May 11	Jer Wegner
May 25-26	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	48	20	May 18	Fred Lane
June I	Wolf River Open	New London	48	20	May 18	Ken Jaeger
June 2	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64	20	May 25	Paul Wiese
June 8-9	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	20	June I	Cliff Erickson
June 8-9	Spring Fling	Beloit	72	20	May 29	Dan Newkirk
June 15	Sylvia & Dan David Memorial	Rozellville		20	June 8	Mel Cook
June 15	Muskego Open	Muskego	28	20	June 8	Tom Steinke
June 22-23	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48	20	June 15	Kent Frailing
June 22-23	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	20	June 12	Dan Newkirk
June 29-30	Whiskey Ranch Open	Delevan	40	20	June 22	Gena Quaid
July 4	The Patriot	Beloit	48	20	June 29	Dan Newkirk
July 7	Platteville Open	Plattevillle	36	16	June 29	Mark Mauthe
July 13	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32	20	July 6	Ray Groskinsky
July 27	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	20	July 20	Russ Brockway
July 27	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	20	July 20	Jer Wegner
July 29-Aug 10	World Tournament	Kennewick, WA			May 15	
Aug 3-4	Merrill Open	Merrill	64	20	, July 27	Lambert Narlock
Aug 10	Rozellville Lions Tourney	Rozellville		20	Aug 3	Mike Berdan
Aug 10-11	Whiskey Ranch Classic	Delevan	40	20	Aug 3	Gena Quaid
Aug 13	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	64	10	Aug 6	Paul Wiese
Aug 17	Fond du Lac Open	Fond du Lac	32	20	Augl0	John Meyer
Aug 18	FDL Team	Fond du Lac	10	54	Aug 10	Jeff Secord
Aug 24-25	Warm Up	Beloit	72	20	Aug 14	Dan Newkirk
Aug 31-Sept 1	WHPA State Singles	Wausau		25	July 31	John Secord
Sept 7	Wet N Wild	Centuria		20	Aug 31	Toni Sloper
Sept 14 New	Dave and John Memorial (Doubles)	Eau Claire		20	Sept 7	Paul Wiese
Sept 14	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	20	Sept 7	Dan Newkirk
Sept 15	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		20	Sept 4	Dan Newkirk
Sept 21	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale			Sept 14	Ray Groskinsky
Oct 5-6	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	20	Sept 14 Sept 28	Gerald Harris
Oct 12-13	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	20	Oct 2	Dan Newkirk
Oct 12-13	WHPA Fall Meeting (1 pm)		12	20		
Oct 19 Oct 26-27	Summit Ridge Spooktacular	Wisconsin Dells Wonewoc	42	20	Oct 12	Dave Volz
Nov 2-3	Deansville Doubles	Deansville	16 72	22	Oct 26	Gerald Harris
Nov 9-10	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Oct 30	Dan Newkirk
Nov 30-Dec I	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 23	Gerald Harris
Dec 7-8	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 27	Dan Newkirk
Dec 14-15	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 4	Dave Volz

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Eagle, WI 53119	Milltown,WI 54858	E9602 Berry Rd	(indoors) Wausau, WI
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## Klash with Kerry Gerald Harris

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	6	I	63.57
Cliff Shave	5	2	68.21
Tammy Newkirk	4.5	2.5	60
<u>Class B</u>			
Glenn Schultz	7	0	47.14
K Whitehouse	5	2	43.21
Gerald Harris	5	2	41.79
<u>Class C</u>			
Mike Carlson	7	0	39.29
George Dorn	5	2	31.07
Robert Fleege	4	3	30
<u>Class D</u>			
Randy Campbell	6	I	13.99
Gary Glover	5	2	21.43
Steve Hauger	3.5	3.5	21.43







#### WHPA President Dobie Gutweiler

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SPRING IS HERE. I'm less excited about that than usual as we had a pretty decent winter didn't we? With spring comes thoughts of summer leagues and The Patriot tournament on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I start thinking about State and gathering things for the juniors to raffle off. It's an exciting time.

I know that some members of our family have been facing some health issues and while I am not willing to talk about that, I do ask for prayers, well intentioned thoughts and anything else you are willing to give to our entire family. Everyone is fighting a battle we know nothing about and a little extra love pointed our way certainly couldn't hurt.

It was sad to find out that the Pitch Out Cancer tournament had to be put on hold for this year, but I have no doubt that it will happen in the future.

Please remember to love and respect each other for what we have in common (horseshoes) and for what we don't. The world could use more kindness and what better place to start than with us.

Love to all, Dobie

## Behind the Mask ... With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz



I've heard the campaign speeches ever since I joined the NHPA, back in 1995 ... and I'm sure you have too. **"We must grow our membership"**, says the one trying to get into office. You can put money on it. Anyone running for office in either at the National level or the State level will include this rhetoric so that we vote for them. Let me make it clear, I'm 100% for that, however it must begin at the grassroots level. Public announcements will not do. It comes down to each of us needing to make personal contact with our friends or family. Our enthusiasm needs to be contagious. The focus needs to be on others, helping others catch the reason why we like to play horseshoes.

I think that all too often we simply will not reach out to beginners and work with them because that takes time and effort. We'd rather spend our time 'chumming around' with the higher level of pitchers, our very familiar buddies. And BTW, we want to partner up with 'someone' who will help me win. We want to always play with the better pitchers.

Well, one tournament that would be an ideal time to bring in new players, would be the Jim Haupt Memorial, otherwise known as Club Team. Just think if every one of us would reach out to 3 new people and bring them to that tournament. Wouldn't that be an incredible time? Maybe someone out there is thinking ... "why don't you put your money wear your mouth is". This year I'm planning on partnering up with a niece and 2 juniors to Club Team. Will we win? Probably not! But that's ok. Will be in a lower class? Yes. But just maybe they will catch on and want in! Who knows? But we need to do our part. Together maybe we can do this. As we reach out, may we show the kind of love that honors the great God who created us.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love ..." Hebrews 10:24

### The Garden Bug

Brenda Weaver Lilies represent hope, love, diviniuty, purity and atitude **Daffodils** are one of the first signs of

gratitude. **Daffodils** are one of the first signs of spring: they often symbolize romance. **Tulips** are another early sign of spring and the rebirth of the

season after winter. They often indicated feelings of love. **Daisies** are considered cheereful, and are available in white, yellow, pink, and purple. **Hyacinths** have incredible fragrance and showy, delicate blooms.

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# Deansville/ Beloit Challenge Pics

		Gerald Har	ris
Beloit	46 Wins	26 losses	42.22%
Deansville	26 Wins	46 losses	34.12%

## **Deansville Memorial pics**

Gerald Harris

<u>Class A</u>			
Cliff Shave	6.5	.5	68.21
John Meyer	5.5	1.5	63.57
Tammy Newkirk	5	2	57.5
<u>Class B</u>			
Rich Peterson	6	I	48.93
Brenda Price	5.5	١.5	32.5
Ron Studinski	4	3	37.86
<u>Class C</u>			
Dan Nalerpinski	4	I	35
Dave Quaid	3	2	39
Nancy Murleau	3	2	47.5



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Valentine's Tournament Dan Newkirk

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<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	6	0	65.42
Dennis Reid	5	I	58.75
Jeff Gustafson	3	3	58.33
<u>Class B</u>			
Linda Aarstad	6	0	52.5
Rowen Swick	4	2	48.75
Carty Cartwight	4	2	44.21
<u>Class C</u>			
Dave Quaid	4	I -	39
Bob Klingaman	3.5	I.5	41
Dale Matteson	3	2	32.5
<u>Class D</u>			
Jim Hickabee	5	0	43.5
Brian Schoonover	3.5	١.5	29
Ken Whitehouse	3	2	37.5
<u>Class E</u>			
David Carter	6	0	30.83
Tom Steinke	5	I	22.92
Richard Conrad	3	3	23.33
<u>Class F</u>			
Chris Judson	5	0	26.5
Landon Morgan	4	I .	24
G. Brandemuehl	2	3	19.5
<u>Class F</u>			
Robet Starck	5	0	26.5
Kevin Aarstad	3	2	14.5
Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	12.5

# Bring A Junior

	Dan N	Jewkir	k
Landon /Harl	5	0	24
Ray / Owen	4	I	27.5
Linda / William	3	2	26
Glen / Luke	2	3	9
Kevin / Ryder	I	4	7.5
Derek / Colton	0	5	8.5



Class A: Cliff, John, Dennis, John Class B: Gerald, Carty, Linda, Rowen





Class C: Dale, Dave, Bob

Class D: Brian. Jim. Ken





Class E: Tom, David, Rich, Mary Class F: Landon, Chris, Glenn



Class F: Kevin, Robert, Guy

## Words of Wisdom

Let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. *Anonymous* 

# 28th Annual Wisconsin State Walking Doubles Championships Sunday, May 5th, 2024

I. Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.

- 2. Entry form and \$40 fee must be received by April 17, 2024, payable to the WHPA, W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.
- 3. Pitchers combined average may not exceed 120% using year-end average. Current averages will be used to set all classes
- 4. Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.
- 5. Cash awards will be 80% of entry fee, with half of each class receiving payback.
- 6. Any prize money won by a Junior pitcher will be donated to the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund.
- 7. Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries. The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.
- 8. Players will keep their own score.
- 9. Please arrive at 8:30am for a 9am start time.

You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. The schedule will be posted online at <u>http://www.whpahorseshoes.com</u>.

• Competition to be held at Edwards Sport Center, Telfer Park, Cranston Road, Beloit WI — Home of Team World NHPA-Sanctioned,

#### Sponsored & Run By the WHPA Set-up & Concessions by the Beloit Horseshoe Club

Please send your entry form and check, payable to: WHPA W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

High % Pitcher:	_NHPA #	Average
Low % Pitcher:	NHPA #	_Average

# Jim Haupt Memorial Team

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Edwards Sport Center, Telfer Park, Cranston Road, Beloit WI

24 (4 person) Teams max (4 classes of 6 teams) Round Robin Singles Play

Player match ups for each team in each class will be set up according to individual ringer percentages

Entry Fee \$84 per Team Entry Deadline April 17, 2024

Must be a current NHPA member and have an eShoe average. Current averages as of the deadline will be used to set

**Classes** 

Call, mail or email entries to: Dave Volz W7133 Geier Rd Wonewoc, WI 53968

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#### Schedule will be posted online at www.whpahorseshoes.com

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March With Penny				<u>Class E</u>			
Dan Newkirk				K Whitehouse	3	2	38.5
				Robert Fleege	3	2	35
<u>Class A</u>				George Dorn	3	2	29
Cliff Shave	5	Ι	62.40	<u>Class F</u>			
John Meyer	4	2	63.75	Russell Normand	5	0	36
Jeff Gustafson	4	2	56.67	Gary Glover	3	2	24.5
<u>Class B</u>				David Carter	2.5	2.5	22
Lina Aarstad	5	0	53.5	<u>Class G</u>			
Jill Peterson	3	2	45.5	Marna Galvan	4	2	26.67
Rowen Swick	2.5	2.5	50.50	Tom Stienke	4	2	23.33
<u>Class C</u>				Sandy Anderson	4	2	19.58
Dick Perkins	4	Ι	44.95	<u>Class H</u>			
Gerald Harris	3	2	35.5	Larry Fettes III	5	0	25
Rayna Bauer	3	2	33.84	Landon Morgan	4	I.	28
<u>Class D</u>				Harl Morgan	3	2	16.5
Dale Matteson	4	I	37.5	<u>Class I</u>			
Roger Anderson	4	I	37	Carl Berggren	4	I.	18.5
Jim Huckabee	3	2	35.5	Glenn Hanson	3	2	16.5
				Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	11.5



Class A: Jeff, Cliff, John, Gene Class D: Roger, Dale, Jim Class G: Tom, Marna. Hank, Sandy Class B: Jill, Linda, Rowen Class E: Robert, Ken, George Class F: David, Russell. Gary <u>Class H:</u>Harl, Larry, Landon

Class C: Gerald, Dick, Rayna Class I: Glenn, Carl, Guy



"The Cruel Shoes" by Justin Kern

"New Math for the Early Season" First ringer, 2,499 to go. With a 56-degree heatwave in southeastern Wisconsin, and just ahead of raindrops, I decided to push back some work to spend my first time of the year at the horseshoe pits. It was mid-March,

which I swear seemed notably early to pitch shoes, for us pitchers who are without neighborhood indoor facilities and beholden to the four seasons. I'm not out here until April usually, right? A quick look at columns and a journal puts this as just about the same time each year I'm able to get back out there. Okay brain, we'll agree to disagree on this one.

On the short walk to the pits, I review my multiplication tables. This time of year, it's re-education more than electrolysis. If I'm lucky enough to pitch for seven-and-a-half months, at two or three days per week, with two or three games per trip, and hit somewhere in my range of eight-to-ten ringers (spring), then twelve-to-fifteen (later summer), then I'll end up somewhere in the range of 2,500 ringers total in 2024. These are averages, reliant on weather, streaks, slumps, trips out of town and the occa-

#### What's New?

#### Jane Smith

Welcome to Steve Amundson, Jeff Bender, Kathy Fleege, Mark Kubisiak, Parker Lammers, Sara Schultz, Sheila Volz as new members to the WHPA. Please welcome them when you see them on or around the courts.

Continued prayers and positive vibes to our WHPA members battling life issues.

We are looking for WHNL Staff—Jane and Gary are handing off this great experience. If you have any expertise OR would like to expend your comfort zone—THIS is a wonderful opportunity. There is a need for an editor, subscription manager, sional Saturday morning where I swear off the game for good. Averages are dependable only after the fact, and never a guarantee of anything to come.

So, with ringers, it starts with one. When you haven't hit a ringer in half a year – or an afternoon, depending on the afternoon – it's important to remind yourself that you can throw just one ringer at a time. And, at the risk of sounding like Yogi Berra or the Alan Watts, you've got to pitch one ringer before you pitch any ringers.

There, in the eighth inning, I let one go that landed open to the stake for three. Docking at the space station! The crowd of internal dialogue goes wild! As it was, I nailed eight ringers in an inaugural (preseason?) game-and-a-half on this mid-March mid -afternoon. It was every bit as loping and clunky as I had anticipated. But hell, two of those ringers were downright respectable!

Humboldt Park was lively from the warmer turn, even if it meant kids at the playground wore coats, teens giving out religious tracts wore toques and grandpas casting a fishing line wore gloves. It might snow later this week and Jess reminded me of the term "Fool's Spring". There's plenty of time to be foolish later, I can be out in the park now. And once most of the snow melts this weekend, I'll be foolishly out there again, chasing 2,000+ ringers as much as I'm on the chase for a sweet excuse, away from everyday stress and the nonsense we call reality.

printing and mailing manager. We are currently using "Publisher" to create each issue but there are other programs you may be familiar with. The subscriptions are kept on an excel spreadsheet. We use US Bank so it would be helpful to have a branch in your town/city. We currently have between 20—25 subscriptions to be mailed. Jane has this spreadsheet which can easily be shared with the new subscription manager. Gary can give you the description of his process of printing labeling and mailing.

The HOF committee will be selecting a 2024 inductee before the WHPA Spring meeting. If you have some information about our nominees, please feel free to share with a HOF Committee member or Chairperson, Jeff Secord.