

WHPA Walking Doubles



Party time! Time to look this sport squarely in the eye and say, Hey this is for fun! Don't worry who walks when, be happy.

Every year (four times) we have found new champions. This time the a token women's team copped the number one slot. Pam Aiken and Lorraine Sternberg won it in a final play-off match making Don Kangas and John Koepp first runners-up. Not many women in this tournament.

Check out the official results column. Find Dick Muhlenbeck, top of class E. His regular partner, Ray Billen, couldn't make it. They were defending champions, several times. With new partner, Jane Hartman, they managed to keep the streak going.

Ken Heinritz and his brother were aching to pitch the State Doubles. Trouble

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	W - L	Hi game	Combined average
CHAMPIONSHIP			
LORRAINE STERNBERG / PAM AIKEN	5 - 1	81.66%	58.61%
DON KANGAS / JOHN KOEPP III	4 - 2	63.33%	56.38%
RANDY REIN / GUS SCHRAM	2 - 3	73.33%	56.00%
MARK MAUTHE / RON BROCKWAY	2 - 3	58.33%	52.33%
MERWYN SORENSEN / STEVE WIEGERT	2 - 3	60.00%	51.66%
JOHN UDELHOFEN / JOHN CROOK	1 - 4	60.00%	52.66%
CLASS A			
ELAINE TROULLIER / CY SRENASKI	5 - 1	53.33%	49.16%
TOM ENDLER / LLOYD JOHNSON	5 - 2	50.00%	45.47%
LARRY BARBER / KEN JAEGER	4 - 2	51.66%	44.72%
PAT SPAHN / RUEBEN ECKARDT	2 - 3	55.00%	39.00%
RICK POPPE / JANE MEIER	1 - 4	41.66%	24.66%
PACER	0 - 5	0.00%	0.00%
CLASS B			
HARRY NELSON / WILLIAM HAGEN	5 - 0	45.00%	40.00%
TOM COSTA / JIM HAUPT	3 - 2	46.66%	36.66%
KERRY MORRIS / WILLIAM SPAHN	3 - 2	40.00%	30.66%
DICK HANSEN / CHUCK HANSEN	2 - 3	43.33%	35.33%
DAN BLOOM / DAVE KLIPSTEIN	2 - 3	41.66%	34.00%
LEROY MEYER / BILL MATEY	0 - 5	35.00%	27.00%
CLASS C			
CLIFF TROULLIER / WALLY SRENASKI	3.5 - 1.5	33.33%	26.66%
RAY GROSKINSKY / JIM O'LOUGHLIN	3 - 2	33.33%	30.33%
KEN FRAME / BERNARD COCKROFT	3 - 2	38.33%	28.66%
JULIAN TIJERINA / RAY LOPEZ	2.5 - 2.5	35.00%	28.00%
HAROLD LAWS / RICH CONRAD	2 - 3	33.33%	26.66%
TERRY STERNBERG / KEN DAVISON	1 - 4	28.33%	23.66%
CLASS D			
KEN HEINRITZ / RUSS HEINRITZ	5 - 1	38.33%	33.88%
DAVE FORSETH / RON BERG	4 - 2	38.33%	31.11%
EARL PAULSON / RUSS BURNS	3 - 2	31.66%	23.00%
G. BOGENSCHNEIDER / EVERETT STEWART	2 - 3	38.33%	29.66%
BRUCE McLINN / MIKE ROUSSEAU	2 - 3	31.66%	27.00%
ROWEN SWICK / CARL SCHLIEM	0 - 5	23.33%	18.66%
CLASS E			
JANE HARTMAN / DICK MUHLENBECK	4 - 1	28.33%	22.33%
JOHN SECORD / JEFF SECORD	3 - 2	35.00%	27.33%
ED KLAUCK / MICHELLE DOORN	3 - 2	31.66%	25.66%
ED HACK / LEO ZAMZOW	3 - 2	30.00%	24.33%
DICK BLAIR / DON BURMEISTER	2 - 3	23.33%	19.33%
GARY RACKOW / HOWARD McKEE	0 - 5	21.66%	17.33%
CLASS F			
DUANE GROSSEN / RANDY NAEF	5 - 0	35.00%	24.00%
TOM STEINKE / LARRY McCUTCHEON	3 - 2	20.00%	16.00%
TOM HANSON / GORDON LACHANCE	3 - 2	16.66%	11.66%
DENNIS HARTMAN / SCOTT MUHLENBECK	2 - 3	30.00%	20.00%
JOE ZOROMOSKI / JACK STATEMA	2 - 3	30.00%	19.66%
PEG WELDA / GEORGE KUFFER	0 - 5	8.33%	5.66%

was the day, Sunday, when Ken is usually in church actually preaching of "The Good News." Russ came up with the idea to hold a chapel service an hour before start time of the Doubles in Beloit.

It happened. At 8:00 AM in the conference room at Telfer, Ken Heinritz warmly welcomed the ten or twelve pitchers who came for the service. Heinritz brought in a designated vocalist, Dave Douglas, all the way from Appleton. The whole thing lasted about twenty minutes and the those who took the trouble to attend left feeling better about themselves and the world around them.

The rest of the story is that the brothers, Heinritz, wound up in a play-off game; class D facing Dave Forseth and Ron Berg. Things were looking down when Ken Heinritz stepped up to deliver the final two shoes. They were 5 points down. Only a double could save the day. The "good news" is Ken connected, twice, the title was theirs.

On the other hand, one pitcher was overheard to say, "This is the last time I will ever pitch this tournament." Must be he did not care for the walking business. But, eighty some pitchers either like it or are willing to put up with the foreign format. There were no complaints about strange shoes and it seems that after four years, most pitchers have caught on and can rely on each other to mark the score.

Don't figure on changing this format. Without a ton of supporters, it won't happen. The WHPA officers designed and direct this format. Most of them favor walking doubles. A few complaints are considered normal. It will take a ground swell of opposition to change their minds.

And, if it's a party, where was the music?