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**GIRLS CHAMPION**

Aleena Cook  
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| Oct TBA   | Marengo Doubles & Singles (28-08-049-050)                                  | ?     |       | Steve Stevens  |
| Oct 11-12 | Fall Singles @ Beloit (28-08-053)  | \$18  | 10/1  | Earl Paulson   |
| Oct 18    | Fall Meeting @ Delton Sportsman's Club 1:00 PM, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton |       |       |                |
| Oct 25-26 | Deansville Singles (28-08-054)   | \$15  | 10/18 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Nov 1-2   | Autumn Harvest @ Beloit (28-08-055)  | \$18  | 10/22 | Earl Paulson   |
| Nov 8-9   | Fall Classic @ Arena CANCELED  |       |       | Ed Wheeler     |
| Dec 6-7   | Snowflake @ Beloit (28-08-059)   | \$18  | 11/26 | Earl Paulson   |
| Dec 13-14 | Deansville Open (28-08-057)  | \$18  | 12/3  | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Jan 30-31 | Deansville Rally (?)   | \$15  | 1/23  | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Mar 14-15 | Klash with Kerry (?)   | \$15  | 3/6   | Rudy Van Fleet |

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of all changes and / or corrections.

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Contact **Jane Smith** for details.

## WISCONSIN HORSESHOES WELCOMES JIMMY PAULSON AS PUBLISHER

**Jimmy Paulson** is now the Publisher of the *Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter*. Yet again, he has generously offered his time, talents and resources to the service of Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers. We are grateful for this addition to the Newsletter staff.

Welcome aboard, Jimmy. 🐾

## 2008'S MOST IMPROVED PITCHERS

- by Jane Smith

### Don Goldsmith

*Most Improved Adult Pitcher*  
Improved Average +22.09%

### Gunnar David

*Most Improved Junior Pitcher*  
Improved Average +27.56%

This is the first year both winners have raised their averages more than 20 points.

Many pitchers had an outstanding year of pitching. **Laurie Dolezel** raised her average 19.18 points; **Dale Griffith**, 16.56 points; **Jan Fisher**, 16.1 points; and **Milt Larsen**, 11.24 points. It is interesting to note all of these "runner up" pitchers are thirty-footers. 🐾

## THREE CHEERS FOR THE SCOREKEEPERS!

I would like to - by *Kevin Brekke* personally thank all the scorekeepers that helped out for the state tournament in Mosinee.

A big thank you to the **Heinritz** family and the **David** family. A special thanks to **Randy and Ashley Mitchell**. Randy kept score for every session he was not pitching and his daughter Ashley kept score for every session. And, of course, the ladies from north of Highway 8 helped out, as usual. Thank you, **Jane Smith, Edie McKinney, and Gloria Smith**.

I'm looking forward in working with pitchers and non-pitchers alike next year at the State tournament in Platteville. 🐾



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke



The State tournament on Labor Day in Mosinee was a very well-run event, especially since we didn't have to think about weather conditions. Thanks to everyone who helped run the tourna-

ment.

I chose **Ken Heinritz** for the President's Award to recognize his dedication to and promotion of the sport of horseshoes. As your WHPA Chaplain, he has spent a lot of time helping people who have requested his spiritual advice.

Whether it be a sickness, death, wedding, or just that you need somebody to talk to, Ken has been a great asset to the sport of horseshoes and the folks who play the game. He continually is bringing more new members into the organization and his pitching is getting better every year. Someday he will be the State Champ. And this year, he also qualified for the Championship Mens Class at the World Tournament.

If you don't know Ken, you are missing something. Take the time to introduce yourself and get to know him. You will enjoy the conversation, and you will have a new friend.

Good Pitching,

Tom 



## STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT

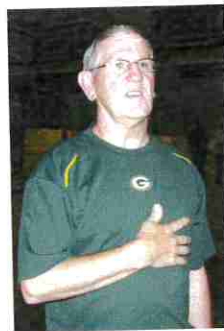
- by Randy Rein

The Mosinee Recreation Center in Mosinee was the site of the 86th Annual Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament, co-hosted by Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club and Wolf River Ringers. Eighteen portable clay horseshoe courts were set up inside the hockey arena. This was the first time the State Tournament was ever held in Mosinee.

I would like to thank **Ken Heinritz** for the nice chapel service that he provided on Sunday, along with assistance from his nephews **James** and **Caleb Heinritz**, his brother **Randy Heinritz**, **Kevin Brekke**, **Karen Groskinsky** and **Al Huzienga**.

Congratulations to all the champions, and special congratulations to **John Udelhofen** for his induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame.

It is the people, the pitchers, fans, support staff and club members that made the weekend an enjoyable experience. Some competitors sought revenge from last year, friendships were rekindled, new friends were made, and lots of ringers were pitched. A good time was had by all.



**Dan Bloom**  
singing the  
National Anthem



**John Udelhofen**

I would like to point out a few things that I thought were a nice touch at the tournament: everyone joining together to sign the National Anthem before the Championship classes began; having the American Flag as a background for taking pictures of the winners; the \$2.00 bills that were given to the scorekeepers for keeping score; announcing the pitchers in each class; and the teamwork displayed between our the two hosting clubs to get the work done.

A lot of preparation and hard work went into making this tournament a success. I would like to thank the following people for helping us out: **Ken** and **Kathy Jaeger**; **Jimmy Paulson**, for keeping us straight on the horseshoe stats and the follow-up work after the tournament; **Ed** and **Marcy Hack**; **Ivan** and **Darlene Ruzic**; **John** and **Barb Olson**; **John Molling**; **Jim Jakel**; **Randy Benaszkeski**; **Keith Stanke**; **Jayme Fehr**; **Randy Mitchell**; **Ashley Mitchell**; **Trent Bratland**; **Kevin Brekke**, for organizing

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## STATE TOURNEY (CONTINUED)

the scorekeepers; **Ray** and **Karen Groskinsky**; **Dan Bloom**; **John Secord**; **Terry Sternberg**; **Cliff Troullier**; **Bun Carley**; **Paul Krunco**; **Rubin Eckardt**; **Kari, Craig** and **Gunnar David**; and everyone who helped keep score.


I would especially like to thank my wife, **Marge** for all the work she did behind the scenes.

THANK YOU ALL!

The winners of the raffle to benefit the Little Bull Falls HSC were drawn on Sunday afternoon. The winners were:

- Sawzall Kit: **Kurt Jochimsen**
- Foot Locker \$50 Gift Certificate: **Lou Ann Kleinschmidt**
- Portable Courts, donated by the Jaeger's: **Jeff Gustafson**
- Brett Favre Print: **Malachi David**
- Brett Favre Collage: **Isabella Rein** (Randy and Marge Rein's granddaughter)
- Autographed Brett Favre Football: **Trent Bratland**
- Tote: **John Durst**
- Tote: **Karen Henkel**

Did you lose something at the State Tournament? Here's what we have in the Lost and Found: one pair of glasses, one measuring tool. Please contact Randy Rein at (715) 693-1199 to claim these items.

Thank you all for making the 2008 State Tournament a success. We hope everyone had a good time at the tournament. 

## PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The 2008 Pitcher of the Year award included records of 275 pitchers. The year-end averages determined the Division for each pitcher. Points towards this award were earned by participating and placing in the top-three spots in your class. First place received 15 points, second place 10 points, and third place 5 points. Pitchers could also earn 15 points by attending the Spring and Fall meetings. This year's Division C was the most interesting, as the points were very close all year long, ending in an eventual tie.

With all 46 of Wisconsin's events recorded, the Pitchers of the Year are:

### Jim Haupt and Ed Wheeler

*Division C, 90 points  
(averages less than 35%)*

Jim had four 1<sup>st</sup>'s and two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s.  
Ed had four 1<sup>st</sup>'s, two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and two 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.

Runners Up: Gene Satterstrom, Kevin Brekke, Al Huizenga, Al Johnson, Rondi Mengelt, and Mike Rousseau

### John Garvan

*Division B, 110 points  
(averages between 35% and 49.99%)*

John had three 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, five 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, and three 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.

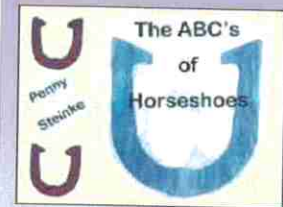
Runners Up: Ed Hack, Rowen Swick, Kerry Morris, and Terry Sternberg

### Randy Rein

*Division A, 280 points  
(averages over 50%)*

Randy had seventeen 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and four 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Randy has won this award in the past, but this year he set a new record, scoring 280 points.

Runners Up: Mark Mauthe, Penny Steinke, Gert Wilczek, John Molling



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## STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

### CHAMPIONSHIP MENS



- |                         |           |       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1.. Randy Rein.....     | 7-0 ..... | 66.44 |
| 2.. Jim Larson.....     | 5-2 ..... | 60.06 |
| 3.. Mark Mauthe .....   | 5-2 ..... | 55.06 |
| 4.. John Udelhofen..... | 4-3 ..... | 54.40 |
| 5.. Ken Heinritz .....  | 3-4 ..... | 56.67 |
| 6.. John Molling.....   | 3-4 ..... | 52.32 |
| 7.. Mark Stevens .....  | 1-6 ..... | 41.61 |
| 8.. Jeff Gustafson..... | 0-7 ..... | 50.30 |

**Randy Rein** won his own tournament. This time it's number 13. Game-by-game play in the Mens Championship class marked a few upsets, with none occurring to the champ. It was his day, all the way. First round, **John Molling** beat **Ken Heinritz** while **Jim Larson** took **Mark Mauthe**. Other upsets occurred while Rein went unscathed. He came back from 23-1 deficit playing Heinritz to go into the last game with a lock on the title, the others having lost two games. It was his day, all the way.

### CHAMPIONSHIP ELDERS



- |                      |           |       |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Vince Jakel.....  | 7-1 ..... | 63.89 |
| 2. Norm Gage .....   | 6-2 ..... | 52.91 |
| 3. Gene Mason .....  | 4-3 ..... | 53.45 |
| 4. Ozz Jacobson..... | 4-3 ..... | 49.42 |
| 5. Bill Matey .....  | 4-3 ..... | 49.16 |
| 6. Ivan Ruzic.....   | 3-4 ..... | 47.31 |
| 7. Cal Pitel .....   | 1-6 ..... | 46.99 |

The new Elders State Champion **Vince Jakel** did not win his title without some stiff competition. Second place winner **Norm Gage** did not want to give it up either. Gage lost the first game, then evened the score by defeating Jakel, causing a play-off. However, Jakel proved to be unstoppable, pitching 66.7% to Gage's 47.6% in the rubber match.

Defending Champ **Gene Mason** had a sub-par day, winding up third this year. **Cal Pitel** pitched a solid tournament, but was unfortunately the bottom seed in this competitive division.

### CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES



- |                           |           |       |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Gert Wilczik.....      | 5-0 ..... | 76.00 |
| 2. Pam Aiken.....         | 3-2 ..... | 66.54 |
| 3. Kiri Cook.....         | 3-2 ..... | 56.96 |
| 4. Penny Steinke.....     | 2-3 ..... | 60.69 |
| 5. Lorraine Sternberg.... | 2-3 ..... | 52.61 |
| 6. Edie McKinney .....    | 0-5 ..... | 46.53 |

The Championship Ladies class was limited to six this year. No surprise that **Gert Wilczik** won her ninth State title in the last eleven years. This time she did it with all wins, pitching 76.00%.

**Pam Aiken** was surprised to take second place again this year, out ranking her sister, Penny. Championship newcomer and Ladies A move-up **Kiri Cook** made a strong showing, defeating Aiken but losing the number-two spot on ringer percentage. She's a young pitcher to watch in the coming years.

### CHAMPIONSHIP CADET GIRLS

**Christina Heinritz**, pitching over her entering average of 2.22, defeated the defending champion **Mary Ann Aiken** with all wins to enter her name in the record book and boosting her average to 8.33%. Mary Ann found too much competition and could not repeat this year as champion, but she did win both times over her

- |                            |          |      |
|----------------------------|----------|------|
| 1. Christina Heinritz..... | 6-0..... | 8.33 |
| 2. Mary Ann Aiken .....    | 4-2..... | 3.33 |
| 3. Abby Aiken .....        | 2-4..... | 0.00 |

sister, **Abby Aiken**, who pitched her first State event. Alas, Abby was saving it for another day.





## STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES (CONTINUED)

### CHAMPIONSHIP CADET BOYS

1. Gunnar David..... 6-0..... 30.56
2. Ezra Heinritz..... 4-2..... 6.11
3. Garrett Kuchenbecker ..... 2-4..... 3.33
4. Tony Secord ..... 0-6..... 0.56

**Gunnar David** takes it all the way! It was no contest for the little guy, pitching over average and taking his second title in the Cadets division.

**Ezra Heinritz** lost only to the champ, but both times in the double round robin. **Garret Kuchenbecker**, may have been outclassed, but won two games to take third. Let's hear it for **Tony Secord**. He entered the event at 0.00%. The gutsy little guy managed to get at least one ringer.



### CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR BOYS

1. Beau Davison ..... 7-0 .... 28.81
2. Caleb Heinritz ..... 6-1 .... 13.30
3. James Heinritz ..... 5-2 .... 15.12
4. Joshua Heinritz ..... 4-3 .... 10.33
5. Alex Secord ..... 3-4 .... 10.57
6. Ross Kuchenbecker..... 2-5 ..... 3.85
7. Mason Kuchenbecker ..... 1-6 ..... 3.91
8. Jason Koepp ..... 0-7 ..... 3.76



The new State Boy's Champ is **Beau Davison**, winning all games and allowing no more than 19 opposing points, pitching over-average with 28.81%. The next three were all of the **Heinritz** family, no doubt dueling for position. This year **Caleb** placed second, **James** was third, **Joshua** fourth. Looking over the last names of the entrants may explain their connection to the game. Nearly all in this division survived a feat of endurance. All of the boys, except for the class champ, pitched anywhere between 426 to 614 shoes to complete the event.

### CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Aleena Cook ..... 5-0..... 50.67
2. Heather Feavel ..... 4-1..... 26.07
3. Bethany Heinritz ..... 3-2..... 13.68
4. Brianna Kuchenbecker ..... 2-3..... 5.66
5. Nicole Feavel ..... 1-4..... 7.95



For the third time in four years, the Junior Girls State Champion is **Aleena Cook**. She swung through the class, not allowing any opponent more than 20 points. **Heather Feavel**, pitching nearly four times better than average, shows she's a coming force to be reckoned with as she took the second place trophy. Another newcomer, **Bethany Heinritz** introduced herself by placing third.

On a side note, this newsletter would like to acknowledge Aleena's performance at the World Tournament in July, which was overlooked in our last issue. She took third place in the Mixed Juniors A division, earning her a chance at the World title. She then went on to pitch a respectable 41.23%, taking third in the Championship class.



## 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### LADIES CLASS A

|                           |                       |       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Kiri Cook.....         | 7-0.....              | 55.00 |
| 2. Elaine Troullier.....  | <sup>B</sup> 6-1..... | 39.64 |
| 3. Shirley Brumbaugh..... | <sup>B</sup> 5-2..... | 41.07 |
| 4. Gloria Smith.....      | <sup>B</sup> 4-3..... | 36.07 |
| 5. Tava Cook.....         | <sup>C</sup> 3-4..... | 36.07 |
| 6. Sonia Cook.....        | <sup>B</sup> 2-5..... | 28.57 |
| 7. Laurie Dolezel.....    | <sup>C</sup> 1-6..... | 28.57 |
| 8. Cecelia Trossen.....   | <sup>C</sup> 0-7..... | 14.64 |



**Ladies Class A Champion**  
**Kiri Cook**  
Stratford

**Kiri Cook** walked through the class, taking the Class A title and earning her first trip to the Championship Ladies division. Her sister **Tava Cook** appears to be making a comeback, pitching almost 8% over her entering average.

*Class High Game: Tava Cook, 62.50%*

### ELDERS CLASS A

|                        |                       |       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Willis David.....   | <sup>B</sup> 6-2..... | 42.28 |
| 2. John Gregorich..... | <sup>B</sup> 5-3..... | 40.94 |
| 3. Wayne Lemar.....    | <sup>B</sup> 4-3..... | 44.72 |
| 4. Dave Ninnemann..... | <sup>B</sup> 4-3..... | 41.07 |
| 5. LeRoy Meyer.....    | <sup>B</sup> 4-3..... | 34.29 |
| 6. John Brugger.....   | <sup>B</sup> 3-4..... | 36.07 |
| 7. John Dolezel.....   | <sup>B</sup> 2-5..... | 40.71 |
| 8. Art Collien.....    | <sup>B</sup> 1-6..... | 34.29 |



**Elders Class A Champion**  
**Willis David**  
Marshfield

**Willis David** had to beat **John Gregorich** twice to become the class champion. Even though **Moose Meyer** beat **Dave Ninnemann** in a close game, Ninnemann still managed to sneak out fourth place based on ringer percentage.

*Class High Game: John Gregorich, 65.00%*

### LADIES CLASS B

|                             |                       |       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Karen Henkel.....        | <sup>C</sup> 5-0..... | 31.20 |
| 2. Sylvia David.....        | <sup>C</sup> 3-2..... | 24.80 |
| 3. Kari David.....          | <sup>C</sup> 3-2..... | 21.60 |
| 4. Tricia-Ryan Tellier..... | <sup>C</sup> 3-2..... | 18.00 |
| 5. Beth Strohman.....       | <sup>C</sup> 1-4..... | 16.40 |



**Ladies Class B Champion**  
**Karen Henkel**  
Muskego

**Karen Henkel** was able to avoid a playoff game with **Sylvia David** by winning her last game by a single point. **Kari David** also had a strong showing, finishing in third place and pitching 13.5% over her entering average. **Tricia Ryan-Tellier** did beat second place David, but lost two places on ringer percentage, ending up in fourth position.

*Class High Game: Karen Henkel and Kari David, 36.00%*

### ELDERS CLASS B

|                           |                       |       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Harry Nelson.....      | <sup>C</sup> 5-0..... | 37.60 |
| 2. Russ Burns.....        | <sup>C</sup> 4-1..... | 30.80 |
| 3. Earl Paulson.....      | <sup>B</sup> 3-2..... | 28.80 |
| 4. Cliff Troullier.....   | <sup>C</sup> 2-3..... | 33.60 |
| 5. LeRoy Wipperfurth..... | <sup>B</sup> 1-4..... | 21.60 |
| 6. Dan David.....         | <sup>C</sup> 0-5..... | 17.60 |



**Elders Class B Champion**  
**Harry Nelson**  
Kenosha

**Cliff Troullier** gave class champ **Harry Nelson** his closest game, tying on ringers but losing on points. Nelson outpitched everyone in this division, going undefeated and having the class high average. This worked out to be the only class in the Mens divisions where the final standings were calculated on wins and losses, not ringer percentage. Second lost to first, third lost to second and first, etc.

*Class High Game: Harry Nelson, 46.00%*



## 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS A

- 1. Mark Stevens ..... *B* 7-0 ..... 50.71
- 2. John Koepp III ..... *B* 5-2 ..... 46.43
- 3. Jeff Gustafson ..... *B* 4-3 ..... 49.64
- 4. John Meyer ..... *B* 4-3 ..... 38.21
- 5. Bernard Carley ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 43.21
- 6. Mike Cone ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 42.86
- 7. Dan Bloom ..... *A* 1-6 ..... 38.93
- 8. Kerry Morris ..... *B* 1-6 ..... 35.00



**Mens Class A Champion  
Mark Stevens  
Marengo**

**Mark Stevens** may have gone undefeated, but he certainly had to earn it. He had close games with **Mike Cone**, **John Meyer** and **Bun Carley**. **Jeff Gustafson** and Stevens both moved up

to pitch in the Mens Championship class.

*Class High Game: Jeff Gustafson, 70.00%*

### MENS CLASS C

- 1. Terry Sternberg ..... *B* 6-1 ..... 40.00
- 2. Ken Jaeger Sr ..... *B* 5-2 ..... 37.14
- 3. John Brophy ..... *B* 5-2 ..... 36.27
- 4. Gary Wegner ..... *B* 4-3 ..... 36.97
- 5. Jim Heim ..... *B* 4-3 ..... 33.93
- 6. Julian Tijerina ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 34.64
- 7. Dave Volz ..... *B* 1-6 ..... 32.14
- 8. Jim Tollefson ..... *B* 0-7 ..... 31.25



**Mens Class C Champion  
Terry Sternberg  
Richfield**

**Gary Wegner** gave class champion **Terry Sternberg** his only loss of the day. Although Ken Jaeger lost to John Brophy, and Wegner lost to Jim Heim, ringer percentage propelled both Jaeger and Wegner to higher finishes in the class.

and Wegner to higher finishes in the class.

*Class High Game: Ken Jaeger, 52.50%*

### MENS CLASS B

- 1. Glenn Bogenschneider ..... *B* 7-0 ..... 47.50
- 2. Cliff Erickson ..... *B* 5-2 ..... 38.21
- 3. Don Goldsmith ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 41.79
- 4. Jerry Niemuth ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 39.29
- 5. Bruce McLinn ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 32.86
- 6. Ken Frame ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 31.79
- 7. Richard Peterson ..... *B* 2-5 ..... 38.57
- 8. Ray Groskinsky ..... *B* 2-5 ..... 37.14



**Mens Class B Champion  
Glenn Bogenschneider  
West Bend**

Bottom-seeded **Glen Bogenschneider** not only swept the class, but also pitched the class-high average. **Don Goldsmith** was the only one who managed to give him at least a scare, if not a

loss. **Bruce McLinn** had a rough day, having lost two two-point games, pushing him down to fifth.

*Class High Game: Mike Cone, 70.00%*

### MENS CLASS D

- 1. Kurt Jochimsen ..... *B* 6-1 ..... 36.07
- 2. Ralph Marthaler ..... *B* 5-2 ..... 36.07
- 3. Al Huizenga ..... *B* 4-3 ..... 43.93
- 4. Ken Schumann ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 34.64
- 5. Bob Kallstrom ..... *C* 3-4 ..... 33.57
- 6. John Garvan ..... *B* 3-4 ..... 31.79
- 7. Norm Beckius ..... *C* 3-4 ..... 30.00
- 8. Edward Hack ..... *C* 1-6 ..... 25.71



**Mens Class D Champion  
Kurt Jochimsen  
Stratford**

**Kurt Jochimsen** earned the class title, with his only loss coming from fifth-place **Bob Kallstrom**. **Ralph Marthaler** beat **Al Huizenga** by one point in the fourth game, and then went on to

win the rest of his games, earning himself the second spot. Al Huizenga had a great day, pitching 43.93%.

*Class High Game: Al Huizenga, 52.50%*

## 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS E

|                    |   |     |       |
|--------------------|---|-----|-------|
| 1. Al Rude         | B | 7-0 | 33.21 |
| 2. Lonny Trangsrud | B | 6-1 | 37.86 |
| 3. Russ Heinritz   | C | 3-4 | 31.07 |
| 4. Dave Klipstein  | C | 3-4 | 27.86 |
| 5. Dave Wietrzak   | C | 3-4 | 27.86 |
| 6. Dick Hansen     | B | 3-4 | 24.64 |
| 7. Dean Chaffee    | B | 2-5 | 33.21 |
| 8. Terry Schaezka  | C | 1-6 | 21.79 |



**Mens Class E Champion**  
**Al Rude**  
Rhineland

**Al Rude** pitched a consistent tournament to take first place honors. If **Dave Wietrzak** would have won the last-game nailbiter against **Dave Klipstein**, he would have had third place all on his own. That loss dropped him down to fifth.

*Class High Game: Lonny Trangsrud, 52.50%*

### MENS CLASS G

|                     |   |     |       |
|---------------------|---|-----|-------|
| 1. Jim O'Loughlin   | C | 6-1 | 27.14 |
| 2. Ken Davison      | C | 4-3 | 29.29 |
| 3. David Paul       | C | 4-3 | 26.43 |
| 4. Ron Wiese        | C | 3-4 | 27.86 |
| 5. Jayme Fehr       | C | 3-4 | 23.57 |
| 6. Richard Conrad   | C | 3-4 | 23.21 |
| 7. Kevin Brekke     | C | 3-4 | 21.79 |
| 8. Michael E Hrubby | C | 2-5 | 20.00 |



**Mens Class G Champion**  
**Jim O'Loughlin**  
Adams

**Ron Wiese** was the only pitcher to give **Jim O'Loughlin** a loss for the day. **Ken Davison** had a great tournament, pitching class high average. He also earned his second place finish from **David Paul**, beating him in a close game in the fourth round.

*Class High Game: Ken Davison, 47.50%*

### MENS CLASS F

|                       |   |     |       |
|-----------------------|---|-----|-------|
| 1. *Chet Hermansen    | B | 7-1 | 41.56 |
| 2. *Dean Hove         | B | 6-2 | 40.63 |
| 3. Mitch Littlegeorge | C | 4-3 | 31.07 |
| 4. Dennis Wegner      | C | 3-4 | 26.79 |
| 5. Galen Kozel        | C | 3-4 | 25.00 |
| 6. John Mills         | C | 3-4 | 23.24 |
| 7. Jerry Schroeder    | C | 2-4 | 20.49 |
| 8. Jim Haupt          | C | 1-6 | 20.00 |



**Mens Class F Champion**  
**Chet Hermansen**  
Madison

**John Mills** can take credit as a spoiler in this class, out-pointing **Dean Hove** in game three to force a playoff between **Chet Hermansen** and Hove. Hermansen came up with the class-high game in the playoff, earning himself a decisive victory and the Class F championship.

*Class High Game: Chet Hermansen, 52.50%*

### MENS CLASS H

|                    |   |     |       |
|--------------------|---|-----|-------|
| 1. John Secord     | C | 6-1 | 25.71 |
| 2. Jim Ganther     | C | 5-2 | 26.07 |
| 3. Randy Mitchell  | C | 4-3 | 26.79 |
| 4. Bernie Sopinski | C | 4-3 | 25.35 |
| 5. Tom Steinke     | C | 4-3 | 23.93 |
| 6. Mike Zahn       | C | 3-4 | 25.69 |
| 7. Rick Weller     | C | 2-5 | 26.07 |
| 8. Jason Goldsmith | C | 0-7 | 13.57 |



**Mens Class H Champion**  
**John Secord**  
Fond du Lac

Even though **Bernie Sopinski** didn't win the class, he still was the only pitcher to beat both the class champ **John Secord** and runner up **Jim Ganther**. An evenly matched class, there was with only 2.9% separating first through seventh place.

*Class High Game: John Secord, Jim Ganther,  
Randy Mitchell, Bernie Sopinski, 35.00%*



## 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS I

- 1. Tom Dudenhoefer ..... 7-0 ..... 25.71
- 2. Dustin Duerr ..... 5-2 ..... 23.93
- 3. Marv Bennett ..... 4-3 ..... 22.86
- 4. Mel Cook ..... 4-3 ..... 21.07
- 5. Randy Heinritz ..... 3-4 ..... 25.36
- 6. Trent Bratland ..... 3-4 ..... 19.29
- 7. Gene Satterstrom ..... 1-6 ..... 15.00
- 8. Paul Wiese ..... 1-6 ..... 11.79



**Mens Class I Champion**  
**Tom Dudenhoefer**  
Oxford

**Tom Dudenhoefer** pitched over-average to win this class undefeated. **Dustin Duerr** and **Randy Heinritz** also pitched above their averages, but both had losses by being out-pointed, sending them to second and fifth place, respectively.

*Class High Game: Tom Dudenhoefer, 37.50%*

### MENS CLASS K

- 1. \*Mike Berdan ..... 5-1 ..... 12.00
- 2. \*Rod Ganther ..... 4-2 ..... 10.00
- 3. Don Peroutka ..... 3-2 ..... 10.00
- 4. Dave Semingson ..... 2-3 ..... 13.20
- 5. Mike Cruice ..... 2-3 ..... 2.00



**Mens Class K Champion**  
**Mike Berdan**  
Auburndale

Proving that close does count in horseshoes, **Rod Ganther** beat **Mike Berdan** by out-pointing him in the third game. However, Ganther lost one to **Don Peroutka**, giving Berdan another chance at him in a playoff. Points would play a big role in the playoff game as well, with Berdan and Ganther tying on ringers and Berdan out-pointing him for the class championship.

*Class High Game: Dave Semingson, 18.00%*

### MENS CLASS J

- 1. Steve Wallin ..... 5-0 ..... 17.20
- 2. David Tellier ..... 3-2 ..... 13.60
- 3. Randy Benaszkeski ..... 3-2 ..... 12.80
- 4. Craig David ..... 2-3 ..... 16.80
- 5. Jerry Kochman ..... 2-3 ..... 11.20
- 6. Jay Ganther ..... 0-5 ..... 8.00



**Mens Class J Champion**  
**Steve Wallin**  
Hudson

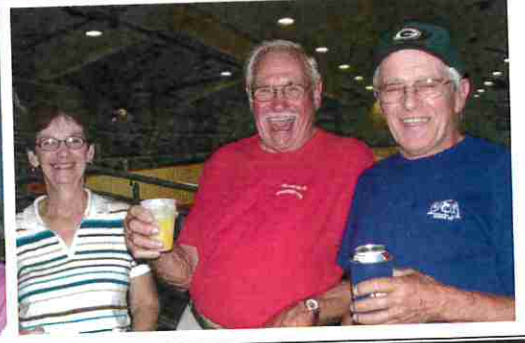
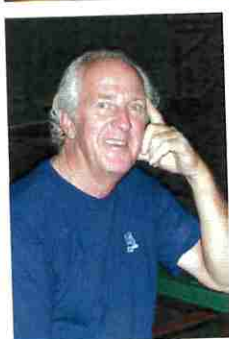
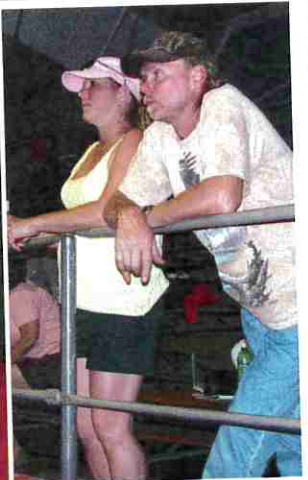
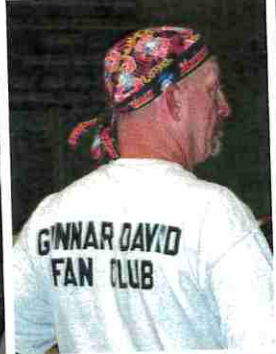
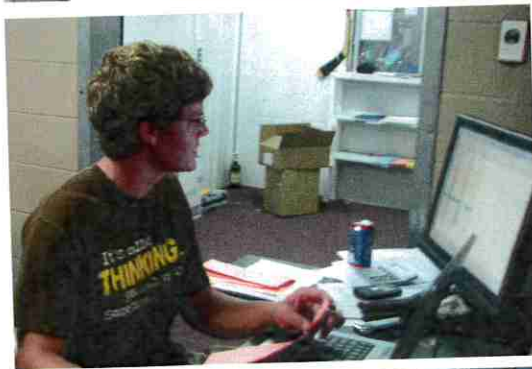
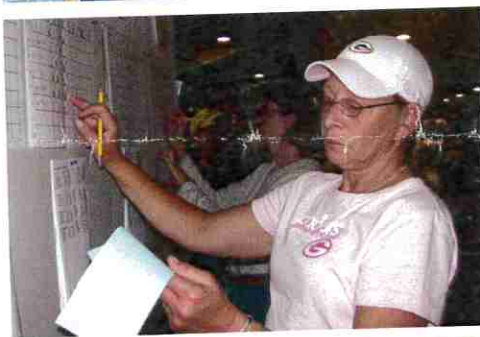
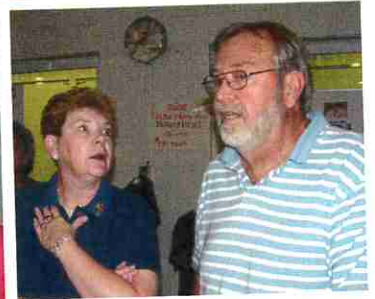
**Steve Wallin** was easily the best in class, going undefeated and having the class high average. Other bright spots include **Craig David** and his big 26% game against **David Tellier**. The loss didn't affect Tellier's final standing, as he still finished in second place on ringer percentage. **Jerry Kochman** had to settle for fifth, even though he beat fourth place finisher David.

*Class High Game: Craig David, 26.00%*





# 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS





## DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

The Best of Wendorf:

A young woman was pulled over for speeding. A Wisconsin State Trooper walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book. She said, "I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the State Trooper's Ball." He replied, "Wisconsin State Troopers don't have Balls." There was a moment of silence. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left.

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The names **Cook, David** and **Kuchenbecker**, all from the same family, were seen many times at the Mosinee State Tournament. By actual count, there are 17 of them addicted to the sport of horseshoes.

Meanwhile there's the many **Heinritz's**. At this time they can boast an even dozen. When approached with these numbers, the retort was, "Wait 'til next year."

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Along with mom and dad, the **Udelhofen** family turned out to witness John going into the Hall of Fame. Some of the Sandbaggers, although not pitching, were there for the same reason, to honor their buddy. It was a gala party, fun for the whole group. Three

dead soldiers (empty vodka bottles) graced their table were and left behind. Yes, a very good time.

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The oft' painted and resulting oversized stakes of the Combined Locks club is an old joke but makes me recall a meeting in Green Bay from the early 1980s.

**Wally Srenaski** was being called out for painting the backboards grey. One pitcher plugged for red stakes. It was then that the WHPA members set the code that for State Tournaments, the stakes shall be white, the backboards shall be black.

When we traveled to Jack's Place in TN, we saw white backboards and unpainted stakes, and it worked well. **Dave Forseth** of Arena adopted this option at the Sandbar. Unfortunately, the material did not stand up. The key is to use white truck flaps. They might cost more, but the result is favorable and less work in the long run.

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It has occurred to your agent, from earlier reporting, that some people we know have such a unique name that they need no other. Like **Liberace**, **Hildegard**, **Bono**, **Madonna** and **Walter Ray**, **Mouse** is one unto his own.

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Ran into **Cal Pitel** at Combined Locks, with no cap! I barely recognized him. He retorted, "Hope the glare doesn't blind you."

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The Eagle Horseshoe tournament has been going on for about 38 years. This year, I met the man who started it all. **Tom Sherman** was watching as his son played in my class. I was told he's the guy to beat. I did and he was second.

It's a shame they are not affiliated with the WHPA. Some years ago, back in the 1980s when the NHPA insurance program was inaugurated, **Dick Hansen**, then WHPA President, successfully passed the 50 cents per tournament pitcher fee to augment the WHPA treasury. It was then that Eagle decided to go it alone.

Too bad. They are a nice bunch of people. They annually find ways to contribute funds to worthy causes, like improvements to the city park's playground for the kids, also home to the club's horseshoe courts.

Now, if we could only romance them into joining our group. We'd all be better off for it. ☺

## KEN KOSKY MEMORIAL AWARD - by Jim Haupt

Recently, while attending the Beloit Awards banquet, **Mouse Beckius** showed a picture taken at a former Team-World. It featured three guys from Beloit: **Mouse**, **Dan Lessman**, and **Harold Laws**. Through the window to the concession area, the camera picked up an added shot of our old friend, **Ken Kosky**! It's odd the way those old photos keep reminding us of one of our greatest contributors and friend of our game.

At the State Tournament this year, we made another Ken Kosky Memorial Award. This one went to **Tom Steinke**. In doing so, we admitted that usually we honor our President only after his term, but in this case his direction and his participation continues to be so agreeable to us that we were eager to recognize his avid contribution at this time.

Steinke remarked that it was a pleasant surprise. ☺

## EAGLE, THE BIG SANDY - by Jim Haupt

The first thing we asked Co-Director **Sue Scheff** was why the seeding averages were not published on the schedule. She showed me her record book, displaying three averages for each pitcher. She goes to great lengths to make it an even contest for all.



**Sue Scheff**  
Eagle Tournament Co-Director

Eagle was a pleasant step back into the old days, the days of scorekeepers and pit crews. Scorekeepers, mostly young horseshoe-savvy girls, are paid \$1 a game from the entry money.

Pit crews vanished from tournaments over ten years ago, but here at Eagle, where the sand is easy to groom, were four guys with shovels and rakes doing a job on the courts between games. It was really nice.

The four foot fence surrounding the nine courts is capped with protective plastic, good for all the fence leaners, and there are many.

Enthusiasm runs high at the Eagle Club. They have something not seen much elsewhere, and that is, interested spectators unafraid to chide some and cheer their favorites on. Strangers might feel suddenly that your game is against their team.

Scheff was taking a poll. Should we mix the women into the open group with the men next year? Let's hope they catch up to the WHPA in that respect. That's it, showing respect for the lady pitchers!

So, your agent can testify that although unsanctioned, Eagle is a going event, frequented by many pitchers, 80 men and 32 women in this one. Prepared as they are, they will accept up to 144 pitchers, always on the first weekend of August. ☺



**Eagle Pit Crew**  
Hard at Work

## KEEPING SCORE - by Jim Haupt

Most of us keep score for ourselves, both league and tournament alike. The dominant method is to keep all ringers on the easily-seen big numbers of the wheel, points on the side with the magnet.

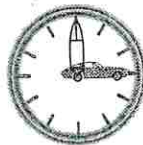
That said, there seems to be another problem, which is determining the winner. Amplifying the ringer total by three and adding the points will do it, but why? It is not a real score. The real score in this case is expressed in ringers and points.

All one has to do is remember that three points are equal to one ringer, not the reverse. A pitcher with an overload of points will win when the ringer totals are close because of the fact that three points are equal to a ringer. Overly simple when one thinks about it, but it does take some thought. Merely balance the totals and you have a winner. ☺

## 2009 World Tournament Springfield, IL July 27 through August 8, 2009

In addition to hosting the WT, the city of Springfield will also be celebrating the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009.

For more information about the city, go to the host club's website at <http://fourdead.com> and link to the city site from there. Deadline to enter the World tournament is May 15, 2009. ☺



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### GUESS WHO FINALLY LOST A GAME?

Normally, a person losing a game doesn't actually - by Pam Aiken  
make it to the newsletter. However, this isn't just anyone: **Gert Wilcziek** lost a game to **Edie McKinney** at the Close Doesn't Count Wet 'n Wild tournament, held the weekend after Labor Day. Edie pitched 72.5% against Gert's 70.0%. Maybe it was payback for that 91.3% game Gert had against her the weekend before?

What a coup for Edie, and inspiration for the rest of us folks who have tried and been unable to come up with a big enough game to win one against Gert. I can't even remember the last time I've seen her lose. She hasn't lost a game at the State tournament since...oh...2003? It's nice to know Gert is human after all, not just a pitching machine. Keep up the good pitching, everyone! ♪



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### THE HORSESHOE

By Deb Niemyer, dedicated to her loving horseshoe player, Glen Niemyer whose dream has come true with the new memorial pits at the Richland Center Krouskop Park 2008

I'm just a metal piece, yet crafted fine to throw,  
I'm not that heavy, as you aim which way that I will go.  
You'll hold me in your hand, the one that throws the best  
and you'll wind up for the pitch, and put me to the test.  
Thirty or forty feet I'll fly, your heart will start to pound.

Will I be a ringer and hit that peg in the ground?  
Did you throw me way too hard? Will I be out of play?  
Will another cancel me out or am I within six inches today?  
Friends or neighbors or family can enjoy this game of skill.

Any age can come to the peg and toss and get their fill.  
Oh, let the game of horseshoes be passed down through the ages  
from one generation to another let it be their rages.

For when electronic game, movies and the frills  
are beyond what we can afford,

We'll be thankful for our ancestors  
and the HORSESHOES that they adored. ♪

### "HEY, WHY HAVEN'T YOU PRINTED MY SUBMISSION?" - by Pam Aiken

We have dedicated this issue to covering the Wisconsin State tournament. Because of printing constraints, we did not have room to publish many of your summer tournament results and other submissions. Don't worry! Your articles will be taking top priority in the December-January issue.

Thank you for your patience, and we hope you've enjoyed this special full-color issue of *Wisconsin Horseshoes*.

#### Coming in the Next Issue...

- Complete indoor pitching schedule
- Fall Meeting notes
- State tournament raffle winners
- Article: Should tournaments be required to handicap? Send opinions to pamaiken@gmail.com
- Past tournament results:
  - ◆ Arkdale Doubles
  - ◆ Beloit's Southern WI Open
  - ◆ Combined Locks
  - ◆ Coulee Region Club Tourney
  - ◆ Green Bay Open
  - ◆ Little Bull Falls Log Jam Festival
  - ◆ Muskego league results
  - ◆ Platteville Spring Singles
  - ◆ Platteville Open
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Here's a glance at upcoming events:

| Date      | Event  | D/L   |
|-----------|--|-------|
| Oct 11-12 | Fall Singles @ Beloit                          | 10/1  |
| Oct 18    | Fall Meeting @ Delton Sportsman's Club 1:00 PM |       |
| Oct 25-26 | Deansville Singles                             | 10/18 |
| Nov 1-2   | Autumn Harvest @ Beloit                        |       |
| Nov 8-9   | Fall Classic @ Arena CANCELED                  |       |
| Dec 6-7   | Snowflake @ Beloit                             | 11/26 |
| Dec 13-14 | Deansville Open                                | 12/3  |
| Jan 30-31 | Deansville Rally                               | 1/23  |
| Mar 14-15 | Klash with Kerry - @ 1:00 PM                   | 3/6   |

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