

WISCONSIN HORSESHOES

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SPRING MEETING MINUTES - by Kevin Brekke

On Saturday, March 17 at 1 PM, **WHPA President Tom Steinke** called the WHPA State Spring Meeting to order with 47 members present. He called on for the secretary and treasurer reports from **John Secord, WHPA Secretary/Treasurer**. John read the meeting minutes from the fall meeting at Deansville. It was at that meeting that Mosinee was awarded the 2008 State Tournament. This year it will be at Arena. It was also mentioned that **Pam Aiken** and **Jane Smith** will be helping **Jim Haupt** with the Horseshoe Newsletter after Ken Kosky's passing. The entry fee for the State Tournament will remain at \$25.00. John Secord also reported that the ending balance in the Treasury as of March 17 was \$3,275.21.

Jane Smith, WHPA 1st Vice President, talked about the Pitcher of the Year award. There is one award given for the following groups: pitchers over 50%, between 35% and 50%, and under 35%. A pitcher gets points from placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a tournament, and by attending the spring and fall meetings. The points are accumulated between state tournaments. She also mentioned the club awards for pitching at the state tournament.

Terry Sternberg, WHPA 2nd Vice President, received reports from the **Bun Carley** and **Rudy Van Fleet** on this year's State Tournament, to be held at the Arena

Courts. Everything is a go, and they had T-shirts available for \$14.00. The Newsletter will have the entry form in the May-June edition. Bun mentioned that hotels and camping information would be there as well.

Terry also received a report from **Randy Rein**, concerning the 2008 State Tournament in Mosinee. Randy stated that they are getting good support from the community. He also stated that new outdoor courts will be built close to the indoor facility that will house the portable courts for the tournament.

Sonia Cook, WHPA 3rd Vice President, gave a report on the Junior Scholarship program. There are \$6,500 in liabilities, and the balance as of March 17 is \$6,951.13. She also had raffle tickets for those that wanted to sell them. The raffle will be at this year's State Tournament at Arena on Sunday.

Lorraine Sternberg, NPHA 3rd Vice President said the National Sanctioned Team Tournament will be on October 6th and 7th at the Hall of Fame grounds in Missouri. The Hall of Fame is being built, with the grand opening that weekend. Lorraine also mentioned that there is a scholarship program for kids that participate in sanctioned leagues and plan to attend post-secondary educational institutions. This year, **Jimmy Paulson**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
May 5-6	Encore @ Beloit (28-07-008)	\$20	4/25	Earl Paulson
May 5	Eau Claire Early Bird (28-07-009)	\$5	4/21	Dave Schorbahn
May 18-19-20	Team World @ Beloit (28-07-010)	\$200/team	4/12	Earl Paulson
May 26-27	Platteville Spring Singles (28-07-015)	\$16	5/12	Norm Mauthe
Jun 9-10	Eagle River Open (Limit 32) (28-07-016)	\$15	5/26	Cliff Erickson
Jun 9	Eau Claire Open (28-07-017)	\$20	5/26	Dave Schorbahn
Jun 9-10	Beloit Spring Singles (28-07-018)	\$15	5/29	Earl Paulson
Jun 16	Marshfield Open (28-07-019)	\$15	6/2	Dan David
Jun 16	Muskego Open (28-07-020)	\$15	6/2	Tom Steinke
Jun 23-24	Goldendale Open (28-07-022)	\$15	6/10	Terry Sternberg
Jun 30 - Jul 1	Ken Kosky Memorial Tourney (28-07-021)	\$15	6/20	Ed Hack
Jul 7-8	Arkdale Open (28-07-023)	\$15	6/23	Ray Groskinsky
Jul 14-15	The Sizzler @ Arena	\$18	6/30	Ed Wheeler
Jul 14	Mid-Eastern Open (Unsanctioned)	\$15	6/30	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 15	Lox Classic (Limit 48) (28-07-024)	\$17	6/30	Rosemary Kamps
Jul 23 - Aug 4	World Tourney @ Ardmore, OK	\$125	5/17	Dick Hansen
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Entry Forms:

- P.6 - Beloit Encore (May 5 & 6)
- P.8 - Ken Kosky Memorial Tournament (Jun 30—Jul 1)
- P.15 - World Tournament (Jul 23—Aug 4)

Please notify

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Ken Jaeger Sr.

of all changes/corrections.

SPRING MEETING MINUTES *(continued from Page 1)*

from the Beloit Horseshoe Club, and **Cola Hickethier** and **Rush Hickethier** of the Close Doesn't Count Club received scholarships from this program.

Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the 2008 World tournament was awarded to York, PA, seventy-five miles from Washington, DC. He also stated that **Curt Bestul** from the Eau Claire Club was one of three people to be chosen for the National Hall of Fame. The awards will be given at the World Tournament in Oklahoma. Congratulations to Curt, an honor well deserved! Dick also mentioned that Wisconsin lost 49 WHPA/NPHA sanctioned members this year. Dick gave an update on the Hall of Fame construction. Footings will be poured the week of March 19th and on schedule for the grand opening in October. There are about 3,600 bricks that people can have their names put on, at \$100 a piece or three for \$250. Dick stated that about half had been accounted for already.



Curt Bestul
Eau Claire HSC



Construction at Future Hall of Fame Site
St. Charles County, Missouri

Ken Jaeger, NHPA Regional Director, passed out to the tournament directors their packets for tournaments this year. There was much discussion on the NPHA sanctioning courts. It seems that if the courts were already built, before the new rules were in affect, they were grandfathered in, and no changes were required. For the new court layouts, refer to the NPHA

website at www.horseshoepitching.com.

Eddie McKinney gave the Wisconsin Hall of Fame presentation, and **Bun Carley** will be the new inductee for this year. The award will be presented at the State Tournament at Arena. If you know of someone who has been instrumental in the horseshoe world, whether pitcher, promoter, or both, send the information to Edie by February 1, 2008. **Gus Schram** and **John Udelhofen** were nominated ten years ago. Because of a WHPA Hall of Fame requirement, these two gentlemen have to be re-nominated to be considered for Hall of Fame selection.



Bun Carley
Arena HSC

President Tom Steinke gave a report on the status of **Jim Haupt**. He is still recovering from this accident, and is visiting his brother in California for a few weeks. He will still be running this year's Club Team tournament in April.

Ted Rohde brought up having the newsletter come out more frequently in the summer months. Currently it comes out 6 times a year. After much discussion, it was decided by the officers to relay to **Pam Aiken** the concerns, but realize that this is a volunteer position, and it takes a lot of effort to put the newsletter together. Tom Steinke mentioned that when we have changes to schedules or other news, we do have a website and a group e-mail list that relays information to those on it.

There was discussion on who would be taking over the game related sales from **Ron Truman** at K&S Fuel Injection in Wausau. **Dick Hansen** mentioned that **Roy Evans** from the Quail Ridge Club in Missouri would take over in April, and the inventory would be stored at the new National Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. The Fall meeting will be on October 27th at the same location, Lake Delton Sportsmen's Club. 🍷

FROM THE PRESIDENT - by Tom Steinke

It's the time of year to start signing up or organizing a horseshoe league. There are a lot of leagues around, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned. It doesn't matter which one you play in, as long as you are having a good time and making new friends.

When you have a free weekend, sign up for a horseshoe tournament and bring someone with you. The summer schedule is out and there are a lot of nicely-run tournaments around.

The World Horseshoe Tournament (in Ardmore, Oklahoma) entries have to be turned in soon. If you have four sanctioned tournaments in the past 12 months and are looking for someplace to

vacation, well here you go.

The spring meeting, held on March 17th in Lake Delton, was a nice day. Congratulations to **Bun Carley** on being this year's addition to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Also, congratulations to **Curt Bestul** on his pending induction into the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

A special thanks to the **Lake Delton Sportsman's Club** for hosting the meeting and providing the delicious complimentary St. Patrick's day lunch of corned beef and cabbage.

Good Pitching,
Tom ♪

ARE THESE SHOES SANCTIONED BY THE NHPA?



COMBINED LOCKS COMPETES IN NATIONAL CLUB TOURNEY

Combined Locks Club entered a team in the National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament at Edinburg, Indiana. It was the only Wisconsin team, which means many of our pitchers missed a



Cliff & Elaine Troullier,
Moose Meyer, & Bill Matey

fun tournament at an excellent indoor facility. The stakes were painted high-way orange and the clay was the best

possible; according to the locals, it came from a pottery. The clay did not stick to your horseshoes or clothes and needed very little water and stayed consistent throughout.

The tournament was handicapped and the number one pitcher pitched against the number one from the

other team, the number two pitcher against the other team number two, etc. throughout the tournament. We all agreed it was a great format, and are sure we will see more of handicapped tournaments in the future. It sure levels the playing field.

Our four person team of **Cliff and Elaine Troullier, Moose Meyer, and Bill Matey** finished overall in ninth place, but we finished fourth in Division Two and in the money. As expected, the tournament directors **Lorraine and Terry Sternberg** did an excellent job, as usual, and needed to be congratulated, as many of us know as tournament directors it can be a thankless job. At the conclusion of the first day, we had a buffet-type get together with our chef, Terry, grilling the brats with help (Kibitz) from the cheesehead experts.

Combined Locks Club will host the Mid-Eastern Open tournament (non-sanctioned) on Saturday, July 14th and will be handicapped, on Sunday, July 15th the Lox Classic (sanctioned) and will not be handicapped, all at Kamps Kovered Kourts, come and enjoy the covered courts and the raised viewing deck. ♪

NHPA SANCTIONED LEAGUE NEWS:

WI PITCHERS DO WELL ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL - by Lorraine Sternberg

During the NHPA annual winter meeting, the council awarded ten scholarships, with three going to WI juniors: **Nicola Rae Hickethier** of the Close Doesn't Jr. Lg. received a \$175 scholarship; **Jimmy Paulson** of the Beloit HSC and **Rush Hickethier** of the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg. each received a \$150 scholarship. **Kiri Cook** and **Malachi David** of the Fleet Reserve HSL, along with **Amanda Kuske** of the Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg. received honorable mentions. Congratulations to these Wisconsin Juniors.

Wisconsin adult league pitchers also did rather well for the Top Ten list for 2006. **Gert Wilcziek** placed 1st in the Women's Division for high ringer average (81.71%) and 2nd in the high ringer game category with a 94% game.

In the Adult Division-Mixed Distance, **Mark Mauthe** placed 2nd in high point average and 6th place for high point game. In the Men's 40' Division, Mark had a ringer average of 74.85% placing 2nd. For high ringer game Mark placed 4th with an 86% game.

Other adults making the top ten from Wisconsin were **Randy Rein** for high ringer game, placing 10th, and **Wayne Totten** placed 7th in the Men's 30' Division for

high ringer average and 5th for high ringer game.

Jim Jakel from the Weston Club placed 1st in high ringer over average in the Men's 30' Division, pitching a game of 36.21 over his average. **Merrill Semingson** of the Eau Claire Club placed 10th in the same category.

In the Junior Division, the Cook girls and **Nicola Hickethier** represented Wisconsin. **Kiri Cook** took 2nd in high ringer average pitching 39.42% in league and a 2nd in high ringer game of 52%. She also placed 8th for high point average. **Aleena Cook** placed 4th for high ringer average, 7th in the high ringer game category and 10th for high ringer over average. **Nicola** placed 5th for high ringer average, 6th place for high ringer game and 7th in high ringer over average.

Congratulations to all these Wisconsin pitchers.

The complete top ten list is printed in the March/April issue of Newline. If you need more information on either the scholarship program or the top ten, you can either e-mail me or call. ☎

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Entry Form

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

STEPPING OVER THE FOUL LINE AFTER SHOE IS RELEASED

RULE STATES NO STEPPING OVER FOUL LINE - by Bob Kabella

In 2003, I sent a letter to Dick Hansen and Jim Haupt about some pitchers stepping over the foul line and that it should be illegal for them to do this. The answer I got was that stepping over the foul line after the shoe has left your hand is legal. I passed this information on to those who feel as I do, and let it go. Then this year it was brought up again, so a friend of mine and I went into the rule book to see what we could find that substantiated what I had been told and the following is what I found.

On page 3, in rule #3 (Section D -Position of Contestants During Delivery) it states, "1. The Pitcher – During the entire address and release of a shoe, the contestant must not start or step completely outside the platform with either foot. The key words in this rule are, "During the entire address and release of a shoe". That means that AT NO TIME will the contestant start

or step completely outside the platform with either foot.

Then on page 4, in rule #5 (Section B-Enforcing Violations) it states, "(a) Any shoe pitched when the contestant, during the delivery, has stepped on or over the foul line before releasing the shoe shall be declared a foul shoe. The key words here are, "before releasing the shoe". In rule #3 it doesn't say, "before releasing the shoe", and I think that is why some people think that stepping beyond the foul line is legal.

The (Section B-Enforcing Violations), on Page 4, should simply be referencing rule #3, which is the rule pertaining to delivery, the platform and the foul line, for the judges to enforce, not changing the wording to allow for misinterpretation, as it is in rule #5.

NO HARM, NO FOUL - by Jason Goldsmith

One of the first lessons I ever learned about horseshoe is that it was one of the last "gentlemanly" pastimes. For over twenty years, I have had the good fortune of playing against some of the most gracious and cordial competitors any sport has to offer. Recently, however, I have encountered horseshoe pitchers, whom for whatever reason, choose to object to, and even personalize a habit I have developed over the years: a follow through step. I will assume that their objection has something to do with an alleged foul, and not poor sportsmanship.

According to NHPA rule 5, section B. 1a, a foul occurs "when a pitcher steps on or over the line...before the shoe is released." Upon further research, I discovered that at one time, the rule was that the horseshoe needed to land before a follow through step could legally occur. Currently, the prerequisite is for the shoe to be released from the pitcher's hand.

For the sake of enhancing my credibility, I recently posed this question to six-time Men's World Horseshoe

Pitching Champion, Walter Ray Williams Jr. He said, "[The] follow through step [is] where the player steps across the foul line after releasing the shoe. Even though many players think that it is illegal, it isn't... Many good players use this technique. I wouldn't recommend it, but it does work for some players." He referred to a junior pitcher he saw at the World Tournament last year, whose step was so quick it required video verification. He concluded, "since the shoe was pitched while the player was behind the line, I don't have a problem with it, but it doesn't look right."

I will be the first person to say that my follow through step can appear awkward and off-balance, will probably cause future aches and pains, and after checking my last NATSTAT average, is NOT an advantage. The bottom line, nonetheless, is that a follow through step is perfectly legal. I propose that naysayers ask themselves if their objection fits the description of "gentleperson" or "poor-sportsman."

2007 WORLD TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE INCREASED TO \$125

- by Dick Hansen, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer


The NHPA Council voted at our winter meeting in Ardmore, OK to increase the World Tournament entry fee from \$100.00 to \$125.00. Juniors remain the same at \$25.00. I would like to offer an explanation as to why this was needed at this time.

The NHPA Council feels that our goal should be to make the World Tournament a "break even" event. In the past 3 years this has not been the case. At the 2006 WT in Gillette the NHPA lost a little over \$7,700, in 2005 over \$12,000 and in 2004 just under \$2,000. That's an average of \$8.30 per entry into the WT in the red. Everything has gone up in cost to hold this event. From the printing of the schedule to the cost of mailing it, the costs are increasing yearly.

The last entry fee increase was in 1999 when the entry fee was changed from \$75.00 to \$100.00. That was also the first year that all score keeping fees were included in the entry fee. We could have left the entry

fee at \$100.00 and went back to having the pitchers pay the score keepers but not too many pitchers or the score keepers would like that option.

Not all of the \$25 increase is going to off set the cost of running this tournament. We were also able to change the prize fund for all classes. Since 1999 first place in all classes has been \$300.00. With this increase first place in all class play will now be \$500.00. So for the extra \$25.00 in the entry fee, all have a chance at an extra \$200 in prize money. Increasing the first place prize money was one of the most requested issues over the past several years that I have received. A complete break down of the class prize money is printed elsewhere in the current Newsline and on the NHPA Web Page.

Ardmore will host a great event. Entry deadline is May 17th 2007. The NHPA Council sincerely hopes this increase will not keep anyone from entering. This decision was not an easy one but rather a necessary one. 

Did You Know? IN WISCONSIN:

55% of our pitchers have a ringer average between 0 and 29%
 38% of our pitchers have a ringer average between 30 and 49%
 7% of our pitchers have a ringer average of 50% or higher

ARENA OPEN RESULTS

FEBRUARY 11, 2007

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Jeff Gustafson	7-1	51.25	Dave Forseth	5-0	30.31
Bun Carley	6-2	51.56	Ron Lingard	4-1	35.43
Ken Frame	5-2	46.79	Robin McDonough	2-3	29.60
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class E</u>		
Milt Larsen	5-2	45.36	Kevin Brekke	6-1	26.07
Mike Cone	5-2	44.29	Mitch Littlegeorge	5-2	32.14
Ken Amble	5-2	36.79	Rick Weller	5-2	30.36
<u>Class C</u>			<u>Class F</u>		
Galen Kozel	5-0	36.40	Dan Nalepinski	5-0	20.00
Tony Scrima	3-2	37.20	Phil Haas	4-1	19.20
Roger Peterson	2-3	32.40	Millard Harding	3-2	19.20


- by Ed Wheeler

KEN KOSKY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

June 30—July 1, 2007

Deadline: 6/20 Limit: 96 Fee: \$15

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Ringer %:

Distance: 30' 40'

“VALENTINE” RESULTS FROM BELOIT HSC (FEB 17 & 18)

Class A

Penny Steinke	4.5-0.5	65.20
Dennis Reid	4-1	76.80
Jesse Garza	3-2	68.80

Class B

John Brugger	5-0	43.60
Bruce McLinn	4-1	46.40
Bud Hammer	3-2	40.80

Class C

Julian Tijerina	4-1	38.40
Walt Houck	3-2	40.80
Milt Larsen	3-2	39.20

Class D*

Tony Scrima	4-1	41.00
Leo Richter	4-1	36.50
Tina Press	3-2	34.00

Class E*

Norm Beckius	4-1	34.80
Ron Lingard	4-1	32.80
Dan Stieber	4-1	28.00

Class F

Matt Ramsdell	5-0	25.60
Joel Ramsdell	4-1	21.60
Julie Petrovski	3-2	19.20

Class G

Ernie Rakstad	5-1	27.92
Patrick Dacy	4-2	27.08
Rick Borgwardt	4-2	23.75
Kevin Brekke	3-3	24.58

Class H

Carl Berggren	5.5-0.5	23.75
Ed Mell	3.5-2.5	22.08
Matt Austin	3.5-2.5	20.83
Tom Bird	3-3	15.00

Class I*

G. Satterstrom	5-1	18.33
Ron Fritz	5-1	13.33
Pete Rockers	3-3	16.25
John DeVault	3-3	15.00

Class J*

Allen Johnson	4-2	22.92
Don Goers	4-2	19.17

Class K

Julie Paulson	4-1	9.20
Mike Carroll	3-2	4.40
Ken Posmer	3-2	8.80

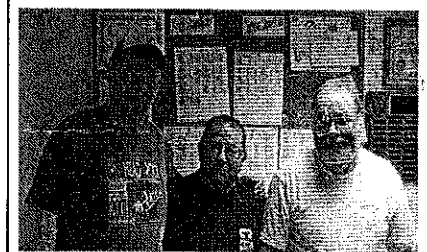
* First place was decided by total points, not by playoff or highest %.



Class A — Penny Steinke, Jesse Garza, Dennis Reid



Class C — Milt Larsen, Walt Houck, Julian Tijerina



Class E — Dan Stieber, Mouse Beckius, Ron Lingard



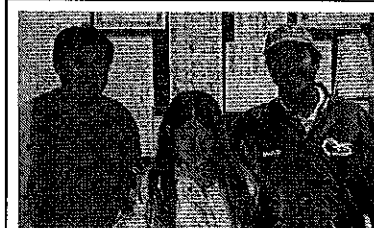
Class D — Tony Scrima, Leo Richter, Tina Press



Class F — Skip Ramsdell, Matt Ramsdell, Julie Petrovski



Class B — Bud Hammer, John Brugger, Bruce McLinn



Class K — Ken Posmer, Julie Paulson, Mike Carroll

For complete results, photos and video from Beloit tournaments, visit teamworldhorseshoe.com

4TH ANNUAL BELOIT-DEANSVILLE CLASSIC TOURNEY - by Earl Paulson

Two times the Beloit Club has traveled to Deansville and gotten pasted. This year at Beloit, home court ruled again as the home team prevailed by a score of 21.5 wins to 14.5 wins to even the over-all score at 2 and 2. First place went to **Jeff Gustafson** and **Walt Houck** of the Beloit Club with a perfect record of 6 wins and no losses.

Deansville was short one player so **Earl Paulson** was loaned to them, but he did not help much. Beloit had an extra trophy so they had the nameplate "Beloit-Deansville Classic" put on it. Next year, this will be taken to Deansville with the hopes of not having to leave it there. This is a fun tournament and we will be looking forward to being entertained by our good friends at Deansville next year.

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total Wins
Beloit (B)	3	4.5	3	5	3	3	21.5
Deansville (D)	3	1.5	3	1	3	3	14.5

1st Place, (B) 6-0 42.92%

Jeff Gustafson WI 42.50

Walt Houck IL 43.33

2nd Place, (B) 5-1 44.17%

Tom Endler WI 50.00

Bud Hammer WI 38.33

3rd Place, (B) 4-2 33.33%

Jesse Garza IL 54.17

Jim Huckabee IL 12.50

4th Place, (D) 3.5-2.5 36.25%

John Gregorich WI 43.33

Julian Tijerina WI 29.17

5th Place, (B) 3-3 36.25%

Glenn Wicklund IL 35.00

Norm Beckius WI 37.50

6th Place, (B) 3-3 35.83%

Rowen Swick WI 33.33

Bruce McLinn WI 38.33

7th Place, (D) 3-3 35.00%

Kevin Lowrey WI 29.17

Brad Behm WI 40.83

8th Place, (D) 3-3 27.92%

Ed Mell WI 26.67

Leo Richter WI 29.17

9th Place, (D) 2-4 33.33%

Steve Miller WI 47.50

Earl Paulson WI 19.17

10th Place, (D) 2-4 32.92%

Kerry Morris WI 40.83

Bill Dahmen WI 25.00

11th Place, (D) 1-5 33.75%

Dale Bauer WI 45.00

Al Huizenga WI 22.50

12th Place, (B) .5-5.5 30.42%

Dan Bloom WI 42.50

Daniel Lessman IL 18.33

For complete results, photos and video from Beloit tournaments, visit <http://teamworldhorseshoe.com/>

DEANSVILLE "CLASH WITH KERRY" TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- by Rudy Van Fleet

The Clash with Kerry held on March 10 and 11, 2007. The Deansville Horseshoe Club was honored to host the **Volz Family Reunion** along with our Clash with Kerry tournament. There were Brothers, Sisters, Aunts, Uncles and even a Grandparent or two. All had a good time rooting for those family members participating in the tournament.

The Championship class had a three-way playoff.

Championship Class

John Molling	7-2	54.4%
Jeff Gustafson	5-3	55.3%
Kerry Morris	5-3	46.3%
Tom Endler	4-3	51.7%

Class B

Rowan Swick	7.5-.5	40.0%
Mike Cone	6-2	45.4%
Ralph Marthaler	5-3	37.9%
Julio Tijerina	4-4	40.0%

Class C

Steve Deegan	6.5-1.5	34.6%
John Mills	6-2	27.9%
Dennis Capener	5.5-2.5	34.6%
Carol Rahfaldt	5-3	38.8%

Class D

Ron Lingard	7-0	36.8%
Rich Peterson	5.5-1.5	35.7%
Jack Ellinger	4-3	26.0%
Rudy Van Fleet	4-3	19.3%

BELOIT "SPRING FLING" TOURNEY RESULTS (MAR 24 & 25)

Class A

Penny Steinke	5-0	64.40
Jesse Garza	4-1	62.40
Dennis Reid	3-2	67.20

Class B

Rowen Swick	5-1	51.67
Bud Hammer	5-1	44.58
Kerry Morris	3-3	48.75

Class C

Walt Houck	4-1	47.60
Milt Larsen	3-2	37.60
Tony Scrima	3-2	36.40

Class D

Dennis Simler	6-0	41.67
Julian Tijerina	3-3	35.00
Dave Volz	3-3	35.00

Class E

Norm Beckius	4-1	30.40
Richard Peterson	3-2	36.40
Galen Kozel	3-2	31.60

Class F

Carl Schliem	6-0	32.08
Mike Lange	4-2	26.67
John Garvan	3.5-2.5	24.17

Class G

Joel Ramsdell	5-0	26.00
Guy Modde	3-2	29.20
Ken Hopp	2-3	23.60

Class H

John Press	6-0	29.17
Sue Lange	4-2	22.08
Kevin Brekke	4-2	18.75

Class I

Rick Borgwardt	4.5-0.5	25.60
Ron Fritz	4-1	19.20
Pete Rockers	3-2	22.00

Class J

Joe Annoreno	4-1	28.40
Don Wozniak	3.5-1.5	20.00
Don Goers	3.5-1.5	22.00

Class K

Rondi Mengelt	5-0	19.20
John DeVault	4-1	16.80
Jerry Kochman	3-2	10.80

Class L

Mike Carroll	5-0	14.40
Ken Posmer	3-2	6.80
Linda Kelly	3-2	5.60

WALT'S WALL IN THE BELOIT PITCHIN' PALACE - by Jimmy Paulson



Jimmy Paulson

I was always told, "Respect your elders." **Walt Houck** is one of those exceptions to the rule. Walt's mess started the day he met me. The first of his mistakes is that we see each other practically every week. Unfortunately for Walt, he makes plenty of mistakes (something of which I am unfamiliar). One of his mistakes was pitching against me in the Tuesday night winter singles league. Things were moving right along. Walt threw ringers, I threw horseshoes. But something then changed. Walt was throwing doubles. I couldn't help myself, I had to cheer him on. At the end of the game, Walt had pitched his best game of the season, 27 ringers out of 40 shoes, an impressive 67.5%. After forty shoes, I was tired and sick of Walt's backwards shoes. I never liked backwards shoes, that's probably why I can't pitch horseshoes (I'm backwards).


Two weeks after Walt's impressive game, he does it again against me. Why not someone who is actually competitive? I only had three ringers during the game. The same night, Walt gets the bright idea that he is going to



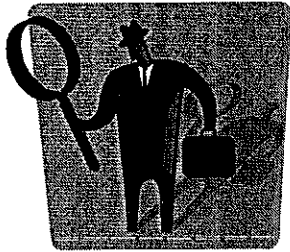
Jimmy's Nemesis

handle the doubles score sheet. Now if anyone has ever been to Beloit's indoor pitching palace, they know that there is a gap between the paneling that covers the bottom part of the wall and the insulation. Needless to say, Walt decides to put the paper down that very gap. Most people would have realized to begin with that papers don't belong behind a wall. How am I supposed to put the score in the computer if I can't see it?

To solve the problem, **Bruce McLinn** runs to get a hammer and a screwdriver. **Ann Murray** and Walt keep a eye on Bruce and I. In the mean time **Ed Bonebright** runs to get a cordless drill, which saved Bruce and me a lot of time and energy. Together, we finally got the piece off, we removed Walt from the courts, and I made a run for safety. Walt wasn't going to strike twice that day. Ann reflected on the fiasco: "It took three Polacks to get one score sheet!"

The following Tuesday, I arrived to find Ed adding paneling to the wall. About \$200 later, the wall was completely Walt-proof and I unanimously decided the wall would from now on be known as "Walt's Wall." 





A Special Investigative Report

ARE YOU READY FOR THE HOME? - by Jim Haupt

Your agent has gone to great lengths spending 40 days and 40 nights in a licensed nursing home, an epitome of self-sacrifice, solely to do this investigative reporting. One never knows when the next big step will be through the door of a nursing home, so here's a short tutorial, courtesy of yours truly.

Better start now learning to get along with women your age and older. The population at the home is predominately white-haired ladies. Learn how to play Rummy, since the girls are avid card players. Another good tip is to pack your old horseshoe tournament shirts so you can impress all the ladies with your erstwhile athleticism. Although don't be surprised when they ask where that town is, the one named after you, and in your state. One day in therapy they asked me, "Just where is Haupt, Wisconsin?"

Little known facts can be garnered from the staff or principals of

the home, like this observation: eventually, with your permission, you will be entertained by an ombudsman sent by the Department of Aging. Within their booklet, under Patient Rights, you will find the following words: *Married couples or consenting adults may share a room.* The key word is "consenting." Next, the task is to get the word out, as not all residents are aware of this perk. One suggestion would be to post a sign in a prominent location with words similar to: **LADIES 18 TO 95, ARE YOU CONSENTING?** Then explain your proposition: "Able-bodied man now conducting interviews in room 101," or whatever. It should be said, you are on your own here, a virgin cruise or you might say, in uncharted waters.

Days run into each other, and mostly are all alike. Breakfast at 8:00 AM, dinner at noon, and the evening meal at 5:00 PM. Physical or occupational therapy time varies, but activities are scheduled all day. They do

things like exercises (arm stretches), bible study, word games, cards, sing-a-longs (not bad but you have to know the words to the old songs), and bingo, the favorite, is played three times a week! Some times they have coffee klatches without the coffee—not a prime activity for the men. Lady's nails is another diversion, and yes they have men's nails too, but not as often.

Would you believe the home sponsors a happy hour? Sure as summer follows spring, every Friday about 3:30 PM, the main dining room becomes a saloon. Old ladies and old men quaffing beverages. Wine, beer, whiskey, mixed drinks and soda is the order of the day. Your agent tested the brandy, just to verify the age of the grape...yep it's the real thing.

So Elders, sharpen up that expert shuffling and deal for the Rummy game in case you're headed for the HOME. ♠

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BEHIND THE MASK

The balance between horse-shoe pitching participation and doing other family activities can be challenging at times to say the least. Just ask your spouse.



My brother (not Russ or Randy) Dan & his family (5 kids) had spontaneously stopped by at my house with a couple gallons of ice cream for the sole purpose of 'shooting the breeze.' Of course the conversation shifted over to pitching horseshoes. Dan's four boys would all be interested in this fine sport, but how to make time for yet another activity is the problem. They also play baseball, football, basketball, involved in 4H and all take various music lessons. The oldest boy James played in the Club Team last year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. These guys are down right competitive and natural athletes and I could picture them all playing at a very high level.

So where do you draw the line? How much is too much? Can you fit yet another activity into an already full schedule? Many families are being pulled in so many directions that they have trouble remembering which day of the week it is. The close-knit family unit has become an anomaly of sorts as commitments from every direction abound.

Okay, so what? What is the answer? I don't have it. But I do believe that we need to be careful not to place horseshoe pitching on a higher plane than our spouse or children.

Consider this: What important things or people are being ignored or neglected because of my love for this game?

Will we ever see James or his three brothers at a tournament? I guess time will tell!

"So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." **Psalm 90:12**

STATE TOURNAMENT UPDATE - by Terry Sternberg, WHPA 2nd Vice President

At the State Meeting on December 2, we had two bids for the 2008 State Tournament. First bid was presented by **Randy Rein**, with the backing of the city of Mosinee and Wausau's **Weston Horseshoe Club**. Randy gave a presentation with pictures of the site, a 38,000 square foot arena at Mosinee Recreation Center. He said they probably be using the same portable courts used at the Wausau State Tournaments. There will be on-site camping and several motels available nearby. The second bid was given by **Mark Mauthe** on behalf of the **Platteville Horseshoe Club**. Mark stated that his club members were looking forward to host the State Tournament again. Mark did a great job as tournament director when they hosted the 2004 State Tournament.

The WHPA membership in attendance voted and choose Mosinee for the 2008 site. Thanks to Randy and Mark for their bids.

The 2007 State Tournament Director **Bun Carley** assured us that everything is moving along fine. The tournament will be held co-hosted by **Arena** and **Deansville**, and will be held at Arena's 18 outdoor courts, quite the same setup as in 2003. There are motels lodging in the area, and possibly camping with electricity on an empty lot near the courts.

I would like to thank **Jane Smith** and the **Eau Claire Horseshoe Club**, for a nice job of hosting last year's State Tournament. It's always nice to go back up to Eau Claire to pitch in their beautiful park and see some of our friends we don't get to see until we come back again.

Clubs should start thinking of hosting the 2009 or future State Tournaments to your club members at your next meeting. It would be nice to have two or three sites to vote on at this year's fall meeting. Clubs that don't have the required sanctioned courts of 13 or more, consider teaming up with a club that does. If you and your club decide to bid for future State Tournaments, please contact me.

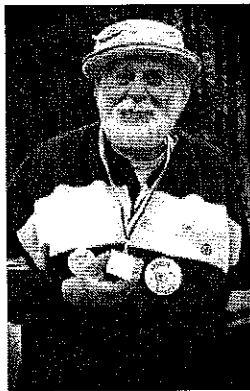
At the recent spring meeting on March 17, **Rudy Van Fleet** had the 2007 State Tournament shirts on hand for sale. **Bun Carley** assured us again that everything is in order for the 2007 State tournament and that more information on motels and camping will follow, with an entry form.

For the 2008, **Randy Rein** stated that their committee is moving right along with the design of their State tournament shirts.

We would like to congratulate **Bun Carley** on his induction into the Hall of Fame this year, it's well-deserved. 🍷

IN MEMORIAM

GENE "BURLY" BURLINGAME



1927—2007

Gene Burlingame left us recently to finish out our lives without him. He was commonly known as "Burly" to many many thankful people of the NHPA. Of course, he was the Prez of the Stewlies, an organization of fun people who are somewhat connected to the

NHPA. The story is that during the world tournament in 2000 at Bismarck ND, Burly showed up in the stands watching NHPA President Paul Stewart who had given up a few games. To hide his shame, Burly wore a paper shopping bag, created by Paulette Hansen, with eyeholes and the sign "Paul Stewart Fan Club." It was a hoot, and Burly decided to carry it even further. He enlisted other foolish people to join his Stewlie organization, the motto being "No Dues, No Don'ts." The no-dues line attracted the first large group to enroll online. We all got a number and a nickname; mine was 12, "Hop Haupt." He had a ton of creative ideas, like the Stewlie banquet. He was going to put the menu online and every body could make their own. He has carried on that sense of humor to include a memorial to the Stewlies in the form of the brick campaign declaring, "Stewlies, No Dues, No Don'ts."

He became great friends with some Wisconsin people, Ken Kosky and Jane Smith among them. Burly, from Davenport IA, chose to attend the last two state tournaments in this state. He also was a regular visitor, along with his good friend Paul Stewart, to our Team World tournament in Beloit.

Lest we forget, memorials may be made in Burly's name to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, checks payable to the NHPF, mailed to Paul Stewart, 1043 Old Mountain Rd, Statesville NC 28677.

- by Jim Haupt

Remembering Our Friend,

CARLA MACFARLANE

On one of our horseshoe 1930—2006 trips, Edie and I were talking of the many friends we have met on the courts. We were mentioning names of ladies of WI who used to pitch at the World and State tournaments. We both were trying to think of an older lady who usually brought her grandson to the tournaments she and he pitched in. I remembered her so happy when she was in the Ladies Championship class at State. She was nervous but excited. I told her to take a few deep breaths, pitch a few ringers and have FUN! She was my first opponent, and she pitched the game of her life! We had a great game and I was lucky to pitch just a bit better. She was ecstatic over her first ever 70% game! I don't think she stopped smiling the whole afternoon. We could not remember her name until we were on our way home — Carla MacFarlane.

Gene Mason sent me Carla's obituary from the Antigo paper. He underlined the section where she played in horseshoe tournaments across the state and country. Gene did not have the opportunity to know Carla and I thank him for sending me the article. However, Gene did have a few facts about Carla's horseshoe endeavors. She played in the 1989 Muskego Open and State tournaments. Her average was 48.40%. She also pitched at the World Tournament in Eau Claire in 1987. She did her share of scorekeeping too as she kept score for Manns vs. McLachlin, where one of them pitched 49 of 50 ringers. Carla was 76 years young when she passed away at her home in Wind Lake. She was married and lived in Washington DC, Milwaukee, Bowler and Wind Lake. She had three daughters and six sons. She had many activities to keep her busy, including dancing, bowling, bingo, canning, cooking, gardening, hunting, fishing, the list is endless.

We had not seen Carla in the past few years but still thought of her often. She was a very friendly, likeable lady who faced each day with a smile. Her life was filled with daily challenges which she met and conquered. She will join the many other wonderful horseshoe personalities we have been fortunate to know.

- by Jane Smith

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The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 27th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by **June 11th**.

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