

# WISCONSIN HORSESHOES

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## YEAR-END AVERAGES ~ THE NUMBERS ARE IN ~




### Top Averages in the US

Mens: Alan Francis (OH) ..... 90.55  
 Womens: Sue Snyder (KY)..... 85.53  
 Elders: Herschel Walters (IN)... 84.52  
 Boys: Matt Fuller (WA) ..... 70.29  
 Girls: Abby Green (OH) ..... 59.27  
 Cadets: Brian Knupp (PA) ..... 47.49

### Top Averages in WI


Randy Rein (Mosinee).....66.58  
 Pam Aiken (Oak Creek) ....70.49  
 Paul Wilson (Janesville).....64.15  
 Beau Davison (Centuria) ....44.56  
 Aleena Cook (Stratford) ....49.76  
 Blake Lazaris (Colgate) ..... 16.23

A complete listing of all year-end averages, along with a year-end summary report, can be found on pages 5 through 9. 

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## WHPA CHRISTMAS PARTY JAN. 9, 2010

The annual WHPA Christmas party was conducted in Red's Palace the second week in January, with tables set up in the entire court area. Hors d'oeuvres were served during the cocktail hour and some folks were seen bringing their own to add to the table. Skip's Catering, Beloit's regular caterer, set the usual fare with chicken, beef, and all the fixin's. No one went unsatisfied. Most of the guests were local, with a few out-of-towners. **Earl Paulson** introduced honored guests, including NHPA Secretary-Treasurer **Dick Hansen** and his wife, **Paulette**; Third NHPA Vice President and Sanctioned League Director **Lorraine Sternberg**, escorted by **Terry**; our new WHPA Second Vice President **Jimmy Paulson**, and **Pam Aiken**, editor-in-chief of *Wisconsin Horseshoes*, with her husband, **Chris**. 



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Mar. 13	Mad March @ Chetek (28-10-012) (Limit 8)	\$5	2/28	Les Karpiel
Mar. 13-14	Clash with Kerry @ Deansville (28-10-005)	\$18	3/5	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar. 20	Spring Meeting @ 1:00 p.m., Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton, WI			
Mar. 27-28	Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-10-006)	\$18	3/17	Earl Paulson
Apr. 17-18	April Showers @ Chetek (28-10-015) (Limit 12)	\$5	4/3	Les Karpiel
Apr. 24	WI Club Team Tournament (28-10-007)	\$84/team	4/10	Jim Haupt/Jimmy Paulson
Apr. 25	WI State Doubles Tournament (28-10-008)	\$40/team	3/25	John Secord
May 1-2	Beloit Encore (28-10-009)	\$20	4/21	Earl Paulson
May 8	Last Chance @ Beloit (28-10-010)	\$20	4/28	Earl Paulson
May 8	Eau Claire Earlybird (28-10-024)	\$5	4/24	Laurie Dolezel
May 14, 15, 16	Team World @ Beloit (28-10-011)	\$200/team	4/9	Earl Paulson

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## 2010 TEAM WORLD—THREE 30-FOOTERS ALLOWED - by Jim Haupt

Beloit's offering to premier horseshoes, Team World, is showing signs of age. Only sixteen teams made the field last year. To top it off, a consistent winner (Colorado) let it be known they could no longer enter under the restrictions imposed of thirty foot pitchers limited to just two.

The Team World committee was listening and changed the rule. Good or bad, this year the thirty foot pitcher limit has been increased to three.

It is well known that the shorter distance pitchers can excel, and chances are the 2010 Team World championship team will use the new rule to advantage. We fully expect the new winners will be three 30's and the obligatory 40 footer. The bigger question is just how many teams will use the three 30-footer option.

Some years ago, after a California team fielded a team with three ladies, the Team World committee voted to limit 30-foot pitchers to just two per team.

The action was taken to protect the 40-foot game. Face it, thirty foot pitchers consistently pitch higher averages than their 40-foot counterparts.

The jury is still out on the new ruling. Will it increase participation? Will Team World again field 24 teams? Or will the tournament become a hay-day for the 30 footers?

Either way, there is always a need scorekeepers and your presence at the event in Beloit, May 13, 14, & 15.

### Pam Aiken's 2¢

If changing the rules allows more teams to participate, then I'm all for it. Wouldn't you like to see the Canadian teams return? What about California? Colorado? I'd prefer to see friends return to us, rather than sit by and watch the event die because some of our pitchers are getting older. I do not accept the assumption that 30-footer pitchers are interlopers that are less welcome than their 40-foot counterparts. ☺

**FROM THE PRESIDENT** - by Tom Steinke



I was thinking about something other day. I wonder where some of the pitchers of the past are now, and what have they been up to?

I ran into **Don Kangas** last year, and he looks the same and still plays horseshoes in a tavern league near Merton. He said his

heart is too weak to play tournaments anymore, but he likes to play doubles. He does a lot with his son, **Danny**, who is in high school now and a varsity bowler. Remember all those years ago when Danny was only three years old and sang the National Anthem at the State tournament in Eau Claire?

**Bob Kabella** plays horseshoes once a week in the summer and dart ball in the winter at Washington Park in Milwaukee. His other interests are his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and his remote-controlled airplanes.

I also ran into **Steve Kuehn** from Eagle a little over a year ago. He is a carpenter, and work and family is all he has time for these days. It was great visiting with him.

There are a lot of others we would like to know about. Does anybody know how the Voiles', the Stittleburg's, or the Jackson's are doing?


If you have an update on a friend we haven't seen in awhile, send it in to the newsletter. I know I'm interested in hearing how people are and what they are doing.

Good Pitching,

Tom 

**ON THE MEND...**

Ed Wheeler suffered a minor stroke last month. As Ed put it, he feels like he has a hangover that just won't go away. He's making good progress, and still managing to keep up with his regional director duties.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Eddie. 


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**2010 PITCHER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS UPDATE** - by Jane Smith

With 12 events recorded at this time, there seems to be a nice group of pitchers who are making a move to earn this award. Pitchers are placed in Divisions A, B, or C, depending on their 2009 year end average. Division A included pitchers with averages over 50%; Division B averages between 35% and 49.9%; Division C any average less than 34.99%. The points earned so far in all three Divisions range from 25 to 50 points.

All contenders are listed in alphabetical order:

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>
John Molling	John Bauer	Jim Jakel
Randy Rein	John Garvan	Kurt Jochimsen
Ivan Ruzic	Jim Ganther	Bob Kallstrom
Mark Stevens	Steve Mielke	Butch Ludwikowski
Gert Wilcziek	Randy Mitchell	LeRoy Meyer
Paul Wilson	Kerry Morris	Tom Steinke
	Mike Rousseau	Ceil Trossen 
	Rowen Swick	


**A FRIEND WE'LL MISS**  
**LENNY MEISTAD, 1939-2010**

Leonard Duane Meistad, 70, died January 30, 2010, at the Strawberry Lane Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Wisconsin Rapids.



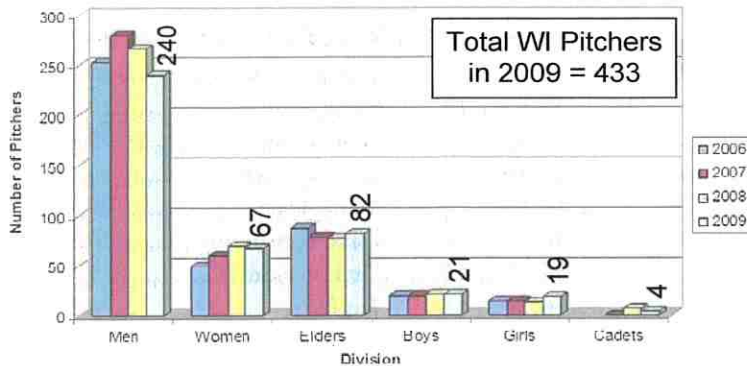
Lenny worked as a Machinist for Scan-O-Matic in Racine for many years. He retired in 1999 and moved to Friendship with his wife, Geri.

Jim Haupt remembers Lenny fondly: "Lenny was the first to make a workable handicap sheet for the leagues at the Pitchin' Palace that all the leagues eventually used. When acting as announcer for the early Team World tournaments, he became excited to the point where he could not sleep the night before, and he did a good job. One would never guess the trials he must have been going through. His horseshoe game was a struggle, never equaling Geri's game. He was a giving man; I can still see him pounding the new iron stake setups for the Palace. Yes, he was a giving man. The world would be a better place if we had more guys like Lenny."

He will be missed by his many horseshoe friends. Our condolences to Geri and the rest of the Meistad family. 

**YEAR-END AVERAGES REPORT — AT A GLANCE**

Change in Number of Pitchers from 2006 to 2009



**TOP 20 AVERAGES IN WISCONSIN**

1. Pam Aiken..... W .... 70.42	11. Jack Algiers ..... 30 .... 58.08
2. Gert Wilcziek..... W .... 69.97	12. John Udelhofen .. M..... 57.21
3. Randy Rein.....M..... 66.58	13. James Bilderback M..... 57.00
4. Paul Wilson ..... 30 .... 64.15	14. Jeff Mauthe ..... M..... 56.83
5. Gene Mason..... 30 .... 64.09	15. John Molling ..... M..... 56.79
6. Penny Steinke..... W .... 63.50	16. Jeff Gustafson .... M..... 55.44
7. Ken Heinritz ..... M..... 63.47	17. Shari Davison..... W .... 54.90
8. Martin Papesh .... 30 .... 61.18	18. Edie McKinney .. W .... 53.06
9. Jim Larson.....M..... 60.61	19. Ivan Ruzic..... 30 .... 52.28
10. Norm Gage..... 30 .... 59.36	20. Otis Wessley ..... 30 .... 52.27

**PITCHERS WHO PLAYED THE MOST TOURNAMENTS**

John Garvan ..... 36	Gene Satterstrom... 15	John Meyer ..... 11
Jim Haupt..... 26	Rowen Swick..... 15	Cecelia Trossen .... 11
Kevin Brekke..... 21	Steve Wiegert ..... 14	James Bilderback... 10
Kerry Morris ..... 21	Russ Burns ..... 13	Dan Bloom..... 10
Ray Groskinsky ..... 19	Norm Gage ..... 13	John Dolezel..... 10
Jim Tollefson..... 19	Al Huizenga ..... 13	Tom Endler ..... 10
Jerry Kochman ..... 18	Galen Kozel ..... 13	Cliff Erickson..... 10
Dave Ninnemann... 18	Mike Rousseau ..... 13	Ken Jaeger Sr..... 10
Jim O'Loughlin..... 17	Scott Linhart..... 12	Randy Mitchell..... 10
Ivan Ruzic..... 17	Steve Mielke..... 12	Gloria Smith..... 10
Tom Steinke..... 17	Jimmy Paulson ..... 12	Mark Stevens ..... 10
Paul Wilson ..... 17	Randy Rein ..... 12	Cliff Troullier ..... 10
Bruce McLinn ..... 16	Tony Scrima ..... 12	Elaine Troullier .... 10
Norm Beckius..... 15	Don Goldsmith ..... 11	Gert Wilcziek ..... 10
John Molling ..... 15	Milt Larsen ..... 11	Harry Zdroik ..... 10
Earl Paulson ..... 15	Mark Mauthe ..... 11	

**NATIONAL STATISTICS**

- Total # of pitchers tracked in NATSTATS ..... 10,795
- Percentage of total # of pitchers represented by WI..... 4.0%
- Decrease in the # of USA pitchers from 2008 to 2009 .... 148
- Decrease in the # of WI pitchers from 2008 to 2009 ..... 20
- Wisconsin's membership decreased by 4.4% from 2008. The national membership decreased by only 1.4%

**HOW WISCONSIN MEASURES UP:**

	<b>WI</b>	<b>USA</b>
Men	55%	61%
Women	16%	14%
Elder Men	19%	18%
Juniors (all)	10%	7%

**WISCONSIN PITCHERS ON NATIONAL CHARTS**

*USA Men's Top 100*

#29	Randy Rein	66.58
#54	Ken Heinritz	63.47
#82	Jim Larson	60.61

*USA Women's Top 100*

#21	Pam Aiken	70.42
#23	Gert Wilcziek	69.97
#40	Penny Steinke	63.50
#95	Shari Davison	54.90

*USA Elder Men's Top 100*

#76	Paul Wilson	64.15
#78	Gene Mason	64.09

*USA Junior Boy's Top 50*

#25	Beau Davison	44.56
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*USA Junior Girl's Top 25*

#3	Aleena Cook	49.76
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*USA Cadets Top 25*

#11	Blake Lazaris	16.23
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**2009 YEAR END AVERAGES — MEN (NAME...AVG...# TOURN)**

Randy Rein..... 66.58... 12	Jim Heim..... 38.55 .... 6	Ken Davison..... 30.18.....6
Ken Heinritz..... 63.47.....7	Randy Mitchell..... 38.24... 10	James Konkol..... 30.00.....1
Jim Larson..... 60.61.....7	Steve Mielke..... 37.95... 12	Steve Wallin..... 29.86.....4
John Udelhofen..... 57.21.....3	John Brophy..... 37.65 .... 5	Scott Linhart..... 29.61... 12
James Bilderback..... 57.00... 10	Mike Rousseau..... 37.46... 13	Jerry Gossen..... 29.58.....3
Jeff Mauthe..... 56.83.....7	Ralph Marthaler..... 36.90.... 7	Marv Bennett..... 29.43.....4
John Molling..... 56.79... 15	Terry Sternberg..... 36.72.... 6	Dave Klipstein..... 29.37.....3
Jeff Gustafson..... 55.44.....9	Al Huizenga..... 36.69... 13	Dick Perkins..... 29.18.....5
Dan Bloom..... 50.64... 10	Gerald Weikert..... 36.36.... 3	Jan Fisher..... 28.93.....2
Mark Stevens..... 50.29... 10	Jerry Oleskow..... 36.02.... 3	Roger Hargrave..... 28.84.....2
Mark Mauthe..... 50.21... 11	Augie Potter..... 35.91.... 2	Al Holloway..... 28.80.....3
John Koepp III..... 50.17.....7	Norm Beckius..... 35.45... 15	Rich Conrad..... 28.49.....6
Bruce McLinn..... 49.23... 16	Jeff Gabriel..... 35.19.... 2	John Mills..... 28.49.....1
John Meyer..... 49.07... 11	Jim Haug..... 35.09.... 2	Ryan Anderson..... 28.39.....1
Ray Groskinsky..... 48.65... 19	Dan Williams..... 34.94.... 4	Tom Rosenthal..... 28.38.....3
Mike Cone..... 48.23.....6	Kurt Jochimsen..... 34.52.... 7	Jack Ellinger..... 28.37.... 4
Kerry Morris..... 47.30... 21	Bob Kallstrom..... 34.12.... 5	Tom Reiter..... 27.87.....6
Brian Repinski..... 46.94.....3	Greg Hehling..... 33.97.... 7	Craig Novinski..... 27.71.... 4
Dave Schorbahn..... 46.66.....7	Gary Volz..... 33.65.... 4	John Secord..... 27.64.....5
John Bauer..... 46.37.....6	Dennis Capener..... 33.58.... 2	Wayne Wisnefski..... 27.53.....2
Ken Jaeger Sr..... 46.12... 10	Jerry Schroeder..... 33.58.... 7	Dennis Wegner..... 27.50.....1
Cliff Erickson..... 46.10... 10	Duane Henriksen..... 33.48.... 3	Leo Linhart..... 27.26.....9
Tory Jeske..... 45.80.....4	Mitch Littlegeorge..... 33.42.... 7	Daniel Larson..... 27.25.....1
Jerry Niemuth..... 44.72.....8	Joel Ramsdell..... 33.17.... 9	Ken Melotik..... 27.25.....2
Tom Endler..... 44.19... 10	Dick Hansen..... 33.01.... 6	Mike Zahn..... 26.88.....9
Glenn Bogenschneider 43.65.....8	Galen Kozel..... 33.01... 13	Robin McDonough..... 26.57.....3
Rowen Swick..... 43.33... 15	Dale Bauer..... 33.00.... 1	John Drexler..... 26.55.....4
Allen Rude..... 43.00.....3	Kevin Brekke..... 33.00... 21	Guy Fleming..... 26.25.....2
Bernard Carley..... 42.80.....7	Rick Weller..... 32.87.... 5	Mark Furgason..... 26.25.....1
Jim Tollefson..... 42.56... 19	Randy Barnes..... 32.73.... 4	Mike Wood..... 26.02.....2
Les Karpiel..... 42.10.....9	David Volz..... 32.71.... 8	Jim Emery..... 26.00.....1
John Garvan..... 42.06... 36	Dennis Ambuehl..... 32.59.... 4	Ed Leverty..... 26.00.....2
Don Goldsmith..... 42.00... 11	Jim Bird..... 32.40.... 2	Rick Borgwardt..... 25.92.....4
Joe Ellinger..... 41.90.....6	Tom Kotnik..... 32.20.... 2	Randy Heinritz..... 25.69.....4
Mitch Vyhanek..... 41.33.....1	David Wietrzak..... 32.17.... 5	Jayme Fehr..... 25.40.....6
Rich Peterson..... 41.32.....2	David Hansen..... 32.02.... 3	Terry Schaetzka..... 25.12.....8
Darryl Hinz..... 41.25.....5	Steve Deegan..... 32.00.... 1	Jason Goldsmith..... 25.07.....3
Todd Sheehan..... 41.00.....3	Russ Heinritz..... 31.91.... 3	Stan Leuty..... 25.00.....1
Mike Struebing..... 40.79.....1	Ron Wiese..... 31.72.... 4	Duane Woodard..... 24.75.....1
Gary Wegner..... 40.71.....1	Layne Olson..... 31.69.... 2	Larry Danielson..... 24.61.....6
Steve Wiegert..... 40.60... 14	Mike Lange..... 31.62.... 8	Allen Johnson..... 24.52.....8
Dean Chaffee..... 40.53.....7	Carl Schliem..... 31.58.... 4	Antone Matalas..... 24.40.....4
Larry Klopotek..... 40.50.....1	Jarrod Bisch..... 31.38.... 5	Kurt Wisnefski..... 24.30.....2
Doug Baklum..... 40.29.....2	George Moraza..... 31.35.... 9	Chuck Radl..... 24.28.....1
Lonny Trangsrud..... 40.10.....6	Ed Wheeler..... 31.11.... 9	Dick Brockway..... 24.25.....6
Ken Schumann..... 40.00.....2	Brian Connell..... 31.00.... 1	David Tellier..... 24.08.....5
Julian Tijerina..... 38.98.....7	Leo Richter..... 30.50.... 5	Bill Nehls..... 23.97.....6

**CONTINUED 2009 YE AVERAGES — MEN**

Randy White ..... 23.97.....9	Jim Harder..... 17.23 .... 2	Tom McTavish..... 9.25 .....1
Tom Steinke..... 23.75... 17	Andrew Peroutka..... 17.18 .... 3	Colin Ladd ..... 9.00 .....1
Tom Bird ..... 23.44.....7	Gary Meurmann ..... 17.04.... 3	Mark Steffen..... 9.00 .....1
Tom Dudenhoefer ..... 23.40.....8	Jerry Kochman..... 16.36... 18	Jay Ganther ..... 8.81 .....5
Bernie Sopinski ..... 23.39.....2	Mark Gagnon..... 16.02 .... 5	Joel Levandowski..... 8.75 .....1
Butch Ludwikowski ... 23.32.....6	Eddie Wisniewski ..... 15.94.... 6	Curt Page ..... 8.75 .....1
Ron Yttri..... 22.84.....3	Allen Cortright ..... 15.83 .... 1	Lance Peters..... 8.50 .....1
Matt Ramsdell ..... 22.75.....2	Jimmy Paulson ..... 15.77... 12	Ronald Rose ..... 7.75 .....1
Trent Bratland ..... 22.72.....2	Phil Haas ..... 15.60 .... 1	Tim Root ..... 7.50 .....1
Bob Johnson ..... 22.69.....1	Jeff Chesmore ..... 15.53 .... 2	Dennis Johnson ..... 7.25 .....1
Gary Johnson..... 22.50.....1	BJ Vondoehren..... 15.42 .... 3	David Robine..... 7.25 .....1
Mark Mensching..... 22:50.....1	Frank Espinoza ..... 15:33 .... 3	Jerry Costello ..... 7.12 .....2
Matt Gent..... 21.42.....1	Dustin Duerr ..... 15.00 .... 1	Ted Simpson ..... 7.00 .....1
Mel Cook..... 21.34.....4	Don Peroutka ..... 15.00.... 7	Curt Novinski..... 6.98 .....4
Gene Satterstrom ..... 20.90... 15	Gary Hestekin ..... 14.61 .... 2	Mark Christianson..... 6.50 .....1
Ray Mallo..... 20.79.....4	Randy Benaszkeski ..... 14.24' .... 1	Dave Skrobis ..... 6.50 .....1
Steve Stewart ..... 20.50.....1	Mike Franzen..... 14.02 .... 4	Steve Mengelt..... 6.36 .....2
Don Tritz ..... 20.25.....1	John Brandt..... 13.53 .... 2	Mark Pitzen ..... 6.25 .....3
Pete Kumlien ..... 20.00.....1	Jack Zane..... 13.50 .... 3	Dean Schneider ..... 6.00 .....1
John Bentz ..... 19.89.....4	Jim Uhlenhake ..... 13.37 .... 4	Chris Kildahl ..... 5.93 .....2
Mark Nord ..... 19.70.....5	Tom Burek..... 13.00 .... 1	Rich Kulakowski..... 5.73 .....2
Carl Skroback ..... 19.06.....2	Craig David..... 12.69 .... 5	Chad Markhardt ..... 5.60 .....1
Dan Schulz..... 18.80.....1	Mike Berdan..... 12.63 .... 5	Ryan Hyatt ..... 5.25 .....1
Jim Haupt..... 18.77... 26	Dick Poff ..... 12.61 .... 4	Paul Jomas ..... 5.00 .....1
David Palmersheim .... 18.75.....2	Bob Polley ..... 12.50 .... 2	Jerry Kooiker ..... 4.50 .....1
Ted Rohde..... 18.58.....6	Dave Wilson..... 12.08 .... 1	James Baker ..... 4.25 .....1
Ken Meyers ..... 18.50.....1	Rod Ganther..... 12.05 .... 3	Jason Moessner ..... 4.00 .....1
Dennis Schulze..... 18.19.....5	Ted Caron ..... 11.00 .... 1	Dan Starzman ..... 4.00 .....1
Orlie Lange..... 18.00.....1	Dale Zastrow ..... 11.00 .... 1	Joe Grasso ..... 3.75 .....1
Eugene Stevens ..... 17.83.... 3	Randy Ganther ..... 10.69 .... 6	Scott Shackleton ..... 3.25 .....1
Dave Carpenter..... 17.66.....8	Dave Semingson ..... 9.85 .... 4	Joshua Simon ..... 3.00 .....1
Scott Muhlenbeck ..... 17.42.... 4	Terry Costello ..... 9.83 .... 2	Mike Burns ..... 2.79 .....2
Wayne Satonica..... 17.38.... 4	Jeremy Schorle..... 9.50 .... 1	Mike Ayres ..... 2.47 .....3

**JUNIOR BOYS (AGE 18 AND UNDER)**

Beau Davison..... 44.56.....5	Brady Reetz ..... 7.92 ..... 2
Jacob Birch ..... 36.30.....4	Ross Kuchenbecker... 6.80 ..... 1
Tim Lazaris ..... 30.65.....4	Jason Salmon ..... 6.66 ..... 1
James Heinritz ..... 29.35.....1	Eric Kuske ..... 6.36 ..... 2
Mike Lazaris ..... 28.22.....4	Mason Kuchenbecker 5.20 ..... 1
Gunnar David ..... 25.43.....6	Ezra Heinritz ..... 4.05 ..... 2
Travis Johnson ..... 22.69.....3	Kyle Golz..... 2.90 ..... 2
Corey Muhlenbeck.... 22.52.....4	Joe Larsen ..... 2.54 ..... 2
Joshua Heinritz ..... 22.05.....2	Garett Kuchenbecker 2.00 ..... 1
Caleb Heinritz ..... 18.64.....2	Tony Secord ..... 1.60 ..... 1
Cash Hickethier ..... 9.25 .....1	

**CADETS (AGE 9 AND UNDER)**

Blake Lazaris ..... 16.23.....4
Steven Lazaris..... 2.22 ..... 1
Abby Aiken..... 1.91 ..... 2
Alyssa Simonz..... 0.59 ..... 2



**2009 YE AVERAGES — WOMEN (NAME...AVG...# TOURN)**

Pam Aiken.....	70.42.....	8	Anna Markhardt.....	25.35.....	3	Linda Wisniewski.....	13.71.....	6
Gert Wilcziek.....	69.97.....	10	Wendy Pritzlaff.....	25.00.....	1	Pat Novinski.....	12.96.....	2
Penny Steinke.....	63.50.....	7	Joyce Leander.....	24.80.....	1	Beth Strohman.....	12.92.....	5
Shari Davison.....	54.90.....	5	Joanna Hollenback.....	22.96.....	4	Pam Woodard.....	12.50.....	1
Edie McKinney.....	53.06.....	8	Evelyn Larsen.....	22.94.....	4	Vera Johnson.....	12.07.....	3
Lorraine Sternberg.....	48.50.....	4	Kathy Steffen.....	22.30.....	2	Julie Paulson.....	11.21.....	4
Elaine Troullier.....	43.30.....	10	Toni Sloper.....	22.00.....	3	Barb Ramquist.....	10.66.....	1
Gloria Smith.....	43.18.....	10	Tricia Ryan-Tellier.....	21.46.....	5	Lori Mikshowsky.....	9.00.....	1
Tava Kildahl.....	40.11.....	4	Jenny McTavish.....	20.58.....	2	Barbara Peters.....	8.50.....	1
Laurie Dolezel.....	39.86.....	7	Sylvia David.....	20.16.....	3	Caryn Davis.....	7.72.....	5
Kiri Cook.....	38.46.....	4	Sue Lange.....	20.00.....	1	Lizzie Dolezel.....	7.00.....	1
Sonia Cook.....	38.39.....	5	Debbie Smith.....	20.00.....	1	Eva Skrobis.....	6.50.....	1
Jane Hartman.....	38.39.....	3	Joan Struebing.....	20.00.....	1	Laurie Starks.....	6.50.....	1
Nancy Lietzau.....	37.50.....	1	Mary Sue Morris.....	19.25.....	1	Toni Vondoehren.....	6.42.....	1
Debby Schell-Kotnik.....	34.62.....	4	Ann Murray.....	18.66.....	4	Mindy Ayres.....	5.29.....	3
Susie Erickson.....	32.43.....	3	Kari David.....	18.58.....	5	Mary Pederson.....	5.25.....	1
Cecelia Trossen.....	32.20.....	11	Dobie Bultman.....	18.04.....	2	Dawn Burek.....	4.25.....	1
Denise Williamson.....	29.50.....	3	Lisa White.....	17.53.....	6	Lori Schneider.....	4.25.....	1
Chris Gage.....	29.33.....	2	Ramona Harvey.....	16.50.....	1	Anita Stahl.....	4.25.....	1
Karen Henkel.....	28.85.....	7	Cindy Castellano.....	15.50.....	3	Joy George.....	2.75.....	1
Kathy Koelsch.....	27.75.....	1	Rondi Mengelt.....	15.46.....	5	Christine Schaefer.....	2.00.....	1
Linda Johnson.....	27.32.....	3	Eline Knowlton.....	14.75.....	1	Teresa Donar.....	0.75.....	1
Elly McCarn.....	26.30.....	2						

**2009 YE AVERAGES — ELDERS (NAME...AVG...# TOURN)**

Paul Wilson.....	64.15.....	17	John Gregorich.....	40.22.....	4	John Olson.....	31.59.....	8
Gene Mason.....	64.09.....	6	Jim O'Loughlin.....	39.88.....	17	Michael E Hruby.....	31.45.....	3
Martin Papesh.....	61.18.....	7	Wally Thorson.....	39.22.....	6	Wayne Franzen.....	31.44.....	5
Norm Gage.....	59.36.....	13	Ed Mell.....	37.70.....	6	DeWayne Hazen.....	30.86.....	4
Jack Algiers.....	58.08.....	4	Jim Ganther.....	37.47.....	4	Bud Hammer.....	30.83.....	4
Ivan Ruzic.....	52.28.....	17	Don Illgen.....	37.46.....	3	Art Collien.....	30.61.....	8
Otis Wessley.....	52.27.....	4	Nelson Richason.....	37.23.....	2	Kenneth Lovaas.....	30.50.....	5
Ozz Jacobson.....	52.22.....	5	Dexter Meise.....	36.11.....	2	Jim Bertelson.....	30.16.....	2
Lloyd Johnson.....	51.18.....	6	Bernie Human.....	35.53.....	6	Wally Nelson.....	30.11.....	4
Wayne Lemar.....	50.51.....	9	Earl Paulson.....	35.33.....	15	Roger Heinritz.....	30.00.....	7
Dave Ninnemann.....	49.09.....	18	Dick Hanold.....	35.05.....	7	Marty Weidner.....	29.50.....	1
Milt Larsen.....	48.26.....	11	Dale Griffith.....	35.00.....	5	Leroy Meyer.....	29.23.....	7
Norb Fuhrman.....	47.26.....	6	Jim Jakel.....	34.88.....	6	Jerry Kamps.....	28.59.....	3
Bill Matey.....	46.72.....	8	Theodore Padgett.....	34.74.....	1	Rob Rehm.....	28.49.....	1
John Dolezel.....	46.41.....	10	Harry Nelson.....	34.71.....	5	Ed Bonebright.....	27.33.....	5
Cal Pitel.....	45.60.....	7	Ron Lingard.....	34.39.....	5	Dennis Hartman.....	27.25.....	3
Tony Scrima.....	45.15.....	12	Cliff Troullier.....	33.76.....	10	Ed Warner.....	27.25.....	1
Dennis Kieser.....	42.78.....	5	Marv Besaw.....	33.75.....	3	George Eckstrom.....	26.53.....	4
Everett Stewart.....	42.50.....	1	Leroy Wipperfurth.....	33.55.....	3	Dale Shamberg.....	26.31.....	5
John Brugger.....	42.42.....	7	William Spahn.....	33.04.....	2	Warren Puhl.....	25.07.....	2
Harry Zdroik.....	42.37.....	10	Ron Wilcziek.....	32.24.....	2	Mer Sorensen.....	24.25.....	1
Ron Miller.....	41.60.....	3	Ray Lopez.....	32.23.....	9	Len Mauthe.....	22.80.....	1



## CONTNUED 2009 YE AVERAGES

### ELDERS (CONTINUED)

Russ Burns	..... 21.91	..... 13
Willis David	..... 21.48	..... 4
Jack Statema	..... 20.66	..... 3
Loyd Skarda	..... 20.32	..... 2
Ed Hack	..... 19.28	..... 1
Roger Olson	..... 19.20	..... 1
Cliff VanNatta	..... 18.75	..... 3
Greg Bergles	..... 17.12	..... 3
Frank Hanold	..... 16.40	..... 1
Dan David	..... 16.34	..... 4
Merrill Semingson	.... 15.94	..... 4
Melvin Donar	..... 15.75	..... 1
Al Loose	..... 15.00	..... 1
Wes Podvin	..... 13.75	..... 1
Bill Klemm	..... 5.57	..... 2
Roy Schlaghaft	..... 4.75	..... 1

### JUNIOR GIRLS (AGE 18 AND UNDER)

Aleena Cook	..... 49.76	..... 6
Bethany Heinritz	..... 18.85	..... 3
Christina Heinritz	..... 16.29	..... 3
Heather Feavel	..... 15.18	..... 2
Kayla Dolezel	..... 14.28	..... 5
Amanda Kuske	..... 10.18	..... 2
Nicole Feavel	..... 9.91	..... 2
Naomi Williamson	.... 8.84	..... 3
Samantha Lazaris	..... 8.20	..... 4
Julia Larsen	..... 7.00	..... 1
Jena Alling	..... 6.54	..... 2
Jessica Golz	..... 6.50	..... 1
Johanna Alling	..... 5.45	..... 2
Jenelle Larsen	..... 4.90	..... 2
Leanne Claude	..... 4.00	..... 1
Mary Ann Aiken	..... 2.35	..... 2
Sabrina Bratland	..... 1.25	..... 1
Dakota Bratland	..... 1.00	..... 1
Emily Lazaris	..... 0.00	..... 2

## SPRING IS COMING...GET YOUR TEAMS READY!


### CLUB TEAM—APRIL 24TH

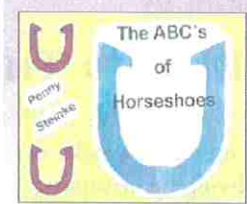
The season opener, Club - by *Jim Haupt* Team, preceding the State Doubles by one day, will go on April 24th. Now is a great time to set up those teams. Yes, teams may be composed of individual clubs, a county, even a family. It may include all divisions of pitchers on a team.

Four- or five-member teams will be seeded by total percentage (of the top four) into class play. There's a niche for everybody on a club-team.

We are expecting 24 courts at Telfer Park, Beloit, which will comfortably accommodate upwards of 100 pitchers with a morning and afternoon shift. True, pitching time is unknown. Also true, good times are guaranteed.

Awards, big and small, are designed to go to all pitchers. In addition, this tournament monetarily supports the WHPA, the NHPF, and Team World. Be a supporter, pitch Club Team.

Should there be any question of entry, contact a tournament director, **Jim Haupt** or **Jimmy Paulson**. Above all, organize and enter team members as soon as possible. Entry deadline is April 10th. 



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## BEHIND THE MASK WITH KEN HEINRITZ

Behind this welding mask, I make my living by critiquing one's ability to steadily move a molten metal puddle. Careful observations in the game we play are made by all, but one



story I'm reminded of is about a steely young brunette named **Christina Heinritz**. This charming young lady has quietly accomplished perhaps the most astounding feat of the 2009 State Tournament.

Allow me to enlighten you. In the months leading up to that tournament, Christina's game vastly improved. Her steady improvement propelled her doubles team into the league lead. The jelling of her game came together at an ideal time, with just a month to go before State. Getting in a groove is what every serious minded horseshoe pitcher desires at this crucial time. But in Christina's case, there was only one problem. She was pitching at the wrong distance. Figuring to pitch in the Cadet class at 20 feet, this then 9 year old had to come up with some monumental adjustments with so little time to spare. Faced with pitching an additional 10 feet, I dare say that many adults would not have attempted to do what she did.

So during the month before the State Tournament, an inner drive to "pitch like Gert" caused her to capitalize on lost time.

And when the tournament finally ensued, she made the most of it. Consequently, the chips were gathered and this sixth grader found herself atop her class with a stellar 6-0 record in a double round robin shoot-out. Though this accomplishment would have been sufficient, it also earned her a trip to move up and pitch with the big girls for the Junior Girls State Championship Title.

As Christina reminisced, she stated that she was "kind of scared" and thought that she "wouldn't do that

good" and wasn't sure she "even wanted to play against them." Oh, she was well aware that she was the youngest and smallest and this made her a little nervous. And who wouldn't be? Still a novice at 30 feet and now had to compete against girls twice her size. And one of those was her big sister, **Bethany**. If that wasn't enough, she had to face a very daunting foe in former Junior Girls World Champion and current State Champion **Aleena Cook**.

Thinking back to the realization of facing Aleena, she calmly stated, "I had a feeling that she would beat me." And Aleena did exactly that! But not only against Christina, but outplayed all her opponents to add yet another State Title to her name. But of all Aleena's opponents in the Championship class, it was none other than Christina Heinritz (less than a week over 10 years old) who scored the most points against her, with 12.




**Christina Heinritz, pitching against Aleena Cook**

How about that! And this little girl elevated her ringer percentage to 19.42 and a 3-2 record, good enough for third place, right behind Bethany.

The seeming insurmountable odds that faced young Christina almost caused her to give up. But the tenacity she exhibited in striving to give it her best, led to her success.

Endurance is the steady determination to keep going, regardless of the temptation to slow down or give up.

The Holy Scriptures give us this admonition:

"... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." *Hebrews 12:1-2* 

*Ken Heinritz is the Chaplain for the WHPA, a welding instructor at Waukesha Technical College, and regular contributor to the newsletter. More of Ken's articles can be found at [wihorseshoes.com](http://wihorseshoes.com) under "Featured Authors."*

## 2010 SUMMER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

		Entry	D/L	Contact Person	Phone
May 29	Platteville Spring Singles (28-10-027)	\$16	5/15	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
June 5-6	Wolf River Open (28-10-013)	\$15	5/22	Ken Jaeger	920-982-6287
June 5-6	Spring Singles @ Beloit (28-10-014)	\$18	5/26	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
June 6	Eau Claire Open (28-10-025)	\$20	5/26	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
June 12-13	Eagle River Open (limit 32) (28-10-017)	\$18	6/2	Cliff Erickson	715-479-1059
June 19	Marshfield One Tournament (28-10-018)	\$15	6/5	Mel Cook	715-384-5540
June 19	Muskego Open (28-10-019)	\$15	6/5	Tom Steinke	262-594-5464
June 26-27	Ken Kosky Memorial (28-10-020)	\$18	6/12	Ed Hack	715-842-0150
June 26-27	Arkdale Open (28-10-021)	\$16	6/19	Ray Groskinsky	608-339-2466
June 26-27	Goldendale Open (28-09-022)	\$15	6/13	Terry Sternberg	262-677-3300
July 10	Mid-Eastern (handicapped)(unsanctioned)	\$15	6/28	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
July 11	Lox Classic (limit 48) (28-10-023)	\$18	6/28	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
July 17-18	Southern WI Open @ Beloit (28-10-026)	\$18	7/7	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
July 26-Aug 7	2010 World Tourney, Cedar Rapids, IA	\$125	5/13	Dick Hansen	262-835-9108
Aug. 14	Green Bay Open (28-10-031)	\$18	8/2	Steve Wiegert	920-435-6310
Aug. 14-15	Mosinee Log Jam (28-10-029)	\$18	8/1	Jim Jakel	715-359-8352
Aug. 14	Marv's Doubles (28-10-028)	\$21/team	8/7	Marv Bennett	608-565-2325
Aug. 17	City-County Tournament (28-10-030)	\$5	8/12	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
Aug. 21-22	2010 Tune-Up @ Beloit (28-10-032)	\$18	8/11	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Aug. 21	Platteville Open (28-10-039)	\$16	8/7	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
Sept. 4,5,6	WI State Tourney @ Beloit (28-10-033, 034)	\$25	7/31	John Secord	920-922-0080
Sept. 11-12	Wet N Wild @ Balsam Lake (28-10-035)	\$10	8-28	Jane Smith	715-485-3057
Sept. 12	Beloit Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$24/team	9/2	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304

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**THE 001** - by Jim Haupt

One of the perks enjoyed at the Beloit club is a visit to the concession stand. Never know just which club member might be serving, but it's a sure bet you'll see **Dan Lessman** somewhere behind the plank. This day, he was pushing an imported variety of horseradish. Imported, they say, from Eagle River. A couple guys from Illinois were eyeing the stuff. **Rich Loder** raised the small jar to his nose, just to his nose, and set it down weeping. **Dave Amorose**, a brave-heart, actually consumed half a spoon and was left with the gall to say, "Oh yeah, yeah, good stuff, good stuff."



**Dan Lessman**

Amorose pitches well in Beloit. This time he won his class, pitching nine points over average. The horseradish tasting took place only after he won his class. We will report further developments as they happen, if he lives.



**Pete Kumlien**

Working out prior to the Birkebeiner is **Pete Kumlien**. He found easy pickings last time after a year's absence. This time he lost one.



**Ken Hopp**

Ken Hopp, a steady participant in Beloit knows where the chow gets good.

See p.13 for The 001 tournament results.

**DEANSVILLE SINGLES RESULTS**

OCT 24, 2009

- by Rudy Van Fleet

The Deansville Singles got off to a slow start. First of all, the pitcher sign-up was short, and then the Secretary gave wrong information about start up times. Due to the ingenuity of **Jim Haupt** and **Kerry Morris**, a four-person class was set up using a not too complicated handicap system. It worked for the morning class.

Class A

John Molling	5-0	60.4
Roger Ehlers	4-1	56.0
Jim Larson	3-2	58.0

Class B

Tip Wipperfurth	7-1	38.7
Mitch Littlegeorge	7-1	33.3
John Garvan	6-2	36.6
John Olson	5-3	33.3

Class C

Kerry Morris	4-1	41.6
Ed Mell	3-2	26.8
Ron Lingard	2-3	32.4
Jim Haupt	1-4	4.4

**DEANSVILLE RALLY RESULTS**

The Rally survived the cold and hit good roads for a full house in Deansville. - by Rudy Van Fleet

**Ken Heinritz** pitched a whopping 64% to run off with Class A. The results:

Class A

Ken Heinritz	5-0	64.0
John Molling*	4.5-1.5	60.3
John Meyer*	3.5-2.5	55.0
Ray Groskinsky	2-3	38.4

Class C

T. Wipperfurth	7-0	39.2
M. Littlegeorge	5-2	37.5
Greg Hehling	5-2	25.0
Al Huizenga	4-3	25.7

Class B

Rich Peterson	7-0	49.6
John Gregorich	6-1	42.5
Bun Carley	4-3	43.2
Don Illgen	4-3	41.7

Class D

Al Holloway	5-0	34.8
Rich Conrad	3-2	19.6
Randy White	3-2	16.0
Gary Schmitz	2-3	22.4

**NEW YEAR'S DAY RUMBLE**

The New Year's Day Rumble horseshoe tournament formerly took place regardless of weather in the Lake Geneva area. **Jeff Gustafson** patterned this event similar to the one run by **Tip Wipperfurth** at Waunakee. The main difference is that Tip knew better than to run it in the wintertime.

Jeff found out why his hands and ears did not freeze at Waunakee, so he decided to hold it indoors at Beloit the last three years.

It is a "chance of the draw" doubles tournament, where the total score at the end of the round robin determines the winner. Ringers, wins, and losses are not counted.

For the second year in a row, **Mouse Beckius** and his partner won first place and collected the big money.

- 1st Place: Mouse Beckius and Skip Ramsdell
- 2nd Place: Jessie Garza and Al Johnson
- 3rd Place: Russ Burns and Tony Scrima

A total of 24 players (12 teams) took part. Everybody had a good time and no one suggested holding it outdoors again so it looks like it will be at Beloit again next year.



## BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS - by Jimmy Paulson



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### SNOWFLAKE RESULTS DEC 12-13, 2009

Class A

Dennis Reid	4-1	61.20
Paul Wilson	4-1	59.60
Glenn Wicklund	3-2	52.00

Class B

Bruce McLinn	4-1	48.40
Milt Larsen	4-1	46.00
Rowen Swick	4-1	42.80

Class C

Mike Rousseau	5-0	38.40
Jim Tollefson	4-1	42.00
Steve Kampmeier	3-2	33.20

Class D

Joel Ramsdell	5-0	31.20
Dale Grover	3-2	26.80
Dave Amorose	2.5-2.5	35.60

Class E

Guy Modde	5-1	26.25
Rich Lodor	4-2	27.08
Larry Fettes	4-2	26.25

Class F

Herman Robisch	5-0	43.60
Jim Bird	4-1	36.00
LaVere Roesslein	2.5-2.5	26.40

Class G

Joe Annoreno	5-0	30.00
Allen Johnson	3-2	24.40
Tom Bird	3-2	23.60

Class H

Pete Kumlien	5-1	20.00
Gene Satterstrom	4.5-1.5	21.25
Julie Petrovski	3-3	23.33

Class I

Wayne Goers	5-0	23.60
Don Miller	3-2	23.60
Ron Fritz	3-2	21.60

Class J

Rondi Mengelt	6-0	12.75
Luke Champion	4-2	17.65
Jack Zane	4-2	13.73

### 2010 State Tournament

Hosted by the  
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**September 4-6, 2010**

**Get your three qualifying  
tournaments in early!**

**All sanctioned pitchers  
are encouraged  
to attend.**

**Deadline: July 31, 2010**

### THE 001 RESULTS JAN 16-17, 2010

Class A

Dennis Reid	5-0	70.00
Jesse Garza	3-2	56.80
Milt Larsen	2-3	44.80

Class B

Tom Endler	3-2	47.60
Jim Tollefson	3-2	44.40
Rowen Swick	3-2	40.80

Class C

Mike Rousseau	4-1	37.60
Daniel Lessman	4-1	34.80
Robert Bowser	3-2	30.80

Class D

Herman Robisch	5-0	41.20
Galen Kozel	3-2	36.40
Mitch Littlegeorge	3-2	35.60

Class E

Norm Beckius	4-2	34.17
Jim Bird	3-3	39.17
Joel Ramsdell	3-3	24.58

Class F

Dave Amorose	5-0	38.40
Rich Lodor	4-1	31.60
Guy Modde	2-3	22.40

Class G

Leo Linhart	5-1	27.08
Joe Annoreno	5-1	20.42
Ed Bonebright	3-3	24.17

Class H

Julie Petrovski	5-0	28.00
Allen Johnson	3-2	28.40
Bob Johnson	3-2	28.00

Class I

Tom Bird	5-0	26.80
Pete Kumlien	4-1	23.60
Bob Kubly	3-2	17.60

Class J

Don Miller	4-1	23.20
Ron Fritz	4-1	22.00
Gene Satterstrom	4-1	12.40

Class K

Wayne Goers	4-1	19.20
Ken Posmer	4-1	16.00
Steve Nelson	3-2	16.40

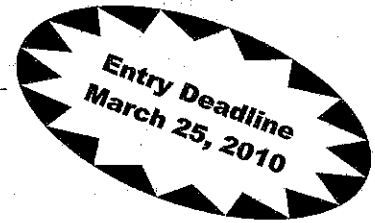
Class L

Dick Poff	5-0	16.00
Anne Miller	3-2	14.00
Ed Dolan	3-2	5.60

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

14TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN STATE  
WALKING DOUBLES  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

- 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



**RULES & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.
2. Entry form and fee must be received by March 25, 2010, payable to the WHPA, W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.
3. Only those having a year-end NATSTAT average, as printed in the February-March 2009 newsletter, may compete. These averages will be used to set all classes.
4. Pitchers having a 60% or higher average must have a partner with an average less than 60%.
5. Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.
6. Cash awards will be 85% of entry fee, with half of each class receiving payback.
7. Any prize money won by a Junior pitcher will be donated to the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund.
8. Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries. The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.
9. Players will keep their own score.
10. You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. The schedule will be posted online [wihorseshoes.com](http://wihorseshoes.com).

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