

WISCONSIN HORSESHOES

WISCONSIN'S 2007 STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



MENS CHAMPION

Randy Rein
(Mosinee)



LADIES CHAMPION

Gert Wilcziek
(Whitehall)



ELDERS CHAMPION

Gene Mason
(Appleton)



BOYS CHAMPION

Nathan Heinritz
(Menomonee Falls)



**BOYS CADET
CHAMPION**

Gunnar David
(Marshfield)



GIRLS CHAMPION

Aleena Cook
(Stratford)



**GIRLS CADET
CHAMPION**

Mary Ann Aiken
(Oak Creek)

FROM THE PRESIDENT



- by Tom Steinke

The 2007 Labor Day State horseshoe tournament is in the books. Congratulations to all champions. There was a large number of close games. Nice pitching.

Congratulations to **Bun Carley** on your Hall of Fame induction. I never realized you have that much family! It was very nice that they could attend.

Thanks to the Arena and Deansville clubs for hosting a very well-run State tournament.

My pick for the President's Award this year was **Pam Aiken**, the reason being is it should be a person who stands out and does that little extra for the WHPA. After **Ken Kosky** passed away, there was a need for a lot of help with the newsletter. **Jim Haupt** and **Jane Smith** were doing a good job, but needed another editor. Pam said she would do it. I was surprised that with three small kids and her work with scouts that she would take this on too, but she did and she's doing a great job. I know Jim and Jane appreciate the help. The three of them work well together and the newsletter will keep getting better and better.

Good Pitching,
Tom 🍷

STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT - by Bun & Shirley Carley



The 2007 State Tournament was held in Arena, co-hosted by the Sandbaggers and Deansville. The weather was fantastic after having a record month of rainfall. We started the tournament with Color Guard, National Anthem sung, and local minister saying a prayer. On Sunday, there was a Church Service by **Ken Heinritz** and then the National Anthem was played. The help was unbelievable, only twice did we have to announce for scorekeepers. **Kevin Brekke** did a great job organizing it. **Ron Berg** set up the program in the computer, **Dobie Bultman** ran the stats with help from **Lorraine Sternberg** and **Jimmy Paulson**, who also finalized everything for us and sent it on.

Gert Wilczek set a record by pitching a 100% game. And just to show how close the percentages in each class were, we had 10 play-offs for first place.

Pam Aiken received the President's Award and the Ken Kosky Award, which were both greatly deserved. She has done a great job with the Newsletter.



We would like to thank **Rudy Van Fleet** for nominating Bun and the Hall of Fame Committee for their vote. Thank you to Rudy and to **Jim Haupt** for the nice speeches at his induction. Thanks to the committee for putting both our pictures on the plaque, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Sandbaggers for the plaque and gift certificate. It was great having family and so many friends there to share this with.



Thanks to everyone for making this tournament a success. 🍷



2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

* Playoff for 1st Place

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Randy Rein, Mosinee	6-1	60.92
2	Mark Mauthe, Platteville	5-2	60.70
3	Jim Larson, Sun Prairie	5-2	56.25
4	John Udelhofen, Barneveld	4-3	54.52
5	Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva	3-4	53.03
6	Ken Heinritz, Menomonee Falls	2-5	48.50
7	Roger Comero, Cochrane	2-5	48.31
8	Tom Endler, Twin Lakes	1-6	44.44

Randy Rein makes it for the 12th time! His mates made him earn it. Same as last year, **Jim Larson** tried to upset the class by winning his games over both Rein and **Mark Mauthe**. It set up the last round with the top three, Larson, Rein, and Mauthe with one loss each. In an earlier game, **Ken Heinritz** gave Larson his one "L." The advent of **John Udelhofen** returning to the Championship was Larson's pitfall. Losing that game put Udelhofen in fourth, Larson in third. Meanwhile, Rein was taking it to Mauthe once again become the Wisconsin State Horseshoe Champion.

Class High Game: Randy Rein, 70.69%

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Gert Wilcziek, Whitehall	7-0	79.63
2	Pam Aiken, Oak Creek	6-1	58.43
3	Penny Steinke, Waukesha	5-2	64.38
4	Edie McKinney, Luck	4-3	53.11
5	Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield	3-4	55.33
6	Shirley Brumbaugh, Hammond B	2-5	42.52
7	Sonia Cook, Stratford	1-6	22.07
8	Elaine Troullier, Whitelaw	0-7	28.40

Gert Wilcziek is, of course, the hands-down

Ladies Champion, with her overall percentage was a whopping 79.63, also thought to be a record.

So the games were really for second. **Pam Aiken** and her sister, **Penny Steinke** had a battle royal. Pam won by a point and it determined the finish order in the class.

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 ■ Congratulations to
 ■
 ■ **GERT**
 ■ **WILCZIEK**
 ■
 ■ for pitching the only
 ■ **100% GAME**
 ■ ever played at a
 ■ sanctioned Wisconsin
 ■ State Tournament
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ELDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1*	Gene Mason, Appleton	7-1	60.44
2*	Clayton Gage, Milltown	6-2	58.91
3	Vince Jakel, Spencer A	5-2	58.82
4	Norm Gage, Milltown	4-3	55.45
5	Ivan Ruzic, Stratford	3-4	47.71
6	Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha	3-4	47.38
7	Bill Matey, Appleton	1-6	40.88
8	Cal Pitel, Greenville	0-7	39.18

We have a new State Champion in **Gene Mason**, losing just one game. It set up a playoff with DC, **Clayton Gage** who took second this year. Mason won twice over Gage, and suffered his loss from the shoes of **Vince Jakel**, who was third in a competitive Elders championship class. Mason started pitching in the State tournament in 1958, has pitched 43 times in the annual event, and has finally won a title. definitely a longevity record.

Class High Game: Norm Gage, 78.13%

BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1*	Nathan Heinritz, Pewaukee A	6-1	69.76
2*	Ryan Hyatt, Racine A	5-2	56.57
3	Malachi David, Marshfield C	2-4	31.07
4	Aleena Cook, Stratford B	0-6	12.21

Nathan Heinritz continued his winning ways earned at the World Tournament. Although he did lose one game, he wrestled the title back from **Ryan Hyatt**, pitching 69.76% over Hyatt's 56.57%, with both pitching over their averages. Third went to **Malachi David**, who more than doubled his entering average with 31.07%. **Aleena Cook**, who was off her usual form, lost every game and settled for fourth.

Class High Game: Nathan Heinritz, 83.33%

JUNIOR CADETS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Gunnar David, Marshfield C	6-0	17.78
2	Mary Ann Aiken, Oak Creek C	3-3	2.22
3	Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee C	3-3	0.56
4	Tony Secord, Fond Du Lac C	0-6	0.00

Gunnar David won his second State championship for this division. He walked through the competition pitching almost three times his entering average. **Mary Ann Aiken** was second by percentage over **Christina Heinritz**. Notice all last names seen elsewhere.

Class High Game: Gunnar David, 33.33%

2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

* Playoff for 1st Place

MENS CLASS A

1*	Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva	7-2	50.28
2*	Bernard Carley, Richland Center	5-3	51.88
3*	John Molling, Wausau	5-3	43.13
4	Tom Endler, Twin Lakes	4-3	53.57
5	John Meyer, Fond Du Lac	3-4	41.43
6	Bob Kallstrom, Arkansaw	3-4	40.36
7	Kerry Morris, Jefferson	2-5	40.71
8	Glen Bogenschneider, West Bend	1-6	43.57



**Mens Class A Champion
Jeff Gustafson
(Lake Geneva)**

Jeff Gustafson lost to John Molling in regular play, but beat him in the first playoff match, giving him a shot at **Bun Carley** for the title. Gustafson and Carley both pitched a tight final game,

with Gustafson winning the game and the class.

Class High Game: Tom Endler, 67.50%

MENS CLASS C

1	Dennis Ambuehl, Oconomowoc	6-1	44.29
2	Jim Heim, Holmen	5-2	38.93
3	Terry Sternberg, Richfield	5-2	36.62
4	Julian Tijerina, Madison	4-3	35.56
5	Dave Volz, La Valle	3-4	38.93
6	Steve Mielke, Green Bay	3-4	30.36
7	Tony Scrima, Waukesha	2-5	28.87
8	Leroy Wipperfurth, Waunakee	0-7	20.07



**Mens Class C Champion
Dennis Ambuehl
(Oconomowoc)**

Terry Sternberg gave class champion **Dennis Ambuehl** his only loss of the day. Sternberg was poised to tie for first, but lost his last game to **Jim Heim**, who earned the second place spot with

higher ringer percentage.

Class High Game: Jim Heim, 57.50%

MENS CLASS B

1*	Mike Cone, Baraboo	6-2	50.63
2*	Bruce McLinn, Clinton	6-3	43.06
3*	Mitch Vyhanek, Burlington	5-3	44.69
4	John Koepp, Pewaukee	4-3	47.50
5	Steve Wiegert, Green Bay	4-3	45.00
6	Ken Frame, Mazomanie	3-4	38.57
7	Ray Groskinsky, Friendship	1-6	38.57
8	Kurt Jochimsen, Stratford	1-6	36.79



**Mens Class B Champion
Mike Cone
(Baraboo)**

Mitch Vyhanek, Bruce McLinn, and Mike Cone all tied for first place with a 5-2 record. McLinn was able to beat Vyhanek for second place. In the final playoff game, Cone came up

with a big game of 70% game against McLinn to earn the championship.

Class High Game: Mike Cone, 70.00%

MENS CLASS D

1*	Ken Amble, Arena	6-2	37.19
2*	Ken Schumann, Rhinelander	5-3	38.75
3	Russ Heinritz, Waukesha	4-3	35.92
4	Dave Klipstein, Hillsboro	4-3	36.07
5	Leo Richter, Stoughton	4-3	35.00
6	Galen Kozel, Mukwonago	4-3	32.14
7	Dennis Capener, Wisconsin Dells	1-6	30.36
8	Dean Hove, Holmen	1-6	27.46



**Mens Class D Champion
Ken Amble
(Arena)**

With a two-way tie for first and a four-way tie for third, this was arguably the most evenly-matched class of the tournament.

Ken Amble and **Ken Schumann** got to play off to decide first and second. Amble pitched a strong game to claim the Class D title.

Class High Game: Ken Schumann, 55.00%

2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

* Playoff for 1st Place

MENS CLASS E

1	Ralph Marthaler, Medford	6-1	35.07
2	Richard Peterson, Pardeeville	5-2	39.64
3	Norm Beckius, Beloit	5-2	27.50
4	John Crook, Spring Green	4-3	37.14
5	David Paul, Baldwin	2-5	28.57
6	Harvey Bilz, Phillips	2-5	25.00
7	John Garvan, Edgerton	2-5	24.64
8	John Secord, Fond Du Lac	2-5	23.26



**Mens Class E Champion
Ralph Marthaler
(Medford)**

Mouse Beckius had a hot game of 45% to give class champ **Ralph Marthaler** his only loss. **Richard Peterson's** class-high average earned him second place on ringer percent over Beckius.

Class High Game: Ralph Marthaler, 52.50%

MENS CLASS G

1	Dave Forseth, Arena	7-0	34.64
2	Mike Lange, Burlington	6-1	26.07
3	Tom Dudenhoffer, Oxford	4-3	20.71
4	Rick Weller, Baraboo	3-4	26.43
5	Jayme Fehr, Merrill	3-4	24.29
6	Robin McDonough, Baraboo	2-5	26.43
7	Pete Kumlien, Mukwonago	2-5	20.71
8	Ron Berg, Arena	1-6	20.36



**Mens Class G Champion
Dave Forseth
(Arena)**

Dave Forseth pitched a great tournament and won undefeated. **Mike Lange**, 6-1, won three of his games by a total of four points, earning him at the #2 spot with "under pressure" pitching.

Class High Game: Dave Forseth, 40.00%

MENS CLASS F

1*	John Brophy, Galesville	7-1	34.69
2*	Gary Wegner, Park Falls	6-2	35.63
3	Mike Rousseau, Beloit	5-2	35.00
4	Ed Wheeler, Lodi	4-3	27.86
5	Dick Hansen, Franksville	2-5	28.21
6	Gary Volz, Marshall	2-5	27.86
7	John Mills, Sun Prairie	2-5	25.36
8	Kevin Brekke, Edgerton	1-6	18.93



**Mens Class F Champion
John Brophy
(Galesville)**

In class play, **Gary Wegner** lost a single game to third runner-up **Mike Rousseau**, but was able to force a playoff by beating undefeated **John Brophy** his last game. Both Wegner and Brophy were playing to win, making the playoff a close one. Wegner threw 42.50%, and Brophy edged him out pitching an impressive 45% game to win the class.

Class High Game: John Brophy & Gary Wegner, 45.00%

MENS CLASS H

1*	Mitch Littlegeorge, Baraboo	6-2	26.56
2*	Mel Cook, Stratford	5-3	25.30
3	Jason Goldsmith, Janesville	4-3	31.07
4	Steve Rick, Hillsboro	4-3	25.00
5	John Gordon, Burlington	4-3	20.00
6	Dan Nalepinski, Mazomanie	3-4	26.39
7	Mike Zahn, Lomira	2-5	20.71
8	Larry Danielson, River Falls	1-6	21.28



**Mens Class H Champion
Mitch Littlegeorge
(Baraboo)**

Five pitchers were in striking distance for the championship with only two games remaining in this very close class. In the end, it came down to a playoff between **Mel Cook** and newcomer **Mitch Littlegeorge**. Littlegeorge had Cook's number all day, narrowly beating him in both regular play and the playoff match.

Class High Game: Steve Rick, 42.50%

2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

* Playoff for 1st Place

MENS CLASS I

1*	Ray Mallo, Gilman	5-1	21.33
2*	Jim O'Loughlin, Adams	4-2	23.00
3	Tom Steinke, Eagle	3-2	28.40
4	Gene Satterstrom, Madison	3-2	20.80
5	Jim Haupt, Milwaukee	1-4	13.60
6	Jim Rick, Wisconsin Dells	0-5	16.40



**Mens Class I Champion
Ray Mallo
(Gilman)**

Ray Mallo lost the first game to **Jim O'Loughlin**, but was given a second chance to beat him when O'Loughlin lost to **Gene Satterstrom** his third game. A close playoff game, with a score of 33-31, kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Mallo came out on top and took the class.

Class High Game: Jim O'Loughlin & Tom Steinke, 34.00%

MENS CLASS K

1	John Amble, Arena	5-0	16.40
2	Curt Novinski, Platteville	3-2	8.80
3	Wayne Franzen, Franklin	3-2	8.00
4	Michael Franzen, East Troy	2-3	9.60
5	Don Peroutka, Pleasant Prairie	2-3	4.80
6	Mike Cruice, Baraboo	0-5	1.20



**Mens Class K Champion
John Amble
(Arena)**

John pitched a great tournament, four points above his entry average and went undefeated. **Curt Novinski** earned second place on percentage, but also beat third-place finisher **Wayne Franzen** in regular class play.

Class High Game: John Amble, 20.00%

MENS CLASS J

1*	Phil Haas, Arena	5-1	15.33
2*	Roger Olson, Westby	4-2	14.00
3	Bruce Hove, Holmen	3-2	14.80
4	Dave Semingson, Eleva	2-3	13.60
5	David Tellier, Greenfield	1-4	10.80
6	Jerry Kochman, Kenosha	1-4	10.40



**Mens Class J Champion
Phil Haas
(Arena)**

Roger Olson was undefeated going into his last game when **Dave Semingson** proved to be too much for him. **Phil Haas** was given another chance at Olson, and was able to win the

Class J Championship in a playoff.

Class High Game: Dave Semingson, 24.00%

LADIES CLASS A

1	Sonia Cook, Stratford	6-1	33.21
2	Shirley Brumbaugh, Hammond	5-2	38.57
3	Kiri Cook, Stratford	5-2	31.07
4	Tava Cook, Stratford	4-3	30.00
5	Karen Henkel, Muskego	4-3	24.64
6	Gloria Smith, Milltown	3-4	18.21
7	Ann Murray, Beloit	1-6	10.00



**Ladies Class A Champion
Sonia Cook
(Stratford)**

Sonia lost only one game, to her daughter, **Kiri**. By winning the class, she qualified to play for the Championship, along with class high-average pitcher **Shirley Brumbaugh**.

Class High Game: Shirley Brumbaugh, 50.00%

2007 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

* Playoff for 1st Place

LADIES CLASS B

1*	Sue Lange, Burlington	7-1	24.06
2*	Vicki Vyhanek, Burlington	6-2	23.75
3	Laurie Dolezel, Altoona	4-3	31.07
4	B.J. Johnson, Baldwin	4-3	17.14
5	Cecilia Trossen, Mountain	3-4	18.21
6	Tricia-Ryan Tellier, Greenfield	3-4	17.14
7	Rose Gordon, Burlington	1-5	13.75



**Ladies Class B Champion
Sue Lange
(Burlington)**

Sue Lange lost a game early to **Tricia Ryan-Tellier**, but then beat undefeated **Vicki Vyhanek** her last game to force a playoff. Lange finished the day strong and beat Vyhanek a second time to take the class championship.

Class High Game: Laurie Dolezel, 42.50%

ELDERS CLASS B

1	Dave Ninnemann, St. Croix Falls	6-1	40.00
2	Russ Burns, Beloit	5-2	34.29
3	Willis David, Marshfield	5-2	33.21
4	Ron Lingard, Madison	4-3	37.14
5	Roger Heinritz, Brookfield	3-4	32.14
6	Dan David, Auburndale	3-4	20.00
7	Millard Harding, Baraboo	2-5	27.86



**Elders Class B Champion
Dave Ninnemann
(St. Croix Falls)**

Dave Ninnemann pitched a great tournament, losing only one game to **Dan David** with a score of 19-21. Even though **Willis David** beat **Russ Burns** in class play, Burns earned second place on ringer percentage.

Class High Game: Dave Ninnemann, 52.50%

ELDERS CLASS A

1	Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha	6-1	50.71
2	Norm Gage, Milltown	6-1	52.86
3	Norb Fuhrman, Combined Locks	5-2	42.86
4	Milt Larson, West Allis	4-3	36.79
5	Merrill Semingson, Eleva	3-4	32.50
6	John Brugger, Platteville	2-5	30.71
7	John Dolezel, Eau Claire	1-6	40.36
8	Cliff Troullier, Whitelaw	1-6	28.93



**Elders Class A Champion
Lloyd Johnson
(Kenosha)**

After losing a close game to **Milt Larson**, **Norm Gage** finished out the day by winning six in a row. **Lloyd Johnson** also pitched a great tournament, having only one loss. The class was poised for a playoff game, which Gage declined, making Johnson class champion. Both Johnson and Gage moved up to pitch in the Championship Elders division.

Class High Game: Norm Gage, 67.50%

MIXED JUNIORS CLASS A

1	Malachi David, Marshfield	4-0	31.25
2	Bethany Heinritz, Pewaukee	2-2	9.38
3	Nichole Feavel, Van Dyne	2-2	6.25
4	Heather Feavel, Van Dyne	2-2	5.63
5	Alex Secord, Fond Du Lac	0-4	6.25



**Junior Boy
Class A Champion
Malachi David
(Marshfield)**



**Junior Girl
Class A Champion
Bethany Heinritz
(Pewaukee)**

Malachi David made a strong showing at his last State tournament in this division. **Bethany Heinritz** was the best of the rest in this otherwise close division.

Class High Game: Malachi David, 40.00% 🏆