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WHPA President
Dobie Gutweiler

Well, I have to tell you all that it has been a pretty exciting presidency so far. Losing Jane Smith as 1st Vice President and John Meyer as Regional Director were gut punches. But then, in stepped Dave Volz, more than willing to take on the role of 1st VP, and when I needed him again, he stepped up as Regional Director. There are none quite like him. The WHPA, and each one of us are pretty lucky to have him.

Recently we found out that we were at the risk of losing Telfer Park for some of our biggest tournaments, Team World, Club Team, Walking Doubles and the Beloit Encore. The response was immediate. A committee was formed including myself, Kevin Brekke, Dave Volz and Ed Wheeler, and so far we have over 15 people committed to helping set up and tear down at Telfer next year to help lighten the load on Beloit. But, now that we have (hopefully) saved Telfer, I hope that this kind of support can spread. If you or your club needs help with a tournament, or a project, reach out to us. I'm sure that together, this family can accomplish anything!!

Lastly, the winter tournaments will be starting up soon. I hope to see many of you at Beloit & at Deansville. Until then, see you at the State Meeting on October 20th at the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club!!!



WHPA
Chaplain
Ken Heinritz

How about that? It's almost too good to be true. Two friends, Al Huizenga & Bob Klingaman, who regularly pitch horseshoes together over at the park both won their respective classes at the 2018 Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament. The odds of this remarkable feat do not come very often. So when they do come, it calls for an ice cream celebration.



Oftentimes a phone message is left for the other "I'm going over to the park", usually Bjoin Park in Stoughton. These two buddies play up to 3 times a week. The two of them knew each other for 5 years at the church where they worship the Lord. Bob was aware that Al pitched horseshoes & one day talked with him about it & the rest is history. Being introduced into horseshoes, Bob played in his 3 sanctioned tournaments & was eligible to pitch in his very first State Tournament this year. Taking 1st place was no easy task as he had to outlast his opponent in a playoff. "Never really expecting to win, I was very, very satisfied with the outcome", Bob says. His son commented that it was 'awesome' that his dad won as the whole family rallied behind him. Speaking of his friend, "Al has been a very good mentor for me". Al also won his class, clinching it after beating Gunner David in his 6th match. "Wasn't really thinking, slowed up & tried to throw ringers", says Huizenga. "Dobie came over and made me aware that both Bob and I won. That was very special to me!"

So a 'feel good' story of two friends with a very happy ending. You won't see this happen very often. Two 1st place finishes at the State Tournament, does it get any better? Who knows, maybe World next year? While these 2 men soak up the experience, they know where the ultimate glory goes!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Psalm 103:2 NKJV

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06/07 Oct	Fall Singles	Beloit	\$20	28-18-030	84n	Oct 10	Earl Paulson
20 Oct	State Fall Meeting						
27/28 Oct	Deansville Singles	Deansville	\$20	28-18-031	32n	Oct 20	Rudy Van Fleet
03/04 Nov	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	\$20	28-18-032	84n	Oct 23	Earl Paulson
10/11 Nov	Doubles at the Barrel	Deansville	\$20	28-18-033	32teams	Nov 03	Rudy Van Fleet
01/02 Dec	Deansville Open	Deansville	\$20	28-18-034	32n	Nov 30	Rudy Van Fleet
08/09Dec	Snowflake	Beloit	\$20	28-18-035	84n	Nov 28	Earl Paulson

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Help for Telfer

Kevin Brekke

This month (September 2018) the Beloit club is holding a vote on whether to continue doing the setup and tear-down of Telfer Park. If they decide to not do this anymore it affects Club Team, State Doubles, Team World, and the Beloit Encore. This decision affects every sanctioned player in our state, and other states that look forward to pitching in those tournaments each year.

Dave Volz sent out the following email. We formed a committee consisting of Dobie Gutweiler, Kevin Brekke and I to address the situation at Telfer Park in Beloit. I talked to Mouse and he said they just didn't have enough help to set up and tear down the courts anymore. Most of their crew is getting old and it's too much for them to handle.

I told him that we were working on recruiting help and that Deansville already had 10 people sign

up. I told him that we might be able to get more help on a Saturday than during the week. He agreed to change the set up day to Saturday and with enough help should be able to do it in one day. But the tear down will still have to be on a Monday.

The dates would be Sat. April 27th for set up and tear down would be Monday May 20th for 2019. If you would like to see these four huge events continue and are willing to help out, please contact one of the committee members. Kevin Brekke at 608-669-1218 (phone or text) or email at brekkekev3@netscape.net. For Dobie, dobiecan-help@gmail.com and 608-513-4625. For Dave Volz the contact info is, davevolz@hotmail.com and 608-547-2769. Ed Wheeler is also added 608-770-4424.

We will finalize the list and set up a schedule in the spring when it gets closer, but would like to get people to sign up now so that we can reassure them that we will be there for them.

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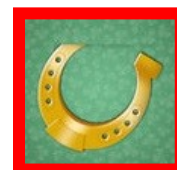
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2018 State Tournament Recap

Fred Lane

The 2018 State Tournament is in the books! A special event for many, as horseshoe pitchers from all over the badger state unite under one roof competing and sharing camaraderie. I like to call it our horseshoe family reunion!

The tournament was held indoors in Mosinee at the REC Center. The Little Bull Falls and Stevens Point Horseshoe Clubs combined efforts to host this year's event and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The planning, setup, cleanup and teardown of a tournament this size is no easy task. Special THANK YOU to all those involved to make this tournament a success.

I would also like to say thanks to the pitchers and fans that traveled near and far to compete and support the 96th WI State Tourney. This year we had 143 entrants register for the state tournament. There were also many that pitched in their first ever state tourney, 18 of them to be exact. Tournament action got underway bright and early Saturday Sep. 1st after the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troops 259.

Some highlights on the day included Veronica Groshek winning Women's Class A in a playoff and moving into the Championship Women's Class on Sunday. Donna Berquam had high ringer percentage and also moved into the Championship Class on Sunday.

Class A Men – Returning Champ, Lonny Trangsrud went undefeated to battle back and earn his spot back into the Men's Championship class on Sunday! Ray Groskinsky with high percentage would follow into Sunday's Championship Class. His only loss on the day would be to Trangsrud.

Class A Elder – John Brophy won the class but wasn't able to pitch Sunday. Bruce McLinn and Bernard (Bun) Carley would hold the next highest percentages in the class and moved into the Elder's Championship Class on Sunday.

Jr. Girl – Sarah Chaffee is now the top Jr. Girl in the state as she pitched a top notch performance Saturday afternoon. Sarah finished the day undefeated and pitched an amazing 64.95 percent.

Cadets – There's a new Cadet Boy's Champ as Jedidiah Sowatzke earned champion honors. The Cadet Girl's class belonged to Krystal Lazaris as this champion had an amazing day on the courts.

Sunday morning started off with church service held by Chaplain Ken Heinritz. Shortly thereafter the courts were full of pitchers and the sounds of ringers filled the air. Following the Sunday morning session, the Hall of Fame presentation and awards ceremony was held. President, Dobie Gutweiler, presented Dave Volz with the President's Award and noted his dedication to the WHPA. Jane Smith presented the Player of the Year awards to Leo Richter, Tammy Newkirk and Fred Lane. Most Improved awards went to Brooke Lazaris and Brian Herbst.

Jeff Secord, Hall of Fame Director, introduced all hall of fame members present and honored 2018 inductee, Kevin Brekke, with his hall of fame award. Kevin was honored and gave a wonderful acceptance speech. Following the awards ceremony, the championship classes took the floor.

The JR Boys Class saw a new champion. Issac Wegner went undefeated on the day going 7-0. In the Championship Men's class, Jim Larson would stand on top of the podium after a win in a playoff game against Ken Heinritz pitching just above 60 percent for the tournament.

Women's Championship Class belonged to Penny Steinke as she went undefeated on the day pitching an impressive 73.33 percent.

Elders Championship Class was won by Larry Grabowski as he pitched an impressive 85 percent in his last game to take down Jim Bilderback.

As the Championship Classes wrapped up Sunday evening, many stuck around to get a start on the cleanup efforts, pulling tape off the floor and rolling up mats. Thank you again to all those that helped make this tournament a success. Thanks to everyone that bought a state T-shirt. Thank you to the 60+ businesses that purchased an ad in our event program as well as our event sponsor, Fabiano Brothers. With the next state tournament on the horizon, please be sure to invite all your league friends to pitch at state with you. The 2019 State Tournament will be held in Eau Claire on the beautiful courts at Carson Park.

Championship Cadet Boys

Jedediah Sowatzke	6	0	28.33
Blake Benzing	4	2	18.89

Championship Cadet Girls

Krystal Lazaris	6	0	25
Lillyan Kildahl	4	2	8.33

Championship Elders

Larry Grabowski	7	0	68.35
Jim Bilderback	6	1	68.86
Cliff Erickson	5	2	58.33
G Bogenschneider	4	3	61.32
John Meyer	3	4	61.83
Leo Richter	2	5	56.29
Bruce McLinn	1	6	38.69
Bun Carley	0	7	36.76

Championship Jr Boys

Isaac Wegner	7	0	26.03
Brandon Benzing	5	2	25.27
Gabe Burgin	5	2	23.71
Cole Trangsrud	5	2	16.5
Steven Lazaris	3	4	22.55
Kane Kuester	2	5	13.54
Tory Weller	1	6	10.19

Championship Jr Girls

Sarah Chaffee	6	0	64.95
Brooke Lazaris	4	2	42.62
Cailyn Trangsrud	2	4	22.02
Becca Bisch	0	6	4.44

Championship Mens

Jim Larson	7	1	60.12
Ken Heinritz	6	2	52.57
Randy Rein	5	2	54.87
Mike Cone	5	2	49.38
Dean Chaffee	2	5	44.86
Lonny Trangsrud	2	5	41.95
Mark Mauthe	1	6	38.74
Ray Groskinsky	1	6	38.16

Championship Womens

Penny Steinke	5	0	73.33
Donna Berquam	4	1	52.27
Tammy Newkirk	2	3	55.37
Linda Roeber	2	3	50
Susie Erickson	2	3	45.98
Veronica Groshek	0	5	53.19



Class A Cadets

Zach Secord	5	1	12.22
Trevor Forst	4	2	8.33
Bradley Benzing	3	2	4.67
Conner Kildahl	2	3	8
Easton Hans	2	3	7.33

Class A Elders

John Brophy	6	1	50
Bruce McLinn	5	2	50
Bun Carley	4	3	48.24
Norm Gage	4	3	44.72
Dave Schorbahn	4	3	38.38
Cal Pitel	4	3	34.51
Dave Ninnemann	1	6	32.75
Al Holloway	0	7	34.86

Class A Mens

Lonny Trangsrud	7	0	49.29
Ray Groskinsky	6	1	48.93
Dean Groshek	4	3	42.14
Bob Kallstrom	4	3	40.71
Cliff Shave	3	4	41.79
Dave Quaid	2	5	28.21
Jarrod Bisch	1	6	36.43
Dennis Bacvh	1	6	34.29

Class A Womens

Veronica Groshek	7	1	48.44
Donna Berquam	6	2	45.63
Cindy Castellano	5	2	43.93
Jane Smith	4	3	36.79
Toni Sloper	3	4	44.29
P Schwerdtfeger	2	5	44.64
Glenda Lawver	2	5	38.21
Mona Lane	0	7	26.43

Class B Elders

David Stakston	6	1	42.86
Jerry Neimuth	5	2	35.36
Ed Hack	4	3	38.21
Dennis Wegner	4	3	35.71
George Dorn	3	4	42.86
Roger Anderson	3	4	31.43
Ken Davison	3	4	28.57

The above State Champions pictured on the cover page.

WHPA pitchers: Norm Gage, Dean Chaffee, Champion Sarah Chaffee, Jim Bilderback, Jane Smith—pitching in MN Northwest Open.



Class B Mens

Al Huizenga	6	1	37.86
Gunnar David	5	2	41.07
Rick Weller	5	2	38.93
Dustin Duerr	4	3	30
James Wicklander	3	4	36.79
Russ Brockway	2	5	26.79
Kevin Peterson	2	5	23.93
Dave Volz	1	6	21.43

Class B Womens

Bev Hans	7	0	37.14
Kari David	5	2	38.21
Rondi Mengelt	5	2	38.21
Tonya Kaulum	5	2	33.93
Heather Sowatzke	2	5	32.14
Mary Thompson	2	5	28.93
Trish Pennoyer	2	5	23.57

Class C Elders

Wally Grulkowski	7	0	40
John Brugger	6	1	28.57
Tom Steinke	5	2	23.93
Gary Bloedorn	3	4	25.71
Jerry Schroeder Sr	3	4	25.71
Tony Scrima	2	5	20.71
Bob Cole	1	6	14.29
Jim Menzel	1	6	11.07

Class C Mens

Jeff Pagel	7	0	50.71
Brian Herbst	5	2	37.14
Evan Schoohs	4	3	27.14
Jim Tollefson	4	3	25
Rich Brockway	3	4	32.86
Michael Benzing Jr	3	4	31.07
Kerry Morris	2	5	26.07
Mark Rice	0	7	24.29

Class C Womens

Tava Cook	7	0	34.29
Dobie Gutweiler	6	1	33.93
Gloria Smith	5	2	12.14
Sandy Anderson	4	3	24.29
Dee Esberner	3	4	26.79
Barb Ramquist	2	5	7.14
Ceil Trossen	1	6	6.43



Class D Mens

Jason Villwock	7	1	40.94
Paul Henning	6	2	28.75
Gary Volz	5	2	31.07
Randy White	5	2	28.93
Marv Mengel	3	4	23.57
Dan Newkirk	2	5	23.21
Jerremy Wegner	1	6	14.29

Class E Mens

Brian Schoonover	7	2	22.31
Randy Mitchell	5	3	23.10
Ralph Marthaler	5	3	22.5
Sean Shopinski	4	3	26.79
Fred Lane	4	3	19.72
Paul Weise	3	4	16.9
Carl Lawver	2	5	20.36
John Drexler	0	7	10.71

Class F Mens

Ron Studinski	5	1	28.33
Craig Hans	4	2	17.11
Greg Smith	3	2	17.46
Greg Bergles	3	2	16.14
Rich Conrad	1	4	12.4

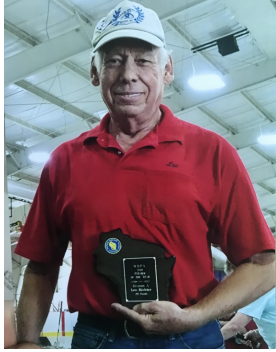
Class G Mens

Craig David	5	0	29.20
Kelly Thayer	3	2	22.4
Mike Ezell	3	2	21.60
BJ Marty	2	3	20.8
Kevin Aarstad	1	4	15.2
Mitchell Uttech	1	4	12

Class H Mens

Bob Klingaman	5	1	23.67
Zak Rodriguez	4	2	26.33
Dave Palmersheim	3	2	20
Sam Woolsey	3	2	11.6
Larry Danielson	1	4	9.2

State Class Champions pictured immediately above and right:
Al Huizenga, Bev Hans, Wally Grulkowski, Jeff Pagel, Tava Cook



WHPA Awards

The Hall of Fame Ceremony on Sunday afternoon also awards WHPA members winning the Pitcher of the Year, Most Improved and Presidents Awards. Pictured to the left are POY winners: Division A—Leo Richter; Division B—Tammy Newkirk; and Division C—Fred Lane. Division A was won by Leo Richter. The Most Improved Jr Award was won by Brooke Lazaris; Adult winner Brian Herbst. The Presidents Award was awarded to Dave Volz by President Dobie Gitweiler.



The main event of the Hall of Fame ceremony was the induction of Kevin Brekke into the WHPA Hall of Fame by Jeff Secord.



To the left: Ken Heinritz includes many WHPA members in the Sunday Morning Church service which was well attended, To the right: the future of our WHPA - Cadets and Juniors.



WHPA Fall Meeting October 20, 1:00

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11:00 WHNL meeting
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Preparing the clay /
courts for the State
Tournament.



2018 Beloit Warm Up Results

Dan Newkirk / Earl Paulson

<u>Class A</u>			
Penny Steinke	5	1	62.5
Leo Richter	5	1	61.67
Dick Perkins	3	3	50.42
<u>Class B</u>			
Tammy Newkirk	5	0	54
Ken Posmer	3	2	49
Cliff Shave	2	3	43.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Dave Quaid	4	1	40.5
Jeff Gustafson	4	1	36.5
Linda Hycar	3	2	38
<u>Class D</u>			
Rowen Swick	4	2	32.5
Rich Brockway	3.5	1.5	27.08
Russ Brockway	2.5	2.5	31.67
<u>Class E</u>			
Sandy Anderson	4	1	24
Paul Henning	3.5	1.5	27
Dobie Gutweiler	3.5	1.5	26.5
<u>Class F</u>			
Carl Nyman	5	1	24.58
Mike Loftus	5	1	17.92
Scott Winefka	3.5	1.5	17.5
<u>Class G</u>			
Tom Steinke	5	0	22
Jim Alf	3.5	1.5	21.5
Andrew Potter	3	2	21
<u>Class H</u>			
Bob Klingaman	5	0	20.5
Rayna Bauer	3	2	15.5
Jack Zane Jr	3	2	12

Wet N Wild Results

Jane Smith

<u>Class A</u>			
Sarah Chaffee	7	0	61.43
Helen Hawkinson	5	2	54.29
Dean Chaffee	4	3	55.71
<u>Class B</u>			
Donna Berquam	6	1	53.21
Eric Dehkes	5	2	55
Bob Knudtson	4	3	45
<u>Class C</u>			
Christy Schilling	6	1	53.21
Jane Smith	6	1	43.21
Cindy Castellano	4	3	44.64
<u>Class D</u>			
Todd Sheehan	6	1	48.57
April Lynch	5	2	30.36
Mona Lane	4	3	42.5
<u>Class E</u>			
Ben LaCoursiere	5	0	42.8
Dustin Duerr	3	2	34.4
Tom Steinke	3	2	28
<u>Class F</u>			
Rich Reeve	4	1	25.6
Dave Anderson	4	1	24
John Olson	3	2	19.2
<u>Class G</u>			
Ashley Nelson	6	1	13.57
Barry Schilling	5.5	1.5	22.14
Ceil Trossen	5	2	18.93
<u>Class H</u>			
Rayna Bauer	7	0	12.86
Gloria Smith	6	1	12.5
Mike Sheehan	5	2	15

Summer Shindig

Mel Cook

<u>Class A</u>			
Dustin Duerr	5	0	45.2
Bev Hans	3	2	35.2
Jason Villwock	2	3	35.6
<u>Class B</u>			
Mike Berdan	4	0	14.5
Jim Berdan	2.5	1.5	16
Jim Menzel	2	2	13

Butternut Tourney winners to the right.



Lox Classic
Rosemary Kamps

Class A

Tammy Newkirk	4	1	55.5
Martin Papesh	4	1	52.5
Ken Heinritz	3	2	57.5

Class B

Jeff Pagel	4	1	49.5
Dave Quaid	3	2	33.5
B Vanden Elzen	3	2	32

Class C

Gary Volz	4	1	33.2
Gene Mason	4	1	33.2
Dan Newkirk	3	2	28.8

Class D

Jerry Kamps	4	1	29.6
Greg Smith	3.5	1.5	20.4
Gary Schmitz	3.5	1.5	16.4

Ken Lovaas Tournament
Dan Newkirk / Earl Paulson

Class A

Dennis Reid	5	0	65.5
Dan Lessman	4	1	49
Ken Heinritz	2	3	48.5

Class B

Tammy Newkirk	5	0	52.5
Rich Lodor	4	1	52
Tom Bird	2	3	37.5

Class C

Al Huizenga	4	1	38.5
Dave Quaid	4	1	35
Linda Hycnar	3	2	35.5

Class D

Rowen Swick	4	2	39.58
Dan Newkirk	4	2	33.33
George Maraza	4	2	32.5

Class E

Jim Alf	4	1	19.5
Ed Dolan	4	1	17.5
Scott Linhart	3	2	14

FYI Retirement of Wayne Lemar

The Holmen Horseshoe Club, Holmen, WI is searching for a new Tournament Director. Wayne Lemar, the present director is resigning. Wayne is willing to work with / help train someone if necessary. Currently the Horseshoe Master program is being used. Contact John Brophy – 608-484-0086; Jim Heim - 608-769-3866' or Wayne Lemar – 608-317-9512.

2018 Winnebagoland Tournament Results

John Meyer

Class A

John Meyer	4.5	1.5	61.25
B Bogenschneider	3.5	2.5	57.91
Leo Richter	3	3	57.91

Class B

Cliff Erickson	5	1	52.08
Susie Erickson	4	2	48.75
George Dorn	2	4	38.75

Class C

Jeff Pagel	4	1	42.5
Tonya Kaulum	4	2	38
Rick Weller	4	1	31.5

Class D

Tony Scrima	4	2	30.4
Bill Dahmen	3	3	27.9
Sandy Anderson	3	3	16.7

Class E

Gary Bloedorn	5	0	19
Sam Woolsey	3	2	11
Mitchell Ezell	2	3	13

Cadet / Jr Class

Blake Benzing	4	0	21.25
Zach Secord	2	2	13.75
Brandon Benzing	2	2	13.75

The Winnebagoland Tournament had a good day for pitching. Sun and a slight breeze made it comfortable for pitchers. Winners of the high ring-er game award were: Class A- John Meyer 28/40; Class B- Cliff Erickson 25/40; Class C – Jeff Pagel 21/40; Class D – Bill Dahmen 17/40; Class E- Gary Bloedorn 11/40. Each received a \$10 Walmart gift card.

Butternut

Dennis Wegner

Class A

Jim Bilderback	5	0	72.8
Cliff Erickson	4	1	56
Glenda Lawver	2	3	46.4

Class B

Dennis Wegner	3	2	37.2
Denis Bach	3	2	36
Paul Weise	3	2	31.89

Class C

Larri Sarri	5	0	35.2
Eddie Wisniewski	4	1	29.6
Wally Grulkowski	2	3	32

Stevens Point Open

Fred Lane

Class A

Leo Richter	6	1	60.36
Cliff Erickson	5	2	53.21
B Bogenschneider	4.5	2.5	57.86

Class B

Sarah Chaffee	7	0	57.5
Susie Erickson	5	2	45.71
Ray Groskinsky	5	2	44.64

Class C

Donna Berquam	5.5	1.5	53.57
Tammy Newkirk	5	2	50
Ken Davison	5	2	37.86

Class D

Gunnar David	6	1	41.43
Rick Weller	5	2	32.86
Dave Stakston	4.5	2.5	37.14

Class E

Russ Brockway	6	1	36.07
Dustin Duerr	5	2	37.14
Rich Brockway	4.5	2.5	28.93

Class F

Kari David	5	0	35
Dan Newkirk	4	1	30
Ray Allman	2	3	33

Class G

Jerry Schroeder	6	1	37.14
Ken Jaeger Sr	5	2	19.29
Wally Grulkowski	4	3	25

Class H

Steven Grob	4	1	29.5
Craig Hans	4	1	24
Craig David	4	1	15.5

Class I

Jim Menzel	4	1	7.5
BJ Marty	3	2	21.5
Zak Rodrigues	3	2	12.5

Youth

Brandon Benzing	4.5	.5	18
Jedidiah Sowatzke	4	1	21.33
Bradley Benzing	3.5	1.5	10.67

Eau Claire Classic

Dean Chaffee

Class A

Dean Chaffee
John Brophy
Lonny Trangsrud

Class B

Norm Gage
Dave Schorbahn
Jane Smith

Class C

Marv Mengel
Jim Heim

Class D

Cole Trangsrud
Kenny Rentz
Scott Schakelton

Stevens Point Recap

Fred Lane

Rain was forecast all the way up to the opening day of the tournament but when the weekend began the weather was PERFECT! Overcast with a breeze! We were blessed with a great turnout for the event and want to thank everyone that competed, all the spectators that came to enjoy a weekend of horseshoe pitching and everyone that helped to setup and run the tournament. Special thank you goes to Emy J's for providing free ice cream to the Jr/Cadet's and Ron Studinski, a new member of the Stevens Point Horseshoe Club. Ron was there every morning setting up and tearing down.. He was also the hero that came with the all important impact driver to save the day when a stake broke halfway through Saturday!

Some notable wins:

- Brandon Benzing of Eagle River won the Youth Class!
- Jim Menzel, first year pitcher and member of the Stevens Point Club won his very first tournament.
- Steve Grob from Black River Falls won his first sanction tournament.
- Jerry Schroeder won his class pitching 15.72% over his entering average
- Mother and Son, Kari and Gunnar David, from Marshfield, each stood on top of the podium as they both pitched over their averages to win their classes
- Russ Brockway from Seneca won his class and pitched to near perfection with his only loss coming to his brother Rich.
- Donna Berquam from Cumberland pitched her personal best to win Class C.
- Sarah Chaffee from Chippewa Falls, came out of the gates fast and never slowed down. Although her age would qualify her as a Cadet, she challenged herself this year and declared as a JR. With a foul line 10 behind the Cadet foul line, Sarah went undefeated in class B and pitched her personal best averaging 57.57%
- Class A was a showdown with Leo Richter taking home the Tournament Champion patch, pitching 60.36%



Special Invite to join the WHPA
Kevin Brekke



Greetings,

Do you enjoy pitching horseshoes, having fun & hanging out with good company? **WE DO TOO!!!** We want to encourage you to become a member of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

How do I join?

- You are invited to attend the WHPA fall meeting on October 20^h at 1 pm, where you can pay for your membership and pick up your sanction card on the spot.
- Located at the Lake Delton Sportsman’s Club
E. 9602 Berry Rd. Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
- If you can’t attend the meeting, you’re welcome to fill out and send in the membership form (attached) **below** and we will mail you your sanction card.
- Annual membership fees are \$35 for adults and \$5 for youth under age 18.

Why join?

- You will be able to participate in tournaments all over the state, all throughout the year.
- You’ll have an opportunity to pitch in the 2019 State and World Horseshoe Tournaments.
- 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held in Witicha Falls, Texas
- 2019 Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament will be held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

******BONUS******

If you become a member on Oct 20th or later, you will be eligible to pitch in the remaining tournaments for 2018 (see below) and all of 2019!!!

Month/ Date	Tournament Title	Location	entry fee	Sanction Nr	Max.Jr/ Entries/Cad	Deadline	Contact
06/07 Oct	Fall Singles	Beloit	\$20	28-18-030	84n	Oct 10	Earl Paulson
20 Oct	State Fall Meeting						
27/28 Oct	Deansville Singles	Deansville	\$20	28-18-031	32n	Oct 20	Rudy Van Fleet
03/04 Nov	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	\$20	28-18-032	84n	Oct 23	Earl Paulson
10/11 Nov	Doubles at the Barrel	Deansville	\$20	28-18-033	32teams	Nov 03	Rudy Van Fleet
01/02 Dec	Deansville Open	Deansville	\$20	28-18-034	32n	Nov 30	Rudy Van Fleet
08/09Dec	Snowflake	Beloit	\$20	28-18-035	84n	Nov 28	Earl Paulson

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fred Lane by phone at 715-347-2507 or please email at fred-lane@live.com For more information on Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitching visit us online at www.whpahorseshoes.com and “LIKE” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/whpahorseshoes

A Friend Missed

Sharon Tornow Steinke

Sharon lost her battles with numerous cancers August 26, 2018. Sharon is survived by her husband of 49 years, Tom; children- Mike, Pam, and Penny; and grand daughters. Sharon will be missed by her friends and relatives as well as her dogs, Beau and Lily. Though Sharon was not a horseshoe pitcher, she supported her family as they traveled to tournaments – locally, State, and World events.

Sharon was an avid Brewer fan. We were fortunate to accompany the Steinke family to a couple Brewer games before pitching in the Muskego tournament. Sharon was an awesome cook as she prepared a very delicious lasagna dinner for us after pitching on Saturday. The Steinke's extended hospitality beyond measure as we toured their home. There are many collections on display on the walls of their home. While visiting with Sharon, we got to learn and appreciate her very wry and delightful sense of humor.

The Steinke's are the "Ultimate" horseshoe family. Sharon will be missed by many. We



extend to the Steinke's our sympathy and prayer of strength and comfort.

This beautiful Rosary of roses was displayed atop Sharon's casket. Thank you Penny for sharing this with us.



Sarah and her Dad, Dean Chaffee traveled to St. Paul MN to pitch in Dick Dvorak's tournament. She won Class A!!! Way to go Sarah

2018 HOF Inductee Thank You

By Kevin Brekke

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who came to the State Tournament in Mosinee Labor Day weekend. Words cannot fully express my gratitude for all that came for my Hall of Fame induction to those who participated to those who came just to watch to those who helped make this a memorable weekend. From Mark and Steve Stevens coming from Marengo to Gert Wilcziek coming from Whitehall, your presence meant a lot to me. Thank you also to family and friends that came, and those who sent cards and gifts, truly amazing. The best part of the weekend was renewing friendships, and getting to know new friends and of course, doing a little coaching too.

I also had a quilt made of 36 of my horseshoe shirts and numerous patches and displayed on Sunday. It was a hit with everyone and used as a backdrop for many pictures. When Issac Wegner won the Junior Boys Championship and wanted a picture with me and him, that was quite an honor for me. I also got to pray with someone that was going through a rough time and affirmed another pitcher who had a rough past and did very well.

I also want to personally thank Randy Mitchell for doing a great job making sure we had enough scorekeepers. He kept score when not pitching along with wife Nancy and daughter Ashley. This was the first state in along time that I was not scheduled to score but did keep score for three playoff games.

Because of family commitments I was not at the courts for Saturday 4pm shift so I missed seeing Dee Esberner, but all the other pitchers I believe I have met or talked to before. I always like to recognize them and make them feel welcome. They are: Jeff Pagel, Sean Shopinski, Mitchell Uttech, Ron Studinski, Dee Esberner, Wally Grulkowski, Jim Menzel, Zach Secord, George Dorn, Bob Klingaman, Zak Rodriguez, David Stakston, Sam Woolsey, Tory Weller, Kelly Thayer, Mike Ezell. If you check the results, many of them did well in their classes.

Because of this state tournament, I believe we lit a fire in a few bystanders, and maybe next year in Eau Claire, the 97th state tournament will have more than the 143 we had this year. With the enthusiasm and effort shown this year, it is a good possibility. Rings to all, Kevin Brekke.

FYI: Those of you who were not able to attend the State Tournament in Mosinee this year missed a great event. The Little Bull Falls club and Steven's Point clubs hosted an exceptional event. Part of this weekend was the Induction of Kevin Brekke into the Hall of Fame. Kevin's speech was the ultimate in sharing his success with us through his special made quilt, displays of his horseshoe career and his very unselfish speech. As you read his speech you will realize what a truly passionate gentleman we are fortunate to call a friend.

2018 Hall of Fame Speech— Kevin Brekke

WOW – Without God I could not do anything. With God, all things are possible. Like today. I stand before you today because of the efforts of many people who contributed my life in a variety of ways. I think that is true for everyone, we all had people in our lives that helped us be who we are today. I want to take 15 seconds and have everyone here think of those special people in your life and say their name and a simple thank you either out loud or in your heart. And I will count. Go. Thank you.

In your state booklet I have put down an outline of my horseshoe career so far. I started my career in Rosholt, 30 miles from here. I went to Tech school in Wausau, 20 miles from here. I spent my first 20 years after Tech school in Stevens Point, 25 miles from here. I received the Presidents Award here in Mosinee at state 2011. Central Wisconsin has been a big part of my history and have made so many good friends here.

I have been blessed to have pitched horseshoes. Because of horseshoes I have traveled throughout this state and other states at World and Sanctioned League Tournaments. Every time I have moved, there were horseshoe pitchers ready to greet me, and I got involved in local tournaments, and helped wherever I could.

There are a few people out of the hundreds that I have met over the 35 plus years of pitching that made a big impact on my life. The first one is Harold Bestul. Harold believed in me and had me as a partner when ringers were few and far between. When we went to tournaments together, if they needed a pacer or someone to help, I can still hear Harold say to the tournament director, "Kevin is here". That was back when not many people knew

who Kevin Brekke was.

The second person would have to be Tom Steinke. Tom and I were in the same class for many years. I remember world in 1987 Eau Claire when I place 3rd and won our game. The last time we played was at Deansville and I remember Tom needing a double at the end to win, and he got it. It's amazing how good your memory is when that happens. Over the years we have helped each other and promoted the sport that we love. It was Tom's last year as President that he honored me with the Presidents Award. It was in 2006 that Tom asked me to be part of the Hall of Fame committee, which I have proudly served since 2006. Tom was one of those people who believed in me, and over the years we have become life long friends because of horseshoes.

The third person I want to mentioned is John Garvan. I met John at state in 2005 in Beloit. John was a spectator with his wife Sue. John was asking a lot of questions and showed interest in wanting to pitch. Earl found out he was from Edgerton and introduced me to John. The rest they say is history. Over the next eight years John and I went to over 200 tournaments together. We both won two POY awards, won our state doubles class in consecutive years, and accumulated numerous patches and awards. I still refer to John as my horseshoe partner because of our deep friendship because of horseshoes.

The forth person I want to mention is Jane Smith. Jane nominated me in 2008, and when I fell off the ballot in 2017, re-nominated me in 2018. Jane is one of those people you like being around. So positive, and great to work with. I have had the pleasure of working with her on the Newsletter, as a HOF committee member, and on the Executive Board. We both have a mutual respect for each other, and for this game we both love. And she is one of my many scorekeepers for state.

Kevin Brekke speech continued

Special shout outs to other people in my life – My mom who is here today and by Dad who is looking down from above. My mom modelled love and enthusiasm and supported me no matter what activity I was involved with or how many fish we brought into the house that week. My dad showed me the value of hard work and how important being prepared and organized was to overall success. My wife Karla is here. She let me know every day that I am loved and belong. She has been my rock these last 14 years and has helped me with my Patriot tournament each year. She has supported me unconditionally, and I am proud to be her husband. Bonnie Burns who made the hall of fame quilt for me. The Anderson family, Lucille, Tim, Cathy – True friends outside of horseshoe that I can count on to pray for me and show unconditional love. I also have to give

thanks to the HOF committee, Jimmy Paulson for all the fun times we had together with the electronic scoring and going to World in 2012, to the horseshoe clubs throughout Wisconsin, especially the Beloit Horseshoe Club and the Deansville Horseshoe Club, anyone who has kept score for me over the years. Thank you for your efforts.

had a brick made up at the HOF in Wentzville Missouri. It reads, Kevin Brekke, Wisconsin, Scorekeeper, Coach, Pitcher, Friend. I have had so much fun keeping score, coaching and pitching. And along the way making so many friends. Friendships that have lasted over time with my horseshoe family. I now am joining another special family, the HOF family. I am truly humbled and honored because of horseshoes. I leave you with a poem with words you have heard many times already in my speech. It is entitled, “Because of Horseshoes”

Because of Horseshoes

Kevin Brekke

Because of horseshoes, a new world was opened to me
New faces and new places and the meaning of two
dead 3.

Because of horseshoes, I found that I
loved to keep score

But it was finding scorekeepers that I loved even more
Because of horseshoes, my love of coaching found a
place

To see others improve their pitch and see the excitement
on their face

Because of horseshoes I learned the flip and the turn
Countless hours of practice would yield a victory or
another lesson to learn

Because of horseshoes, and others along the way
Is the humble reason I stand before you today

Because of horseshoes....

8-15-2018



Candids:

Phil– Wall
Fond du Lac
tournaments

