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History was made at Beloit Team World event with a 4th consecutive win by Wisconsin Team #1: Jim Larson, Penny Steinke, Sarah Chaffee and Jim Bilderback. Aleena Lepak and Ken Heinritz were members of WI # 1 in the other 3 Championships. We have AWESOME pitchers in our wonderful WHPA!

Important things to remember

- ◆ Safe travels for our 57 WHPA members traveling to Lansing, MI for the World Tournament. Story and list of names on page 3.
- ◆ Entry deadline for the 2023 State tournament is July 31.
- ◆ WHPA Fall meeting at the Sportsman's Club in Lake Delton, October 14.
- ◆ Savor our friendships as they are forever because of horseshoes.
- ◆ Extra prayers for our WHPA family facing life challenges

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Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
July 29	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	20	July 22	Russ Brockway
July 29	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	20	July 22	Jer Wegner
July 31	Whpa Singles Entry Deadline					
Aug 5	Rozellville Lions Tourney	Rozellville		20	July 29	Mike Berdan
Aug 5	Goldendale Open	Germantown	36	20	July 29	Ken Heinritz
Aug 8	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	64	10	Aug 1	Paul Wiese
Aug 12	Fond du Lac Open	Fond du Lac	32	20	Aug 5	John Meyer
Aug 13	FDL Team	Fond du Lac	10	54	Aug 1	Jeff Secord
Aug 19-20	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48	20	Aug 12	Kent Frailing
Aug 26-27	Warm Up	Beloit	72	20	Aug 16	Dan Newkirk
Aug 26-27	Merrill Open	Merrill	64	20	Aug 19	Lambert Narlock
Sept 2-3	WHPA State Singles	Eau Claire		25	July 31	John Secord
Sept 9-10	Wet N Wild	Centuria		20	Sept 2	Toni Sloper
Sept 16-17	City of Parks Doubles	Merrill		22	Sept 9	Lambert Narlock
Sept 16	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	20	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 17	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		22	Sept 6	Dan Newkirk
Sept 30/Oct 1	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	20	Sept 20	Dan Newkirk
Oct 7-8	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	42	20	Sept 23	Dave Volz
Oct 14	Whpa Fall Meeting	Wisconsin Dells				
Oct 21/22	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	20	Oct 14	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 4-5	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	16	22	Oct 28	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 11-12	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Nov 1	Dan Newkirk
Dec 2-3	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 25	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 9-10	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 29	Dan Newkirk
Dec 16-17	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 2	Dave Volz

WHPA has 57 pitchers participating in the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing MI

Wisconsin is well represented, the 3rd most pitchers from a state or province, in this years event. Some of the pitchers will have started their pitching maybe even completing their games before this WHNL is printed, posted, and mailed. Pitching July 17-19 are Gerald Harris, Tom Steinke, Marvin Mengel, Paul Wiese, Dominic Saxby, Steve Killian, George Dorn and Guy Fleming Jr. Pitching July 20 -22 are Kalena, Quaid, Tonya Kaulum, Emily Lazaris, Nancy Murleau, Dobie Gutweiler, Sandy Anderson, Dusty Duerr, Dave Quaid, Lef Karpziel, Michael Benzing, Rich Brockway, Bruce McLinn, Dave Volz, Bob Klingaman, Curt Panfil, Jim Tollefson, Dave Leckwee, Ralph Marthaler, and Mark Rice. Juniors and Cadet pitch July 20-21: Blake Benzing, Bradley Benzing, Lillyan Kildahl, Brandon Benzing, Conner Kildahl, and Jazmyn Kildahl. Pitching the second week, July 24-26, are higher average pitchers: Jim Bilderback, Cliff Erickson, Gene Pribnow, Ray Groskinsky, Kerry Morris, Jeff Gunderson, Lonny Trangsrud, Rich Peterson, Dean Chaffee, Ken Heinritz, Lambert Narlock II, Justin Schultz, Alvin Schultz, Rick Weller, Sarah Chaffee (defending Women's World Champion), Penny Steinke, Aleena LePak, Donna Berquam, Mona Lane, Jill Peterson, Cindy Castellano, Susie Erickson and Toni Sloper. Most pitchers will pitch between 11 and 15 forty shoe games. After each class completes their games, winners are determined by winning records. Those pitchers pitching in the top 8,10,16 averages earn the chance to pitch in the World Championship classes. Wisconsin has several who are capable of pitching in these elite classes. GOOD LUCK to ALL WHPA pitchers.

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Looking for another mind boggling earth shattering experience? We may just have the thing for you:-) The WHNL Staff is looking for several persons who are willing to continue the editing, assembling, printing, mailing and subscriptions for our WHNL. If you are interested in learning any of the afore mentioned tasks, please talk to Gary Volz or Jane Smith for a more specific explanation.



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Well, I am leaving for the 2023 World Horseshoe Tournament on Friday, July 14th. Am I excited.....YES ! I am so proud of Wisconsin. We are one of the states with the highest number of pitchers coming. Over the two weeks of the tournament the following people, in no particular order, will be representing Wisconsin. I could not ask for a better group of people to represent the WHPA.

Lonny Transgrud, Dean Chaffee, Ken Heinritz, Lambert Narlock II, Dustin Duerr, Dave Quaid, Rich Peterson, Les Karpiel, Alvin Schultz, Rick Weller, Michael Benzing, Rich Brockway, Paul Wiese, Dominic Saxby, Marvin Mengel, Steve Kilian, Guy Fleming, Sarah Chaffee, Alena Lepak, Tonya Kaulum, Penny Steinke, Jill Peterson, Kalena Quaid, Emily Lazaris, Dobie Gutweiler, Gerald Harris, Nancy Murleau,

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At the delegates meeting on July 23rd, your delegates for this year will be voting on rule changes being proposed in the NHPA. We appreciate all of you that have reached out to give us your opinions on these proposals. We represent YOU, and we can only do that if we hear from you. This year's delegates are Sonia Cook, Ken Heinritz, Dave Volz and myself. In the event that an alternate is needed, Tom Steinke has agreed to step in.

We will keep you all posted from Lansing as we can. Until next time, with love and gratitude.

Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz



Have you ever found yourself lacking motivation? I'm a 'people person' & I get charged up when I'm around people. So, when good friend Bob Klingaman, wanted to come to my house & pitch some shoes, it was time to address these weed-filled, unused pits called a horseshoe court. And it didn't take long for this court to come back to life. Horseshoes once again, soon encircled this lonely stake.

But isn't that how life is? You may find yourself lacking motivation right now. All alone. "Do I really need to take care of this?" "It doesn't matter how I look?" "Or what I do?" Self-pity begins & depressed thoughts may develop!

Then all of this changes when a friend comes along. "Someone loves me!" We perk up. Clean up. There's a kick in your step. The juices within start flowing again.

New life appears. We 'snap' out of it & once again shine again brightly.

Do you want to make a difference in another's life? Follow Bob's example! Reach out to a friend, someone you haven't seen in a while. Bob came from Stoughton to Milwaukee, so it may mean sacrificing the day. But he left his print. Today, when I see that court, I'm reminded of the encouragement my friend gave me. That was a good day, one that lifted my spirit! Thank you, Bob



"In the same way that iron sharpens iron, a person sharpens the character of his friend." Proverbs 27:17

Wisconsin #1 Team Becomes the First to Win Four Team World Titles

Jeff Secord

Wisconsin #1 once again dominated over the rest of the field of teams in Team World in 2023. They sealed their fourth straight title with a 3-1 victory over Michigan #1 in the Championship Game of Team World. This year's team consisted of Penny Steinke and Sarah Chaffee from last year's team and also included the return of Jim Bilderback and newcomer Jim Larson.



This foursome finished the weekend with a 74-10 record and a combined 69.91% team ringer percentage. The team was only 3 ringers short of averaging 70% as a team. They achieved the highest team ringer percentage of any team from Wisconsin and had the #24 highest team average all-time for Team World.

Team World had 20 teams entered this year, which was 4 teams short of a full entry. The most notable new team for 2023 was a team from Canada that was assembled by current Men's Division National Champion, Drew Becker. This was the first time a team from Canada has been at Team World since 2007. It was great to host a team from Canada and once again be able to call Team World an international event. The rest of the field consisted of teams from Missouri (5), Wisconsin (4), Michigan (3), Minnesota (3), Illinois (2), Iowa, and Ohio.

NHPA Secretary-Treasurer Jim Kinney, Jr. kicked off the event Friday morning with the singing of the Canadian and American National Anthems on Friday morning. His a cappella rendition of both were outstanding. Play started at 11am. MI #1 played Ohio for round 6 on Friday. This round stood out as the closest games played between 2 teams in the prelims as 3 of the games were decided by 2 points or less. Lisa Smith surprised Amy Francis with a 22-20 win. Andrew Adams came out on top of Don Epps with a 27-25 win. Alan Francis narrowly escaped a loss with a 24-23 win over JD Drake. Eric Soltis was the only one to have a game in control with a 29-18 win over Darryl Miller. This gave MI #1 a 3-1 advantage for the round and an early lead ahead of Ohio in the standings. MI #1 then met WI#1

in the very next game. This was WI #1's first game of the weekend. WI #1 took the round 3-1 with Jim Bilderback holding Andrew Adams off with a 26-22 win to avoid splitting the round. There was curiosity among those watching that this may have been a prelude to the championship game on Sunday.

The most anticipated round of the prelims was round #15 at 9:30am on Saturday, WI #1 vs Ohio. Everyone was hoping that the captain that won the coin toss would assign the World Champions to face each for a potential epic battle. WI #1 won the toss and Sarah Chaffee, current Women's World Champion, headed out to court 6 where Alan Francis, current Men's World Champion, was assigned to play. Alan started the game with ringers on 21 of his first 22 shoes pitched. Sarah, on the other hand, had a slow start with pitching only 10 ringers in the first 16 shoes pitched. The score was 18-3 at the halfway point of 20 shoes with Alan seeming to be in full control. This game ended up being a tale of two halves as Sarah found her rhythm and had a run of 21 ringers out 22 shoes pitched. Alan on the other hand cooled off and allowed Sarah back in the game as he had a stretch of 5 ringers out of 10 shoes pitched. Sarah scored 12 points on Alan in 6 shoes and the score was 19-18 in favor of Alan with 2 shoes left in the game. Sarah had first pitch and was only able to get one of her two shoes around the stake. Alan followed by missing one ringer as well, but he had the closer point to win with a final score of 20-18. This was truly a game for the ages in Team World history.

Team World 2023						
Class: A				Court: 06		
Game: 15				Date: 5/21/2023		
Sarah Chaffee			Name	Alan Francis		
Rgrs	Points	Score	Shoe	Rgrs	Points	Score
-	0	0	2	O X	3	3
X	0	0	4	O O	6	9
X X	0	0	6	X X	0	9
X	0	0	8	O X	3	12
O X	3	3	10	X	0	12
X X	0	3	12	X X	0	12
X	0	3	14	O X	3	15
X	0	3	16	O X	3	18
X X	0	3	18	X X	0	18
X X	0	3	20	X X	0	18
X X	0	3	22	X X	0	18
X	0	3	24	X	1	19
X X	0	3	26	X X	0	19
X X	0	3	28	X X	0	19
O X	3	6	30	X	0	19
X X	0	6	32	X X	0	19
O O	6	12	34	-	0	19
O X	3	15	36	X	0	19
O X	3	18	38	X	0	19
X	0	18	40	X	1	20
18			Points	20		
32			Rgrs	32		
13			Dbls	13		
40			Shoe	40		
80			Pct	80		

Wisconsin #1 Team Becomes First to Win Four Team World Titles in a Row

Canada played Ohio in round 5 on Friday. Drew Becker, the Men's runner-up at the World Tournament last summer, matched up against Alan Francis. Both pitchers failed to find their full rhythm this game, but Drew was able to win this match with a 19-13 win over Alan. That game ended up being Alan's only loss over the 22 games he played.

Alan Francis pitched a perfect game at Team World in 2003, exactly 20 years ago. Alan was asked if he remembered that game and he smiled and said, "I do remember that game," as he pointed at the court he pitched on and said he beat Edi Holland from Minnesota. Round 27 was played at 6:30pm on Saturday and WI #1 was playing their last game of the day. Sarah Chaffee almost made history as she had 39 ringers against Steven Johnson of MO #3. Her only miss was at 12 shoes. Sarah completed the tournament with an 81.67% ringer percentage, highest for the tournament. She becomes the 6th person to average 80% or higher in more than one Team World. Sarah's only loss was the game against Alan, and she did not have an opponent score more than 20 points against her the entire weekend. Penny Steinke from WI #1 was the only pitcher to go undefeated this year. She quietly cruised through her games as her opponents from WI, #2, Ken Jaeger, and #3 Jeff Gustafson, were the only ones to score 25 points against her. She finished the tournament with a 74.88% average, only 1 ringer shy of an even 75%. Speaking of WI #3, this team with captain Ken Heinritz and three Beloit Horseshoe Club members, Cliff Shave, Jeff Gustafson, and Tammy Newkirk were the underdogs that many were rooting for as they fought for a spot in the finals.

This was the second year that a seven-team finals format was used. WI #1 had a comfortable lead to hold the #1 spot for the finals. MI #1 could not catch WI #1 but had separated from the rest of the field on Sunday. Unlike last year, the #7 spot was locked well before the final prelim round as MN #1, at #8, watched their chance disappear as the last groups finished up their preliminary rounds. There was extreme competition for seeding across the #3-#7 spots, as three teams tied for the #3 seed with #6 only 1 game behind and #7 only 1.5 games behind #6. The top eight spots were as follows:

WI #1 – 68 wins	5. MO #2 – 51 Wins
MI #1 – 57 wins	6. WI #3 – 50 wins
OH – 51 Wins	7. MO #1 – 48.5 wins
IL #1 – 51 Wins	8. MN #1 – 42.5 wins

The #6 and #7 seeds both pulled off upsets last year in the new 7-team finals format. That was not the case this year. However, WI #3 pushed #3 seed Ohio to the limit as they tied 2-2 in the first round but lost on points scored, 126-93. This put WI #3 in a tie for 5th place as IL #1 lost 1-3 against MO #2. WI #3 took 5th place from IL #1 with the higher team ringer percentage, 56.03% to

53.66%. MI #1 took round 2 from Ohio in a close match in the second finals round. The teams tied 2-2 but MI #1 won on points scored 122-80. MI #1 moved on to the final match against WI #1 and the rematch from Friday morning turned into another 3-1 win for WI #1 as only Lisa Smith won her game against Jim Larson. Full results of Team World can be found online at:

www.whpahorseshoes.com/team-world

The Earl Paulson Team World Award is given out in honor of Earl Paulson and was created to give recognition to some of the greatest pitchers and contributors that have participated in Team World. The award presentation took place on Saturday afternoon. Sue Snyder and Alan Francis were this year's recipients of the award. Sue Snyder played in 15 Team World events for Indiana and Kentucky teams from 1989–2016. She was a 4-time Team World Champion, winning in 1989, 1990, 1995, and 2008. Her 1997 team from Kentucky averaged 73.33%, 3rd highest all-time. Sue averaged 80% or higher at Team World 5 times. Her 85.50% in 2008 and 84.29% in 2010 are #4 and 5 highest all-time, and #1 & 2 among women. Sue Snyder passed away in 2020 but the memories of her are strong among Team World participants as some were passed on to Sue's family with the award.



Alan Francis has participated in 10 Team World events for Missouri and Ohio from 1989-2004 & 2023. His Ohio teams won in 1998 & 1999. Alan has averaged 80% or higher eight times, including 80.57% this year and has the top 3 averages all-time, 87.13% (1998), 86.15% (2003), & 86.07% (1999). His 81.82% career average is 3rd highest all-time and first among pitchers with 3 or more times played (7,233 ringers in 8,840 shoes pitched).

The Beloit Horseshoe Club and Team World Committee are looking forward to hosting Team World again next year. So, mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the 38th Team World Tournament in Beloit, WI, May 17, 18, & 19, 2024.

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Final Results

Place	Team	Wins/Losses	Ringer%	Top Pitcher(s)	W/L	Ringer%
1	Wisconsin #1	74/10	69.91%	Sarah Chaffee Penny Steinke	20/1 21/0	81.67% 74.88%
2	Michigan #1	63/25	60.60%	Andy Adams	18.5/3.5	72.39%
3	Ohio	57/31	58.98%	Alan Francis	21/1	80.57%
4	Missouri #2	57/31	52.87%	Don Gillette	19/3	56.02%
5	Wisconsin #3	52/28	56.03%	Cliff Shave	15/5	67.38%
6	Illinois #1	52/28	53.66%	Paul Littlefield	15/5	60.50%
7	Missouri #1	49.5/30.5	55.94%	Pam Meyer	15/5	68.63%
8	Minnesota #1	42.5/33.5	50.53%	Janet Larson	12/5	54.85%
9	Missouri #4	42/34	50.23%	Jim Klump	13/6	56.84%
10	Missouri #3	41/35	48.55%	Mel Bruemmer	9.5/9.5	53.42%
11	Wisconsin #2	36/40	45.89%	Ray Groskinsky	11/8	56.45%
12	Michigan #2	32/44	45.16%	Helga Hewlett	12/6	53.33%
13	Missouri #4	47.5/44.5	45.95%	Jerry Weller	14.5/8.5	55.22%
14	Iowa	46/46	45.82%	Bert Logsdon	19/4	63.80%
15	Illinois #2	29.5/46.5	43.36%	Dennis Reid	11/8	55.00%
16	Minnesota #2	28/48	41.68%	Helen Hawkinson	10/9	49.61%
17	Michigan #3	22.5/53.5	36.45%	Quincy Johnson	7/12	48.55%
18	Wisconsin #4	22/54	38.03%	Donna Berquam	8/11	41.71%
19	Minnesota #3	20.5/55.5	38.72%	Michelle Foard	6.5/6.5	46.54%
20	Missouri #5	8/68	29.38%	Audra Craven	3/9	36.25%

Ken Kosky Memorial
Kent Frailing / Dave Volz

Class A-1

Lonny Trangsrud	3	0	39.17
Ken Jaeger Sr	2	1	60
Cliff Erickson	2	1	57.5

Class A-2

Randy Rein	2	1	54.17
Mona Lane	1	2	46.67
Susie Erickson	1	2	45.83

Class B

Roger Poutanen	6	1	53.93
John Wallace	6	1	51.07
Ralph Marthaler	4	3	38.57

Class C

Ron Studinski	4	1	42.5
Steve Weigert	3	2	35
Larry Danielson	3	2	27.5

Class D

Jane Smith	5	0	34
Rich Brockway	4	1	36.5
Kelly Thayer	3	2	26

Class E

Angie Hazen	7	0	36.07
Robert Conachen	6	1	32.14
P Schwerdtfeger	5	2	33.93

Class F

Ivan Mitchell	4	1	20
Leslie Mitchell	4	1	16.4
Sam Woolsey	3	2	11.6

Butternut Open

Jer Wagner/ Dave Volz

Class A

Cliff Erickson	6	1	57.5
Larry Grabowski	6	1	54.64
G Bogenschneider	5	2	46.79

Class B

Jim Verstoppen	6	1	42.5
Gary Wagner	6	1	38.57
Jer Wegner	3	4	34.29

Sylvia & Dan David Memorial

Mel Cook / Dave Volz

Class A

Lillyan Kildahl	6	2	41.88
John Wallace	5	3	39.69
Aleena Lepak	4	3	58.93

Class B

Rich Brockway	5	0	34
K Hellenbrand	4	1	29.5
Mike Ezell	3	2	30.5

Class C

Jim Menzel	5	0	20
Mike Berdan	4	1	17
Jim Berdan	3	2	7.5



Sylvia / Dan David Memorial Winners

Class A: Lonny, John, Lillyan, Aleena, Ralph Class B: Mike, Rich, Kevin Class C: Mike, Jim, Jim

Eau Claire Early Bird

Paul Weise / Dave Volz

Class A

Jim Bilderback	4	1	71.6
Sarah Chaffee	4	1	80.80
Ron Craigmile	3	2	50

Class B

Steve Grob	5	0	50.4
Larry Grabowski	4	1	55.2
Phil Swenson	2.5	2.5	40.8

Class C

Kailee Grob	5	0	26.4
Dennis Marquardt	4	1	22.8
Larry Danielson	3	2	27.2

Class D

Dennis Bach	5	0	35.2
Bob Kallstrom	4	1	34.4
Tristan Davidson	2	3	16.4

Class E

Scott Shackleton	4	1	7.6
Gavin Weise	3	2	9.2
Sequoia Weise	3	2	1.6



Eau Claire Early Bird

- Class A
Sarah, Jim, Craig
- Class B
Larry, Steve, Phil
- Class C
Dennis, Tristan, Larry
- Class D
Bob, Dennis,
- Class E
Gavin, Scott, Sequoia

Eau Claire Open

Paul Weise

Class A

Sarah Chaffee	6	1	73.75
Jim Bilderback	6	1	67.14
Steven Gorb	5	2	39.58

Class B

Angie Hazen	5.5	1.5	30.36
Ralph Marthaler	5	2	35.71
Larry Danielson	4.5	2.5	33.21

Class C

Bob Kallstrom	5	1	29.58
Kailee Gorb	5	1	27.92
Rich Brockway	4	2	18.33

Class D

Sequoia Weise	5	0	5.6
Mike Sheehan	3.5	2.5	13.6
Dan Sheehan	3.5	2.5	18



Eau Claire Open Winners

- Class A
Toni, Jim, Sarah, Steven
- Class B
Les, Ralph, Angie, Larry
- Class C
Kailee, Bob, Rich
- Class D
Mike, Sequoia, Dan

Stevens Point Open

Fred Lane

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	5	2	55.71
Ken Jaeger Sr.	4	3	51.43
Cliff Erickson	4	3	57.14

Class B

Roger Poutanen	5	1	51.67
John Wallace	4	2	42.08
Steve Gorb	3	2	40

Class C

Kalena Quaid	4	1	33.5
Mark Rice	3	2	32.5
Dave Quaid	3	2	31.5

Class D

Nancy Murleau	5	1	31.67
Rich Brockway	4	2	23.75
Scott Peckham	3	2	29

Class E

Steve Wiegert	5	0	37.5
Jim Menzel	4	1	22
Ken Davison	3	2	19

Muskego Open

Tom Steinke / Dave Volz

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	0	72.5
Cliff Shave	4	1	67
Tammy Newkirk	2	3	55

Class B

Kerry Morris	2	3	58
Zak Schwartz	2	3	54.5
Cindy Castellano	0	5	42

Class C

Bob Klingaman	4	1	49.5
Kalena Quaid	3	2	43.5
Donald Lammers	3	2	35.5

Class D

George Moraza	6	0	49.17
Rayna Bauer	4	2	38.75
Gerald Harris	4	2	33.33

Class E

K Whitehouse	5	1	29.16
Guy Fleming Jr	5	1	20.83
Dan Newkirk	4	2	24.17

State Scorekeeping

2023 in Eau Claire Labor Day Weekend.

Anyone who wants to keep score for this year's State Tournament in Eau Claire please contact me before August 15th. The schedule usually comes out the 2nd week in August. If you have a preference on courts and times, let me know that as well. So far, I have John Meyer and myself signed up. It takes about 20 scorekeepers for the Labor Day weekend to fill all the chairs.

Kevin Brekke - In charge of State Scorekeepers
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Muskego Winners

- Class A:
Tammy, Penny, Cliff
- Class B
Kerry, Cindy
- Class C
Don, Bob, Kalena
- Class D
Gerald, George, Rayna
- Class E
Dan, Ken, Guy, Glenn



Steve Stevens

Rick Poppe
Our WHPA family lost yet another horseshoe guru this past May. Steve Stevens, 57, passed on May 15 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN. He battled health conditions his last months in a care facility

in Baldwin. Rick Poppe, his nephew, was able to get him home in Marengo for few weeks before passing. He graduated from Ashland High School before earning his degree in engineering from UW- Platteville. He worked for the town of Marengo for 18 years and was a member of the WHPA, Range Horseshoe league and Ashland Dart league.

He loved hunting, the Packers, Badgers, Brewers and Bucks. He was known for his Stevenisms and Finnglish which always made one laugh. He loved visiting with friends around town in restaurants and establishments. He had the gift of gab and enjoyed living on "the block" and keeping everyone informed of what was happening around him.

Horseshoes was his life. He and his brother Mark traveled Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and the USA to horseshoe tournaments. He absolutely loved everyone and everything about horseshoes. His memory was impeccable! From family get togethers, horseshoe tournaments to the Ashland County Fair, he was a master at running tournaments, enjoying the atmosphere and banter the sport brought. He loved teaching people about horseshoes, encouraged everyone to play – no matter what their skill level. He was a true ambassador of the game.

He was excited about his upcoming wedding in July. To visit with Steve was an honor and an enlightening experience. His knowledge of horseshoe pitching was phenomenal. He remembered persons, places, games, records and all kinds of horseshoe memorabilia.

In the infamous words of Steve, "Googily Goo" and may you all enjoy life to the fullest. He will be missed by many as he touched many lives in many ways. Our lives were richer because of Steve.

Steve's Celebration of Life will take place August, 19, 2023 at 10:00– 11:00 Maple Grove Cemetery, 305 Chapple Ave, Marengo, WI 54806. Cards may be sent to Rick Poppe, 599 Grange Road, Hudson, WI 54016



Fred
Steve
Rick

Fred Lane posted the following on Facebook for our horseshoe Family: It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness to share the passing of our dear friend and valued member of the horseshoe pitching family, Steve Stevens.

Steve was a true enthusiast when it came to horseshoes. His passion for the game was infectious and his knowledge of its history was unparalleled. Whenever he spoke about horseshoes, you couldn't help but be captivated by his stories of great games and legendary competitors. Steve had an uncanny ability to recall exact scores and ringer percentages, making every conversation with him truly special.

Steve's absence leaves a void in our hearts that cannot be filled, but his spirit will forever live on. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve's family and loved ones. May they find strength, comfort, and solace in the beautiful memories they shared with him.

Rest in peace Steve. Thank you for enriching our lives with your passion, knowledge and unwavering love of horseshoes. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.



Fred Decorah
Dave Volz

Fred Decorah, 85 of Baraboo, passed away June 16. Fred pitched in the Baraboo horseshoe league for many years. He also pitched in many local tournaments as well as sanctioned events

throughout the state. He tried valiantly to get some sponsor dollars to help with the 2003 World Tournament held in Eau Claire. He was good friends with Harry Nelson, Kenosha, and often found them pitching partners. He pitched in 5 World Tournaments, bringing home the World Class Champion trophy from Kitchner, Ontario, Canada. He was a delight to see on and off the courts. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Ken Lovaas Memorial pics

Dan Newkirk/ Dave Volz



Class A
Robert, Jill, Penny, Cliff

Class A

Penny Steinke	7	0	73.93
Cliff Shave	5.5	1.5	65.36
Jill Peterson	4	3	55.71

Class B: Jim. Rich, Landon

Class B

Rich Bonner	4	1	54
Landon Morgan	4	1	47
Jim Alf	3	2	34



Class C: Gerald. Dave

Class C

Gerald Harris	5	1	41.67
Dave Quaid	4.5	1.5	32.5
Brian Schoonover	1.5	4.5	29.58

Class D: Ken, Robert, Dan

Class D

Robert Fleege	4	1	27
K Whitehouse	4	1	24
Dan Newkirk	3	2	25



Class E

Richard Conrad	5	0	23
Russ Bockway	4	1	24
Gordy Zindler	2	3	16



Class E: Richard, Russ, Gordy

Spring Fling

Gena Quaid

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	0	71
Tammy Newkirk	4	1	60.5
Cliff Shave	2	3	62.5



Class A:
Tammy, Penny, Cliff

Class B

Rayna Bauer	6	0	40.83
Bob Klingaman	4.5	1.5	35.83
Kalena Quaid	3	3	40.83

Class B:
Bob, Rayna, Kalena, Joel



Class C

Dale Matteson	4	1	35.5
Gerald Harris	3	2	28
George Dunn	3	2	22.5

Class C:
Gerald, Dale, George



Class D

Russ Brockway	4	1	20.5
Robert Fleege	3	2	25.5
Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	12.5

Class D:
Guy, Robert, Russ



The Patriot

Dan Newkirk / Dave Volz

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	0	73.5
Cliff Shave	4	1	65
Jeff Gustafson	2	3	5

Class B

Rowen Swick	5	0	38
Rich Bonner	4	1	49.5
Bruce McLinn	3	2	33

Class C

Gerald Harris	4.5	.5	39.5
Joe Koch	3	2	34.5
Rayna Bauer	3	2	33.5

Class D

Dave Quaid	5	1	32.08
George Dorn	4	2	31.67
Hank Schoenbeck	2	3	31

Class E

Loren Bamborough	5	0	32.92
Paul Henning	4.5	.5	22.92
Mark Labarge	4	2	27.08

Class F

Dave Palmersheim	4.5	.5	19.58
Tom Steinke	4	2	20
Jenny Reed	4	2	20

Class G

Steve Kilian	6	0	16.67
Georgia Beebe	5	1	16.67
Barb Ramquist	4	2	10

Patriot Photos

Gina Quaid / Dave Volz/ Kevin Brekke

The pictures of the pitchers shows everyone was enjoying the day! Such wonderful, patriotic outfits as well as prizes, awards and baskets.



What's New?

Jane Smith

Prayers are needed more than ever for our horseshoe family members battling a variety of health, social, physical, mental and emotional issues. Prayers of save travel, good health, tolerance, understanding

and flexibility are also needed by everyone daily. It was a pleasure to see and visit with Jerry Schroeder and Gregg Smith at the Arkdale tournament. Horseshoe friends are forever!

**The Patriot Horseshoe Tournament
July 4th, 2023**

Kevin Brekke

It was a fabulous fourth of July celebration at the Beloit Horseshoe courts on a beautiful but warm Sunday. The tournament started in 2010 at Race Track Park in Edgerton for 10 years, and paused because of Covid, this was its 13th year, the third at the Beloit Horseshoe Courts. The idea started with me, living in Edgerton and a member of the Beloit Horseshoe Club. I wanted to do something different with this tournament, where everyone who pitches gets money back and a prize.

This year we had 45 pitchers from Wisconsin and Illinois, and numerous family members and friends that came to watch. First prize in each class was a medallion, and there were flags, Dish Towels, bandanas and Toilet Paper for last. I started the morning out by leading those in attendance in our National Anthem and we were on our way.

Pitchers also get an attendance bag that my wife Karla puts together just for coming. I wanted to give back to the horseshoe family and recreate the family picnic atmosphere and celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in this country. I also had a bag of patriotic "stuff" that I would go around and pass out to spectators. The greasy wheel even got some, you know who you are....

There were four classes of six pitchers, and three classes of seven. The ringer averages ranged from under 10 percent to over 70 percent. Penny Steinke came in and ended with an average over 70 percent, with high game of 34 for 40 shoes for an awesome 85.0 percent.

Dan Newkirk was the tournament director,

and his wife Tammy did a lot of the organizing, putting baskets together and was basically the director in charge. Gena Quaid took care of the computer and Ken Beebe did his usual masterful job on the grill. There were so many others from the Beloit Horseshoe club that helped with the courts and grounds, and all the little things that make this special tournament go. Thank you.

This year my wife Karla did something special. She made up Patriot coasters for me to pass out and 10 special cards to those people that we wanted to thank for their contributions to this tournament. There were shirts and hats made up for the tournament people could buy, and there was random face painting going on (Rondi). There were baskets (20) made up for people to put their tickets toward, and a couple of 50-50's. Who would have thought that the tabs collected over the last four months would total over 2,700 and were donated and counted by Mary for the Patriot tournament. Wow!!

Our State Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association (WHPA) President Dobie Gutweiler came just to take pictures of this event. I think if we had a prize for best dress, she would have won.

I also want to thank all the new pitchers that came to this special tournament. Many of them did well and I am sure will be back.

The Beloit Horseshoe Club is located at 640 Ravine Dr in Beloit and has league play twice a week in the mornings, and twice a week in the evenings as well. They have 13 outdoor and 6 indoor courts. If you are interested in wanting more information about the club you can contact Dan Newkirk at 608-921-2834.

Platteville Spring Singles

Mark Mauthe / Dave Volz

Class A

Rich Bonner	4	1	50.8
Jim Larson	3	2	54.8
Joe Smith	3	2	50.4

Class B

Kalena Quaid	5	2	39.64
Rick Weller	5	2	31.07
Gerald Harris	4.5	2.5	42.5

Class C

Dave Quaid	6	1	36.43
George Dorn	5	2	29.29
Kathy Bockhop	4	3	30.71

Class D

Russ Brockway	5	2	22.14
Leslie Mitchell	5	2	12.86
Sandy Anderson	4	3	16.79

Arkdale Results

Ray Groskinsky

Class A

Cliff Shave	7	0	68.57
Ray Groskinsky	4	3	58.57
Ken Jaeger Sr	4	3	51.43

Class B

Jill Peterson	5	2	48.93
Mona Lane	4	3	47.86
Dan Bloom	4	3	44.64

Class C

Rick Weller	7	0	38.21
Blake Benzing	6	1	50
Jim Verstoppen	5	2	46.07

Class D

Bradley Benzing	6	1	40.71
Tonya Kaulum	5	2	46.07
Dave Quaid	5	2	34.29

Class E

Michael Benzing Jr	5.5	1.5	36.07
Rich Brockway	5	2	34.64
Dominic Saxby	5	2	31.43

Class F

Russ Brockway	7	0	28.21
Randy Mitchell	5	2	21.07
Fred Lane	5	2	18.21



Class A:
Cliff, Ken, Cliff, Ray



Class B:
Cindy, Jill, Mona, Dan



Class C:
Blake, Jim, Rick,
Kalena



Class D:
Tanya, Bradley, Kent,
Dave



Class E:
Rich, Al, Michael,
Dominic



Class F:
Fred, Russ, Randy,
Leslie

WT WHPA Pitchers Schedules

Our WHPA pitchers begin pitching on July 17, 18, 19 finishing on July 27,28,29. Good Luck to all!!

- Elder I2: Gerald Harris, Tom Steinke.
- Men G2: Marvin Mengel
- Men H1: Paul Wiese, Doninic, Saxby
- Men I2: Steve Killian
- Elder H1: George Dorn
- Men J2: Guy Fleming Jr
- Women D: Kalena Quaid
- Women F: Emily Lazaris, Nancy Murleau
Dobie Gutweiler
- Women H: Sandy Anderson
- Men D1: Dustin Duerr, Dave Quaid
- Men E1: Les Karpel
- Men E2: Michael Benzing

WT WHPA Pitchers Schedules

- Men F2: Rich Brockway
- Elder D1: Bruce McLinn
- Elder D2: Dave Volz, Bob Klingaman
- Elder E1: Curt Panfil. Jim Tollefson, Dave Leckwee
- Elder F1: Ralph Marthaler, Mark Rice
- Jr B: Blake Benzing, Bradley Benzing, Lillyan Kildahl
- Jr C: Brandon Benzing
- Cadet B: Conner Kildahl
- Cadet C: Jazymyn Kildahl

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“The Cruel Shoes” by Justin Kern
 “The Groom Wins Twice”

“whispering mistakenly:
 only here. only now.”
 -Lucille Clifton

Here was that rarest of moments – grand success in the horseshoe pits.

At his own bachelor party, Harmon, my dear friend, pulled back

his arm, kept his steely glare on the distant post and never once let his cigarette leave his lips. In a canoe-shaped release nearly resembling athletics, surrounded by his friends and brothers, with all of the pressure of a made-up tournament on the line, Harmon delivered a ringer that tallied the championship game-winning points. Cheers burst out across our hilltop in western New York. Commence with (more) beer and Bouncing Souls lyrics. Champions!

I’m not saying horseshoes majesty is inevitable at all such soirees. Or that they happen at all. A prior bachelor party the month before brought me to Mountain, Wisconsin. Among that much smaller crowd was Bad News, my buddy mentioned last column, who is always up for a game of horseshoes (and usually beats me, no matter his beer intake). Packed up a friend’s car on the drive up to Mountain, including horseshoes and extra sand. Located a set of public pits not too far from our weekend lake rental.

And once we arrived to the home for the weekend, we proceeded to totally ignore the horseshoes in favor of beer, records, kayaks and grand idiocy. Closer to hand grenades than horseshoes that time around.

This party in New York would be different, at least in one regard. Harmon emphasized the importance of horseshoes, for and against all. There was a longstanding horseshoe pit at the side of the family cabin where our party commenced, commanding use by proximity or history. So, in our own makeshift way, we held a tournament – tangible, shared and in no way preparing Harmon for married life. Multiple participants would agree to randomly drawn duos. A bracket of the players

and records would be written in nearly legible pen on a piece of paper stowed safely in a camping chair cupholder. Players and teams were wrangled when distracted by banjos or kegs or pulled pork or an antique gun.

As it turned out, Harmon and I were paired up. I warned the group that I had appeared in exactly one tournament previously, in Mosinee and indicative of my 10-to-16 percent ringer ratio. This put me one tournament ahead of the field of 16 total players and did not intimidate any of them. It was daylight and the rain threatened, so we pitched.

While games and players rotated, the conversation and catching up never ceased. Days or decades with some, all at this cabin in Stockton, N.Y., the agricultural and rebellious side of the Empire State. The small town where a bunch of us saw our first punk rock shows together; recent shows of various genres came up during and alongside games. Past the cabin, visitors sped by to see seers in Lily Dale and Amish neighbors trotted by never missing a chance to wave. One would think horseshoes would be a common pastime for the Amish, given all the horses, and we thought aloud on it until that seemed true.

Everyone had style and moments in the two-loss knockout tournament. Paolo harnessed his corn-hole skills to pull out some wins. My dad threw four ringers but couldn’t catch a break. Harmon’s brothers served up that deep rooted trash talk you only get from siblings. Majka drove 16 hours from Florida to join us after an airline snafu, but wasn’t able to



channel this Polish falcon legendry into sports glory. Bundy shrugged with a smile, Hatfield got nostalgic. And when the final two teams were left, Harmon and I pulled it off, with two straight wins, capped by his finale ringer. The rain never fell.

Victory was sweet. Bragging rights for life would be more valuable than any trophy and most any prize money. Better – the richness of decades-long friendships, tribulations and rites and humor that left enough of us alive and well to savor such ridiculous time together. The time between the games, that day and overall. Congratulations, Harmon. And Stephanie, we turn him back over to you a winner.

Eagle River Open
Cliff Erickson / Fred Lane

Class A

Ken Jaeger	6	1	56.43
Cliff Erickson	6	1	55.36
Ray Groskinsky	5	2	55

Class B

Jim Verstoppen	4	3	45.77
Roger Poutanen	3	4	43.21
Mona Lane	1	6	41.07

Class C

Blake Benzing	7	0	52.14
Dennis Wegner	5	2	35.71
Ralph Marthaler	4	3	33.21

Class D

Tonya Kaulum	7	0	39.64
Jane Smith	5	2	32.86
Bradley Benzing	4	3	32.5

Class E

Steve Weigert	6	1	33.21
Randy Mitchell	5	2	21.07
Ivan Mitchell	5	2	18.93



Class B: Roger, Jim Class A: Ken, Cliff

Class C: Dusty, Blake, Dennis, Ralph



Class D: Brandon, Bradley, Tanya, Jane

Class E: Randy, Ivan, Alan, Ed, Steve

FDL Team Tournament is scheduled for August 13, 2023 at Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds.

Entry Deadline is August 1st.

3-Player Teams Play in Mini-Team World Format.

Maximum of 10 teams can enter. Teams will be accepted on first-come, first-served basis.

Number of games played is dependent on number of entries. 7 games maximum in preliminary rounds.

Need minimum of 4 teams to hold tournament.

133% Combined Team Average Maximum from averages taken from E-Shoe on 7/11/23.

Entry form can be found on the WHPA web page as well as eshoe averages.

Send entries to Jeff Secord, jeffsecord@outlook.com. Entry fee \$54 per team.

Contact Jeff Secord at jeffsecord@outlook.com OR 920-476-9042 (call or text) with any questions.

WT WHPA Schedule continued from page 16

Elder A1: Jim Bilderback

Elder B1: Cliff Erickson, Eugene Pribnow, Ray Groskinsky

Elder B2: Kerry Morris, Jeff Gustavson

Men B1: Lonny Trangsrud, Rich Peterson, Dean Chaffee, Ken Heinritz

Men C1: Lambert Narlock II

Men C2: Justin Schultz, Alvin Schultz, Rick Weller

Women A: Sarah Chaffee, Penny Steinke, Aleena Lepak

Women B: Donna Berquam, Mona Lane, Jill Peterson

Women C: Cindy Castellano

Sr Women A: Susie Erickson, Toni Sloper

Pitching times may be found on the NHPA Web site: <http://horseshoepitching.com>