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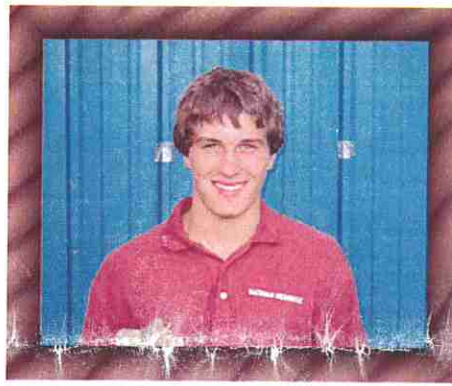
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2005 STATE CHAMPIONS



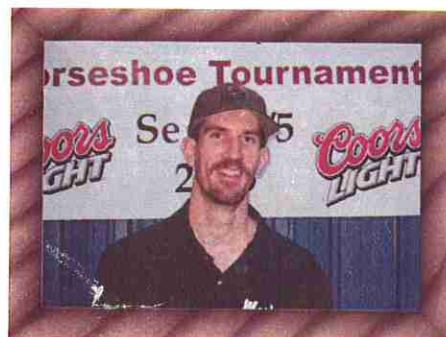
Nathan Heinritz -Jr Boys Champ



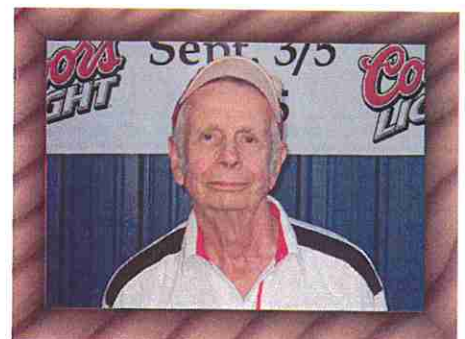
Gert Wileziak - Ladies Champ



Allena Cook - Jr Girls Champ



Mark Mauthe - Mens Champ



Clayton Gage - Elders Champ



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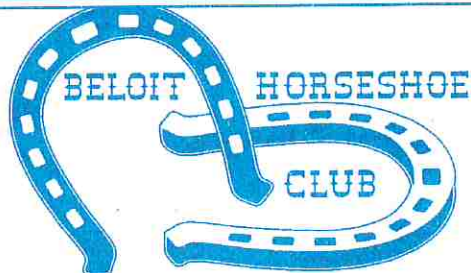


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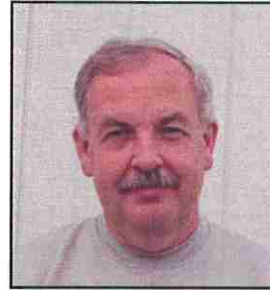
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Coming Events

Oct. 8-9	Beloit Singles	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-05-046 D/L 9-28		
Oct. 15	Fall Meeting	WI Dells
Oct. 22-23	Deansville Singles	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925 920-423-4924 28-05-047 D/L 10-08		
Oct. 29	The Fall Classic @ Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-05-048 D/L 10-16		
Nov. 5-6	Autumn Harvest @ Beloit	\$18
Earl Paulson 7105 S. Cty. Hwy. H Beloit, WI 53511 608-879-2304 28-05-049 D/L 10-26		
Dec. 3-4	Deansville Open	\$15
Rudy VanFleet 202B Parkview, Columbus, WI 53925 920-423-4924 28-05-050 D/L 11-19-05		
Dec. 10	The Santas Singles @ Arena	\$18
Ed Wheeler W9070 Cty. Hwy. K Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-4424 28-05-051 D/L 11-27		
Jan. 7-8	001 at Arena –Jim Haupt	
Jan. 14	Xmas Party at Beloit	
Jan. 28-29	Deansville Open – Rudy Van Fleet	
Feb. 4-5	Valentine at Beloit – Earl Paulson	
Mar. 4-5	Mid Winter at Beloit – Earl Paulson	
Mar. 11-12	Clash With Kerry at Deansville Rudy Van Fleet	
Mar. 18	Spring Meeting	

THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS PREPARED BY NHPA REGIONAL DIRECTOR KEN JAEGER. ANY ERRORS, OR ADDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN JAEGER.

KEY: Bold print date indicates WHPA approved event. Note: Some WHPA approved events are unsanctioned.



The President's Column

Congratulations to all class and champions who competed in the WI State tournament, held Labor Day weekend in Beloit. If you missed it, you missed a good time. I understand there are a lot of activities on that weekend, but this is the largest tournament of the year with over 180 pitchers entered.

However, that represents only 40% of the membership. This is a tournament that the classes are fairly even, with some classes having only a 1% difference from top to bottom. So for those who do not attend, think about it for next year in Eau Claire.

This year, I gave the President's Award to the Beloit Horseshoe Club. This award would be hard to give to just one person from Beloit because there are so many people who get involved and work at the club. Beloit hosts many tournaments, year round, and are always willing to help whenever they can. Their membership keeps growing because of the friendliness of their club. I was honored to present them this award.

The fall meeting is October 15, 2005, 1:00pm at the Lake Delton Sportsman Club. There will be election of officers and voting on the location for the 2007 state tournament. Any clubs interesting in hosting the state tournament, contact Terry Sternberg.

Good Pitching,

Tom

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"My mother buried three husbands, and two of them were just napping"

Rita Rudner

"A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road"

Clayton Gage wins #11

Eleven time champion, Clayton Gage, is up to the competition once more. The Elder's class has become more competitive. It used to be predominately the Gage and Maylahn show, and this time they did repeat the match-up. Others have augmented the Elders, Minnesota imports, Wayne Totten and Norm Gage are serious pitchers contributing to the Elders along with the increased ability of Paul Wilson, Bill Matey and move-up, John Dolezel.

Clayton Gage	7	0	66.10
Ralph Maylahn	5	2	57.85
Wayne Totten	5	2	54.08
Paul Wilson	4	3	51.61
Bill Matey	3	4	54.88
Norm Gage	2	5	49.71
John Dolezel	2	5	45.59

Mark Mauthe wins #5

Mauthe won this, his fifth state title with all wins in the seven game championship match. His record shows a consistent percentage improvement to the final game of 85.71%. It was no contest as he held Rein to 11 points in 42 shoes.

Ken Heinritz had Mauthe looking at 35 points but that's as close as anyone got.

Mark Mauthe	7	0	69.62
Randy Rein	6	1	63.71
Roger Comero	5	2	56.90
Ken Heinritz	3	4	58.08
John Molling	3	4	54.03
Tom Endler	2	5	51.92
Dan Bloom	1	6	48.85
Jim Larson	1	6	47.79

#1 for Aleena Cook

Aleena Cook made her one-on-one chance good in winning the state title.

She and her sister, Kiri, who had placed second in the World Tournament, pitched along with the boys in the championship Juniors class. Their one game match-up was for the Girl's title.

The game went down to the wire. Ended as the closest game of the class, 40-39. Aleena took top honors making Kiri, who was second in the World; is also second in the state.

Aleena Cook	3	4	35.34
Kiri Cook	2	5	37.12

Note: The Junior Girls and Boys Championship Class played as one class with the champion being decided by the game(s) between each gender. e.g. the game between Aleena and Kiri decided the Girls Championship irrespective of their overall records.

Nathan Heinritz wins #2

Nathan Heinritz put his recently gained experience of the World tournament to work winning his second state Junior Boy's title with seven straight wins.

He saved his best game for defending champion, Ryan Hyatt, who had stunned onlookers with two opening games in excess of 80%.

Nathan Heinritz	7	0	62.34
Nolan Johnson	6	1	57.55
Ryan Hyatt	5	2	62.70
Ben Heinritz	4	3	42.34
Malachi David	1	6	18.80
Jimmy Paulson	0	7	13.12

Gert Wilcziek wins #6

Wilcziek dipped below 80% and allowed Lorraine Sternberg to make her game scoring 31 points in the final game of the ladies championship. Wilcziek won her final game with 72% while exceeding 80% in all other contests. Final average, 81.96 is thought to be the highest winning percentage in all the 83 years of Women's horseshoes in Wisconsin.

Tava Cook in her fourth place finish in her first appearance in the ladies class come on as one of the pitchers to watch in future events.

Gert Wilczek	7	0	81.96
Penny Steinke	6	1	76.05
Lorraine Sternberg	3	4	63.33
Tava Cook	3	4	52.02
Eddie McKinney	3	4	50.94
Suzanne Helene	2	5	57.14
Pam Aiken	2	5	55.95
Elaine Troullier	2	5	49.35

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AWARDS - STATE

The Beloit weatherman should get the top award for the best Labor Day weekend in memory. Part of the time the sun was hidden in respect for squinting players. It was not hard to put up with the fair weather we found in Beloit.

Tom Steinke made the Presidential Award to the Beloit Horseshoe Club for their progressive nature in presenting the many tournaments each year. "Just thought they deserved it."

Scorekeeper-of-the-year by Marge Yach is becoming an endangered species with all the self scoring going on. But some people are still noticed for their dedication to the dying breed. This year the selection from Bellville, Wisconsin is, Carol Crook and Sonny Cockroft.



2005 Pitcher of the Year
Jim Haupt, Norm Beckius, Randy Rein

Winning isn't Everything...

But it sure makes the game more fun!

By Jane Smith

It does not matter whether the tournament is an Open, the State, World or Invitational - we all want to pitch our average or better and be the Champion. Unfortunately, only one pitcher in each class is really happy - the champion. The rest of us are winners because we are able to participate. We usually do not look at our losses as being winners. It is all a matter of perspective. A pitcher can go to and from a tournament with an attitude. If a pitcher has a poor tournament, the focus may be on an opponent who played "mind"

Pitcher of the Year Award

By Jane Smith

This award is made to three individuals based on the number of points they have acquired throughout the 2004-05 pitching year. This year each person who attended the WHPA Fall and Spring meetings received 15 points for each meeting attended. The three divisions are: Group A pitchers over 50% Group B pitchers between 35 and 49% Group C pitchers under 35%.

There were 357 names in the spreadsheet with 35 tournament results calculated in determining these awards.

The top 5 in Group A, in alphabetical order

Tom Endler, Mark Mauthe, **Randy Rein**, Penny Steinke, and Gert Wilcziek.

The winner is Randy Rein with 155 points, 8 first place finishes, 3 seconds, and 1 third

Group B top 5 are :

Norm Beckius, Milt Larsen, Ray Lopez, Kerry Morris, and Rowen Swick.

The winner is Norm (Mouse) Beckius with 4 first places, 2 seconds and 1 third.

Group C top 5 are: **Jim Haupt**, Bruce McLinn, Ivan Ruzic, Tom Steinke, and Ed Wheeler.

The winner is Jim Haupt with 115 points, 6 first places, 1 second, and 2 thirds.

Congratulations to all WHPA pitchers and especially our 2005 winners!

games, a judge who pulled shoe, a scorekeeper who messed up, or an opponent who calls "foul", the sun, wind, rain, etc. The list is endless! What is important is, WE ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE! It doesn't take long to look outside the box and realize there are many who would love to be outside pitching shoes with friends or family. If the only reason I went to tournaments was to WIN, I would be a very unhappy pitcher! Looking over the past, I find myself ever so thankful for the friendships, both new and old, that have been kindled. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles of friends we see only a few times a year. The pitching season for the most part is over. Let's make a Fall Colors Resolution to appreciate the friends and abilities of those around us; and to enjoy the game for the PEOPLE. The ringers we pitch is the icing on the cake!!

Down and Back

with Jim Haupt

In other developments in the State championship classes, Sue Helene dropped out of the Ladies class after five games. Unfortunately she became disenchanted with the judge on duty at the time and did not wish to continue.

Gene Mason was not present to play the Elders championship class. Mason is known for his long time participation in the State Tournament. Trust its not serious.

Is it too early to suggest a personality for the Scorekeeper of the Year? As far as the WHPA is concerned Jimmy Paulson could be that person, although most of his work is done on the computer.

And for the Beloit club Jimmy Paulson could be their "Man of the Year." For three days this fall he ran the computer, checked score-sheets, provided scorekeepers, sold shirts, and when he wasn't busy he sold 50-50 tickets. Pitching horseshoes for him is just a sideline.

Each year we may agonize over the few numbers that pitch the State Tournament but we did have 181 pitchers this time. Figure that to be 40% of estimated 500 membership. Figure again deducting members with less than 2 tournaments, the percentage of entries vs. members available is over 50%.

A Tournament

Jim Haupt

A real tournament of old is or was a collection of knightly games of the middle ages, jousting and fighting usually over a few days. Sort of the same as what we know as a horseshoe tournament.

This summer we witnessed a replica of a jousting tournament but without the horses. A group of devotees representing an era of time between 600 and 1200 AD gathered on a suburban lawn dressed for the occasion in period costumes, gaudy knights, plain tunics, fancy dresses, and some in armor. They needed it for the fighting that took

So maybe we are doing better than we thought. Our job seems to start at home, getting our own people interested in pitching more events and the State Tournament entry list will respond accordingly.

Recent news article from North Carolina lamented the low State Tournament entry rate, less than 20% of membership or 46 entries. Their problem is keeping new members interest at a high level. The state of Washington is looking forward, and proud of it, to entertaining 80 pitchers in their State Tournament.

These numbers were published in their state newsletters and thought to be genuine. So maybe the State Tournament is not so bad in Wisconsin.

Did anyone else see a new guy pitching the state tournament, wearing a shirt with the name, Ken Frame? I'd swear it was a new guy! Turns out to be the real Ken Frame without a cap.

Missing at the State Tournament:

One Toshiba camera owned by Burly Burlingame. Contact may made through the Beloit club, Thanks, he's a friend of ours.

Two M & M horseshoes painted blue and white. (At least last seen they were blue and white.) If you like the shoes and would like breakage protection, the owner has the #3 matching shoe and will sacrifice. Contact Jim Haupt.

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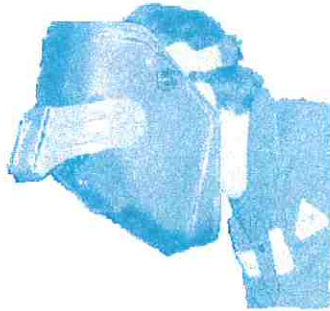
In a round robin format "knights" were paired to fight with stout wooden swords. Some had shields to ward off the opponent's blows. If in the thrust and parrying one was struck on an arm or leg the participant had to go on as if the arm were cut off or drop to the knees in case of a leg blow. A "kill" usually resulted from a smart blow to the head.

Armor, in the form of conical metal helmets, chain mail, chest-plates, hip and shin guards lined with foam protected fighters from obviously heavy blows at the hands those

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Behind the Mask

with Ken Heinritz



Think back with me to times where you always wondered what it would be like to _____ or go _____. As a young boy growing up my mom always told me I had a good imagination. I could be whoever I wanted to be and accomplish feats beyond human comprehension.

These childhood thoughts came back to me as I stood on the approach of court #3, opposite Mark Mauthe, about to pitch the 1st shoe in the Championship Class of the Wisconsin State Tournament. Could life get any better? Finally I find myself in a place where I've been, but only in my dreams. Would I squander this opportunity now or excel in the spotlight? Only time would tell. The rush of adrenaline flowed freely while concentration had to be maintained. Oh, it's good to feel like a kid again!

Weeks later when the dust settles and you have time to reminisce, the things that are remembered are seemingly insignificant. Believe it or not I remember the kind words spoken by Randy Rein after our game,

the razzing received by my oft rival Tom Endler, the spontaneous light-hearted humor of Jim Larson and noticing the wide smile of relief Mark Mauthe gave when his double ringer ended our game.

This causes me to consider what kind of impact I am having on the lives of others. What do my opponents remember about me? Am I too serious while playing this game? A friend watching the games yelled over to me, 'Ken smile, look like you are having fun.' This was well received.

I may not be able to stop a speeding freight train, or able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but it is possible to leave a lasting impact on the people you cross paths with. What do they remember about you? I was told of a junior pitcher who corrected the scorekeeper twice during his tight game. The unusual thing about this one is that it was to his opponent's advantage as he eventually lost. That is one junior who is standing tall in my book! Way to go RH!

How about you? When life is over for you, what lasting impact did you have on the lives your family, friends, or onlookers?

Speaking only of Yours Truly, I know I have a lot of work to do. When my life is over and I face my God, the only trophy I hope to receive is hearing the words of my Lord, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' This will be a Championship Class memory to reminisce on for all eternity. Don't you agree?

JR SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

With all the prizes offered, how can one guy win first and second? It happened. Clayton Gage had his ticket drawn for the second place award and he wins the WRW bowling ball.

That was no sooner done when they hauled out another Gage ticket and \$100 award 1st place award.

1. \$100 - Clayton Gage - Donated by the WHPA
2. WRW Bowling Ball - Clayton Gage - Donated by Ken Kosky after he won it last year.
3. Wooden vase - Pat Dudley - Donated by "The Carley's"
4. \$50 - Netty Nairs - Donated by the WHPA
5. \$50 - Bonnie Jakel - Donated by the WHPA
6. Imperial Maxx Horseshoes - Pam Aiken - Donated by Don Kangas
7. \$25 - Jeff Miller - Donated by Combined Locks
8. \$25 - Kiri Cook - Donated by Marshfield HC

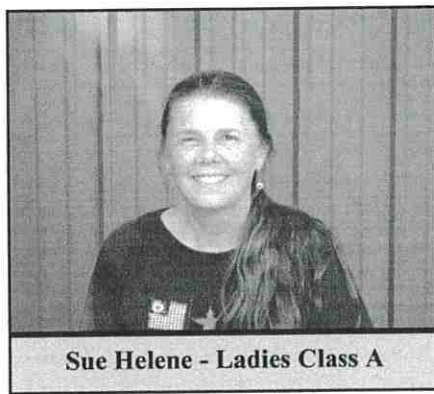
9. Set of Cookware - Karen Schleisman - Donated by Goldendale HC.
10. Set of Cookware - Mark Forster - Donated by Goldendale HC.
11. Set of Cookware - Randy Heinritz - Donated by Goldendale HC.
12. Qt of Maple Syrup - Steve Mancl - Donated by Dan and Sylvia David.

Thank you to all the donors on behalf of the Wisconsin Juniors.

The raffle held for the Junior Scholarship Fund requires a license from the State of WI each year. This past year the WHPA could not get a license number until after May therefore the tickets could not be printed until after that time. We are now a qualified raffle presenter and we can now print the 2006 tickets after the first of the year using the 2005 number although we will have to get a new number in May of 2006 and that will be used on the

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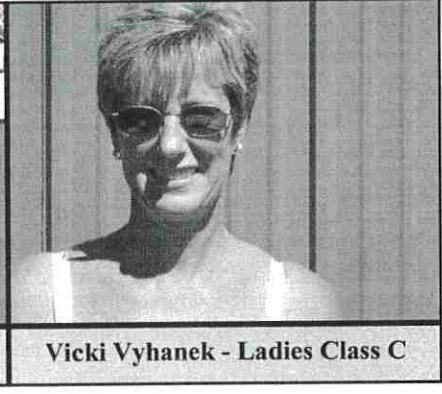
2005 State Class Champions



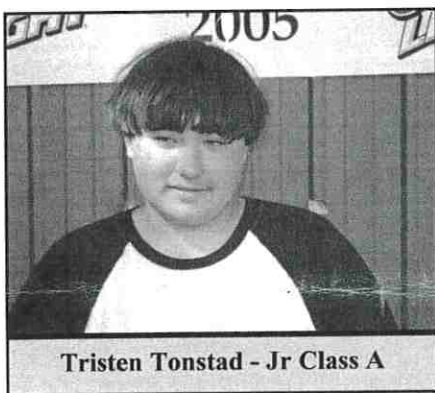
Sue Helene - Ladies Class A



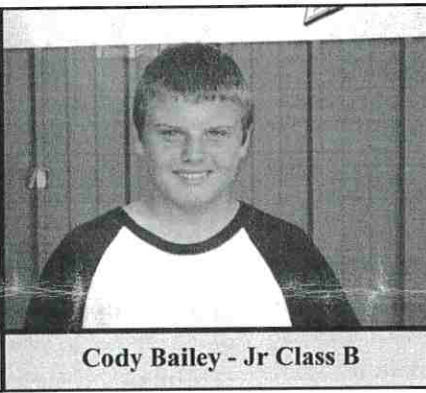
Sonia Cook - Ladies Class B



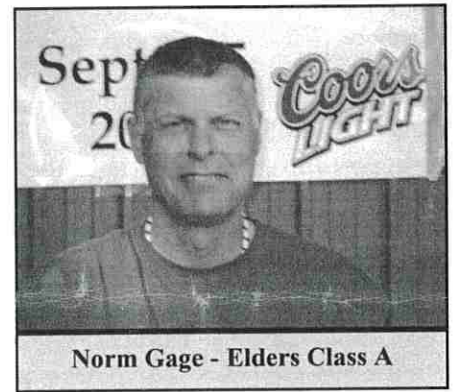
Vicki Vyhanek - Ladies Class C



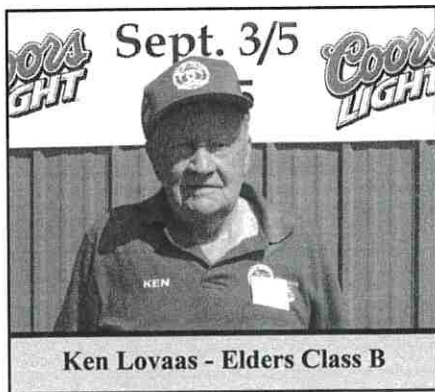
Tristen Tonstad - Jr Class A



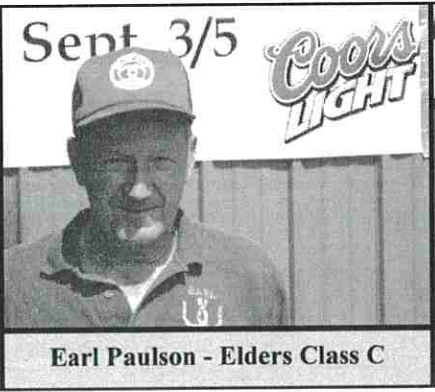
Cody Bailey - Jr Class B



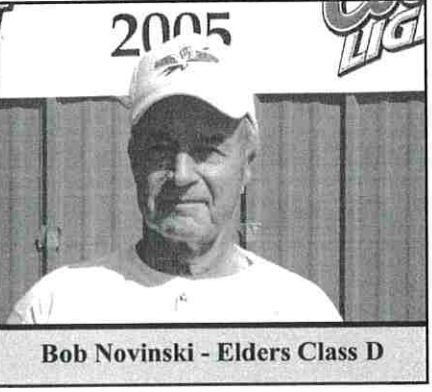
Norm Gage - Elders Class A



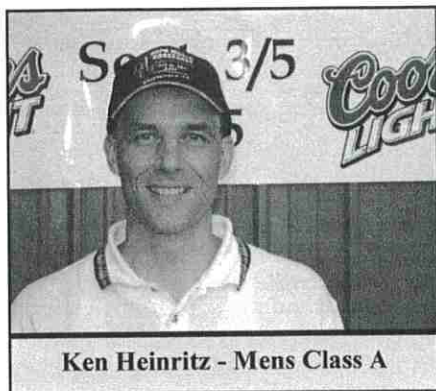
Ken Lovaas - Elders Class B



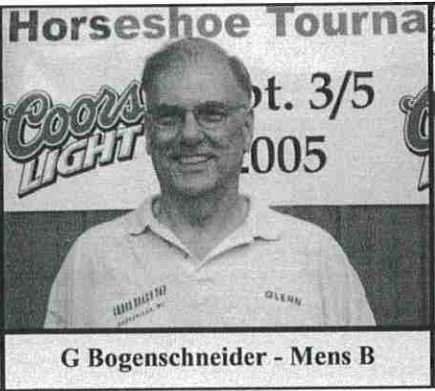
Earl Paulson - Elders Class C



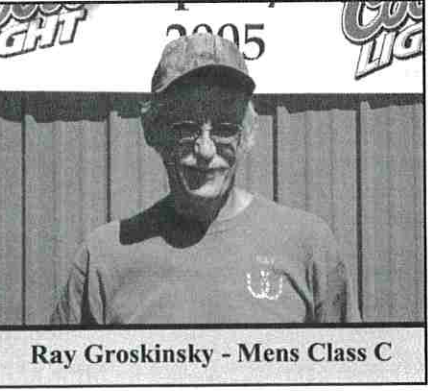
Bob Novinski - Elders Class D



Ken Heinritz - Mens Class A



G Bogenschneider - Mens B



Ray Groskinsky - Mens Class C

Mens Class A

1	Ken Heinritz	6	1	56.43
2	Tom Ender	5	2	50.36
3	Gerald Weikert	5	2	48.57
4	Mark Stevens	4	3	48.21
5	John Koepp III	3	4	47.86
6	Larry Barber	2	5	43.57
7	Ken Jaeger Sr	2	5	41.07
8	Rick Poppe	1	6	45.71

Mens Class E

1	Jeff Mauthe	7	0	47.86
2	Harvey Bilz	5	2	42.14
3	Jason Goldsmith	5	2	39.58
4	Bruce McLinn	3	4	41.79
5	Dick Hansen	3	4	28.57
6	Dave Volz	2	5	33.68
7	Ed Wheeler	2	5	25.71
8	Ralph Marthaler	1	6	32.50

Mens Class I

1	Bob Kallstrom	7	2	37.78
2	Carl Schliem	5	3	25.63
3	Ron Berg	5	3	31.56
4	Ted Rohde	4	3	26.79
5	Tony Chapman	4	3	26.43
6	George Moraza	2	5	27.50
7	Russ Heinritz	2	5	27.50
8	Greg Kahl	1	6	23.21

Mens Class B

1	Bogenschneider	6	1	47.50
2	Steve Wiegert	5	2	48.93
3	Mitch Vyhanek	5	2	47.89
4	Vince Jakel	4	3	43.21
5	T. Sternberg	3	4	42.61
6	Ken Frame	3	4	37.14
7	Pudge Dahl	2	5	37.86
8	Bernard Carley	0	7	38.57

Mens Class F

1	Jim Haupt	6	1	39.29
2	Leo Richter	5	2	34.64
3	Dave Klipstein	4	3	37.86
4	Dennis Capener	3	4	32.75
5	John Mills	3	4	32.14
6	Galen Kozel	3	4	31.43
7	Don Goldsmith	3	4	27.46
8	Robin Mahn	1	6	24.29

Mens Class J

1	John Secord	7	0	29.29
2	Duane Grossen	5	2	30.36
3	Tom Steinke	5	2	23.21
4	Ray Mallo	4	3	20.36
5	Ken Davison	3	4	21.79
6	Steve Mandle	2	5	22.14
7	Ed Bonebright	1	6	20.71
8	Kevin Brekke	1	6	18.21

Mens Class C

1	Ray Groskinsky	6	1	41.49
2	Al Huizenga	5	2	50.71
3	J Mageland	4	3	40.36
4	Jeff Gustafson	4	3	36.43
5	Jerry Niemuth	3	4	41.43
6	Kerry Morris	3	4	40.00
7	Julian Tijerina	3	4	36.07
8	Arnie Walton	0	7	27.14

Mens Class G

1	Steve Mielke	7	0	43.57
2	Augie Potter	5	2	36.43
3	Ken Kosky	4	3	28.93
4	Joe Voss	3	4	25.86
5	Pete Kumlien	3	4	24.64
6	Richard Conrad	3	4	24.29
7	Norm Beckius	2	5	24.29
8	Dave Forseth	1	6	25.00

Mens Class K

1	Matt Ramsdell	6	1	22.50
2	Randy Heinritz	5	2	30.00
3	Sonny Cockcroft	5	2	28.21
4	Randy Naef	5	2	26.43
5	Jim Rick	4	3	27.14
6	Gary Hyatt	1	5	20.83
7	Russ Burns	1	6	10.00

Mens Class D

1	John Carlin	6	1	46.43
2	Jim Tollefson	5	2	37.86
3	Jim Heim	4	3	41.79
4	Doug Bakkum	3	4	41.43
5	Rowen Swick	3	4	38.93
6	Ken Schumann	3	4	37.86
7	Ken Amble	3	4	36.79
8	John Gregorich	1	6	25.71

Mens Class H

1	Al Rude	7	0	36.07
2	Gary Wegner	6	1	39.29
3	Bob Kabella	5	2	33.93
4	John Brophy	3	4	32.14
5	David Hansen	3	4	29.93
6	Joel Ramsdell	2	5	26.79
7	Mike Rousseau	2	5	24.29
8	Mike Lange	0	7	18.66

Mens Class L

1	Wayne Franzen	7	2	17.81
2	Phil Haas	7	4	13.61
3	John Gordon	5	3	18.44
4	Tom Bird	5	3	16.25
5	Don Wozniak	4	3	19.72
6	Tom Hanson	2	5	16.79
7	Mike Zahn	1	6	18.57
8	Mike Keagle	1	6	8.21

Mens Class M

1	Guy Fleming	7	0	19.29
2	Dan Craft	5	2	11.07
3	Dave Semingson	5	2	6.79
4	Don Peroutka	4	3	10.00
5	Jim Uhlenhake	3	4	11.07
6	Curt Novinski	2	5	6.43
7	Marv Laidig	2	5	3.93

Elder Mens Class A

1	Norm Gage	5	2	45.00
2	John Dolezel	4	3	45.36
3	William Spahn	4	3	42.86
4	Ivan Ruzic	4	3	42.50
5	Nelson Richason	4	3	39.29
6	Norb Fuhrman	3	4	40.71
7	Jerry Kamps	3	4	36.43
8	Ray Lopez	1	6	32.86

Elder Mens Class B

1	Kenneth Lovaas	4	1	32.28
2	Merrill Semingson	3	2	37.20
3	Milt Larsen	3	2	36.00
4	Dan David	2	3	40.40
5	Cliff Troullier	2	3	35.20
6	Len Mauthe	1	4	31.10

Elder Mens Class C

1	Earl Paulson	5	1	40.00
2	Willis David	4	2	34.33
3	John Brugger	2	3	33.60
4	Oscar Donar	2	3	33.20
5	Dave Miller	2	3	30.00
6	Wes Podvin	1	4	22.00

Elder Mens Class D

1	Bob Novinski	5	0	31.20
2	Ken Wood	3	2	19.60
3	Melvin Donar	3	2	18.80
4	Cliff Van Natta	3	2	17.60
5	Jerry Palmer	1	4	10.40
6	George Kuffer	0	5	2.80

Ladies Class A

1	Sue Helene	5	0	60.00
2	Tava Cook	3	2	45.60
3	Elaine Troullier	3	2	40.80
4	Linda Johnson	2	3	42.40
5	Gloria Smith	2	3	22.40
6	Jane Smith	0	1	6.00

Ladies Class B

1	Sonia Cook	5	0	37.60
2	Chris Humphrey	3	2	34.40
3	Karen Keelin	3	2	31.60
4	Karen Henkel	2	3	27.60
5	Teresa Donar	1	4	27.60
6	Sue Lange	1	4	26.40

Ladies Class C

1	Vicki Vyhanek	5	0	28.00
2	Cecelia Trossen	3	2	22.40
3	Cindy Hyatt	3	2	15.60
4	Julie Potter	3	2	14.40
5	Rose Gordon	1	4	15.20
6	Beth Strohman	0	5	14.80

Juniors Class A

1	Tristen Tonstad	5	1	12.08
2	Ben Holznagel	3	3	12.08
3	James Bultman	2	4	9.58
4	Joshua Yungen	2	4	7.50

Juniors Class B

1	Cody Bailey	5	1	7.08
2	Jeremiah Yungen	4	2	5.42
3	Nicole Feavel	3	3	4.03
4	Mike Buktman	0	6	2.02

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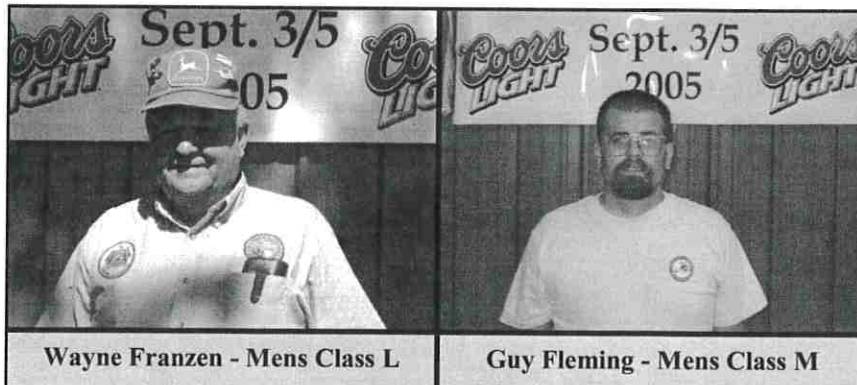
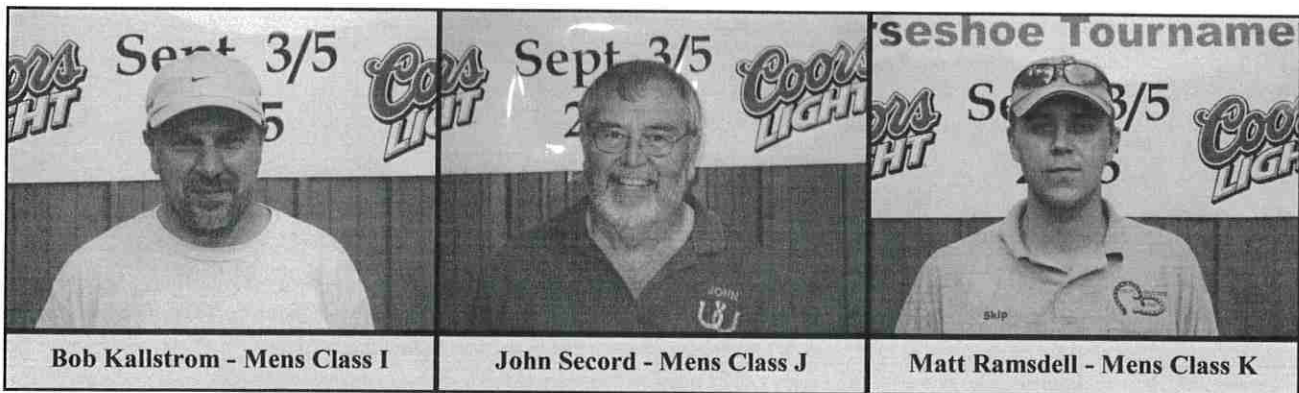
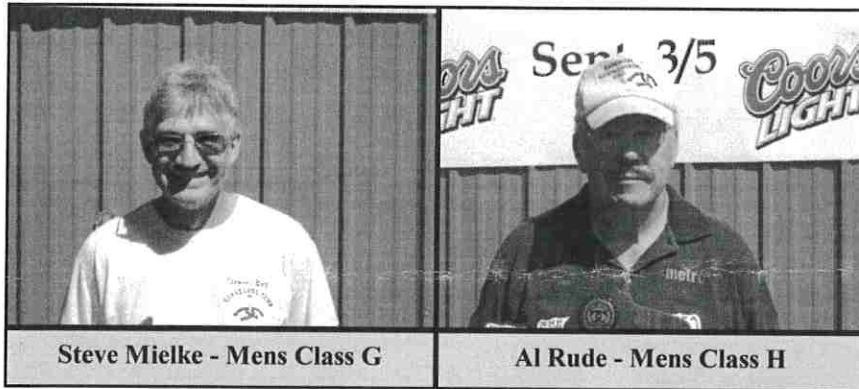
Some of the Illini tribe were working the Wisconsin State Tournament. There was Dan Lessman doing his usual number in the Beloit kitchen, Mel Daily and Dutch Witteger were scoring. Red Ferguson, Judge.

Directly from Iowa by way of Bakersfield, CA was Burly Burlingame, self appointed prez of the Stewlies. Actually he's become a groupie of the Jane Smith Fan Club. At Beloit he assumed the job of score-sheet checker. Sheets must be 100% correct for Jimmy Paulson's computer to accept them. Burly can do it.

Why did I want to win? Because I didn't want to lose!
- Max Schmelling

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.
- Frank Outlaw

2005 State Class Champions

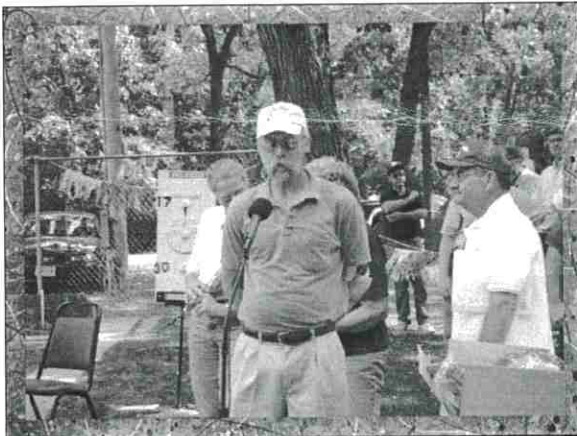


HALL OF FAME 2005

Ken Jaeger was introduced by Dick Hansen.

Of all the qualifications Jaeger has attained Hansen chose to pick a few such as Jaeger's eight years as WHPA President, wherein his time, money, and ideas in promoting horseshoes were in evidence throughout the state. His position as push for court set-up at the Wausau state tournaments was important. The NHPA still benefits using fence Jaeger made for World Tournaments. He was also cited for the outdoor HOF sign that now is displayed at the Beloit indoor Palace.

Ever present wife Kathy, son Kenny and his wife shared in the formal introduction.



KEN JAEGER SR
WHPA HALL OF FAME 2005

Jaeger Accepts HOF

In acknowledging his entry to the HOF, Ken Jaeger was his usual overly modest self.

He realizes the great honor, says thanks to everybody and "I really didn't do that much but I did burn out a lot of friends."

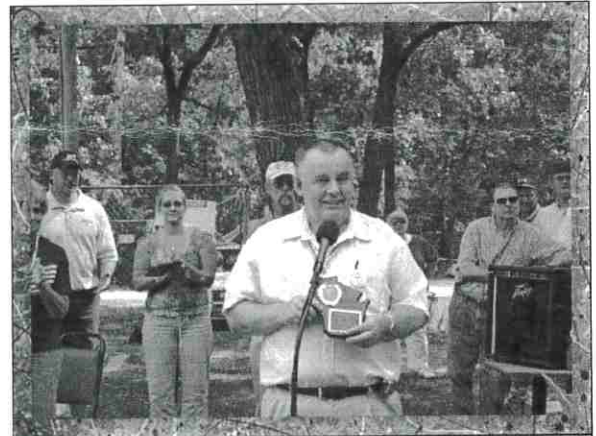
Referring to his family, Kathy and Kenny Jr, Jaeger said he never could have done it without them.

KOSKY to Hall of Fame

Ken Kosky's friend Jim Haupt presented him for the Hall of Fame. Among the many qualifications cited was his contribution to the Newsletter. Haupt described Kosky as running the business end of the publication, handling the printing, mailing and maintaining the subscription list. Since Kosky signed on with the Newsletter, Haupt said, his contribution has made it the best horseshoe publication going.

His position as NHPA sales manager was pointed out as an outgrowth of his success in the sale of horseshoes.

Kosky's son Jason Maki and wife were present for the acceptance of the award..



KEN KOSKY
WHPA HALL OF FAME 2005

Not being the experienced public speaker, like my friend and fellow inductee Ken Jaeger, I was at a sudden loss for words.

I would like to take this time to thank the HOF committee for voting me in to the HOF. I would also like to thank Jim Haupt for his kind words and also for having the confidence in me to ask me to join him on the staff of the WI Horseshoe Newsletter. It has been a great experience.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Windy Hill HC for their support and help over the last 10 yrs.

And last but not least, I would like to thank my friend Ken Jaeger for his assistance on most of the projects I'm getting credit for.

Kenosha Benefit Tournament

By Harry Nelson

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club held their annual benefit tournament and this year it was for the "Scout Leaders Rescue Squad, because a fire in their building had destroyed most of their equipment. The Scout Leaders Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency service for the citizens of the Kenosha area.

The KHC held a 10 team round robin doubles tournament on their 5 indoor courts in Nash Park on June 12, 2005. We divided our 20 pitchers that signed up, according to their ringer percentage into 10 high and 10 low pitchers. Then we matched the highest with the lowest to form 10 teams. The format we used was count-all 20 shoes.

We started a 10:00AM by introducing Carson Rohde, President of Scout Leaders Rescue Squad, who gave a short talk on how the Rescue Squad functions. Then we introduced the pitchers and gave them each a special towel. After that Carson pitched the first 2 shoes and we started the tournament. After 4 games we took a break for dinner which was hot beef prepared and served by Pat Nelson. Vera Johnson was our statistician who kept our scores on the board.

Each individual pitcher went out and got donations for either so much per ringer or a flat rate. One of our best workers, Paul Papenfuss, had 24 sponsors.

This year we had 7 top fund raisers. They were;

1. Harry Nelson \$1005
2. Lloyd Johnson \$288
3. Linda Johnson \$285
4. Paul Papenfuss \$275
5. Dick Muhlenbeck \$260
6. Frank Craig \$235
7. Bob Johnson \$203

The Kenosha Horseshoe Club thanks all the pitchers and workers that participated and made this years benefit a success. Together we raised \$3462.60 for the Scout Leaders Rescue Squad and at the presentation this amount was given to Carson Rohde.

The tournament winners were:

Jack Statema	28.8	
Loyd Skarda	23.3	8 / 1
Ryan Hyatt	62.7	
Frank Craig	6.6	7 / 2
Chris Humphrey	31.1	
Paul Papenfuss	16.6	6 / 3

V.F.W. Doubles

Its always a week after the State Tournament, the VFW, that is and they attract some of the same pitchers from year to year but some times it has served as entering event for newer pitchers or easy-in for old hands who may have let their NHPA cards lapse

Remember Gary Schwartz? Harold Wendorf tagged him for a partner. Schwartz was a pretty fair pitcher. Lived in or around rural Sheboygan. Loves horses. Has a son, Hank who was standout junior pitcher.

Hank left home to seek his fortune and apparently passed up organized horseshoes. His father's pitching interest waned along with his son's but when we saw

him he recalled old times in the same tone. Still has the ability. Is now retired. Hope to see him again on the tour.

Saw John Reitveld tending bar. He's not pitching lately because of a bum leg.

The VFW like other events at the Locks features a raffle. Tickets are always available at he bar. Another five bucks is considered the price of entry there. And sometimes it pays off. Your agent was a \$50 winner as a result of the Combined Locks Classic.

My class will take great glee in my admission of being 20 minutes late. Lucky for me they waited.

PLATTEVILLE NHPF BENEFIT

<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>%</u>
Mark Mauthe,	6-0	70.41	Jeff Mauthe,	5-0	47.60
Glenn Wicklund,	4-2	51.25	Dutch Rittweger,	4-1	52.00
Red Ferguson,	4-2	43.75	Julian Tijerina,	3-2	28.40
<u>CLASS C</u>			<u>CLASS D</u>		
Earl Paulson,	5-0	45.60	Oscar Donar	7-0	33.21
Dale Griffith,	4-1	32.40	Dave Miller,	5-2	36.07
Len Mauthe,	2-3	31.20	Bob Novinski	4-3	28.21

All class winners went undefeated. In class D Dave Miller had high ringer %, but Oscar Donar prevailed in wins. Earl Paulson pitched 11 1/2 percent over his average in winning class C. Jeff Mauthe edged out a one point game over Dutch Rittweger for the B championship. Glenn Wicklund and Red Ferguson finished 4 - 2 for 2nd and 3rd in class A with Red winning his last four games.

High Ringer % Game Winners:

Class A Mark Mauthe	80.00%
Class B Dutch Rittweger	60.00%
Class C Earl Paulson	52.00%
Class D Dave Miller	52.50%

Thanks to all the workers and to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra cash and gift certificates.

Platteville Horseshoe Association

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wielding the maple swords. One guy had all leather armor, evidently representing earlier times. Was said the knights made their own armor. Some women were in armor dressed as and fought as knights.

A referee closely observed each match, kills were recorded and an eventual winner of the day was accomplished.

The observation of the day is that there really is something out there you could call a social sport that is more weird than horseshoe pitching. Suddenly we felt that horseshoes of the twentieth century is actually a modern game.

Beloit Doubles

The schedule for the Beloit doubles looked foreign. Many new names. Must have been unattached pitchers trying out the clay courts at the NHPA layout.

Trying to be the ultimate host, the Beloit club passed out trophies for this one in addition to the normal cash awards. Hopefully the experience was favorable and will cause some to return, which is the whole purpose of this tournament.

Class A pitchers who look for another "A" pitcher for a partner are missing the boat. This is a time to lay back. Spread out those percentage numbers. Play the game for fun. Give something back to your sport. You'll be a better pitcher for it.

No results as yet except that Ralph Maylahn and Bud Hamer combined for the top spot.

Bull o' the Woods Does it Again.

It get's tougher every day. In his effort to achieve another personal goal, Ralph Maylahn on Thursday, September 15th, pitched a league game against Paul Wilson throwing 35 ringers out of 40 shoes for a ringer average of 87.5%. Ralph will be 86 on September 29th. Ralph has thus once again exceeded his age!

Owen Bloodgood

Familiar Beloit pitcher from Palatine, Illinois, Owen Bloodgood, passed away. He was an OBGYN physician who handled some 17,000 births in his lifetime.

Our regards to his partner Ernie Rakstad and all of the Palatine pitchers

Wet N Wild

Mini Border Battle©

The Wet N Wild tournament was a smashing success as both Minnesota and Wisconsin pitchers tried for more ringers than their opponents. There were 59 adult participants – 30 from the Gopher State and 29 from the Badger state. The Gopher state took 19 first four place finishes and the Badgers only 13. Now if we add the 22 juniors from the Friday night kickoff pot luck awards dinner and awards program, there would be no contest! A highlight of the tournament was the wonderfully warm (HOT) weather on both days. The wind on Saturday cooled the pitchers more on Saturday than on Sunday. The Sun Dome was a beastly hot pitching arena with the Shade Dome the preferred pitching arena. At any rate there was really only ONE happy pitcher in each class... the first place finisher! Several pitchers pitched above their averages while the majority had the wrong magnets in their shoes! We had a “Stewlie Thing” shoe raffle. For each dollar the donator contributed to the fund their name was put in for a 50/50 drawing. The winners’ name will be written on the “Stewlie Shoe” with the year. This person, Jena Alling, also won one half of the money (\$48.00); the remaining half was matched by several pitchers, a generous personal check (not part of the raffle) and a total of \$150 was sent from the Wet N Wild tournament to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief fund. This will be an annual raffle at the Centuria tournament. Winner of the classes:

Class A Sue Helene	Class B Dave Schorbahn	Class C Arlene Morgan
Dick Dvorak	Rosie Leyk	Gloria Smith
Edi Holland	Bill Larson	April Lynch
Class D Bud Nelson	Class E Dave Paul	Class F Harold Zdroik
Lu Cave	Tim Ahles	Art Collien
Mary Denzin	Cliff Fredrickson	Bill Bunting
Class G Ray Mallo	Class H Jackie Hughes	Jr Class A Travis Salmon
Carl Larson	Steve Halvorson	Rush Hickethier
Ward Lutz	Larry Graydon	Joyann Dojan
Jr Class B Cash Hickethier	Jr Class C Eric Kuske	Jr Class D
Jena Alling	Jake Davison	Jason Salmon
Justin Forster	Julia Larsen	Jenelle Larsen
Anne Marie Wilke		

Brandon McKenzie and Felicia Glenna won the horseshoes purchased from funds donated by the Youth Sports Unlimited organization in Polk County.

The Green Bay Open

Our Club thought maybe changing the date of our tournament to just before the World, we might be able to attract more pitchers. It didn't work out so we will ask Ken Jaeger to change our date back to the second week in August again. This way any pitchers coming to town can at least have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of a Packer practice, or whatever. It is always nuts around here that time of the year, with the hopes that they will have a good year.

Class A

1	Randy Rein	6 - 1	67.8
2	Jack Algiers	5 - 2	59.6
3	Mark Stevens	5 - 2	50.7

Class B

1	Jerry Niemuth	4.5-2.5	44.6
2	Jerry Kamps	4 - 3	50.0
3	Joe Felton	4 - 3	42.9

Class C

1	Cliff Troullier	6 - 0	33.3
2	Robin Mahn	2 - 4	28.3

Class D

1	Joe Waslowski	4 - 1	34.0
2	Dick Baeten	4 - 1	29.5
3	Ed Hack	4 - 1	26.5

Class E

1	Kim Felton	5 - 1	29.5
2	Frank Hanold	3 - 3	23.7

(Continued from page 7) **Junior Scholarship Raffle**

2007 tickets.

Donations for the 2006 raffle can be made at any time, but if you get them in before January 1, they can be listed on the new tickets. Donations can be made to Sonia Cook or any of the WHPA Officers. Phone numbers and addresses for the officers are listed on page 2 of

this Newsletter.

Please donate your time to sell tickets also. All clubs will be asked to sell tickets. If you're not a good seller, be a good buyer. Don't just buy one ticket so you can hope to win one of the prizes, buy a book or two to show your support for the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund and with the extra tickets in the jar you have a better chance to win.



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