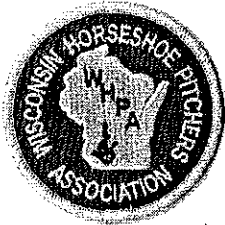


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## WHPA FALL MEETING REPORT

The 2007 WHPA State Fall Meeting was called to order by **WHPA President Tom Steinke** at 1pm at the Delton Sportsman Club with 41 members present. **WHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz** started the meeting off with an opening prayer before officers began giving their reports.

**John Secord**, WHPA Secretary/Treasurer, read minutes from the last meeting, then reported the WHPA's bank balance as of October 27, 2007 is \$2,266.13.

**Jane Smith**, WHPA 1st Vice President, presented awards to the clubs that participated in the Club competition during the State Tournament. See page 4 for full results.

**Terry Sternberg**, WHPA 2nd Vice President, thanked the Deansville and Sandbagger clubs for their splendid presentation of the past State Tournament. He then gave the floor to **Randy Rein**, director of the 2008 State Tournament. The traditional tournament book will be available earlier this year so pitchers can take advantage of coupons. Hard-shell camping will be allowed in the parking lot of the indoor facility. Look for a pancake feed hosted by the local Lion's Club. Raffle tickets are already available for an authenticated **Brett Favre**-autographed football, which was passed around at the meeting. Rein also announced that the arena is available for a modest rental fee to any other horseshoe club and it will house the 18 courts familiar to the tournaments hosted in Wausau. See

page 6 for more on the 2008 State tournament.

**Sonia Cook**, WHPA 3rd Vice President, reported that the Junior Scholarship fund raised \$740 this year and is accepting donations for next year's raffle.

**Lorraine Sternberg**, NHPA 3rd Vice President, just got back from the National club team tournament at the new Hall of Fame facility in Missouri, and she could not say enough about it; it must be seen to be truly appreciated. Four teams from Wisconsin did see it, two from Beloit and one each from Combined Locks and Kenosha. Next year's national club team tournament will be at the same location.

**Dick Hansen**, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, announced that the 2008 World Tournament will be earlier this year, July 7-19, meaning an earlier entry deadline as well. The tournament will be conducted on the fairgrounds in the heart of York, PA. The order of various pitching divisions should be approximately the same as other years. The setup is said to be one of the best Hansen has ever seen, comparable to the 1991 Biloxi, Mississippi World Tournament. Lodging should not be a problem in this city the size of Madison.

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		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Dec 1-2	Deansville Open (28-07-052)	\$18	11/24	Rudy Van Fleet
Dec 8-9	Snowflake @ Beloit (28-07-053)	\$18	11/28	Earl Paulson
Dec 15	Santa's Singles @ Arena (28-07-053)	\$18	12/3	Ed Wheeler
Jan 5, 2008	WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit	\$15	12/26	Earl Paulson
Jan 12-13	001 @ Beloit (28-08-001)	\$18	1/2	Jim Haupt
Jan 19-20	Something To Do @ Arena (28-08-002)	\$18	1/7	Ed Wheeler
Jan 26-27	Deansville Rally (28-08-003)	\$15	1/16	Rudy Van Fleet
Feb 16-17	Valentine @ Beloit (28-08-004)	\$18	2/6	Earl Paulson
Mar 8-9	Clash With Kerry @ Deansville (28-08-007)	\$15	2/28	Rudy Van Fleet
Mar 15	Spring Meeting 1:00pm @ Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton WI			
Mar 22-23	Why Not @ Arena (28-08-008)	\$18	3/3	Ed Wheeler
Mar 29-30	Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-08-009)	\$18	3/5	Earl Paulson
Apr 26	Club Team @ Beloit (28-08-011)	\$84/team	4/12	Jim Haupt
Apr 27	State Doubles @ Beloit (28-08-012)	\$40/team	3/31	John Secord
May 3-4	Beloit Encore (28-08-013)	TBA	4/23	Earl Paulson
May TBA	Eau Claire Early Bird (28-08-014)	TBA	TBA	TBA
May 16-17-18	Team World @ Beloit (28-08-015)	TBA	TBA	Earl Paulson

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### What Does "Normal" Mean?

- by Tom Steinke

Somebody asked me, "What is *normal*, as far as people go?"

I said, "What do you mean, like a person who has a full deck of cards?" You've all heard the term *not playing with a full deck of cards*, and I'm sure you know a person or two that fits the description.


In reality, does anyone have that full deck? Most people are close, but in their life, there would always be something that seems *not normal* to somebody else.

For example, I was talking to a group of guys I know. One guy liked all sports played with a ball. Another guy only liked hockey, and another who only liked baseball. There was one who *hated* horseshoes; I knew he wasn't normal, but then again I also knew he said that to kid me.

This group got me thinking, what does *normal* mean to me? A normal person, to me, is someone with a great family life, is easy to get along with, and sees the good in other people. It's a person you see that you want to walk up to and talk with, not a person you go out of your way to avoid. It's someone who has fun while they can, leaving all their problems at home.

For me, it's people I see when I'm out pitching horseshoes or visiting with friends at tournaments, leagues, meetings, parties, and all sorts of horseshoe events.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tom 

## FALL MEETING (continued from page 1)

After the meeting officially adjourned, Hansen showed a tape of scenes taken at the HOF building in Missouri. See page 13 for a story on the Grand Opening of the NHPF Hall of Fame facility.

**Ken Jaeger**, NHPA Regional Director, congratulated **Randy Rein** on his efforts producing a new court layout in River Park of Mosinee, WI. There are only four courts, but the full walkways cater to all divisions.

On court sanctioning, the latest word is that all courts previously sanctioned prior to 2007 are grandfathered as conditionally sanctioned today, but the assessment forms for all court layouts are still required and to be submitted to Jaeger as soon as possible.

**Tom Steinke**, WHPA President, reminded members that 2008 is a bylaw-change year. Be prepared! Send your proposed changes in writing and early.

### State 2009 Bids

Two clubs bid on the 2009 State tournament: Platteville and Beloit. **Mark Mauthe** made the pitch for the Platteville and Arena clubs to co-host at Platteville. **Mouse Beckius**, President of the Beloit club, made his bid and said they are always ready to host another State tournament.

Probably based on the acceptance of the 2004 Platteville State and the recent success of the Sandbaggers in Arena, the vote went in favor of Platteville, 16 to 15.

### Elections

Running unopposed, Tom Steinke, John Secord and Terry Sternberg were re-accepted to their present offices by acclamation.

### Other Business

Your Agent, **Jim Haupt**, made a bid to promote the '08 State and all others to come. This year, the Newsletter is offering space to the organizers for ongoing reports. He also created a season-long poster to be hung *everywhere* a shoe may be pitched. The poster is available online for all to copy. He also made a suggestion to change the entry requirement from three sanctioned events to two, an idea that was not well-received. Instead of additional promotional support from the members, it was stated that the reduction of tournaments required should be submitted as a bylaw change, effectively ending all discussion of the idea.

**Penny Steinke** wrote a book! It's called *The ABC's of Horseshoes*, and is principally aimed at youth but a very nice presentation for any reader. Copies available from Penny directly at \$15 for soft cover, \$20 for hardcover. Hansen offered to buy 100 copies on the spot.

**Ken Heinritz** suggested that **Pam Aiken** should get a round of applause for her production of the Newsletter following the State tournament. She was quick to thank **Jim Haupt** and **Jane Smith** for their hard work, along with **Jimmy Paulson** for

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**FALL MEETING** *(continued from page 4)*


engineering the issue and the **Beloit HSC** for sponsoring his work. Aiken also stated that cost has become an issue for the Newsletter and asked for any advertisers to publish their card, similar to **Chet Hermansen**.

At various points during the meeting, the life of the Newsletter was also discussed. For instance, once again the Newsletter was said to be necessary to all pitchers and the subscription cost could be included in the state dues. As a compromise, **Ed Wheeler** proposed

that each new member receive one complimentary copy, sponsored by the WHPA for a price of \$2. Members agreed and the motion was passed.

**Kevin Brekke** has been sorting various lists to determine a better way to make the *Pitcher of the Year* award. A fourth category was suggested but not accepted. For the present, the parameters will remain the same. Regardless, Brekke stands by to advise, based on his relentless study of the facts from NATSTATS.


**Edie McKinney** has produced a form to assist anyone nominating a member to the WHPA Hall of Fame. The form is available from Edie, in this Newsletter on page 15, and online. She asks that nominations be submitted by February 1, 2008.

At 3pm, the meeting was adjourned. 

**2007 STATE TOURNAMENT CLUB TEAM BRAGGING RIGHTS** - by Jane Smith

This was the 18th year of this State Club team tournament competition. The requirements are few: an entry fee of \$10 and a minimum of five pitchers per club. This year, the competition was intense, with six clubs separated by just 2.35 points!

Place	Club	# of Pitchers	Avg Points	Class Champs	State Champs
6th	Arena Sandbaggers	12	5.25	3	0
5th	Delton Sportsman's	7	5.28	2	0
4th	Eau Claire	9	5.33	1	1
3rd	Beloit	10	5.70	1	0
1st-tie	Close Doesn't Count	5	7.60	1	0
1st-tie	Marshfield	10	7.60	1	3

All participating clubs received certificates with their accomplishments listed. The top three clubs received money and the Champions do not have to pay for their entry in the 2008 State tournament club competition. We have made allowances for two clubs in the same geographic vicinity to combine so they can enter this fun event. Thanks to every club that participated. 

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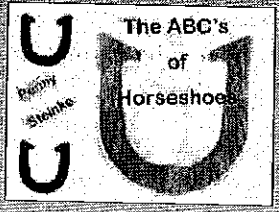
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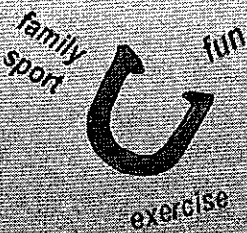
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## 2008 STATE TOURNEY UPDATE

Our club met on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 to discuss the 2008 State Horseshoe Tournament, which will be held in **Mosinee, WI** at the Mosinee Recreation Center. This is an indoor hockey facility, similar to Beloit. *- by Randy Rein*

The 2008 State Horseshoe Tournament shirts are available for purchase at \$14.00 each. These shirts will be available for sale at many of the upcoming tournaments.

We have been in contact with a local print shop and received a price quote for the publication of the 2008 State Horseshoe Booklet. If anyone is interested in placing an ad in the booklet, please contact **Randy Rein** at 715-693-1199 for more information.

We have formed a committee to begin checking into trophies/plaques for the 2008 Tournament and have also discussed some options for food and beverages.

A meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2007 with the City of Mosinee Park and Recreation Committee to discuss onsite camping for self-contained units at the Mosinee Recreation Center. More information on motels and camping will be forthcoming.

We will be providing an update in each issue of the Newsletter on how things are progressing with the 2008 State Tournament. We want to keep the pitchers informed. ☺

### 2008 State Horseshoe Tournament Booklet

#### Ad Pricing

Cost	Size of Ad
\$20	Business card
\$30	1/3 page
\$40	1/2 page
\$60	Full page

Contact Randy Rein for details 715-693-1199

## 2009 STATE TOURNEY UPDATE

After the October issue of the Newsletter went out, I received two bids for the 2009 State Tournament. Beloit and Platteville had stepped forward. At the State Fall meeting, **Mouse Beckius** of Beloit and **Mark Mauthe** of Platteville presented their intentions to the membership. A vote was taken and **Platteville will be our 2009 State Tournament host**. Congratulations! *- by WHPA 2nd Vice-President Terry Sternberg*

In closing, my family and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Pat Spahn's family. ☺

~ See page 10 for more on the passing of Pat Spahn ~

## SCOREKEEPER'S REPORT

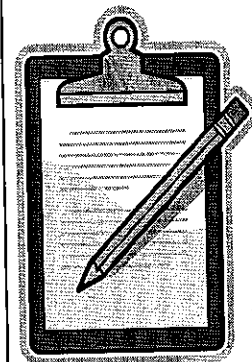
It was good to see all of our horseshoe friends at state this year. *- by Kevin Brekke*

I have compiled a list of people that kept score. I might have missed a couple that filled in at the last minute, and apologize to them for that. There were 5 shifts possible. I would like to thank all who kept score, without you, things would not have gone as smooth as they did. Thank you.

I will be doing the same with the scorekeepers in Mosinee next year, so if you are planning on coming to state in 08, you can sign up with me. ☺

### Scorekeeper (# of Shifts Scored)

John Amble (2)	Brian Hove (2)
Ken Amble (2)	Al Huizenga (2)
Ed Bonebright (1)	Edie McKinney (2)
Kevin Brekke (4)	John Mills (4)
Bun Carley (1)	Kerry Morris (4)
Sylvia Cook (2)	Dan Nalepinski (3)
Carol Crockroft (3)	Earl Paulson (2)
Sonny Crockroft (3)	Jimmy Paulson (2)
John Crook (4)	Julie Paulson (2)
John Dolezel (1)	Tony Scrima (1)
Laurie Dolezel (1)	Tom Sherman (1)
Heather Feavel (2)	Gloria Smith (1)
Nicole Feavel (2)	Jane Smith (3)
Ken Frame (4)	Gerald Weikert (3)
Jim Haupt (3)	Ed Wheeler (2)
Al Hicks (2)	



The help was unbelievable, only twice did we have to announce for scorekeepers.

Thanks to everyone for making this tournament a success!

*- Bun & Shirley Carley*

## GREEN BAY TOURNAMENT

**RESULTS** - by Jim Haupt  
Event Participant

AUG 11, 2007

On August 11th, the Green Bay Club hosted their annual tournament. Just three classes is not like the old days on the old courts at the D&B bar. Just as tournament participation is down, club membership is also down in Green Bay.

It was a pleasant day that attracted players from Mosinee, Wausau, Lomira, Fond du Lac and just down the road, Combined Locks. Suring, Milwaukee, and Whitelaw are home to some of the losers. You might guess who they were.

This fine tournament should be popular, especially with the up-Nort' crew. See you there next year. ☺

Class A

Randy Rein	7-0	62.50
Otis Wessley	5-2	55.00
Cal Pitel	5-2	45.71

Class B

Leroy Meyer	6-1	46.07
Ozz Jacobson	6-1	45.71
Jerry Kamps	5-2	43.93

Class C

Lynn Koehn	6-0	40.95
Ed Hack	3-3	22.08
Mike Zahn	3-3	18.50

## LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

**RESULTS** - by Doug Bakkum  
Tournament Director

AUG 29, 2007

This tournament, held at Houska Park, consisted of two classes of eight pitchers. Because of the large differences in averages, an 80% handicap was used with winners decided by total points. The tournament began at 6:00pm and was finished by 10:45pm, which was a bit late for those working on Thursday and had an early morning wake-up at 4:30am. A number of players won only one or two games, but **Ted Rohde** was the only seven-loss pitcher. I don't think he was too happy!

This was the first time I was a sanctioned-tournament director. Considering the fact that I also played, everything went smoothly. A special thanks to **Ted Rohde, Ken Jaeger, Al Loose, Brian Hove** and all other players for their help and support.

Class A\*

Doug Bakkum	6-1	49.3
Len Splett	5-2	51.8
Vern Wurzel	4-3	35.7
Lyle Halliday	4-3	37.9

Class B\*

John Brandt	6-1	25.0
Dean Hove	6-1	32.5
John Brophy	5.5-1.5	41.1
Roger Olson	4-3	19.6

\*Ties were broken by total points.

Congratulations to **Al Loose** for winning the **Sportsmanship Award.** ☺

## MARENGO OPEN TOURNAMENT

**RESULTS** - by Steve Stevens  
Tournament Director

OCT 6, 2007

The Marengo sanctioned tournament was held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds Arena. Heavy rain the previous night found the arena floor to be half-flooded. A thick fog, lightning and thunder greeted the early arrivals. To make the long drive worthwhile, a sanctioned doubles event was played to give the pitchers enough shoes pitched. Food and drink were provided and all games were a race to 35 points.

Class A

Randy Rein	5-0	60.3
John Molling	4-1	49.4
Ivan Ruzic	3-2	46.9

Class B

John Bauer	4-2	35.4
Ed Hack	2-3	27.1
Ray Mallo	2-3	24.5

Doubles

Steve Weigert & Randy Rein	5-1
John Molling & Ivan Ruzic	4-2
Bun Carley & Mark Stevens	3-3

Thank you to everyone who traveled so far. Congratulations to the winners. ☺

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# WET 'N WILD TOURNEY RESULTS - by Jane Smith A.K.A. "MINI-BORDER BATTLE" SEP 8-9, 2007

The Wet 'n Wild tournament was coool. The tournament was kicked off Friday evening with league awards after a pot luck meal.

Fourteen juniors pitched their ringers, and each participant won a trophy that had been donated by dedicated Minnesota and Wisconsin adult pitchers. Our club received \$250 from a **Youth Sports Unlimited**, which was used to purchase horseshoes and horseshoe bags as door prizes for after the juniors finished pitching.

The adults began pitching in forty-degree temperatures Saturday morning. There were a total of 44 adult pitchers, 29 from Wisconsin and 15 from Minnesota. Wisconsin pitchers placed first in six of the seven classes! Way to go. Our entries were down, as some Minnesota regulars had some family commitments. They promised to be back next year - September 6-7, 2008.

As usual, we received many compliments on the excellent food and beautiful courts in the park. A heartfelt, sincere thanks to all who participated and generously donated to the food and refreshment stand. 🙏

<u>Juniors A</u>			<u>Class C</u>		
Julie Larsen	4-1	9.33	Gloria Smith	5-0	43.20
Jason Salmon	4-1	5.33	Dave Ninnemann	4-1	41.60
Beau Davison	3-2	26.67	Mary Denzin (MN)	3-2	32.80
<u>Juniors B</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Cash Hickethier	5-0	7.33	Al Johnson	5-0	33.20
Naomi Williamson	4-1	4.67	Rick Wright (MN)	3-2	26.40
Amanda Kuske	2.5-1.5	6.67	Tim Ahles	3-2	19.60
<u>Juniors C</u>			<u>Class E</u>		
Joe Larsen	5-0	2.00	George Eckstrom	6.5-1.5	29.29
Jenelle Larsen	4-1	3.33	Jim Ganther	5-2	23.57
Jena Alling	1-4	4.67	Michelle Thayer	4-3	27.17
<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class F</u>		
Eddie McKinney	6-1	54.29	Laurie Dolezel	7-0	37.86
Lloyd Wolf (MN)	5-2	52.86	Jim Harder	6-1	17.86
Mary Matuke (MN)	4-3	53.21	Steve Wallin	4-3	19.29
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class G</u>		
Bob Knudtson (MN)	5-0	44.40	Randy Ganther	5-0	12.40
Bob Kallstrom	3-2	40.40	Jay Ganther	4-1	8.40
John Dolezel	3-2	40.00	Scott Davison	3-2	6.80

# DEAD MAN WINS HIS CLASS

The moral here is, don't jump to conclusions. - by Jim Haupt

At a recent Arena tournament, the fast-spreading news was that **Tony Scrima** died.

The obits in the *Waukesha Freeman* read that indeed one "Anthony J. Scrima" had passed away. The news, although sketchy,



reached the Sandbar. Unbelievable! His name was scratched from the 4:00 PM class. It was for sure! The guys were talking about sending his wife a sympathy card.

## Not Dead: Tony Scrima

At 3:00 PM, to everyone's surprise, Tony Scrima walks through the door. Jubilation! **Ken Frame**, sort of dreaming, saw him and thought for a second, maybe he himself was also dead. Everyone was glad to see the real-live Tony walking.

He explained that the man who had passed was his cousin, same name. The fact is, once there were four Tony Scrima's in Waukesha. "Cofousing but amooing," to quote, Li'l Abner.

"Next time that name is in the obit column, it'll be me," reassured the real Tony, since he is the last of the Four Tony's in Waukesha. 🙏

## SENDING A SHOUT OUT

**Ray Hill** of Wakefield MI, and **Ann Opsteen** of Combined Locks, WI both send greetings to their Wisconsin horseshoe pitching friends.

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**ARENA SANDBAGGERS TOURNNEY RESULTS** - by Ed Wheeler, Tournament Director

**"NO REASON" SEP 22, 2007**

Mother Nature provided another perfect day for the 25 pitchers that showed up in Arena to pitch shoes. Everything got started around 10:30am, with Class A and Class C taking to the courts. When the final shoes were thrown in Class A, **John Udelhofen** came out on top with a 7-0 record, followed by **Joe Ellinger** at 4-3 and **John Meyer** third with a 3-4 record.

Meanwhile, over in Class C, **Jim O'Loughlin** was working his way to a first place finish with a 4-1 record. Following close behind Jim was **Terry Schaezka** and **Steve Rick** with 3-2 records. Terry ended up in second place with the better ringer percentage.

In Class B, there was a real battle going on, with **Ken Amble**, **Ed Wheeler** and **Millard Harding** all ending up with 3-2 records, thus setting up a three-way playoff. Millard and Ed took back to the courts for their playoff match. It appeared that no one wanted this game, as it went back and forth. In the end, Millard came out on top with a 39 to 36 win. Now the stage was set for the other playoff match between Ken and Millard. Both men threw a great game, but no one really took command. It was Millard who came out on top to take first place in Class B.

The pitchers in Class D also set themselves up for some extra innings. **Phil Haas** and **Dan Nalepinski**, both with 6-2 records, needed one extra match to settle the fight for first place. These two had another very tight game, but it was Dan that out-ringered Phil to take first place honors with the win.

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class C</u>		
John Udelhofen	7-0	62.1	Jim O'Loughlin	4-1	28.8
Joe Ellinger	4-3	44.6	Terry Schaezka	3-2	31.6
John Meyer	3-4	45.4	Steve Rick	3-2	29.6
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Millard Harding	5-2	26.8	Dan Nalepinski	7-2	23.3
Ken Amble	3-3	36.0	Phil Haas	6-3	14.8
Ed Wheeler	3-3	30.5	John Amble	5-3	9.2

**"FALL CLASSIC" NOV 10, 2007**

There was a better than average number of pitchers, 34 in all, that showed up at indoor courts in Arena for the Fall Classic event.

In Class E, **Chad Amble** walked away with first place, while first time pitchers **Bill Christianson** and **Dale Harpold** in second and third places.


Class A saw **Mark Mauthe** and **Randy Rein** work their way through the class unbeaten to meet in the final match. It was another classic tight match, the only kind Randy and Mark have. This time, Mark was one ringer better than Randy and walked away with first-place honors. **Ken Frame** came from the fifth-seeded position to take third place.

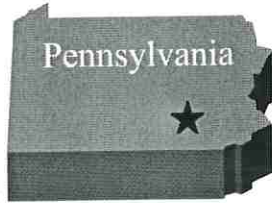
Class C had a lot of close games that made this class a real horse race. In the last game of regulation play, **Ed Wheeler** outlasted **Roger Peterson** to force a playoff game. These two battled it down to the last shoe. When everything was done, Roger beat Ed by one point to take the first place prize.

In Class B, **Tony Scrima** wasn't going to take a backseat to anyone on this day. Tony took care of business with a 6-1 record, to walk away with top honors. **Ed Hack** came out of the eighth-seeded spot to claim second place honors.

Class D saw **Dan Nalepinski** cruise to first-place finish with a 6-1 record. **Steve Rick** took the second place spot by edging past **Ron Berg** by two ringers.

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class C</u>		
Mark Mauthe	6-0	67.9	Roger Peterson	5-2	31.8
Randy Rein	5-1	63.3	Ed Wheeler	4-3	28.6
Ken Frame	4-2	43.3	Jim Jakel	3-3	33.8
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Tony Scrima	6-1	43.9	Dan Nalepinski	6-1	29.3
Ed Hack	5-2	33.6	Steve Rick	5-2	22.9
Dave Klipstein	4-3	34.6	Ron Berg	5-2	22.1
<u>Class E</u>					
Chad Amble	7-1	25.0	Bill Christianson	5-3	17.9
Dale Harpold	5-3	17.1			

A lot of fun was had by all, and there were a lot of super games pitched. Thanks to all who entered and those that help put these events together. Without your participation, these events don't happen. Also, thanks to the club members that helped out. 



**THIS JUST IN!**

The 2008 World Tournament will be earlier this year.

**July 7-19, 2008 in York, PA**

**DEANSVILLE SINGLES TOURNAMENT RESULTS**


**OCT 20, 2007** - by Rudy Van Fleet

The Deansville Singles began in the dark. Seems as if a late-evening reveler took out a local light post and there was nothing we could do but pitch in the dark. We opened the doors and the guys said "lets pitch." Finally, at the start of the second game, the lights came on. 

<u>Class A</u>			
Ken Heinritz	5-0	57.2	
Randy Rein	3-2	62.8	
Mark Mauthe	3-2	62.0	
<u>Class B</u>			
John Meyer	5-0	45.6	
Kerry Morris	4-1	46.8	
John Gregorich	2-3	41.2	
<u>Class C</u>			
Al Huizenga	6-2	37.2	
Kevin Brekke	5-3	28.1	
John Garvan	4-3	35.0	
Randy Heinritz	4-3	27.5	

**Jim Haupt's 2¢: Deansville Singles**

Some remnant contestants of the State Tournament made up Class A, and surprisingly **Ken Heinritz** came out on top. Heinritz, who had not pitched since the State event, began his first game making only one ringer in the lead-off fourteen shoes. Bearing down, he went on to win that game and all others of the day. In spite of pitching a lower percentage, he became the tournament champion.

A pitcher of a lower group, who shall remain nameless but has made many of the tournaments throughout the state, remarked that the scoring devices in use at Deansville are currently the best on the circuit, a credit to **Jim Larson**, the master carpenter. 




**PLATTEVILLE/NHPF BENEFIT TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**AUG 18, 2007** - by Mark Mauthe, for the Platteville Horseshoe Association

We had a two hour rain delay on the morning shift. Class B pitched with three men and went four games. Class A was rained out after three games.

High Ringer % Game Winners:

Class A	<b>Mark Mauthe</b>	68.00%
Class B	<b>Len Mauthe</b>	32.50%
Class C	<b>John Bentz</b>	40.00%

Thanks to everyone who made the tournament a success and to the Country Kitchen of Platteville for the extra cash and gift cards. 

<u>Class A</u>			
Mark Mauthe, Platteville	2-0	64.00	
Joe Ellinger, Albany	2-1	37.33	
John Brugger, Platteville	1-1	51.00	
<u>Class B</u>			
Craig Novinski, Barneveld	2.5-1.5	15.00	
Len Mauthe, Cuba City	2-2	20.00	
Jim Huckabee, Machesney Park, IL	1.5-2.5	12.50	
<u>Class C</u>			
John Bentz, Platteville	4-1	24.50	
Dale Griffith, Platteville	4-1	22.00	
Cliff VanNatta, Platteville	4-1	20.50	

**IN MEMORIAM**

**PAT SPAHN (1955-2007)**



*Pat Spahn, at the 1999 State Tournament in Wausau, WI. He was the Mens Class C Champion.*

We were surprised and saddened on hearing the news of Pat Spahn's death, a result of a car accident on November 10, 2007.

So young. We remember Pat from his days pitching for the Wausau team. A few years ago, he got into the campground business and that took him to Iowa. It was not too far to visit his Wisconsin friends by way of the Platteville tournament.

Our heartfelt condolences to his son Mike and the entire family.



## NEWS FROM THE BELOIT HORSESHOE CLUB

Visit the Beloit Club's website at <http://teamworldhorsehoe.com>

### BELOIT HSC AWARDS BANQUET

- by Jim Haupt

On September 30th, I had the opportunity to attend the Beloit Awards Banquet. I went to the bar but couldn't buy a drink. **Dutch Rittweger**, celebrating his fifty years with his wife **Jan**, put a stopper on all purchases. For the first thirty minutes it was his party. They made it fifty years and had the opportunity to do it with friends.

The usual caterer provided an excellent meal before the awards were made. With the many leagues the club sponsors, lots of trophies were passed out.

**Al Johnson** of Janesville was declared **Rookie of the Year**. The coveted **Sportsman of the Year** went to **Lou Braggo**. He's the oldest member of the club at 93. They must appreciate his company. Did you know he's the father of **Georgia Beebe**?

Alas, the award we came to see and enjoy was sadly omitted. In memory of **Bud Wicks**, his widow donated a trophy he had received somewhere along the way, not much for glitz but with powerful words inscribed, "Without us You are Nothing." Yes powerful words. Now it is missing. Checking with former "Nothing" recipients **Dan Lessman**, **Ralph Maylahn**, and **Earl Paulson** did nothing to locate the missing Trophy. 🐾

### BELOIT FALL SINGLES RESULTS

OCT 13 & 14, 2007 \*First place was decided by high ringer %.

Class A			Class E		
Mark Mauthe	5-0	68.00	George Moraza	4.5-0.5	29.20
Penny Steinke	4-1	65.60	Joe Annoreno	3-2	29.20
Jesse Garza	2-3	60.00	Guy Modde	3-2	22.00
Class B			Class F*		
Glenn Wicklund	5-0	49.20	Allen Johnson	5-1	17.92
John Brugger	4-1	41.60	Gene Satterstrom	5-1	17.08
Walt Houck	3-2	45.60	Vernon Rosenbery	4-2	20.83
Class C*			Class G		
Linda Hycnar	5-1	51.67	Rondi Mengelt	5-0	17.20
Tony Scrima	5-1	43.33	Scott Clark	4-1	19.20
Virgil Smith	3-3	39.58	Ron Ramquist	3-2	16.40
Class D			Class H		
Dan Stieber	4-1	31.20	Jamii Woodruff	5-0	18.00
Dale Grover	3-2	30.40	Mike Norton	3-2	16.00
William Wordel	3-2	18.80	Dave Wiedenbeck	3-2	10.80

### BELOIT AUTUMN HARVEST RESULTS

NOV 3 & 4, 2007

Class A			Class E		
Penny Steinke	5-0	71.20	Julie Petrovski	5-0	35.60
Mark Mauthe	4-1	65.60	Joel Ramsdell	3-2	30.80
Jesse Garza	3-2	60.80	Guy Modde	3-2	29.60
Class B			Class F		
Milt Larsen	5.5-0.5	47.08	George Moraza	6-0	29.58
Walt Houck	5-1	46.67	Danielle Rakstad	4-2	22.08
Bernard Carley	4.5-1.5	45.00	Carl Berggren	4-2	20.00
Class C			Class G		
Rowen Swick	5-0	38.80	Ken Hopp	4.5-0.5	17.60
Virgil Smith	4-1	42.00	Gene Satterstrom	3.5-1.5	16.00
Norm Beckius	3-2	41.20	Vernon Rosenbery	3-2	20.40
Class D*			Class H		
Clarence Becorest	4-2	37.92	Don Goers	5-0	24.80
John Garvan	4-2	34.17	Joe Ariss	4-1	20.40
Jim Tollefson	4-2	29.58	Wayne Goers	3-2	19.20
			Class I		
			Julie Paulson	4-1	11.60
			Jimmy Paulson	3.5-1.5	6.80
			Marv Laidig	3.5-1.5	5.60

\*First place was decided  
by high ringer %.

## NOTES FROM NEWSLINE - by Jim Haupt

Here's some stuff you may have missed if you do not receive *Newsline*, the NHPA magazine.

The Sanction League Top Ten List by director **Lorraine Sternberg** shows **Kiri Cook** as eighth in the nation for high point average (75) in the mixed boys and girls division. In the girls division, she is second in the high ringer average department (39.42) and **Aleena Cook** ranks fourth with 26.75. Aleena also earned seventh for a high ringer game of 42%.

In the Womens division, **Gert Wilcziek** is number one in high ringer average, 81.71.

**Wayne Totten**, formerly of Eau Claire, now Steamboat Springs, CO, connected for an 86% game, ranking sixth in the 30' high ringer game section.

**Mark Mauthe** did the same, 86%, ranking fourth for the 40' high ringer game.

*Newsline* subscribers got a peek at the nominees for the Hall of Fame. **Curt Bestul** of Eau Claire is the most recent inductee and most

of us know that **Harvey Elmerston**, who took a second in the World way back when, is on the list.

Who knew that **Ken Kosky** and friend, **Ken Jaeger** were also nominated?

**Glenn Jamieson**, the NATSTAT man, warned in his column that the only average suitable for seeding a tournament should be taken from the charter list, which is updated every Wednesday. The individual record is updated normally on the first and third week of the month, so is apt to be behind by a week or two. ♪

## PITCHER PROFILE — GERT WILCZIEK OF WHITEHALL, WI



How do you say "Wilcziek?"  
*Will-Check*

### Pitching Basics

Starting pitching  
horseshoes: 1994  
First NHPA Card: 1994  
Home Courts: Eau Claire HSC  
Preferred Shoes: Diamond  
Tournaments, Style: Flip  
Best Game: 100% (State, 2007)  
Current Average\*: 79.46%

### Rankings\*

Wisconsin: #1 in Womens, #1 Overall  
United States: #6 in Womens, #9 Overall  
US + Canada: #8 in Womens, #11 Overall

### Gert's Start in Horseshoes

**Ron Wilcziek**, Gert's husband and horseshoe mentor, was pitching in league and one night they needed a sub. Gert filled in and the rest is history.

### State Championships

Gert won her first Championship just four years after beginning to pitch. She was the Wisconsin Women's State Champion in 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003 through 2007.

### World Tournament Accomplishments

Gert has attended the World Tournament eight times and was in the Championship class five of those years. She finished in fourth place in 2007, and was the only pitcher to beat this year's World Champion **Joan Elmore**.

### Gert's Good Advice...

"[You] can have the high average, but that doesn't mean anything. Sometimes you have an off-day so you can't get your ringer average and you get frustrated. You can't get down on yourself. You've got to keep looking up and think positive." ♪



*\*Averages and Rankings compiled using NATSTATS from 11/15/07 at www.horseshoepitching.com*



### Wisconsin Pitchers Well-Represented at the

## GRAND OPENING OF THE NHPA HALL OF FAME IN WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI - by Terry Sternberg

It all started when members of the NHPA Committee met with the New Melle Horseshoe Club and the St. Charles County Council to discuss the possibility of moving the current Hall of Fame in Joelton, TN to Quail Ridge County Park in Wentzville, MO. In November of 2006, construction was started, and in the end the building complex of 23,000 square feet consisted of a grand HOF Room, a full kitchen and concession area, restrooms, two offices and 16 indoor courts. Additional outdoor courts behind the building are under construction.

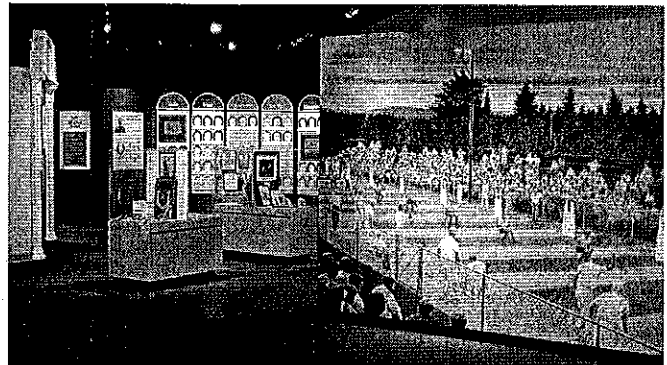
On October 5, we were met by people of the St. Charles County Parks system on a beautiful sunny day for an outdoor ceremony. The dedication started off with a flag ceremony at the Horseshoe Brick Memorial Plaza in front of the new HOF complex. **Vicki Winston**, of Missouri, sang the National Anthem, President **Dave Loucks** was at the podium, speaking about everything it took to get to this day. NHPA President **Paul Stewart** spoke on how impressed he was of the site and the building. The dedication ended with the ribbon cutting at the entrance of the new building.



This place is a site to behold. Every member should try to visit at least once. Entering the building, one is greeted by a large NHPA Logo on the lobby floor. The building sits on a small hill, near the entrance to the 250 acre park, in full view from two interstate highways, 1-70 and 1-64 (Hwy 40-61).

A few of the Wisconsin pitchers in attendance got to be the first to pitch in this excellent facility as part of the Grand Opening. They were **John Secord** of Fond du Lac, **Cliff and Elaine Troullier** of Whitelaw, **Bill Matey** and **Leroy Meyer**, both of Combined Locks, and your reporter.

On Saturday and Sunday following the dedication,




*A Glance Inside the NHPF Hall of Fame & Museum*

**Lorraine Sternberg**, NHPA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Sanctioned League Director, hosted a Sanctioned Club/League Team Tournament. There were 20 three-person teams, divided into two groups. When it came down to the last game, a playoff, the winner of Group 1, First Capital Women's Club of Missouri, was defeated by the winner of Group 2, Liberty Club of Missouri.

Four teams entered from Wisconsin. The Kenosha team of **Tom Endler**, **Dave Wietrzak**, and **Jan Fisher** took third place in Group 1. The Beloit #1 team of **Virgil Smith**, **Jesse Garza**, and **Walt Houck** took 8<sup>th</sup> place in Group 1. Combined Locks' **Cliff and Elaine Troullier**, **Bill Matey**, and **Leroy Meyer** took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Group 2. The Beloit #2 team of **Bruce McLinn**, **Dan Lessman**, and **Kevin Brekke** took 8<sup>th</sup> place in Group 2. Overall, everyone seemed to have a good time.

On Saturday night, we had a cookout with burgers from **Homer Caine** of Oklahoma and Wisconsin brats, all grilled by **Larry Langewisch** of Missouri, who later donated his big cooker to the NHPA to be used at the new HOF Complex. Larry is also a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, the keepers of the HOF building. We also have to thank the Quail Ridge Club members for all their donated time and efforts in the completing of the building.

Again, I would encourage everyone to pay a visit to this great facility. Also, please help in supporting its existence by buying a brick or making a donation. It is tax deductible and it's worth it. 

For more news and photos on the NHPA Hall of Fame, go to <http://www.nhpf.info/>

## BEHIND THE MASK

WITH KEN HEINRITZ



Have you ever met a horse-shoe pitching legend? I believe I have: Idaho native **Don Titcomb**. Each morning at the World tournament, horseshoe pitchers had the opportunity to take in history, as told by this 82 year old. Don has pitched horseshoes for 70 years of his life, and a fine pitcher he was in his prime, winning the World Title in 1960. He finished runner up in 1958 and 1959.


Winning a World title takes more than the ability to throw ringers. It takes physical endurance, mental temperament, some luck in the form of breaks and an absolute refusal to yield to pressure. It took Don six hours of pitching each day for six consecutive days to win the tournament. That's 2,878 shoes and 2,443 ringers for an 85% average. He assured me that he has a record that will never be broken. In a game during one stretch, he threw 105 ringers out of 108 shoes pitched. I too agree that these astounding numbers will never be matched.

No doubt some of you are thinking of our current great **Alan Francis**. Surely it's possible for him to conquer, maybe pitching solo! But in a World Championship game, it takes two men pitching at a 97% clip in the same game. By comparison, Alan's longest match in the 2007 World Tournament was against **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, where he threw only 54 shoes.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a legend is "a person who achieves legendary fame." Don, in my book, has reached the level of a legend.

I leave you with a thought about one who is supremely greater than Don:

*"For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords."*

I Timothy 6:15 

## DOWN AND BACK

WITH JIM HAUPT

Know a pitcher who collects caps? Sure you do. It's **Bun Carley**. Strange thing happened at the Sportsman's Club meeting. We "found" a cap that must have belonged to a WHPA pitcher. The state seal was fixed to the front, and in back it was embroidered, "Hall of Fame." Luckily, it was also embroidered on the side with, "Bun Carley." To his delight we returned it.

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After the State Meeting, we got in the car to come home and could not budge the ignition. I tried, he tried, started to draw a crowd, a few more tried. Shake the wheel. OK. Turn it. OK. Rock the car. OK, OK.


Quite a few helpers stuck around. We wound up riding home with **Penny Steinke** and **Pam Aiken**.

**Dave Volz** put the car in the hands of a good mechanic, **Steve's Garage** in Reedsburg.

It pays to have good friends when you're stuck out in the state.

Lined up a ride for Thursday following the fateful weekend to pick it up. \$322 to turn the new key.

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"Here's something for that Newsletter," he said. He is **Guy Modde** of Illinois, and it was during the Autumn tournament at Beloit. We watched a particular shoe travel and nicely nestle around the stake. Modde remarked, "That ringer looked better than a new set of snow tires." 

*Special Thanks To*  
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COMING IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE:

- Bylaw Changes to be voted on at Spring Meeting
- Year-End Averages List
- Outdoor Pitching Schedule
- 2008 Walking Doubles Entry Form



# WHPA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must have been a WHPA member for ten (10) years. There are four (4) major categories:

## Player Category

- Outstanding State and World tournament performance
- State and World tournament titles
- Pitching records achieved (perfect game, repeat performances, etc)
- Sportsmanship

## Player/Organizer Category

- Candidate's accomplishments from both the **Player** and **Organizer/Promoter** categories.
- If a Junior pitcher participates in the workings of the WHPA as an adult, their Junior performance as well as their adult qualifications will apply towards their nomination.

## Organizer/Promoter Category

- Local and State promotion
- Tournament directorship
- Local, State and National offices held
- State and National committee involvement
- Club and League organization

## Honorable Mention Category

- Candidates from states other than Wisconsin who have had a positive influence on Wisconsin horseshoes
- Candidates from Wisconsin who have contributed to WHPA events

The WHPA Hall of Fame committee is comprised of the WHPA officers, former WHPA president, and three WHPA members at large. Edie McKinney is the Chairlady, with Jeff Secord as her co-chair.

**Nominations for the WHPA Hall of Fame are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Send the following information to Edie McKinney, 2339 205th St, Luck WI 54853**

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Email of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Email of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a category:

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Organizer/Promoter \_\_\_\_\_ Player/Promotion \_\_\_\_\_ Honorable Mention \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a typed page of credentials and/or reasons for the nomination. Feel free to enumerate and promote your nominee with statistics and facts from their horseshoe career.

Number of years in WHPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum of 10 years)

Accomplishments: titles won, offices held, leagues formed, etc.

Roles played in the WHPA: tournament director, court organization, Junior participation, etc.

Other:

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*Winter Schedule Inside! Here's a glance at upcoming events, through February 2008:*

Date	Event	D/L
Dec 1-2	Deansville Open	11/24
Dec 8-9	Snowflake @ Beloit	11/28
Dec 15	Santa's Singles @ Arena	12/3
Jan 5, 2008	WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit	12/26
Jan 12-13	001 @ Beloit	1/2
Jan 15	Submissions Deadline for next issue of the Newsletter	
Jan 19-20	Something To Do @ Arena	1/7
Jan 26-27	Deansville Rally	1/16
Feb 16-17	Valentine @ Beloit	2/6



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