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## WISCONSIN'S 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



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Colgate**



**LADIES CHAMPION**

**Gert Wilcziek  
Whitehall**



**ELDERS CHAMPION**

**Paul Wilson  
Janesville**



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CHAMPION**

**Blake Lazaris  
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**GIRLS  
CHAMPION**

**Aleena Cook  
Stratford**



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|--------------|---|-------|-------|----------------|
| Dec. 5-6     | Deansville Open (28-09-038)   | \$18  | 11/27 | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Dec. 12-13   | Beloit Snowflake (28-09-039)  | \$18  | 12/2  | Earl Paulson   |
| Jan. 9, 2010 | WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit   | TBA   | 1/2   | Earl Paulson   |
| Jan. 16-17   | 001 Tourney @ Beloit (28-10-001)  | \$18  | 1/2   | Earl Paulson   |
| Jan. 30-31   | Deansville Rally (28-10-002)  | \$18  | 1/23  | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Feb. 13-14   | Valentine @ Beloit (28-10-004)  | \$18  | 2/3   | Earl Paulson   |
| Mar. 13-14   | Clash with Kerry @ Deansville (28-10-005)   | \$18  | 3/5   | Rudy Van Fleet |
| Mar. 20      | Spring Meeting 1:00pm @ Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd., Lake Delton, Wis |       |       |                |
| Mar. 27-28   | Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-10-006)   | \$18  | 3/17  | Earl Paulson   |

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### WHPA Christmas Party

January 9, 2010 at the Beloit HSC


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## 2009 WI STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT RESULTS - by Jane Smith

Ten horseshoe clubs vied for the traveling trophy, certificate and free entry into the 2010 event. Clubs must have at least five members from their club pitching in the WI State tournament. Each pitcher earns points for their club; the better the finish, the more points. Individuals who move into the Championship class earn bonus points for their club. Marshfield was the defending Champion for the 2007 and 2008 tournaments. This year, new winners were crowned:

|                        |                       |             |      |             |   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------|-------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Little Bull Falls HSC | 6.4 points  | \$25 | 7 pitchers  | 1 State Class Champion                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  | Muskego               | 6.2 points  | \$20 | 10 pitchers | 1 State Cadet, 2 State Class Champions      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place  | Beloit                | 5.9 points  | \$15 | 12 pitchers | 1 State, 1 State Class Champion             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Close Doesn't Count   | 5.8 points  | \$10 | 7 pitchers  | 1 State Class Champion                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Arkdale               | 5.4 points  | \$5  | 5 pitchers  | 1 State Class Champion                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Deansville            | 5.4 points  | \$5  | 10 pitchers | 2 State Class Champions                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Eau Claire HSC        | 5 points    |      | 9 pitchers  | 1 State, 1 State Class Champion             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Heinritz Family       | 4.9 points  |      | 15 pitchers | 1 State, 1 State Cadet, 1 State Class Champ |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Marshfield            | 4.5 points  |      | 10 pitchers | 1 State, 1 State Class Champion             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Place | Platteville           | 3.25 points |      | 8 pitchers  | State Host                                  |

Thank you for participating in this exciting part of the State Horseshoe Tournament. 



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke



Hello, everyone. If you missed the State tournament in Platteville, run by the Platteville and Arena clubs, you missed a very well-run tournament. We couldn't have asked for nicer weather. Congratulations

to all the new State champions and the champs who have been there before. Thanks to **Bun Carley** for the beautiful hand-carved football he donated to the Junior Scholarship Raffle. And extra congratulations to **Mark Pitzen**, the lucky winner of the football.

If you have never watched a forty-point championship game, you should watch one sometime. It's different than regular games; it's 40 points, and no matter how much you're losing by, if you start scoring and pitching first, you can come back and win. As the game gets near the end, you can see the spectators really get into the game. It's a good time.



**Terry Sternberg**  
2009 President's Award  
Recipient

This year, I picked **Terry Sternberg**. Terry retired from the WHPA 2nd Vice President position. He gave the association 20 years of hard work and dedication. He is always thinking horseshoes and willing to help whenever he can. He's a good friend, and he'll be missed on the Board. Thanks Terry.

Good Pitching,  
Tom 

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# RINGER RUMBLINGS...

## ... AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT

Word spread to the tournament director that there was a mix up after game one in Class H. Players get the incorrect round robin cards and end up on the wrong court for round two and play out of sequence, the worst news for a tournament director trying to keep a tournament on schedule. Oh no, such despair and it's only the first class of the tournament! Not a good sign. Thankfully the players said, "Don't worry Mark, we have it figured out. I'll play this guy here and he will play this guy there and it should all end up the same."



**Norm and Mark Mauthe**  
working hard at the  
State Tournament

Working graveyard shift and this being the time of the morning I am normally going to bed and not awake, my words were as follows: "I sure am glad you guys have it figured out because it is too early in the morning for me to be thinking." All ended up perfectly. - *Mark Mauthe*

**Gert Wilcziek** accepted her nomination to the WHPA Hall of Fame at the State Tournament. She tearfully recounted how she began pitching, and credited the Eau Claire HSC and her husband, **Ron**, for their roles in developing her game.

While her list of accomplishments were being read, her 100% game that she pitched at the State tournament last year was mentioned, as it was the only one in State tourney history. Several pitchers from the Championship Women's class could be heard mumbling, "Yeah, let's not have that happen again!" We kid, we kid. Congratulations to Gert on this distinguished accomplishment and her induction to the Hall of Fame. - *Pam Aiken*



**Gert Wilcziek**  
making her  
acceptance speech for  
the  
WHPA Hall of Fame



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## GROWING WITH JUNIORS RAFFLE WINNERS

- by Jr. Scholarship Director Sonia Cook

Thank you to everyone who donated items and participated in this year's raffle. The winners are:

### Hand-Carved Football

Donated by: Bun & Shirley  
Winner: **Mark Pitzen**

### \$100 Cash

Donated by: WHPA  
Winner: **Rob Struebing**

### Wood Side Table

Donated by: Sternberg Family  
Winner: **Jim Eckes**

### \$50 Cash

Donated by: WHPA  
Winner: **Ted Larson**

### \$50 Cash

Donated by: WHPA  
Winner: **Tom Steinke**

### Crochet Doily Set

Donated by: Gert Wilcziek  
Winner: **Jim Harder**

### \$25 Cash

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### \$25 Cash

Donated by: Beloit HSC  
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### \$25 Cash

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Winner: **Daren Chambers**

### \$25 Cash

Donated by: Beloit HSC  
Winner: **Bun Carley**

### \$25 Cash

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Winner: **Gert Wilcziek**

### \$25 Cash

Donated by: Marshfield HSC  
Winner: **Mouse Beckius**

### Stadium Blanket

Donated by: Cook Family  
Winner: **Sonia Cook**

### Lunch Tote

Donated by: Cook Family  
Winner: **Tom Steinke**

### Hot/Cold Mug

Donated by: David Family  
Winner: **FRA Dan David**

### Headband

Donated by: Cook Family  
Winner: **Cliff VanNatta**

### (17) NHPA Towels

Donated by: Jim Haupt  
Winners: **Various**

## THREE CHEERS FOR THE SCOREKEEPERS!

- by Kevin Brekke

I want to thank all 43 scorekeepers who kept score at the State Tournament in Platteville. Many came up to me asking to keep score, and a few emailed me ahead of time, which made my job so much easier. In fact, this was the first time I ever had more scorekeepers than I needed. Thank you to all!

Special thanks to those scorekeepers who kept score for every game, like **Dorthie Bradley**, and the two brothers, **Jacob and Jordan Brunette** who are only 11 and 13 in age.

Also, special thanks to the **Arena club**, who had had six club members keep score. It was also good to see former Scorekeepers of the Year pitch in, including myself, **Jane Smith, Elly McCarn, and Edie McKinney**.

Hope to see you all in Beloit next year.

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Aleena Cook          | John Crook      |
| Al Huizenga          | Jordan Brunette |
| Bethany Heinritz     | Ken Frame       |
| Bun Carley           | Ken Heinritz    |
| Christina Heinritz   | Kevin Brekke    |
| Craig Novinski       | Larry Lingel    |
| Curt Novinski        | Matt Lee        |
| Dan Nalepinski       | Mel Cook        |
| Dave Ninneman        | Mel Flogel      |
| Don Peroutka         | Mike Lazaris    |
| Dorthie Bradley      | Mike Zahn       |
| Ed Wheeler           | Nathan Heinritz |
| Edie McKinney        | Pam Aiken       |
| Elly McCarn          | Randy Heinritz  |
| Emily Heinritz       | Randy Rein      |
| Glenn Bogenschneider | Ron Berg        |
| Gunner David         | Russ Heinritz   |
| Jacob Brunette       | Sonia Cook      |
| Jane Smith           | Sylvia David    |
| Jeff Mauthe          | Tim Lazaris     |
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## STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

### CHAMPIONSHIP MENS

**Ken Heinritz** took the title this year for the first time, starting and ending with 70% games. By the completion of round four, the battle was among the top three finishers: **John Udelhofen, Randy Rein** and Ken, each with four wins. Randy went on to beat John in round five. Going into round six, both the defending State Champion Randy Rein and Ken Heinritz were undefeated, and after 48 shoes, Ken took the win and the championship. Ken commented that his experience pitching at the World Tournament this summer definitely paid off at State.



1. Ken Heinritz, Colgate ..... 7-0 .... 64.81
2. Randy Rein, Mosinee ..... 6-1 .... 59.76
3. John Udelhofen, Barneveld .... 4-3 .... 54.66
4. Jim Larson, Sun Prairie ..... 4-3 .... 51.68
5. John Molling, Wausau ..... 3-4 .... 50.32
6. Jeff Gustafson, Lake Geneva ... 2-5 .... 49.67
7. Mark Mauthe, Platteville ..... 1-6 .... 43.93
8. Kerry Morris, Watertown ..... 1-6 .... 41.08

*Class High Game: Ken Heinritz, 73.33%*

### CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES

After pitching 380 shoes, the most of anyone in this class, the 2009 WI Hall of Fame Inductee **Gert Wilcziek** won her tenth state title in twelve years, but it wasn't easy.

In the first round, the game came down to the last two shoes, in a 70-shoe game with move-up **Tava Kildahl**. By round six, only two were undefeated, Gert and **Penny Steinke**. After a 78 shoe game Gert pulled off the win. In the last round Gert and **Pam Aiken** played in the longest game of the tournament, 80 shoes. After a long day of pitching, Gert retained her title for another year.



1. Gert Wilcziek, Whitehall ..... 7-0 ... 68.47
2. Penny Steinke, Waukesha ..... 6-1 ... 67.03
3. Pam Aiken, Oak Creek ..... 5-2 ... 69.55
4. Edie McKinney, Luck ..... 4-3 ... 50.94
5. Shari Davison, Centuria ..... 2-5 ... 46.48
6. Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield.. 2-5 ... 39.34
7. Tava Kildahl, Marshfield ..... 1-6 ... 37.78
8. Kiri Cook, Stratford ..... 1-6 ... 33.90

*Class & Tournament High Game:  
Gert Wilcziek, 80.00%*

On another note, this is the first time we can think of that the Ladies Championship class was made-up of two sets of sisters (Penny & Pam, Tava & Kiri).

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## RINGER RUMBLINGS...

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I thought **Ken Heinritz** was single-handedly keeping the legacy of the Ringle Single alive, until I saw **Al Huizenga** tossing the one-hooked shoes at the State tournament. Apparently, Al was inspired by Ken's success with the peculiar shoe at the World tournament this summer, so he decided to give them a try. The last I heard was that after a disappointing 2-5 finish and pitching under-average, Al was going to let Ken carry that torch alone. - Pam Aiken 🐾

You are hereby cordially invited to the

### WHPA Christmas Party

to be held at the Beloit Horseshoe Club

Saturday, January 9, 2009

Please RSVP to Earl Paulson  
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## STATE RESULTS — CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES (CONTINUED)

### CHAMPIONSHIP ELDERS

**Paul Wilson** started the day seeded number one, and after 7 rounds and 356 shoes, that's where he stayed. Round five was a close one between Paul and **Wayne Lemar**, it was 39-38 for Wayne, and Paul came through with a double to win the game. The biggest game was the last one between Paul and **Norm Gage**. Each was undefeated going into this round. It was another close one: 43-38, with Paul taking the win. Norm ended the day with the highest ringer percentage in the class at 57.79% and the high ringer game of 75.00%.



1. Paul Wilson, Janesville ..... 7-0 ... 51.68
2. Norm Gage, Milltown ..... 6-1 ... 57.79
3. Ozz Jacobson, Fond Du Lac . 4-3 ... 48.68
4. Wayne Lemar, Lacrosse ..... 4-3 ... 47.78
5. Ivan Ruzic, Stratford ..... 3-4 ... 43.37
6. Lloyd Johnson, Kenosha ..... 3-4 ... 40.80
7. John Dolezel, Eau Claire ..... 1-6 ... 41.47
8. Bill Matey, Appleton ..... 0-7 ... 38.88

*Class High Game: Norm Gage, 75.00%*

### CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR BOYS

1. Jacob Birch, Kenosha ..... 7-0 ..... 37.23
2. Tim Lazaris, Colgate ..... 6-1 ..... 37.14
3. Beau Davison, Centuria ..... 5-2 ..... 42.24
4. Mike Lazaris, Colgate ..... 3-4 ..... 28.68
5. Joshua Heinritz, Sussex ..... 3-4 ..... 25.12
6. Gunnar David, Marshfield ..... 2-5 ..... 23.05
7. Caleb Heinritz, Sussex ..... 2-5 ..... 16.84
8. James Heinritz, Sussex ..... 0-7 ..... 29.35

*Class High Game: Beau Davison, 55.88%*



After seven games with seven wins, **Jacob Birch** became the Junior Boys Champion. **Tim Lazaris** came in second losing only to the champion in the fourth round, 41-30. Third place went to last years champion **Beau Davison**, who also pitched the highest ringer percentage in the class. Beau lost only to Jacob and Tim in the first and last rounds of the tournament.

### CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Aleena Cook, Stratford ..... 5-0 ..... 49.36
2. Bethany Heinritz, Pewaukee ... 4-1 ..... 23.60
3. Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee . 3-2 ..... 19.62
4. Heather Feavel, Van Dyne ..... 2-3 ..... 18.18
5. Nicole Feavel, Van Dyne ..... 1-4 ..... 9.85
6. Samantha Lazaris, Colgaate .... 0-5 ..... 6.89

*Class High Game: Aleena Cook, 70.83%*



Aleena Cook took the championship for the fourth time in five years, pitching a respectable 49.36%, never losing a game. She was also thrilled to pitch her best game ever, 70.83%. Coming in a close second was **Bethany Heinritz**, with only one loss to the champion. **Christina Heinritz**, move-up from Junior Girls Class A was very competitive in the championships, losing only to the first and second place contenders. She was Aleena's toughest opponent, scoring the most points against the champion, 12.

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CHAMPIONSHIP CADET BOYS

1. Blake Lazaris, Colgate..... 2-0..... 17.22
2. Steven Lazaris, Oak Creek..... 0-2..... 2.22

CHAMPIONSHIP CADET GIRLS

1. Abigail Aiken, Oak Creek..... 2-1..... 0.93
2. Alyssa Simonz, Slinger..... 1-2..... 0.93



With only two boy Cadets and two girl Cadets entering the tournament, the four pitched together in one class. **Blake Lazaris** didn't lose a game, pitching 31 ringers out of 180 shoes to become the Boys Cadet Champion. Coming in second for the boys was **Steven Lazaris**, with 4 wins overall.

Like juniors classes of the old times, the Girls Cadet Championship was between a Steinke and a Sternberg. The champion wasn't decided in regular play. After 6 games, **Alyssa Simonz** (Terry and Lorraine Sternberg's granddaughter) and **Abigail Aiken** (Tom Steinke's granddaughter) finished with one win a piece; it was time for a play-off. Abigail ended up with one ringer, winning by just two points.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The 2009 Pitcher of the Year award included records of 286 pitches - *by Jane Smith*  
 ers. The year-end averages determined the Division for each pitcher. Points were earned by participating and placing in the top-three spots in your class. First place received 15 points, second place 10 points, and third place 5 points. Pitchers could also earn 15 points by attending the Spring and Fall meetings.

This is the first time in recent years that the Division A winner did not have the most points. With all 42 of Wisconsin's events recorded, the Pitchers of the Year are:

**Jim O'Loughlin**  
 Division C, 110 points  
 (averages less than 35%)  
 Jim had four 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, three 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and four 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.

**John Garvan**  
 Division B, 170 points  
 (averages between 35% and 49.99%)  
 John had seven 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, four 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, and five 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.

**Randy Rein**  
 Division A, 115 points  
 (averages over 50%)  
 Randy had six 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and five 3<sup>rd</sup>'s.



**Kiri Cook**  
 Most Improved Pitcher  
 Cook improved her average by 12.16% points, from 37.29% in 2008 to 49.45% in 2009.  
 Congratulations, Kiri!



## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### LADIES CLASS A

1. Tava Kildahl, Marshfield..... 5-0 ..... 41.60
2. Sonia Cook, Stratford ..... 3-2 ..... 38.40
3. Laurie Dolezel, Altoona ..... 3-2 ..... 36.80
4. Elaine Troullier, Whitelaw ... 3-2 ..... 32.80
5. Gloria Smith, Milltown ..... 1-4 ..... 26.40
6. Karen Henkel, Muskego ..... 0-5 ..... 22.80



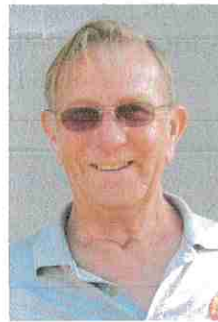
**Ladies Class A Champion  
Tava Kildahl  
Marshfield**

**Tava Kildahl** and **Laurie Dolezel** squared off in the final game, with Tava undefeated and Laurie with one loss. With some cool-under-pressure pitching, Tava managed to keep Laurie at bay and earned the move-up spot to Championship.

*Class High Game: Tava Kildahl & Laurie Dolezel, 48.00%*

### ELDERS CLASS A

1. John Dolezel, Eau Claire.....6-1 ..... 44.64
2. Ivan Ruzic, Stratford.....4-3 ..... 41.07
3. D Ninnemann, St Croix Falls .4-3 ..... 38.57
4. Milt Larsen, West Allis .....4-3 ..... 37.50
5. John Brugger, Platteville.....3-4 ..... 36.78
6. Dale Griffith, Platteville .....3-4 ..... 32.50
7. Tony Scrima, Waukesha .....3-4 ..... 30.35
8. Jim O'Loughlin, Adams .....1-6 ..... 31.42



**Elders Class A Champion  
John Dolezel  
Eau Claire**

**Milt Larsen** saved his best game for last to give **John Dolezel** his only loss for the day. The class was fairly balanced, with most pitchers either going 4-3 or 3-4, except for the champ and **Jim O'Loughlin**, who did beat Milt in game 3.

*Class High Game: Ivan Ruzic, 57.50%*

### LADIES CLASS B

1. Tricia Tellier, Greenfield..... 5-0 ..... 26.00
2. Joanna Hollenback, Baraboo.. 4-1 ..... 23.25
3. Cecelia Trossen, Mountain.... 3-2 ..... 31.39
4. Linda Wisniewski, Merrill .... 2-3 ..... 15.60
5. Beth Strohman, Marshfield.... 1-4 ..... 10.80
6. Kari David, Marshfield..... 0-5 ..... 9.60



**Ladies Class B Champion  
Tricia Ryan-Tellier  
Greenfield**

**Tricia Ryan-Tellier** went undefeated to take the class championship. The battle for second place between **Joanna Hollenback** and **Cecelia Trossen**, however, was a nail-biter. Cecilia made a comeback in the last 10 shoes to tie up the game. Two trips down and back were required to decide the winner. Joanna eventually prevailed and earned the second-place spot. Although ranking third, Cecilia pitched the class high average and high game.

*Class High Game: Cecilia Trossen, 46.00%*

### ELDERS CLASS B

1. Earl Paulson, Beloit .....5-0 ..... 39.00
2. Wayne Franzen, Franklin .....3-2 ..... 28.50
3. Cliff Troullier, Whitelaw .....3-2 ..... 24.00
4. Cliff Van Natta, Platteville ....2-3 ..... 22.50
5. Dan David, Auburndale .....2-3 ..... 12.50
6. Merrill Semingson, Eleva .....0-5 ..... 10.00



**Elders Class B Champion  
Earl Paulson  
Beloit**

Two players had dropped out before the event even began, turning an eight man class into a six man. **Earl Paulson** pitched an outstanding tournament, going undefeated for the day. However, **Wayne Franzen** gave Earl a good scare. **Cliff Troullier** and Wayne pitched each other the last game to decide who would take second place. Cliff had his lowest game of the day, losing to Wayne and taking third in the class.

*Class High Game: Earl Paulson, 47.50%*

## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS A

1. Kerry Morris, Watertown .... 6-2 ..... 50.31
2. Bruce McLinn, Clinton ..... 5-3 ..... 42.81
3. John Koepp III, Pewaukee .... 4-3 ..... 50.71
4. Jeff Mauthe, Platteville ..... 4-3 ..... 44.28
5. John Molling, Wausau ..... 3-4 ..... 53.21
6. Dan Bloom, Janesville ..... 3-4 ..... 45.71
7. Ray Groskinsky, Friendship... 3-4 ..... 43.92
8. Todd Sheehan, Chetek ..... 1-6 ..... 37.50



**Mens Class A Champion**  
**Kerry Morris**  
Watertown

**Bruce McLinn** defeated **Kerry Morris** in the last game to force a playoff for first place. Kerry won the playoff game 31-18 to take the Class A championship. **John Koepp** pitched a strong tournament, barely missing out on the class playoff.

*Class High Game: John Molling, 70.00%*

### MENS CLASS C

1. Tory Jeske, Frederic .....6-2 ..... 44.37
2. Jim Tollefson, Janesville .....5-3 ..... 39.68
3. John Garvan, Edgerton.....4-3 ..... 36.07
4. Ralph Marthaler, Medford.....4-3 ..... 34.28
5. Terry Sternberg, Richfield ....3-4 ..... 36.78
6. Don Goldsmith, Janesville.....3-4 ..... 36.42
7. Jim Heim, Holmen .....2-5 ..... 33.92
8. Al Huizenga, Stoughton.....2-5 ..... 31.07



**Mens Class C Champion**  
**Tory Jeske**  
Frederic

**Tory Jeske** lost his first two games, then went unbeaten including a win in the final round over **Jim Tollefson** to force a playoff. Tory lead 25-8 after 20 shoes and won 41-14, shooting

50% to Jim's 27.50%.

*Class High Game: Jim Tollefson, 65.00%*

### MENS CLASS B

1. John Bauer, Spooner ..... 6-2 ..... 47.81
2. Bun Carley, Richland Center . 5-3 ..... 43.75
3. Les Karpel, Chetek ..... 4-3 ..... 41.78
4. G Bogenschneider, W Bend .. 4-3 ..... 41.07
5. Tom Endler, Twin Lakes ..... 4-3 ..... 39.64
6. Lonny Trangsrud, Eau Claire. 3-4 ..... 38.21
7. Steve Wiegert, Green Bay .... 2-5 ..... 36.78
8. Joe Ellinger, Albany ..... 1-6 ..... 33.92



**Mens Class B Champion**  
**John Bauer**  
Spooners

**Glenn Bogenschneider** had a spectacular come-from-behind win against **Bun Carley** in game 6, which forced a playoff between Bun and **John Bauer**. Pitching 16 ringers out of the first 20 shoes of the playoff, John defeated Bun to become the Class B champion.

*Class High Game: Les Karpel, 60.00%*

### MENS CLASS D

1. Kurt Jochimsen, Stratford .....6-1 ..... 31.42
2. Julian Tijerina, Madison.....5-2 ..... 41.78
3. John Brophy, Galesville .....5-2 ..... 35.35
4. Jerry Schroeder Sr, Oxford ...4-3 ..... 30.71
5. Norm Beckius, Beloit.....3-4 ..... 30.00
6. Galen Kozel, Mukwonago .....3-4 ..... 27.85
7. Randy Mitchell, Weston .....2-5 ..... 32.85
8. Pacer



**Mens Class D Champion**  
**Kurt Jochimsen**  
Stratford

Whoever said "close doesn't count" in horseshoes doesn't know Class D champ **Kurt Jochimson**. **Jerry Schroeder** and **Mouse Beckius** fell victim to the point-game; Kurt scored 14 single points against each of them, winning both games despite pitching fewer ringers than his opponents.

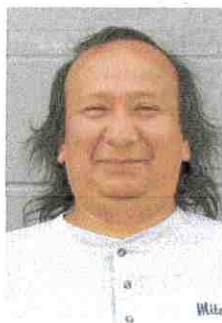
*Class High Game: Kurt Jochimson, Julian Tijerina, 47.50%*



## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS E

1. Mitch Littlegeorge, Baraboo... 6-1 ..... 33.45
2. Steve Mielke, Green Bay ..... 5-2 ..... 36.78
3. Rick Weller, Baraboo ..... 4-3 ..... 32.85
4. Kevin Brekke, Edgerton ..... 3-4 ..... 31.59
5. Craig Novinski, Barneveld .... 3-4 ..... 30.71
6. David Volz, Wonewoc..... 3-4 ..... 28.87
7. Dick Hansen, Franksville ..... 2-5 ..... 29.16
8. Ed Wheeler, Lodi..... 2-5 ..... 22.85



**Mens Class E Champion  
Mitch Littlegeorge  
Baraboo**

**Mitch Littlegeorge** returns as class champion, making this 2 wins in 3 years at State. **Craig Novinski** gave Mitch his only loss in game 6, winning 26-23. **Steve Mielke's** playoff chance was stymied by **Dave Volz** in game 7, losing 17-22.

*Class High Game: Steve Mielke, 50.00%*

### MENS CLASS G

1. Leo Richter, Stoughton .....7-1 ..... 33.75
2. Tom Dudenhoefer, Oxford...6-2 ..... 25.00
3. Mike Zahn, Lomira .....5-2 ..... 27.50
4. Tom Steinke, Eagle .....3-4 ..... 24.64
5. Larry Danielson, River Falls...3-4 ..... 20.35
6. Gene Satterstrom, Madison ...3-4 ..... 14.64
7. Jayme Fehr, Merrill.....2-5 ..... 17.85
8. Pacer



**Mens Class G Champion  
Jim O'Loughlin  
Adams**

Leo Richter pitched an excellent tournament, pitching the class high average and game. He brought it to the playoff against **Tom Dudenhoefer**, winning 46-5. Although **Mike Zahn** started out 5-0, he lost his last 2 games, keeping him out of contention.

*Class High Game: Leo Richter, 55.00%*

### MENS CLASS F

1. John Secord, Fond Du Lac .... 7-1 ..... 27.50
2. Dave Klipstein, Hillsboro ..... 6-2 ..... 29.68
3. Russ Heinritz, Waukesha..... 4-3 ..... 37.50
4. Bob Kallstrom, Arkansaw ..... 4-3 ..... 32.85
5. John Drexler, Stratford..... 3-4 ..... 27.50
6. Rich Conrad, Pewaukee ..... 3-4 ..... 26.07
7. Randy Heinritz, Pewaukee.... 1-6 ..... 22.85
8. John Bentz, Platteville ..... 1-6 ..... 16.07



**Mens Class F Champion  
John Secord  
Fond du Lac**

**John Secord** managed to squeak by **Russ Heinritz** by one point in game 2, but fell to **Dave Klipstein** in game 3 in another close one. **John Drexler** gave Klipstein his only loss in game 2. Secord out-pointed Klipstein in the playoff game, winning the championship.

*Class High Game: Russ Heinritz, 42.50%*

### MENS CLASS H

1. David Tellier, Greenfield .....5-0 ..... 27.20
2. Jason Goldsmith, Milwaukee..3-2 ..... 26.80
3. Mel Cook, Stratford .....3-2 ..... 18.80
4. Ted Rohde, La Crosse.....2-3 ..... 18.00
5. Craig David, Marshfield.....2-3 ..... 18.00
6. Jerry Kochman, Kenosha .....0-5 ..... 5.60



**Mens Class H Champion  
David Tellier  
Greenfield**

It was **David Tellier's** day, walking through the class to take the championship. Consistency was key, as he pitched 28% in f4 out of 5 games. **Jason Goldsmith** defeated **Mel Cook** in the final game to earn the second spot via ringer percentage.

*Class High Game: Jason Goldsmith, 34.00%*

## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### MENS CLASS I

1. Eddie Wisniewski, Merrill .... 5-1 ..... 16.00
2. Mike Franzen, East Troy ..... 4-2 ..... 15.00
3. Don Peroutka, Pl. Prairie ..... 3-2 ..... 12.80
4. Mike Berdan, Auburndale ..... 2-3 ..... 8.80
5. Curt Novinski, Platteville ..... 2-3 ..... 6.40
6. Dave Semingson, Eleva ..... 0-5 ..... 2.40



**Mens Class I Champion  
Eddie Wisniewski  
Merrill**

Eddie Wisniewski lost a close one to **Mike Franzen** in game two, 27-33. However, Mike lost to Don Peroutka in game three, so Eddie and Mike ended up in a play-off. Eddie got his revenge by winning 47-16 and throwing the high game in the class.

*Class High Game: Eddie Wisniewski, 24.00%*

### JUNIOR GIRLS A

1. Christina Heinritz, Pewaukee 6-0 ..... 15.00
2. Kayla Dolezel, Altoona ..... 4-2 ..... 14.58
3. Mary Ann Aiken, Oak Creek . 2-4 ..... 2.08
4. Emily Lazaris, Colgate ..... 0-6 ..... 0.00



**Junior Girls A Champion  
Christina Heinritz  
Pewaukee**

The girls played a double round robin with **Christina Heinritz** and **Kayla Dolezel** ahead of the rest of the class. Christina won 25-19 and 27-10 in her two games over Kayla and won the class with an undefeated record and the high average, despite coming in as the low seed.

*Class High Game: Kayla Dolezel, 25.00%*


### JUNIOR BOYS A

1. Ross Kuchenbecker, Verona ..... 5-0 ..... 6.80
2. Mason Kuchenbecker, Verona .... 4-1 ..... 5.20
3. Ezra Heinritz, Sussex ..... 3-2 ..... 5.20
4. Tony Secord, Fond Du Lac ..... 2-3 ..... 1.60
5. Garrett Kuchenbecker, Verona .... 1-4 ..... 2.00
6. Pacer



**Junior Boys A Champion  
Ross Kuchenbecker  
Verona**

There was an 60% chance that a Kuchenbecker was going to take the class title. **Mason Kuchenbecker** and **Ross Kuchenbecker** were both undefeated going into last game. Ross pitched a good game, and unfortunately Mason saved his lowest ringer game for last. Ross won easily 29-9 for the class title.

*Class High Game: Ezra Heinritz, 16.00%* 



Junior Boys Class A



Junior Girls Class A





# 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS



Sand volleyball court, a big hit with the kids



**Joanna Hollenback**



**Dave & Trish Tellier**  
Husband & Wife Champions



**Norm Gage**



**Jane Smith**



**Judge Gabe**



**Cook Sisters Tava & Kiri**  
at their first meeting in  
Championship Womens



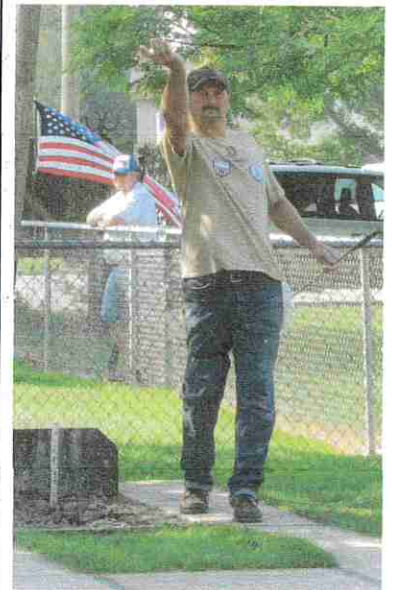
**Dave Forseth and  
Bun Carley**



Three generations of the **Dolezel** family:  
**John, Laurie and Kayla**



**Ron Berg**  
marking score



**Jayme Fehr**



**John Udelhofen, pitching John Molling**



## 2009 FALL MEETING NOTES OCT 17, 2009 - by Jim Haupt

The shakers and bakers of the WHPA met on an October day at the Sportsman's Club of Lake Delton, 39 of them. Every member is invited to these meetings. Only a few interested show up to express their individual ideas.

Our percentage is way down, meaning our percentage of members attending the State Meeting. From a North Carolina newsletter (incidentally called "Down and Back"), we learned that 80 of its 210 members were present at their Fall meeting. That's 38%. Our attendance ranked at a low 8%.

WHPA Chaplain **Ken Heinrich** prefaced this meeting with a prayer for wisdom in making decisions.

He was followed by state Secretary-Treasurer **John Secord** reading the minutes of the last meeting, in detail. It took 15 minutes to read the minutes of the last one-hour meeting.

Secord then reported an existing balance of \$2,548 current in the WHPA treasury and 468 members.

**Jane Smith** told of the team competition within the State Tournament, in practice for the last 20 years, with the Little Bull Falls HSC as the 2009 winners of the traveling trophy and cash.

**Terry Sternberg**, retiring 2nd VP, was cited for his Hall of Fame Induction in 2006, seven years as VP, the constructor of the HOF display cabinet, and his many years as President of the Golden-dale club. He thanked Platteville for hosting a fine State Tournament reminding members that

Beloit will host the 2010 venture, adding that he has copies of the WHPA brochure available as pass-outs.

Scholarship Fund Director and 3rd VP **Sonia Cook** told of her year of Fund activity, announcing a working balance of \$7,899.

**Lorraine Sternberg**, 3rd NHPA VP, reported four Wisconsin teams in her recent Sanctioned league team tournament in Missouri. Three of the Wisconsin teams placed. Next year the event will be in the same place sometime in October.

Cedar Rapids (July 26-August 7) will be the next address of the World Tournament with Louisiana to follow as announced by **Dick Hansen**, NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. He also confirmed that the 29-inch platform courts now in popular use have been grandfathered as legal and approved by the NHPA executive board. Answering a question by **Norm Mauth**, Hansen defined some of the costs of the NHPA Hall of Fame Building in Missouri. Owned by the NHPA, the building lease is set at \$1,000/month, some of which is offset by subletting for events and Game Related Sales pays a storage fee for their space. Hansen added that he thinks they are doing OK.

Regional Director **Eddie Wheeler**'s hopeful remark was that he is looking forward to setting up the 2010 summer schedule and will provide a form for tournament directors in the next Newsletter.

Under old business, **Norm Mauth** revisited the State Tournament, thanking the Arena club for their help and announcing all winners, saying the event was blessed with good weather and good competition. He's

got only four State shirts left over. He also reported that the Men's Championship class began at 2:15pm, last shoe at 7:15pm, five hours.

The Ken Kosky Award, presented to a most-deserving contributor, was given to **Jimmy Paulson** for sharing his computer skills and his adoption of the publisher job, joining the Newsletter staff.

Chairlady of the Hall of Fame committee, **Edie McKinney**, asked that all nomination submissions be made by February 1st. You can download the nomination form from [wihorseshoes.com](http://wihorseshoes.com).

A member suggested that the HOF selection committee could be expanded with little effort to include all present members of the Hall of Fame. As the selection is done by mail, a baker's dozen more would be available and well-acquainted with those in nomination.

In the new business category, President **Tom Steinke** made members aware of the oncoming Spring Meeting when the Bylaw book will be open for revision. Changes should be submitted to the Newsletter for February publication to be scheduled for possible adoption. In discussion, it was established that the proper term for those men over 70 years of age and pitching from 30 feet is, "Elders Men." In further discussion it was suggested that maybe the WHPA would like to provide free NHPA cards for all Juniors, in order to increase participation as some other states do. Objections arose. In some cases it may

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## STATE MEETING NOTES *(continued from p.14)*

be OK, it was said, but the card should remain an earned right. Others wondered whether a flock of kids may take advantage of the perk without any commitment to pitch in horseshoe leagues or tournaments. That does not rule out individual sponsorship. Know a Junior you'd like to sponsor? Send him a Christmas card. Make it an NHPA Christmas card. It is only \$5.

State Tournament bidders for 2011 offered their qualifications. For the Little Bull Falls Club in Mosinee, **Randy Rein** spoke of the welcome the town might get from the Mayor, who seems quite interested in the event. Rein promised, "Just as good as last time: indoors, entry the same."

**Mark Gagnon**, new President of the Eau Claire Club, offered their eighteen-court outdoor facility, noting that his club is willing and pumped up for it.

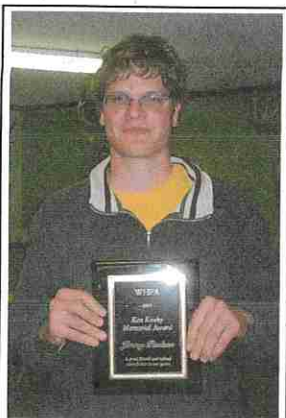
Slips were passed, marked 21 times for Mosinee, 12 times for Eau Claire. In accepting, Rein promised to vote for Eau Claire, only next time around.

Next on the agenda was the election for the new WHPA 2nd VP seat, with three candidates running.

**Kevin Brekke** told of his pleasurable horseshoe life since 1983 living and competing throughout the state: Marshfield, Green Bay, Deansville, Arena, and now Beloit. **Eddie Wheeler**, as a horseshoe pitcher of 14 years and new Regional Director, offered his services to learn the way of the WHPA board. **Jimmy Paulson** said most of his experience was with his home club of Beloit and he has done some computer work on the road for a State Tournament.

Before we announce the winner we should express our thanks to all who ran. There was more interest in this state job than the entire NHPA could muster for their presidency.

OK? OK. Here we go: Brekke, 6 votes; Wheeler, 10 votes; Paulson, 20 votes. **Jimmy Paulson** is now our 2nd VP.



**Jimmy Paulson**  
Ken Kosky Award  
winner and newly-  
elected WHPA 2nd VP

Almost as an afterthought the other office up for election was considered - the presidency! Without opposition, **Tom Steinke** was acclaimed our lasting President by acclamation.

**Kevin Brekke** announced he is planning a 4th of July tournament in Edgerton, partially sponsored by the Lion's Club. For a \$20 entry fee, pitchers can expect awards going to all places. Other activities on the grounds will be a horse pull, car show, ball games, live bands and fireworks, all for the price of the two-dollar admission. Sounds like a party not to miss.

Visit *wihorseshoes.com*, we were advised, to print a flyer designed to increase your club membership through proper distribution, but give the web mistress a few days to get it up there.

**Ken Heinritz** apologized for not returning some Emails but he has changed jobs and his email address. Refer to page 2.

This time, the hall of the Sportsman's club was setup with two long tables and chairs. Betcha they have more chairs. As that guy, Tom says, "We'll keep the light on for ya." Next time, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Let's up that percentage.

Meeting adjourned, about 2:20pm, 1 hour and 20 minutes, not bad. ☺

## COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

- Many, MANY tournament results from around the state
- Bylaw proposals, to be voted on at the Spring Meeting
- Outline of Proposals for the Fall State Meeting
- NHPA Sanctioned Tournament Results from Wentzville, MO
- "One Good Turn Deserves Another" by Ed Quigley

### Help Wanted

The newsletter is looking for creative input and original articles about the game of horseshoes.

**Can you draw?** Illustrate a cartoon for us.

**Can you take photos?** Send us pictures from the events you attend or run.

**Can you summarize?** You don't have to be Shakespeare to write up an event. Inquiring minds want to know! Share your experience with us!

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