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National Top Ten Awards 2017

Tom Steinke / Jane Smith

Tom Steinke sent the following Wisconsin Award winners. We are very proud of the accomplishments these pitchers established. Congratulations to these very fine excellent horseshoe pitchers. You all make us proud!

Penny Steinke – 1st High ringer game women (86%), 3rd High ringer average women (61.86%), 5th High point game 50 shoes (134)

Sarah Chaffe – 1st High ringer average cadet (52.89%), 3rd High ringer game cadet (66%)

Ron Button – 10th High ringer average elder (66.13%)

Cailyn Trangsrud – 2nd High ringer average girls (28.8%), 3rd High ringer game girls (44%), 9th High ringer game over average girls (15.2%)

Cassi Williams – 5th High ringer average girls (21.52%), 4th High ringer game girls (43%), 3rd High ringer game over average girls (21.48%)

Lonny Trangsrud – 5th High ringer game men (82%)

Lilyan Kildahl – 9th High ringer game over average cadet (19%), 6th High point game over average jr/cadet 50 shoes (26.69)

Ed Bonebright – 8th High ringer game over average elder (32%), 3rd High point game over average adult 40 shoes (36.09)

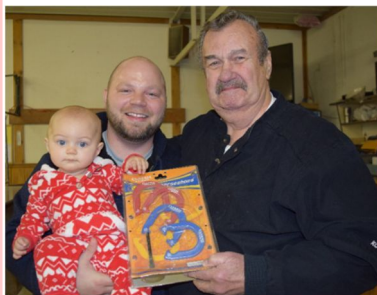
Jedidiah Sowatzke – 9th High point average jr/cadet 40 shoes (39.09%), 9th High point game jr/cadet 40 shoes (53)

Bruce McLinn – 6th High point game adult 40 shoes (102)

Our Family Our Future

Fred Lane, Tony Scrima,
Dobie Gutweiler

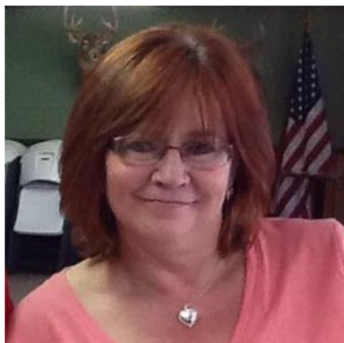
The very definition of "Horseshoe Family". Hall of Fame member [Tony Scrima](#) presents youngest sanctioned member (8mos old) Emily Lane with her first horseshoes. THIS is why I love our horseshoe family !!!



WHPA Movers and Shakers!

Fred Lane, Dave Volz, Ray Cayer, Aleena Lepak, Sonia Cook, Kevin Brekke, Dobie Gutweiler, Jane Smith (behind the camera) brainstorming a variety of WHPA events, opportunities in preparation for the 2018 season.





WHPA President
Dobie Gutweiler

Hello Friends, as I write this we are a mere six days away from officially being in the spring of the year. This is a difficult time of year for me as I am very excited about the upcoming pitching season, getting outside and visiting with friends I have not seen since the last summer season wrapped up. I am also sad to be leaving my winter leagues and tournaments friends.

I was able to spend some time with other members of the WHPA leadership recently. I am very excited about working closely with these people to promote our sport and hopefully relight the fire under those who have stepped away for one reason or another. What we have together here folks is the best thing I can even imagine. We are a family that we are able to choose ourselves with a shared passion.

On a devastating note, the news that we were losing Jane Smith as long time 1st Vice-President. I cannot describe the loss this is to the WHPA. Jane has been a standout supporter of horseshoe pitching and the horseshoe family for over 30 years. While we all wish Jane and Kirby the very best, we still feel the sting of that news.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the WHPA Spring Meeting on April 14th at the Lake Delton Sportsman’s Club. Much information and camaraderie. What more could one ask for?

Please note that I am available to any and all of you. I can be reached at 608-513-4625, dobiecanhelp@gmail.com or try my Facebook page.



WHPA
Chaplain
Ken Heinritz

By far, the most dangerous horseshoe event of the year is the ‘Bring a Pal’ tournament that takes place at the Beloit horseshoe club. With barrels lined up as shields, the veteran pitchers took cover as the novice pitchers flung their shoes in the direction of the stake. Not knowing which direction the shoe would dart off in; steel-toed boots were in order along with metal shin guards & knee braces. If you are questioning me, just ask Linda Roeber how it felt to take a direct shot in the knee after yet another wild shoe missed its mark. Before the tournament began, Dan Lessman spoke up with keen insight, “This end has more room”, speaking of the side the veteran pitchers should be on, foreseeing the need to move quickly when necessary.

Despite the challenges it was a good day & the new guys had a terrific time. Looking at the picture adjacent to this article, I doubt that anyone would recognize a single soul other than myself. That’s right, 9 pals. Will we see any of them down the road . . . time will tell.

Thank you Beloit on behalf of this motley crew; for running this tournament and for your hospitality & certainly your patience.

The thought of wearing extra equipment reminds me of a much more serious battle that all of us must be aware of . . . only this one is not against flesh and blood.



“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord; draw your strength from Him. Put on God’s whole armor, that you may be able successfully to stand up against the strategies and the deceits of the devil.”

Eph. 6:10-11 AMP

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2018 Schedule

Month/ Date	Tournament Title	Location	entry fee	Sanction Nr	Max.Jr/ Entries/Cad	Deadline	Contact
31 Mar/01 Apr	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	\$20	28-18-007	78n	Mar 21	Earl Paulson
14 Apr	Spring Meeting, Lake Delton Sportsmans Club						
21/22 Apr	April Showers	Chetek	\$10	28-18-008	24n	Apr 14	Les Karpel
05 May	Jim Haupt Memorial	Beloit	\$84	28-18-009		Apr 27	Dave Volz
06 May	Walking Doubles	Beloit	\$40	28-18-010		Apr 27	John Secord
12 May	Beloit Encore	Beloit	\$20	28-18-011	48n	May 01	Earl Paulson
12 May	Eau Claire Earlybird	Eau Claire	\$10	28-18-038	64y	May 05	Dean Chaffee
18-20 May	Team World	Beloit	\$200	28-18-012		May 05	Earl Paulson
19 May	Butternut Open	Butternut	\$15	28-18-013	28y	May 12	Dennis Wegner
26 May	Platteville Spring Singles	Platteville	\$16	28-18-039	48y	May 16	Norm Mauthe
02 Jun	Wolf River Open	New London	\$16	28-18-014	48y	May 19	Ken Jaeger
03 Jun	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	\$20	28-18-040	64y	May 27	Dean Chaffee
09/10 Jun	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	\$18	28-18-015	32y	Jun 02	Cliff Erickson
09/10 Jun	Spring Fling	Beloit	\$20	28-18-016	48n	Jun 01	Earl Paulson
09 Jun	Memorial dbls	Wonewoc	\$20	non sanction		May 30	Dave Volz
16 Jun	Phil Wahl Open	Holman	\$20	28-18-017	24	Jun 14	Wayne Lemar
16 Jun	Muskego Open	Muskego	\$15	28-18-018	48y	Jun 10	Tom Steinke
23/24	Ken Kosky	Mosinee	\$20	28-18-043	40y	Jun 17	Kent Frailing
30 Jun	Riverfront Rendezvous	Stevens Point	\$10	non-sanction	24	Jun 23	Fred Lane
01 Jul	RF Rendezvous Doubles	Stevens Point	\$20	non-sanction	24	Jun 23	Fred Lane
04 Jul	Patriot	Edgerton	\$20	non sanction		Jun 01	Kevin Brekke
07/08 Jul	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	\$20	28-18-020	48n	Jun 27	Earl Paulson
07/08 Jul	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mill	\$20	28-18-048	64n	Jul 01	Russ Brockway
09-21 Jul	World Horseshoe Tournament, Florence South Carolina						
14 Jul	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	\$18	28-18-021	32y	Jul 07	Ray Groskinsky
21/22 Jul	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	\$20	28-18-019	48y	Jun 09	Fred Lane
28 Jul	Pioneer Days	Butternut	\$15	28-18-022	28y	Jul 21	Dennis Wegner
04/05 Aug	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	\$20	28-18-044	40y	Jul 27	Trent Bratland
11 Aug	Loxs Classic	Combined Locks	\$18	28-18-023	48n	Aug 03	Rosemary Kamps
14 Aug	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	\$20	28-18-041	32y	Aug 07	Dean Chaffee
18 Aug	WinnebagoLand Open	Fond du Lac	\$20	28-18-024	40y	Aug 10	John Meyer
18/19 Aug	Warm-up	Beloit	\$20	28-18-025	48n	Aug 08	Earl Paulson
01-03 Sep	State Tournament	Mosinee	\$25	28-18-026		Jul 31	John Secord
	State Championship			28-18-027			
08/09 Sep	Wet N Wild	Balsam Lake	\$15	28-18-028	72y	Sep 01	Jane Smith
15 Sept	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	\$22	28-18-029	16 teams	Sept 08	Duane Henrikson
15 Sept	Don Goldsmith Dbles	Beloit	\$20	non sanction		Sep 05	Earl Paulson
06/07 Oct	Fall Singles	Beloit	\$20	28-18-030	84n	Oct 10	Earl Paulson
20 Oct	State Fall Meeting						
27/28 Oct	Deansville Singles	Deansville	\$20	28-18-031	32n	Oct 20	Rudy Van Fleet
03/04 Nov	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	\$20	28-18-032	84n	Oct 23	Earl Paulson
10/11 Nov	Doubles at the Barrel	Deansville	\$20	28-18-033	32teams	Nov 03	Rudy Van Fleet
01/02 Dec	Deansville Open	Deansville	\$20	28-18-034	32n	Nov 30	Rudy Van Fleet
08/09 Dec	Snowflake	Beloit	\$20	28-18-035	84n	Nov 28	Earl Paulson

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Choose your partner & sign up for the State Doubles tournament & make it a priority to join us for the Sunday morning Chapel Service just before the tournament!!!! Come early,





Player Profile: Dave Volz

Fred Lane

It's been a pleasure getting to know Dave Volz the past few years and to witness his passion for horseshoes is nothing short of amazing. Like many of us, Dave grew up on a farm and became an avid outdoorsman, he especially enjoyed coon hunting with his Dad. They raced dogs on coon-dog field trails all over the state of Wisconsin for many years. At one point, Dave became the president of the organization and wrote an article in their National Newsletter. Dave is married to his wife Sheila, has one son Dan and 2 grandkids Jillian and Christian. At age 17 Dave's son Dan became a class champion in the men's division of the 1996 World Tournament held in Gillette, Wyoming.

Dave got his start in horseshoe pitching about 35 years ago when Gene Rhinehart asked him to be a sub in the local bar league pitching with his Dad, brother Jerry, brother in law Jerry Cone and uncle Denny Capener. Horseshoe pitching has been a big part of Dave's family for years now, with aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins getting involved.

Dave likes pitching horseshoes because of the challenge, there is much more to it than just throwing a U-Shaped hunk of metal at a target. His favorite part of horseshoe pitching is the social aspect, meet-

ing and talking with people from all over that share the same interest.

Dave's brother Jerry Volz was the one that got him into pitching in sanctioned tournaments. When Jerry passed in 2003, the Jerry Volz Memorial tournament was started in his honor and held at the Delton Sportsmen's Club. They pounded in 24 stakes, hauled in some sand and pitched shoes! They later changed the name to the Memorial Tournament to include those who pitched in the tournament that have also passed. In 2014, Dave put 12 horseshoe courts in his backyard and moved the annual Memorial Tournament there and that's where the Summit Ridge Horseshoe Club was born.

Over the years, Dave pitched in a handful of different bar leagues, several non-sanctioned and sanctioned tournaments and has organized a couple co-ed leagues. He has also pitched in an amazing 15 World Tournaments, starting with his first in Spearfish, SD in 1989. Dave is currently the tournament director for the Jim Haupt Memorial Team tournament as well as the webmaster for the WHPA website. Last year, he had the opportunity to be one of the delegates for Wisconsin at the NHPA national convention in St. George Utah.

In 2015, he retired from the UPS after 42 years of service. This gave him more time to make improvements to his pits and move forward with plans to have an indoor pitching facility. Last fall the pole shed went up! It is next to a small barn that he and his wife Sheila are in the process of converting into a clubhouse. When completed, it will have a deck joining the two buildings with an overlook inside the shed above 3 sanctioned clay courts. Dave would like to give a special shout out to the Deansville Horseshoe Club for the clay. There is still a lot of work ahead, but hopefully by this fall it will be ready for use for league nights and tournaments. Dave plans to use it to promote horseshoes in the area and recruit new members to the WHPA/



Beloit—
Deansville
Challenge



Check out our
webpage
whpahorseshoes.com
for World Tournament information:
motels, camping,
registration....

Beloit Valentines Results

Earl Paulson / Jimmy Paulson

Class A

Dennis Reed	4	2	60
Leo Richter	4	2	56.67
Dick Perkins	4	2	49.58

Class B

Tammy Newkirk	5	0	43.5
David Carter	4	1	42.5
Cliff Shave	3	2	35

Class C

Dave Qukslvr	4	1	42.5
Leo Linhart	4	1	38
Rick Nolan	3	2	34.5

Class D

Don Goers	5	0	28.5
Rowen Swick	4	1	36
Joel Ramsdell	3	2	24.5

Class E

Dave Quaid	5	0	39.5
Tom Bird	4	1	33
Linda Hycnar	3	2	30.5

Class F

Allen Johnson	6	0	29.17
Tom Steinke	4	2	27.92
Scott Linhart	2	4	20.42

Class G

Rich Bonner	4	1	38
Dave Volz	3	2	26
Greg Bergles	3	2	21

Class H

Allison Goers	5	1	14.58
Eugene Stevens	4	2	15.42
Eliza Goers	3	3	4.17

Class I

Brian Herbst	5	0	26.5
Rich Conrad	3	2	14
Jim Alf	3	2	11.5

Bring a JR Results

Kevin Brekke / Beloit Home Page

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	4	0	47.5
Nicholas Prasalowicz			10
Tim Fisher	3	1	21.25
Brody Fisher			31.25
James Wicklander	2	2	21.25
Jeddiah Sowatzke			15



Class B

Guy Modde	6	0	37.5
Eliza Goers			4.17
Jim Huckabee	4	2	25
Brady Bretznger			9.17
Brian Herbst	2	4	21.67
Drake Herbst			6.67



9th Annual - "The Patriot Horseshoe Tournament"

July 4th - 2018(Wednesday) - Non-Sanctioned

Place: Race Track Park, IKI Drive and Stoughton Rd., Edgerton, WI

Entry Deadline: Friday, June 1, 2018

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Cash awards (Everyone will win something)!

Format: Singles, Round-Robin, 40 or 50 shoe games depending on class size

Limit: 48 entries Rain Date: None

Starting class times(approx): 9am, 12:30, 4 pm

Send information and entry fee of \$20.00 to:

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Email _____ (optional)

Ringer Percentage _____

22nd Annual Wisconsin State Walking Doubles Championships Sunday, May 6th, 2018

- 1. Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.
2. Entry form and \$40 fee must be received by April 27, 2018 payable to the WHPA, W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Only those having a year-end NATSTAT average, as printed in the February 2018 newsletter may compete. Updated averages on Thursday after the deadline will be used to set all classes.
3. Pitchers combined average may not exceed 120% using year-end average.
4. Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.
5. Cash awards will be 80% of entry fee, with half of each class receiving payback.
6. Any prize money won by a Junior pitcher will be donated to the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund.
7. Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries. The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.
8. Players will keep their own score.
9. Please arrive at 8:30am for a 9am start time. You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. The schedule will be posted online at http://whpahorseshoes.com.

• Competition to be held at Edwards Sport Center, Telfer Park, Cranston Road, Beloit WI — Home of Team World

◆ NHPA-Sanctioned, Sponsored & Run By the WHPA
◆ Set-up & Concessions by the Beloit Horseshoe Club

Please send your entry form and check, payable to:

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High % Pitcher: _____ NHPA # _____ Average _____

Low % Pitcher: _____ NHPA # _____ Average _____

Deansville Memorial

Dobie Gutweiler / Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

G. Bogenschneider	4	1	54
Leo Richter	4	1	56.5
Ken Heinritz	3	2	57

Class B

Al Holloway	6	1	46.79
Cliff Shave	6	1	33.93
James Wicklander	4	3	32.1

Class C

George Dorn	7	0	33.9
Tegwin Case	5	2	30.4
Pat Simmons	4	3	32.1

Class D

Dan Newkirk	6	1	27.5
Lisa White	5	2	28.2
Mitch Uttech	5	2	22.1

Rumble With Rudy

Dobie Gutweiler / Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

John Meyer	5	0	65
Leo Richter	4	1	65.5
G. Bogenschneider	3	2	55.5

Class B

Al Holloway	6	1	39.64
Jarrod Bisch	5	2	42.5
Cliff Shave	5	2	37.86

Class C

George Dorn	5	1	32.08
Bill Dahman	4	2	27.82
James Wicklander	3	3	30.42

Class D

Dan Newkirk	7	0	29.64
Brian Schoonover	5	2	26.07
Mitchell Uttech	5	2	15.36

Klash with Kerry Results

Dobie Gutweiler / Rudy Van Fleet

Class A

Leo Richter	4	1	56.25
Mike Cone	4	1	46.78
Steve Miller	4	1	47.9

Class B

George Dorn	4.5	1.5	44.1
Kerry Morris	4.5	1.5	35.4
Dave Volz	4.5	1.5	30.8

Class C

Gary White	4	0	30.6%
Sandy Anderson	3	1	26.2%
Gene Friede	2	2	22.5%

Class D

Greg Bergles	4	1	21.5%
Rich Conrad	4	1	21.5%
Keith Stocks	3.5	1.5	16.5%

The Klash with Kerry was one of the more exciting tournaments held in Deansville. Starting with Class D when Bergles & Conrad tied for first with the same won-lost record and same ringer %. Bergles won the class with a two down & two back pitch.

In class B, Dorn, Morris & Volz all finished with the same won-lost records. The ringer % decided who came out on top.

Then in Class A, three pitchers came in with the same won-lost record. This involved two play-off games. First of all Cone out lasted Miller with a 19-17 ringer advantage in 40 shoes. Then Richter came out ahead of Cone for the top spot. Cone had 20 ringers and Richter had 19.

A very entertaining day with excellent horse-shoe pitching.

Class A



Class C



Class D

Class B



Deansville Memorial Winners



2018 NHPA / WHPA Membership / Renewal Form

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City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____
 If new member, referred by: _____

Circle your Division:

Men-\$35 Women-\$35 Elder Men-\$35 (70+) Jr. Boys-\$5
 Jr. Girls-\$5 Med/Exempt-\$35 Cadet Boys-\$5 Cadet Girls-\$5

Jrs. & Cadets include Birthdate: _____

If renewal is after June 30th \$2 is added to the dues.

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Judging Clinic Scheduled

Kevin Brekke

Team World at Telfer Park, 2101 Cranston Rd, Beloit, WI 53511 – Judges Clinic – May 18th, 2018, time to be determined.

Rich Altis, who has judged many World Tournaments, and has done many Judges Clinics over the years, has agreed to do a Judges Clinic two hours before the Team World competition begins this year. The time will not be set until the schedule for Team World is set. This is a great opportunity for anyone to come down and get training on being a Judge. The hope is that this knowledge will be brought back to your local clubs. Judges are needed for our State Tournament, and this training would allow you to judge. This training is free, and I would strongly recommend all who can make it to come.

If you email me, or call, this would give me an idea of who is coming. I will then let you know the time when the clinic is scheduled.

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What's New?

Jane Smith

A couple items of interest were shared at our meeting in March. Aleena Lepak is expecting their 2nd child in September. The timing makes interesting speculation for the World and State events.

Russ Burns has a neck injury and is sporting a fancy neck brace. Sending healing prayers and positive vibes to him.

Sonia Cook has the raffle tickets ordered and will have them at the Club Team event in Beloit. Fred Lane and Dave Volz are looking into a "Constant Contact" option for statewide WHPA email communications—to replace the YaHoo group communications.

WHPA**April 14th Meetings****Lake Delton, WI**

10:00 WHNL Exit 89

McDonalds

11:00 WHPA Exec. Bd

Sportsman's Club

12:00 WHPA Hall of Fame

Sportsman's Club

1:00 WHPA

Spring Meeting

Sportsman's Club

Lake Delton Sportsman's Club

E 9602 Berry Rd

WI Dells, 53965

POY Update

Jane Smith

With nearly half of the WHPA events recorded for the POY Awards, the Divisions are very close. Soon the snow will be gone and the courts ready for ringers. Each month offers a nice variety of tournament opportunities. The leaders in each division are listed in alphabetical order. Division A: Glenn Bogenschneider, Bun Carley, John Meyer, Leo Richter, Penny Steinke. Division B: George Dorn, Tammy Newkirk, Kerry Morris, Tony Scrima, Cliff Shave, Rowen Swick. Division C: Sandy Anderson, Greg Bergles, Fred Lane, Dan Newkirk, Tom Steinke, Mary Thompson.

Friends Missed

Jane Smith

Don Hostrup passed away Feb 24 in Texas. Don was an avid horseshoe pitcher and member of the Close Doesn't Count League. He played in 17 World Horseshoe tournaments, numerous State and WHPA tournaments and pitched in several leagues. He and his wife, Ida, designed and made the trophies for the State tournament held in Eau Claire in 1996. The Hostrups moved to Texas in 2011 where they enjoyed the warm sunny days. He will now be pitching ringers with many of our WHPA pitchers in the heavens above. Ida will be returning to WI in April. Cards can be sent to 849 Yucatan, St, Weslaco, TX, 78596-8058.

Our sympathy to Ida and her family.