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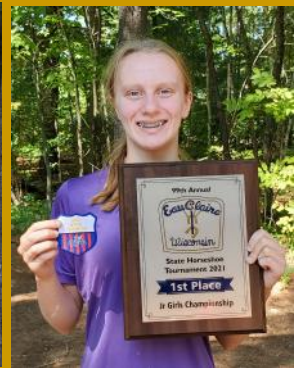
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#1 Conner Kildahl
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Oct 2	Junction City Singles	Junction City	24	\$20	Yes	Sept 25	James Wicklander
Oct 2-3	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Sept 22	Dan Newkirk
Oct 9-10	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	30	\$11	No	Oct 2	Dave Volz
Oct 16	WHPA Fall Meeting	Delton Sportsman's Club					
Oct 23-24	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Oct 16	Gary Volz
Nov 6-7	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	32			Oct 30	Gary Volz
Nov 13-14	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Nov 3	Dan Newkirk
Dec 4-5	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Nov 27	Gary Volz
Dec 11-12	Snowflake	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Dec 1	Dan Newkirk

Jr Class Yes or No (Yes = They will have their own class if enough entries. No = They will be in mixed classes)



**Behind the Mask . . .
With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz**

The State and World Tournament's take on a different perspective when viewed from afar. Sitting back and watching my friends go at it, just doesn't cut it. It's not the same. I should be there. Why am I at home? There is a battle going on within. I'm not getting any younger. My best pitching days may be coming to an end. But yet with all those voices running wild, I hear the still small voice of My Lord saying "You are doing the right thing, your wife needs you right now." And that's that. Peace again rules in my heart. But voices still are still lurking with re-

gret.

Have you ever wondered if you are doing the right thing? Try holding that decision up in the light of eternity. What really matters? Who MUST I give an account of my life to? Yes I am getting older. My time when I leave this old earth is getting closer. And one day the last chapter will be written and the book will close. I want (more than anything) to hear those words from my Savior "Well done, thou good & faithful servant!" Wouldn't you? What are you living for? Who are you living for? Will you hear....

"Well done, good and faithful servant. ... Enter into the joy of your master." Matt. 25



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As I start this article, I am still riding a pretty big high from our State Tournament in Eau Claire. What a great weekend we had!!! How did I pitch? Don't ask, I nailed last place, but did I have fun?? YOU BET I DID!!

First, a huge shout out to all who made this tournament as great as it was. Paul Weise, Sarah Chafee (seen doing homework while helping, talk about dedication), Dean Chafee, Korinne Weise and the youth group from Augusta. Dan Newkirk, Dave Volz, Gena Quaid, Lonny Transrud and of course, all of our scorekeepers. You are all amazing and you made the weekend AWESOME!!!! What really made the weekend outstanding was all of you who travelled to Eau Claire to pitch, or cheer, or watch, or eat, or for whatever reason you came, THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So, because I panic at public speaking, I never quite get out all of the words written on any speech I prepare. I want to take a moment here to explain two different awards, once again, and why I believe they were perfect (except of course for my failure to speak eloquently).

President's Award winner Aleena Lepak...there are few words that really accurately describe this walking little dynamo. Her history as a Cadet, Junior and Women's pitcher in Wisconsin is incredible. Her work for our Juniors in Wisconsin, and at a National level, goes above anything and everything anyone could ask for from anyone and despite having three future pitchers to raise (HI to Logan, Oliver and Abigail), she continues to pitch, to travel to tournaments, including the World Tournament each year (with those 3 kids). Her love for all things horseshoes is infectious isn't it? What would the Junior program be like if we had a state full of Aleena's running around to keep them going? I can only imagine. I am proud of her dedication, of her performance at World this year and at her love for shoes and all things it represents. I hope she enjoyed receiving the award as much as I enjoyed giving it to her.

Hall of Fame member John Meyer. Here is another one. I gave the speech that introduced John on Sunday because I was the one who nominated him for our Hall of Fame. It was an easy nomination, but not my easiest speech. John is an enigma isn't he? So tough, so hardnosed at times and so negative at times (only about himself), but let me tell you about the John I have gotten to know over the past few years. He is 100% supportive of me as a partner (even when I pitch like I did at State), he is protective of his friends and family and he is so supportive of his teammates and fellow club members. He is the first one to try to help anyone to improve their game, and the last one to criticize anyone but himself. As for stats, his work as Regional Director for Wisconsin for years, his award as Regional Director of the Year and his continual pitching in the top classes in tournaments made this an easy nomination and win for him. One thing I never got to say in my speech? I love ya Captain Happy!!!

On a personal note, to everyone who helped me to pull off, and attended the surprise birthday party for Sandy Anderson Friday night at Eau Claire, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Could not have happened without Tammy Newkirk, Rayna Bauer, and Gena Quaid. I love you ladies!!

Biggest excitement, the news that Sarah Chafee has decided to move up to the open women's class. Look out horseshoe world, this one is going to change the way we see shoes (after her homework of course).

Lastly, the State Meeting is Saturday October 16th at 1:00pm at the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club. This is good for points toward Pitcher of the Year awards and for spending time with your family. We have Officer Elections this time around, and it's a good place to meet up with John Secord and get sanctioned. I hope to see you all there.

See you in the pits!

Notice – 2023 State Tournament bid at the Fall Meeting

Kevin Brekke

This is to let all clubs know that we will be taking bids for the 2023 Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament at the Fall meeting on October 16. Please be talking with your clubs and let me know of your intentions before the meeting.

WHPA Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 16

1:00

Delton Sportsman's Club

E 9602 Berry Rd,

WI Dells, WI 53965

99th Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament Recap

By Kevin Brekke

Before the tournament even started on Friday, there was a surprise birthday party for one of our pitchers, and one of my scorekeepers, Sandy Anderson. Her friend, and our state President, Dobie Gutweiler and maybe others were behind this. There was food, presents (lots of them), and fun.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who came to the State Tournament in Eau Claire Labor Day weekend. We had 12 new pitchers come to the tournament for the first time and signed the banner. They are Josie Boehm, Josh Cone, Jason Hatlan, Dave Leckwee, Rich Lodor, Dennis Marquardt, Lambert Narlock, Scott Peckham, Brenda Price, Kalena Quaid, Jim Schraufnagel, Justin Schultz. Apologies to anyone I might have missed. There were 110 contestants over a two-day period.

Special thanks to Sonia and Mel Cook for running the raffle to fund the Junior Scholarship fund for our state. I do not know how many years they have been doing it, but it has been a lot. Thank you.

Being charge of the scorekeepers again this year I am thankful for all that kept score. Having scorekeepers on the side ready to fill in really helps when things come up. The seventeen scorekeepers this year were: Jill Peterson, Kebin Brekke, Cailyn Trangsrud, Gavin Weise, John Meyer, Randy Mithcell, Nancy Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell, Angel Mitchell, Sandy Anderson, Dave Quaid, Gena Quaid, Kalena Quaid, Dan Newkirk, Jane Smith, Sarah Chaffee, and Morgan Chaffee. As you can see, we had two families that helped in a big way – Mitchells and Quaid. Thank you.

This tournament was special to me, as I started pitching in state here in Eau Claire back in 1983. Was great to see again Curt and Beatty Bestul who ran the club for many years with their daughter Debbie. Steve

Stevens, with his Aunt, Rick Poppe’s Mom, came down from Marengo, and Roger Poutanen and his wife, Ruth, came for both days to catch up with everyone. Also, there was Elly McCarn, who was a fellow Scorekeeper of the Year when the award was given, and in charge of getting scorekeepers for the club among many other tasks. So good to see you again, Elly.

Saturday morning was a challenge, as the mist and drizzle was just ending from the day before. Paul Wiese and family did a great job getting everything out and the courts uncovered. Dan Newkirk did his usual fantastic job getting all the computers set for scorekeeping. It was such a blessing to have the new computers working, and I did not hear of problems with them. I also want to thank all the pitchers who came out early to dry off the courts, so they were ready for the first session. Tammy Newkirk stayed busy with getting set everything else including the first time in state banner and the design cover contest. I hope everyone got to see them.

Hall of Fame Inductee John Meyer had numerous family members in attendance and there were thirteen past HOF members in attendance as well. He was presented by Dobie Gutweiler, his horseshoe partner who learned so much from John, and appreciates him so much. John is the third member of the Fond du Lac club to receive this award and has worked tirelessly to promote horseshoes and be a mentor to those that want to learn this great game. And this year received the player of the year award for Division A and was one of my scorekeepers this year. Congratulations and thank you John!

Other awards given were:

Player of the Year(POY) to John Meyer, Jill Peterson and Tom Steinke, Kevin Brekke. Most Improved Adult was Kalena Quaid, Junior was Conner Kildahl.

I hope everyone gets out and promotes our 100th State Tournament for next year in Beloit. It will be a special one and hope every sanctioned pitcher eligible will be able to attend. Ringers to all.

2021 State Tourney results continued from page 9

Mens G

Mike Sheehan	5	0	12.4
Sam Woolsey	3	2	11.6
Mike Berdan	3	2	10
Jeremy Studinski	3	2	9.6
Josh Cone	1	4	8.4



Elders Championship

Jim Bilderback	7	1	69.8
Larry Grabowski	6	2	65.89
Cliff Erickson	5	2	61.02
John Meyer	4	3	55.81
Eugene Pribnow	4	3	54.79
Bun Carley	2	5	48.48
Kerry Morris	1	6	42.09
Ray Groskinsky	0	7	35.55



Jr Boys Championship

Bradley Benzing	9	1	34.01
Blake Benzing	9	2	31.79
Zarek Nawrot	8	2	29.43
Brandon Benzing	6	3	18.7
Zach Secord	5	4	22.4
Gavin Wiese	4	5	10.33



Jr Girls Championship

Sarah Chaffee	9	0	84.42
Lillyan Kildahl	8	1	22.44
Felicity Wiese	7	2	6.67



Mens Championship

John Nawrot	7	0	55.19
Dean Chaffee	6	1	49.71
Lonny Trangrud	4	3	53.13
Rich Peterson	4	3	48.55
Jeff Gustafson	3	4	43.02
Zak Schwartz	2	5	49.45
Jim Larson	1	6	50.27
Josh Smith	1	6	43.5



Womens Championship

Tammy Newkirk	5	0	65.73
Aleena Lepak	4	1	72.73
Penny Steinke	3	2	61.36
Veronica Groshek	2	3	53.75
Mona Lane	1	4	41.75



Cadet Boys

Conner Kildahl	0	2	4.7
Aiden Weller	4	2	6.67

Cadet Girls

Josie Boehm	6	0	2.78
Sequoia Wiese	4	2	4.22



Womens A

Mona Lane	5	0	51.2
Glenda Lawver	4	1	48.4
Jill Peterson	3	2	48
Jane Smith	1	4	32
Dobie Dutweiler	0	5	29.6



Womens B

Rayna Bauer	7	0	31.07
Rondi Mengelt	6	1	31.43
Brenda Price	4	3	28.21
Kalena Quaid	4	3	27.14
Sandy Anderson	3	4	28.21
Tonya Kaulum	2	5	23.21
Tava Cook	2	5	20.07
Barb Ramquist	0	7	4.93



Elders A

Kerry Morris	6	1	46.43
Ray Groskinsky	5	2	47.18
Dennis Wegner	5	2	46.43
Jim Tollefson	3	4	40.49
Bob Klingaman	3	4	36.43
Ken Jaeger Jr	1	6	35



Elders B

Dave Leckwee	5	1	40.83
Jerry Niemuth	3	3	32.92
Al Holloway	3	3	29.58
George Dorn	1	5	27.92



Elders C

Jerry Schroeder Sr	5	0	32.4
Joel Ramsdell	4	1	29.6
Josh Gibson	3	2	33.2
Kevin Brekke	2	3	31.6
Jim Menzel	1	4	22
Tom Steinke	0	5	22.4



Elders D

John Secord	5	0	27.3
Stan Fredrickson	3	2	21.2
Richard Conrad	3	2	17.2
Reese Geier	2	3	15.2
Robert Lawrence	2	3	14
Jim Berdan	0	5	5.6



Mens A

Jeff Gustafson	6	1	45.36
Josh Smith	5	2	39.64
Jerry Okeskow	5	2	34.29
Dennis Bach	4	3	38.03
Dean Groschek	3	4	39.44
Rick Weller	3	4	32.86
Dusty Duerr	2	5	28.93
Dave Quaid	0	7	15.36



Mens B

Les Karpel	6	1	31.08
Michael Benzing Jr	5	2	35.36
Justin Schultz	5	2	33.45
Rich Loder	4	3	29.11
Dave Volz	3	4	24.65
Ray Cayer	2	5	23.93
Rich Brockway	2	5	22.5
Jeremy Wegner	1	6	18.93



Mens C

Scott Peckham	6	1	23.57
Dan Newkirk	5	2	26.79
Ralph Marthaler	5	2	18.31
Paul Wiese	4	3	18.21
Kevin Hellenbrand	3	4	20.07
Randy Mitchell	3	4	19.79
Jason Hatlan	2	5	13.93



Mens D

Marv Mengel	6	2	27.81
Patrick LaBarge	5	3	25
Tim Sheehan	4	3	22.86
Lambert Narlock II	4	3	22.14
Mark Rice	4	3	20.71
Mike Ezell	3	4	23.57
Gerald Harris	3	4	20.71



Mens E

Fred Lane	5	0	24.02
Jim Schraufnagel	3	2	22
BJ Marty	3	2	19.2
Russ Brockway	2	3	23.2
Dan Sheehan	2	3	22.8
Zak Rodriquez	0	5	16.93



Mens F

Dave Palmersheim	5	0	25.6
Craig Hans	3	2	13.6
Ivan Mitchell	2	3	12
Richard Brown	2	3	11.6
Greg Bergles	2	3	10
Ron Studinski	1	4	6.8



Mens G on page 6

Wet N Wild
Toni Sloper

<u>Class A</u>			
Sarah Chaffee	7	0	80
John Meyer	6	1	61.43
Larry Grabowski	5	2	65.36
<u>Class B</u>			
Dean Chaffee	5	0	55.6
Jeff Washburn	3.5	1.5	46
Brad Heth	3	2	53.6
<u>Class C</u>			
Todd Sheehan	4	1	48
Donald Lammers	4	1	46.5
Jane Smith	4	1	38.5
<u>Class D</u>			
Tim Sheehan	5	2	28.57
Bob Kallstrom	5	2	21.07
Paul Wiese	5	2	20
<u>Class E</u>			
Zak Rodriguez	4	1	25.6
John Hustings	4	1	28.8
Ed Leverty	3	2	31.6
<u>Class F</u>			
Dave Anderson	5	0	19.5
Stan Fredrickson	4	1	20
Henry Brown	2	3	16



Class A: Larry, Sarah, John, Bun, Lonny



Class B: Jeff, Dean, Brad, Glenn

Class C: Donald, Todd, Jane, Jerry



Class D: Paul, Tim, Bob, Lambert, Dan

Class F: Stan, Dave, Henry



Class E: John, Zak, Ed, Art

What's New?

Jane Smith

A major change from the last two years are the number of tournaments that have been played. It is always fun to get together to see and visit with our horseshoe family members. Congratulations to everyone who pitched in the State Tournament in Eau Claire. Generally there is one happy person in a class and we think of that person a winner. The truth is anyone who participates is a winner!!

We still have many horseshoe family members who are challenged with health mental, social and financial concerns. Our family is caring, loving and supportive. It may be difficult to reach out and ask for help. We need one another in spirit and can send positive vibes.

I really missed Ken Heinritz and his family attending the State tourney. It helped fill the void when past pitchers stopped at the courts to say hello and visit.

Please continue to send healing prayers and positive vibes



2021 World Tournament Recap

Kevin Brekke

The last world tournament I was involved with was in Topeka Kansas in 2015. John Resch mentioned to me that he would like to go to one World Tournament in his lifetime, as since was not working at the time, I said let's go. During the tournament someone was watching intently via the camera that were set up. After the tournament I was contacted by this person about everything horseshoes and wanted to know how to start a club in Central Wisconsin. That person's name is Fred Lane.

This year Fred was going to World and in charge of all the computers and cameras. He had an extra bed and was looking for someone to go with him. He asked me, and I cordially accepted.

We flew into Reno, then a two hour drive to Winnemucca and our hotel for the two weeks. The rent a car was to be shared by us and the NHPA officers, which worked out well. We helped with setup, which meant laying of the mats and a lot of taping down and foul lines. I learned from Topeka that knee pads are a must. We made two forever friend during setup, Clarence Lassiter and Pep Plumer. They are on the NHPA setup crew and full-time judges when not pitching. We would have breakfast with them almost every morning and helped each other during the two weeks we were there. Once the courts were set, including the practice courts, it was many hours of practice before the Monday morning start. I kept score as much as I could when not pitching, and the highlight was keeping score for the championship Cadet class.

As far as pitching goes, practice was great, and had back to back fifty percent games once, which I never did before. Of course, when the games started, I did not show up the first day, and was down 1 win, 4 losses, 24.5 percent. The next day I rebounded, and went 4 wins, 1 loss, 37.5 percent my highest ever. What a difference a day makes. The third day, game one, had to pitch my friend

Tom Steinke. I pitched my first ever 50 percent game at a World tournament and won. But there is always another game, and only had 22.5 percent the next game and lost by 4 points. Such is the life of a horseshoe player. That game put me from 5th place to 9th, even though I had the 5th highest average in my class, 31.6 percent.

The biggest part of any horseshoe tournament for me is the people you meet, pitchers and their families. In tournaments, I do not get to meet the wife's of the pitchers, but at world they are usually there. It is also time to get to talk with pitchers from other states, like Roger Vogel, who helps with setup, and is a wealth of knowledge to draw from.

Another highlight for me is the Sunday when the delegates meet, the chapel service, and the Hall of Fame Banquet. I sat in the delegate meeting for the first time as an alternate. There were slide shows of the next world in

Monroe Louisiana for 2022, and Lansing Michigan for 2023. Since there were no bylaw changes, questions were taken how to make things better and grow. Ideas from getting sponsors to doing more media-wise was suggested. Since Ken Heinritz could not lead the chapel service this year because of his wife Kelly's fight with cancer, Russ Phillips led. I did some singing and Amy Francis sang a song. It was very nice. The highlight of the banquet was seeing Fred Lane get the National Director of the year award for 2020. Also, Penny Steinke received a patch for her 90% game: Aleena Lepak received a national award and mentioned that horseshoes are in her blood because of her parents, and two special angels. I want to thank Fred Lane for all his hard work in promoting horseshoes and representing Wisconsin in a big way on the national scene. I heard more that once that every state needs a Fred Lane, and I agree. I am glad he lives in Wisconsin and we see the benefits in new members and the excitement he brings to every tournament. Thank you, Fred for the friendship and memories.



Wisconsin World Tournament Winners! 2021 Winnemucca, Nevada

Thank You—Fred Lane, Dave Volz, Kevin Brekke, Penny Steinke for the photos. WHPA pitchers brought back quite a bit of hardware and cash. Congrats to all.

WT Junior Girls
Championship



WI Junior / Cadet Pitchers



Pictured below are a few of the WHPA movers and Shakers—several of them World and State Junior pitchers. Tava Cook, Aleena Lepak, Sarah Chaffee and Penny Steinke.



Sarah Chaffee

World Champions



Connor Kildahl



WHPA WT Winners

Lower left: Tom Steinke
Lower center: Bob Klingamann
Lower right: Cindy Castellano
Immediate right; Gerald Harris



Pioneer Days
Jer Wegner

<u>Class A</u>			
Larry Grabowski	5	0	68.4
Jim Bilderback	4	1	57.48
Eugen Pribnow	3	2	50.8
<u>Class B</u>			
John Nawrot	4	1	48.4
Ken Jaeger Jr	4	1	48
Glenda Lawver	4	1	47.3
<u>Class C</u>			
Dean Groshek	5	0	51.6
Dennis Wegner	3	2	41.2
Jerry Niemuth	3	2	39.2
<u>Class D</u>			
Gary Wegner	4	1	40.4
Rich Loder	4	1	36.8
Greg Hehling	4	1	36.8
<u>Class E</u>			
Dee Esberner	4	0	29.5
Theresa Vlach	3	1	30
Robert Lawrence	1	3	23.5

Pioneer Days Pics

Class A: Eugene, Larry, Jim
Class C: Dennis, Dean

Class B: Glenda, John, Ken
Class E: Theresa, Robert, Dee



Kickapoo Valley Pics

Kickapoo Valley Open
Russ Brockway

<u>Class A</u>			
Bun Carley	5	0	65
Ray Groskinsky	4	1	55
John Nawrot	3	2	63.5
<u>Class B</u>			
Jill Peterson	5	0	51
Jeff Gustafson	3	2	39
Greg Smith	2	3	43
<u>Class C</u>			
Jerry Schroeder Sr	5	0	31.5
Kevin Brekke	3	2	36.6
Rich Brockway	3	2	28.5
<u>Class D</u>			
Zarek Nawrot	5	0	40
Rayna Bauer	3	2	34
Kari David	3	2	33
<u>Class E</u>			
Glenn Hanson	4	1	32
Joel Ramsdell	4	1	29
Lambert Narlock II	3	2	30
<u>Class F</u>			
Kalena Quaid	5	0	30
Russ Brockway	4	1	21
Craig David	3	2	20

Class A: John, Bun, Ray

Class B: Greg, Jill, Randy

Class C: Rich, Jerry, Kevin

Class D: Rayna, Zarek, Kari

Class E: Lambert, Glenn, Joel

Class E: Russ, Kalena, Craig



Jerry Kamps Memorial

Fred Lane

Class A

John Meyer	6	1	60.71
Bun Carley	5	2	51.43
Martin Papesh	4	3	52.14

Class B

Jerry Niemuth	6	1	31.43
Michael Benzing Jr	5	2	24.64
Greg Smith	4	3	40.36

Class C

Bradley Benzing	7	0	37.86
Gerald Harris	5	2	22.5
Tonya Kalum	4	3	29.64

Class D

Lambert Narlock II	5	2	23.21
Fred Lane	5	2	17.14
Robert Reinhart	4	3	23.21

Class E

Dominic Saxby	7	0	23.21
Ron Studinski	6	1	23.57
Evan Schoohs	5	2	12.86

Carson Park Classic

Paul Wiese

Class A

Sarah Chaffee	5	0	89
Dean Chaffee	3	2	50.50
Jim Bilderback	3	2	64

Class B

Donald Lammers	5	0	39.38
Les Karpel	4	1	26.25
Marvin Mengel	3	2	21.88

Class C

Dennis Marquardt	4	1	16.5
Mike Sheehan	4	1	15
Dean Kallenbach	2	3	14

Class D

Luke Lundquist	3	0	7.33
Felicity Wiese	2	1	4
Erik Anderson	1	2	.67

2021 WHPA Award Winners

Dave Volz

The five pictures below feature the 2021 WHPA Award winners. The Pitcher of the Year Awards went to John Meyer, Division A—225 points; Jill Peterson and Tom Steinke. Division B tie—160npoints; and Kevin Brekke, Division C—120 points. Most improved went to Adult pitcher Kalena Quaid—19.68 points and Conner Kildahl—17.82 points.



Carson Park Classic

Class A:
Dean, Sarah, Jim



Class B:
Les, Don, Marv



Class C:
Mike, Dennis, Dean



Class D:
Felicity, Luke



Fond du Lac Open

John Meyer

Class A

John Nawrot	4.5	1.5	46.25
Bob Klingaman	3.5	2.5	45.83
G Bogenschneider	3	2	48

Class B

Mona Lane	5	0	44.5
Greg Smith	4	1	34
Rick Weller	3	2	27.5

Class C

Zarek Nawrot	4	1	25.5
John Secord	3	2	27.5
Jim Menzel	3	2	26

Class D

Fred Lane	5	0	18.5
Mike Ezell	3	2	31.5
Mark Rice	2	3	22

Class E

Hal Morgan	5	1	25
Russ Brockway	4	2	25
Zach Secord	4	2	21.67

Fond Du Lac Team

Jeff Secord

Three Amigos: 13.5 Wins

Russ Brockway, Kerry Morris, Ray Groskinsky

Summit Ridge: 11.5 Wins

Carley, Dave Volz, Rick Weller

Beloit Ringers: 10 Wins

Kevin Brekke, Tammy Newkirk, Jim Huckabee



Fond du Lac Winners (above)

Class A: Bob, John, Glenn

Class B: Greg, Mona, Rick

Class C: Jim, Zarek, John

Class D: Mark, Fred, Mike

Class E: Hal, Russ, Zach,

Congratulations to John Meyer and Aleena Lepak!

John was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame. Many of his family was present for his induction.

Aleena Lepak received the Presidents award for her many years of service to both the NHPA and WHPA for her work with the Jr Scholarship program. She is also recognized for her excellent pitching record as both a Jr and Womens Champion



Mosinee Open Pics

Kent Frailing

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	6	1	52.86
Jim Bilderback	5	2	67.14
John Meyer	5	2	53.93

Class B

Jerry Niemuth	6	1	45.71
Dean Groshek	6	1	44.37
Mona Lane	5	2	47.5

Class C

Josh Gibson	7	0	36.7
Larry Danielson	6	1	25.3
Wally Schmitz	5	2	25.4

Class D

Kelly Thayer	6	1	32.14
Kari David	6	1	28.57
Lambert Narlock II	5	2	28.57

Class E

Craig David	7	0	29.29
Ken Davison	5	2	25.36
James Duerr	4	3	40

Mosinee Pics

Class A

John, Jim
Ray, John

Class B

Greg, Mona
Jerry, Dean

Class C

Josh, Larry
Wally, Melanie

Class D

Kelly, Lambert
Kari, Randy

Class E

Fred, Jim
Craig, Ken



Warm Up Pics

Class A

Kerry,
Tammy
Rowen

Class B

Dave
Jim
Gary

Warm Up

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Tammy Newkirk	5	1	57.08
Rowen Swick	4	2	53.33
Kerry Morris	2	3	48.5

Class B

Jim Huckabee	4	1	37
Gary Volz	3	2	32
Dave Quaid	3	2	27

Class C

Dan Newkirk	5	1	33.33
Kalena Quaid	4	2	31.25
Rayna Bauer	4	2	23.75

Class D

Dave Palmersheim	4	1	22
Gary Glover	4	1	21
Rich Conrad	4	1	19.5



World Tournament Fun

Tom Steinke / Penny Steinke



The World Tournament was held in Winnemucca, Nevada this summer. Even though the air quality was questionable, we had a good time. (One morning we had soot on our car from the wildfires.) The main event of course was at the Win-

Winnemucca Event Center. There were lots of ringers thrown, but I think I can speak for everyone when I say we all wanted to throw more ringers!

Winnemucca has 2 mountains that many checked out. One had giant Mormon Crickets that were the size of your thumb! There was a Wildlife Sanctuary in a town nearby that housed many big cats and other animals. The town also put together some nice perks for the visitors.

Winners Inn & Casino had a "Pitchers Only" Slot Tournament each weekday. Horseshoe players could come in between 3 pm and 5 pm to play the slot game. Basically, you just had to keep tapping the button for 2 minutes. Whoever had the top 10 scores won. There were 10 prizes each day ranging from \$50 cash for 1st



down to \$10 free slot play for 10th place. We won several times! They also had Bingo several nights a week where we won a time or two also.

The Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce put together a special "Lucky Horseshoe Wine Walk". For \$20, you get a wine glass and a map of all the different businesses and shops participating. Locals along with some horseshoe pitchers walked around downtown and stopped in the different locations. Each stop had a different wine or drink for us to sample. It was fun to see all the unique shops around the area. Our favorite stop was Butch Cassidy's Hole In the Wall which had a pina colada drink. The Chamber of Commerce also put together a "Charm Trail". This



was their 4th year doing it. First, you picked up a charm bracelet which also had one charm on it to get you started. Then you could visit over 40 shops, restaurants, casinos, hotels, the library and even the cannabis store. At each stop, you would buy a charm for \$2 and add it to your bracelet. It was really a one-of-a kind souvenir and a great way to see all of Winnemucca. It was a



"charming" time



It was a FUN experience doing our first escape room. Fred was the only one in our group who had experience with them. We were certainly glad he joined us and helped lead the way! We were trying to solve the murder at the MUCC U. We had to solve a series of clues and unlock lots of different kinds of locks to solve this crime. Not only did we escape, but we had a record-breaking score! The

"5 Ringers" got out of the room in 34 minutes and 1 second. The first escape room was so fun that we decided to try their second room. (After Fred bargained with them and got the price down by \$5!) We thought since we were record breakers, that we were really going to ace this room! Come to find out, it was MUCH harder than the first one. This one, "Dragon's Dungeon", was dark and complicated. We had to ask for help and clues several times. BUT we did it! We escaped in 58 minutes and 56 seconds.

Each pitcher was also given a coupon for a free game of bowling at "Spare Time Bowling Center". Our very own Toni Sloper won the high game for the Women with a score of 183! Her prize was a silver souvenir coin. Congrats Toni!

While Winnemucca didn't have a lot to do, they tried to make some fun experiences for the horseshoe pitchers. We definitely made some fun memories together this summer.



“The Cruel Shoes”

by Justin Kern

“Forget, Let Go, Return, Repeat”

So, faithful reader(s), the last time I left you I was caught up with a case of The Yips. It made horseshoes – my summer game and meditation of choice – a frustrating and deflating affair. A strategy of fighting through it seemed to only add spins and misfires to my

pitches. Adding more cans of Modelo to my game took away some of the sting but hardly replaced it with anything resembling athleticism.

I walked away. Five weeks, no horseshoes. This wasn't a death sentence, of course. Certainly an aberration. Like many of you, I've got other hobbies and activities that can fill that glorious thing called free time. (Side note: why are we always trying to do things to time? Free it, kill it, set it aside as a spare, as if it's not always going to be there.

Summer wasn't the same, though. On Labor Day weekend, it was back to Humboldt Park to see if time would heal my ailing game – a mighty nice gesture on behalf of time, after all the killing of time over the years. Turned out, this wouldn't be my typical solitary game. A family of good friends arrived at our Milwaukee neighborhood park at that same time. Nic, the patriarch of the bunch, is a union organizer, so I first thanked him for the holiday and for weekends in general. In that gratitude, he took to tossing a few shoes with me. And here's how I made my return to the pits – laughing, with a friend and a drink in hand, and little serious care on velocity and openness of my shoe to the post. (Not to say I forgot to keep score. I didn't turn into a barbarian. I won 21-9 and 21-14.)

The real return, I'd say was the next weekend.

Driving through St. Francis during my time off, I realized a bar not too far from my house named Kingpins had horseshoe pits tucked off to the side. What luck! They looked, at first glance, like they could use some TLC, so I showed

up to the bar with my shoes and a bag of play sand. Not many regular players among the regulars, making for a queer first impression. And, it turned out, I wouldn't need any sand for the best lane at their outdoor mini-horseshoe park. Kingpins is, best I can tell, a locals and



biker joint. Fine by me. Reminded me of places back where I grew up in western New York.

Minutes after setting up and settling in with a High Life and a water – this is a sport, after all – one of those locals struck up a conversation. Name is Bill and he was quick to tell me he had been in a serious motorcycle accident in the '90s. Said he hadn't pitched a horseshoe since that motorcycle accident, as much as he recalled. You see, Bill had a brain procedure after that bike crash, which put him in a coma for a year and erased much of his short-term memory. Bill put it this way: “I'll tell you something that happened when I was a stupid kid teenager in full detail but I won't remember this conversation in 10 minutes.”

I said, alright, then let's pitch while I've got you for the remaining six minutes. He was rusty at first. Hell, I was rusty, too. He threw three innings with me. No ringers, that's Disney magic. But he landed a few that would've counted for points and so did I. Bill thanked me and then went off for a smoke and a drink.

I kept throwing and let me tell you it came back. That smoothness of one spin of the shoe, open into the post, every fourth or fifth toss. The blankness of familiarity, of the privilege to stand here and do this when so much is broken in the world for so many. My game.

Bill came back over and introduced himself to me again. I probably had a look of disbelief on my face but I tried to be polite. I had wrapped up my first game so I did not stop him as he launched into a 10-minute story on the time his father haggled a farmer over an Imperial in the '70s that was once owned by singer Wayne Newton. It was damned funny. Then, I tried to verbalize my marvel at this condition, that he could not recall moments ago, together, though he could express an illustrated vision of the purchasing of a vehicle owned by the singer of “Danke Schoen”. He just kind of shrugged. Soon, it was back to the bar for Bill and I was out pitching shoes until the sun passed the tree line. Best I had thrown in nearly a year, as if minutes and hours and days on the calendar mattered that much in the first place.

With friends at my familiar park, I remembered to let go of things as I let go of the horseshoe. With strangers and then on my own at a new spot, I was reminded of the power of forgetting, and how it makes the things we have and hold in our memory that much more valuable.

