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State Meeting April 9th

—Jimmy Paulson

Its hard to believe that spring is upon us. Time to get outdoors and throw some shoes. To kick off the spring/summer 2011 horseshoe season, the Lake Delton Sportsman club will be hosting the annual WHPA spring meeting. This meeting is a chance for all horseshoe pitchers from around the state to gather and meet with old friends.

This meeting is one of the most important events of the year, as it sets the tone for the entire season. The Hall of Fame inductee for 2011 will be announced at this meeting. Reports will be given from

each of the state officers as well as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen.

Points are also awarded for those wishing to become Pitcher of the Year. Updates will be given from the 2011 state tournament host, Mosinee, and the 2012 state tournament host, Eau Claire. News from around the state will be given, and new issues will be discussed.

Most importantly the tabled WHPA 2020 initiative will be revisited. This will help head the discussion in the direction of how we can promote our sport. Samples of new promotional items will also be debuted at this meeting. State Brochures will also be distributed. Don't miss out on this important event at 1pm.

Charles Casey Jones

—Jim Haupt

Recently published in Newsline, Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian, says, "Some may say Casey Jones was the best horseshoe pitcher to never win a World title." Just how good was this Casey Jones?

Casey started pitching ringers at the age of 11, living next door to the courts located in a Waukesha park. He entered and placed third in his first tournament at age 12. The following year he won his first of three Wisconsin State Junior titles. Rules were changed in 1934 to admit his entry to the Open Men at age 16. The boy won! It was his first of ten consecutive State titles. He earned the name, "Casey," from a fan early on, hollering, "Way to go Casey." It stuck. At the 1945 State Tournament Casey pitched a Wisconsin record 85.2%.

The 1948 World Tournament was at

State Fair Park in West Allis where Casey added to his redundant career of finishing second. He had been 2nd in both the '46 and '47 World events. This time 2nd to Fernando Isasis, in Casey's own words, "The toughest pitcher I ever faced." Although, once again not a winner, he did establish a World Tournament record in Milwaukee in 1948 that would last for 20 years, pitching 87.5 %.

Casey went on to finish second a total of four times of the eleven years he competed in the World event. For unknown reasons he dropped out of sight, off the horseshoe tour as the youngest of the big four of the day, Jones, Isais, Allen, and Zimmerman. His last World Tournament was in 1954. His career spanned a little more than just twenty years.

Speculating, others believe he may have quit for a variety of reasons. First, he lost a young son in an automobile accident;

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From the President

We are still waiting for names and addresses for non-sanctioned leagues in your area. We would like to send information about the WHPA and invite them to join and play in our many tournaments throughout the year. There are a lot of pitchers out there who know nothing about organized horseshoes. I am sure that when people know more and try it, they will join and have a good time.

Beloit is running a tournament this weekend. On Saturday, it is doubles with an adult teaming up with a junior. On Sunday, it is doubles with a sanctioned player

with a non-sanctioned partner. I can't play this weekend, but I saw the schedule. Beloit has a great turnout. Nice job, Jimmy, Earl, and all the rest who are helping.

Yesterday I found a 1993 state tournament result sheet. It was really interesting to see who was in each class, how they pitched, and who is not with us anymore. I saw pitchers I know that are still alive. But where did they go? Also, it was interesting to see the junior classes that year. If you get a chance, look at some old result sheets. Very interesting.

Good Pitching,

Tom

Behind the Mask

By Ken Heinritz

Is your teacher a fool? Quite often I find myself repeating the same words over and over to my welding students, "Listen to me and watch what I do."

Human beings can be very stubborn, and horseshoe pitchers are no exception. How often do we hang on to the notion that, 'I've done it my way all these years and I'm not about to change?' Perhaps we become a little proud without even knowing it. Sure horseshoe tournaments always bring a good time of fellowship but wouldn't our time together be even more enjoyable if we pitched just a little better?

Have you ever asked for help? I know this is a hard thing to do for many. To acknowledge one's need for help requires humility. This quality is not a sign of weakness but strength! It takes a strong person to conduct an honest evaluation of one's own situation and admit any deficiencies. At times, pitching horseshoes can be very frustrating because you know you can do better. If you have experienced this then why not turn this struggle into an opportunity. How so? Ask a friend to step in. Have him or her assess what you are doing and share ideas.



Rich Altis giving advice to Russ Heinritz.

At the 2005 World Tournament held in Bakersfield, I asked 16 time World Champion Alan Francis what advice he would give to pitchers who want to get to the next level. His response was: "Don't be afraid to try new things; different turns, different shoes, different stances, different deliveries. You've got to find your own individual nitch.

Everybody's got their own style. But then tweak it a little. Make little changes here and there."

But isn't it true that sometimes it is easier to assess another person's game and be blinded to fixing our own. And we're forgetful! We can't remember how we pitched so well years ago or shall we say weeks ago. But now the ability to get ringers consistently

has mysteriously vanished. How do you like that, blind & forgetful? Does this describe you?

So why not take a big bite of humble pie by seeking help. Maybe it's time to set aside pride. Improvement in your game may be only one advice away.

'He who will not learn from anyone except himself, has a fool for a teacher.'

"Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise."

Proverbs 13:10 NTV

Upcoming Events

		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Apr. 2-3	Spring Fling @ Beloit (28-11-009)	\$18	3/30	Earl Paulson
Apr. 9	Spring Meeting @ Lake Delton Sportsman's Club-1:00pm	Free		Starts @ 1PM
Apr. 16-17	April Showers Tournament @ Chetek (28-11-006) (Limit 16)	\$5	4/2	Les Karpel
Apr. 30	Wisconsin Club Team Tournament (28-11-010)	\$84/team	4/16	Jim H/ Jimmy P
May 01	Wisconsin State Doubles (28-11-011)	\$40/team	3/31	John Secord
May 07	Beloit Encore (28-11-015)	\$20	4/27	Earl Paulson
May 07	Rozellville Lions - Fishing Weekend Tournament(28-11-007)	\$18	4/26	Mike Berdan
May 13,14,15	Team World @ Beloit (28-11-016)	\$200/team	4/8	Earl Paulson

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Contact Regional Director Ed Wheeler with all changes and corrections to the schedule (contact info on p.2)

Dear Friends We Will All Miss...

In Memory of Edi Holland

By Jerry LaBrosse

Isn't it great to know that your last memory of Edi is one with a smile and a hug? Edi threw a shoe, bowled a ball, and reeled in that big fish with such grace that she made it look so easy. She had the gift of making you feel special and always had words of encouragement whether you were in a bowling alley, on a horseshoe court, out in the boat where she could out-fish the best of them, including and not limited to Les, or even in her own backyard.

Edi, had many titles: daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mom, grandma and there is the Bowling Queen and quite recently I heard, Horseshoe Goddess. She loved spending time with her family playing games, cards, putting together a puzzle, or doing her needlepoint/knitting while you were watching a movie. She loved to cook big family dinners and always had something baked for dessert, always cookies in the cookie jar. Kyle looked forward to waking up in the morning to the smell of coffee and hoping for Grandma's biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Edi made the most amazing strawberry/rhubarb jelly, as says KaylaMae!

God graced us with this angel here on earth and now has given her the wings that she so richly has earned. She was one classy lady with a heart of Gold and will be greatly missed by all those who knew her. We will miss Edi's smile and hugs. Written by Edi's Daughter

Nick Johnson

By Jim Haupt

Nick Johnson passed unexpectedly last week. Age, 69, pitched horseshoes at Washington Park. Our recent association with Nick was that he was next to me in the batting order of our dartball team. Last week, we had to play without him. First met Nick when Bob Kabella brought his fellow Harley rider to play horseshoes at Washington Park. His Harley was on display in place of the coffin along with his vest as many riders gave him a royal sendoff. Going to miss Nick. Who's going to bring me in? Nick Johnson was a good guy.



Tribute to Edi Holland

By Edie McKinney

The day I got a call from Jane Smith telling me that my very close friend Edi had passed away. I can't explain the feeling of my good friend and horseshoe opponent. My mind went back to Christmas and my birthday when I had received nice handwritten letter and card from Edi. We talked about our families and how we were so anxious to see each other again. Edie said I needed to get going with my horseshoe because we had such fun playing each other. We each brought candy to share and to encourage each other. We played plenty of times. Sometimes she won and sometimes I did. We visited the whole game. If one of us was struggling, the other would say slow down, reach out, etc. We didn't wait until the end of the game to give the help. So be it if we got beat. We would play again. Now I know that won't happen. I hope Edi will be helping the Angels pitch a few shoes and join our horseshoe friends: Phyllis Nygaard, Ken Kosky, my sister, Gracie Reed and many more that we have lost in the last few years.

Bob Wilke

By Jim Haupt

The grand old man of Wisconsin horseshoes, Bob Wilke passed away January 17, 2011. At the age of 101, he was proud to say he lived in the same house where he was born, Berlin, Wisconsin. Bob was a man of countless entertaining stories. In later years, he wrote some of them for his local newspaper. He learned to pitch from his father and became his partner. Although he was never recognized as a champion, he did pitch to advantage with some that were champions, both state and world champions. He survived all competitors of his first state tournament in 1931 and is further survived by his wife, of many years, Dorothy. Bob Wilke was a gem of a man.



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Player of the Year Update

By Jane Smith

With 20 events recorded, the divisions are close. Division A – averages over 40% - leaders are **Pam Aiken, John Garvan, Ray Groskinsky, Randy Rein, Mark Stevens**. Division B – averages between 25% and 44.9% - leaders are **Rich Hardt, Kerry Morris, Jason Villwock, Dave Volz, Ed Wheeler**; Division C – averages less than 25%- leaders are **Mel Cook, Jimmy Paulson, Linda Roeber, Dick Poff, Tom Strinke**. To make the award accessible to more WHPA pitchers, the Division averages have changed from years past.

The Rally at Deansville

By Jim Haupt

It was a great day traveling to the Deansville Barn. The early shift arrived before the heat. Ron Lingard called in sick and a pacer was provided. Once the class got going, the building magically warmed.

Have you heard? He has a tough time being so humble, he's 's so much of a man, found his niche, won class B, must be Garvan.

We always see just two guys running the events at Deansville, Rudy VanFleet and Kerry Morris. Lately, the club was featured in Newsline with a picture of their new wall decoration of the two NHPA silhouettes. (Patterns are available. See Jim Haupt.)

This time out we met a new guy, Jason Villvock. He's young, pitching his second tournament, averaging less than 30%, and he wins his class. Here's a perfect opportunity to create a new tournament pitcher. He wants to know: how to get to Beloit, how to enter the Club-Team, where to locate possible teammates. We want to give him a hand. He's from Stevens Point, pitches with mostly non-sanctioned pitchers, looking for card carrying teammates. If you are a Point area pitcher with the desire to pitch Club-Team and/or the State Doubles, contact Villvock. He's hot to trot.



Christina & Ken Heinritz

Junior Doubles

By Jim Haupt

Beloit, the innovative club, hosted a "Bring a Junior Doubles" event early March with complete success. Twelve teams played, six in a class. "A" class team make-up varied from two grandpa-grandson duos, to an uncle-nephew, and an uncle-niece combo, also including a couple, old guy-young guy pairs—a good mix.

Each pitcher tossed 20 shoes, five games, two shifts with a some Juniors outpitching their adult partners. Tim Lazaris, standout Junior and tournament champion, tossed about ten per cent over average. His partner was lauded only for

choosing a competitive pitcher and returning shoes without delay

Thanks to the volunteer scorekeepers who kept tabs and operated the old scoring devices for a visual account.

Beloit solved the 'cash to Juniors' conundrum—no cash awards. Entry was \$15, cheap. Awards were the

NHPA patch, first time we've ever seen it, "Doubles Champion," and a neat engraved medallion to commemorate the day.

We trust this will become an annual event. Our thanks to the Beloit Club. Signup early next time and look for a two day event.

Jerry Volz Tournament June 25, 2011

Dave and Gary Volz have come up with a different approach for their memorial tournament this year. In the past, they have run a 4-person team event, but this year they are going to limit the 4-person teams to just 8 teams. They also will be running a bring your partner doubles classes at the same time.

The sign-up for the doubles classes will go until 11am of the day of the tournament. The entry fee for the 4-person team will be \$20, and the fee for the doubles will be \$10.

Should you have any questions, you can contact Dave at 608-547-2769 or Gary at 608-444-8563.

Submitted by Dave and Gary Volz



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Class A

1. Tim Lazaris	Colgate	4.5	0.5	39.00
Jim Haupt	Milwaukee			6.00
2. Gunnar David	Marshfield	3	2	38.00
Daniel Lessman	Machesney Park			27.00
3. Ken Heinritz	Menomonee Falls	3	2	47.00
Christina Heinritz	Pewaukee			6.00
4. Russ Heinritz	Menomonee Falls	2.5	2.5	28.00
Mike Lazaris	Colgate			24.00
5. Jesse Garza	Loves Park	1	4	36.00
Brady Brotzinger	Rockford			4.00
6. Glenn Wicklund	Rockford	1	4	26.00
Ben Wicklund	Rockford			10.00

Class B

1. Walt Houck	Roscoe	5	0	14.00
John Phoenix	Roscoe			2.00
2. Guy Modde	Elgin	3	2	30.00
Anna Goers	Woodstock			3.00
3. Don Goers	Woodstock	3	2	16.00
Allison Goers	Woodstock			1.00
4. Luke Champion	Roscoe	2	3	14.00
Sean Champion	Roscoe			1.00
5. Wayne Goers	Huntley	2	3	12.00
Kaylee Goers	Huntley			0.00
6. Julie Paulson	Delavan	0	5	10.00
Jill Paulson	Delavan			3.00

**Our Sincerest Apologies...**

By Newsletter Staff

We at the WHNL would like to sincerely apologize for a quote from our last issue of the newsletter which was offensive to Native Americans. Our error was a poor representation of our newsletter and we should have omitted the statement completely. Please accept the sincerest apologies on behalf of our entire staff.

**The Rally at Deansville**

1.30-31.2011

By Jane Smith

Class A

- 1) Don Illgen
- 2) Jim Larson
- 3) John Meyer

Class C

- 1) Jason Villwock
- 2) Michelle Plasaince
- 3) Mitch Littlegeorge

Class B

- 1) John Garvan
- 2) Rich Peterson
- 3) Dave Klipstein

Class D

- 1) Joanna Hollenback
- 2) Tom Steinke
- 3) Randy White

Bring A Pal Doubles

By Jimmy Paulson

Class A

1. Jesse Garza	Loves Park	6	1	42.14
Leonard Razim	Loves Park			26.43
2. Dave Amorose	Joliet	5	2	25.00
Bob Hamann	Joliet			38.57
3. James Gaspers	Island Lake	4	3	22.86
Dave Niedospial	Island Lake			37.14
4. Linda Hycnar	Palatine	4	3	22.86
Bill Lazowicz	Palatine			30.00
5. Allen Johnson	Janesville	4	3	31.43
Duane Woodard	Beloit			20.71
6. Bob Bowser	W. Brooklyn	3	4	31.43
Kevin Clark	Sublet			17.86
7. Don Goldsmith	Janesville	1	6	22.86
Charlie Goldsmith	Beloit			9.29
8. Ray Groskinsky	Friendship	1	6	23.57
Jerry Groskinsky	Friendship			3.57

Class B

1. Jerry Smith	Roscoe	5	1	27.50
Ken Beebe Jr.	Rockton			10.83
2. Karen Keelin	Edgerton	4.5	1.5	12.50
Kevin Brekke	Edgerton			24.17
3. Georgia Beebe	Rockton	4	2	23.33
Nicole Beebe	Beloit			25.83
4. Walt Houck	Roscoe	5	2.5	12.50
Frank Stook	Roscoe			24.17
5. Guy Modde	Elgin	3	3	27.50
Scott Wineska	Elgin			4.17
6. Daniel Lessman	Mch Park	1	5	17.50
Jim Stanley	Mch Park			15.00
7. Julie Petrovski	Arl Heights	0	6	15.83
Mike Richardson	Arl Heights			1.67

Class C

1. Jim Mazan	Wnldr Lake	5.5	0.5	20.83
Willie Simpson	Wnldr Lake			23.33
2. Rick Swan	South Elgin	5	1	15.83
Tim Davenport	Glendale Heights			32.50
3. Norm Beckius	Beloit	4	2	39.17
Troy Poff	Beloit			9.17
4. Tom Bird	Beloit	3	3	20.00
Bob Bird	Beloit			16.67
5. Leo Linhart	Lke Gnva	1.5	4.5	15.83
Nick Linhart	Lake Geneva			13.33
6. Scott Linhart	Lake Gnva	1	5	15.83
Ashley Linhart	Lake Geneva			13.33
7. Pat Prestidge	Elgin	1	5	19.17
Dave Wilder	Sycamore			2.50

Class D

1. Jack ZANE	Beloit	5	1	13.33
Darla Thill	Janesville			16.67
2. Dick Poff	Beloit	5	1	18.33
Scott Kelly	Beloit			5.00
3. Luke Champion	Roscoe	4	2	30.00
Lori Champion	Roscoe			3.33
4. Dave Carpenter	Beloit	3	3	15.00
Dan Bellard	Beloit			5.83
5. Ernie Rakstad	Rockton	2	4	16.67
Bill Kitchen	South Beloit			1.67
6. Robert Starck	Lke Gnva	1.5	4.5	15.83
Mike Mielczarck	Lake Geneva			1.67
7. Larry Cook	Janesville	0.5	5.5	11.67
AJ Baker	Janesville			5.00

Bring A Pal—A Success Story

By, Jimmy Paulson

As a promoter of horseshoes, with limited time, I often wonder if there are ways that I can make a difference. What I found is that with a simple idea, great things can happen. Last September when I was setting up Beloit's 2011 schedule (we do it a year in advance) somebody asked me about having a Juniors only tournament. After realizing that would be a tough feat, I created the Bring a Junior tournament, which you can read about in this issue. With some help, I kept the gears turning, and I invented this tournament. The idea was simple—have one sanctioned pitcher find one of his unsanctioned buddies to pitch with.

Much to my surprise, the idea caught on. 58 people showed up for the one day event, beyond a full house. One class had to have two byes, because we didn't have enough courts. Everyone had a great time, and quite a few decided that they needed to become a sanctioned pitcher. I encourage more clubs to give this format a try—you'll be surprised at just how much fun it can be! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success, see you next year for a two day event!



Marshfield Horseshoe League

By Jane Smith

Speculation has the Marshfield league beginning in some form in the 1950s at Wildwood Park. Records indicate a formally-organized league began between 1973 and 1974. Ray Specht and Ralph Pokallus are credited with gathering horseshoe enthusiasts.

Pitching began with two-man teams pitching against each other. In 1978, women were invited and before long numerous men's, women's, juniors' and couples' leagues were operating. Early leagues had many members both pitching and subbing so one league needed four nights and 12 courts to complete their play. At this time, the need for more space and courts was needed so a city worker, Spitz Jirschele, approached Marshfield League President, George



MacKinnon, in considering new courts in Braem Park. Various organizations help and community members volunteered services and time to construct some of the best horseshoe pitching courts in the state. Membership has dropped the past decades perhaps due to the "over-commitment pressures of the 90s" rather than lack of interest.

The Marshfield horseshoe league ran a snack bar for softball games and tournaments held at Braem Park. The concession stand also serves as a storage site for horseshoe items. The Marshfield club has sponsored a wide variety of horseshoe tournaments beginning in 1978. In 1984, the WI State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held in Marshfield with the highest number of competitors. The club has also hosted the 1988 State tournament along with Special Olympics tournaments and events.

Marshfield has produced some world renown horseshoe pitchers: Junior Girls World Champion - Tava Cook (Kildahl) 2003, 2004, Aleena Cook - 2006; Junior Girls State Champion - Nicole Riehle (Forst) 1997,98,99, Tava Cook (Kildahl) 2000,01,04, Tina Riehle 2002, 03, Kiri Cook 2006, Aleena Cook 2005,07,08,09; Junior Boys State Champion - Gunnar

David 2010; Elders State Champion - Vince Jakel 2009. Ray Specht was inducted into the WI Hall of Fame in 1987.

The Marshfield Horseshoe League is a wonderful, caring, organization that offers its members great fun with a popular family pastime of horseshoe pitching. This information was obtained from George MacKinnon, Sylvia David, Louise May and Sonia Cook.

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Wisconsin's Finest – Past, Present, Future

By Jane Smith

Wisconsin horseshoe pitchers are a force to be reckoned with. Looking over the 2010 year end averages we find Wisconsin "ringers" in the top 50 in several divisions: **Randy Rein, Jim Larsen, Gert Wilcziek, Pam Aiken, Penny Steinke, Gunnar David, Tim Lazaris, Bethany Heinritz, and Heather Feavel.** Congratulations to these pitchers for their superior pitching throughout the year! However, those of the past are not to be forgotten. They are the movers and shakers of early year who laid the ground work for a proud and dedicated WHPA. **Casey Jones, Sid Anderson, Ralph Maylahn, Pat Eaton,** all deceased former state champions and world tournament championship class pitchers.

They are excellent role models to some of us. We still have living icons that have set standards over the past decades again on many levels: **Debby Bestul Halvorson, Heidi Sternberg Poppe, Heather Sternberg Simonz, Nathan Heinritz, Clayton Gage, Sharry Klopp, Jane Smith.** Our present day pitchers have also challenged themselves and others to quality horseshoe pitching at the local, state, national and world levels: in addition to those previously mentioned **Mark Stevens, Mark Mauthe, Lorraine Sternberg, Edie McKinney, Susie Helene, Aleena Cook, Kiri Cook** have all represented the WHPA in state and world championship divisions.

Our future pitchers remain unknown as each new season brings on wonderful surprises as ringers circle the stakes at our many tournaments. Good luck to everyone for a ringer-filled 2011 season.



Update on the 2011 State Horseshoe Tournament – Mosinee

By Randy Rein

The Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club has been meeting monthly to discuss the preparation for the 2011 State Horseshoe Tournament in Mosinee. The Mosinee Rec. Center (indoors) will be home to the State Tournament again. It will be the same set up as in 2008.

We have formed different committees and assigned duties. Things are progressing well. Tournament shirts are available for sale from any of the Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club members. Cost of the shirts - \$14.00 – no pocket; \$15.00 with pocket. Our 2011 advertising booklet is coming along nicely. If anyone is interested in submitting an ad in the booklet, please contact Randy Rein-Advertising Coordinator at (715) 693-1199.

Ad prices are as follows: Business Card = \$10.00, 1/3 page = \$30.00, 1/2 page = \$40.00, Full Page = \$60.00

Make check payable to: Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club

Attn: Randy Rein-Advertising Coordinator, 201 2nd Street, Mosinee WI 54455

Electronic Scorekeeping – Kevin Brekke has expressed an interest in coordinating this. Our Club has discussed this in more detail and is Open to utilizing the electronic scorekeeping for the 2011 State Tournament as long as the Association can supply the computers. Electricity is available for the computers. I know there were some comments in the last issue of the newsletter that Mosinee was against the electronic scorekeeping – That is not the case – we are open to using it.

We are also going to improve on the food. I know last time we hosted the state tournament there was no food available during the Championship Classes. There will be food this time.

If anyone is interested or willing to help our Club out with the state tournament we would be happy to have you.



2005 State Tournament Stock Photo

Motel/Camping Listing

2011 WI State Horseshoe Tournament – Mosinee

Mosinee Inn & Suites – (Former Super 8 Motel)

400 Orbiting Drive
Mosinee WI 54455
Phone: (715) 693-9000

Motel has continental breakfast. Swimming pool/hot tub.

A block of rooms have been reserved under the name of “**Horseshoe Tournament**”. All rooms are \$58.00 plus tax (standard room 2-beds). Microwaves/refrigerators are available in some rooms.

Other Motels in the Area – Exit 185 – (Approximately 4 miles down the interstate from the Mosinee Inn & Suites)

Stoney Creek Inn – (715) 355-6858

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites – (715) 355-1111

Motel 6 – (715) 355-3030

Grand Lodge by Stoney Creek (Waterpark facility) – (715) 241-6300

Any questions on the above motel information, please contact Randy Rein at (715) 693-1199.

CAMPING INFORMATION

Lake DuBay Campgrounds & RV Park

1713 DuBay Drive
Mosinee WI 54455
(715) 457-2484

Website: www.dubayshores.com

E-mail: camp@dubayshores.com

Note: Camping will also be available onsite for self-contained units in the parking lot of the Mosinee Rec Center where the State Tournament is being held. Fee is \$10.00. First come/first serve basis.

If you are willing to help the Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club out with the tournament – camping is Free.

Big Eau Pleine County Park

3301 Eau Pleine Road
Mosinee WI 54455
715) 261-1566

Website: www.co.marathon.wi.us

Don't Forget to get your team together for club team! This is always one of the best tournaments of the year. Four people from a club join forces to take home a traveling trophy. If you've never checked out this event, make 2011 the year you did; you won't be disappointed! If you have questions, feel free to contact Jim Haupt or Jimmy Paulson. Deadline is April 16th—entry information is located on page 2 of this issue.



Don't Forget to Attend the Spring Meeting in Lake Delton on April 9 at the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club. Located at 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton. If you need directions, call any of the WHPA officer's. They will try not to get you lost (No promises). This is the time to share ideas in making the WHPA the best charter! You are also invited to attend the WHNL meeting AFTER the WHPA meeting. Your help and ideas are needed. See you there.

Participants of the First Annual Bring A Pal Doubles



2nd Annual "The Patriot Tournament"

July 2nd, 2011

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

Entry Deadline: June 19, 2011

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Admission: \$2.00 to Race Track Park – which goes towards the Lion's Club Raffle

Other activities: Horse Pull, Car show, Lion's Food stand, Baseball games, D.J. and live bands playing, and fireworks at dusk.

Format: Singles, Round-Robin, 40 shoe games

Limit: 48 entries **Rain Date:** None

Starting class times(approx): 10am, 1pm, 4 pm

Awards(everyone wins):

8 man class – 1st - 50.00, 2nd - 35.00, 3rd - 25.00,

4th – 20.00 5th thru 8th – WHPA Newsletter(1yr)

6 man class – 1st – 40.00, 2nd – 30.00, 3rd – 20.00

4th thru 6th – subscription to WHPA newsletter



Send information and entry fee of \$20.00 to:

Kevin Brekke

1802 W Lois Lane

Edgerton, WI 53534

PHONE: 608-669-1218

EMAIL: BREKKEKEV3@NETSCAPE.NET

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ (optional)

RINGER %: _____ (NHPA Average if available)

DISTANCE: 30ft _____ 40ft _____

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examples of ways we
can all promote
horseshoes and we'll
publish them.

Beloit Valentine Results**2.12-13.2011**

By Jane Smith

Class A

Dennis Reid	5	0	64.4
Jesse Garza	4	1	47.2
Tony Scrima	4	1	44.

Class B

Galen Kozel	6	0	57.08
Rowen Swick	5	1	42.08
John Garvan	3	3	43.75

Class C

Al Huizenga	4	1	32.80
Bob Bowser	4	1	30.4
Kevin Brekke	3	2	29.2

Class D

Norm Beckius	4	1	34.8
Joel Ramsdell	3	2	34.8
Herman Robisch	3	2	34.

Class E

Dennis Simler	4	1	36.8
Bob Johnson	4	1	27.2
Leo Linhart	3	2	18.

Class F

Jason Villwock	5	0	33.6
Rich Conrad	3	2	20
Luke Champion	2	3	26

Class G

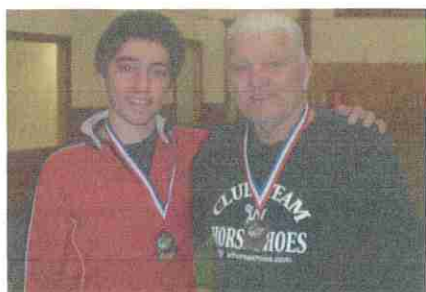
Dean Foster	5	1	34.17
Jim Huckabee	5	1	33.33
Jim Mazan	4	2	24.17

Class H

Ken Hopp	4	2	19.58
Robert Starck	4	2	17.5
Keith Pauley	3.5	2.5	22.5

Class I

Becky Goers	4	1	7.6
Jimmy Paulson	4	1	4.4
Anna Goers	3	2	3.2



Bring A Junior Doubles
Class A Winners
Tim Lazaris & Jim Haupt

Illinois-Wisconsin Challenge**1.22.2011**

By Earl Paulson

The Illinois-Wisconsin Challenge took place on a Saturday in January. The original date was opening day of deer season, which is a no-no in Wisconsin. Upon getting started with our tournament we were met with several delays. Tony Scrima from Wisconsin had been in an accident and taken to a hospital. Then came word Kenny Hopp of Illinois had to attend a funeral. After losing a few players on both sides and several phone calls, we were able to get started with 5 teams for each state and the games began.

The second round proved disastrous for Wisconsin, losing all of their games. In a comeback attempt they could never get closer than two games. Illinois Team #1, Jesse Garza and Red Ferguson, became the first team in three years to go unbeaten. Illinois now has bragging rights for another year with 14 wins to Wisconsin's 11 wins. A lot of good food and fun was enjoyed by all.

Good news came around 12:30 when a phone call was received stating Tony was okay. The top point teams were as follows:

1 st Illinois #1	
Jesse Garza-Red Ferguson	150 points (5-0)
2 nd Illinois #2	
Linda Hycnar-Ken Beebe	139 points (4-1)
3 rd Wisconsin #3	
Bruce McLinn-Dick Poff	139 points (3-2)

Tournament Tidbits

By Ed Wheeler

I have two items that may be of interest to all tournament pitchers.

First: Combined Locks will not be running their Mid-Eastern unsanctioned event this year.

Second: The Eau Claire club has opened the City County Tournament to all sanctioned pitchers this year.

Should there be any additional tournaments for 2011, that have not been sent in, please get them to me, so I can get them on the summer schedule and into the next news-letter.

DATE	2011 SUMMITTOWN TOURNAMENT	ENTRY	D/L	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER
May 07	Rozellville Lions - Fishing Weekend Tourney (28-11-007)	\$15	4/26	Mike Berdan	715-323-2779
May 07	Beloit Encore (28-11-015)	\$20	4/27	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
May 07	Early Bird Tournament (28-11-038)	\$5	4/23	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
May 13,14,15	Team World @ Beloit (28-11-016)	\$200/tm	4/8	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
May 28-29	Merrill Open (28-11-013)	\$15	5/14	Darryl Hinz	715-536-9470
May 28	Platteville Spring Singles (28-11-012)	\$16	5/14	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
June 4-5	Wolf River Open (28-11-014)	\$16	5/21	Ken Jaeger	920-982-6287
June 4-5	Spring Singles @ Beloit (28-11-018)	\$18	5/25	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
June 05	Eau Claire Open (28-11-039)	\$20	5/25	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
June 11-12	Eagle River Open (Limit 32) (28-11-017)	\$18	6/1	Cliff Erickson	715-479-1059
June 18	Marshfield One Tournament (28-11-019)	\$15	6-7	Mel Cook	715-650-0639
June 25	Jerry Volz Memorial Open (unsanct. doubles)(outdoor)	\$10/team	6/23	Dave Volz	608-547-2769
	(4-person team)(limit 8 teams)	\$20/team		Gary Volz	608-444-8563
June 25-26	Ken Kosky Memorial Tournament (28-11-021)	\$18	6/12	Randy Rein	715-693-1199
June 25-26	Goldendale Open (28-11-020)	\$15	6-5	Terry Sternberg	262-677-3300
July 02	The Patriot Tournament (Limit 48)(unsanctioned)	\$20	6/19	Kevin Brekke	608-669-1218
July 9-10	Arkdale Open (28-11-022)	\$16	6/30	Ray Groskinsky	608-339-2466
July 09	Lox Classic (limit 48) (28-10-023)	\$18	6/27	Rosemary Kamps	920-788-3229
July 16	Rozellville Lions - Ball Weekend Tournament (28-11-024)	\$18	7/5	Mike Berdan	715-323-2779
July 18-30	2011 World Tournament @ West Monroe, LA.	\$125	5/19	Dick Hansen	262-835-9108
Aug 5, 6 & 7	37th Annual Eagle Open (unsanctioned)	\$20	7/21	Greg & Sue Scheff	262-594-3303
Aug. 13-14	Mosinee Log Jam (28-11-025)	\$18	7/30	Ed Hack	715-842-0150
Aug. 13-14	Tune-Up Tpurney @ Beloit (28-11-026)	8/3	\$18	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Aug. 16	City-County Tournament (28-11-040) (OPEN TO ALL)	\$5	8/11	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
Aug. 20	Green Bay Open (28-11-027)	\$18	8/6	Steve Wiegert	920-435-6310
Aug. 20	Platteville Open (28-11-028)	\$16	8/13	Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
Aug. 27	Marv's Doubles (28-11-029)	\$21/team	8-19	Marv Bennett	608-565-2325
Sept. 3-4	WI. State Tournament @ Mosinee (28-11-030, 031)	\$25	7/31	John Secord	920-922-0080
Sept. 10-11	Wet N Wild @ Balsam Lake (28-11-032)	\$10	8/27	Jane Smith	715-485-3057
Sept. 18	Beloit Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$24/team	9/12	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Sept. 24	Marengo Singles (28-11-041) (Limit 32)	\$15	9/15	Steve Stevens	715-278-3473
Sept. 24	Marengo Doubles (28-11-042) (Limit 16)	\$20/Team	9/15	Steve Stevens	715-278-3473
Oct. 8-9	Fall Singles @ Beloit (28-11-033)	\$18	9/28	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Oct. 22-23	Deansville Singles (28-11-034)	\$18	10/15	Rudy Van Fleet	920-623-4924

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Charles Casey Jones

(Continued from Page 1)

Second, bowling was his new game and business; third, there was no money in horseshoes; fourth, been there, done that.

Casey Jones used primarily Ohio shoes, pitched right-handed with a one and a quarter turn and took a unique back-step while delivering. He once hit two more ringers in a game with Isis but still lost. At an Iowa open, he did pitch a perfect game. In the year 1940, during the World Tournament, Casey was leading Ted Allen, 49-46, when Allen missed the peg with both shoes! If Casey wins, Allen is out of the running. While Allen stood by, Casey also missed, both shoes! Alas, next inning, Allen doubled out to win the fifty point game and another World title.

Bowling became Casey's new game but not until he was in his forties. He has thirteen 300 games and several 800 series, no doubt because he owned and operated Casey Jones Lanes, first in Random Lake, next in Plymouth. Together with all his outstanding horseshoe and bowling accomplishments he also played enough golf to sink two holes in one.

In all probability Casey Jones will continue to be the best ever horseshoe pitcher from the state of Wisconsin. He came close four times.

An addendum: What is this about Wisconsin and 2nd place in the World Tournament? In 1935 Harvey Elmer of Milwaukee placed second. Three or four years ago, Mark Mauthe of Platteville also placed second. Casey did it four times. Does the state of Wisconsin harbor a jinx?

Also have Ohio ad picturing Casey Jones promoting the brand.

Beloit 001 Tournament

By Jim Haupt

The 001 tournament, first sanctioned event of the year should be a living reminder that the new NHPA cards are due. Do you have a new yellow 2011 NHPA card? Your state secretary is waiting for your check. Yes, it is possible to pitch and have your average registered with Natstats without renewing your card and that's precisely why the sign at Beloit says, "Please show your card."

This tournament follows the trend of horseshoe pitching everywhere. The average of the winners shown in the results almost equals that of the average pitcher, 30%. This list of winners averaged 29%.

001 Tournament Results

1.15-16.2011

By Julie Paulson

Class A

1. Dennis Reid	IL	5	0	62.8
2. Jesse Garza	IL	4	1	58.4
3. Don Illgen	WI	3	2	44

Class B

1. Rowen Swick	WI	4	1	40
2. Tom Endler	WI	3	2	44
3. John Garvan	WI	3	2	41

Class C

1. Kerry Morris	WI	4	1	47.98
2. Norm Beckius	WI	3	2	34.4
3. Marvin Zoellick	IL	3	2	32



Rowen Swick, John Garvan & Tom Endler

Class D

1. Bob Johnson	IL	5.5	0.5	28.33
2. Joel Ramsdell	WI	4	2	26.67
3. Guy Modde	IL	4	2	22.08

Class E

1. Leo Linhart	WI	4	1	23.6
2. Mike Lange	WI	4	1	19.6
3. Don Goers	IL	3	2	22.8

Class F

1. Pat Prestidge	IL	4	1	23.6
2. Rick Borgwardt	WI	3	2	32.8
3. Russ Burns	WI	3	2	20

Class G

1. Dean Foster	IL	4	1	28
2. Dick Poff	WI	3	2	23.2
3. Roger Kitner	IL	3	2	18.8

Class H

1. Jim Mazan	IL	5	0	23.6
2. Linda Roeber	WI	4	1	17.2
3. Joe Annoreno	IL	3	2	16

Class I

1. Wayne Goers	IL	5	0	17.6
2. Ken Hopp	IL	4	1	15.2
3. Jack ZANE	WI	3	2	10.8

What's New

By Jane Smith



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As of this printing we have eight new members for the 2011 season: **Kevin Aarstad, Larry Cook, Greg Hollenback, Jason Villwock, Paul Widell** – all 40 foot pitchers; **Tina Horstman-Brown, Linda Roeber** – Women pitchers; and **John McNeill** a 30 foot short distance pitcher. Each of these pitchers will receive a complimentary copy of the WHNL. It is our intention and invitation to them to enjoy the Newsletter and soon subscribe.

We also have WHPA members who have earned their 10, 20 and 30 year membership patches. Those earning 10 year membership patches are **Dick Harold, Jim O'Loughlin, Jerry Niemuth, Dennis Capener, Jerry Costello, Al Huizenga, Allen Rude, Dan Schulz, Mitch Vyhanek, Rick Weller, Joe Larsen, Aleena Cook, B.J. Paul, Denise Williamson**. Our 20 year members are **Russ Burns, Jim Emery, Brian Repinski, Jerry Schroeder, Sr., and Susie Helene**. Those who have been WHPA members for 30 years are **Jim Poquette, Dan Bloom, Dennis Ambuel, Bun Carley, Elly McCarn**. Congratulations to all of you and it is your dedication to a great organization that makes life-long friendships strong.

Often there are notes, questions, comments included in the renewal checks I receive. These notes bring smiles and a

great feeling of satisfaction as we learn our WHNL is appreciated. This is a place where members can express themselves and offer suggestions. We have received "Thank You's" from families of deceased WHPA members expressing the love of the game their family members experienced from their horseshoe pitching careers (**Ray Hill, Bob Wilke**). We have also received compliments from those who are no longer pitching but like to know what is happening in the WHPA and would like some names with the pictures in the WHNL (**Howard Voiles**). We also receive suggestions to help share transportation costs to tournaments both on the State and World levels.

The **Eckstoms** suggested a bus of WHPA horseshoe pitchers to Monroe for the World tournament. Because of the different pitching averages and length of the tournament it may be easier to find similar averages of horseshoe pitching friends and rent a van. **Ken Heinritz** wrote of several men who traveled to Iowa last year. I happen to know a group of MN and WI ladies who have been traveling to world tournaments since 1985!

When several families share travel expenses, the trip to tournaments can be a very economical adventure. If anyone is interested in "group" travel, let me know, and perhaps a plan can be developed.

Growing With Juniors

By Sonia Cook

"Growing With Juniors" Raffle winners will be drawn at the WI State Championship Tournament in Mosinee September 4, 2011. You can't win if you don't purchase any tickets—which will be available beginning at the Spring Meeting. One dollar each or Six for Five Dollars.

You don't need to be present to win so sell them to your friends. I will be accepting donated prizes from clubs or individuals to 'grow' the list of

winners... A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated last year and sold tickets.

Also—Gunnar David, WI Jr. Boys State Champion 2010, wants to challenge each WI Club to donate a prize to this worthy fund raiser which totally supports the Junior Program.



Kari & Gunnar David
2010 State Champs

A Younger Generation

By Julie Paulson

I started pitching horseshoes when I was thirteen, and I feel I have improved a little, if not a lot, since then, not only as a horseshoe-pitcher,



but as a person. I began as a scorekeeper for the Team World tournament, held at Telfer Park in Beloit, Wisconsin. My brother showed me how to keep score, as well as how to pitch, and he even practiced pitching with me after rounds were done for the day. That is the story of how I started pitching horseshoes.

Since then, I have pitched in several tournaments and a few leagues. I even won a few patches and a trophy. In the summer of 2005, I pitched in the Tuesday Night Doubles league at the Beloit Horseshoe Club. I pitched with my grandpa as a partner. That year was my first year pitching in a sanctioned league.

Through the years, I have learned to have fun with horseshoes; it's only a game. Games are meant to be fun, right?

On Saturday, March 12th, 2011, I was granted the opportunity to pitch with my sister in the "Bring a Junior Doubles" tournament. I enjoyed having the opportunity to share this sport with my sister.

Where Are The Articles?

By Jimmy Paulson

The main purpose of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter is to promote the sport of horseshoes. Have you ever read our newsletter and wondered why the same authors keep showing up over and over? It's because you haven't sent us your views and articles. We work hard to make sure that everyone around the state is heard, and we have a dedicated staff, but we could use your help. All we ask for is a few words telling us about your horseshoe buddy from Missouri, or that crazy friend you met at your first horseshoe tournament. We have some great editors, so don't worry if you think it's not "good enough." Anything that will peak the interest of our readers is appreciated.

Have questions for our staff? Or would you like to comment on a recent article? Please send letters to the editor, the email/mailling address is on page 2. We are hear to promote horseshoes, and we want to hear from everyone!

Open Letter; To the Architect of World Tournament

By Jim Haupt

Dear Mr. Hansen,

I write in support of the long time members of the NHPA, the Elders division. We started in the Open Men division, graduated to the Seniors. We continue to support the NHPA even though we are all over 70 years of age. We ask you to keep this in mind as you schedule various divisions. We, the Elders, are most apt to be the spectators of the championship classes given the opportunity. We have paid our dues, started the World event at 7:00 a.m. the opening day.

We also did that when we were all in the open men. This year, could we pitch starting the second week? Yes, we like the way you astutely are able to accommodate all divisions. Your fine work is the predominate reason we keep coming back, but we would really like to show our added support by starting our division that second week. We are all retired men. We have the time to stay a few extra days. We are most apt to be part of the audience watching the championship class, but we need that opportunity.



Please consider the second week as starting time for our Elders division. We have earned it. We want to further support the game as keen spectators for the championships. They need us, too. Thanks for your consideration.

2011 NHPA / WHPA Membership Renewal

Name:

Address:

City, Zip:

NHPA Card #:

Circle your division:	Men \$25	Women \$25	Elder (70+) Men
	Jr. Boy \$5	Jr. Girl \$5	

Send to: **WHPA**, W6868 Brown Rd
Fond du lac, WI 54937

(a self-addressed, stamped envelope is appreciated)

Registration Fees: ENTRY FORM
Adults \$125.00 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
Juniors \$25.00 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
Pitching Schedules July 18th to July 30th 2011
will be posted Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana
by June 6th.

Entry Deadline May 19th 2011

NAME _____ **2011 NHPA Card #** _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ **SS #** _____
(See Note #1)

CITY _____ **STATE/PROV** _____ **ZIP/POSTAL CODE** _____

Telephone: Home # _____ **Work #** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Please list your local Newspaper _____ **Did you enter last years tournament – Yes** ___ **No** ___

PLEASE CHECK ONE – Mail the schedule to the address listed above. _____

DO NOT mail the schedule. I will print the schedule off the NHPA web site _____

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN SENIOR MEN OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN ELDER MEN JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS CADETS

40' 40' (see note #2) 30' 20'

I believe my current average is approx _____ **% No refunds will be made after May 26th 2011**

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of

this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe

Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

-----mail top half only-----

We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:

3085 76th St Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.

Franksville WI 53126 262-835-9108 – nhpa22@yahoo.com

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 19th 2011**. Entries received with a postmark after May 19th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 19th 2011, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2011 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch. Entrants from other countries will have their averages verified by other means.

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NO REFUNDS AFTER May 26th 2011

You may enter at anytime prior to May 19th. All adult averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 19th. All Juniors will be seeded based on their average at tournament time. Entry fees received before April 1st will be held until that date.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2011. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2011 or is older or has been granted a medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. **JUNIOR BOY or GIRL** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2011 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET** entrants must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.

Note # 1. A Social Security number is required for all adult pitchers who may move up to the Championship Classes.

Note # 2. A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.

You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized after **May 26th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 6th if requested.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 24th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 13th 2011. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**



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