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WORLD TOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS - by Pam Aiken

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association held the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in Ardmore, OK July 23 through August 4, 2007. Pitchers competed for \$136,000 in prize money. There were 984 pitchers, including six children less than nine years of age, from 46 states and five Canadian Provinces competing in this year's tournament. Games were played on 50 clay courts in the air-conditioned Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore.



MEN'S CHAMPION—ALAN FRANCIS (OH)

Alan Francis (OH) only lost one game during regular class play, qualifying for the championship class by pitching the highest overall tournament average of 82.66%. Francis then defended his title by going undefeated during the championships, averaging 81.07%. **Mark Mauthe** (Platteville, WI) had an outstanding finish, placing second in the Men's Championship, pitching 68.90%.

Ken Heinritz (Menomonee Falls, WI) also earned a spot in the championship, pitching 54.41% and placing 15th.



WOMEN'S CHAMPION—JOAN ELMORE (TN)

It took a playoff game to decide the Women's Champion this year. **Joan Elmore** (TN) defeated **Sue Snyder** (KY) in the final match to defend her title. Joan's championship average was 81.39%. **Gert Wilcziek** (Whitehall, WI) tied for third place with **Marlene Ray** (TN) with a 16-3 record, but ended up fourth with an impressive 74.09%.



JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPION—THOMAS LEE (SD)

Although **Thomas Lee** (SD), had some tough losses in the regular-play preliminaries, he ended up undefeated in the championship round, pitching the class high of 78.73%. **Nathan Heinritz** (Menomonee Falls, WI) pitched the second-highest average in his class with 69.59%, and finished in third place.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Aug 4-5	Wolf River Open (28-07-026)	\$15	7/21	Ken Jaeger
Aug 5	River Valley Rumble @ Arena (Limit 16 four-person teams, 180% cap, A & B divisions if enough entries)	\$60/team	7/29	Ron Berg Ed Wheeler
Aug 4-5	Eagle Open (Unsanctioned)	\$15	7/20	Greg Scheff
Aug 11-12	Southern WI Open (28-07-027)	\$15	7/23	Earl Paulson
Aug 11	Green Bay Open (28-07-028)	\$16	7/30	Steve Wiegert
Aug 18-19	Platteville Open (28-07-033)	\$16	8/4	Norm Mauthe
Aug 18-19	Little Bull Falls Log Jam Festival (28-07-035)	\$15	8/4	Randy Rein
Aug 25	CANCELLED >> La Crosse Open (28-07-036)			
Aug TBA	Kenosha Open (28-07-037)	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sep 1-2-3	State Tournament @ Arena (28-07-038, 039)	\$25	7/31	John Secord
Sep 8-9	Wet 'n Wild (28-07-040)	\$10	8/25	Jane Smith
Sep 7-8-9	VFW Doubles @ Combined Locks (Unsanctioned)	\$25/team	8/30	Don Navarrete
Sep 15	Beloit Doubles (Unsanctioned)	\$20/team	9/6	Earl Paulson
Oct 13-14	Fall Singles @ Beloit (sanctioned)	TBA	10/3	Earl Paulson
Oct 20-21	Deansville Singles (sanctioned)	TBA	TBA	Rudy Van Fleet
Oct 27	Fall Meeting @ Lake Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton			
Nov 3-4	Autumn Harvest @ Beloit (sanctioned)	TBA	10/24	Earl Paulson
Dec 1-2	Deansville Open (sanctioned)	TBA	TBA	Rudy Van Fleet
Dec 8-9	Snowflake @ Beloit (sanctioned)	TBA	11/28	Earl Paulson

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



- by Tom Steinke

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's hard to believe the summer leagues are coming to an end. The weeks have gone by so fast.

I play in a few non-sanctioned bar leagues, and they're very fun to play in and there are a lot of nice people. We have a number of WHPA members that play, and every now and then we pick up a new member. You can't force anyone to join the association, but you can get them interested. We have a guy who is very interested in playing tournaments, but says he doesn't want to belong to an organization. I told him it's only \$17 to join, and he can play if and when he wants. He said it's not the \$17, it's just that he doesn't like belonging to clubs. Mark my words, by next year he'll be a member of the WHPA.

I certainly hope you got into the State tournament at Arena. If you didn't, you will be missing a great time. Arena, along with Deansville, will be hosting a great tournament.

Good Pitching,

Tom

ELECTION NEWS

Terry Sternberg, WHPA 2nd Vice President, has notified the Newsletter that he will be running for re-election.

WORLD TOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS *(continued from P.1)*

JUNIOR GIRL'S CHAMPION—MARY HARGETT (SC)



Mary Hargett (SC) won this year's title by pitching only 192 shoes! She pitched an excellent tournament, averaging 65.50%, and went undefeated. The span in average between first and sixth place was a whopping 40%. Aleena Cook (Marshfield, WI) placed fifth in the division, pitching 25.60%.



**Elder Men
Champion
Ed Arionus
(Texas)**



**Senior Men
Champion
Ron Deckard
(Florida)**



**Senior Ladies
Champion
Regina Hawes
(Florida)**



**Junior Cadet
Champion
Nathan Evers
(Missouri)**

Note: No pitchers from Wisconsin competed in these championship divisions.

WI PITCHERS AT THE WORLD TOURNEY

Division	Place	Name	W-L	Ringer %
Mens A1	4	Mark Mauthe	11-4	66.17%
Mens A2	1	Ken Heinritz	13-3	58.44%
Mens B1	7	Tom Endler	9-6	47.00%
Mens B1	11	Kerry Morris	7-8	39.33%
Mens C1	13	Bruce McLinn	5-10	36.50%
Mens C2	15	Terry Sternberg	3-12	33.67%
Mens D2	12	Ralph Marthaler	6-9	31.33%
Mens F2	6	Dick Hansen	9-6	27.33%
Sr Mens D	6	Al Huizenga	8-7	29.17%
Sr Mens G	8	Tom Steinke	6-7	15.96%
Elder Mens G	11	John Brugger	7-8	33.33%
Elder Mens G	12	Jerry Kamps	6-9	34.33%
Elder Mens J	10	Russ Burns	7-8	21.17%
Elders F	1	Ivan Ruzic	14-4	46.94%
Elders H	2	Bernie Human	13-2	39.33%
Womens A	4	Gert Wilcziek	10.5-4.5	73.83%
Womens C	13	Edie McKinney	6-9	40.17%
Womens E	11	Gloria Smith	6.5-8.5	31.67%
Jr Boys & Girls, A	4	Nathan Heinritz	8-3	65.91%
Jr Boys & Girls, B	9	Aleena Cook	4.5-6.5	33.86%

Class Champ!

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POY LEADER BOARD - by Jane Smith

With 29 of the 36 Wisconsin events recorded, the POY front runners are:
(in alphabetical order):

Division C (< 35%)

Kevin Brekke
John Garvan
Allen Johnson
Ron Lingard
Tom Steinke

Division B (35% - 49.99%)

Jeff Gustafson
Ray Lopez
Kerry Morris
Rowen Swick
Julian Tijerina

Division A (> 50%)

Jim Larson
Mark Mauthe
Randy Rein
Penny Steinke
Gert Wilcziek

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD?

Nobody likes to have an off-day or be seeded into a class over your head. But let's face it, it happens to everyone (some of us more than others).

Maybe we could track the Bottom Three finishers of each class, just like we track the Top Three. It would be a nice way to recognize the people who show up and pitch, get smoked every weekend, but still come back to play another day.

P.S. The trophy should not be the back end of a horse.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR DISCUSSION

The Pitcher of the Year award (POY) has been an award many would like to win. We have undergone several changes since **Dick Hansen** first introduced the award. The association membership has been asked for suggestions to improve the "requirements" for the award. The award has increased from one to three division winners, based on average and finishes in tournaments attended. Because there are at least 250 names entered in determining this award, we have given points to the top three finishers in each class at a tournament: 15 points for a 1st place finish, 10 for a 2nd, and five for a 3rd. We have also awarded 15 points to each member attending the Fall and Spring WHPA meetings.

Recognition for achievements is reason for awards. However, too many awards could take the prestige away from achievement. These are merely suggestions so feel free to express your opinion.

The 2007 awards will remain the three divisions. Perhaps a discussion and suggestions could be shared at the Fall meeting, October 27th.

REDEFINE THE DIVISIONS?

Kevin Brekke suggests that we should change the percentages of each division. According to this year's statistics, the three divisions are not divided evenly among all 232 eligible pitchers. Presently, the divisions are Division A - 50% and over; Division B - averages between 35% and 49.99 and; Division C - averages less than 34.99. Kevin's suggestions are for a three division award with pitchers in the division the averages be changed to Division A - 38% and higher; Division B - 26% to 37.99; and Division C - averages below 25.99%. He also has determined a breakdown for a four division award with 106 pitchers per division: Division A greater than 42.33%; Division B - 33.11% to 42.32%; Division C - 22.79% to 33.10; and Division D under 22.78%.

DECLARE AN "OVERALL" PITCHER OF THE YEAR?

Another suggestion could be three awards with one the Awesome POY, which would be the pitcher with the most points regardless of their division. This award would be larger than the other two. The other two awards could be given to a Division A, averages higher than 40% and Division B, averages 39.99 or less.

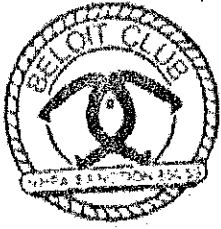
CHANGE THE NUMBER OF POINTS AWARDED?

Right now, all awards are a multiple of 3, meaning first, second, and third could be scored 3 (15 points), 2 (10 points), 1 (5 points) under the current system. By awarding 5, 3, 1 (or 15, 9, 3) for each class, there is a higher reward for placing higher in your class.

DEFINE CLASSES BY SEASON-END AVERAGES?

Participants are seeded into divisions as the year goes on. If classes were defined by a pitcher's season-end average as of July 31st of the previous season, then pitchers would know in advance which divisions they would be competing in.

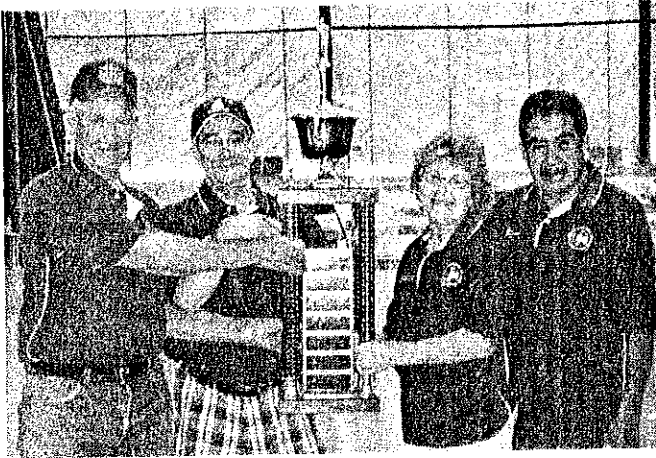
Again, these are only *ideas*. The 2007 Pitcher of the Year Awards will be calculated under existing standards.



COLORADO WALKS IN TEAM WORLD 2007

Colorado Wins For The Third Time In A Row in Beloit, WI - by Jim Haupt

It was in the Beloit final that Colorado lengthened their reign of Team-World championships. Now at five titles, three in a row, second in total to Minnesota.



Colorado #1—Team World Champions
Carl Carlton, Paul LaCrosse,
Sheila Shepard, Rich Pintor

Illinois came close. Had just one game gone the other way, it would have been their day based on total points attained.

On the first court, **Marvin Kramer**, the top Illinois pitcher, was outscoring **Shelia Shepard**, the cream of Colorado, decisively. He took charge by an excessive margin of 41 points.

On the adjacent court, and the next game done, **Carl Carlton**, a Colorado short distance pitcher averaging 70%, outdistanced **Dennis Reid**, an Illinois champion, by 36 points.

Interested spectators were quick to add points and had it at Illinois by 12, with two games still in progress. Each game was close. An Illinois win in either game would have meant trophy time for Illinois on the basis of points.

Bob Schaver, another Illinois champ (it seems they are all state champions in this class) was holding down many-time Colorado champion, **Paul LaCrosse**. He was the only pitcher in this tournament who had not yet lost a game. LaCrosse went for a double-double presen-

tation last down and back; Shaver covered one. It meant a one-point win for Colorado.

It was now up to the last pair, **Larry Knop** of Illinois and **Rich Pintor** of Colorado. Pintor, who has never lost a final game at Team-World, was duking it out and had the lead, but Knop was coming on strong. With the final shoes in, it was Pintor by two and another title for Colorado. Pintor now has 13 final games in Team World tournaments without a loss.

Team World limited this year's final to five teams. Ontario, led by **Sandy Janssens**, was the number two qualifier, but lost 1/3 to the number five prelim team, Illinois.

Minnesota and Wisconsin, ranked three and four, tied at two games each, but Minnesota prevailed with 115 points to 88.

That matched Minnesota and Illinois, who also tied, with the nod going to Illinois by 33 points and earning the right to meet with Colorado for the final game.

The consolation game between Ontario and Wisconsin went North of the border, but changed the finish order. Ontario went from 2nd to 4th. Wisconsin dropped from 4th to 5th. Minnesota retained their #3 ranking. The fact that Illinois was a #5 ranked team through wins acquired in the prelim rounds should not go unnoticed. It demonstrates the level of competition at the top of this team event.

Wisconsin is a dairy state, home of the cheeseheads. Bricks of the stuff, sponsored by the Beloit club, were awarded to the high ringer game leaders through a drawing following every set of games. Many of the winners pitched 80%+ for their cheese.

Eighteen teams pitched the tournament this year, not a full house but up two teams from last year. Pitchers everywhere are encouraged to come to Beloit in '08 and help make it another big year for Team World. 🍷



TEAM WORLD 2007 RESULTS MAY 18-20, 2007

- by Jimmy Paulson

Format: (Ringer %) (# of Wins) (Team) (Ringers/Shoes Pitched)

Tournament Champions

67.78	61	Colorado	
71.11	14	Carl Carlton	512/720
69.17	14	Sheila Shepard	498/720
68.06	18	Paul LaCrosse	490/720
62.78	15	Rich Pintor	452/720

2nd Place

65.34	58	Illinois #1	
72.50	17	Marvin Kramer	551/760
65.88	13	Dennis Reid	527/800
65.28	13	Bob Schaver	470/720
60.88	12	Larry Knop	414/680
53.75	3	Ken Schaver	129/240

3rd Place

61.68	54	Minnesota #1	
65.92	15	Dale Lipovsky	501/760
61.84	14	Bert Logsdon	470/760
60.53	12.5	Harold Schrader	460/760
58.42	12.5	Bev Nathe	444/760

4th Place

62.66	51	Ontario	
69.47	15	Lucille Leis	528/760
69.34	16	Sandy Janssens	527/760
60.39	13	Stan Leis	459/760
52.50	6	Steve Hohl	357/680
42.50	1	Tom Stroh	34/80

5th Place

61.38	52.5	Wisconsin #1	
72.89	13	Gert Wilcziek	554/760
63.68	18	Mark Mauthe	484/760
60.53	13.5	Penny Steinke	460/760
48.42	8	Jim Larson	368/760

6th Place

55.63	40.5	Minnesota #2	
61.03	11	Edi Holland	415/680
55.00	12	Rosie Leyk	374/680
53.68	7	Alan Larson	365/680
52.79	10.5	Dick Dvorak	359/680

7th Place

54.34	39.5	Michigan	
66.62	13	Jim Wiltse	453/680
59.85	12	Dewey Howard	407/680
53.54	7	Jeff Gustafson	257/480
44.12	6.5	Bruce McLinn	300/680
30.50	1	Mouse Beckius	61/200

8th Place

57.19	36.5	Missouri #1	
61.91	13	Nick Diraimo	421/680
57.35	8	Rich Altis	390/680
56.47	11	Sam Carter	384/680
52.14	4.5	Tom Ebers	292/560
40.00	1	Bun Carley	48/120

9th Place

51.73	31.5	Missouri #2	
52.79	7	Mick Gillette	359/680
51.62	10	Charles Killgore	351/680
51.32	7.5	Tim Henderson	349/680
51.18	7	Oden Sullivan	348/680

10th Place

53.27	29	Minnesota #3	
56.18	6	Mark Smith	382/680
53.68	10	Dave Hughes	365/680
51.76	7	Jerry LaBrosse	352/680
51.47	6	Jerry Hokkala	350/680

11th Place

50.11	29	Illinois #2	
57.66	9	Jesse Garza	369/640
54.41	9	Dalton Simmons	370/680
47.50	4	Bob Vandivier	266/560
46.46	6	Rich Andrysiak	223/480
37.50	1	Luke Thompson	135/360

12th Place

46.03	26.5	Wisconsin #2	
50.83	9	Edie McKinney	305/600
47.17	2.5	Norm Gage	283/600
47.00	6.5	John Molling	282/600
46.50	6.5	John Koepp	279/600
32.19	2	Larry Barber	103/320

13th Place

50.51	23.5	Iowa #1	
63.68	9.5	Joe Smith	433/680
48.38	7	Vern Kollasch	329/680
45.88	2	Bob McKee	312/680
44.12	5	Leo Buell	300/680

14th Place

49.89	23	Nebraska	
58.75	9	Lorin Mills	376/640
52.97	6	Marcus Thomsen	339/640
52.34	6	Don McCance	335/640
39.46	2	Emery Brandt	221/560
35.83	0	Terry Hiatt	86/240

15th Place

46.51	22.5	Indiana	
55.29	9	Pat Laffoon	376/680
53.24	6	Joe Graber	362/680
44.85	6	Fred Rink	305/680
32.65	1.5	Archie Sexton	222/680

16th Place

45.47	19	Missouri #3	
63.82	13	Rick McEntire	434/680
42.21	2	Larry Joe Lucas	287/680
37.31	2	Boxie Schrum	194/520
36.62	2	Dan Peterson	249/680

17th Place

43.79	18	Missouri #4	
46.03	5	Elwyn Cooper	313/680
45.29	5	Gregg Craven	308/680
41.91	5	Ron Hassler	285/680
41.91	3	Nile Abbott	285/680

18th Place

44.12	16	Iowa #2	
52.21	6.5	Bob Hardy	355/680
47.50	4	Larry Purcell	323/680
39.41	3	Leroy Law	268/680
37.35	2.5	Ron Burgess	254/680

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BELOIT SPRING SINGLES RESULTS

JUNE 9, 2007

Class A

Mark Mauthe	6-0	71.67
Penny Steinke	4-2	65.00
Jesse Garza	4-2	50.83

Class B*

Mitch Vyhanek	6-1	49.29
Rowen Swick	6-1	42.14
Daniel Lessman	5-2	45.36

Class C

Dan Stieber	7-0	31.43
Norm Beckius	5-2	23.93
Kevin Brekke	4-3	27.50

Class D

Mike Rousseau	4-1	33.60
Joe Ellinger	3.5-1.5	34.80
Pete Kumlien	3-2	31.60

Class E*

Mike Lange	4-1	23.20
George Moraza	4-1	24.40
Vicki Vyhanek	3-2	27.60

Class F

Joe Ariss	5-0	26.40
Ann Murray	4-1	26.80
Jim Mazan	3-2	21.60

Class G*

Ron Fritz	4-1	12.80
Rondi Mengelt	4-1	12.40
Wayne Goers	3-2	12.80

* First place was decided by total points, not by playoff or high ringer %.

EAGLE RIVER OPEN RESULTS

JUNE 9 & 10, 2007 - by Susie Erickson

This was the 7th year of the Eagle River Open with a new tournament director **Cliff Erickson** taking over the helm from **Art Collien**. It was held on June 9th and 10th at the Vilas County Fairgrounds with 26 players in four classes. It was a beautiful and perfect weekend for horseshoes in the Northwoods. The tournament director was stressing about not having enough players in Class D, saying to me, "Would you like to play?" I said, "NO way would I be able to compete!" Cliff talked to Art Collien and he said to "go for it!" I told my sister and she convinced me to give it a try and have some fun. I practiced and practiced. Finally, things began to fall in place. On Friday night, I penciled myself on the schedule and sent in for my sanction card. I came to the pits not knowing what to expect for tournament play.

Sunday morning, Class D with six players, was won by **Cecelia Trossen** from Mountain with a 4-1 record. Second place went to **Bernie Sopinski** of Minocqua, third by **Rueben Eckhardt** of Crandon, and fourth by **SUSIE ERICKSON!** (Not too bad for a first tournament, eh Dick?)

Saturday Class C, five players, was won by ex-tournament director **Art Collien** and a 5-0 record. **Jim O'loughlin**, Adams, took second with a record of 3-2. Third place was won by **Ed Hack**, Wausau, also with a 3-2 record.

On Saturday Class B, with seven players, was won by **Moose Meyer** from Appleton with a 6-1 record. Second place went to tournament director **Cliff Erickson** and a record of 5 1/2- 1 1/2, third to **Earl Cummings** of Crandon and a record of 5-2. **Harry Zdroik**, Eagle River took fourth with a 4-5 record.

Sunday afternoon Class A was won by State Champion, **Randy Rein**, Mosinee, and a 6-1 record. **Mark Stevens**, Marengo, also 6-1 took second place. Third place winner was **Ray Groskinsky**, Friendship, 4-3 and fourth by **Steve Wiegert**, Green Bay, with a record of 3-4.

All 26 players seemed to enjoy the Northwoods day and did not mind the price of gas to play in the Eagle River Open.

PS: Dick Hansen, NHPA Sec-Treasurer, and Susie Erickson (Cliff's wife) are cousins. Their dads were twins! ☺

ARKDALE OPEN RESULTS

JULY 8, 2007 - by Ray Groskinsky

It was warm and thanks to a little wind while playing shoes, the tourney was fun for all. A few new members played and were successful. I would like to say THANKS to all that entered and THANKS to those that helped me. See you next year. ☺

Class A

Randy Rein (7-0)
Kerry Morris
Ken Jaeger

Class B

Dave Volz
Ken Schumann
Joe Ellinger (high average in class)

Class C

Cliff Erickson (7-0)
Maria Willms
Harry Zorak

Class D

Dan Williams
Jayne Fehr
Ken Davison

Class E

Tom Dudenhofer (5-0)
Ron Willms
Bob Mikrut

EAU CLAIRE OPEN RESULTS

JUNE 10, 2007

- by John Dolezel, President and Official Reporter, Eau Claire HSC

It's easy to tell you've had a successful tournament when even the losers are smiling and having a great time. Visits by former club members **Bob Anderson, Curt and Beaty Bestul, and Al Lonning** added to the enjoyment. Hot sunny skies with no breeze made the afternoon session somewhat uncomfortable.

Class A began as an eight-person class, but **Vince Jakel** arrived with a very sore knee and decided he couldn't pitch. Then **Edie McKinney** had to quit after three games as she was overcome with heat exhaustion so we finished the day with two pacers. There were no surprises as the top three pitchers finished 1-2-3. **Gert Wilcziek**, 7-0, 78.57%; **Bert Logsdon**, 6-1, 55.71%; and **Roger Comero**, 5-2, 53.92%, followed by **Dave Schorbahn**, 4-3 and 37.5%, making up the money winners.


The most fireworks were provided by eight-person Class B. After six games, five were tied for first, with four wins! After the seventh game, the leaders had been cut to two, resulting in a play-off between **Norm Gage** and **Bob Kallstrom**. Bob claimed first place at 7-1 with a 60% game and 47.81% average.

Norm took second at 6-2 and 44.68%. **Shirley Brumbaugh**, 46.07% edged out **Ron Craigmile's** 45% for third and fourth places, both posting 5-2 records.

Dean Hove swept through Class C at 7-0, 31.78% to claim first place. Second and third place were decided by ringer average, where **Les Karpel's** 5-2, 34.28% edged out **John Brophy's** 5-2, 31.78%. **Dean Chaffee** claimed fourth place at 4-3 and 32.14%.

In Class D, **Al Johnson** walked through the competition to claim first at 7-0 and 27.5%. **Lyle Halliday** took second at 6-1 and 25.71%. Third and fourth places were decided by ringer percent, where **Jim Emery**, 4-3 and 24.64% edged out **Jim Ganther**, 4-3 and 22.5%.

In the only 6-person class, newcomer **Laurie Dolezel** had little trouble with the competition, finishing with 5-0, 24.4%. **Rod Ganther** claimed second place at 4-1 and 12.8%. **Randy Ganther** took third at 3-2 and 6%.


P.S. **Jim Ganther** pitched in the tournament as well as his sons **Jay, Rod** and **Randy**, his grandson **Brady**, and his son-in-law **Steve Wallin**. That's SIX family members! 

MARSHFIELD OPEN RESULTS

JUNE 16, 2007

- by Dan & Sylvia David

At 7am, the weather was cold and rainy, with lightning and thunder. There was discussion to call off the morning classes due to "Doppler green" to the west, but by 7:45, the storm moved south and the sun came out. It was bright and hot. Many pitchers ran out of sunscreen, and the afternoon classes ran out of bottled water.

Many pitchers finished slightly higher than their entering average, a nice result of a good day on the courts. Laughter and smiles among friends all day long. Hope to see you all back next year. 

Class A

Randy Rein	71.25
Gene Mason	60.41
Ivan Ruzic	52.91

Class B

Sonia Cook	34.16
Jerry Niemuth	42.08
Aleena Cook	36.25

Class C

Gary Wegner	32.08
Willis David	29.58
Jamie Fehr	27.50

Class D

Mel Cook	26.25
Tom Dudenhoffer	24.58
Malachi David	25.00

Class E

Randy Ganther	9.50
Rod Ganther	13.00
Jeffrey Jakel	5.00

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THIS JUST IN!

Springfield, IL will host the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament

MUSKEGO OPEN RESULTS — JUNE 16, 2007

Six New WHPA Members Compete In Their First NHPA-Sanctioned Event - by T.D. Tom Steinke

Class A*

Penny Steinke	6-0	67.92
Jesse Garza	4-2	60.42

Class B*

Pam Aiken	4-2	55.83
Bernard Carley	3-3	47.92
John Koepf	2-4	40.00

Class C

Milt Larsen	5-0	45.60
Ray Lopez	3-2	42.40
Dennis Simler	2-3	46.00

Class D

John Garvan	5-2	30.00
Debby Schell-Kotnik	5-3	25.31
Dick Hansen	4-3	33.57

Class E

Chuck Radl	6-1	35.71
George Moraza	5-2	27.14
Ed Bonebright	5-2	24.29

Class F

Tom Steinke	6-1	21.07
Dave Tellier	5-2	18.21
Trish Tellier	5-2	14.29

*Classes A & B played as one 7-man class.

First, I would like to thank Dick and Karen Henkel for all of the hard work they did, both on the day of the tournament and days before. They made everything run smoother. Also, Penny Steinke did a great job signing up pitchers for this tournament. We had six first-time pitchers competing.

Penny Steinke pitched 82.5% against her sister, Pam Aiken. Wayne Franzen got bragging rights over his brother, Mike. Chuck Radl pitched 10% over his average to win Class E.

Debby Schell-Kotnik and John Garvan had a playoff for the Class D title. Debby, a first-time tourney player on her home courts, had the crowd behind her but came up short; John won the class.

My granddaughter, Mary Ann Aiken, pitched her first tournament as a 20-foot cadet. She pitched 4%.

Congratulations to all. 🍷



Mary Ann Aiken pitches her first ringer



Debby Schell-Kotnik and John Garvan play off for Class D

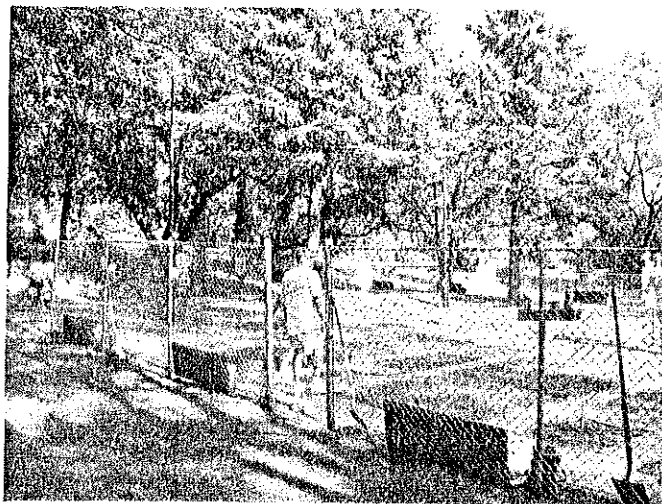


The Steinke family had good luck in Muskego. All were class winners: Penny, Tom, Pam & Mary Ann

GOLDENDALE OPEN/ALYSSA SIMONZ BENEFIT RESULTS

JUNE 24, 2007 - by Terry Sternberg

It turned out to be a beautiful weekend for running a horseshoe tournament, with 50 entries and only one canceling out before we got started. With so many requests for certain days and times, it made scheduling a



challenge to say the least, but were able to accommodate the majority. It has been a few years since we opened **Ed Wing's** first set of courts up on the hill (the founder of our club), to use as our back court to make room for Saturday's eight person class. In Class A, **Mark Mauthe** went 5-0, with a 73.2% to win over **Penny Steinke's** 4-1 record and a 70.4%, **Jim Larson** ended up third, with a 60.0% tournament. Once again, we had an entry from Suring, **Cecel Trossen**, missed third place to cash out by 1/2 %. We also had a number of members from the Combined Locks Club that drove down for some worthy competition.

The Goldendale Club incorporated a Benefit with the tournament, for **Alyssa Simonz** (diagnosed with leukemia one year ago at age four), got more than expected response. We had a number of items donated for a raffle, with the drawings held on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to **Bun and Shirley Carley** for one of Bun's crafted Cherry Wood Vases, **Susie Pritzlaff** for the 2007 Brewers Team Wall Clock, **Ted Larson** made a really nice Wren Birdhouse, **Elaine and Cliff Troullier** donated a Flowering Hanging Basket and a pair of Easy Grip Deadeyes and two Oak Sofa Snack Tables that were made and donated by the **Sternbergs**.



Alyssa Simonz

Jenny McTavish, Club VP, called and asked all her friends, to back her in the tournament by donating so much for each point she scored, which amounted to over \$200. **Mark Mauthe** donated \$0.25 for each ringer he had in the tournament, **Lorraine Sternberg** donated \$0.05 for every ringer made in Class A. **Kerry Morris** donated \$25 toward the Benefit on behalf of the Deansville Horseshoe Club, along with **John Secord**, **Dick Hansen** and others donating their prize money and the buying of raffle tickets by all who attended. In all, over \$700 was raised and put in a Trust in Alyssa's name for medical expenses.

We would like to thank everyone very much for making this tournament and the Benefit a great success. Ω

Class A

Mark Mauthe	5-0	73.20
Penny Steinke	4-1	70.40
Jim Larson	2-3	60.00

Class B

John Koepp	5-0	47.20
Cal Pitel	3-2	47.20
Kerry Morris	3-2	39.60

Class C

Steve Mielke	7-0	45.00
Steve Wiegert	5-2	46.07
Elaine Troullier	4-3	42.86

Class D

Ray Lopez	5-1	35.42
Dennis Ambuehl	4-2	36.25
John Secord	3-3	31.67

Class E

Dave Hansen	4.5-0.5	32.00
John Garvan	3.5-1.5	30.00
Joe Ellinger	3-2	38.40

Class F

Mark Nord	4-1	21.60
Tom Steinke	4-1	20.80
Jim Poquette	3-2	17.50

Class G


Jenny McTavish	4-1	22.00
Don Wozniak	4-1	18.40
Mike Keagle	3-2	18.80

Class H

Tricia Ryan	6-0	18.75
David Tellier	4-2	17.92
Michael Franzen	2-4	8.75

COMBINED LOCKS RESULTS - by Bill Matey

The 2007 Tournaments at Kamps Covered Courts hosted by the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club went very well with no delays. The weather was just perfect, with a cool breeze filtering in the Covered Courts, we wondered why more pitchers did not take advantage of the courts, out of the hot sun and rain.

Thanks to all who entered our tournaments and all that helped out keeping things well-organized. 

MID-EASTERN OPEN

JULY 14, 2007

The Mid-Eastern non-sanctioned and handicapped for the first time, was mostly club members and local pitchers, but the competition is just as fierce, with quite a few games determined by the handicap system.

We had a few comments pro and con using the handicap system. Formats for any future tournaments will not be decided until more comments are heard.

Class A

Elaine Troullier	3.5-1.5	41.00
Gene Mason	3-2	57.50
Norb Fuhrman	3-2	43.50

Class B

Tom Rosenthal	4-1	42.50
Cliff Troullier	4-1	41.50
Jerry Kamps	3-2	48.00

Class C

Norm Carlson	5-0	20.00
Bill Beschta	4-1	17.00
Vicki Ficher	3-2	16.00

LOX CLASSIC

JULY 15, 2007

The Lox Classic, sanctioned and not handicapped, went pretty much as expected with the top seed in each class finishing in the top spot or near the top.

Class A

Gene Mason	7-0	58.50
Otis Wessley	6-1	50.30
Norb Fuhrman	4-3	42.10

Class B

Ozz Jacobson	3-2	49.50
Dick Hanold	3-2	43.00
Jerry Kamps	3-2	42.00

Class C

Steve Mielke	5.5-0.5	40.40
Cliff Troullier	5.5-0.5	39.50
Tom Rosenthal	4-0	35.40

Class D

Cecelia Trossen	6-0	22.80
Mike Zahn	5.5-1.5	20.00
Tricia Tellier	5-0	15.00

OBSERVATIONS AT COMBINED LOCKS


- by Jim Haupt

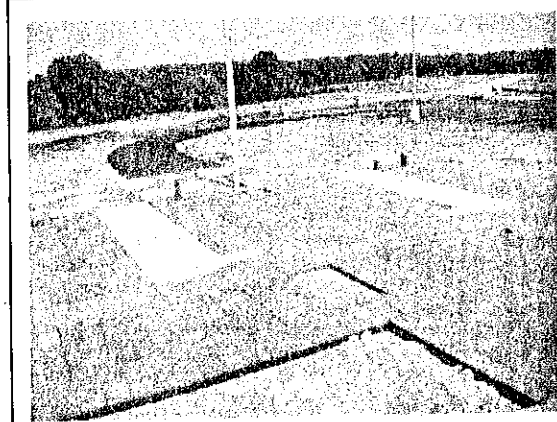
Several years ago, the Combined Locks club made the decision to offer two tournaments running on the same weekend. There was pressure to sanction the normal Mid-Eastern, but the club members are largely an unsanctioned group and there was no way they could ignore their own members in an NHPA-sanctioned event, which requires pitchers to possess a card. The answer was evident.

This year the Saturday tournament for all pitchers was handicapped similar to league play, perfect for league pitchers. The Combined Locks club provided 18 pitchers for the Mid-Eastern Saturday.

Sunday nine or ten visiting pitchers, four from Beloit, plus some repeaters from Saturday brought the total to 29.

This Mid-Eastern tournament hardly compares to the days of yore when the tournaments were few and the participation was huge but by separating these events the club has shown the way, saved the day and provided for a full weekend of quality pitching for all of the WHPA. Now its up to us to take advantage of their fine courts.

With the exception of a few travelers, the club suffers from the common horseshoe disease, "stay-at-home-itus." Maybe if we travel to their tournament, we could entice them to travel to ours. 



Construction on the NHPF Memorial Plaza

continues in St. Charles County, Missouri.

BEHIND THE MASK - by Ken Heinritz



After a rough outing, what makes a horseshoe pitcher keep coming back for more? Are we just knuckleheads, glutton for more punishment? Though sometimes I wonder, I do believe each one of us has what it takes, whether we admit it or not. In a single word - HOPE! Even if the ringer percent is 15 or 20 points lower than our opponent, we still have hope. We know what we are capable of pitching (on rare occasions) and also know that because we are human (all except for maybe that Alan what's-his-name), our opponent could falter in the very match we excel in. And so we generate this uncanny idea that maybe, just maybe this will be our 'lucky' day.

Our very own **Mark Mauthe** has this thought in mind as he soon goes head to head with Mr. Francis for a shot at this year's World Title. He is well aware that out of 100 games with him, Alan may well win 95 of them. But it's that 5% chance that gives him hope. A below-average game for Alan matched with an exceptional game for Mark could spell victory. It has happened to all of us. Even Mark recalls in last years World competition in Gillette, when he was caught off guard by a charging **Ken Jones** from New Mexico. Jones punched out one of his best games at a time when Mark's below-average game wasn't quite good enough. That one game cost Mauthe as he finished 4th in the final standings instead of 3rd.

What about you? Is there hope for you? The answer is an unequivocal yes. And I am not just speaking of your horseshoe game now. You can beat the odds in a world filled with regret.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
Romans 15:13 ☞

DOWN AND BACK WITH JIM HAUPT

Saw a number of pitchers watching Team-World who are cooling it or on injured reserve.

Ralph Maylahn, Genesee Depot, was in his scorekeeper's chair but only part time after receiving a pacemaker.

Ray and Delores Billen, Kenosha, married only 65 years, still say they are not buying green bananas. Ray may not pitch this year due to his sore shoulder.

Tom Reid, Illinois, has arm problems. Can't toss a shoe or draw a bow. May be in line for a used wheel chair from **Dennis**. Good luck, Tom.

Eldon "Nick" Bryant, the Chenoa, IL, clay supplier, doesn't pitch so much. Nice that his chauffeur, wife, agreed to drive.

Here's one that has to go in the "Are You Serious?" column: Here is a rumor heard at a horseshoe tournament where **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** was pitching. Guy One says, "Hey, I see Walter Ray is pitching left-handed again. What's with that guy?" Guy Two says, "Didn't you know? I heard and it seems true, that the bonding company that has his bowling arm (the right one) insured up to the hilt, has come down on him for using that bowling arm for trivial sports like horseshoes. So he switched. And that, my friends, is why WRW pitches lefty." Guy one replies, "Are ya daft man? He pitches lefty just 'cuz he can"

So who do you believe? ☞

NEW HORSESHOE COURTS!



The Rozeville Lions Club has built eight new non-sanctioned sand courts. Rozeville is five miles north of Marshfield. They are expecting to host several leagues and tournaments each summer.

KEN KOSKY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS - by Jayme Fehr JUNE 30, 2007

Horseshoe pitchers were once again pitching at the "Does and Arrows" horseshoe club (formerly Windy Hill). The weather was hot and sunny and any wind was welcome!

The morning saw classes C and D take to the courts. **Steve Mielke** took the C class going 7-0 with 38.57%. **Cliff Erickson** was a close second at 5.5-1.5 and 36.42%. **Gary Wegner** was third with a 5-2 record and 33.9%.

In D class, there were a lot of close games, with **Willis David** ending up on top at 6-0 and 34.64%. **Harry Zdroik** went 5-2, 33.21% for second, and **Kevin Brekke** finished 3rd at 4/3 with 32.14%.

By noon, things were really heating up for classes B and E. In Class B, **Kurt Jochimsen** went 7-2, 38.75% to take first. **Roger Stratten** finished second, 38.3% over third place **Ralph Marthaler** by ringer percentage, 34.1% although each had the same win-loss record of 6-3.


Art Collien of Eagle River came in first in E class with 4-1 and a slightly higher ringer percentage of 28%, to **Mike Hruby's** 27.2%. Each were 4-1. **George Eckstrom** was third with 3-2 and 24%.



Class A Winner
Ivan Ruzic

If horseshoes were easy everyone would do it, but that's how those folks in "A" make it look. **Ivan Ruzic** found himself in first by going 7-0 at 54.2%. **Randy Rein** had a ringer percentage of 72.5% but lost to Ruzic by one point. Landing third at 5-2 was **John Molling** with 51.43%.

Laurie Dolezel went 7-0 in F class, pitching 20.7%. Coming second was **Trent Bratland** at 6-1 and the same percentage. Ken Kosky's son, **Jason Maki**, finished third at 4-3 and 17.5%.

Thanks to all who attended this tournament. A Ken Kosky memorial plaque will carry the name of each class A winner, added annually. The plaque will hang at the shop, K & S Fuel Injection in Schofield, WI. 

IN MEMORIAM

BOB LINDBERG (1936-2007) "THE BLACK SWEDE"

Bob Lindberg passed away peacefully May 21, 2007 at New Richmond hospital with family by his side. He was a long time member of Ramsey and Fridley Horseshoe clubs. During his battle with cancer, the only thing he complained about was not being able to pitch.

Bob moved to Fridley, Minnesota and in 1970, he began pitching horseshoe with the Ramsey County Horseshoe Club. In 1972 he joined the Fridley Club. Not only was he a club leader, but also tournament director of the Northwest and Fridley tournaments. He was also instrumental in the construction of new courts at both locations. He won several state titles and was inducted into the Minnesota Hall of Fame with Jean, in 1988 as promoters.

Bob gave up his Northwest/Ramsey Tournament leadership to others in the MGSHPA when he retired and resumed his Star Prairie and WHPA residency. He was instrumental in promoting and keeping new horseshoe pitchers in the Twin City area and in Western Wisconsin. He attended the Eau Claire tournaments as well as the Close Doesn't Count tournaments. He always wore a broad smile. Bob's family also was involved in horseshoes. Perhaps you pitched against BJ Johnson, Dave Paul, or Tom Warling who also wore the same family smile whenever a person met them. His wife, Jean, was usually occupying a scorekeeping chair.

Bob was a real first-class gentleman who will be missed by many in the horseshoe world.

KARL HIX (1979-2007) OF RUTHER GLEN, VIRGINIA

Many pitchers know the Hix family from Virginia from going to World tournaments. They've had another tragedy in their family. Karl Hix, 28, died in a car accident in June. He will be missed by many.

ARENA "SIZZLER" RESULTS - by Ed Wheeler

JULY 15, 2007

The weather was ideal for "The Sizzler" tournament in Arena. Hot sunshine and a mild breeze every now and then, just what the doctor ordered.

The day started with two classes pitching in the morning shift. In Class B, it was a very tight race right down to the end, until new-comer **Joe Ellinger** came out on top with a 6-2 record, and **Dave Volz** and **Julio Tijerina** right behind with 5-3 records. Dave had the better ringer percentage for second place.

In Class D, **Tom Steinke** made a definite statement to everyone by winning all five games in his class, taking first place honors. Second place went to **Millard Harding** with a 4-1 record, while **Dan Nalepinski** took third with a 2-3 record.

In Class C, **John Garvan** and **Kevin Brekke** decided that five games were not enough and had to pitch a sixth to determine first place. John came out in first place, Kevin ended up second. Third place went to **Linda Higby** with a 3-2 record.

Notes From Arena

On July 14th, we had a fund raiser to help support the Arena club. Refreshments along with rib dinners were on the menu. We sold 150 dinners and I would like to thank all the Arena workers that helped make it a success.

On July 15th, we had great weather and great participation in "The Sizzler." Like every other great event, it started with a flyover—not Blue Angels, but **Dave Forseth** and his granddaughter.

- by Phil Haas

Now if the heat wasn't bad enough, the bottom four pitchers in Class A were probably wondering what they were in for. The top four pitchers in the class were **Mark Mauthe, Randy Rein, Jim Larson** and **John Udelhofen** (I don't know about you, but I think I would have sat down and let the top four duel it out!). This made for one very interesting afternoon of pitching. As usual, **Mark** and **Randy** were on track to meet in the final and when the dust settled after a very tightly-played game, Mark topped Randy 26 ringers to 25 ringers. **Jim Larson** and **John Udelhofen** came in with 4-3 records, with Jim having the better ringer percentage to take third place. **John Udelhofen** had the highest ringer game of the day, with 33 ringers out of 40 shoes. Nice going, John!

As always, I want to thank all those who entered, and all the club members that help put this event on. Without your entries, these events will not be events, thanks to everyone again. ♪

NEW MEMBERS

The WHPA would like to welcome the following new 2007 NHPA/WHPA members :

Josh Baranowski	Wausau	40
Bob Budzien	Mukwonago	40
Dave Carpenter	Beloit	40
Toby Cartledge	Birnamwood	40
Scott Davison	Centuria	40
Larry Eide	La Crosse	40
Susie Erickson	Eagle River	W
Odie Garcia	Racine	40
Steve Glimm Jr	Ringle	40
A. Donald Godsey	Greenfield	40
Kyle Golz	Centuria	JB
Jessica Golz	Centuria	JG
Diane Hall	Racine	W
Ryan Hauge	Marshfield	40
Tammie Hubing	Marshfield	W
Bob Johnson	Onalaska	40
Travis Johnson	Friendship	JB
Jen Johnson	Balsam Lake	W
Chris Kildahl	Marshfield	40
Tom Kotnik	Muskego	40
Paul Kruncos	Birnamwood	30
Jerry Michels	Milwaukee	40
Thomas Peterson	Friendship	40
Joe Peterson	Adams	30
Kent Price	New London	40
Scott Ramin	Melrose	40
Dylan Renville	Grantsburg	JB
Debby Schell-Kotnik	Muskego	W
Leonard Splett	Galesville	30
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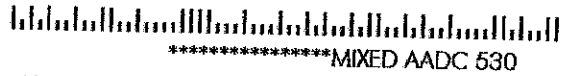
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