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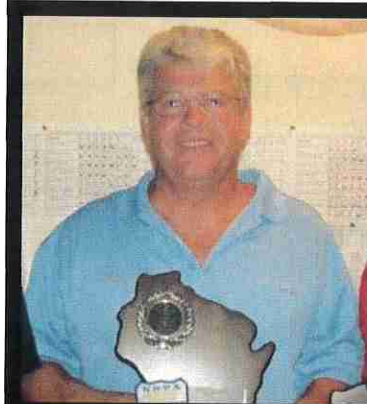
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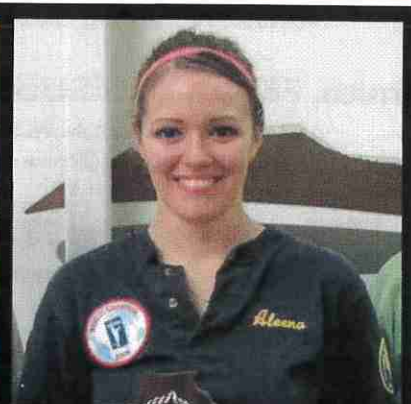
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**Randy Rein**  
Win #16!



**Aleena Cook**  
Win #1!



**Ron Button**  
Win #1!



**Gunnar David**  
Win #3!



**Heather Feavel**  
Win #2!



**Nicholas Prasalowicz**  
Win #1!



**Brooke Lazaris**  
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Oct. 13-14	Deansville 036	10/3	\$18	Rudy VanFleet	920-210-7589 rudyvanfleet@frontier.net
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Fall Meeting</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>Lake Delton</b>	<b>15 POY points!</b> <b>All invited</b>
Nov. 3-4	Beloit 037	10/27	\$18	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304 epauls@live.com
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**RAY BILLEN , 90**

Horseshoe Hall of Fame lost a 1997 inductee when Ray Billen died, July 18, 2012 at the Hospitality Nursing Home in Kenosha. His wife and constant companion, Delores, passed on in 2011 as did one son, previously. He is survived by a son and daughter, six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

We remember Ray as an avid pitcher at the Pitchin' Palace. He had been an auto body-man repairing equipment, shovels as needed. Had two fine courts in his own backyard where he ran leagues.

He and friend, Harry Nelson, built and established the Kenosha Horseshoe Club at Nash Park in Kenosha which were deservedly named the Ray Billen Courts. So- long Ray. We had some good times together.



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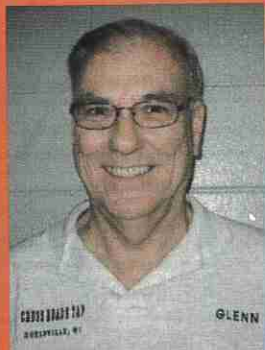
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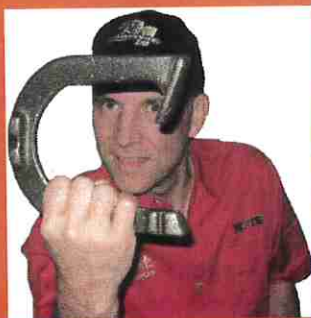
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WISCONSIN  
HORSESHOES



Not only was this summer unusually HOT, it was unusually busy for your State Officers. In August, we were all in Knoxville, TN for the World Tournament. We were there, not only to pitch horseshoes, but also to "pitch" for the 2014 WT in Wausau. We had an excellent presentation with the help of Dick Barrett and Darien Schaefer of the Wausau Convention and Sports Authority. Unfortunately, Buffalo, NY was selected over us for 2014. A special thanks to Dick, Darien, WHPA officers, and all our members who gave of their time and talents.

WOW! What a great State Tournament in Eau Claire! The weather was beautiful and the tournament was very professionally run. Special thanks to Laurie Dolezel and all the hard workers from the Eau Claire and Close Doesn't Count Clubs. "Congrats" to all our State Champs. Your hard work has paid off. One of my highlights was to hand out and recognize all the award winners you will find expanded on elsewhere in this issue. My decision to pick Tom Steinke for the President's Award was a "no-brainer." This man served as your President for eight years, a tournament director for over 20 years, has been active in the junior scholarship program and is an "all-around nice guy." Thank you, Tom, for all you have done and will be doing.

The weather is cooling down and Fall is upon us. Don't pack away those horseshoes—support our INDOOR tournaments. Do join us for the Fall Meeting in Lake Delton, Saturday, October 20th, 1 p.m. These meetings are for YOU. Please plan on attending.

In closing, we all pitch horseshoes for many reasons, but I have found, this past year, that for me it is the people. Sandy and I have met so many wonderful people at the WT, ST, and tournaments throughout the state. I sign off with this toast to you all: There are good ships; there are wood ships; ships that sail the sea; but, the best ships, are friendships—May they always be.

## Behind the Mask

NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

How does he do it? We have witnessed it time and again, the never-say-die mentality of Mosinee's Randy Rein. An untimely fortune on my part to have experienced it first-hand. In the game for the Men's Title, Randy & I locked horns. Feeling good about my early advantage of 21-5, 40 points didn't seem that far away. Then sparring back and forth, the score grew to 37-21 lead, which I enjoyed. Life was good and the finish line only a ringer away. But as we've seen before, Randy bears down like a hungry cougar creeping up on its prey.

With the score 37-34, Randy saw the opening to taking the game, but needing a double ringer to do it. And he did just that, taking his first lead of the game and pulling out victory with a 40-37 win. Randy fell to his knees, but carried the Wisconsin Championship Trophy home for the 16<sup>th</sup> time.

The scorekeeper of that match was Kevin Brekke who later put it this way, "Randy has a lot of fight & loves a challenge. He has a way of turning it up into a different gear. Not everyone has that."

This is uncanny! Wouldn't most people stumble to an inevitable defeat? Well, Randy is not like most people. Turning a huge deficit into an incredible triumph makes the thrill of victory that much better. His win ties him with the great Casey Jones, who finished his career in the 1960s.

What makes Randy special is that he has the ingredients that take a good



2012 State Tournament Results  
Eau Claire



**Elders Championship**

Ron Button <sup>A</sup>	7	1	69.76
Martin Papesh <sup>A</sup>	7	2	62.09
Larry Grabowski <sup>A</sup>	6	2	58.33
Dave Ninnemann	3	4	47.34
Wayne Lemar	3	4	47.32
Dave Schorbahn	2	5	45
John McNeill	2	5	42.55
Galen Kozel	0	7	47.9



**Elders Class A**

Larry Grabowski <sup>A</sup>	6	2	49.38
John McNeill <sup>B</sup>	5	3	43.52
Jerry Schroeder <sup>B</sup>	4	3	35.36
Jim Ganther	4	3	33.22
Jim Haupt	3	4	35.36
John Dolezel	3	4	29.64
Tony Scrima	3	4	27.43
Ivan Ruzic	1	6	28.93



**Elders Class B**

John Olson <sup>B</sup>	5	0	29.2
Dennis Kieser <sup>B</sup>	3	2	41.6
John Brugger <sup>B</sup>	3	2	36.4
Gary Schmitz	2	3	27.6
Jim Bertelson	2	3	21.2



**Elders Class C**

Russ Burns <sup>B</sup>	5	1	29.61
Ron Ramquist <sup>B</sup>	4	2	28.67
George Eckstrom <sup>B</sup>	3	2	30
Earl Paulson	3	2	16.8
Don Peroutka	1	4	16.93
Scott Shackleton	0	5	9.6



**Cadets Championship**

Brooke Lazaris <sup>C</sup>	5	0	8.67
Nicholas Prasalowicz <sup>C</sup>	4	1	6.67
Taylor Larson <sup>C</sup>	3	2	3.33
Brandon Benzing	2	3	2.
Kane Kuester	1	4	2.
Carter Poppe	0	5	2.



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**Women's Championship**

Aleena Cook	A	7	1	58.88
Penny Steinke	A	6	2	60.05
Pam Aiken	A	5	2	55.06
Cathy Asmundsen		5	2	54.57
Toni Sloper		3	4	36.52
Elaine Troullier		2	5	22.89
Sonia Cook		1	6	30.72
Kiri Cook		0	7	31.74



**Women's Class A**

Debby Schell-Kotnik	B	6	2	36.88
Toni Sloper	B	5	3	37.5
Elaine Troullier	B	4	3	41.07
Sonia Cook		4	3	33.57
Laurie Dolezel		4	3	33.57
Tave Kildahl		3	4	33.21
Cindy Castellano		3	4	28.93
Gloria Smith		0	7	17.14



**Women's Class B**

Rondi Mengelt	B	7	0	30.36
Kari David	B	6	1	34.64
Jackie Hughes	C	4	3	26.79
Tricia Ryan-Tellier		4	3	26.43
Tonya Kalum		4	3	25.71
Cecelia Trossen		2	5	10.71
Mary Wojciechowski	I	6		10.36



**Jr. Girls Championship**

Heather Feavel	A	6	0	41.72
Christina Heinritz	B	3	3	30.31
Janice Asmundsen	B	2	4	24.01
Emily Lazaris		1	5	21.3



**Junior Girls Class A**

Emily Lazaris	C	7	0	23.21
Cailyn Trangsrud		6	1	7.14
Mary Ann Aiken	C	4	3	4.23
Alisha Prasalowicz		4	3	2.5
Jessica Larson		3	4	2.86
Abby Aiken		3	4	.35
Alyssa Simonz		1	6	.71





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**Jr. Boys Championship**

Gunnar David	A	5	0	52.75
Tim Lazaris	B	4	1	40.87
Blake Lazaris	B	2	3	20.87
Mason Bisch		2	3	18.6
Cole Trangsrud		0	5	5.05



**Junior Boys Class A**

Cole Trangsrud	C	6	0	6.25
Alex Tzxnik	C	3	3	8.75
Brady Reetz	C	3	3	6.25
Tony Secord		0	6	4.17



**Men's Championship**

Randy Rein	A	6	1	59.82
Ken Heinritz	A	5	2	55.35
Dave Hughes	A	4	3	56.36
Mark Mauthe		4	3	50.48
Jeff Gustafson		4	3	46.91
Lonny Trangsrud		3	4	51.17
Jim Larson		1	6	48.02
Jim Bilderback		1	6	38.96

**Men's Class A**

Lonny Trangsrud	A	6	1	52.50
Jeff Gustafson	A	5	2	50.
John Molling	A	5	2	46.07
John Meyer		3	4	41.79
Tom Endler		3	4	38.21
Tory Jeske		3	4	33.93
Bun Carley		2	5	36.07
Todd Sheehan		1	6	42.86



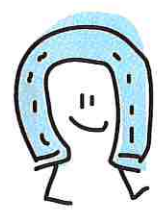
**Men's Class B**

Dean Chaffee	A	7	0	41.07
Glenn Bogenschneider	B	5	2	44.29
Ray Groskinsky	B	4	3	38.93
John Bauer		3	4	38.21
Glen Faust		3	4	37.14
Bruce McLinn		3	4	28.21
Kerry Morris		2	5	33.57
Jarrold Bisch		1	6	28.93



**Men's Class C**

Kurt Jochimsen	B	6	1	39.29
Jerry Oleskow	B	5	2	42.14
Jerry Neimuth	B	5	2	39.64
Les Karpel		4	3	38.93
Jim Heim		3	4	34.64
Curtis Bruger		3	4	31.79
Rick Weller		2	5	35.
Al Huizenga		0	7	28.57



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**Men's Class D**

Nick Muller <i>B</i>	6	1	43.57
Bob Kallstrom <i>B</i>	5	2	36.79
Terry Sternberg <i>B</i>	5	2	35.71
Gary Volz	3	4	32.50
Dave Volz	3	4	28.93
Steve Mieke	3	4	28.93
Norm Beckius	2	5	14.64
John Brophy	1	6	28.57



**Men's Class E**

Ralph Marthaler <i>B</i>	7	0	32.86
Mitch Littlegeorge <i>B</i>	5	2	31.07
Dave Wietrzak <i>B</i>	4	3	31.43
Kevin Brekke	4	3	29.64
Joel Ramsdell	3	4	24.64
Michael Benzing Jr.	2	5	25.71
Gary Wegner	2	5	25.36
Randy Mitchell	1	6	25.

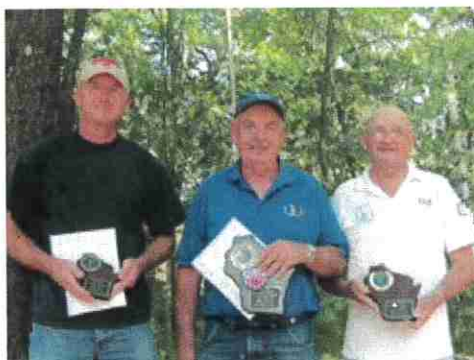


**Men's Class F**

Jeremy Wegner <i>B</i>	6	1	30.36
Jeff Kunz <i>B</i>	5	2	29.29
Steve Wallin <i>B</i>	5	2	28.82
Mark Rice	3	4	30.
Dave Torrey	3	4	23.57
Larry Danielson	2	5	29.29
Tom Kotnik	2	5	25.
Bernie Sopinski	2	5	18.57

**Men's Class G**

Stan Fox <i>B</i>	6	1	26.79
Dave Paul <i>C</i>	5	2	25.36
Mike Zahn <i>C</i>	5	2	21.79
Tom Reiter	4	3	24.64
Corey Hughes	3	4	19.64
Randy Heinritz	2	5	23.21
Richard Conrad	2	5	22.14
Fay Lloyd	1	6	18.57



**Men's Class H**

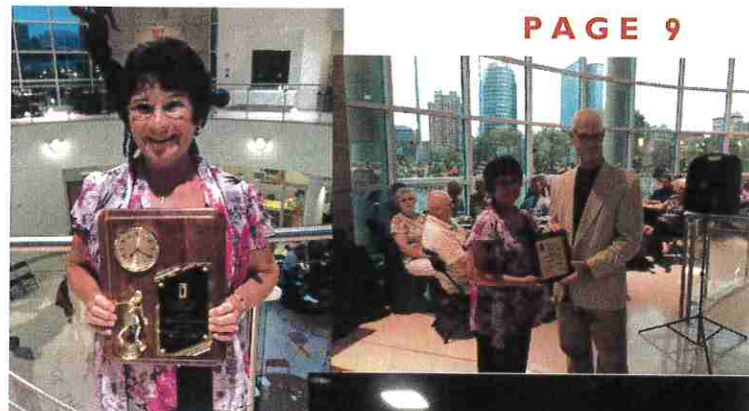
Tom Steinke <i>C</i>	7	1	25.93
Ted Rohde <i>C</i>	6	2	20.68
Rich Brockway <i>B</i>	5	2	31.07
Dennis Capener	3	4	25.70
John Reiter	3	4	22.89
Bob Cole	3	4	22.5
Jeff Reiter	2	5	13.93
Cecil Reiter Jr	0	7	13.21





## Knoxville World Tournament Musings

By, Jane Smith



It was an interesting drive to Knoxville, Tennessee. We learned to be thankful for the rain we did receive over the summer. The fields south of Beloit, and all the way to the Tennessee border, were dry and brown. We did check out the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville and did get a souvenir "slugger." The tour was inexpensive and very informative. Not only were we able to check out the horseshoe courts and pitching arena but we were able to visit the Gatlinburg area. WOW! What a tourist destination. The Smokey Mountains are awesome! Our accommodations were in the mountains and about 1 1/2 hours from the Convention Center. We did put a few miles on the vehicle. While at the courts, we spent time promoting the Wausau bid for the 2014 World Tournament. As Glenn has mentioned there were many WI pitchers who gave their time to this adventure. Many friendships were developed and old ones rekindled as we visited with delegates to vote for Wausau. The booth treated everyone who stopped to very fresh, squeaky cheese curds! The Wausau Tourism and Sports Authority did all they could have done to win the bid. It was a great experience but Wausau will not pursue a future bid in the near future. The pitching arena was air conditioned - cool for the spectators - but comfortable for the pitchers. It was a pleasure to see the WI pitchers doing well during the tourney. The Convention was held on Sunday morning. There were quite a few rule changes that were discussed. The results of these changes can be found on the NHPA web page. Ken Heinritz orchestrated a wonderful church service after the meeting. His message is always relevant and he makes a point of including horseshoe pitchers in the service. The banquet was held Sunday evening with our own Lorraine Sternberg receiving an award for her years of service as NHPA VP. She certainly made working with sanctioned leagues fun. She was always willing to share her expertise with directors. She also rewrote the red Sanction League booklet! How did she ever find time for her family—to spoil her grandkids? The association's top pitchers began their competition on Monday. Again, our WI pitchers made us proud! Congrats to the World Champions pictured on page 13. Plan to go to St. George Utah in 2013. We have been told it is a beautiful place to visit with many sites to check out.



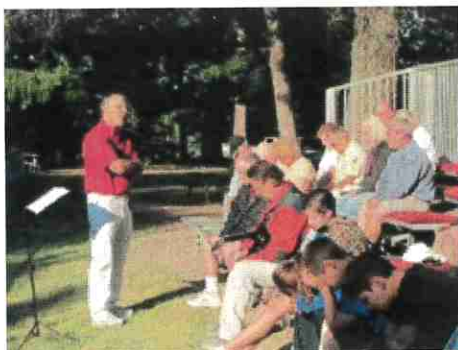
## Wisconsin World Tournament Results

By, Jim Haupt

Congratulations to the WI pitchers who traveled to Knoxville to pitch ringers. **Gert Wilcziek, Sr. Women's World Champion;** Gunnar David, 5<sup>th</sup>; Heather Feavel, 2<sup>nd</sup>; **George Eckstrom, Champion;** Jim Ganther, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Dave Schorbahn, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Cal Pitel, 8<sup>th</sup>; Dave Ninnemann, 10<sup>th</sup>; Galen Kozel, 12<sup>th</sup>; Wayne Lemar, 13<sup>th</sup>; John Dolezel, 14<sup>th</sup>; John Brugger, 9<sup>th</sup>; Gary Schmitz, 6<sup>th</sup>; **Bernie Human, Champion;** **Heather Feavel, Champion;** Ken Heinritz, 5<sup>th</sup>; Lonny Trangsrud, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kerry Morris, 6<sup>th</sup>; John Garvan, 6<sup>th</sup>; Russ Heinritz, 14<sup>th</sup>; Kevin Brekke, 10<sup>th</sup>; Terry Sternberg, 11<sup>th</sup>; Kurt Jochimsen, 7<sup>th</sup>; Jerry Niemuth, 15<sup>th</sup>; Ralph Marthaler, 13<sup>th</sup>; Steve Wallin, 9<sup>th</sup>; Mike Zahn, 12<sup>th</sup>; **Ray Mallo, Champion;** John Meyer, 9<sup>th</sup>; Bun Carley, 8<sup>th</sup>; Glenn Bogenschneider, 9<sup>th</sup>; Al Huizenga, 13<sup>th</sup>; Bruce McLinn, 14<sup>th</sup>; Jim Tollefson, 9<sup>th</sup>; Tom Steinke, 5<sup>th</sup>; Penny Steinke, 8<sup>th</sup>; Aleena Cook, 4<sup>th</sup>; Kiri Cook, 15<sup>th</sup>; Michelle Plaisance, 5<sup>th</sup>; Laurie Dolezel, 11<sup>th</sup>; Gloria Smith, 12<sup>th</sup>; **Kari David, Champion;** Cecelia Trossen, 8<sup>th</sup>; Jerry Kamps, 10<sup>th</sup>. A few of these pitchers traveled hundreds of miles to pitch some of the same pitchers they face in Wisconsin.

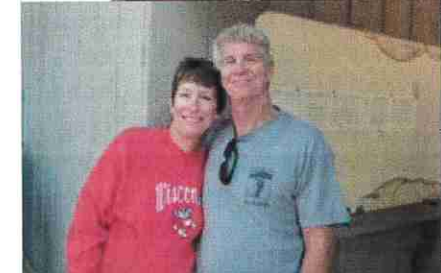


### State Tournament Awards Church Service / EC Tournament Committee



As has been mentioned several times in this issue, the Eau Claire club hosted a near perfect State tournament. The weather was awesome and the smiles, abundant! It takes a team and many hands to help an event run smoothly. The Sunday schedule included a church service and a Hall of Fame ceremony in addition to horseshoe pitching including the Championship classes. Ken Heinritz and family along with WHPA members began the day with a service giving thanks for our opportunities and appreciating what we have been given. Kevin Brekke, John Drexler, and the Lazaris and Heinritz juniors brought many smiles to the service. President Glenn Bogenschneider handed out the awards earned by WHPA pitchers this past season. Their names and awards are featured in another article. Glenn presented Tom Steinke with the President's Award for his years as WHPA president. Edie McKinney give Mouse Beckius his Hall of Fame plaque along with a huge hug! Earl Paulson mentioned a "few" of the things Mouse has done for the horseshoe family. Mouse thanked his wife and son for their patience.

The many hands and minds of the Eau Claire club worked well together and were still smiling when all was said and done! Some of the Eau Claire movers and shakers were Co- Tournament directors Laurie Dolezel and Mark Gagnon; Debbie Smith along with John Dolezel handled publicity and trophy selection. Rob Rehm and Kenny Rentz were manning the registration table. Elly McCarn and Dave Schorbahn handles the scorekeepers and judging duties. No pictures but great food- thanks to Jesse and Lavone Comero. Dennis Kieser and Jimmy Paulson worked together in getting photos posted of the winners. Something new and will be continued. Dennis is an "Apple" man but he and Jimmy made things work. THANKS!





## Down 'n Back with Men's State Horseshoe Championships

By, Jim Haupt

Wisconsin's 90 state championships are shared by just 25 men. Seventeen of them have gone on to the golden courts in the sky. Just eight are still with us and only three are still tossing ringers at State Tournaments, Randy Rein, Mark Mauthe, and Ken Heinritz.

Harvey Elmerston won six years in a row back in the late twenties, nine times in all and placed second in the World Tournament of 1935. He is a candidate for the NHPA Hall of Fame. It was about that time, '32, '33, that Harold Sheets of Waukesha won his first State Titles. Forty-two years later! Sheets is heard from again winning in '73, '75, & '76. Vince 'Tommy' Bartlen won six times starting in '49 at the West Allis Fairgrounds, finally at Combined Locks in '67. Bill Glass, farmer from Vesper, was top dog eight times in thirteen years interrupted by Sheets, Ralph Maylahn and Rick Pritzlaff.

Our most famous pitcher, Casey Jones, won the state title 16 times over a 26 year period. Although, we doubt that he actually entered the State each of those years. He also placed second in the World event. 4 times. His record of 87.5% for a world tournament lasted twenty years. He was a relatively young man, 42, when he retired from the game but started his title string at age 16.

Randy Rein, current champion, has also won the State Title 16 times and done it in only 22 years. Only four pitchers have been able to wrest the title from Rein during his reign. One, Mark Mauthe, has three State Titles and a few years ago finished second in the World. The other, Ken Heinritz, won in 2009 and all but had the title game this year until Rein dug deep and began pitching all ringers. Mark Stevens won the State Title three years in succession, 86, 87, & 88, and remains a threat if he regains his health. John Udelhofen, 3 time Champ, has been AWOL along with another three time winner Don Kangas, one more health casualty.

In drawing up these words we've been surveying an ordinary State book. The State Men's Champions are in two columns, one pre 1967 and the other following. It is interesting to note that the home town of almost all pitchers pre '67 are from Milwaukee and Waukesha. The next page, after '67, when the State Tournament went to various locations, other than the West Allis Fairgrounds, the pitchers home towns also varied, with one exception, it says "Mosinee," sixteen times.

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## 1972 State Horseshoe Tournament

By, Jim Haupt

Green Bay the club courts, the old D&B Midway Bar, it is the first State Tournament for young John Secord who would eventually become the Secretary, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Association. It is also the year Ralph Maylahn managed to overcome his perennial opponent, Bill Glass and take his turn as State Champion. It's the era of 50 point games. Secord watched as Maylahn was about to shut-out another pitcher. The score was 48-0 when Maylahn deftly placed his shoes, one right, one left off the stake. The other pitcher says defiantly, "Nobody is going to give me anything!" and tosses both his shoes into the fence. It makes little difference just who that pitcher was. The fact to be gleaned is that our State Secretary has been pitching the State Tournament for forty-one years without exception.

## Congratulations! 2012 WHPA Awards

Compiled by Jane Smith

### Most Improved

Linda Roeber 10 events 11.66 points  
Christina Heinritz 5 events 9.4 points

### Pitcher of the Year

47 events 272 participants

#### Division A averages over 40%

Randy Rein 195 points 14 events  
11 first place finishes  
3 second place finishes

#### Division B averages 25-40 percent

Kevin Brekke 155 points 15 events  
5 first place finishes  
6 second place  
4 third place

#### Division C averages less than 25%

Tom Steinke 110 points 10 events  
4 first place finishes  
4 second place finishes  
2 third place finishes

Thanks to all of the tournament directors who send their results for tabulation. The POY award uses the end of year averages that are published to determine the Division for the coming year. The Most Improved award is based on the averages posted in NATSTATS on July 31. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who pitches in our WHPA sanctioned events.



90th State Tournament

By, Jim Haupt

The State Tournament has been conducted in Eau Claire, nine times, the first, in 1968, but, this was one of the best. The Eau Claire Club went all out for this one under the ace tutelage of Laurie Dolezel.

Winners? We have some new ones and some repeats.

**Aleena Cook**, the new Ladies State Champion, won in a white knuckle play-off game with Penny Steinke.

**Ron Button**, a new champion of Waupaca out-ringed Martin Papesh of New London in an Elders play-off game. Entering at 56.4%, Button became the new State Elders Champ pitching an amazing 69+%.

**Randy Rein** dropped the first game to Jeff Gustafson tossing the title up for grabs. However, nose to the grindstone, Rein won all succeeding games coming from way behind in the final game defeating Ken Heinritz to equal Casey Jones' record number of Wisconsin Open Men's State titles, 16.

**Gunnar David** repeats as Boys State Champion, third year running, this time without a loss pitching 52.75%.

**Heather Feavel**, after placing second in the World, wins the Girls state title again in straight games pitching 41.62%.

**Brooke Lazarus**, New Cadet State Champion, replaces brother Steven, but watch out, next year the Cadet top age limit goes to 12.

This was a year when finishing second was not that bad, cases in point; Penny Steinke placed second by a whisker pitching high average, over 60%. Ken Heinritz had everything going his way in the men's last game. He just could not turn the corner to hold off the champ, Randy Rein.

Move-ups from "A" to championship classes include: Lonny Trangsrud and Jeff Gustafson from last seed in "A" to Champ Men, also, Larry Grabowski and Jack McNeil in Elders, winner, Elaine Troullier and Sonia Cook to Women's championship, Cole Trangsrud to Champ Boys, and Emily Lazaris pitching four times her entering average advancing to the championship Girls.

Sunday WHPA ceremonies, MC'd by President Glenn Bogenschneider, included introduction of fifteen members of the Hall of Fame. Long time members, Curt and Beatty Bestul were among the fold. Aleena Cook was introduced as an NHPA executive, specifically, Junior Director. Jane Smith announced "Most Improved" for the year to be Christina Heinritz and Linda Roeber. Continuing with POY, Pitcher-of-

State Tournament Results Continued



**Men's Class I**

John Drexler	7	0	28.57
Mike Berdan	4	3	18.66
John Secord	4	3	17.86
Craig David	3	4	19.64
Eddie Wisniewski	3	4	17.14
Dave Palmershiem	3	4	15.26
Greg Bergles	3	4	13.57
Trent Bratland	1	6	13.38



**Men's Class J**

Mel Cook	5	0	26.80
Wayne Satonica	4	1	18.8
Gene Satterstrom	3	2	11.2
John Resch	1	4	16.
Ray Mallo	1	4	14.
David Tellier	1	4	10.4



**Men's Class K**

Rod Ganther	5	1	16.45
Mark Gagnon	4	2	14.67
Randy Ganther	3	2	13.6
Jay Ganther	3	2	7.87
Kenny Rentz	1	4	6.

Down 'n Back with the State Champion Women

By, Jim Haupt

Wisconsin began recognizing Women's State horseshoe champions in 1969. No surprise that the first three were home to the Combined Locks area.

In forty-four years only eleven ladies have claimed the State Title. They seem to be repetitive. Darlene Ebert of Fredonia, U.S.A. ran a streak of four titles, '76 thru '79 until Eau Claire lady, Pat Eaton, started her run of eight titles. Her run was broken a couple times by Shary Klopp, also Eau Claire, and an upstart from Balsam Lake, Jane Smith. In '81 Smith dominated four years before friend, Edi Mckinney, of Luck, took her turn in '91. A down-state lady, of Richfield, Lorraine Sternberg began a string of four titles until Smith won again in '96, her fifth time. Before Sternberg could become champion seven times Gert Wilcziek, of Whitehall, stepped in to begin to control the ladies class. Wilcziek has won eleven times since '98. Gave it up to Oak Creek's, Pam Aiken once and after becoming the 2012 Senior Women's World Champion was unable to compete in her own state



## THANK YOU SCOREKEEPERS

By, Kevin Brekke

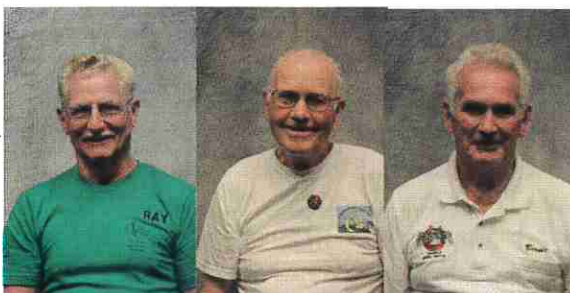
I just wanted to thank all those who kept score at State this year: Ardell LeMar, Ashley Mitchell, Blake Lazaris, Bun Carley, Chris Gage, Cindy Castellano, Christina Heinritz, Dave Hughes, Dave Schorbahn, Debbi Smith, Dennis Kieser, Don Peroutka, Edie McKinney, Elly McCarn, Emily Heinritz, Gert Wilcziek, Glenn Bogenschneider, Gloria Smith, Gunnar David, Jeff Reiter, Jim Haupt, Jodi Trangsrud, Jolyn Rentz, Ken Heinritz, Ken Shaw, Kevin Brekke, Lonny Trangsrud, Malachi David, Norm Gage, Randy Mitchell, Scott Shackelton, Tave Cook, Tim Lazaris, Toni Sloper, Warren Puhl, Mary Wojciechowski. We had over 35 people keep score, and some scored all shifts. Special thanks to those from the Eau Claire club, especially to Elly McCarn, Debbi Smith, and Laurie Dolezel who helped me get scorekeepers before and during the tournament. We needed 16 - 18 scorekeepers for each shift, and it was a team effort to make sure we had each chair filled. Thank You

### Wisconsin Champions Knoxville World Tournament



**Gert Wilcziek**  
**Heather Feavel**  
**Kari David**

**Sr. Women's**  
**Jr. Class B**  
**Women's Class K**



**Ray Mallo**  
**George Eckstrom**  
**Bernie Human**

**Men's O-1**  
**Elders J-1**  
**Elders J-2**

## 90th State Tournament (continued from p. 12)

the-Year, Smith called up Tom Steinke, then Kevin Brekke, finally Randy Rein to claim their plaques for their respective divisions.

Bogenschneider's Presidential award went to Tom Steinke for his much appreciated service at the helm of the WHPA. (It was Steinke's day. He also won his class.)

Earl Paulson, who nominated Norm, the Mouse, Beckius to the Hall of Fame, told of his endless task of monitoring the Beloit Club as long time President and of all the dedicated work the Mouse has accomplished in making the Beloit Club a standard bearer, one of the finest in the entire NHPA.

We said hello to some folks we haven't seen for a while. Lorraine Sternberg was one who reminded all that the National Sanctioned league tournament is still accepting entries for its October sixth date. Dennis Kieser is back, not only as a pitcher but was also the official tournament photographer. And yes, Jesse Comero is still doing service on the lunch counter. Rob Rehm was on hand. Even got a glimpse of Debby (Bestul) Halvorson. Gert Wilcziek was a spectator nursing a physical ailment. And we even saw old timer, Bill Schaff.

A first—beer was sold at an Eau Claire event. For a two dollar "donation," one could have a beer provided by the Close Doesn't Count "Family." Many donations ensued.

Our collective thanks go to the entire Eau Claire Club for a memorable tournament and to our Tournament director, Laurie Dolezel, a gem.





## Green Bay Tourney

By, Steve Wiegert

Our tournament escaped the hot, humid weather that plagued a number of tournaments this summer—we had warm, comfortable temps with plenty of sun, which was welcome early with the cool early going. Even with that, a number of top pitchers weren't completely happy with their percentages under optimum conditions. It could have been that the tournament was highly competitive. A little added pressure can do that. For the most part, each class had the same tight matches and surprises. Anyway, Martin Papesh (New London) repeated as tournament champion with a "mere" (in his mind) 59.64%. A number of earlier upsets took the drama away from the anticipated final match-up between Martin and Randy Rein. An added plus to the class and the tournament was the entry of Earl Hertlein from Creston, Washington. None of the cheeseheads, however, treated him too well on the courts as he failed to win a game.

Class B was won by a resurgent Bill Matey (Appleton) with a 6-2 record by ringer percentage over Elaine Troullier, also 6-2. In the class, Bernie VandenElzen (part Green Bay and part Florida) pitched his very first 70% game, and then followed that up with two games of 60%, which were also his first 60% games! Bernie took third, but I'm sure he felt like a winner. Jerry Schroeder (Oxford) won Class C starting off with three straight 50% games. There was only a 5% ringer percentage spread in the class to start with and the closeness held up throughout the entire seven games. Mike Benzing, Jr. (Eagle River) was the Class D champion, edging Mark Rice (Waupaca) and Art Collien (also Eagle River) by a half win. Mike had 6 1/2 wins to their 6 wins. Mike and Mark also had the identical number of ringers. Gary Schmitz (Cleveland) did himself okay with 5 1/2 wins for fourth place. Go Pack!!

## Eau Claire City County Results

28-12-042

By, John Dolezel

Eau Claire's final tournament of the year (except for the State Tournament, of course!) drew a relatively small number of entrants resulting in four 5-person classes (A & C being handicapped games) and a three-person Junior class. The Junior group pitched a double-round-robin set with Alex Tyznik going undefeated at 6-0; Cailyn Trangsrud beat her twin brother Cole.

Class A was dominated by the twins' father, Lonny Trangsrud, Jim Heim claimed second with Dave Schor-bahntaking third.

Jim Ganther, the wily veteran, claimed First Place in Class B, Dennis Kieser (Alex Tyznik's grandfather) taking second with a class high of 38.7%. Steve Wallin placed third.

## Arkdale Doubles

By, Ray Groskinsky

It was a warm day with just enough of a breeze to keep everyone happy. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time. A few new faces, but there is always room for more to pitch, so be sure and come join us next year! Randy Rein (54%) & Gunner David (58.6%) took 1st, Mark Rice (30.6%) & Ron Button (66.6%) took 2nd. Cathy Asmundsen (53.3%) & Randy Mitchell (32%) took 3rd in Class A and in B Class Ed Hack (34.6%) & Janice Asmundsen (20%) took 1st. Bernard VandenElzen (31.3%) & Jim Haupt (22.7%) took 2nd. Dan Williams (32.1%) & Travis Johnson (18.6%) took 3rd.

Oh—Thanks for our score keepers Karen Groskinsky and Maureen Yarosz. Thanks to all that came.



**Arkdale Doubles Class A Winners:** top left to right—Cathy Asmundsen, Randy Mitchell, Gunnar David, Randy Rein, Mark Rice, Ron Button.

**Class B Winners:** bottom left to right—Jim Haupt, Ed Hack, Janice Asmundsen, Dan Williams, Travis Johnson.



John Reiter, one of four brothers pitching in Class C, edged out sibling Jeff for first. "Close Doesn't Count Queen" Gloria Smith pitched a class high of 35.6% (against the 4 brothers!) for third.

In Class D, Randy Ganther and Brady Reetz had identical 4-1 records and 8.7% ringer percentages, so the first two places were determined by the winner in head-to-head competition: Randy beat Brady. Scott Shackelton placed third and had the class high game of 10%.

This was a truly family-oriented tournament with members of the Ganther, Reiter, Trangsrud & Kieser-Tyznik families competing for bragging rights!



## Don Goldsmith Doubles

By, Jim Haupt

### Class A

1. Dan Bloom	5	1	36.11%
Glenn Wicklund			45%
2. Steve Kampmeier	4	2	37.78%
John Wilson			27.78%
3. Jesse Garza	3	2	61.33%
Kenneth Lovaas			17.33%

### Class B

1. Ray Lopez	5	1	27.78%
George Moraza			33.33%
2. Jim Bird	4	2	32.78%
Tom Bird			30%
3. Dutch Rittweger	3	2	30%
Don Goldsmith			22.67%

### Class C

1. Ken Melotik	5	1	20%
Dave Weygens			22.5%
2. Duane Woodard	4	2	18.33%
Ken Beebe, Jr.			25%
3. Norm Beckius	4	2	30%
Kent Shea			9.17%

### Class D

1. Rondi Mengelt	6	0	25%
Ron Ramquist			25%
2. Ken Hopp	4	2	27.5%
Brian Ahlert			17.5%
3. Pam Woodard	4	2	23.33%
Bob Bird			8.33%



In honor of an old tournament annually conducted on the Goldsmith courts, Earl Paulson officially designated the former Beloit Fall Doubles to be hereafter named, "The Don Goldsmith Doubles." That's heavy stuff, kind of like going into the Hall of Fame.

Weather for the Doubles was ideal. Probably the last outdoor tournament of the year for the Beloit Club and the four classes of (48) pitchers. With cooler weather in anticipation classes were held at six, just in case it had to go indoors.

It seems the results were posted, on the internet, no less, with the final shoe. But, we think somebody's funnun' us with those results. Sure, Glenn Wicklund and Dan Bloom won but it says they pitched 99.9%! And we saw them in a play-off with John Wilson and Steve Kampmeier whom must have been second but are shown as fifth.

It was a fun day and even the results are funny.

## Behind the Mask

(Continued from page 4)

pitcher and turn him into a champion. Hats off to our reigning Men's Champion. Congratulations to a fierce competitor! Great Win!

The type of drive Randy displayed reminds me of the admonition God gives to His children in Hebrews 12: "... let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates & perfects our faith."

## CURRENT EVENTS

-JH

The perfect squelch could have delivered by the Green Bay Packers. If with some foresight... As they were fumbling for their helmets in preparation to take to the field for the extra point try. Coach McCarthy or Don Capers, or somebody could have told the team, "OK guys line up in regular point protection formation with all players down in a normal three point stance but, facing the goal posts. Get it? All you show them is your backsides. Let's see the replay refs figure that one out."

## Women's Champions (Continued from p. 13)

tournament of the same year. We now have a new State Champion, Aleena Cook, of Stratford.

The north country appears to be the home of many championship lady pitchers with the hub, Eau Claire. After forty-some years most of these ladies are still alive. Is horseshoe a young ladies game? Gert Wilcziek might say no, but her competition is young ladies, Aleena Cook, Pam Aiken, Penny Steinke, and Cathy Asmundsen. Think we could sell this one? Stay young, girls, keep pitching horseshoes.

### Save this Date

October 20, 2012

Lake Delton, WI Sportsman's Club

1:00 PM

Plan to attend the WHPA Fall meeting. Share your ideas with others to make our association even better! We are still looking for members to serve on membership and publicity committees.





## WISCONSIN HORSESHOES



## Pitcher of the Year / Our Horseshoe Family / What's New

By, Jane Smith

### Pitcher of the Year

Dick Hansen, President of the WHPA at the time, established this award. At the beginning there was only one award. After much discussion and suggestions, it was decided to give three awards. This has been the practice for the last several years. The Division lines have changed to try to give opportunity of winning to more pitchers. Pitchers receive 15 points for placing first, 10 points for a second place and 5 points for a third place finish. WHPA members who attend the State Spring and Fall meetings receive 15 points—the same as placing first in a tournament. There have been several repeat winners in each Division. Suggestions are always welcome so feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with your WHPA officers. The POY for 2013 has not been tabulated as the year end averages are used to determine which Division A pitcher will be placed.

### What's New?

The "conglomerate" of clubs planning to sponsor the 2013 State Tournament in Mosinee have begun to organize committees. Specific names and contacts will be shared at the Fall meeting in Delton. Things look good. There was a brief scare about booked motel rooms but Marge and Randy Rein secured 20 rooms at the Quality Inn in Mosinee. Details will be shared in October.

I am hoping "the survey" pitchers received when registering at the State tourney will be shared with us. Your officers like to visit and are ready to listen to new ideas or thoughts to make our association better. Please talk to us. We still are searching for members interested in promotion or membership.

### Our Horseshoe Family

Our horseshoe family is a close knit, very caring group of people. Friendships have been made over the years at the many horseshoe events held throughout the state. The internet has made keeping in touch easier with the use of our web page, the NHPA web page, e mail, the yahoo groups and our own lists and contacts.

We have had several members challenged with health issues. Cancer seems to be our main concern. Our affected members are still smiling and even pitching at events throughout the state. It is always nice to see these members out and about.

Kevin Brekke shared some health news about John Garvan. John has been a front runner the past several years in the POY award. All this time he has been battling and conquering cancer and a knee replacement. He was diagnosed recently with a brain tumor. It was successfully removed on a Madison hospital. Tests still have to be evaluated before future treatments are determined. While talking to both John and his wife, Sue, I was happy to hear their positive attitudes and their belief in the treatments and therapy sessions they will be facing. "I did tease John that because he had a "brain" tumor, we now know he has a brain!" Sue said, "Yes, the Doctor confirmed a brain was indeed present!" Humor is some of the best medicine.

We have also heard that one of our Hall of Fame members, a Kenosha horseshoe pitcher for years has passed away. Ray Billen who was inducted in 1997 was one of the Kenosha Club movers and shakers with Harry Nelson and Glenn Bogensneider. Our sympathies to his family and the Kenosha club and community.

Dick Hansen lost his Mother during the WT. He and Paulette left the tourney at the end of the first week. Edie McKinney did not go to the tournament because her sister lost her battle with cancer the last week of July. Once again, our sympathies to these families.

### A Friend is...

*A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.*

*A friend is a living treasure, and if you have One, you have one of the most valuable gifts in life...*

*-anonymous*

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Log Jam Results

28-12-029

By, Ed Hack

It was a beautiful day at the Log Jam Celebration in Mosinee on August 11 and 12. Class A was very tight with Martin Papesh edging out Randy Rein for first place: both had 28 ringers! "Got to get those single points"—that's what Martin did!!! Greg Hehling had a nice tournament in Class B. A playoff game between Jerremy and Gary Wegner determined the Class C winner. I am thinking the guys had a nice ride back to Butternut. Class D featured one of the local boys in his first sanctioned tournament—congratulations Greg Groshek. The tournament had sound effect with cannons going off every so often. The Log Jam is a celebration of Mosinee's past. A good

Class A

Martin Papesh	7	0	67.5
Randy Rein	6	1	59.64
Ron Button	5	2	57.14

Class B

Greg Hehling	6	1	49.28
Jack McNeill	5	2	44.64
Jim Haupt	5	2	36.07

Class C

Jerremy Wegner	7	2	37.5
Gary Wegner	6	3	35
Mark Rice	5	3	31.56

Class D

Geoff Groshek	7	0	37.67
Dave Hehling	5	2	28.92
Dave Torrey	4	3	39.28



Scenes from the courts in Centuria during the Wet N Wild event. We do have "sun" and "shade" domes to identify the courts used by a class. The temps were a bit chilly for the spectators but perfect for the pitchers.

Wet N Wild

28-12-034

By, Jane Smith

Class A

Tiffany Syring	7	2	57.5
Dale Hustad	7	2	57.5
Cliff Presler	6.5	3.5	55

Class B

Dave Ninnemann	6	1	46.43
Susie Helene	6	1	46.07
Ray Groskinsky	4	3	41.79

Class C

Cliff Erickson	5.5	1.5	45.71
Toni Sloper	5	2	42.5
John Olson	5	2	40.71

Class D

Gloria Smith	6.5	.5	36.79
Mary Denzin	6	1	36.43
Denise Williamson	3.5	3.5	30.71

Class E

Rick Wright	6	1	28.21
Stan Fox	5.5	1.5	25.36
Dave Hehling	5	2	20

Class F

John Reiter	6.5	.5	21.07
Bob Cole	6	1	27.86
Jim Woods	5.5	1.5	21.79

Class G

Chris Gage	4	1	26.8
Jacob Cox	4	1	26.80
Ray Mallo	3	3	16.

Class H

Randy Ganther	5	0	15.6
Rod Ganther	3	2	8.4
Barb Austad	3	2	6.

We had a very dry but windy weekend. We may have to change the name of our tournament to the Wet, Wild and Windy. Pitchers on Saturday thought they were pitching at Windy Hill! The mini border battle was eked out by the 40 Wisconsin pitchers, totaling 166 points and a winning average of 4.1. The 18 Minnesota pitchers earned 86 points and a winning average of 4.77. The two Cox Junior pitchers from Michigan averaged 3.5! Thanks to everyone who pitched and helped make this year ending tourney a great success!



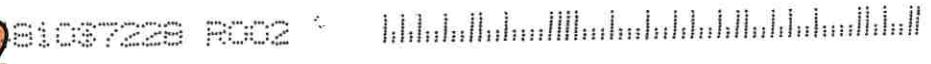
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