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## Beloit Horseshoe Club 2026 Telfer Park Timeline

Set-up starts: Sunday, April 19.

For the upcoming week (April 20-26, Mon—Sun), we can use all the help we can get.

We will be there working from 8:00 am — ? Daily. There's no sign-up sheet, just show up on the day that best works for you.

Pits-clay-carpet will be first to be moved (Sun-Mon-Tue).

### Tournaments at Beloit Telfer Park

**May 2 (Saturday) Pre-World Singles.** Entry form due by April 15, send to Dave Volz. This tournament will require scorekeepers. Contact Kevin Brekke (608-669-1218) if you are able to keep score. You will be paid \$20 for the five games keeping score for two courts.

**May 3 (Sunday) WI State Doubles.** Entry form due by April 15, send to John Secord.

**May 9 (Saturday) Beloit Encore.** Sign-up at Beloit Club, or contact Dan Newkirk by May 2.

**May 15, 16, 17 — Team World.** Entry form due by April 10.

**May 18 (Monday) Teardown, 8 a.m.**

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If you are planning on coming to the World Tournament in Wausau this Summer, you can get the latest news on the Tournament and meet the Planning Committee at the Spring Meeting. All are welcome!

### **WHPA State Spring Meeting at Delton Sportsmen's Club**

**E9602 Berry Rd, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
Saturday, April 18, 2026, meeting starts at 1 pm**

## 2026 WHPA Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
April 4	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72	25	Mar 26	Dan Newkirk
April 18	<b>WHPA Spring Meeting</b> (1 pm) 	Wisconsin Dells				
April 25-26	April Showers	Chetek	16	15	April 20	Les Karpel
May 2	Pre World Singles tournament (Men, Women, Elder, Jr/Cadet Classes)	Beloit		25	April 15	Dave Volz
May 3	WHPA Walking Doubles	Beloit		40	April 15	John Secord
May 9	Beloit Encore 	Beloit	72	25	May 2	Dan Newkirk
May 9	Eau Claire Early Bird	Eau Claire	64	10	May 2	Paul Wiese
<b>May 15, 16, 17</b>	<b>Team World</b>	Beloit		200	April 10	Jeff Secord
May 16	Butternut Open	Butternut		20	May 9	Jer Wegner
May 23-24	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	48	20	May 16	Fred Lane
May 30	Algoma Open	Algoma		20	May 23	Duane Kinjerski
June 6	Wolf River Open 	New London	48	20	May 23	Ken Jaeger
June 6-7	Spring Fling	Beloit	72	25	May 27	Dan Newkirk
June 7	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64	20	May 30	Paul Wiese
June 13	Whiskey Ranch Open	Delevan	32	20	June 6	Gena Quaid
June 13-14	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	20	June 6	Cliff Erickson
June 20	Sylvia & Dan David Memorial	Rozellville		20	June 13	Mel Cook
June 20	Muskego Open	Muskego	28	20	June 13	Tom Steinke
June 27-28	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	80	20	June 17	Kent Frailing
June 27-28	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	25	June 20	Dan Newkirk
July 4	The Patriot 	Beloit	48	25	June 25	Dan Newkirk
July 4	Riverfront Rendezvous Singles	Stevens Point	24	20	June 27	Fred Lane
July 5	Platteville Open	Platteville	36	16	June 28	Mark Mauthe
<b>July 11</b> 	<b>2025 WT Warm-Up</b>	<b>Wausau</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>Sign-up 8-9 am</b>
<b>July 13-25</b>	<b>World Tournament</b>	<b>Wausau, WI</b>			<b>May 18</b>	
July 25	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	20	July 18	Jer Wegner
July 31	WHPA Singles Entry Deadline					
Aug 1	Algoma Summer Classic 	Algoma		20	July 25	Duane Kinjerski
Aug 1	Holmen Open	Holmen	36	20	July 25	Rich Brockway
Aug 8	Rozellville Tourney	Rozellville		20	Aug 1	Mike Berdan
Aug 8	Whiskey Ranch Classic	Delevan	32	20	Aug 1	Gena Quaid
Aug 11	Dave and John Memorial	Eau Claire		20	Aug 2	Paul Wiese
Aug 15	Fond du Lac Open	Fond du Lac			Aug 8	John Meyer
Aug 16	FDL Team	Fond du Lac	10	54	Aug 1	Jeff Secord
Aug 22-23	Pitch Out Cancer 	Mosinee	80	20	Aug 16	Kent Frailing
Aug 29-30	Warm Up	Beloit	72	25	Aug 19	Dan Newkirk
<b>Sept 5-6</b>	<b>WHPA State Singles</b>	Beloit			July 31	John Secord
Sept 12	Wet N Wild	Centuria		20	Sept 5	Toni Sloper
Sept 19	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	16	22	Sept 12	Jill Peterson
Sept 19	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	25	Sept 9	Dan Newkirk
Sept 20	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		22	Sept 9	Dan Newkirk
Sept 27	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	36	20	Sept 20	Russ Brockway
Oct 3-4	Deansville Singles 	Deansville	40	20	Sept 27	Dobie Gutweiler
Oct 10-11	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	25	Oct 1	Dan Newkirk

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Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
Oct 17	<b>Whpa Fall Meeting</b> (1 pm)	Wisconsin Dells				
Oct 24-25	Summit Ridge Spooktacular 	Wonewoc	48	20	Oct 10	Dave Volz
Oct 31-Nov 1	Deansville Doubles	Deansville	16	22	Oct 24	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 7-8	Autumn Harvest 	Beloit	72	25	Oct 28	Dan Newkirk
Nov 28-29	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 21	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 5-6 	Snowflake 	Beloit	72	25	Nov 25	Dan Newkirk
Dec 12-13	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	42	20	Nov 28	Dave Volz



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## WHPA President — Dobie Gutweiler



Hello Everyone! Between the blizzards and the 72 degree days it's hard to know which way a person is going isn't it? I hope you were able to enjoy the 1-2 nice days and weren't buried too bad when the blizzard hit.

There is always so much going on in our little family isn't there? People who have passed, people who are dealing with health issues, people who are dealing with mental health issues, depression, and/or anxiety. It's always a struggle, but we don't always see that.

I am reminded of two different quotes, the first, from Mother Teresa was "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much." And the other is "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you" by Anne Lamott.

My mind often drifts off to our amazing World Tournament committee and how much they are doing to make the upcoming tournament unforgettable. They are working and thinking constantly about the tournament, but they are also parents, grandparents, employees, and they still continue to make time to support our horseshoe family, and the worldwide horseshoe family. We should all be eternally grateful.

But now they are asking for help and the rest of us need to step up. While we are all busy with our personal lives, as they are, we need to come together to make this happen. **Please come to the State Meeting on Saturday, April 18th at 1:00pm. The meeting is held at the Lake Delton Sportsmen's Club E9602 Berry Rd Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965.** We need volunteers for many different things. You don't need to be a pitcher, you can be a family member or fan. We have physical jobs and jobs where you can sit comfortably, all we need is a willingness to help make this tournament the best ever. Please join us at the meeting and hear all the exciting news. - Dobie



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



The big day will soon be upon Wisconsinites. Wisconsin is hosting the 2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. Back in 2003 we last experienced the World Tournament in Wisconsin, up in Eau Claire. I still have fond memories of that tournament. Are you ready? Have you signed up? Are you bringing friends, family members? This is our opportunity ... if not now ... when? Now is the time to act!

This reminds me of what we are told in Scripture: "Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). Oftentimes we put off important things that we should act upon immediately. The Bible says that all have fallen short of what God expects.

Adam's sin was passed on to all mankind. But in God's love & mercy & grace, He sent His own Son to take care of our 'sin problem'. Jesus bore God's wrath on the cross, as He was made to be sin for us. This was God's solution to Man's problem. Jesus paid the price we owed on the cross. He suffered and died on our behalf. And then Jesus rose from the dead. He is alive today! Now the ball is in our court. The choice is ours: we either receive the Savior who died for us or we can reject the Savior, by putting off the decision. With Easter coming up, let's remember 'He did this for each of us.' Now is the time to act.

"Happy Easter" or better yet "Happy Resurrection"

*"...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned." Romans 5:12*

*"God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Cor. 5:21*

*"Yet to all who did receive him (Jesus), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12*

## What's New?

By Jane Smith



I apologize for no new Members names for this issue. I was admitted to the hospital for several days. My computer at home. Once home I had no energy to do anything – and to put horseshoes on the back burner in my world was unheard of. So long story short- no new WHPA members 😊.

On the bright side, several WHPA members pitched in the Valley of the Sun Tournament. Penny stayed with me and with Jim Bilderback's "Uber" "service pitching took over on Sat and Sun afternoon. Neither pitched their best but a good time was

had by all. Gerald Harris pitched earlier. It was HOT- HOT with lots of sun... very different than in WI! A week in warmer temps shortens the winter.

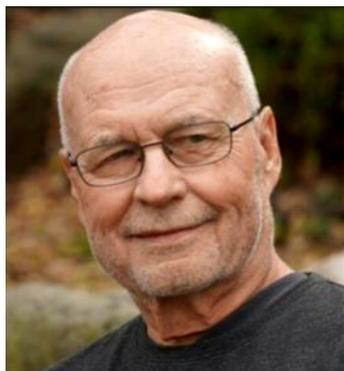
In conclusion, we need to keep our WHPA members in our prayers and send positive vibes. Losing Ted Rhode was another shock. He was a true gentleman and his wife, Bev, a lovely lady. They both had warm smiles and hugs when we met at tournaments RIP Rhodes.

Looking forward to time on the courts.



*Saguaro cacti grow exclusively in the Sonoran Desert, primarily ranging from southern Arizona to Sonora, Mexico.*

## In Memoriam



The Deansville Horseshoe Club is saddened to announce the passing on one of its founding members, **Ronald "Ron" Maffet**, on March 19, 2026 following a brave battle with Alzheimers Disease

at the age of 81.

Ron lived in Sun Prairie and was a mail carrier for many years. He enjoyed fishing, horseshoes, bean bag toss, golfing.

Ron is survived by his wife, Judy for 58 years, two children and three grandchildren.

Ron was dedicated and those of us who remember him are blessed with those memories.



**Theodore "Ted" Rohde**, 93, of La Crosse passed away on March 20, 2026.

Ted served in the US Army beginning in 1953 and earned the rank of Sergeant.

Ted pitched in numerous horseshoe tournaments throughout Wisconsin. He was a Whpa member and pitched in seventeen Wisconsin State Tournaments and was a three-time State Class Champion. He also pitched in seven Nhpa World Tournaments.

He is survived by his wife, Bev for 73 years, three children, 8 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**30th Annual**  
**Wisconsin State Walking Doubles Championships**  
**Sunday, May 3rd, 2026**

1. Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.
2. Entry form and \$40 fee must be received by April 15, 2026, payable to the WHPA, W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.
3. Pitchers combined average may not exceed 120% using 2025 year-end average. Current averages will be used to set all classes
4. Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.
5. Cash awards will be 80% of entry fee, with half of each class receiving payback.
6. Any prize money won by a Junior pitcher will be donated to the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund.
7. Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries. The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.
8. Players will keep their own score.
9. Please arrive at 8:30am for a 9am start time.

You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. The schedule will be posted online at <http://www.whpahorseshoes.com>.

**Competition to be held at Edwards Sport Center,**  
**Telfer Park, Cranston Road, Beloit WI — Home of Team World. NHPA-Sanctioned**  
 Sponsored & Run By the WHPA. Set-up & Concessions by the Beloit Horseshoe Club.

Please send your entry form and check, payable to: WHPA W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

High % Pitcher: \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA # \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_

Low % Pitcher: \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA # \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre World Singles Tournament**  
**Saturday, May 2nd, 2026**

**Telfer Park Pavilion, 2101 Cranston Rd, Beloit WI 53511**

Raised Portable Pit Boxes Set Up on 24 Courts  
 This is Similar to the Set Up that you will see at the World Tournament  
 Also counts as a qualifying tournament for your average at World in Wausau

Separate Classes for Men, Women, Elder Men, Elder Women and Junior/Cadet pitching divisions.  
 Elder Women and Women may be combined as well as Juniors and Cadets, if necessary to make competitive classes.

6 Person Adult Classes with 5 – 40 shoe games. Jr/Cadets may vary  
 Adult Entry Fee \$25 Junior/Cadets \$5 Paid Scorekeepers

Set-up & Concessions by the Beloit Horseshoe Club

**Entry Deadline: April 15, 2026**

Send your entry form and payment to: Dave Volz W7133 Geier Rd Wonewoc, WI 53968  
 The schedule will be posted online at [www.whpahorseshoes.com](http://www.whpahorseshoes.com)

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ NHPA Sanction # \_\_\_\_\_

Pitching Division (circle one)

Men          Women          Elder Men          Elder Women          Junior          Cadet

# Proposed WHPA Bylaw Amendments

Submitted by Dave Volz

## Article III

### Section 1B:

A State Tournament entrant must be a legal resident of Wisconsin for at least (6) months prior to the State Tournament.

#### Proposed Amendment:

A State Tournament entrant from another state be allowed to participate in the State Tournament if the following applies.

(A) The participant is a sanctioned member of a Wisconsin league.

(B) The participant as a sanctioned member of a Wisconsin league has met the requirements to participate in our State Tournament.

#### Reasoning:

There is a sanctioned member of the Beloit Club who does so much for the Beloit Club and the State of Wisconsin Tournament, but his address is in Illinois. He does not live close enough to any club or tournament in his state for him to participate in that state tournament. He is an asset to the Beloit Club and the State. I say that he should be allowed to participate in our State Tournament.

## ARTICLE IV

### Section 1B.

State Tournament entry deadline is July 31, when the State Tournament is held Labor Day weekend.

### Section 2B.

a. All defending State Champions will be seeded number one providing their current ringer percentage qualifies them for the Championship Class. All other entries will be placed by using NATSTATS eShoe average.

b. All adult entries must have competed in at least three approved NHPA sanctioned tournaments, in Wisconsin, from August 1 of the previous year through July 31 of the current year in order to enter the State Tournament. An NHPA sanctioned league may be used in lieu of one tournament. All averages will be taken from NATSTATS **eShoe** the first Thursday in August.

c. Two NHPA Tournament Sanctioned numbers will be issued for each Wisconsin State Tournament competition. One for regular classes and a separate one for championship classes..

Section 3B. All participants in the State Tournament must have their name on the back of their shirt. A twentyfive dollar (\$25) fine shall be imposed for failing to comply.

#### Proposed Amendment:

**(NATSTATS no longer exists and should be replaced with eShoe)**

## ARTICLE VII

### Section 2B.

The State Tournament will include classes for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadets Boys, Cadet Girls and Elder Men. The same rules apply to all except the pitching distance.

#### Proposed Amendment:

The State Tournament will include classes for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadets Boys, Cadet Girls, ~~and~~ Elder Men **and Elder Women**. The same rules apply to all except the pitching distance.

## Pitcher of the Year

By Dave Volz

The Pitcher of the Year award is determined by the number of points accumulated in open Whpa tournaments from August 1st through July 31st. There is one winner in each of the three divisions. Divisions are determined by the eShoe average published on the first of August each year. Division A is 45% and over, Division B is 30% - 44.99%, and Division C is below 30%. Pitchers receive 15 points for 1st place, 10 points for 2nd place, and 5 points for a 3rd place finish. Bonus points are awarded for attending the WHPA Spring and Fall meetings in the amount of 15 points each. This contest is open for all current Whpa members.

The pitcher of the year standings are on the Whpa website. Go to Awards on the top of the home page, then click on Current Standings to see the full standings for each division. It will be updated as the tournament results come in. The current leaders in each division as of March 15 are Division A; Cliff Shave, Penny Steinke, John Meyer, Eugene Pribnow, Rich Bonner. Division B; Dave Quaid, Jeffery Madison, Ron Studinski, George Dorn, Gerald Harris. Division C; Gary Volz, Ed Pulsfus, Steve Basso, Kathy Fleege, Tom Steinke, Dan Newkirk.

## Wisconsin Horseshoe Group E-mail

By Dave Volz



**eMail Dodo** is a group email service that the WHPA and members use to send email messages to its group members. It is private, no advertisements; it is restricted to members only and is to be used for horseshoe-related information only; it is not to be used as an open forum; that is what social media is for.

If you have recently received an email through this Whpa service, <whpa@emaildodo.com you are up to date. If you haven't or if you are new and would like to receive informational horseshoe emails. Please send your email address to davevolz@hotmail.com and I will make sure you are up to date and included in the group.

## Announcement: Running again for 3rd VP—Junior Director

By Sonia Cook

This is my letter of intent and I sincerely appreciate your support to continue as your 3rd Vice President - Junior Director. I have a passion for horseshoe pitching with desire and dedication to carry us forward and grow our sport.



# Investing In Our Future: The Importance of Youth Sports and the Role of Our Horseshoe Community

By Aleena Lepak

Youth sports matter. They shape character, build confidence, and provide young people with a structured environment where effort, discipline, and perseverance are rewarded. In an age where many youth face increasing academic pressures and digital distractions, sports offer something essential: connection, purpose, and belonging.

Research consistently shows that youth involved in athletics develop stronger leadership skills, improved emotional regulation, better time management, and greater resilience. They learn how to win with humility and lose with grace. They learn accountability. They learn to set goals and work steadily toward them. These are not just athletic skills — they are life skills.

Horseshoe pitching is uniquely positioned to contribute to this development.

Unlike many youth sports, horseshoes is multi-generational. Young pitchers compete alongside adults, seniors, and even world champions. This dynamic fosters mentorship, respect, and meaningful relationships that are increasingly rare in today's youth activities. Our sport teaches patience, focus, and composure. It rewards consistency over flash and character over ego.

But youth development does not happen automatically. It requires intentional effort from all of us.

## What Our Horseshoe Community Can Do

### 1. Be Visible Mentors

Youth watch everything. Demonstrating strong sportsmanship, rule adherence, and court etiquette sets the standard. A simple word of encouragement or post-game handshake can make a lasting impact.

### 2. Create Welcoming Environments

First impressions matter. When new youth and families arrive at a club or tournament, greeting them warmly and helping them feel included increases the likelihood they will return.

### 3. Offer Structured Learning Opportunities

Youth clinics, beginner divisions, and coaching support make the sport less intimidating. Clear instruction accelerates confidence and retention.

### 4. Encourage Leadership Roles

Allow older youth to assist with scorekeeping, court preparation, youth events, or mentoring younger pitchers. Leadership builds ownership and long-term commitment.

### 5. Promote Scholarships and Pathways

Highlighting scholarship opportunities and continued involvement beyond age 18 reinforces that horseshoe pitching is not just a childhood activity — it is a lifelong community.

### 6. Celebrate Effort, Not Just Wins

Recognition of improvement, perseverance, and positive attitude strengthens intrinsic motivation. Championships are important — but character development is paramount.

Our responsibility as an association is not only to preserve the sport but to cultivate the next generation who will carry it forward. When we invest in youth, we invest in the future of the NHPA.

Every conversation, every tournament, every moment of encouragement matters.

Together, we can ensure that horseshoe pitching continues to be more than a game — it remains a community where young people grow into confident, respectful, and resilient adults.

Warmly,

**Aleena Lepak**, NHPA Youth Director

# 40th Team World Tournament to be Held in 2026

By Jeff Secord

The Beloit Horseshoe Club is hosting the 40th Team World Horseshoe Tournament inside the Edwards Activity Center at Telfer Park in Beloit, Wisconsin, May 15-17, 2026. This will be the 35th time the club is hosting Team World.

I would like to share some history of Team World as we approach this special anniversary year by going back to the beginning. Tom Roanhouse, owner of the newly constructed Pitchin' Palace in Sturtevant, went to the World Tournament in Huntsville, Alabama in 1984 to promote the Pitchin' Palace. Dale Lipovsky, from Minnesota, introduced Tom to Bob Fanjoy, from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. These two businessmen agreed that the Pitchin' Palace would be a great venue to host an international event. This conversation is what spawned the 1st Annual Canadian-American International Friendship Open.

The tournament was to be held on the weekend of January 12, 1985. Bob Fanjoy worked on getting a Canadian team together, led by former World Champion, Elmer Hohl. Tom sent invitations to every NHPA charter to send 4 of their best pitchers to compete as a team, with incentives that included that the event will possibly be televised locally/nationally. Bob Fanjoy did bring a Canadian Team, but he was unsuccessful with convincing Elmer Hohl and other top Canadian pitchers to compete. There was a total of 10 teams that competed this first year and NHPA President Glen Portt was also in attendance to take it all in.

Final statistics for the event are no longer available and the only information I have been able to gather is from material that was included in the March 1985 issue of the News Digest. The Can-Am made the cover and Glen Portt provided a synopsis of the event. Glen noted in his article, "Although badly outclassed, the Canadian team showed true sportsmanship with no complaints and just great fellowship." The preliminary rounds included a 10-team round robin with 50-shoe cancellation games. The top 3 finishers were seeded into ladder finals. The winner of a final match was not determined by the outcome of each individual game. Instead, the games were 50-shoe count-all. An extra frame could be earned if a pitcher finished with a double ringer on the final two shoes. An additional frame could be earned if the pitcher had another double ringer in the bonus frame. This could give a pitcher up to an additional 12 points to add to the score of that game. Total team points were tallied to determine which team won the round so the bonus frames could change the outcome of the round. This also meant that a team could have won 3 of the 4 games

and be leading by 10 points at the end of 50 shoes but still lost the round if just 1 player from the other team earned the 12 bonus points. The bonus points did not change the outcome in 1985.

Iowa and Indiana faced each other in the first finals match. Indiana's team of L. Rowe, C. Bellman, J. Mills, and C. Grothe took down Iowa's team of Red Henton, H. Darnold, L. Grant, and R. Burgess.

Minnesota's team of D. Lipovsky, P. Negaard, D. Hughes, and S. Karasch waited to play the winner of the first match. This team had rung up two 86% games by Negaard, three 84% games by Lipovsky, one 84% game by Hughes and another by Karasch. Minnesota won 3 of the 4 finals games against Indiana and had more total points to take the crown. Phyllis Negaard had the highest average of the tournament at 79.1% and Dale Lipovsky had the 2nd highest average at 78%. Keep in mind that this tournament was in January and there were very few indoor facilities so players should not have been considered to be in "mid-season" form for this event. Tom Roanhouse was very happy with how the Can-Am turned out as he stated, "For three days it was like living in the horseshoe pitchers' Olympic village because of the constant interaction of all the participants and spectators."

The Can-Am moved to February 13-16 in 1986. Tom added an incentive that each pitcher that plays will receive a complimentary tournament shirt. The entry fee was \$100 per team and shirt sizes should be included when entering. Regional (not just single state) teams were

welcome to enter to try to increase the number of teams in the tournament. The host hotel was the "luxurious" Sheraton-Racine Hotel and Conference Center. Room rates were \$44.95 per night for single, double, tripple or quad rooms. Again, statistics are also no longer available for the 1986 Can-Am. I do not know how many teams played and only know that the 3rd place team of 1985 from Iowa won the crown with Red Henton, Kevin Cone, Loras Grant, and Harold Darnold.

Team World has come a long way since the first two Can-Am years. Beloit has been a great host since 1990. We have had 9 years where we had a full 24-team entry, including 3 of the last 4, and we have hosted 48 World Champions, including 4 current World Champions last year, that have participated in at least 1 Team World.

We invite anyone that hasn't experienced a Team World, to join a team, or just come to watch. As a pitcher or spectator, you will likely agree that there is not another tournament quite like Team World.

## States That Have Competed in Team World

California  
Colorado  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Florida  
Kentucky  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Tennessee  
Washington  
Wisconsin

## Canada

British Columbia  
Nova Scotia  
Ontario  
Quebec  
Saskatchewan

# World 2026 Committee Comments

By Sonia Cook

Keep ideas coming to make the 2026 World Tournament in Wausau, WI a fun event for both pitchers and spectators. Send ideas to any of the committee members: Sonia Cook, Dustin Duerr, Kent Frailing, Aleena Lepak, or Dave Volz.

Plan to attend our annual **WHPA Spring Meeting April 18 in Lake Delton** - at 1pm. The committee will share our direction, time-line, and numerous options for you to volunteer. There will be a few planned activities around the tournament including but not limited to: daily raffles, vendor/craft sale, duck game, card party, karaoke, etc. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available. The volunteer schedule will be modified in June to work around your pitching schedule. It will take ALL of our Membership/Horseshoe Family to make this a success and not burn anyone out.

NOTE: Deadline for advertising in the pitcher booklet is April 20, 2026. If you have anyone interested in this option--please contact one of the committee members for a sponsor/ad sheet.

## Rally The Youth!!

By Sonia Cook

2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament is in our backyard! Calling all WHPA members to insure our current Juniors & Cadets are signed up and ready to represent Wisconsin! Only one tournament after May 18, 2025 is required to qualify to pitch. ... So Juniors and Cadets who competed in our 2025 State Tournament are already eligible — GET REGISTERED TODAY! **Deadline is May 18, 2026.** Conner, Hunter, Jazmyn, Josie, Logan, Owen, and Thurston are ready to pitch. Get signed up: Aiden, Andrew, Bradley, Blake, Jacob, Matt, Sequoia, and Zoey.

Aleena Lepak has secured a sponsor (Furniture & Appliance Mart) of our WI youth. Each competitor will secure a prize after their 2026 World tournament competition is completed

Also, there is still time to BRING OUT MORE YOUTH! In Rozellville, we are hosting a "check-it-out" afternoon April 19 where we plan to demonstrate techniques and teach scoring. We plan to 100 shoe qualify and then a whole tournament. Of course weather permitting with a rain date of April 26, Contact Sonia Cook or Aleena Lepak for details.

## Become a Member/Renew Your Membership

### 2026 NHPA/WHPA Membership & Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Circle your Division:

Men-\$35    Women-\$35    Elder Women-\$35 (65+)    Elder Men-\$35 (65+)    Jr. Boys-free    Jr. Girls-free  
Cadet Boys-free    Cadet Girls-free    Med/Exempt-\$35    Provisional - \$10    New Adult Member - \$25 (mail-in only)

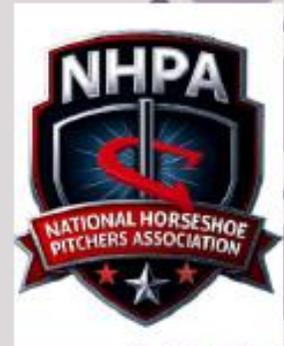
Send to: WHPA W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Note: If you want a printed membership card you can go to [www.eShoe.com](http://www.eShoe.com) to print one.



# JOIN THE WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

WAUSAU, WI



Youth Competition Dates  
July 16-17 - Youth Tournament days  
July 18 - Championship Round

## Why Join?

- Compete at a WORLD-LEVEL event
- Meet youth pitchers from across the country
- Build skills and confidence
- FREE to all Wisconsin youth!

## HOW TO QUALIFY

Pitch in just ONE qualifying tournament  
Local Qualifier: April 19<sup>th</sup> - Rozellville WI



## Who can join?

All Wisconsin youth are eligible - no experience needed!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# 001 Tourney

January 3-4, 2026

Dan Newkirk

## Class A

Cliff Shave	6	0	66.67
Penny Steinke	4	2	65.42
Jeff Gustafson	3.5	2.5	60.83

## Class B

Ken Whitehouse	5	1	52.50
Linda Aarstad	5	1	49.17
Jill Peterson	5	1	42.50

## Class C

Bruce Mclinn	6	0	22.92
Dave Quaid	4	2	28.33
Brenda Price	3	3	32.92

## Class D

Chris Judson	5	2	36.19
Jim Huckabee	5	2	35.24
Loren Bamborough	5	2	29.52

## Class E

Tom Steinke	5	0	14.00
Rick Swan	4	1	22.00
Glen Brandemuehl	3	2	20.50

## Class F

Don Goers	4	1	27.50
John Weseman	4	1	24.50
Kevin Brekke	4	1	15.50

## Class G

Scott Linhart	5	0	27.00
Wayne Goers	4	1	11.00
Debbie Berggren	2.5	2.5	7.50



**Class A**  
Jeff Gustafson, Cliff Shave  
Penny Steinke, Rich Bonner



**Class B**  
Linda Aarstad, Ken Whitehouse  
Jill Peterson, Jeffrey Madison



**Class C**  
Brenda Price, Bob Klingaman  
Bruce Mclinn, Dave Quaid



**Class D**  
George Dorn, Chris Judson  
Jim Huckabee, Loren Bamborough



**Class E**  
Rick Swan, Tom Steinke  
Glen Brandemuehl



**Class F**  
John Weseman, Don Goers  
Kevin Brekke



**Class G**  
Debbie Berggren, Wayne Goers  
Scott Linhart



## Dance with Dobie

January 10, 2026

**Dobie Gutweiler**

### Class A

John Meyer	5	0	59.50
Eugene Pribnow	3	2	56.50
Rich Bonner	2	3	65.00

### Class B

Ron Studinski	4	1	43.00
Ray Cayer	3	2	38.00
Jeffery Madison	3	2	37.00

### Class C

Dave Leckwee	4.5	0.5	33.50
Steve Basso	3	2	37.50
Richard Conrad	2.5	2.5	30.00

### Class D

Glenn Bogenschneider	5	0	26.67
Dobie Gutweiler	3	2	19.33
Dan Newkirk	3	2	24.67



**Class A**  
Eugene Pribnow, John Meyer  
Rich Bonner



**Class B**  
Jeff Madison, Ron Studinski  
Ray Cayer



**Class C**  
Steve Basso, Dave Leckwee  
Richard Conrad



**Class D**  
Dan Newkirk, Glenn Bogenschneider  
Dobie Gutweiler

## Deansville Memorial

February 7, 2026

**Dobie Gutweiler**

### Class A

Cliff Shave	7	0	69.29
Jeff Gustafson	5.5	1.5	63.21
Rich Bonner	4.5	2.5	60.00

### Class B

Jeffery Madison	5.5	1.5	39.29
Kalena Quaid	5	2	34.64
Dave Quaid	5	2	30.71

### Class C

Fred Howard	5	1	29.17
Dave Leckwee	4	2	33.75
Chris Judson	4	2	33.75

### Class D

Sandy Anderson	5	0	22.50
Keith Stocks	4	1	16.00
Brian Engleson	3	2	11.50



**Class A**  
Rich Bonner, Jeff Gustafson  
Cliff Shave, John Meyer



**Class B**  
Kalena Quaid, Jeff Madison  
Dave Quaid, Ron Studinski



**Class C**  
Steve Basso, Fred Howard  
Dave Leckwee, Chris Judson



**Class D**  
Keith Stocks, Sandy Anderson  
Brian Engleson

# It's "FIREBALL" Time

January 17, 2026

**Jill Peterson**

## Class A

Eugene Pribnow	5	0	64.00
Mona Lane	3	2	54.90
Ray Groskinsky	3	2	54.50

## Class B

Melanie Kasun	4	1	37.00
Ron Studinski	4	1	44.50
Ralph Marthaler	3	2	34.00

## Class C

Dan Nalepinski	3	2	34.50
Wayne Kroening	3	2	35.50
Tegwin Case	3	2	33.50

## Class D

Gerald Harris	3	2	36.00
Andrew James	3	2	32.84
Brenda Price	3	2	30.50

## Class E

Rich Brockway	3	2	28.00
Mark Labarge	3	2	27.50
Lori Schumann	3	2	27.50

## Class F

Cathy Cravey	4	1	27.50
Emily Schumann	4	1	23.00
Jeff Christopherson	3	2	21.00

## Class G

Terri White	5	0	23.50
Kim Briggs	3	2	14.50
Jason Harper	3	2	13.73



**Class A**  
Ray Groskinsky, Eugene Pribnow  
Mona Lane



**Class B**  
Ron Studinski, Melanie Kasun  
Ralph Marthaler



**Class C**  
Tegwin Case, Dan Nalepinski  
Wayne Kroening



**Class D**  
Andrew James, Gerald Harris  
Brenda Price



**Class E**  
Lori Schumann, Rich Brockway  
Mark Labarge



**Class F**  
Emily Schumann, Cathy Cravey  
Jeff Christopherson



**Class G**  
Kim Briggs, Terri White, Jason Harper



*Door County Cherry Blossoms*

# Valentines Tournament

February 14-15, 2026

**Dan Newkirk**

## Class A

Cliff Shave	5	1	68.75
Rich Bonner	5	1	64.58
Penny Steinke	4	2	68.75

## Class B

Ken Whitehouse	5	1	50.42
Jeffrey Madison	4	2	42.08
Tom Hansen	3.5	2.5	44.58

## Class C

Landon Morgan	6	0	51.25
Kalena Quaid	5	1	39.17
Hank Schoenbeck	3	3	29.17

## Class D

Ray Cayer	5	1	41.67
Robert Crawford	4	2	39.17
Jim Huckabee	4	2	31.25

## Class E

Robert Starck	4	1	32.50
Steve Miller	3	2	36.50
Al Spinoso	3	2	29.50

## Class F

Harl Morgan	4.5	0.5	30.00
Dale Matteson	4	1	29.50
Marna Galvan	3	2	24.50

## Class G

John Weseman	6	0	28.75
Rayna Bauer	4	2	30.42
Rondi Mengelt	4	2	21.25

## Class H

Carl Nyman	5	0	24.50
Rick Swan	4	1	25.50
Dobie Gutweiler	2	3	19.00

## Class I

Carl Berggren	5	0	28.00
Glen Brandemuehl	4	1	36.50
Keith Stocks	3	2	21.50

## Class J

Brian Herbst	5	0	32.50
Dennis Simler	4	1	16.50
Kevin Aarstad	3	2	11.50



**Class A**  
Penny Steinke, Cliff Shave  
Rich Bonner, Jeff Gustafson



**Class B**  
Jeff Madison, Ken Whitehouse  
Tom Hansen, Carty Cartwright



**Class C**  
Hank Schoenbeck, Landon Morgan,  
Kalena Quaid, Dave Quaid



**Class D**  
Bob Klingaman, Ray Cayer  
Jim Huckabee, Robert Crawford



**Class E**  
Steven Miller, Robert Starck  
Al Spinoso



**Class F**  
Marna Galvan, Harl Morgan  
Dale Matteson



**Class G**  
Rondi Mengelt, John Weseman  
Fred Howard, Rayna Bauer



**Class H**  
Rick Swan, Carl Nyman  
Dobie Gutweiler



**Class I**  
Glen Brandemuehl, Carl Berggren  
Keith Stocks



**Class J**  
Dennis Simler, Brian Herbst  
Kevin Aarstad

# Deansville/Beloit Challenge

February 21, 2026

Dan Newkirk

## Team Champions-Beloit

Jeffrey Madison	6	0	44.44
George Moraza	6	0	56.67
Rich Bonner	6	0	60.00
Dan Newkirk	6	0	32.22
Jeff Gustafson	6	0	57.78
Jim Huckabee	6	0	25.00
Linda Aarstad	6	0	45.00
Carty Cartwright	6	0	29.44
Dave Quaid	6	0	22.78
Zak Schwartz	6	0	43.89
Cliff Shave	4	2	58.33
Tom Steinke	4	2	12.22

## Deansville

Patrick Labarge	1	5	17.78
John Meyer	1	5	49.44
Bob Klingaman	1	5	18.33
Joe Steinback	1	5	33.33
Steve Kilian	0	6	26.67
Dave Leckwee	0	6	28.33
Nancy Murleau	0	6	29.44
Kalena Quaid	0	6	25.00
George Dorn	0	6	16.89
Chris Judson	0	6	24.44
Steve Basso	0	6	29.44
Gene Friede	0	6	11.11



### Beloit Team

Dave Quaid, Jim Huckabee, Tom Steinke, George Moraza, Zak Schwartz, Jeff Gustafson, Jeffrey Madison, Rich Bonner, Cliff Shave. *Front Row:* Linda Aarstad, Carty Cartwright, Dan Newkirk



### Deansville Team

Steve Kilian, Bob Klingaman, George Dorn, Chris Judson, Gene Friede, Joe Steinback, Patrick Labarge, Dave Leckwee, Nancy Murleau, Steve Basso. *Front Row:* Kalena Quaid, John Meyer

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