



2026 World Horseshoe Tournament Results

WISCONSIN HORSESHOES



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2026 NHPA HORSESHOE PITCHING WORLD CHAMPIONS

CADET BOYS CHAMPION ZACHARY SMITH IOWA 55.56%	CADET GIRL'S CHAMPION JAZMYN KILDAHL WISCONSIN 24.00%	JUNIOR GIRL'S CHAMPION ADILAIDE OHMS UTAH 55.08%	JUNIOR BOY'S CHAMPION SANTONIO CALLADO NEW MEXICO 59.59%	ELDER WOMEN'S CHAMPION CATHERINE ZIEMANN MINNESOTA 54.23%
ELDER MEN'S CHAMPION JACOB FIMBRES ARIZONA 79.78%	SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION SYLVIANNE MOISAN QUEBEC 75.64%	SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPION KEN FRASER NEW YORK 70.89%	WOMEN'S CHAMPION JENNIFER GEGG MISSOURI 86.97%	MEN'S CHAMPION ALAN FRANCIS OHIO 89.34%

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2026 WHPA Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
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
Sept 5-6	WHPA State Singles	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
Oct 17	Whpa Fall Meeting (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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WE DID IT!!! THE 2026 WORLD TOURNAMENT IS IN THE BOOKS!!!

What an incredible time we had. There was a lot of work and a lot of fun, but when all is said and done, the tournament was a huge success!! In talking with people from all over the country, and all over the world, they are already excited to come back in 2029.

This success was due, in large part, to those horseshoe family members who stood up to help when needed, who were there for setup, for teardown and every day/night in between making sure that things were done as needed: those who manned tables, who answered questions, who worked raffles, who just did what needed to be done. Since I'm terrified of missing someone, I won't even attempt to write them all here, but you know who you are, I just hope you know that you are appreciated more than words could ever express. As always, this Wisconsin family stepped up to help when needed. I am always proud to be your WHPA President, but the month of July made me stand even taller than I usually do.

As I'm writing this I am excited for our upcoming State Tournament. Another great time together isn't it? So much going on besides pitching. It's another amazing family reunion, but with raffles! I will see you all there.

Please mark your calendars now for the Fall State Meeting on **Saturday**, October 17, 2026 at 1:00pm. The meeting is held at the Lake Delton Sportsmen's Club E9602 Berry Rd Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. There is always a lot of good information at these meetings, and it's a great time to renew your membership for 2027.



Behind the Mask ... With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz



WISCONSIN ROCKS!!! These were the resounding words heard from those who don't call Wisconsin their home. "Best World Tournament ever", "You won't find a better host of the WT", "I've been to X number of World Tournaments & this one is my favorite hands down", "Let's keep bringing back the WT to this state". These were just a few of the many wonderful comments made about the fantastic Greenheck Turner Community Center, host of the 2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. The clay, lighting, music, layout of the courts, were great! But this is a problem for Horseshoe Pitchers, who like to come up with a reason they didn't pitch well. NO EXCUSES this time around!

The Greenheck facility was absolutely gorgeous. And they allowed pitchers to bring in their own drinks! They didn't charge for parking. Spectators were not charged for observing the best the world offers in this great sport. We had exceptional seating to view our favorite matches.

The NHPA made a fantastic move by recording live matches every round (with great play-by-play commentary) & allowing easy viewing to anyone to watch at a later time. They did a great job running the entire tournament. It seemed to move along without a hitch. I for one, appreciated the music played through the sound system. We applaud our NHPA leaders! A very enjoyable time with family and friends!

And how could I forget the many Wisconsinites, who came together to ensure that the set-up of the courts was taken care of & cared about the many other incidentals to make this the BEST WT EVER! The lay-out of the entry to the courts was very nice. The leadership of our WHPA came through ... WELL DONE. Thank you Dobie & the rest of our team.

And how about the 185 Wisconsinites who participated? WOW!!! It seemed like I didn't know half of them. Great job bringing in new members! I made it a point to ask every one of my opponents after the game, 'Will I see you next year in Washington?' The common answer was 'No, but you'll see me back here in 2029'.

Way to go Wisconsin! I am proud to call this state MY HOME!!

The old familiar hymn says this: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done." I am BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE, are you?

"How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you." Psalm 31:19

World Tournament Warm Up

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Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer %	Points	Class	Finish	W	L	Hi Gm %
Dale Marteney	200	144	72.0%	148	A	1	5.0	0.0	82.5%
Jacob Fimbres	200	146	73.0%	151	A	2	4.0	1.0	80.0%
Joan Elmore	200	139	69.5%	152	A	3	3.0	2.0	75.0%
Mona Lane	200	117	58.5%	97	A	4	2.0	3.0	67.5%
Dalton Rakestraw	200	121	60.5%	99	A	5	1.0	4.0	67.5%
Eugene Pribnow	200	103	51.5%	79	A	6	0.0	5.0	60.0%
Jim Larson	200	113	56.5%	166	B	1	5.0	0.0	60.0%
Cliff Erickson	200	105	52.5%	128	B	2	4.0	1.0	67.5%
Ray Groskinsky	200	106	53.0%	147	B	3	3.0	2.0	60.0%
John Nawrot	200	102	51.0%	122	B	4	2.0	3.0	60.0%
Mary Fimbres	200	101	50.5%	120	B	5	1.0	4.0	60.0%
Bernard Carley	200	75	37.5%	85	B	6	0.0	5.0	42.5%
Chuck Sandberg	200	103	51.5%	147	C	1	5.0	0.0	57.5%
Bradley Benzing	200	107	53.5%	138	C	2	3.5	1.5	57.5%
John Drexler	200	100	50.0%	144	C	3	2.0	3.0	62.5%
Susie Erickson	200	92	46.0%	129	C	4	2.0	3.0	55.0%
Rick Della Santina	200	84	42.0%	109	C	5	1.5	3.5	52.5%
Ervin Gagas	200	93	46.5%	102	C	6	1.0	4.0	52.5%
Jerel Flora	200	99	49.5%	181	D	1	5.0	0.0	60.0%
Marv Gagas	200	89	44.5%	135	D	2	3.0	2.0	60.0%
Justin Schultz	200	84	42.0%	135	D	3	3.0	2.0	50.0%
Michelle Foard	200	86	43.0%	122	D	4	2.0	3.0	50.0%
Blake Benzing	200	76	38.0%	132	D	5	2.0	3.0	57.5%
Jill Peterson	200	81	40.5%	109	D	6	0.0	5.0	42.5%
Clarence W. Lassiter Jr	200	94	47.0%	203	E	1	5.0	0.0	52.5%
Bonnie Lewis	200	64	32.0%	155	E	2	3.0	2.0	40.0%
Michael Benzing Sr	200	49	24.5%	116	E	3	3.0	2.0	35.0%
Shelly Martinez	200	71	35.5%	169	E	4	2.0	3.0	57.5%
Jarrold Bisch	200	54	27.0%	100	E	5	2.0	3.0	40.0%
Steve Basso	200	46	23.0%	82	E	6	0.0	5.0	32.5%
Ron Thom	200	85	42.5%	148	F	1	3.5	1.5	60.0%
Brenda Weiler	200	79	39.5%	139	F	2	3.0	2.0	47.5%
Tonya Kaulum	200	70	35.0%	148	F	3	3.0	2.0	50.0%
Marvin Mengel	200	67	33.5%	125	F	4	2.0	3.0	45.0%
Jeremiah DeMello	200	63	31.5%	136	F	5	2.0	3.0	45.0%
Terry Cuthbertson	200	57	28.5%	114	F	6	1.5	3.5	37.5%
Brian Schoonover	200	70	35.0%	165	G	1	5.0	0.0	42.5%
Lucas Cantone	200	66	33.0%	139	G	2	3.0	2.0	45.0%
Dustin Duerr	200	59	29.5%	119	G	3	2.0	3.0	37.5%
Michael Benzing Jr	200	57	28.5%	134	G	4	2.0	3.0	35.0%
Kevin Weik	200	45	22.5%	99	G	5	2.0	3.0	30.0%
David Losen	200	50	25.0%	89	G	6	1.0	4.0	37.5%
Bob Bales	200	77	38.5%	172	H	1	3.0	2.0	45.0%
Kevin Brekke	200	75	37.5%	125	H	2	3.0	2.0	45.0%
Patrick Herrmann	200	68	34.0%	130	H	3	3.0	2.0	45.0%
Tina Hawkins	200	63	31.5%	118	H	4	3.0	2.0	45.0%
Brian Mehlberg	200	61	30.5%	129	H	5	2.0	3.0	40.0%
Wally Schmitt	200	67	33.5%	99	H	6	1.0	4.0	42.5%
Doug Bakkum	200	65	32.5%	166	I	1	5.0	0.0	40.0%
Robert Poole	200	60	30.0%	149	I	2	4.0	1.0	42.5%
Noah Gabel	200	41	20.5%	103	I	3	2.0	3.0	27.5%
Richard Tin Cup	200	38	19.0%	110	I	4	2.0	3.0	25.0%
Jeff Coile	200	48	24.0%	107	I	5	1.0	4.0	30.0%
Carl Stuhr	200	35	17.5%	97	I	6	1.0	4.0	27.5%

World Tournament Warm Up (continued)

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer %	Points	Class	Finish	W	L	Hi Gm %
Brenden Kane	200	64	32.0%	158	J	1	4.0	1.0	50.0%
Alan Ringo	200	48	24.0%	116	J	2	3.5	1.5	27.5%
Sheila Volz	200	43	21.5%	136	J	3	3.5	1.5	32.5%
LaVerne Gagas	200	53	26.5%	124	J	4	2.0	3.0	32.5%
Patti Lopez-Cepero	200	34	17.0%	112	J	5	2.0	3.0	20.0%
Bruce Swenson	200	28	14.0%	66	J	6	0.0	5.0	20.0%
Owen Prasalowicz	200	44	22.0%	130	K	1	4.0	1.0	27.5%
Sandy Anderson	200	44	22.0%	153	K	2	4.0	1.0	27.5%
Delano Hamrick	200	46	23.0%	139	K	3	3.0	2.0	30.0%
Dwight McGrath	200	20	10.0%	95	K	4	3.0	2.0	17.5%
Steve Fuhrmann	200	29	14.5%	93	K	5	1.0	4.0	20.0%
Christine Hess	200	20	10.0%	52	K	6	0.0	5.0	20.0%
Steve Amundson	200	60	30.0%	187	L	1	5.0	0.0	40.0%
George Johnson	200	29	14.5%	94	L	2	3.0	2.0	17.5%
James Huckaby	200	19	9.5%	96	L	3	3.0	2.0	15.0%
Ernie Ellermann Jr	200	36	18.0%	110	L	4	2.0	3.0	30.0%
Dan Newkirk	200	40	20.0%	100	L	5	1.0	4.0	32.5%
Justin Meeks	200	24	12.0%	76	L	6	1.0	4.0	22.5%
James Bond	200	40	20.0%	130	M	1	4.0	1.0	40.0%
Steve Barron	200	36	18.0%	125	M	2	4.0	1.0	22.5%
Tracey Heaton	200	30	15.0%	110	M	3	3.0	2.0	20.0%
Steve Bruemmer	200	32	16.0%	103	M	4	2.0	3.0	17.5%
John Hustings	200	30	15.0%	105	M	5	2.0	3.0	25.0%
Richard Robbins	200	9	4.5%	31	M	6	0.0	5.0	15.0%
Arlen Lee	200	37	18.5%	143	N	1	5.0	0.0	25.0%
Chris Ogden	200	33	16.5%	115	N	2	3.0	2.0	22.5%
Mark Silverthorn	200	24	12.0%	81	N	3	3.0	2.0	22.5%
Barry Haff	200	34	17.0%	94	N	4	2.0	3.0	25.0%
Steve Ellis	200	26	13.0%	84	N	5	2.0	3.0	25.0%
Scott Jones	200	36	18.0%	118	O	1	5.0	0.0	25.0%
Larry Lewis	200	14	7.0%	97	O	2	3.0	2.0	10.0%
Dennis Simler	200	10	5.0%	82	O	3	3.0	2.0	10.0%
Krystal Grover	200	15	7.5%	69	O	4	2.0	3.0	12.5%
Jeffrey Saunders	200	13	6.5%	82	O	5	2.0	3.0	10.0%
Russell Durham	200	12	6.0%	57	O	6	0.0	5.0	10.0%
Jana Tinnell	200	33	16.5%	143	P	1	5.0	0.0	20.0%
Christina Purnell	200	42	21.0%	133	P	2	4.0	1.0	27.5%
Bruce Weiler	200	33	16.5%	100	P	3	2.0	3.0	17.5%
Jett Jones	200	21	10.5%	68	P	5	2.0	3.0	25.0%
Angela Bisch	200	8	4.0%	22	P	6	0.0	5.0	5.0%

Win a Green Bay Packers 2025 Roster Autographed Football!!!



This is "Growing with Juniors" Raffle #2.

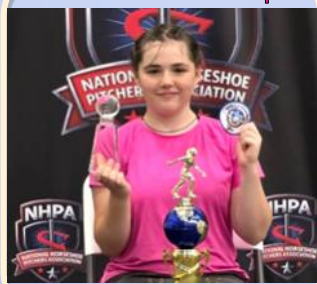
Tickets are available from Sonia Cook at \$5 each.

The drawing is on Sunday, September 6, at our State Tournament.

2026 NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT

FIRST PLACE PITCHERS FROM WISCONSIN

Cadet Girls World Champion



Jasmyn Kildahl — 24.00%

Elder Men C



Andrew Lenzen — 62.67%

Elder Men D



Rick Weller — 58.17%

Elder Men H



Jeffery Madison — 50.67%

Elder Men K



Dennis Wegner — 39.17%

Elder Men O



Bob Kallstrom — 38.75%

Elder Men V



Mel Cook — 14.77%

Elder Men W



Derek Wenger — 14.67%

Men E



Ken Heinritz — 46.33%

Men K



Ken Kukla — 25.00%

Men L



Mark Trepanier — 27.67%

Men P



Emilio Castro — 23.33%

Men Q



Scott Jones — 18.67%

Women E



Brenda Weller — 44.33%

Cadet Class D



Logan Lepak — 27.67%



Wisconsin Pitchers at the 2026 World Tournament Wausau, WI

Wisconsin had 18 pitchers advance to the World Championships in their pitching divisions

Name	Division	W	L	Place	R %
Aleena Lepak	Women Championship	14	1	2nd	81.07
Penny Steinke	Women Championship	7	8	8th	70.45
Pam Aiken	Women Championship	4	11	13th	63.03
Mona Lane	Women Championship	1	14	16th	60.78
Jim Larson	Men's Championship	3	12	13th	51.37
Ken Heinritz	Sr Men Championship	2	5	7th	45.78
Jeff Gustafson	Elder Men Championship	9	6	7th	67.97
Rich Bonner	Elder Men Championship	0	15	16th	59.00
Tegwin Case	Elder Women Championship	2	3	5th	43.56
Kathy Fleege	Elder Women Championship	0	5	6th	29.50
Andrew James	Championship Cadet Boys	4	1	2nd	51.92
Logan Lepak	Championship Cadet Boys	0	5	6th	22.28
Jazmyn Kildahl	Championship Cadet Girls	3	0	1st	24.00
Zoey McHugh	Championship Cadet Girls	2	1	2nd	19.00
Bradley Benzing	Championship Jr. Boys	5	2	2nd	50.57
Blake Benzing	Championship Jr. Boys	4	3	4th	45.43
Sequoia Wiese	Championship Jr. Girls	5	2	3rd	30.92
Josie Boehm	Championship Jr. Girls	1	6	8th	12.20

World Class Champions

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Andrew Lenzen	Elder Men C	14	1	1st	62.67
Rick Weller	Elder Men D	14	1	1st	58.17
Jeffery Madison	Elder Men H	12	3	1st	50.67
Dennis Wegner	Elder Men K	11.5	3.5	1st	39.17
Bob Kallstrom	Elder Men O	12	4	1st	38.75
Mel Cook	Elder Men V	11	0	1st	14.77
Derek Wenger	Elder Men W	9	0	1st	14.67
Ken Heinritz	Men E	14	1	1st	46.33
Ken Kukla	Men K	11.5	3.5	1st	25.00
Mark Trepanier	Men L	13	2	1st	27.67
Emilio Castro	Men P	13	2	1st	23.33
Scott Jones	Men Q	12	3	1st	18.67
Brenda Weiler	Women E	12.5	2.5	1st	44.33
Logan Lepak	Cadet Class D	6	0	1st	27.67

World Class Runner Ups

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Dan Sheehan	Elder Men L	10	5	2nd	35.67
Kathy Fleege	Elder Women B	7	3	2nd	45.50
Sandy Anderson	Elder Women C	7	3	2nd	27.25
Jim Larson	Men B	11	4	2nd	58.50
Thaddeus Monthie	Men M	10.5	4.5	2nd	17.33
Chad Volz	Men O	10	3	2nd	24.62
Guy Fleming Jr	Men P	12.5	2.5	2nd	18.33

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World Class Runner Ups (continued)

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Fred Heidmann II	Men S	8	3	2nd	12.55
Pam Aiken	Women B	12	3	2nd	63.50
Tammy Newkirk	Women C	12	3	2nd	58.17
Lori Schumann	Women H	10	5	2nd	35.17
Andrew James	Cadet Class A & B	6	4	2nd	40.35
Thurston Boehm	Cadet Class D	4	2	2nd	10.00
Landon Simonsen	Cadet Class E	4	2	2nd	7.00
Oliver Lepak	Cadet Class F	5	2	2nd	3.33
Sequoia Wiese	Junior Class C	6.5	3.5	2nd	28.00
Josie Boehm	Junior Class E	6	4	2nd	9.00

World Class 3rd Place

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Jim Bilderback	Elder Men C	10.5	4.5	3rd	58.17
Glen Brandemuehl	Elder Men M	8	3	3rd	37.05
Glen Spies	Elder Men R	9	2	3rd	28.41
Mary Ann Kouba	Elder Women C	5.5	4.5	3rd	14.75
Fred Howard	Men I	11	4	3rd	36.00
Steve Amundson	Men M	10	5	3rd	27.50
Penny Steinke	Women A	11	4	3rd	73.17
Jazmyn Kildahl	Cadet Class C	2	4	3rd	18.00
Hunter Kinjerski	Cadet Class A & B	2	8	3rd	27.11
Cameron Simonsen	Cadet Class E	2	4	3rd	5.33
Jameson Heinritz	Cadet Class F	2	4	3rd	2.33
Bradley Benzing	Junior Class A	6	4	3rd	46.50
Jett Jones	Junior Class D	5.5	4.5	3rd	15.75

World Class 4th Place

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Marvin Mengel	Elder Men K	10	5	4th	39.33
Dave Leckwee	Elder Men M	8	3	4th	30.68
Kevin Brekke	Elder Men S	10	5	4th	30.00
Mark Matzke	Elder Men T	9	4	4th	23.27
Richard A. Johnson	Elder Men U	8	3	4th	18.41
Ed Hack	Elder Men V	7.5	3.5	4th	12.95
Tegwin Case	Elder Women B	4.5	5.5	4th	44.25
Russ Kozlowski	Men K	10.5	4.5	4th	24.50
Duane Kinjerski	Men L	9	6	4th	31.00
Jason Harper	Men R	8	5	4th	12.50
Kim Weller	Women K	7	4	4th	10.91
Owen Prasalowicz	Cadet Class A & B	2	8	4th	26.49
Zoey McHugh	Cadet Class C	0	6	4th	12.67
Jonah Heinritz	Cadet Class D	0	6	4th	3.67
Matt Wiese	Cadet Class E	0.5	5.5	4th	7.33
Blake Benzing	Junior Class A	6	4	4th	43.25
Conner Kildahl	Junior Class D	4	6	4th	11.75

World Class 5th Place

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Rich Bonner	Elder Men B	9	6	5th	65.83
Dan Bloom	Elder Men E	9	6	5th	47.50
Ervin Gagas	Elder Men F	8.5	4.5	5th	40.19
Steven Grob	Elder Men G	8	5	5th	45.77
Dan Jury	Elder Men J	9	6	5th	35.50

World Class 5th Place (continued)

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Gerald Harris	Elder Men M	7	4	5th	30.91
Justin Mabry	Men Q	9.5	5.5	5th	17.00
Mona Lane	Women B	9	6	5th	62.00
Tonya Kaulum	Women G	10	5	5th	32.67
Sheila Volz	Women J	8	3	5th	23.86
Valerie Monthie	Women K	7	4	5th	6.14
Aiden Weller	Junior Class C	3.5	6.5	5th	23.00

World Class 6th Place

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Eugene Pribnow	Elder Men C	8.5	6.5	6th	54.50
Dave Pasholk	Elder Men D	9	6	6th	51.00
Tom Steinke	Elder Men T	8	5	6th	18.08
Gene Friede	Elder Men V	6	5	6th	10.91
Susie Erickson	Elder Women A	3	7	6th	38.50
Alvin Schultz	Men E	10	5	6th	29.33
Michael Benzing Jr	Men I	9	6	6th	38.17
Carl Stuhr	Men K	9	6	6th	28.83
Jeff Christopherson	Men O	7	6	6th	17.31
Toni Sloper	Women E	9	6	6th	37.50
Nancy Murleau	Women G	9.5	5.5	6th	33.67
Amy Mabry	Women H	9.5	5.5	6th	27.83

More World Class Pitchers

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Les Karpiel	Elder Men E	8	7	7th	48.00
Ray Cayer	Elder Men I	8.5	6.5	7th	38.50
Evan Schoohs	Elder Men L	8	7	7th	32.50
George Dorn	Elder Men M	5	6	7th	32.27
Kenneth Wery	Elder Men R	4.5	6.5	7th	17.27
Richard Conrad	Elder Men S	8	7	7th	22.33
Al Holloway	Elder Men V	5	6	7th	7.73
Gary Volz	Men H	7.5	7.5	7th	35.00
Sean Shopinski	Men L	8.5	6.5	7th	26.17
Luke Fochs	Men R	7	6	7th	12.50
Scott Dennee	Men S	5	6	7th	7.82
Kalena Quaid	Women E	8.5	6.5	7th	37.67
Dawn Twing	Women G	9	6	7th	29.33
Cathy Cravey	Women I	10	5	7th	22.67
Jeff Gustafson	Elder Men A	8	7	8th	66.00
Aleena Lepak	Women A	7.5	7.5	8th	75.83
Linda Aarstad	Women C	9	6	8th	50.33
Jill Peterson	Women D	7	8	8th	41.67
Dobie Gutweiler	Women J	4.5	6.5	8th	13.41
Ray Groskinsky	Elder Men D	8.5	6.5	8th	51.00
Dean Groshek	Men C	9	6	8th	44.00
Wally Schmitt	Men J	8	7	8th	27.00
Dan Newkirk	Men K	8	7	8th	22.67
Michael Sheehan	Men O	6	7	8th	16.54
Wayne Kroening	Elder Men L	7.5	7.5	9th	30.83
Dave Quaid	Men F	7	8	9th	31.50

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More World Class Pitchers (continued)

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Dominic Saxby	Men G	6	7	9th	32.50
Dustin Duerr	Men H	7	8	9th	33.67
Jay Jochimsen	Men I	7	8	9th	28.50
Kim Hinze	Men K	7.5	7.5	9th	27.33
Barry Haff	Men P	8	7	9th	13.83
Joe Zwifelhofer	Men R	6.5	6.5	9th	10.96
Will Fillback	Men S	5	6	9th	5.27
John Meyer	Elder Men B	8	7	10th	59.83
Rich Callaway	Elder Men C	6.5	8.5	10th	52.83
Roger Poutanen	Elder Men F	4.5	8.5	10th	34.04
Kevin Hellenbrand	Elder Men G	6	7	10th	38.85
Len Luedtke	Elder Men M	3	8	10th	25.00
Bob Klingaman	Elder Men P	7.5	7.5	10th	21.33
Reese Geier	Elder Men Q	7.5	7.5	10th	20.50
Dave Schillinger	Elder Men W	2	7	10th	3.56
Rich Peterson	Men C	7.5	7.5	10th	39.50
LaVerne Gagas	Men L	7.5	7.5	10th	22.50
Bruce Weiler	Men P	7	8	10th	15.33
Rayna Bauer	Women F	6	9	10th	30.50
George Moraza	Elder Men D	6.5	8.5	11th	47.50
Robert Conachen	Elder Men H	7	8	11th	40.50
Ron Studinski	Elder Men J	6	9	11th	34.33
Tory Jeske	Men C	6	9	11th	41.33
Kent Frailing	Men H	6	9	11th	26.67
Rich Brockway	Men I	6	9	11th	25.60
Paul Wiese	Men M	6.5	8.5	11th	18.83
Fred Lane	Men O	6	7	11th	12.31
Alicia Gerlach	Women E	7	8	11th	31.83
Lillyan Cook	Women F	5.5	9.5	11th	33.33
Terri White	Women I	6	9	11th	17.00
Angela Bisch	Women K	2.5	8.5	11th	6.82
Cliff Erickson	Elder Men C	6	9	12th	59.17
Ben Kinjerski	Elder Men F	4	9	12th	38.27
Marv Gagas	Elder Men G	4	9	12th	41.35
Mike Slowinski	Elder Men J	6	9	12th	34.33
Joel Ramsdell	Elder Men K	4	11	12th	27.83
Justin Schultz	Men C	5.5	9.5	12th	36.50
Steve Kilian	Men L	6	9	12th	21.17
Scott Linhart	Men N	4.5	8.5	12th	16.54
Brian Engleson	Men Q	6	9	12th	12.50
Cindy Castellano	Women D	5.5	9.5	12th	40.67
Rondi Mengelt	Women H	6.5	8.5	12th	26.50
Ken Whitehouse	Elder Men C	6	9	13th	49.17
Glenn Schultz	Elder Men F	2.5	10.5	13th	35.58
Steve Kulow	Elder Men G	2	11	13th	34.04
Dave Volz	Elder Men H	4	11	13th	38.00
Doug Bakkum	Elder Men I	4.5	10.5	13th	27.67
Greg Kinjerski	Elder Men K	3	12	13th	30.67
Zak Schwartz	Men B	6	9	13th	48.17
Tim Sheehan	Men I	5	10	13th	24.83
Sam Woolsey	Men P	4	11	13th	11.33

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More World Class Pitchers *(continued)*

Name	Class	W	L	Place	R %
Brenda Price	Women G	4	11	13th	25.83
Bernard Carley	Elder Men E	6	9	14th	42.67
John Drexler	Elder Men F	2	11	14th	34.23
Kerry Morris	Elder Men G	0	13	14th	23.65
Randy Mitchell	Elder Men H	3	12	14th	36.67
Mark Rice	Elder Men I	3	12	14th	28.00
Ralph Marthaler	Elder Men K	2	13	14th	27.17
Steve Basso	Elder Men L	5	10	14th	27.83
Keith Stocks	Elder Men Q	3	12	14th	17.00
Tom Hansen	Men D	3.5	11.5	14th	34.67
Jarrold Bisch	Men E	3	12	14th	14.33
Ed Pulsfus	Men K	5	10	14th	20.00
Patrick Labarge	Men M	5	10	14th	17.33
Paula Kobelman	Women F	3	12	14th	24.33
Emily Schumann	Women I	2.5	12.5	14th	14.67
Bob Fleege	Elder Men D	4	11	15th	46.50
Emily Lazaris	Women D	3	12	15th	27.50
Brandon Kinjerski	Men M	4.5	10.5	15th	18.6
Ken Jaeger Sr	Elder Men A	0	15	16th	39.67
Tim Rietmann	Men H	2	13	16th	28.50
Mark Labarge	Men L	2.5	12.5	16th	18.83
Kailee Grob	Women F	2.5	12.5	16th	27.50



2026 NHPA Delegate Convention Results

Proposed Rule Changes

PRC # 1 — Did Not Pass (this would allow sleeveless shirts at World Tournaments)

PRC # 2 — Passed (this added the wording chalk being an option to be applied to stakes in lieu of paint)

PRC # 3 -- Did Not pass (this would allow 80-year old men to move up to 20 ft.)

Proposed Bylaw Changes

PBC # 1 — Passed (this will state that the NHPA president can't serve for more than 3 full terms [9yrs])

PBC # 2 — Passed with amendment (National dues will be raised from \$25 to \$30, (originally proposed for \$35)

PDC # 3 — Passed (Junior and Cadet dues will be changed from \$5 to \$0)

Proposed Specification Changes

PSC # 1 -- Passed (wording changed in Equipment Specifications to "No part of the original manufactured shoe shall exceed one inch in height". This accommodates the Snyder flip shoe)

PSC # 2- Passed (this is changing the wording of the stakes being 40ft apart to "Stakes are recommended to be 40ft apart at the pitching platform level". -- for people that take a large stride and stands at the back of the platform or has a big backswing.



(Above) The NHPA requested patients in the local children's ward to paint eight horseshoes (one was painted by the therapy dog) to raise funds in a silent auction. A total of \$540 was raised.

NHPA Barb Carson presented Sonia Cook with the League Director of the Year award at the annual banquet. The award represents countless hours of dedicated service to maintaining the Sanctioned League Program. Also pictured is Sonia's husband Mel.

The photos show Jazmyn Kildahl, 2026 Cadet-Girls World Champion signing the check on behalf of the NHPA. WHPA Sonia Cook witnessed and Mason Dowling, representing Children's Miracle Network benefitting Marshfield Children's Hospital, gratefully accepted it.

(Submitted by Sonia Cook)



Welcome To The 104th Wisconsin State Horseshoe Championships

September 5 - 6, 2026

Hosted by:
The Beloit Horseshoe Club — 640 Ravine Dr - Beloit, WI

- Please Check in 30 minutes before your scheduled pitching time.
- Championship classes for Men, Women & Elder Men will be 40 point games.
- Cadet Championship will be 30 points or 40 shoes whichever comes first.
- Juniors & Elder Women Championship will be 40 points or 50 shoes whichever comes first.
- For all other classes, 8 pitchers will pitch 40 shoe games and 6 pitchers will pitch 50 shoe games.
- Pacers will be used for any classes with an odd number of pitchers.
- All pitchers must have their name on the back of their shirt, failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine.
- Shirts cannot be sleeveless, no cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn.

Mens Class B		Saturday, Sept 5, 2026 8:00 AM		Courts 1 - 4	
1	806626	Fred	Howard	Waukesha	34.33
2	280205	Gary	Volz	De Forest	34.20
3	280248	Dustin	Duerr	Medford	33.72
4	802031	Dominic	Saxby	Kewaunee	32.65
5	802794	Hank	Schoenbeck	Janesville	32.61
6	280102	Rich	Brockway	Holmen	32.39
7	280920	Ed	Pulsfus	Arlington	28.97
8	806612	Ken	Kukla	Waukesha	28.75

Mens Class D		Saturday, Sept 5, 2026 8:00 AM		Courts 5 - 8	
1	804442	Barry	Haff	Merrill	17.21
2	280823	Mitchell	Uttech	Johnson Creek	16.17
3	280036	Fred	Lane	Stevens Point	15.94
4	805510	Brian	Engleson	Cottage Grove	15.47
5	806172	Bruce	Weiler	Dorchester	14.52
6	280043	Kevin	Aarstad	Janesville	14.33
7	280813	Will	Fillback	De Soto	5.14
8	804383	Damien	Werlein	Altoona	3.37

Elder Men Class C		Saturday, Sept 5, 2026 8:00 AM		Courts 9 - 12	
1	280203	Steve	Wiegert	Green Bay	45.92
2	280713	Kerry	Morris	Sullivan	45.83
3	280902	Kevin	Hellenbrand	Marshfield	44.40
4	280255	Dave	Volz	Wonewoc	43.95
5	280344	Paul	Henning	Beloit	43.40
6	805992	Greg	Kinjerski	Luxemburg	43.36
7	805272	Mike	Slowinski	Junction City	41.84
8	803411	Glen	Brandemuehl	Eagle	39.55

Women Class B		Saturday, Sept 5, 2026 8:00 AM		Indoor Courts 2 - 5	
1	280115	Lillyan	Cook	Stratford	34.53
2	280877	Nancy	Murleau	Fitchburg	33.80
3	280773	Rondi	Mengelt	Beloit	32.67
4	801091	Brenda	Price	Rio	31.81
5	804038	Marna	Galvan	Janesville	24.33
6	806459	Terri	White	Pardeeville	22.13
7	801158	Kim	Briggs	Pardeeville	15.13
8	804450	Valerie	Monthie	Columbus	11.15

104th Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament

Noon on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026

Mens Class A Saturday, 12:00 PM

Courts 1 - 4

1	280616	Rich	Peterson	Pardeeville	46.59
2	280630	Ken	Heinritz	Colgate	45.87
3	804312	Tom	Hansen	Franksville	43.19
4	805245	Duane	Kinjerski	Green Bay	42.74
5	801053	Alvin	Schultz	Merrimac	40.69
6	280225	Russ	Brockway	Seneca	37.65
7	280014	Dave	Quaid	Burlington	36.53
8	280358	Michael	Benzing Jr	Eagle River	35.78

Elder Men Class A Saturday, 12:00 PM

Courts 5 - 8

1	280717	Cliff	Erickson	Eagle River	59.66
2	280661	Ray	Groskinsky	Friendship	57.78
3	280058	Rick	Weller	Baraboo	57.15
4	280874	Eugene	Pribnow	Portage	56.67
5	280421	George	Moraza	Franklin	55.65
6	280896	Ken	Whitehouse	Muskego	54.73
7	280391	Les	Karpiel	Chetek	52.79
8	280073	Dick	Perkins	Genoa City	52.12

Elder Men Class B Saturday, 12:00 PM

Courts 9 - 12

1	280151	Dan	Bloom	Janesville	51.95
2	280052	Ray	Cayer	Stevens Point	51.54
3	805621	Jeffery	Madison	Mukwonago	51.40
4	280177	Bernard	Carley	Richland Center	50.39
5	280402	Roger	Poutanen	Wausau	50.31
6	803765	Bob	Fleege	Monroe	50.17
7	803418	Glenn	Schultz	Merrimac	47.92
8	803589	Steve	Kulow	Jefferson	46.25

Women Class A Saturday, 12:00 PM

Indoor Courts 2-5

1	280880	Jill	Peterson	Pardeeville	44.21
2	280261	Emily	Lazaris	Colgate	42.59
3	806216	Brenda	Weiler	Dorchester	42.28
4	280466	Cindy	Castellano	Milltown	42.06
5	280480	Toni	Sloper	Milltown	38.60
6	280886	Kalena	Quaid	Madison	38.46
7	805516	Dawn	Twing	Pardeeville	35.15
8	280228	Tonya	Kaulum	Eagle River	34.87

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4:00 PM on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026

Championship Junior Boys Sat, 4:00 PM (dbl round) Courts 1 - 2

1	280127	Blake	Benzing	Eagle River	DC	45.73
2	280226	Bradley	Benzing	Eagle River		50.85
3	800556	Aiden	Weller	Baraboo		24.38
4	280305	Conner	Kildahl	Stratford		14.96

Championship Junior Girls Sat, 4:00 PM (trpl round) Court 3

1	280847	Sequoia	Wiese	Augusta		29.51
2	801003	Josie	Boehm	Dane		9.02

Championship Cadet Boys Sat, 4:00 PM (dbl round) Courts 4 - 5

1	803185	Hunter	Kinjerski	Kewaunee	DC	27.35
2	805289	Andrew	James	Baraboo		41.75
3	800695	Owen	Prasalowicz	Friendship		25.94
4	280337	Logan	Lepak	Edgar		21.61

Championship Cadet Girls Sat, 4:00 PM (dbl round) Courts 6 & 7

1	280306	Jazmyn	Kildahl	Stratford	DC	18.98
2	806934	Zoey	McHugh	Stratford		13.27
3	807146	Savannah	Rummells	Marshfield		1.00
4		PACER				

Cadet Boys Class A Sat, 4:00 PM (dbl round) Courts 6 & 8

1	801002	Thurston	Boehm	Dane		8.23
2	802769	Matt	Wiese	Augusta		5.55
3	280889	Oliver	Lepak	Edgar		2.55
4		PACER				

Championship Elder Women Sat, 4:00 PM Courts 10- 12

1	280527	Susie	Erickson	Eagle River	DC	50.36
2	804727	Kathy	Fleege	Monroe		45.13
3	280327	Sonia	Cook	Auburndale		32.68
4	280118	Sandy	Anderson	Oregon		26.79
5	805859	Mary Ann	Kouba	Chetek		21.03
6	280093	Mary	Thompson	Beloit		18.86

104th Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament

9:00 AM on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

† Sunday Morning Church Service - Ken Heinritz 8:00 AM - Everyone is welcome!

	Elder Men Class D Sunday, 9:00 AM			Courts 1 - 4	
1	806385	Steve	Basso	Mineral Point	39.22
2	280038	Joel	Ramsdell	Genoa City	39.21
3	280798	Marvin	Mengel	Lublin	39.16
4	280397	Bob	Kallstrom	Arkansas	37.78
5	280415	Ralph	Marthaler	Medford	36.16
6	280099	Roger	Anderson	Beloit	35.59
7	280827	George	Dorn	Lodi	34.58
8	280183	Kevin	Brekke	Edgerton	33.82

	Elder Men Class E Sunday, 9:00 AM			Courts 5 - 8	
1	280074	Dave	Leckwee	Deforest	33.78
2	280893	Gerald	Harris	Whitewater	32.83
3	280009	Robert	Starck	Darien	32.00
4	280841	Bob	Klingaman	Stoughton	27.79
5	806194	Glen	Spies	Muskego	27.75
6	800767	Reese	Geier	Mosinee	27.33
7	806584	Ray	Dowling	South Milwaukee	23.44
8		PACER			

	Mens Class C Sunday, 9:00 AM			Courts 9 - 12	
1	805505	Kim	Hinze	Poynette	28.16
2	801157	Mark	Labarge	Waterloo	26.36
3	804302	Thaddeus	Monthie	Columbus	24.00
4	280335	Dan	Newkirk	Beloit	23.46
5	806018	Emilio	Castro	Kewaunee	22.02
6	280789	Paul	Wiese	Augusta	19.71
7	806215	Scott	Jones	Medford	18.89
8	280854	Guy	Fleming Jr	Jefferson	17.90

	Elder Men Class F Sunday, 9:00 AM			Indoor Courts 2-4	
1	280037	Richard	Conrad	Pewaukee	22.98
2	280076	Tom	Steinke	Eagle	18.91
3	280091	Gene	Friede	Stoughton	17.06
4	806444	Derek	Wenger	Milwaukee	15.73
5	280606	Al	Holloway	Baraboo	15.54
6	806906	Don	Hoyt	Altoona	6.64



The Hall of Fame and Awards Ceremony follows the Sunday morning session

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2:00 PM on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Championship Women			Sunday, 2:00 PM		Courts 1 - 4	
1	280268	Aleena	Lepak	Edgar	DC	79.36
2	280078	Penny	Steinke	Waukesha		73.40
3	280077	Pam	Aiken	Oak Creek		63.60
4	280042	Mona	Lane	Stevens Point		61.82
5	280349	Tammy	Newkirk	Beloit		59.90
6	280029	Linda	Aarstad	Janesville		54.78
7			WINNER OF CLASS A WOMEN			
8			HIGH % OF CLASS A WOMEN			

Championship Men			Sunday, 2:00 PM		Courts 5 - 8	
1	280884	John	Nawrot	Grand Marsh	DC	57.80
2	280842	Jim	Larson	Sun Prairie		59.80
3	280905	Zak	Schwartz	Muskego		54.63
4	280451	Tory	Jeske	Frederic		49.26
5	801018	Justin	Schultz	Merrimac		46.97
6	280385	Dean	Groshek	Iola		46.60
7			WINNER OF CLASS A MEN			
8			HIGH % OF CLASS A MEN			

Championship Elder Men			Sunday, 2:00 PM		Courts 9 - 12	
1	280818	Rich	Bonner	Racine	DC	65.40
2	280374	Cliff	Shave	Eagle		70.92
3	280026	Jeff	Gustafson	Burlington		67.95
4	280758	John	Meyer	Fond Du Lac		66.58
5	280236	Jim	Bilderback	Birchwood		61.91
6	802926	Rich	Callaway	Weyauwega		61.21
7			WINNER OF CLASS A ELDER MEN			
8			HIGH % OF CLASS A OR B ELDER MEN			



Blast from the past — The “Other” 1968 State Tournament

Submitted by Jeff Secord

State Fair Park was the original home of the Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournaments since 1923. State leaders chose to end their affiliation with the NHPA in the early 1960's as they felt there was no benefit coming back to Wisconsin from the dues that were being paid to the NHPA. A group of pitchers from around the state applied and were awarded a charter from the NHPA in 1967. However, the State Fair leaders continued to hail their tournament at State Fair Park as the “real” state tournament. The NHPA obviously disagreed but there were many pitchers that stayed loyal to recognizing our state champions as those who won at State Fair. These two organizations held their own State Tournaments from 1967 to 1971. There were others that just wanted to pitch and played at both events since the State Fair was held a few weeks before the “new” WHPA State Tournament over Labor Day Weekend. Our current WHPA records do not include any information regarding those tournaments held at State Fair after 1966. However, one of the best championship tournaments, official or not, was held at State Fair in 1968.

The common format for the State Tournament run by either state organization was to seed the defending champion and top 11 qualifiers into Class A. They pitched a full 12-man round robin pitching 50-point cancellation games all on the same day. The 9-hour round robin ended with the Defending Champion, Bill Glass of Vesper, age 47, and the 1966 Champion, Carl Joppe of Green Bay, age 48, on the top of the standings. These two pitchers needed to play a “best two-out-of-three” playoff to determine who would be champion. Douglas Armstrong of the Milwaukee Journal provided the following account of the playoff that he witnessed.

[Both Glass and Joppe had a unique but consistent pitching form. Glass took four warm-up swings before each toss that built up to a very high backswing and then threw a 1¼ turn that would rotate softly through the air to the stake. Joppe also pumped his arm four times before each pitch but he would change his downward swing on his third pump to have the shoe stop in front of his right thigh, raise the shoe in front of his face and then take one more full swing with a short backswing to deliver a very soft and high 1¼ turn to the stake. The first playoff game started as a tight match but Glass has a surge of double ringers that allowed him to pull away with a 52-31 victory.

Joppe jumped out to an early lead in the second playoff game and led by a score of 33-12. Glass came alive and stretched a series of perfect throws and caught up to Joppe at 39-39. Joppe kept his composure and was matching Glass's ringers to stay slightly ahead of Glass. Glass had earned first pitch as he tied Joppe 49-49. He

apparently was not bothered by the pressure as his rhythmical swing resulted in another double-ringer. Joppe was apparently not bothered by the pressure as he equaled Glass with two perfect shots of his own. Still 49-49, Joppe had first pitch. His first shoe sailed around the stake and rested softly on the wet clay as another ringer. Joppe sent his second pitch and went down on one knee shouting “Get down, get down,” and the shoe did just that for another double ringer.

Glass took a file from his hip pocket and filed away a possible burr or some dry clay while the crowd cheered over Joppe's result. Glass then wrapped his fingers around the clean spot, looked down at his black canvas shoes, took the four warmup swings and threw with his left arm following in the same motion. The shoe dropped on the stake hard with a clang on top of the two other shoes but stayed on for a ringer. There was not a hint of emotion on the face beneath the brim of Glass' blue baseball cap. The same swinging motion began, the same glance downward and virtually the same throw. This time the shoe came down harder than the first and bounced off the other shoes and bounced back from the stake and no longer encircled it. The crowd sitting in the bleachers on the south end of the courts and standing around the fence again cheered over the outcome. Joppe picked up 3 points and a victory to tie the playoff at one-game-a-piece. Each player threw 54 ringers out of 86 pitches (62.8%) in that marathon second game.

Joppe got off to a slow start for the third and final playoff game and fell behind to a margin that he could not recover from. Glass won the match and the state championship with a 51-32 win. The end of the playoff marked 11 hours of horseshoe pitching for these two pitchers. Joppe remarked after the last game, “It got too long. I was too pooped to get them there. We should have had longer workouts before coming down here.” The two men put an arm around each other's shoulders when it was over and walked off, carrying their trophies and their \$40 for first and \$30 for second talking horseshoes as they walked.]

This was a great account of an amazing championship playoff. However, this was just another tournament in the eyes of the “new” WHPA. Bill Glass did win the “official” State Title three weeks later in Eau Claire with a perfect 11-0 record. Carl Joppe did not enter that event.

The last “unofficial” State Tournament was held at State Fair Park in 1971. Fortunately, no controversies emerged as the same person won the title at both State Tournaments over those five years when a State Tournament was hosted by two separate organizations.

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