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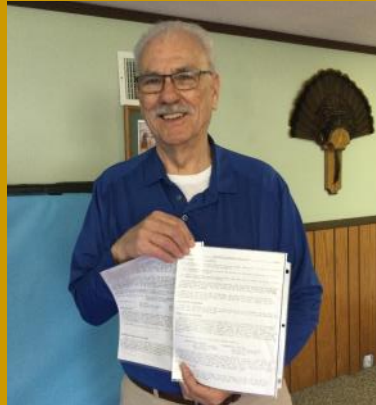
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Lake Delton Sportsmans Club WHPA Spring Meeting
 Dave Volz and his Sportsmans Club hosts a very comfortable site for our Spring and Fall meetings. Convenient tables and chairs for the Exec board and WHPA members; courts for those perfecting their game; refreshments and snacks provided. Photos from the Spring meeting feature Glenn Bogenschneider holding the very first issue of the WHNL; the very proud Deansville club members surrounding newly selected WHPA Hall of Fame inductee—John Meyer. A great afternoon for all.

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Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Jr Class	Deadline	Contact
May 30	Platteville Spring Singles	Platteville	36	\$16	No	May 22	Mark Mauthe
June 5	Wolf River Open	New London	48	\$16	No	May 29	Ken Jaeger
June 6	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64		Yes	June 5	Paul Wiese
June 12-13	Spring Fling	Beloit	72	\$20	No	May 29	Dan Newkirk
June 12-13	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	\$180	No	June 2	Cliff Erickson
June 19	Sylvia & Dan David Mem.	Marshfield		\$20	Yes	June 12	Mel Cook
June 19	Muskego Open	Muskego	48	\$20	Yes	June 12	Tom Steinke
June 26-27	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48	\$20	No	June 19	Kent Frailing
June 26-27	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	\$20	No	June 16	Dan Newkirk
July 4	The Patriot	Beloit	48	\$20	No	June 23	Dan Newkirk
July 10	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32	\$18	Yes	July 31	Ray Groskinsky
July 19-31	World Tournament	Winnemucca, NV		May 15			
July 24	Pioneer Days	Butternut	28	\$15	No	July 17	Jer Wegner
July 31	Wisconsin State Singles Tournament Entry Deadline						
July 31	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	\$20	No	July 24	Russ Brockway
Aug 7	Lox Classic	Combined Locks	48	\$20	No	July 31	Fred Lane
Aug 7	Summer Shindig	Rozellville		\$15	No	July 31	Mel Cook
Aug 10	Carson Park Classic	Eau Claire	64	\$10	Yes	Aug 3	Paul Wiese
Aug 14	Fond Du Lac Open	Fond Du Lac	32	\$20	Yes	Aug 7	John Meyer
Aug 15	FDL Team Tourney	Fond Du Lac	10	\$54		August 1	Jeff Secord
Aug 21	Warm Up	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Aug 11	Dan Newkirk
Aug 21-22	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48	\$20	No	Aug 14	Kent Frailing
Aug 28	Goldendale Open	Germantown	36	\$20	No	Aug 21	Ken Heinritz
Sept 4-5	State Singles Tournament	Eau Claire		\$25	Yes	July 31	John Secord
Sept 11-12	Wet N Wild Tournament	Centuria		\$15	No	Sept 1	Toni Sloper
Sept 18	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	32	\$22	No	Sept 11	James Wicklander
Sept 18	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	\$20	No	Sept 8	Dan Newkirk
Sept 19	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		\$22	No	Sept 8	Dan Newkirk
Oct 2	Junction City Singles	Junction City	24	\$20	Yes	Sept 25	James Wicklander
Oct 2-3	October Fall Singles	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Sept 22	Dan Newkirk
Oct 9-10	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	30	\$11	No	Oct 2	Dave Volz
Oct 16	WHPA Fall Meeting Delton Sportsman's Club						
Oct 23-24	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Oct 16	Gary Volz
Nov 6-7	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	32			Oct 30	Gary Volz
Nov 13-14	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Nov 3	Dan Newkirk
Dec 4-5	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Nov 27	Gary Volz
Dec 11-12	Snowflake	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Dec 1	Dan Newkirk

Jr Class Yes or No (Yes = They will have their own class if enough entries. No = They will be in mixed classes)



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What's New?

Jane Smith

We would like to welcome 2 new WHPA members at this time: Ryan Bergles and Abigail Lepak. When you meet these two for the first time at a horseshoe event, please welcome with open arms and a huge smile. Abigail may not be pitching for a bit but will undoubtedly spend some time at the courts.

Again, continued prayers for our horseshoe families who are facing and conquering health, social, financial and mental issues. My life has changed as Kirby passed in March. He now is a happy guy - fishing, hunting, driving, telling jokes / stories AND enjoying his pipe while playing with our 7 pups who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

WHPA President — Dobie Gutweiler



Well, it's that time of the month again where another article is due for this amazing newsletter and I am deciding whether or not I want to run as President of the WHPA for another term. Let me tell you all, from the bottom of my messed up heart, that outside of a few not so wonderful moments, I have LOVED being President of the WHPA these last 4 years. I have met so many more amazing family members and been involved in some really amazing brainstorming sessions with the best officers anyone could ask for. I would never have lasted these past four years without John Secord, Dave Volz, Sonia Cook, Kevin Brekke, Jeff Secord and Fred Lane. Besides these officers there have been those who have also forever had my back, including, but not limited to, Jane Smith, Gary Volz, Tom Steinke and John Meyer, who have my behind covered even when I don't realize it needs covering. What would I have done without all of you? Many of you reading this likely have no idea how much these people do on a regular basis for horseshoe pitching here in Wisconsin. I am eternally grateful for those who stand up year after year to keep us up and running smoothly.

When trying to determine if I would run for another term this time around I did some serious soul searching. Do I have what it takes to continue to lead the WHPA? Honestly, I do not, but that is because I do not believe that one person can lead any organization. I believe that a team of talented, dedicated and hard-working people is needed to effectively run any organization. It is not, or should not ever be, a one person show. That is why I have decided that I will run again and ask for your vote. Not necessarily for me, but because I have learned in this past few years that I work with some of the best human beings in the State of Wisconsin and that, as a team, we support the best people in the State of Wisconsin, you, the WHPA members.

I promise that if I retain this position, I will do my very best to keep this organization running as smoothly as possible and will always go to the team for all decisions so that you know you are getting all opinions and input. I promise to work with my heart first, to lead with a love of God, my country and my horseshoe family as the reason I stay here and continue trying.

So, I ask for your support and promise you mine in return. See you in the pits.



Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Fire in the Bible, is a metaphor for trials that enter a believer's life; such things purify character in the same way fire purifies precious metals. Nobody enjoys trials but God has a purpose. He sees the potential beauty in his children. We like to think that all it takes is for God to zap the junk out of our lives when we enter into relationship with him. But it doesn't work that way. Just as a steady flame on unrefined gold takes time to draw the impurities out, a long drawn out trial has a way of drawing out those things in our lives that need to go. All we can do is submit & let God do the rest. When God puts us in the furnace, He has His hand on the thermostat & eye on the clock. His knows just how much we can take.

This cancer that Kelly (my wife) has been enduring is like a flame that continues to burn & whittle her (& me) down. But we totally believe that none of this is happening in vain. Our loving Father has a purpose & even though we don't see it, we trust Him unconditionally. Pitching for Jesus!

"But He knoweth the way that I take, when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10 KJV

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Job 13:15 KJV

2021 WHPA Spring Meeting – April 17, 2021 – Lake Delton Sportsmen Club

Kevin Brekke

Call to order by President Dobie at 1:00 pm.

Dobie led us into the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those not with us, and thankful for those that are. Dobie asked if there were any first-time meeting attendees, and there were three. Edwin Pulsfus, Zak Schwartz and David Leckwee. Welcome.

Secretary John Secord read the minutes of the fall meeting and where accepted as read. That meeting had 32 in attendance. John also gave the treasurers report. The beginning balance was 3,986.83 and ending balance was 5,302.24.

Dobie mentioned that the Sportmen's Club twice a year has let us use their building free of charge for so many years. They are currently doing a fund raiser for a new shooting range, and it would be great to get donations, with the WHPA also adding something too. The hat was passed, and under new business, Dobie will bring up the WHPA donation.

Dave Volz gave the 1st VP report. He mentioned about the changes on the website, especially adding the HOF bios to the HOF Link. Dave also added to the Home Page a Calendar for event information and a google map, upcoming tournament pitching schedules, the latest WHPA Newsletter, and links to the NHPA Website, Eshoe, HSMaster, upcoming World Tournament information, email dodo, contact form, etc. With Eshoe pitchers can access the following information: Wisconsin Eshoe Stats, Player search, renew membership, print card and see your current ringer average. Details will show your past 12 months of tournaments. If you have access to the internet, it is worth checking out... Dave also mentioned that the Pitcher of the Year standings is up to date on the website and runs from August 1st through July 31st. Dave also let us know that State Walking Doubles moved to May 22nd at the Beloit Horseshoe Club and the deadline is May 10th. Dave also had an email list of the group email used. If you are not on this group email, please let Dave Volz know. Fred Lane recognized Dave Volz for his hard work on our WHPAHORSESHOES.COM website, it is one of the best around.

Dave's Regional Directors report stated that he has the Tournament Directors patches and certificates and instructions on how to send our tournament results to Eshoe. The 2021 World Tournament is in Winnemucca, Nevada with dates of July 19th through the 31st. Deadline is June 8th. Currently there is NO mask mandate from the NHPA, Winnemucca, or Nevada. Dave has on our WHPA website the entry form, visitor information, shirts and hats you can pre-order to pick up or have shipped in June. Sites for upcoming World Tournaments with be

Monroe, La in 2022, and Lansing MI in 2023. NHPA officers up for re-election are President Stu Sipma decided not to run, and Gary Roberts from Ohio is the only candidate to announce their intent to run. For 5th Vice President Dalton Rakestraw announced his intentions to run with Don Epps from Ohio announcing his intent to run as well.

Kevin Brekke gave the 2nd VP report. He mentioned that Glenn Bogenschneider was donating his collection of Newsletters to be scanned in on our WHPA-HORSESHOES.COM website. I regret that I failed to mention Penny Steinke and her efforts in already doing this and there were only a set amount missing. I apologize for this oversight. Glenn's collection spanned from the first issue in June of 1986 to the year 2016. He had them all except one, the 2011 April issue, which luckily was already scanned in.

After going through all the missing issues from 1986 through 2016, I found 23 missing issues, Glenn had 22, and I gave to Dave Volz to scan and put on the website. The remaining missing issue is from 1995, June, Volume 10, issue 1. I do not know if that one was created or not, but if it was, and you have it, please let Dave Volz know. (I really enjoyed going through all the newsletters, there was a lot of interesting tidbits that might come up some day if we do a newsletter trivia for our 100th WHPA anniversary. Would be fun. To get people looking, what was the Year, Volume Number and Issue Number where Ken Heinritz was on the front page announcing him accepting the position of WHPA Chaplin?)

Kevin also mentioned that you will need three sanctioned tournaments between August 1st of last year and July 31st of this year to qualify for state this year. Last year it was two because of the pandemic. State will be in Eau Claire on September 4 and 5, with the deadline of July 31st. Our 100th anniversary of the WHPA will be in 2022, hosted by the Beloit Horseshoe Club with the dates of September 3 and 4. Kevin reminded everyone that bids for the State Tournament are taken at the Fall Meeting, and any club should consider hosting. Bids for the 2023 State Tournament will be heard at this year's Fall Meeting.

Sonia Cook gave the 3rd VP report. She stated that it takes 900.00 a year to fund the future obligations of the scholarship fund. She had printed up this year 1500 tickets and hopes they will be all gone on Sunday at State when the winners are chosen. Any Junior that is owed scholarship monies and is going to a Secondary school needs to contact Sonia for those monies. If nothing is done by age 25, those monies no longer available to that person. Sonia gave thanks for all that donate to the raffle. She also asked league directors to consider sanctioning their leagues. There are patches and monies from national available.

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State meeting continued from page 6

Fred Lane, Marketing and Publicity Chair, wanted everyone to invite others to pitch, to tournaments, and to try horseshoes. There are resources like the Trial Membership program, Facebook, the State and National Websites available.

Historian Paul Wiese did not have much to say, but Fred Lane commented on all the horseshoes Paul's has from pictures on Facebook, and the amounts he has in his truck. Unfortunately, he brought the wrong car down to the meeting so we could see this first-hand.

Jane Smith, WHNL Editor, asked people to submit more pictures for the publication as they really add to the stories and articles. She thanked the people- Gary Volz, Fred Lane, Kevin Brekke, Dave Volz – for their guidance using the Publisher program throughout the year.

Jeff Secord announced that the 2022 Inductee to the Wisconsin Hall of Fame this year is John Meyer. Because of the new members, went into the Hall of Fame process. Jeff also mentioned that with the cancellation of Team World this the 2nd year because of the pandemic that plans are underway for Team World for 2022, the weekend after Mother's Day. Will be so nice to be able to have Club Team and State Doubles, the Beloit Encore back again with Team World at Telfer Park for 2022.

Under Old Business Paul Wiese, the Tournament Director for 2021 state in Eau Claire let us know that the club is working on shirts, and hotels and camping for the event. There will be details for reservations listed soon in the newsletter. There will be no alcohol sold on the grounds, so bring your own. The club will be having concessions. There is a Buckshot race early Saturday morning with no entry into the Park certain hours. Paul will let everyone know what those hours will be to plan accordingly. When the information becomes available, will also be on our WHPA website. Fred Lane mentioned the Beloit Horseshoe Club for their efforts donating their equipment and time to setup every year for our State Tournament. There was a fundraiser this past year, and with those monies the club as able to purchase 13 new

computers to be used for our bigger tournaments like State and Team World.

Also, Dan Newkirk spoke about State in 2022, our WHPA 100th State Tournament, hosted by the Beloit Horseshoe Club. Dan mentioned that the Beloit Club is having a Design Logo Contest starting now through July 31st. The design will be for the State cover and for merchandise for the 100th. Anyone can submit their design to Tammy Newkirk or Dobie Gutweiler. Dan mentioned he would like to mark off camping so he knows how many sites would be available on the Club's grounds. He will have that information later. Dan also wanted to thank everyone who donated to the new computers. He is the point man on setting up tournaments in Beloit, and the old equipment was challenging to say the least. Thank you. Because of this being our 100th, anyone who has ideas, please let Dan or Tammy Newkirk know. Fred Lane mentioned having special trophies would be nice, we shall see. We have so many pitchers that have special talents, could happen.

New Business, Dobie brought up that 157.00 was collected at the meeting, and the WHPA will add 43.00 to donate 200.00 to the Sportsmen club for their fundraiser.

Kevin Brekke mentioned that at the Fall Meeting, "Each One Reach One" is held. For the new attendees, and a reminder for those that attended before, this contest is for those that refer new sanctioned members. Every time one is referred, the referring member gets into a drawing for a money prize. Something to think about when promoting horseshoes in our state.

Fred Lane mentioned that he will be at World Tournament this year helping with their computers and scoring, so the Stevens Point Open scheduled for July 17,18 will be moved to a later date.

Our Fall Meeting will be October 16, 2021. There will be election of Officers for President and 2nd Vice-President, currently held by Dobie Gutweiler and Kevin Brekke.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02.

Each One Reach One Contest

We have started another Each One Reach One contest this year. For each new member you refer you get an entry into a drawing for 2 \$25 prizes and 5 \$10 prizes. A new member is anyone who has not been a WHPA member for the past 2 years. The drawing will be held at the fall meeting. Submit the name, address, DOB, email, phone, sponsor to John Secord

Birthday Bash

Dave Volz

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	5	0	64
Bun Carley	4	1	56.5
Larry Grabowski	3	2	58
<u>Class B</u>			
Rich Peterson	5	0	54.5
Bob Klingaman	3	2	49.5
Rick Weller	3	2	37.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Greg Smith	5	0	39.5
Rich Brockway	3	2	37.5
Dave Quaid	2	3	39
<u>Class D</u>			
Edwin Pulsfus	3.5	1.5	36
Les Karpel	3.5	1.5	28
Tianna Lincoln	3	2	27
<u>Class E</u>			
Robin McDonough	3	2	31
Brenda Price	3	2	27.5
Russell Kozlowski	3	2	27
<u>Class F</u>			
Patrick LaBarge	4	1	28.5
Mark LaBarge	3	2	22.5
Kalene Quaid	2	3	21.78

Butternut Open Results

Jer Wegner

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	5	0	74
Larry Grabowski	4	1	66
Ray Groskinsky	2	3	66
<u>Class B</u>			
Josh Smith	5	0	60
Mona Lane	4	1	48
Dennis Wegner	3	2	48
<u>Class C</u>			
Greg Hehling	5	0	44
Isaac Wegner	4	1	36
Ralph Marthaler	3	2	30



Butternut Photos
 Class A: Larry John, Ray
 Class B: Mona, Josh, Dennis
 Class C: Ralph, Greg, Isaac



2021 /WHPA Membership & Renewal Form

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 Jr. Girls-\$5 Med/Exempt-\$35 Cadet Boys-\$5 Cadet Girls-\$5

If renewal is after June 30th 2021, \$2 is added to dues

I would like to donate to the electronic scoring upgrade fund .

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

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March with Penny

Dave Volz

<u>Class A</u>			
Dennis Reid	5	1	70
Penny Steinke	5	1	67.5
Bun Carley	4	2	55
<u>Class B</u>			
Linda Roeber	5	0	55
Rowen Swick	2.5	2.5	52.5
Mona Lane	2	3	55
<u>Class C</u>			
Jim Tollefson	4	1	52.5
Bob Klingaman	3	2	62.5
Jeff Gustafson	3	2	42.5
<u>Class D</u>			
Dave Volz	4	1	42.5
Tom Steinke	2	3	25
Dave Quaid	2.5	2.5	45
<u>Class E</u>			
Jedidiah Sowatzke	5	0	37.5
Guy Modde	4	1	35
Fred Lane	2	3	37.5
<u>Class F</u>			
Rayna Bauer	4	1	32.5
Leo Linhart	3	2	30
Glenn Hanson	3	2	25
<u>Class G</u>			
Brenden Kane	4	1	35
Rick Swan	4	1	32.5
Mike Gauthier	3	2	27.5
<u>Class H</u>			
Dennis Simler	6	0	27
Patrick LaBarge	4	2	25
Ryan Bergles	3	3	27.5
<u>Class I</u>			
Hal Morgan	5	0	27.5
Mitchell Uttech	4	1	22.5
Gary Glover	4	1	15



March With Penny Photos
 Class A: Eugene, Bun, Dennis, Penny
 Class B: Rowen, Linda,
 Class C: Jeff, Jim, Bob
 Class D: Dave, Dave, Tom
 Class E: Fred, Jedidiah, Guy
 Class F: Glenn, Rayna, Leo
 Class G: Rick, Brenden, Mike
 Class H: Kalena, Dennis, Patrick, Ryan
 Class I: Gary, Hal, Mitchell

2021 State Tournament in Eau Claire – Scorekeeping – by Kevin Brekke

If you are coming to State this year, please consider keeping score with our new computers and electronic scoring generously set up by Dan Newkirk and others. I will be once again handling of the scorekeeper list, so if you want to keep score, please contact me. It is a great way to get to know the pitchers and earn a little too. We pay 1.00 a game per player, and you would be keeping score for one or two courts. Once the state schedule comes out in August, I will assign you and let you know. If you have a preference on a certain person or group, or day or time, just let me know.

Red Ferguson Classic

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	1	63/33
Dennis Reid	5	1	59.58
Joseph Smith	3	3	51.25

Class B

Linda Roeber	4	1	50
Rowen Swick	4	1	46.53
Kerry Morris	3	2	49.01

Class C

Jim Tollefson	5	1	41.25
Greg Smith	4	2	36.67
Rick Weller	4	2	35.83

Class D

Dobie Gutweiler	5	0	41.5
Jim Huckabee	4	1	31.5
Dan Newkirk	3	2	32

Class E

Jim Menzel	4	2	27.08
Dave Volz	3	3	31.25
Kevin Brekke	3	3	27.92

Class F

Scott Linhart	4	1	25
Leo Linhart	4	1	19.5
Glenn Hanson	3	2	21.5

Class G

Patrick LaBarge	5	0	26.5
Rick Swan	4	1	30
James Wicklander	2	3	22.5

Class H

Kevin Aarstad	4	1	17.5
Kalena Quaid	4	1	14
Mitchell Uttech	3	2	11.5

Class I

Brenden Kane	5	1	20.83
Joel Ramsdell	5	1	20.83
Ron Studinski	3.5	2.5	17.92



Red Ferguson Photos
 Class A: Robert, Joe, Dennis, Penny
 Class B: Kerry, Linda, Rowen
 Class C: Jeff, Jim, Greg
 Class D: Dan, Dobie, Jim
 Class E: Russell, Kevin, Jim, Dave
 Class F: Scott, Leo, Glenn
 Class G: James, Patrick, Rick
 Class H: Kalena, Kevin, Mitchell
 Class I: Dennis, Joel, Brendon, Ron



Kevin Brekke Announces Candidacy for WHPA 2nd VP

I would like to formally announce that I will be a candidate for WHPA 2nd VP this fall. It has been four years and so much has happened. I continue to be on the board in Beloit for the Team World Tournament and have been a club member with the Beloit Horseshoe Club since 2005. I have been a WHPA member since 1983, and personally know most of our 300 plus members. I enjoy getting to know the new members and have pitched in most of the sanctioned tournaments in Wisconsin at least once. I have worked securing the State Tournament site since I have been the WHPA 2nd VP and look forward in continuing to do this work. I would like to continue my work with the executive board and the Hall of Fame committee and looking forward to seeing our WHPA grow. I brought in Fred Lane, now our Publicity and Membership chair, and have a great working relationship with Fred. I am also working with the Beloit Horseshoe club and their hosting of our WHPA 100th anniversary and working towards making this a great event. I ask all of you to consider me for the nomination of WHPA 2nd VP at the Fall Meeting.

**“The Cruel Shoes”
by Justin Kern**

**“The Great Bay View
Sand Caper of ‘21”**

*“Crimes of which a people is
ashamed constitute its real his-
tory. The same is true of main.”*

—Jean Genet

I never set out to be a criminal.

Oh, this wasn't murder-in-the-first-degree. It wasn't anything in the first degree. Is there a 17th degree? A grain of sand closer to that letter-of-the-law trouble. And like so many on the wrong side of Johnny Law – or in this case, more like one of his cousins, Roberto Law or Diane T. Law – I'll flaunt my acts, for you, for the thrill, no matter the risk that I might still get caught ...

The scene of the crime was the Bay View neighborhood of Milwaukee, specifically Humboldt Park, one of our fine remaining public horseshoe pits in our state's biggest city. Each spring, you never can tell when those under-paid or seasonal county parks employees will get around to adding fresh sand amid their rounds of up-keep.

Well, spring came early this year. I looked around and saw the caution tape removed from playground equipment, bases returned to softball fields, tennis nets taut. Our own horseshoe pits, however, lay dusty and hardened. In need of sand since late last year, made worse when winter-whipped. Even too woeful for the wasps or ants who occasionally attempt to nest under and around the stakes come March. A desert.

That, to me, was the real crime. With 60-degree and dry days, an unloved playing surface would discourage and and all, not just me. You can already see a tear building up on the cheek of the young horseshoe phenom from just up the street ... if only the sand was soft, she could've had a chance!

I was just righting a wrong. Your Robin Hood, your Frank Castle, your Taxi Driver. All it took was a trip to Blain's Farm & Fleet. At this beacon of our state's needs – bullets and licorice! comfy slippers and whatever one buys in a section labeled “Horse”! – I found an ample bag of play sand sold under the name Sankrete, less flattering the more I thought about it. No matter, this was a

time for action, not semantics. Successful criminals must act decisively, keep their eyes on the prize. My prize was sand, sufficient sand, and here we were rewarded.

The hot stuff (read: Sankrete sand and my birth weight in cherry licorice) from Farm & Fleet to Humboldt Park. From there, the act was a blur. Hustling the sand from my trunk to the pits, while also lugging my shoes ... Stabbing the Sankrete bag open on the stake at the pits, something cannibalistic about it ... Smoothing the entirety of the goods out into both pits, by use of a half-rusted yard tool that gave the act an edge ...

Look around and only a father and son lolling by saw the deed. Off to a good start. Time to test the product. No one said this street life was easy, grime-free. I opened my kit and got ready to toss my first shoes. But what's this out of the corner of my eye? A Sheriff's deputy, driving up the walkways, slowly past the pits. Don't

make eye contact don't make eye contact don't make eye contact ... and they were gone



Maybe they spotted something on police drone, a thing I'm not sure exists but if it did would have surely zoomed in on sight of my quasi-legal activity. Or, further down the rabbit hole, in these days of conspiracy theories, a tacit thumbs

—up to sand-adders such as myself around the country, a cabal of grainy justice-seekers at public horseshoe pits from sea to shining sea ...

Back to reality: at these same pits, a few years back, a bulbous man who walked a rotating cast of suspicious, muscular dogs would stop from time to time and ask to play. It came out that he picked up his loping, rainbow pitching style from time spent in incarceration. I had 100 other questions as he explained his time Up State. There was a sincerity in his openness that left me content to keep quiet. There would be worse ways to whittle time than horseshoes. He stopped walking by at one point and I never sent that email to the Department of Corrections asking the varying athletic enterprises allowed within their razor-ribbon confines.



*Cruel Shoes
Continued*

Ah, but not to avoid the topic of my own black market chicanery. This utilitarian meddling had a purpose, of course, in better playing, for myself and those handful of others at the Humboldt Park pits. My own games after this caper were played in solitary, and poorly at that. I would like to blame a heavy conscience, if it were so heavy as to weigh down my pitching elbow or fatten my fingers. No, these crimes in bad playing were mine alone, though, after the second game, I eventually regained my form. Gambol accomplished, I snuck back home for a bloody Maria and a couch with all the windows open. For all the grains of sand on Lake Michigan, I was far guiltier of avoiding yardwork and tossing a day to leisure. So to you I submit my crime – public idiocy, in the 17th degree.

Blast from the Past Answers:

Pictures from Issue 2:
1-B; 2-D; 3-C; 4-E; 5-F ; 6-A

Blast From the Past

Dave Volz

Can you identify the pitchers in these pictures?

Upper left:

Lower left:

Lower right:



Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament

September 4/5, 2021

Hosted by the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club

Carson Park 100 Carson Park Drive

Eau Claire, WI 54703

Entry Deadline: July 31, 2020

Entry Fee: \$25 Adults Junior and Cadets Free

Send Entry form and entry fee payable to WHPA to:

John Secord W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI. 54937

All registrations must be received by July 31, 2021

You must have competed in a minimum of **THREE** NHPA sanctioned events between August 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021.

Junior and Cadets are not required to meet the two-event rule.

All eight person classes will pitch 40 shoe games. Six person classes 50 shoe games.

Adult Championship classes will pitch 40-point games.

Junior Championship classes will pitch 40 points or 50 shoes, whichever occurs first.

Cadets Championship classes will pitch 30 points or 30 shoes, whichever occurs first.

Pitching schedule will be posted on the **WHPA** web page.

Name: _____ NHPA # _____

Address: _____

City St Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

You can pitch in only one division. Please circle the Division you are entering.

40 Ft Men 30 Ft Elders. Women. Jr. Boys. Jr. Girls. Cadet Boys Cadet Girl

Beloit Encore

Dan Newkirk

May Day Results

Dave Volz

<u>Class A</u>			
Penny Steinke	6	0	71.25
John Meyer	5	1	62.08
Eugene Pribnow	4	2	56.25
<u>Class B</u>			
Bob Klingaman	4	1	40
Jill Peterson	4	1	39.5
Jeff Gustafson	3	2	42.5
<u>Class C</u>			
Dave Quaid	5.5	.5	36.67
Rick Weller	5	1	34.58
Jim Huckabee	4.5	1.5	32.92
<u>Class D</u>			
Jerry Schroeder Sr	5	1	25.21
Brenden Kane	4.5	1.5	19.58
Rayna Bauer	3.5	2.5	24.17
<u>Class E</u>			
Hari Morgan	4	2	23.75
Mitchell Uttech	4	2	20
Joel Ramsdell	3.5	2.5	25.83
<u>Class F</u>			
Jim Schraufnagel	5	1	24.58
Scott Winefka	5	1	20.83
Mike Gauthier	4	2	21.67

<u>Class A</u>			
Eugene Pribnow	5	0	59
John Meyer	4	1	61
Larry Grabowski	3	2	57.5
<u>Class B</u>			
Rich Peterson	4.5	1.5	48.5
Jill Peterson	4	1	40
Mona Lane	2.5	2.5	39.5
<u>Class C</u>			
George Dorn	5	0	43.5
Rick Weller	4	1	38
Greg Smith	3	2	36.5
<u>Class D</u>			
Gary Volz	5	0	37.5
Tegwin Case	3	2	34.5
Edwin Pulsfus	3	2	32
<u>Class E</u>			
Ralph Marthaler	4	1	26.5
Tom Steinke	3.5	1.5	25
Jerry Schroeder Sr	3	2	24
<u>Class F</u>			
Russell Kozloeski	4	1	30.5
Scott Linhart	3	2	27
Robin McDonough	3	2	26
<u>Class G</u>			
Alvin Schultz	4	1	26.5
Brenda Price	3	2	26.5
Gerald Harris	3	2	20.5
<u>Class H</u>			
Jason Hatlan	5	0	19.5
Ron Studinski	3	2	19
Will Fillback	3	2	8



Eau Claire Early Bird

Paul Wiese

Class A

Sarah Chaffee	6	1	85.71
Larry Grabowski	6	1	61.43
Kerry Morris	5	2	51.79

Class B

Greg Smith	7	0	38.93
Mona Lane	6	1	51.43
Dean Chaffee	4	3	47.14

Class C

Bob Kallstrom	5	2	30.71
Daren Chambers	5	2	14.29
James Wicklander	4	3	23.57

Class D

Gavin Wiese	6	1	12.86
Mike Sheehan	5	2	13.93
Dennis Marquardt	5	2	11.07

April Showers

Les Karpel

Class A

Jerry Oleskow	6	0	44.17
Rich Lodor	3	3	35.83
Mona Lane	3	2	37.5

Class B

Larry Grabowski	6	0	62.92
Dave Volz	2.5	3.5	38.75
Todd Sheehan	2.5	3.5	32.5

Class C

Dennis Bach	5	1	39.17
Donald Lammers	3	3	33.33
Les Karpel	3	3	31.25

Class D

Russell Kozlowski	5	1	26.67
Jim Menzel	3	3	23.33
Gerald Harris	3	3	17.5



WHPA 100th Anniversary Design Contest



This contest is open to all WHPA members. Submit your design in person, or by email to Tammy Newkirk at tnewkirk858@gmail.com or Dobie Gutweiler at dobiecanhelp@gmail.com no later than July 31, 2021. The winning design will not only be on all merchandise for the 2022 State Tournament, but the winner will also receive the following:

- A pair of horseshoes of their choice (donated by the Beloit Horseshoe Club)
- A 2022 Tee-Shirt with their logo (donated by the Beloit Horseshoe Club)
- Their 2022 State Tournament entry fee (donated by the Deansville Horseshoe Club)
- Their 2023 NHPA/WHPA Sanction fee (donated by the Deansville Horseshoe Club)

Let your creative side shine and show us your designs !

We look forward to seeing what's out there.

Please note that this contest is meant for amateurs only and not professionals.

Pitcher of the Year

Dave Volz

The Pitcher of the Year award is determined by the number of points accumulated in tournaments from August 1st through July 31st. There are 3 Divisions which are determined by pitcher averages as of August 1st 2020. Division A is 45% and over, Division B is 30% - 44.99% and Division C is below 30%. Pitchers receive 15 points for a 1st place finish, 10 points for a 2nd place finish and 5 points for a 3rd place finish in open WHPA sanctioned tournaments. Bonus points are awarded for attending the WHPA Spring and Fall meetings in the amount of 15 points each. The current leaders are Division A – John Meyer, Penny Steinke, Ray Groskinsky and Eugene Pribnow. Division B – Tom Steinke, Jill Peterson, Greg Smith and Gary Volz. Division C – Kevin Brekke, Edwin Pulsfus, Rayna Bauer and Patrick LaBarge. If you would like to see the current standings, go to the website at www.whpahorseshoes.com/awards The site is updated as the results come in from the tournament directors. This award is presented to the winners each year at the awards ceremony at the WHPA State Singles Tournament as well as most improved awards for one adult and one cadet/jr pitcher which is determined by comparing averages each year on August 1st to the previous year.

Regional Directors Report

By: Dave Volz

The NHPA has announced that the 2021 World Horseshoe Tournament will proceed as scheduled. The deadline to enter is June 8th. At the present time, there will be **no COVID-19 restrictions**. Entry form, accommodations and tournament information can be found on the WHPA website. The first WHPA outdoor tournament of the year was held at beautiful Carson Park in Eau Claire on May 8th. Tournament Director Paul Wiese and the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club do a great job of running a tournament. If you haven't been to a tournament at Carson Park, I encourage you to do so! This year's WHPA State Singles Tournament will be held there on September 4th and 5th. The deadline to enter is July 31st and all adult WHPA members must have a minimum of three NHPA sanctioned events between August 1st 2020 and July 31st 2021 enter. The Platteville Spring Singles had to move their tournament from Saturday May 29th to Sunday May 30th. Contact Mark Mauthe to enter.

FDL TEAM TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Hosted on **Sunday, August 15th, 2021**, by the Fond du Lac Horseshoe Club at their clay courts at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

3-Player Teams compete in head-to-head competition for bragging rights as “FDL Team Tournament Champions.”

Maximum limit of entries is 10 Teams

Minimum of 4 teams are needed to hold the event.

Prize Money Awards (no trophies)

Entry Fee is \$54 per team

Entry Deadline is August 1st, 2021

Send Entries to: Jeff Secord
 W2805 Johnsburg Road
 Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Player Name	NHPA#
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Captain contact phone number or e-mail

Team Name (optional) - Captain’s name will be used if team name is not provided with entry.

PROCEDURES AND RULES OF PLAY

- This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament; NHPA rules apply.
- Teams are comprised of (3) pitchers from any combination of pitching division (Men, Women, Elders, Juniors, and/or Cadets)

- Teams shall not exceed a maximum of 133% when adding together the ringer percentage averages of all 3 team members as reported in E-SHOE on June 30, 2021.

- All teams compete in one competition class.
- All competition consists of singles play, no handicap, with 40-shoe cancellation games.
- Scorekeeping will be self-scoring by pitchers.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- Preliminary rounds consist of teams competing in a pre-scheduled format.
- Teams earn one point for each game win and a tie game after 40 shoes stands as a tie with each team earning 1/2 point for the match.
- Teams can earn up to 3 points in each prelim round.

MATCH PLAY FORMAT FOR PRELIMS

- Team captains will conduct a shoe-flip prior to each round. The team that wins the flip chooses individual opponent pairings for the team match. The team that loses the flip has choice of court and first pitch to start the match.

FINAL ROUNDS

- Finals occur at the conclusion of the Prelim rounds.
 - Only the top teams ranked by wins at the end of the preliminary rounds advance to finals competition. The number of teams advancing is dependent on the number of teams that enter this tournament. All other teams have completed play.
 - Teams will compete in single elimination match play. Format may be step-ladder or bracket depending on number of teams that advance.
 - Opponent pairings in the final rounds are established by percentage order rank according to final ringer percentage achieved during preliminary competition.
 - The team that wins this single elimination match play is recognized as “FDL Team Tournament Champions!”
- Questions? Email: jeffsecord@outlook.com or 920-476-9042 (call or text message)

Eau Claire State Tournament Motel

State tournament Director Paul Wiese shares with the WHPA motel information. The Lismore, 333 Gibson St, Eau Claire, WI 54701, 855-479-0732 will give a discounted rate if “Eau Claire Horseshoe Club” is given when reservations are made. Reservations must be made before July 31st for this discount.