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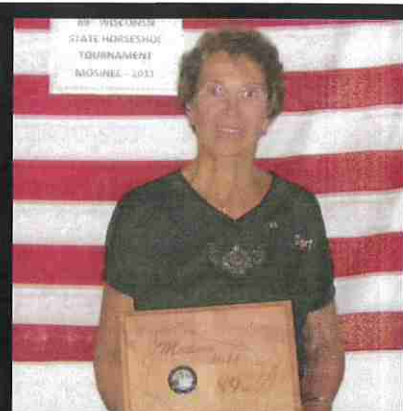
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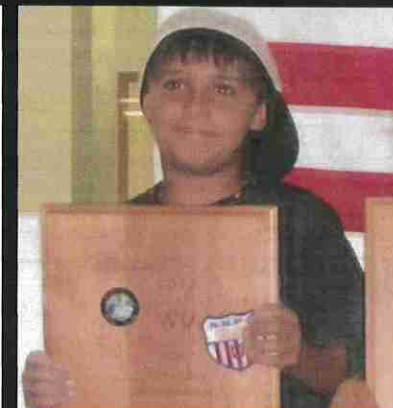
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## 89th State Tournament -JH

Seven State Champions, some new, some repeats. See their pics on the amazing results page.

The story of this State Championship begins in the mens class A. **Jim Bilderback**, class A winner, was taken to a play-off game by **Tom Endler**, himself a former class A move-up. Meanwhile, **Lonny Transgrud** capitalized on his previous "Most Improved" award by pitching high average. For both, it was their first trip to the State Championship class. Together, they changed the class, radically.

**Bilderback**, pitching more shoes than any other pitcher of the Labor Day weekend, 704, took the eventual champ, **Randy Rein**, to the longest game of the day, 74 shoes. Both, **Bilderback** and **Transgrud** took a former champ, **Ken Heinritz**, to the wall. New guy, **Dave Hughes**, formerly of MN won just three games. Jim Larson, struggling, gave up his lofty position of former years, sixth. **Mark Mauthe**, three time former champ, on the come-back trail, won just twice. **Brian Repinski** looks forward to another year to work on his style.

Championship Women were limited to four pitchers and two Class A move-ups by the Cook sisters, **Aleena** and **Kiri**. The class performed with **Gert Wilcziek** dethroning the D.C., **Pam Aiken**, entering with a plus 70% average **Aleena Cook**

wound up third, pitching ten points over average. **Penny Steinke** settled for fourth. New to the class, **Cathy Asmundsen**, finished fifth. Kiri had to settle for making the class.

**Heather Feavel** took the Girls Championship pitching eight straight ringers on her final shoes. **Bethany Heinritz** with that single defeat had to give up her title. Sister, **Christina** was third while pitching 10% over average. **Nichole Feavel**, another Secord grandchild, fourth and **Janice Asmundsen** followed. **Alisha Prasalowicz**, who won class A, held the party for the championship girls.

Class A Elders was just a warm-up for new Elders Champ, **Wayne Lemar**. His move-up average, lowest in the championship class, was no hin-

drance winning all games. **Martin Papesh** dropped just that one game with the champ. The D.C., **Norm Gage** tied **Galen Koziel**, a recent successful member of the thirty footers. Followed by **Cal Pitel** who subbed for "A" winner **Gene Mason** who ran out of gas. **Don Illgen** was sixth on a bad day. Finally, **Tony Scrima** and **Oz Jacobson** made lots of friends.

**Steve Lazaris** strolled through the Cadets doubling his entering average; **Gabe Burgin**, second, **Brooke Lazaris**, third, **Jessica Larsen**, fourth, **Nick Prasalowicz**, fifth, **Alyssa Simonz**, sixth, and **Caitlin Simonz**, seventh. The little pitchers played thirty shoe games. Together with the Junior classes, it seemed like we had lots of little pitchers this year.

**Gunnar David** rides the top of the heap for another year winning over **Tim Lazaris** and brother, **Blake Lazaris**. All the Boys pitched over average.

The Mosinee State was a cooperative venture. Of course a lion's share of thanks are due to the Bull Falls pitchers, **Mitchell,**

**Klotopak, Hack, Molling, Olson, Jakel, Ruzic, Jochimsen, Bratland**, a guy name of **John** and many others. **Marge Rein** was prominent as well as other wives of the Bull Falls guys. As usual, **Ken Jaeger** was the push for the court layout. **Ken** and **Kathy** spent the weekend showing off their more than cute twin granddaughters. A new wrinkle was locating the fully automatic computers at the head end of the courts. Thank you, **Jimmy Paulson**. The one hitch occurred

when the mike went out during the Hall of Fame ceremony. **Mark Steven's** words of appreciation were lost. **Rick Poppe** introduced the **Stevens'** family. **Mark's** brother, **Steve**, made the formal induction. The man of the hour promised to try to be on the championship courts next year. **Kevin Brekke** received the Presidential award from **Tom Steinke** with the words that if there is a job to do **Brekke** is up to it. WHPA execs contributed **Paulson** with his 'puters, **Sonia Cook** with the supporting Scholarship raffle, **Jane Smith** and **Tom Steinke** with overall monitoring, and **John Secord** with his presence—40 consecutive years of State Tournaments.

It does rain in Mosinee. No damage, but we are looking forward to next year, for the weather to be fair in Eau Claire.



# Upcoming Events

		Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person
Oct. 15	State Meeting @ Lake Delton Sportsman's Club	Free		Please Attend!!
Oct. 22-23	Deansville Singles (28-11-034)	\$18	10/15	Rudy VanFleet
Nov. 5-6	Autumn Harvest @ Beloit (28-11-035)	\$18	10/26	Earl Paulson
Dec. 3-4	Deansville Open (28-11-036)	\$18	11/26	Rudy VanFleet
Dec. 10-11	Snowflake @ Beloit (28-11-037)	\$18	11/30	Earl Paulson
Jan 7	WHPA Christmas Party @ Beloit	\$15		Earl Paulson
Jan 14-15	001 Tourney @ Beloit	\$18	1/7	Earl Paulson
Jan 28-29	Deansville Rally	\$18	1/20	Rudy VanFleet

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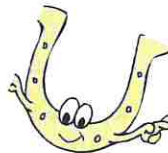
**OCTOBER 15th**  
STATE MEETING  
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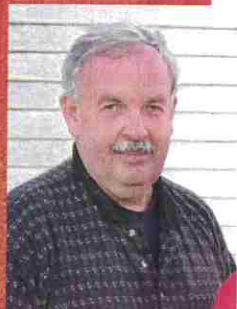
*A friend is one of the nicest things  
you can have, and one of the  
best things you can be. A friend  
is a living treasure, and if you have  
One, you have one of the most  
valuable gifts in life...*



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Anybody interested in making the NHPA  
Mini Silhouettes, contact Rudy VanFleet.  
(address above) \$20 for patterns. Can be  
seen decorating the Deansville Horseshoe  
barn.

## From the President



The state tournament is history. Congratulations to the repeating champs and all the new ones. Special thanks to **Randy** and **Marge Rein** and the entire club for a great tournament. It was the perfect year for being indoors with all the rain we had.

My decision to pick **Kevin Brekke** for the President's Award was based on his dedication and promotion of horseshoes. His constant help, year after year, finding score keepers was appreciated. If you ever ran a tournament that requires score keepers, you know how

hard this can be. **Kevin**, this is a well deserved award.

If you are not too busy October 15th, come to the fall meeting. We will be electing a new WHPA President, either **Glen Bogenschneider** or **Randy Rein**. Both of them have been around a long time, and both have their own ideas about horseshoe issues.

Come to the meeting. Listen to them talk, and decide for yourself which one agrees with your ideas.

See you there!

Tom

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## Behind the Mask

By, Ken Heinritz

Move over Ohio. I believe Wisconsin outdid you. Yes, six gutsy Wisconsinites (well okay, **Pudge Dahl** resides in MN, just across the border, but he is still one of us) dared to venture down together to the prestigious World Tournament in Monroe, LA.

Though the Rendezvous that belonged to **Pudge**, was packed to the max this team had no second thoughts. Even 17-year-old **Tim Lazaris** stated "The drive back was ... like sitting in a cave between lots of luggage. But I'd do it again definitely, even in the cramped conditions."

**Randy Rein**, who hasn't been at a World Tournament since 2001, said he'd do it again as well. "Yes . . . it was great. We had a lot of fun." **Randy** says he is officially retired, but is the busiest retired man I know. He is good

with a chain saw and word has gotten out so he is as busy as he wants to be.

While many have difficulty enjoying their time when their game is off, **Pudge** takes a different approach to this big event. "Win or lose, it is the

most fun you will have as a pitcher. You go not expecting to win; only one can win." **Dahl** experienced this blessing as he finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2010 (won a playoff game to do it), but this year took 10<sup>th</sup> with a 7-8 record.

**Mark Mauthe**, who works as a Slot Shift Supervisor at an Iowa Casino and has experienced the most World Tournament events of this group, adds, "I think that World Tournaments are foremost about the people. Visiting with friends that we only see once a year ... We all come together for this common interest and for the love of the game. Some people don't understand it ... but once one is at the tournament even an outsider can see what it is all about for us." This proved to be true as the teary-eyed owner of 'The Kitchen,' a favorite breakfast stop for pitchers, stated that their city hosts many sporting events that come to town, but the horseshoe pitchers were without a doubt the friendliest and her favorite.

Touching moments as well as humorous ones are par for the course on a trip like this. **Tim** burst out laughing when

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## 2011 Wisconsin State Tournament Results

By, Jane Smith



### Championship Elders

Wayne Lemar	LaCrosse	7-0	55.96%
Martin Papesh	New London	6-1	63.40%
Norm Gage	Milltown	4-3	56.29
Galen Kozel	Mukwonago	4-3	51.05%
Cal Pitel	Greenville	3-4	42.28%
Don Illgen	Marshall	2-5	46.64%
Tony Scrima	Waukesha	1-6	31.97%
Ozz Jacobson	Fon du Lac	1-6	27.81%

### Class A Elders

Gene Mason	Appleton	6-1	43.57%
Cal Pitel	Greenville	5-2	46.79%
Wayne Lemar	LaCrosse	4-3	48.21%
Ken Davison	Wild Rose	4-3	39.64%
Dave Ninnemann	St. Croix Falls	3-4	36.07%
John Gregorich	Wauneae	3-4	31.79%
John Dolezel	Eau Claire	2-5	34.64%
Ivan Ruzic	Stratford	1-6	26.79%



### Class B Elders

Norb Fuhrman	Kaukauna	7-0	47.14%
John Brugger	Platteville	5-2	37.14%
Jim Haupt	Milwaukee	5-2	36.07%
John McNeill	Green Bay	4-3	39.29%
Bob Tronsen	Waupaca	3-4	35.36%
Larry Klopotek	Schofield	2-5	26.43%
Harry Zdroik	Eagle River	2-5	26.07%
John Olson	Schofield	0-7	15%

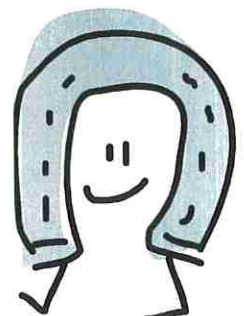
### Class C Elders

George Eckstrom	Gilman	8-2	28%
Russ Burns	Janesville	7-3	30.94%
Earl Paulson	Beloit	6-3	30.31%
Jim Jakel	Weston	6-3	26.25%
Art Collien	Eagle Rive	5-2	23.57%
Don Peroutka	Pleasant Prairie	2-5	17.50%
Robert Starck	Lake Geneva	1-6	19.64%



### Championship Cadets

Steven Lazaris	Colgate	6-0	26.74%
Gabe Burgin	Platteville	4-2	4.44%
Brooke Lazaris	Colgate	4-2	1.67%
Jessica Larson	Sun Prairie	3-3	2.22%
Nicholas Prasalowicz	Adams	2-4	2.91%
Alyssa Simonz	Slinger	2-4	1.11%
Caitlin Simonz	Slinger	0-6	.56%



## 2011 Wisconsin State Tournament Results

By, Jane Smith



### Championship Women

Gert Wilcziek	Whitehall	5-0	70.17%
Pam Aiken	Oak Creek	4-1	66.52%
Aleena Cook	Stratford	3-2	56.30%
Penny Steinke	Waukesha	2-3	53.85%
Cathy Asmundsen	Merrill	1-4	46.73%
Kiri Cook	Stratford	0-5	38.27%

### Class A Women

Aleena Cook	Stratford	7-1	46.56%
Kiri Cook	Stratford	6-2	40.31%
Edie McKinney	Luck	5-2	32.04%
Tava Kildahl	Stratford	4-3	33.93%
Laurie Dolezel	Eau Claire	3-4	36.62%
Elaine Troullier	Whitelaw	3-4	35%
Gloria Smith	Milltown	1-6	17.86%



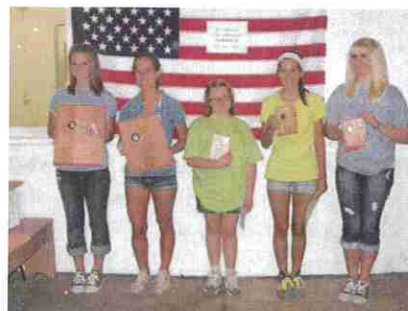
### Class B Women

Sonia Cook	Stratford	7-0	43.86%
Kari David	Marshfield	6-1	27.14%
Johanna Hollenback	Baraboo	5-2	28.57%
Tricia-Ryan Tellier	Greenfield	4-3	24.64%
Karen Henkel	Muskego	3-4	20%
Cecelia Trossen	Mountain	2-5	20.36%
Tonya Kaulum	Eagle River	1-6	11.79%



### Championship Jr. Girls

Heather Feavel	Van Dyne	5-0	33.64%
Bethany Heinritz	Pewaukee	4-1	45.74%
Christina Heinritz	Pewaukee	3-2	28.51%
Nicole Feavel	Van Dyne	2-3	15.53%
Janice Amundsen	Merrill	1-4	17.18%
Alisha Prasalowicz	Adams	0-5	2.5%



### Class A Jr. Girls

Alisha Prasalowicz	Adams	6-1	7.62%
Emily Lazaris	Colgate	5-2	4.76%
Mary Ann Aiken	Oak Creek	2-4	3.33%
Abby Aiken	Oak Creek	0-6	0%



### Championship Jr. Boys

Gunnar David	Marshfield	6-0	49.26%
Tim Lazaris	Colgate	4-2	41.13%
Blake Lazaris	Colgate	2-4	31.69%



## 2011 Wisconsin State Tournament Results

By, Jane Smith



### Championship Men

Randy Rein	Mosinee	7-0	67.05%
Jim Bilderback	Birchwood	5-2	55.21%
Ken Heinritz	Menomonee Falls	4-3	52.79%
Lonny Trangsrud	Eau Claire	4-3	50.90%
Dave Hughes	Superior	3-4	56.34%
Jim Larson	Sun Prairie	3-4	55.65%
Mark Mauthe	Platteville	2-5	52.67%
Brian Repinski	Wisconsin Rapids	0-7	39.31%

### Class A Men

Jim Bilderback	Birchwood	7-1	52.50%
Tom Endler	Twin Lakes	6-2	50.94%
Lonny Trangsrud	Eau Claire	5-2	51.79%
Todd Sheehan	Chetek	4-3	45.42%
John Molling	Schofield	4-3	42.86%
John Meyer	Fond du Lac	2-5	32.5%
Tory Jeske	Frederic	1-6	44.29%



### Class B Men

Bruce McLinn	Clinton	7-1	42.81%
John Keopp III	Pewaukee	6-2	48.13%
John Bauer	Spooner	4-3	37.5%
Cliff Erickson	Eagle River	3-4	38.21%
John Garvan	Edgerton	3-4	35.36%
Jerry Niemuth	Rhineland	2-5	38.93%
Bun Carley	Richland Center	2-5	37.14%
Ray Groskinsky	Friendship	2-5	32.5%



### Class C Men

Kerry Morris	Watertown	6-1	35.71%
Kurt Jochimsen	Madison	4-3	37.14%
Dave Volz	Wonewoc	4-3	36.43%
Glenn Bogenschneider	Slinger	3-4	32.5%
Al Huizenga	Stoughton	3-4	31.79%
Dean Chaffee	Chippewa Falls	2-5	32.39%
Les Karpel	Chetek	1-6	32.14%



### Class D Men

Ralph Marthaler	Medford	7-2	34.44%
Jason Villwock	Stevens Point	5-3	34.06%
Mitch Littlegeorge	Baraboo	5-3	28.75%
Terry Sternberg	Richfield	4-3	34.29%
Jim Heim	Holmen	3-4	34.29%
Norm Beckius	Beloit	3-4	33.57%
Dave Klipstein	Hillsboro	2-5	29.29%





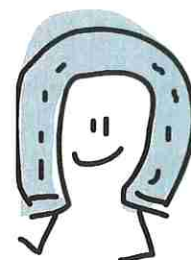
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By, Jane Smith



### Class E Men

Rick Weller	Baraboo	7-1	35.63%
Dave Wietrzak	Wilmot	6-2	35.94%
Kevin Brekke	Edgerton	5-2	27.5%
John Brophy	Galesville	4-3	38.03%
Randy Mitchell	Weston	4-3	30.28%
Russ Heinritz	Waukesha	2-5	23.57%
Steve Mielke	Green Bay	1-6	19.29%



### Class F Men

Bob Kallstrom	Arkansas	7-0	40%
Dick Hansen	Franksville	6-1	32.43%
Joel Ramsdell	Pell Lake	4-3	32.04%
Bernie Sopinski	Minocqua	4-3	25%
Mike Benzing Jr	Eagle River	4-3	23.21%
Mike Zahn	Lomira	2-5	24.65%
Richard Conrad	Pewaukee	1-6	20.71%
Dennis Capener	Wisconsin Dells	0-7	22.14%



### Class G Men

Eddie Wisniewski	Antigo	8-2	21.75%
Mark Rice	Waupaca	5-3	26.88%
Randy Heinritz	Pewaukee	5-3	22.5%
Larry Danielson	River Falls	5-3	19.33%
Stan Fox	Deer Park	3-4	22.34%
Dick Poff	Beloit	3-4	22.14%
John Drexler	Marshfield	2-5	10.37%



### Class H Men

Tom Steinke	Eagle	6-1	24.29%
John Secord	Fon du Lac	5-2	18.21%
Mel Cook	Stratford	5-2	16.79%
Dave Palmershiem	Franksville	4-3	18.93%
Mike Berdan	Stratford	4-3	17.86%
Craig David	Marshfield	3-4	17.86%
Greg Bergles	Union Grove	1-6	13.57%
Wayne Satonica	Owen	0-7	10.71%



### Class I Men

Rich Brockway	Holmen	5-1	24%
Ted Rohde	LaCrosse	4-2	20.72%
David Tellier	Greenfield	3-2	11.42%
Curt Novinski	Platteville	2-3	6.4%
Jim Berdan	Auburndale	1-4	2.8%
Jimmy Paulson	Delavan	1-4	2.8%



## Eau Claire City-County Tournament

By, John Dolezel

Due to the late 7:00 p.m. starting time, the four 6-person classes pitched 40-shoe games. This proved to be a critical decision when a light rain began with about 20 shoes left to be pitched in the final game. Heavy rains immediately followed the completion of the tournament.

Class A provided the most fireworks when **Jim Ganther**, riding a 1-point handicap, pitched 30 points over his average (his first-ever 75% game) to defeat **Gert Wilcziek** to claim first place. Jim finished 4-1/2 - 1/2 followed by Gert at 4-1.

**Jim (Sand Shoe) Heim** threw a class best 39% to win Class B, at 4-1. The venerable **Rob Rehm** was a close second at 3-1/2 - 1-1/2, pitching 36%.

**Jeff Kunz & Steve Wallin**, both 4-1, finished first and second respectively in Class C. Jeff pitched 30% and Steve 25%. It was good to see **Jane Smith** pitch in this class. Welcome back to pitching, JANE!!

Close-Doesn't-Count member **Toni Sloper**, pitched 37% and went undefeated to dominate Class D by beating new Eau Claire Club member **Cecil Reiter**, who averaged 27.5%, in the final game.

### Class A

Jim Ganther	4.5	.5	49%
Gert Wilcziek	4	1	81%
Edie McKinney	2.5	2.5	36.5%

### Class B

Jim Heim	4	1	39%
Rob Rehm	3.5	1.5	36%
John Brophy	3	2	33%

### Class C

Jeff Kunz	4	1	30%
Steve Wallin	4	1	25%
Tom Reiter	2	3	24.5%

### Class D

Toni Sloper	5	0	37%
Cecil Reiter	4	1	27.5%
Kenny Rentz	3	2	10.5%



## Green Bay Open

By, Steve Wiegert

The tournament champion wasn't determined until the final game, and over the last few years, this has been the way the winner has been determined. The Championship game always seems to involve **Randy Rein**. This time the challenger was first time Green Bay tournament pitcher, New London's **Martin Papesh**. Martin prevailed with 22 ringers to Randy's 20. Martin finished with an undefeated 7-0 record.

Absent this year was **Mark Stevens**, the defending champion, who was greatly missed. He and his brother (sidekick and number one fan) **Steve** have been a big part of the Green Bay tournament for years. Most of you are aware of Mark's medical battle, so please include him in your thoughts and prayers.

Class B champion was **Norb Fuhrman** of Kaukauna and a member of the Combined locks club. He beat **Elaine Troullier** of Whitelaw by ringer percentage. Both had a 6-1 record.

Class C was won by a relative new comer to the Green Bay club, **Jack McNeill**, Suamico, who has been improving nicely as the year progresses. He beat our two other Green Bay club members – **Dick Baeten** and **Dick Hanold**. Jack had a 7-1 record in a new 9 person format for the GB tournament. Each player played eight games of 30 shoes, which makes for a great game where you have to get out of the chute right away.

Class D winner was **Gary Schmitz** from Cleveland (WI that is) with an unblemished record of 7-0. **Mark Rice**, Waupaca, getting started on the circuits, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 5-2 record. Gary just seemed to throw that one ringer when he needed it the most and it paid off.

### Class A

Martin Papesh	7	0	61.79%
Randy Rein	6	1	60%
Cal Pitel	5	2	47.5%

### Class B

Norb Fuhrman	6	1	42.88%
Elaine Troullier	6	1	40.36%
Jerry Kamps	4	3	40%

### Class C

Jack McNeill	7	1	45%
Dick Baeten	6	2	35.42%
Dick Hanold	6	2	33.33%

### Class D

Gary Schmitz	7	0	28.21%
Mark Rice	5	2	26.79%
Susie Erickson	4.5	2.5	25.36%

### Arkdale Doubles

By, Ray Groskinsky

Marv's Doubles was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. There were eight teams – four in Class A and four in Class B. The entries were low but everyone had a good time while working on their percentage.

#### Class A

1. John Molling	39.52%	7-0
Ray Groskinsky	42.38%	
2. Tony Scrima	48.9%	6-1
Jim Haupt	23.8%	

#### Class B

1. Jim Verstopper	31.42%	3.5 – 3.5
Susie Erickson	30.95%	
2. Duane Henriksen	38.9%	3 – 4
Terry Schaetzka	24.76%	



### Combined Lox Classic

By, Bill Matey

The 2011 Combined Locks Horseshoe Club sanctioned tournament LOX CLASSIC. The 45<sup>th</sup> annual tournament is now in the HISTORY BOOKS as having the least number of pitchers after all these years we had only twenty pitchers and fifteen of these were Club Members.

The competition was still fierce as **Gene Mason**, Appleton, won Class "A" after being tied the first game, decided to get to work and won all remaining games. **Heather Feavel**, Junior Girl from Fond du Lac, prevailed in Class "B" as she lost only one game and recorded her all time high ringer percentage tournament. Class "C" **Tom Rosenthal**, Oshkosh, also lost only one game as he held off the challenge by a trio of pitchers tied for second place.

*Note: The results were published in our August issue; we apologize for not publishing at that time.*

### State Tournament Report

By Randy Rein

Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club President

The 89<sup>th</sup> WI State Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by the **Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club** at the Mosinee Recreation Center Labor Day weekend in Mosinee. There were (17) portable horseshoe courts set up in the rec. center. It was great to be able to pitch indoors with the rain that mother nature dumped on us.

Congratulations to all the champions and special congratulations to **Mark Stevens** for his induction into the WHPA Fall of Fame.

We would like to thank **Ken Heinritz** for the nice Chapel Service that was provided on Sunday. We would also like to thank the Game Related Sales (**Beloit Horseshoe Club**) for coming with their horseshoe display.

A lot of preparation and hard work went into making this tournament a success. I would like to thank the following people for helping our club out: **Ken Jaeger, Ray Groskinsky, Ed and Marcy Hack, John and Barb Olson, Jim Jakel, Kurt Jochimsen, Geoff Groshek, Larry Klopotek, Ron Rose, Randy Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell, Trent Bratland, Kari, Craig and Gunnar David** from Marshfield, and **Ivan Ruzic** for helping judge.

We would also like to thank **Jimmy Paulson** for keeping us straight on the horseshoe stats with the utilization of electronic scorekeeping and monitors. Thanks to **Kevin Brekke** for organizing the scorekeepers, and all those who helped keep score. All of this helped our club run a successful state tournament. Thank you all!

I would also like to thank my wife, **Marge**, for all the hard work she did behind the scenes. Without her help and support, I would have been unable to win my 15<sup>th</sup> State Title.

Every club that hosts or co-hosts this tournament is proud of their accomplishment. It is the people, the pitchers, fans, support staff and club members that make the weekend an enjoyable experience. Many friendships are kindled, new friends are made and lots of ringers are pitched. A good time is had by all.

We hope everyone enjoyed their time in Mosinee. I would also appreciate your vote on October 15, 2011 for your Charter President.

## Mosinee Log Jam

By, Ed Hack

**Randy Rein** demonstrated the fine art of horse-shoe pitching to his fellow Mosinee citizens by winning the Mosinee Log Jam tournament held August 13-14 during the Little Bull Falls Log Jam celebration at River Park in Mosinee.

In Class A, Randy defeated **Todd Sheehan** in a very close playoff game on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon. Class B was won by **Ken Davison** with a perfect 7-0 record. Class C was won by **Larry Klopotek** with one loss. **Jon Cox** traveled from Michigan to claim Class D champion.

Congratulations to all and THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the tournament run smoothly.

### Class A

Randy Rein	7	0	60.94%
Todd Sheehan	6	2	55.63%
Jim Bilderback	4	2	55%

### Class B

Ken Davison	7	0	57.5%
Bun Carley	5	2	46.42%
Jason Villwock	5	2	43.2%

### Class C

Larry Klopotek	8	1	40.41%
Duane Henrikson	7	2	38.75%
Bernie Sopinski	6	3	33.33%

### Class D

John Cox	6	1	26.78%
Mark Rice	5	2	29.57%
Craig David	5	2	19.28%

## Beloit Tune Up

By, Jane Smith

### Class A

Galen Kozel	4	1	58.8%
Jesse Garza	4	1	56.4%
Mark Mauthe	3	2	47.2%

### Class B

Bruce McLinn	4	2	43.33%
Glenn Wicklund	4	2	39.17%
Walt Houck	4	2	38.33%

### Class C

Jim Haupt	5	0	45%
Jim Tollefson	5	2	31.43%
Daniel Lessman	4	3	36.43%

### Class D

Russ Burns	5	0	32.8%
Rick Swan	4	1	26.4%
Gary Schmitz	2	3	28%

### Class E

Norm Mauthe	6	0	32.92%
Tom Steinke	4.5	1.5	20.83%
Jenny Reed	4	2	27.08%



Class A (on the left)  
Mark, Galen, Jesse

Class B (on the right)  
Top: Glenn W., Walt  
Bottom: Roger E. Bruce Mc.



Class C (to the left)  
Dan, Jim H., Jim T., Al H.

Class D (to the right)  
Gary S., Russ, Rick S.



Class E (to the left)  
Tom, David, Jenny, Norm



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## WHPA Award Pitcher of the Year

By, Jane Smith

The Pitcher of the Year (POY) award has three divisions: A averages greater than 40%; B averages between 25 and 39.99%; C averages less than 25%. Pitchers accumulate points by placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in sanctioned Wisconsin events. This year we had 264 pitchers and 42 sanctioned events—including the two State meetings. Points are accumulated from August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011. Pitchers are placed in divisions based on their year end average as printed in the WHNL in January/February. Competition was close in all divisions and the winners have all won this award in the past.

Division C winner participated in 7 events placing 1<sup>st</sup> four times and 2<sup>nd</sup> three times for a total of 90 points. Congratulations to **Tom Steinke** as Division C POY.

Division B winner participated in 12 events placing 1<sup>st</sup> 6 times, 2<sup>nd</sup> once, and 3<sup>rd</sup> four times for a total of 120 points. Congratulations to Division B POY – **Jim Haupt**.

Division A winner participated in 11 events placing 1<sup>st</sup> seven times and 2<sup>nd</sup> four times for a total of 145 points. Congratulations to ten time Division A POY – **Randy Rein!**

### Friends We'll Miss....

#### Roger "R.G." Grant Olson

By, Doug Bakkum

**Roger "R.G." Grant Olson** died May 3, 2011. **Roger** was a good friend and he and I would share a few phrases in Norwegian most every Wednesday evening when he arrived at the pits. He had been pitching here in LaCrosse for some time before I joined them here in 2002. **Roger** moved up to 30' feet several years ago and was struggling to adjust. For all of you that knew Roger, know that he was a very happy-go-lucky guy, with quite a sense of humor. In February he was diagnosed with a tumor on the brain, which later was learned to have spread from a lung. He survived the brain surgery, but was unable to recover from surgery on the lung.

**Roger** was 72. **Roger's** obituary was published in the Friday, May 6, 2011 edition of the LaCrosse Tribune. ([lacrossetribune.com](http://lacrossetribune.com))



#### 2011 Pitcher of the Year Winners

Tom Steinke, Jim Haupt, Randy Rein



#### President's Award

**Kevin Brekke**

was awarded the President's Award by **Tom Steinke** for his dedication to the WHPA.

#### WHPA Award Most Improved

By, Jane Smith

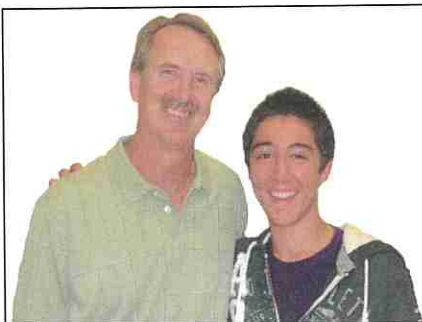
Most Improved awards are given to the pitchers who have improved their average the most points since last year's State tournament. Junior Most Improved is **Gunnar David** of the Marshfield Club with 19.72 points improvement. The Adult Most Improved goes to Eau Claire pitcher **Lonny Trangsrud** with 11.31 points improvement. Congratulations to both **Gunnar** and **Lonny!**

#### Deloris Billen

**Deloris Billen** of Kenosha, wife of **Ray** died Sunday while at Hospitaity Nursing and Rehab at age 88. We got to know **Deloris** as she came to watch Ray play at the old Pitchin' Palace. She was a fun person, always had a joke to tell, cookies or snacks. She put up with **Ray** and his horseshoe pitching friends, by allowing two courts in the backyard.

On getting old, she once said, "Why, Ray and I don't ever buy green bananas anymore." Interment at All Saints Cemetery. Yes, she was a saint.

we got back to our motel late one evening (where the 5 guys stayed) to the tune of "sawing logs." Yes, as you might imagine it was our tree service man, **Randy Rein**. He cuts trees by day and saws logs at night. "And he says he doesn't snore," I said to **Timmy**.



**Mauthe** states that without a doubt the conversation **Tim** had with legendary professional bowler, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, topped his most entertaining moment. It started out like this: "So I hear you like to bowl." **Walter's** response: "Yeah, I do, okay." **Tim's** follow-up thought: "What was your high game?" The atmosphere at this restaurant went from shock to laughter. **Mark** jumps in, "300, **Tim**." When asked how many perfect games he bowled, **Walter** stated, "About 90." **Mark** informed **Tim** that this has been accomplished even on TV. To his dismay, **Lazaris** follows with, "You've been on TV?"

The laughter made the evening extra special and **Walter Ray** handled the conversation like a true professional. "It was a classic moment for sure," **Mark** states.

**Tim**, who happens to be my nephew, spoke of the NHPA in this way: "It's like a second family. The atmosphere around the other pitchers. You can talk with anyone and pitch with anyone." He had the honor of receiving helpful advice from our new 2011 World Champ **Brian Simmons** at the practice courts. The fun, fellowship, competition, &

plain-old fun-loving camaraderie will bring people back to this tournament, for sure. **Pudge** would enjoy doing this again: "Oh yeah, bunch of good guys, one common goal and one common interest which makes it fun."

**Mauthe** states, "Yes, I would do it again. Perhaps even next year. It worked well for us because we all played the same days in the second week. I would recommend it for anyone interested in saving money and it might even make it possible for some to be able to attend that wouldn't ordinarily think they can afford it."

**Pudge**, who is a Bar Manager, adds: "At the end of the day I enjoyed the cost savings. I was looking to spend 5 to 7 hundred, and ended up spending around \$300."

The truly good times a group like this shares, often leaves a lasting impression on the World Tournament host city.

"That is the mark that we as horseshoe pitchers leave on a host city and that is what makes me proud to say I am a horseshoe pitcher and that I love this game," **Mauthe** concludes.

*"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

Proverbs 18:24

## Platteville Open

By, Mark Mauthe

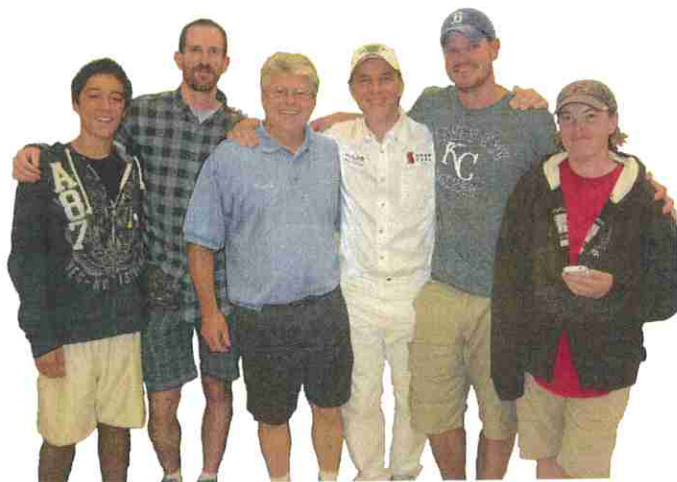
On a nice summer day, the entries were few. **Sheiran Austin** worked a food stand and **Matt Lee** did statistics. Thanks to all the pitchers and workers for participating. A special thanks to the Country kitchen of Platteville for the gift certificates.

### Class A

Mark Mauthe	5-0	54.80%
Bruce McLinn	4-1	40.40%
John Garvan	3-2	31.6%

### Class B

Jim Tollefson	5-0	37.6%
John Brugger	4-1	34.8%
Norm Mauthe	3-2	38.8%



From left to right: Tim Lazaris, Mark Mauthe, Randy Rein, Ken Heinritz, Dustin 'Pudge' Dahl, & Pam Aiken



**Mark Stevens**

**2011 Hall of Fame Inductee**

By, Jane Smith

**Edie McKinney**, Wisconsin Hall of Fame Co-Chairperson, presented **Mark Stevens** his personal plaque as a Hall of Fame member. His picture plaque will be hung in Beloit on the Hall of Fame wall. **Steve Stevens**, Mark's brother shared horseshoe trips, tournaments and awards with the WHPA audience. Memorable times of Mark's were attending the various World and State tournaments, pitching well and meeting some of the world's best pitchers.

**Rick Poppe**, Mark's nephew, introduced Mark's family. Mark gave a sincere, from the heart thank you for the award. He expressed his deep appreciation for such an honor. It was difficult to hear all of Mark's remarks as his illness has sapped his strength and stamina. We are so very proud of Mark, his family and his accomplishments. We send Mark our love and prayers as he conquers his health challenges. Congratulations Mark as our WHPA 2011 Hall of Fame Inductee!



**Wet N Wild**

By, Jane Smith

What a wonderful weekend for pitching horseshoes in the Wet N Wild tournament in Centuria, WI. With an all time high of 68 pitchers, three shifts were scheduled for Saturday. The Cox family traveled from Upper Michigan to pitch at 8:15. **John Cox** has twin sons—**Jacob and Jordan**. Both were scheduled to pitch, but a bicycle accident resulting in a concussion and broken collar bone for **Jacob** kept him from the trip. We are hoping he is healing comfortably and is not too jealous of his brother's trophy.

**Brady Reetz** was our other Junior who pitched and also received a trophy. We were surprised with visits from horseshoe enthusiasts who have pitched in the past at this tournament but just "took a ride" on a beautiful day to Centuria! **Judy Hammer, Clayton Gage, Les Holland, Ron and Paula Mead, Bud Nelson** all stopped in to check out the tournament. THANKS to everyone who made this tournament a great success. Our concession stand was very successful as donations were generous! I believe we are known because we have an "economical" entry fee AND our food is excellent! Thanks to our club members for their pans of bars to satisfy our sweet tooth, **Jim Harder** for the pulled pork, **Cindy Castellano** for the chili and to the "ground" crew in keeping the courts perfect! Pitchers were rewarded with "free" gifts of shirts, hats, tote bags, pens, sticky notes and notebooks.

Also a bit unusual is the method to determine class champions: if two are tied, the championship goes to the winner of head to head competition; if there are more than two, ringer average for the day is the determining factor.

The "mini" border battle was won by the Minnesota's 17 pitchers with a 3.75 average; 49 Wisconsin pitchers averaging 4.2; Michigan had a 5 point winning average.

<b>Class A</b>			Kevin Brekke	4-3	36.43
Gert Wilcziek	7-0	74.64	Barrent Dahl	4-3	33.21
John Molling	5-2	50	<b>Class F</b>		
Bob Knudtson	4-3	52.5	Steve Wallin	6-1	37.5
<b>Class B</b>			Stan Fox	5-2	28.21
Pudge Dahl	5.5-1.5	54.29	Dave Paul	4.5-2.5	31.43
Tory Jeske	5.5-1.5	52.5	<b>Class G</b>		
Dick Dvorak	3-5	45.	Larry Danielson	6-1	33.57
<b>Class C</b>			Tom Reiter	6-1	27.86
John Bauer	5-2	44.64	Cindy Castellano	6-1	23.93
Tom Prokop	5-2	43.57	<b>Class H</b>		
John Dolezel	5-2	43.21	Stub Hazen	5-0	28.8
<b>Class D</b>			Mike Littell	4-1	24.8
Jerry Oleskow	6-1	39.29	Joyce Ahles	3-2	19.2
Dean Chaffee	6-1	41.79	<b>Class I</b>		
Jerry Niemuth	4-3	42.5	Dick Hall	6-1	18.57
<b>Class E</b>			Chris Gage	5-2	20
Ben LaCoursiere	6-1	42.14	Kenny Rentz	5-2	6.43



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## What's New?

By, Jane Smith

Since our last issue we have gained another seven new WHPA members. The Junior Division is growing as we have two new junior girls' pitchers: **Elizabeth Krmpotich**, Delafield, and **Nicci Lowery**, Altoona. **Joseph Krmpotich**, Delafield, has joined the junior boys division. **Jessica Larson**, Sun Prairie, is a Cadet pitcher. **Judy Maier**, Luck, and **Jenny Reed**, Beloit, are new women division pitchers. **Lee Krmpotich**, Delafield, joins the Men's Division. A sincere and warm welcome to these pitchers and we hope they have enjoyed their summer pitching ringers. These new pitchers will each receive a complimentary issue of the WHNL. Perhaps they will subscribe to keep informed of the happenings in Wisconsin horseshoes.

The State tournament has taken place and new State Champions have been crowned. This was also a time to catch up with horseshoe friends not seen for a few months. We learned that a few of our members are battling health issues and are facing treatments or are in remission: **Bun Carley**, **Dan David**, **Mark Stevens**, **Harry Zdroik**. For those who are facing future tests, we need to include all of our membership in a few extra prayers for good health reports.

For the second year, computerized scorekeeping has been used at the State tournament. This procedure makes results immediately available after each game, class and conclusion of the tournament. The internet and [teamworldhorseshoe.com](http://teamworldhorseshoe.com) website made the results available within days of the tourney. A special THANKS to **Kevin Brekke** for organizing the scorekeepers and **Jimmy Paulson** for all of the technology expertise! Also deserving THANKS are the **Little Bull Falls** club and **Randy and Marge Rain** as tournament hosts/directors. The whole weekend was very inviting, organized and exciting from the first to last games played.

## State Tournament Thoughts

By Jane Smith

This 2011 WI State tournament offered many experiences for both pitchers and spectators. The Little Bull Falls club with the help of neighboring WHPA members sponsored a memorable event. The indoors facility was very necessary this year as the rains blessed the area off and on Saturday. The raffles—those offered by the Jr. WHPA and the Little Bull Falls club — made many “prizes” available to those spending their scorekeeping money. It was a nice idea to use \$2 bills as payment.

The community gets a hands on look at the dollars such an event can bring into the community. The computerized score keeping method made results immediately available. Next year, outdoors may offer more of a score-keeping challenge. One, the Eau Claire club, has handled very well in the past.

History was made in the Championship Men's, Women's, and Elders divisions. Our WHPA rules allow for move-ups from Class A to the Championship Divisions. Numbers and percentages determine the number seeded in each class and the number of move ups. In the past, the move ups usually did not place. There were a number to complete a class. This year, however, the move ups made their pitching abilities known. The Elder's move up, **Wayne Lemar**, WON the Elder's Championship! This is a first! **Jim Bilderback**, a Men's Class A move up, placed 2nd in the Men's Championship. **Aleena Cook**, a move up from Women's Class A



placed 3rd in the Women's Championship! Perhaps it is time to think about changing our rules to allow move ups from ANY class to participate in the Championship divisions.





## State Meeting October 15th!


By, Jimmy Paulson

Each year we only have two state meetings. It's the perfect time for us to see everyone one more time before the snow falls and most pitching ends for the year (except for our wonderful indoor facilities).

This coming state meeting is a very important one. We will be selecting a new president. We have two very qualified candidates, and everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and vote. It's also a time to show our thanks to **Tom Steinke** for all the leadership he has provided over the last decade. The 2nd Vice President is also up for re-election.

On top of that, we will also be discussing the issue of when to host the Spring Meeting. **John Secord** proposed changing it to the 3rd Saturday in April. The host of the 2013 state tournament will also be decided, along with an update from the 2012 host, Eau Claire. We also hope that everyone will continue to bring great ideas to help expand our horseshoe presence in the state. Promotion is the key to making sure horseshoes stays alive!

If that wasn't enough to make you attend, all attendees also get points toward Pitcher of the Year. So come attend the state meeting October 15th, bring your ideas and your voice! See you in Lake Delton!

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