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## 2009 WORLD TOURNAMENT COVERAGE FROM SPRINGFIELD, IL

Alan Francis (OH) won his 15th (7th Consecutive) Mens Championship with a record-breaking 90.2% ringer average. 2009 NHPA Hall of Fame Inductee Joan Elmore (TN) won her 3rd Womens Championship. (continued on p. 5)



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**Mark Stevens**  
Mens B-2



**Tom Endler**  
Mens D-1



**Jim Haupt**  
Senior Mens J



**Bernie Human**  
Elders N



**Tim Lazaris**  
Junior Boys F



**Mike Lazaris (IL)**  
Junior Boys E

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		ENTRY	D/L	CONTACT PERSON
Aug. 8-9	Mosinee Log Jam (28-09-026)	\$18	7/19	Ed Hack
Aug. 15	Green Bay Open (28-09-028)	\$18	8/3	Steve Wiegert
Aug. 15-16	Arkdale Doubles (28-09-027)	\$21	8/7	Marv Bennett
Aug. 22-23	2009 Annual Tune-up Tourney (28-09-042)	\$18	8/12	Earl Paulson
Aug. 29-30	Merril # 2 (28-09-030)	\$15	8/15	Darryl Hinz
Sept. 5,6,7	WI. State Tournament (@ Platteville (28-09-031,032)	\$25	7/31	John Secord
Sept. 11-12	VFW Doubles (unsanctioned)(handicapped)	\$25/team	9/5	Leroy (Moose) Meyer
Sept. 12-13	Wet N Wild (28-09-034)	\$10	8/29	Jane Smith
Sept. 13	Beloit Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$12/person	9/3	Earl Paulson
Sept. 26,27	Marengo Singles (28-09-046)	\$15	9/12	Steve Stevens
Sept. 26,27	Marengo Doubles (28-09-047)	\$20/team	9/12	Steve Stevens
Oct. 3	Phil's Team Tourney (4-person)(unsanctioned)	\$40/team	9/23	Phil Haas or Ed Wheeler
Oct. 10-11	Fall Singles (@ Beloit (28-09-035)	\$18	9/30	Earl Paulson
Oct. 17	Fall State Meeting, 1:00PM at the Delton Sportsman's Club, 9602 Berry Rd, Lake Delton			
Oct. 24-25	Deansville Singles (28-09-036)	\$15	9/16	Rudy Van Fleet

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## THIS JUST IN!

The 2011 World Tournament will be held from July 18th-30th in West Monroe, LA, which is about 950 miles (15 hours) from Milwaukee.



In case you forgot, the 2010 World Tournament will be held from July 26th through August 7th in Cedar Rapids, IA, which is 93 miles southeast of Platteville, WI. Mark your calendars! 📅

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

- by Tom Steinke



Just returning from the World Tournament and what did I learn?

**1. Good trip**  
— Springfield, IL

is a very interesting city with a lot to do. If you weren't there, you should make the trip sometime. The Illinois association also ran a great World Tournament.

**2. Smooth and straight to the stake** — I watched a lot of horseshoes, 40 of the best in the World. I saw high shoes, low shoes, flips and turns. The only thing they have in common is the straight follow-through to the stake. In almost all cases, the smoother the follow-through, the higher the average.

**3. Focus** — They all know how to throw ringers, it's just a matter of keeping their minds focused. No getting frustrated with a ringer coming off or even a loss. My opinion is a top pitcher believes that he (or she) is going to win, but if they do lose, it's because the other person had a great game. In 40-point games, a top pitcher keeps focused on his own game of pitching doubles, not about his opponent.

These are just my opinions, and I sure did have a good time watching.

Good Pitching,  
Tom 

## 2009 PITCHER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS UPDATE

- by Jane Smith

With only seven events yet to be recorded, the POY award remains close in all divisions. 274 pitchers have finished in the top three of their class in tournaments pitched. The remaining seven events will have a definite effect on the final standings. The winners will be announced at noon on September 6th at the State Tournament in Platteville, WI.

Standings are listed in alphabetical order:


### Division A

Jim Larson  
Gene Mason  
John Molling  
Randy Rein  
Gert Wilcziek  
Paul Wilson

### Division B

John Garvan  
Ken Jaeger Sr.  
Bruce McLinn  
Kerry Morris  
Elaine Troullier  
Steve Weigert

### Division C

Norm Beckius  
Jim Haupt  
Jim O'Loughlin  
Gene Satterstrom  
Tony Scrima  
Harry Zdroik 


## HALL OF FAME CLASSIC RESULTS

The first-ever - by Pam Aiken

NHPA Hall of Fame Classic tournament is in the books. With 179 entries, participation was lower than expected.

Of the 77 Wisconsin pitchers that entered the World Tournament in Springfield, only six made it to the event at the Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville, MO. **Jarrod Bisch,**

**Glenn Bogenschneider, Mike Cone, Don Peroutka, Dave Volz and Gary Volz** were the Wisconsin representatives. The tournament champion and winner of a Memorial Brick was **Kelly Combs**, a lady pitcher from Missouri who scored 365.74 points.

The most common reason given for not participating? Lack of time. The Hall of Fame was only open from 9am-6pm, and with a two-hour commute each way, most pitchers were unable to make the time to fit in the side-trip. 



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## WORLD TOURNAMENT — HOW DID WE DO, WISCONSIN?

### Championship Classes

Mens	15th	Ken Heinritz	7-12	63.25
Womens	14th	Pam Aiken	6-13	71.23
<b>Sr Womens</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Gert Wilcziek</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>70.81</b>
Jr Girls	4th	Aleena Cook	2-3	50.00

### Regular Classes

Mens A-2	7th	Ken Heinritz	9-6	63.17
Mens A-3	10th	Jeff Gustafson	7-8	53.83
Mens A-3	15th	Mark Mauthe	3-12	44.00
Mens B-2	1st	Mark Stevens	15-0	49.67
Mens B-3	5th	Mike Cone	9-6	47.17
Mens B-3	6th	Bruce McLinn	9-6	46.33
Mens C-1	9th	G. Bogenschneider	7-8	40.67
Mens C-1	15th	Les Karpiel	3-12	33.50
Mens C-2	10th	John Garvan	6-9	39.83
<b>Mens D-1</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Tom Endler</b>	<b>13-3</b>	<b>43.91</b>
Mens D-2	10th	Terry Sternberg	7-8	36.67
Mens E-1	10th	Ralph Marthaler	8-7	32.00
Mens E-2	3rd	Kurt Jochimsen	11-4	34.00
Mens E-2	9th	Norm Beckius	8-7	33.83
Mens E-3	15th	Jarrold Bisch	4-11	27.50
Mens F-1	11th	David Volz	6-9	34.17
Mens F-2	7th	Rick Weller	8-7	32.17
Mens F-2	11th	Dick Hansen	6-9	24.83
Mens F-3	10th	M. Littlegeorge	7-8	28.00
Mens G-1	12th	Bob Kallstrom	7-8	27.33
Mens G-1	15th	Ed Wheeler	2-13	19.83
Mens G-2	5th	Gary Volz	10-5	29.67
Mens G-2	16th	George Moraza	2-13	27.00
Mens H-2	4th	Ken Davison	10-5	31.00
Mens H-3	6th	Kevin Brekke	8.5-6.5	24.67
Mens I-1	8th	Jim Ganther	9-6	21.00
Mens I-3	15th	Mike Zahn	4.5-10.5	19.50
<b>Mens K-2</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Steve Wallin</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>26.00</b>
Mens K-2	12th	Ray Mallo	5.5-9.5	19.83
Mens K-3	16th	Jerry Kochman	1.5-13.5	8.67
Mens L-2	5th	Mark Nord	8.5-4.5	21.35
Mens L-2	8th	David Tellier	7.5-5.5	18.08
Mens M-1	15th	Jay Ganther	1-13	5.00
<b>Mens M-2</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Randy Ganther</b>	<b>9.5-3.5</b>	<b>10.77</b>
Sr Mens C	6th	Bernard Carley	8.5-6.5	38.33
Sr Mens C	7th	Jim Tollefson	8-7	44.33
Sr Mens C	10th	Steve Wiegert	8-7	39.83
Sr Mens C	15th	Dave Schorbahn	5-10	33.67

Sr Mens D	7th	Al Huizenga	9-6	37.67
Sr Mens G	14th	Galen Kozel	4-11	24.33
Sr Mens I	7th	Tom Steinke	7-6	23.08
<b>Sr Mens J</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Jim Haupt</b>	<b>12-1</b>	<b>15.77</b>
<b>Sr Mens J</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>G. Satterstrom</b>	<b>9.5-3.5</b>	<b>14.81</b>
Sr Mens J	10th	Don Peroutka	5-8	10.96

Elder Mens C	13th	Paul Wilson	5-10	51.83
Elder Mens D	10th	Norm Gage	7-8	52.33
Elder Mens E	16th	Ivan Ruzic	1-14	37.50
Elder Mens H	9th	Cal Pitel	8-7	44.83
Elder Mens I	12th	Dave Ninnemann	6-9	40.50
<b>Elder Mens J</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Wayne Lemar</b>	<b>10-5</b>	<b>45.67</b>
Elder Mens J	7th	John Dolezel	9-6	41.67
Elder Mens L	7th	John Brugger	9-6	38.33
Elder Mens M	11th	Leroy Meyer	5-8	27.12
<b>Elder Mens N</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Bernie Human</b>	<b>11.5-3.5</b>	<b>33.00</b>
<b>Elder Mens O</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Earl Paulson</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>37.17</b>
Elder Mens O	13th	Cliff Troullier	5-10	27.17
Elder Mens Q	13th	Russ Burns	1-12	6.39

Womens A	14th	Gert Wilcziek	4-11	69.33
Womens B	4th	Pam Aiken	10-5	66.33
Womens C	2nd	Penny Steinke	9-5	60.00
Womens D	15th	Edie McKinney	4-11	41.17
Womens D	16th	Kiri Cook	2-13	40.67
Womens F	13th	Gloria Smith	5-10	35.33
Womens G	8th	Elaine Troullier	7-8	33.17
Womens I	6th	Karen Henkel	7-6	26.35
Womens I	12th	Cecelia Trossen	4-9	15.58
Womens K	7th	Tricia Ryan-Tellier	6-5	19.09

<b>Cadets</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Blake Lazaris</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>21.61</b>
<b>Juniors B</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Aleena Cook</b>	<b>8-3</b>	<b>49.77</b>
<b>Juniors E</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Mike Lazaris</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>31.04</b>
<b>Juniors E</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Gunnar David</b>	<b>7.5-3.5</b>	<b>20.68</b>
Juniors E	5th	Samanatha Lazaris	6.5-4.5	10.00
<b>Juniors F</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Tim Lazaris</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>31.67</b>



## AND THE CHAMPIONS ARE...

- by Jim Haupt

### CHAMPIONSHIP MENS

Alan Francis (OH) broke his own record pitching 90.2% overall in the championship class and won the World for the 15th time, a record in itself. But in his



3rd Place Jim Walters  
 Champion Alan Francis  
 2nd Place Brian Simmons

playoff game with Brian Simmons (VT), it looked like it may go the other way for a while. Simmons managed to scoot

ahead, 37! to 21 in the 40-point game. Overheard the fan's remark, "Wonder what's running through Alan's mind about now?" You know the outcome. Francis ran 19 unanswered points to once more win the title. 140 shoes, pitching four dead 41 times. Simmons is the man that made it a game. Previously, no other contestant had scored more than 16 points on the champ. Jim Walters of Ohio, pitching 75% took the third place trophy. Yes, Walter Ray Williams Jr. stopped in but not for pitching this year.

### CHAMPIONSHIP WOMENS



Joan Elmore

Joan Elmore (TN) did it in the Womens division. She did drop one game, but caused Sylvianne Moisan to also lose one, setting up the playoff. Both former World Champions pitched a stellar game with Elmore getting the nod. Echoing a remark from the crowd, "We are watching, probably three of best

lady pitchers ever." The three share 14 World Champion titles. Defending champion Sue Snyder finished third in the very competitive Women's championship class with the top five all exceeding 80%:

1. Joan Elmore (TN) 84.99
2. Sylvianne Moisan (PQ) 85.66
3. Sue Snyder (KY) 86.33
4. Debra Odum (TX) 81.71
5. Marlene Ray (TN) 82.80

(continued on p.7)

## WISCONSIN AT THE WORLD

First place in World class was hard to come by for Wisconsin pitchers. - by Jim Haupt

Winning all games, 15-0, was Mark Stevens, the Marcngo mauler at 49.67%. Also a first for Kenosha's Tommy Endler, who lost just three games at 43.91%. A surprise winner from the bowels of the Senior Men was Jim Haupt. In the Juniors E, Mike Lazaris outclassed all opponents for first, pitching 31.04%. And in Juniors F, Mike's brother Timmy was the top grade pitcher, won all nine games pitching 31.67%. Both pitched well over their entering averages.

Two Wisconsin pitchers made the Championship Mens and Womens classes, Pam Aiken and Ken Heinritz.

Aiken finished 14th with a 6 wins, 13 losses and pitched an amazing 71.93%. Her game with Sue Snyder was a barn burner. She had the defending world champion 39 to 18, but could not make the last point as Snyder pitched 29 out



30 ringers to finish Sue Snyder and Pam Aiken Aiken off. The game went to 88 shoes with both pitching 81.8%. Someone said, "That's as good as winning." Pam's response, "No, not quite."

Heinritz was awarded 15th place (tied for 13th) with 7 wins and 12 losses. One of his wins struck down Dale Lipovsky, the three-time World champ from Gopher country.

Above all both of these championship pitchers thoroughly enjoyed their time in the "big leagues." U



Ken Heinritz pitching with 2nd place finisher Brian Simmons

**AND THE CHAMPIONS ARE...** (continued from p.6)

**SENIOR MENS 40'**



The Senior Mens trophy went to **Ron Deckard** (FL) with eight wins and three losses, pitching 64.60<sup>o</sup>. This is

Deckard's third consecutive title in this division.

**ELDER MENS 30'**



In the Elders division, it was **Hershel Walters** (IN) with an 11-0 record, pitching 81.25<sup>o</sup>.

Nothing new, as he did it last year, too.

**SENIOR WOMENS**



The Senior Womens trophy went to **Shelia Shepard** (CO), clean at 7 wins, pitching 70.81<sup>o</sup>. She did, however,

have some close final games: 43/38 over Wisconsin's **Gert Wilcziek** and 41/39 over **Rivers Prewette** (NC), the second place finisher and the defending champion. Wilcziek, of the Eau Claire club, earned a third place trophy with a 5-2 record, pitching 70.81<sup>o</sup>. She pitched the most shoes of anyone in the class, losing only to Shepard and Prewette.

**JUNIOR GIRLS**



Junior Girls champion **Lisa Atwell** (CA) dropped her first game to set up a three-way play-off

with the defending champion, **Abby Green** (OH) and **Brianna McCormick** (VT). That left **Aleena Cook** of Stratford, a former champion pitching her last year in the Junior Division, out and finishing fourth.

Atwell won pitching 58.99<sup>o</sup>. Second place, Abby Green pitched 58.97<sup>o</sup>.

**JUNIOR BOYS**



**Michael Bowman** (MO) repeated his feat of 2008. This time, he won all games and increased his average to near 80<sup>o</sup>.

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**CADETS**



The champ here is **Daniel Miller** (MN) He won all games pitching 33.47. Then there was

**Blake Lazaris** of Colgate, WI, third place, with a 5/2 record losing only to the leaders pitching 21.61. Hey that's more than some other first place trophy winners I know of...

**WORLD OVERVIEW**

- by Jim Haupt

Illinois gave us downtown horseshoes in the "Land of Lincoln," or Springfield. It was neat, and time horseshoes moved Downtown. The Lincoln Hotel was next-door and provided free parking to the pitchers in their pavilion.

The arena was well laid out and well lit. The courts or pits worked well with the newer walkways, featuring best clay ever by **Eldon Bryant**. They are still using the fence frames that **Ken Jaeger** built in 2003.

Seating was all overhead. It took some powerful glass to read the score. From the side, half the court was hidden, so you had to guess by sound and body language the destination of a would-be ringer.

Play-off games were scored by computer, a sign of things to come.

The running result board projected on a large screen was in a poor place, as it was hard to see unless one was on the mezzanine level.

To **Dick Hansen**: congrats on a workable schedule. Thanks to all shift supervisors, including **Lorraine and Terry Sternberg** and **Jane Smith**. Remember, some of these workers just worked, did not pitch. Thanks.

Watching the Championship classes, we saw the Illinois crew begin the takedown. The great number of Illini volunteers was impressive.

**Bill Marvin** should be of the *Illinois Man of the Year* for his organizational ability in being the host director for this unforgettable 2009 World Tournament. He said he had been working on it for four years.

So, strike up the band, sing it loud and clear, "Hail to the orange, Hail to the blue, Hail Illinois, You're the best crew." 🎵

## DOWN 'N BACK AT WORLD WITH JIM HAUPT

In class play within the World Tournament, ordinary classes, the object is to gain consecutive points, while in the championship classes the goal is consecutive ringers. As **Dale Lipovsky** says, "Make just 14 mistakes (misses) and you may be out."

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Who do you know has an old pair of Henton's they may want to sell? Make a deal with **Ron Kmieciak** at 414-762-6405, or contact this Newsletter for a few bucks for those old Hentons.

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Here's one you'll like:

**Tim Lazaris**, nephew to **Ken Heinritz**, had a few words with 2008 World Champion **Sue Snyder** at the recent Team World. Fast forward to the World Tournament: Timmy wins his class. Snyder shows up a few days later, wishing she had been there to congratulate her new little fan. Get this, she calls him at his home in Colgate, WI. The answering machine picks up at the Lazaris home, phone set on speaker. Timmy hears the words, "This is Sue Snyder calling..." Timmy breaks all records racing to get that phone call.

You could say Sue made his day.

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Hanging out near the entrance at the World Tournament paid off. Met a ton of pitchers not seen for years. Fans of Team World will be interested to know the easy-to-look at **Lois Webster**, still of KY, came to renew old friendships. Says she just can't pitch anymore, shoe goes straight up. I recommended that she get a hard hat. **Charley Webb** was there, made 7th in the Championship Senior Mens class. Of the old IL Team World team, he remarked that **Cliff Baker** is gone, and so is **Bunny Ward**. **Jerry Dumstorf**, sadly, has contracted cancer. Saw many old friends, too many to mention. Of course **Chuck Blakely**, professional horseshoe spectator of Racine was observing. He gave a few of his custom made boxes to a few notables - **Art Tyson**, **Alan Francis**, and **Pam Aiken**. Saw a new friend too. It says, "Mud Chick" on her shirt. Cool! ☺

## CHUMPS DUNKED FOR CHARITY

- by Terry Sternberg



**NHPA Publicity Man Casey Sluys took his turn in the dunk booth for the NHPF**

NHPA 2nd Vice President **Tina Hawkins** had a dunk tank set up in the Complex courtyard, with NHPA and NHPF celebrities being taken to the water and an autograph session, raising over \$1,100 dollars for the NHPF.

At the other end of the courtyard, the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted a World Horseshoe

Cook-off. Seven local restaurants served up their



versions of the famous Horseshoe Sandwich and supplied live and music from noon to 8pm. ☺

## SPRINGFIELD CUISINE

Apparently Milwaukee isn't the only place known for big portions. **Tom Steinke** ordered the "pony" version of the horseshoe sandwich, which is supposedly smaller than the regular. **Mark Mauthe** was glad he ordered the small calzone. ☺



**Tom Steinke and his Pony Shoe Sandwich**



**Mark Mauthe and the "small" calzone**





The Prairie Convention Center housed 48 courts



Lorraine Sternberg presents the Tournament Director of the Year Award to Earl Paulson



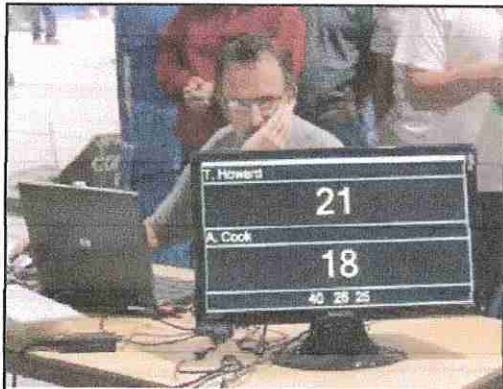
The Ganther Gang — "Luck Counts"



A view of the courts and the stands



Wisconsin's Junior pitchers showing off their new hardware



A sign of the future: computerized scoring



Alan Francis



Three banks of 16 courts



Jacob Fimbres of Arizona, WHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz and some other guy named Ken ?



Scorekeepers were paid with \$2 bills stamped with the NHPA web address

## HELPING HANDS - by Jane Smith

Edie McKinney, Gloria Smith, Elly McCarn, Susie Helene, Mary Denzin and Jane Smith spent two weeks in Springfield helping the NHPA officers run a very successful WT. Their duties were to fill the score-keeper boxes with sharp pencils and score sheets, pay the scorekeepers and judges, post and manage the scorekeeper and judge sign

up sheets and general do what ever needed to be done. This was the third year helping so everyone had a good idea of what needed to be done when. The NHPA officers are very appreciative and fun to work with. It is just another way to get to know horseshoe people from another perspective.

The horseshoe family is a very close knit "hugging and smiling" family, always interested in the person. Many friendships that have been established and nurtured over the years were again renewed with hugs and smiles. U



**Judge Bert Logsdon (MN) talking it over with Tournament Helper Jane Smith**

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

### FRANK LOOK



Unbeknown to most of the horseshoe community, Frank Look of Oak Creek passed away September 22, 2008 at the age of 82.

### LAVERN WURZEL 1930-2009

Vern, our horseshoe pitching friend, was a man of few words but he loved horseshoes. He was also a bowler, a golfer, and a card player. Even though he was 78 years old, he managed to pitch in league for another two years after being diagnosed with cancer. And if you hadn't heard it from someone else, you wouldn't have known he had cancer. He never complained and was quick to congratulate you after a good game. He was the winner of our Sportsmanship Award last year. He is truly missed by all of us down at the courts.

Thanks to Doug Bakkum of the Coulee Region Horseshoe Club in LaCrosse for letting us know.

## ARKDALE OPEN RESULTS JUNE 27, 2009

- by Ray Groskinsky

The Arkdale Open had four eight-man classes. It was a great turnout and everyone had fun, even the two Stevens boys who drove 4.5 hours. The rain held out for the most part, but the weather cooperated with only a few drops. Thanks to everyone who came and we'll see you next time. U

<u>Class A</u>		<u>Class C</u>	
Randy Rein	63.4	Allen Rude	41.8
John Molling	52.2	Harry Zdroik	39.6
Brian Repinski	50.0	Dan Williams	36.1
<u>Class B</u>		<u>Class D</u>	
Jerry Niemuth	45.4	Marv Bennet	23.6
Ken Jaeger Sr	36.1	Jim Haupt	23.6
Duane Henriksen	42.5	Travis Johnson	26.1

## Jim Haupt's 2¢ on the Arkdale Open

Ray Groskinsky and crew ran a nice Saturday event. Warnings of extreme weather were being forecast for some parts of the state. Driving past the Milwaukee Brewers stadium, we saw the roof was closed.

For the first time ever, I pitched with a full distance, 40' lady, Linda Wisniewski. I said, "Hey, why don't you move up?" She replied, "Hey, what about you?" Guess my grey hair gave me away.

Next was Ted Rohde of far away LaCrosse. It was a

tight game, not many ringers but equal down to the last two shoes except your agent was 5 points ahead. Thought the game was iced with two final points. Rohde says, Whoops, not yet as he flopped on a double. Yep, he took the game by one point!

Arkdale is east to find, about 10 miles west of 13 on 21. Pick up 21 from 39 and head it west. Good driving all the way.

More fun coming at Arkdale. The Doubles of Arkdale is scheduled for August 16th. Marv Bennett is looking for a good turnout. U

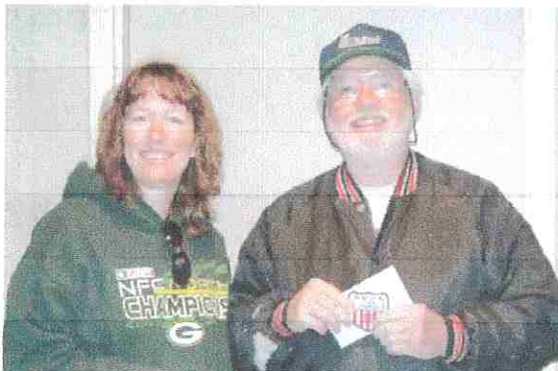
## EAU CLAIRE OPEN RESULTS

JUNE 7, 2009 - by John Dolezel, EHC Publicity Chair-

Once again, we played Russian Roulette with the weather, fitting the Sunday tournament between all-day rains on Saturday and Monday!

Dick Dvorak took advantage of Gert Wilcziek's absence to claim first place in Class A. Dennis Kieser made his comeback to horseshoes after not pitching for several years to take second place in Class C. Jim Ganther, throwing new shoes after having broken his old pair, claimed 1st place in Class E. Guess he should have broken the old pair years ago. The Ganther family filled the six places in Class F. Randy and Rod Ganther both went 3-2 pitching 6.4%, with Randy beating Rod in class play and taking second place.

You really should plan to enter one of our Eau Claire tournaments to savor some of Jesse Comero's famous hot dogs or delicious barbecues. Jessie and his bride, LaVonne, have run the lunch stand for many years and enjoy conversing with the pitchers who attend the tournaments. Both are former pitchers, and he now claims he's 85 years old.



Tournament Director Laurie Dolezel with Class A Champion Dick Dvorak

<u>Class A</u>			<u>Class D</u>		
Dick Dvorak	5-0	57.2	Del Karsjens	6-1	27.5
Edie McKinney	4-1	43.6	Ron Wiese	5-2	29.6
Norm Gage	2-3	50.4	Bob Kallstrom	4-3	25.7
<u>Class B</u>			<u>Class E</u>		
John Bauer	5-0	44.8	Jim Ganther	6-1	31.4
Wayne LeMar*	3-2	49.2	Antone Matalas	5-2	23.2
John Dolezel**	3-2	40.4	Ray Mallo	4-3	25.7
<u>Class C</u>			<u>Class F</u>		
Jim Heim*	4-1	42.4	Steve Wallin	5-0	28.8
Dennis Kieser	3-2	36.4	Randy Ganther	3-2	6.4
Ralph Marthaler	3-2	32.4	Rod Ganther	3-2	6.4

\* = pitched over-average    \*\* = cannon fodder ♪

For more pictures, visit the Eau Claire HSC's website at <http://members.cvol.net/echc/echcOpen.htm>

## EAGLE RIVER OPEN RESULTS JUNE 13-14, 2009

- by Cliff Erickson

### Class A

Randy Rein, Mosinee	6.5-.5	57.5
John Meyer, Fond du Lac	5-2	39.6
John Molling, Wausau	4.5-2.5	49.6

### Class B

John Garvan, Edgerton	6-1	41.4
Steve Wiegert, Green Bay	5.5-1.5	42.8
Jerry Niemuth, Rhinelander	4.5-2.5	42.8

### Class C

Harry Zdroik, Eagle River	6-1	34.6
Darryl Hinz, Merrill	5-2	37.1
Steve Mielke, Green Bay	5-2	35.0

### Class D

Harry Zdroik, Eagle River	5-0	38.4
Cecelia Trossen, Mountain	4-1	27.6
Kevin Brekke, Edgerton	3-2	28.4 ♪

## AM I SEEING DOUBLE?

- by Pam Aiken



The Twin Terrors of Tennessee duked it out on the courts at the World Tournament in Springfield. Marlene Ray and Maxine Griffith, known as Mar and Max, pitched each other in the 14th game of competition. They went a whopping 108 shoes, with Mar pitching 89.8% and Max 84.3%. Max's humble response to the loss: "I let her win." ♪

# MUSKEGO OPEN RESULTS JUNE 20, 2009 - Results by Pam Aiken, Story by Jim Haupt

Back to the WHPA country club, waitresses taking drink orders and a chef tending a pig on a spit. He said he was the second shift beginning at 3:30 AM. Trouble was the pig belonged to a private party not for horseshoe pitchers.

Tournament director **Tom Steinke** divided "A" class into two sets of four, one class with two sets of awards. In addition to the NHPA patch, the Muskego club sponsored a brass medallion for the class winner.

Hang around horseshoes long enough and you'll meet everybody you ever pitched with twice. This time it's **Chuck Hansen**. Yes,

Dick's younger brother. Still pitches, but only in a league. Concerned about becoming a grandpa.

While watching Class A, we noticed there was none of the periodic court grooming (raking the sand to the front of the stake) that the classes on the east end of the were continuously doing. Guess its all a case of what the pitcher is trying to accomplish. Lower classes were looking for that gift ringer, the slider. "A" class pitchers knew the object is merely the stake.

Watching a number of games continues to be at its best from the veranda of the Muskego Moose Country Club. 🐻



Class A

Penny Steinke	6.5-0.5	60.58
Jesse Garza	6-1	63.78

Class B

Walter Houck	4-3	51.50
John Koepp III	2-5	49.81

Class C

Cal Pitel	6-1	46.71
Milt Larsen	5-2	42.43
Bruce McLinn	4-3	48.20
John Garvan	4-3	43.15

Class D

Dick Hansen	6-2	34.07
Dexter Meise	5-3	37.20
Norm Beckius	3.5-3.5	36.71
Debby Schell-Kotnik	3-4	33.54

Class E

Ray Lopez	7-1	27.60
George Moraza	6-2	31.60
Rich Conrad	4-3	27.53
Dennis Ambuehl	4-3	30.94

Class F

Guy Fleming	5-1	24.28
Kevin Brekke	4-2	
Jason Goldsmith	4-2	23.28
Ken Melotik	3-3	26.00

Class G

Jim Haupt	6-0	14.28
David Palmersheim	4-2	18.23
Gene Satterstrom	3.5-2.5	18.76
David Tellier	3.5-2.5	16.44

Juniors

Abby Aiken	1-1	4.00
Mary Ann Aiken	1-1	3.00

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**Happy Birthday, Milt Larsen!**

Milt's family made their annual pilgrimage to the Muskego Open to celebrate the family patriarch's birthday. This year marked Milt's



## MOSINEE OPEN RESULTS MAY 30-31, 2009 - by Tournament Director Randy Rein



**Ozz Jacobson and Ivan Ruzic**

The Mosinee Open Horseshoe Tournament, or in past years was called the "Ken Kosky Memorial," was held on May 30 and May 31, 2009 at River Park in Mosinee.

We had a total of 32 horseshoe pitchers enter the tournament. We tried to accommodate everyone with riding together and requests to pitch on Sunday only. It made for a long tournament on Sunday for the pitchers.

Rain was in the forecast for Sunday, but Mother Nature held off and we only received a few sprinkles.

All classes went on as scheduled. Food and beverages were provided at the courts. A good time was had by all.

The tournament champion was **Ozz Jacobson** of Fond du Lac. Congratulations Ozz! Ozz's name will be added to the **Ken Kosky Memorial Plaque** that stays at the Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club. The 2008 tournament champion **Ivan Ruzic** of Stratford was on hand to present the plaque to Ozz.

### Class A

Ozz Jacobson, Fond du Lac	7-0	55.0
Kerry Morris, Watertown	5-2	45.7
Randy Rein, Mosinee	4-3	50.4

### Class B

Ken Jaeger Sr., New London	6-1	48.57
Cliff Erickson, Eagle River	6-1	45.71
John Garvan, Edgerton	4-3	41.07

### Class C

Al Rude, Rhinelander	6-1	42.85
Jim O'Loughlin, Adams	6-1	40.35
Darryl Hinz, Merrill	6-1	40.35

### Class D

Harry Zdroik, Eagle River	7-0	41.70
Greg Hehling, Merrill	5-2	33.57
George Eckstrom, Gilman	4-3	23.57

## Jim Haupt's 2¢ on the Mosinee Open

Or, Little Bull Falls, or, The Ken Kosky Memorial Open. Take your pick, all the same place, a shady spot in a park full of trees, four full platform concrete courts with the native soil: sand pits. Still using the scoring devices made by **Ken Kosky**.

Classes were timed in an odd manner. Just A played Saturday. Most of the A players are homeboys. Three more classes divided up Sunday. Early classes ate up lots of time and set the pace for the day. Later classes practiced horseshoe spectating, looking for a sunny spot as the weather was a tad cool. The three o'clock class was at least an hour late. Daylight saving time saved the day, since there are no lights.

What the Bull Falls guys need is four more courts and we can point the way to do it. Contact the logger show guys up in Hayward to schedule a demo. Along with the next horseshoe tournament, schedule a choppers tournament. Use the existing trees as the timbers to do the



**Randy Rein congratulates Kerry Morris**

standing chop. Ergo: Everybody wins, the choppers get to swing their axes, race their chain saws, the horseshoe club gets rid of the trees in the way of the new courts. All we have to do is get the Park Commission to allow the loggers to take those logs home.

See you at the big "Chop Trees 'n Shoc Pitch" next time. ☺

## ROZELLVILLE LIONS OPENER RESULTS

MAY 2, 2009 - by Sonia Cook

May 2 brought several pitchers to Rozellville, WI for the first sanctioned tournament of the season. Weather temp was perfect, however the wind kept sweatshirts on pitchers and coats on spectators. Maintaining your balance at the point of release proved to be a challenge in both classes. The savory hamburgers after the tournament was a fitting finish for the day.



John Drexler & Ivan Ruzic

### Class A

Ivan Rusic	31.6
Aleena Cook	26.6
Kurt Jochimson	25.8
Willis David	18.3

### Class B

John Drexler	21.5
Dan David	18.0
Wayne Satonica	10.5
Mel Cook	17.5
Mike Berdan	13.0
Mike Monson (MN)	10.5 



## MARSHFIELD OPEN RESULTS

JUNE 20, 2009 - by Sonia Cook

Marshfield Horseshoe Club hosted another successful tournament on its regular Saturday of Father's Day Weekend and it was HOT HOT HOT!

Aleena Cook (Junior Girls State Champ) put the most pressure on Gene Mason, however he reined supreme as the Tournament Champion. Aleena boasts pushing Gene, as he pitched an 85% game against her.

All other classes were won by Fleet Reserve Assoc. Sanctioned League Members. Class B was

### Class A

Gene Mason	6 wins	64.58
Aleena Cook	4	47.00
Ivan Ruzic	3	34.58

### Class B

Tava Cook	6 wins	31.25
Jim O'Loughlin	5.5	26.00
Sonia Cook	5	30.00


### Class C

Mel Cook	6 wins	21.25
Ray Mallo	6	13.75
Kari David	5	18.33

### Class D

Gunnar David	4 wins	20.00
Mike Berdan	4	16.25
Merrill Semingson	3	16.87

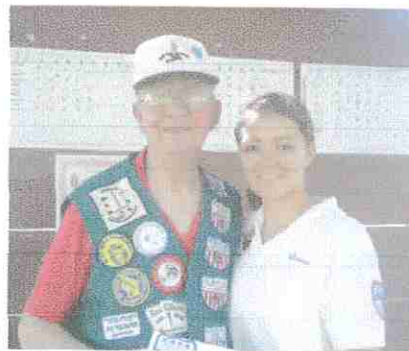
### Class E

Mindy Ayres	4 wins	7.08
Chris Kildahl	4	5.83
Linda Wisniewski	3	5.00 

close, first through third were determined by half a game. Tava Cook claimed first place, losing only to her mom, Sonia Cook. In Class C, Mel Cook edged out Ray Mallo. Gunnar David (Cadet State Champion) moved back to 30 feet but is starting to find the new distance as he edged out his competition to earn first place in Class D. Class E sported new faces with Mindy Ayres from Marshfield taking the honors.



Tava Cook, Mel Cook, Mindy Ayres, Gunnar David



Gene Mason & Aleena Cook

### COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

- State Tournament results from Platteville
- Winter indoor pitching schedule
- More tournament results from around the state



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**GOLDENDALE OPEN RESULTS JUNE 27-28, 2009** - by T.D. Terry Sternberg

It turned out to be another beautiful weekend for a horseshoe tournament. For the second shift on Saturday, we had 12 Juniors and Cadets eagerly waiting to get on the courts. Yes, I said 12. Isn't that GREAT! Thanks to a call to **Ken Heinritz**, 9 of the 12, were from the **Heinritz/Lazaris** family. Ken said that his dad would have been proud to see this. **John Secord's** granddaughters also pitched again this year, coming down from **Fond du Lac**. The tournament director's granddaughter, **Alyssa Simonz**, was excited to pitch in her first horseshoe tournament as a Cadet. Hopefully we can repeat this next year. All the Juniors had ice cream cake after, sponsored by the Goldendale Club. It was a site to see, with all six courts filled with Juniors at one time.

On Sunday, one of Goldendale's newest members, **Mike Burns**, enjoyed the competition, even though he didn't win a game.

We want to thank everyone for entering, hoping you all had a good time and maybe see you all back again next year. Also like to thank my helper, **Cliff Troullier**, with getting things set up in the morning. See you at STATE! 🍪

**Jim Haupt's 2¢**

Catch the results of the Junior classes! Juniors have always been special at Goldendale. This year there were a flock of Juniors, two classes. You will see most can point to a relative fostering their interest.

Old timer showing up this week is **Don Kangas**. Says he can't play the game anymore, too exciting on his heart. **Danny Kangas**, we all remember singing the national anthem, is a big boy now.

**Terry Sternberg** may be retiring as a VP, but does a ycoman's job for the club preparing and directing the annual tournament.

Some of the property there is up for sale. It threatens the club's longevity, putting the members on short term notice and **John Secord's** 38 year pitching history in jeopardy. 🍪

Class A

Lorraine Sternberg	4-1	47.20
Ken Heinritz	3-2	52.40
John Koepp III	2-3	45.20

Class B

Glenn Bogenschneider	3-2	38.80
Terry Sternberg	3-2	36.80
Steve Wiegert	3-2	36.40

Class C

Dick Hanold	4-1	36.40
Ray Lopez	3.5-1	527.60
Dennis Ambuehl	3-2	34.40

Class D

Randy Heinritz	5-0	27.20
John Secord	3-2	28.40
Wayne Franzen	3-2	28.00

Class E

Jim Haupt	7-0	27.50
David Tellier	6-1	23.96
Mike Franzen	5-2	15.36

Class A Jrs

Mike Lazaris	6-1	20.95
Bethany Heinritz	5-2	19.52
Caleb Heinritz	4-3	21.90
Tim Lazaris	4-3	18.10
Joshua Heinritz	3-4	16.19
Heather Feavel	3-4	11.43
Nicole Feavel	2-5	10.00
Samantha Lazaris	1-6	5.24

Class B Jrs

Christina Heinritz	6-0	11.67
Blake Lazaris	3-3	4.17
Ezra Heinritz	3-3	1.67
Alyssa Simonz	0-6	0.00

**Class A Juniors**



**Class B Juniors**

