

**77th Annual**

**State Horseshoe Tournament**

September 4,5,6, 1999

Marathon Park, Wausau

The Close-Doesn't Count and Windy Hill Clubs are honored to act as co-hosts of the 77th Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament. We have worked hard to provide the kind of tournament you deserve and have made efforts to see that your stay in Wausau is an enjoyable experience. While you are here, take some time to see the sights and unique features of the Wausau area and remember to "pitch lots of ringers"!

Wishing you GOOD LUCK,

The members of the Close Doesn't Count and Windy Hill Horseshoes State Tournament planning committee: Edith McKinney, Gloria Smith, Jane Smith, Ken Kosky, Ron Truman, Jason Maki.

With the help of the following organizations we are able to sponsor a first class tournament:

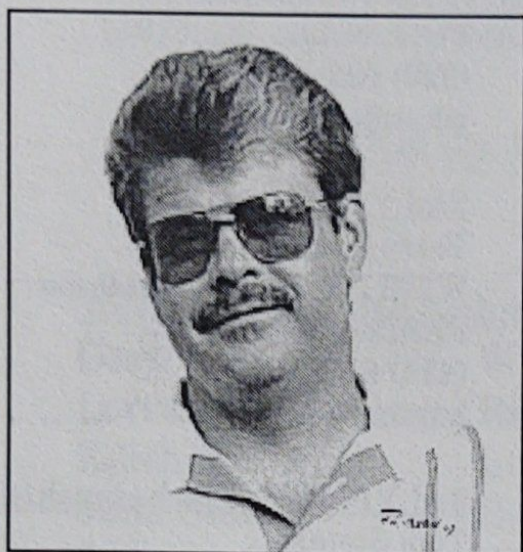
The Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe League  
The Windy Hill Horseshoe Club  
The Marathon County Parks Department

We sincerely thank these organizations, all pitchers, scorekeepers, court groomers, lunch stand workers, statisticians, and other individuals that worked hard to make this tournament a "ringing" success! Remember to support the Sandbar Horseshoe Club as they host the 78th Wisconsin State Tournament to take place in Arena, Wisconsin, next year.

Appreciatively yours,

Jane Smith and Ken Kosky  
Tournament Directors

# 1998 STATE CHAMPIONS



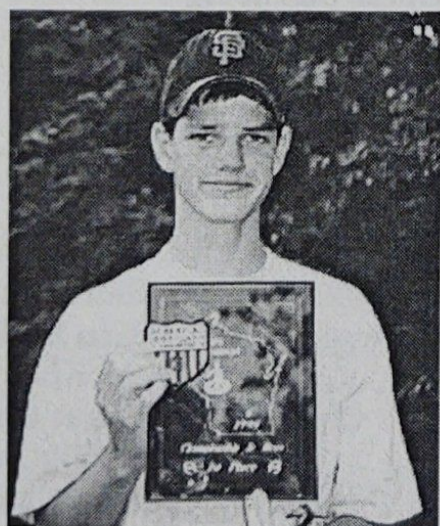
Randy Rein – Men's  
State Champion



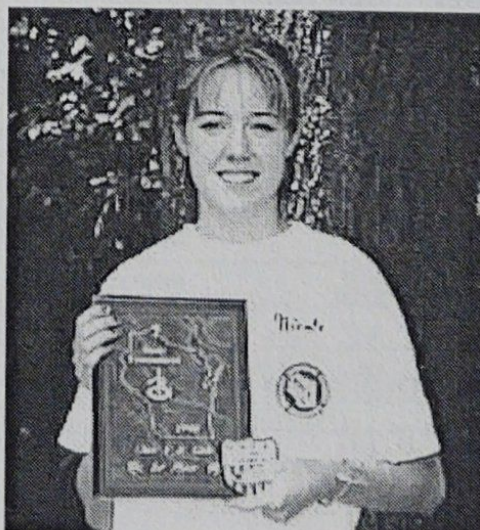
Gert Wilcziek – Women's  
State Champion



Clayton Gage – Elder Men's  
State Champion



Barrent Dahl – Junior  
Boy's State Champion



Nicole Riehle – Junior  
Girls State Champion

Men's Championship Class Sunday 4:30PM

Randy Rein D.C.	Mosinee	74.00
Don Kangas	Colgate	70.83
John Udelhofen	Barneveld	67.96
Mark Mauthe	Platteville	64.69
Kent Anderson	Menomonie	63.82
Roger Comero	Cochrane	59.16
John Crook	Spring Green	57.32
John Koepp III	Pewaukee	57.17
Steve Wiegert	Green Bay	57.17
Move-up from Class A		

Men's Class A Saturday 12:00PM

Brian Repinski	Plover	57.10
Ron Brockway	Onalaska	55.63
Harry Nelson	Kenosha	54.66
Gus Schram	Ringle	54.42
Bernard Carley	Richland Ctr	54.19
Larry Barber	Rhineland	54.07
Vince Jakel	Spencer	53.83
Tom Endler	Twin Lakes	53.32

Men's Class B Sunday 8:00AM

Tim Maule	Independence	52.93
John Molling	Schofield	52.83
Gerald Weikert	Marshall	52.31
Tony Scrima	Waukesha	51.34
Ken Jaeger Sr	New London	50.87
Lloyd Johnson	Kenosha	50.55
Glenn Bogenschneider	Kenosha	49.61
Chet Hermansen	Madison	49.35

Men's Class C Sunday 12:00PM

Ken Heinritz	Menomonee Falls	49.30
Jim Larsen	Madison	48.93
Cliff Troullier	Manitowoc	48.82
Patrick Spahn	Wausau	48.73
Ron Lingard	Madison	47.95
Dave Schorbahn	Independence	47.43
Gene Mason	Appleton	46.92
Kerry Morris	Johnson Creek	46.80

Men's Class D Saturday 4:00PM

Roger Poutanen	Wausau	46.77
Ken Frame	Mazomanie	46.10
Jack Algiers	New London	45.87
Leroy Wipperfurth	Waunakee	45.63
Randy Miller	Butternut	45.00
Richard Hansen	Franksville	44.89
Jerry Schroeder	Oxford	44.86
William Spahn	Lodi	44.18

Men's Class E Sunday 12:00PM

Rick Poppe	Hudson	43.90
Bill Hagen	Salem	43.83
Rueben Eckardt	Birnamwood	42.13
Bob Gregorich	Spencer	42.10
Julian Tijerina	Madison	41.89
Jim Haupt	Milwaukee	41.80
Terry Sternberg	Richfield	41.80
Robert C. Anderson	Waunakee	41.60

Men's Class F Saturday 4:00PM

Mark Stevens	Marengo	41.48
George Eckstrom	Gilman	41.27
David Paul	Baldwin	41.23
Ted Rohde	LaCrosse	40.29
Dave Aho	Grafton	40.08
Dave Semingson	Eleva	39.73
Ed Hack	Wausau	39.61
Jeff Gustafson	Lake Geneva	39.60

Men's Class G Saturday 4:00PM

Ray Groskinsky	Adams	39.43
Tom Costa Sr	West Bend	39.42
Ken Kosky	Schofield	39.32
Paul Wilson	Janesville	38.20
Bruce McLinn	Clinton	38.09
Ken Olson	Platteville	37.75
Harold Laws	Beloit	37.64
John Secord	Fond du Lac	37.16

Men's Class H Saturday 12:00PM

Richard Conrad	Pewaukee	36.54
Don Goldsmith	Janesville	36.40
Bill Matey	Appleton	36.23
Gary Rackow	Browntown	36.20
Douglas Maier	Park Falls	36.17
Roger Juedes	Brokaw	36.10
Richard Baeten	Green Bay	36.05
Ron Wilcziek	Whitehall	36.03

Men's Class I Sunday 12:00PM

Earl Paulson	Beloit	35.95
Robert Fritz	Watertown	35.82
Jason Goldsmith	Janesville	35.81
Otis Wessley	Oneida	35.55
Russell Burns	Janesville	35.11
John Carlin	Waunakee	35.09
Fred Decorah	Baraboo	34.67
Ken Kremnitzer	Wind Lake	34.63

Men's Class J Saturday 12:00PM

John Gregorich	Waunakee	34.45
Gregory Blynn	Arena	33.88
Ron Balsiger	Germantown	33.66
Ray Mallo	Gilman	32.57
John Mills	Schofield	32.40
Ed Wheeler	Lodi	32.07
Jim O'Loughlin	Adams	31.49
Duane Grossen	Monroe	31.46

Men's Class K Saturday 8:00AM

Jim Heim	Holmen	31.40
Gene Satterstrom	Mazomanie	31.32
Jerry Graves	Lily	30.98
Chuck Herman	Eagle	30.69
Ron Berg	Barneveld	30.28
Ken Davison	Menomonee Falls	30.07
Don Burmeister	Brown Deer	30.01
Ron Zepplin	Stratford	30.00

Men's Class L Saturday 8:00AM

Bernard Cockroft	Mazomanie	29.22
Dick Henkel	Muskego	29.07
Larry Danielson	Roberts	28.80
Francis Schalk	Oxford	28.63
Dave Miller	Waunakee	28.20
Mel Cook	Stratford	27.20
Jerry Kamps	Combined Locks	27.01
Ivan Ruzic	Stratford	26.97

Men's Class M Saturday 8:00AM

John Van Dyk	Chili	26.47
Rob Struebing	Campbellsport	26.30
Roger Olson	Westby	26.21
Scott Kater	Appleton	25.83
Leo Zamzow	Green Lake	25.26
Don Kampfer	Suring	25.05
Joe Zoromskis	Kenosha	24.85
Guy Fleming	Jefferson	24.67

Men's Class N Saturday 8:00AM

Wayne Franzen	Franklin	24.50
Tom Steinke	Waukesha	24.29
Keith Stanke	Birnamwood	22.91
Dale Shamberg	Kenosha	22.03
Steve Stevens	Marengo	21.25
John Olson	Schofield	21.17
Art Collien	Eagle River	21.05
Dean Baxter	Briggsville	20.99

Men's Class O Sunday 8:00AM

Mike Steinke	Waukesha	20.27
Terrill Tech	Eland	19.83
Don Peroutka	Pleasant Prairie	19.08
Dan Jaglowski	Waukesha	18.67
Dan David	Auburndale	17.53
Tom Cutts	Janesville	15.99
Merlin Ludwig	Medford	15.67

Men's Class P Saturday 4:00PM

Ken Wood	Combined Locks	15.43
Jason Maki	Schofield	14.62
Wes Podvin	Milwaukee	13.89
Steve Simonz	Germantown	13.73
Steve Guetzke	Milwaukee	13.66
Randy Benaszkeski	Ringle	13.43
Ron Truman	Schofield	8.63
Greg Koltermann	Germantown	6.53

Junior Girls Championship Sunday 8:00AM

Nicole Riehle	Auburndale	31.80
Tina Riehle	Auburndale	20.65
Tava Cook	Stratford	15.30
Jessica Selissen	DePere	12.95
Nicole Hicketier	Centuria	2.40

JR Boy's Championship & Class A Sunday 4:30PM

Barrent Dahl D.C.	Trempealeau	65.66
Dustin Dahl	Trempealeau	65.77
Jesse Zepplin	Stratford	35.47
Jamey Miller	Butternut	33.97
Ryan Anderson	Menomonie	29.87
Michael Spahn	Wausau	23.50

JR Boy's Class B Sunday 8:00AM

Josh Chaney	Wausau	13.68
Michael Stanke	Birnamwood	9.61
Cyle Cleveland	Centuria	8.33
Justin Schulz	Wausau	8.30
Josh Cleveland	Centuria	7.33
Douglas Maier Jr	Park Falls	0.82



Championship & Class A Elders Sunday 4:30PM

Clayton Gage	Milltown	80.27
Don Hostrup	Frederic	64.11
Merwyn Sorenson	DePere	61.96
Merrill Semingson	Eleva	49.69
George Draeger	Marshfield	40.10
Leroy Meyer	Appleton	38.01
John Mitchell	Amery	35.20

Elder's Class B Sunday 8:00AM

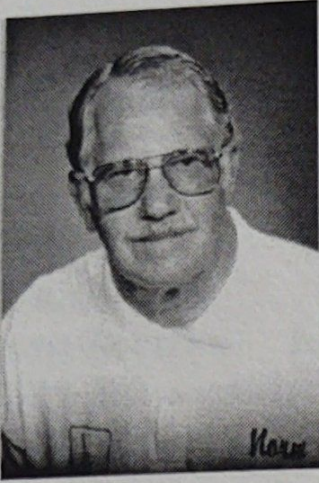
Carl Gilbertson	Highland	31.01
Norb Styzewski	Manitowoc	29.20
Jerome Weis	Janesville	27.14
Bob Wilke	Berlin	20.00
Oscar Donar	Dickeyville	12.77
Robert W Anderson	Eau Claire	10.43



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## 1999 WHPA Hall of Fame

### Norm Mauthe

Norm was born in 1933 and was married in 1971 to Joyce (deceased 1994). They have two sons, Jeff and Mark.

He was a factory worker in Dubuque, Iowa for over forty years at both Farley & Loetscher Manufacturing Co. and John Deere tractor Works. He retired in 1992 and remains a member of the UAW local 94.

Norm and his family have always been active in the sport of horseshoe pitching. He started pitching at a neighbor's court at age twelve, fifty-four years ago. His first organized pitching was in the 1960's at the Bennett family courts in Leadmine, WI. His brother, Len, encouraged him to enter the open tournaments being pitched in Wisconsin. His first one was the 1978 State Tournament in Berlin. He finished second in Class O with a 35.60% average. Norm was "hooked" on the round robin tournaments.

The Platteville association was formed in 1981 with six clay courts. Two courts and a fence were added to accommodate tournament play. Norm built the scoring devices and started the Platteville Open in 1984 followed by the Spring Singles in 1991. He has been the tournament director of both tournaments since their beginnings. He also originated Friday night hi-low doubles tournaments and has served as a club vice president since the mid 1980's.

The Sandbar Sports Arena opened in the fall of 1990 with Norm and Joyce directing the first few tournaments starting in April of 1991. They also built the scoring devices now used there.

Norm's highest tournament game was 85% (34/40) and his best tournament average 65.83%. He has pitched in six world tournaments, cashing in four. His best performance was in 1990, Stone Mountain, Georgia, when he pitched 62.80% in the Class C finals. He was a member of the Platteville team that won the 1991 and 1992 Club Team championship. Norm has competed six times in the Championship Men's class at the State Tournament. Though never placing higher than seventh, these were some of his favorite tournaments.

Health problems have limited Norm's pitching over the last two years, but he hopes to return to competition soon.

Norm's other hobbies include hunting, motorcycling, bowling, gardening, and watching televised sports.

# Wisconsin Hall of Fame Members



1976	Harvey Elmerson Casey Jones	Wisconsin Rapids Plymouth	Pitcher Pitcher
1977	Arthur Niemann	Milwaukee	Promoter
1978	Edward Wing	Germantown	Pitcher/Promoter
1979	Tommy Bartlen Swen Bowman	West Allis Mountain	Pitcher Promoter
1980	Arnie Rupnow Wally Saeger	Ononomowoc Ixonla	Promoter Pitcher
1981	Bill Glass Carl Pfeiffer	Vesper Milwaukee	Pitcher Pitcher
1982	Art Klement Edward Schimek	Fort Atkinson Milwaukee	Promoter Pitcher
1983	Henry Bartel Ann Opsteen	Wautoma Combined Locks	Promoter Promoter
1984	Harold Bestul Bob Wilke	Plover Berlin	Pitcher Pitcher
1985	Beaty Bestul Curt Bestul Archie Johnson C.L. Ollerman	Eau Claire Eau Claire Brothertown Fond du Lac	Promoter Pitcher/Promoter Promoter Promoter
1986	Pat Eaton Carl Joppe Jerry Kamps	Eau Claire Green Bay Combined Locks	Pitcher/Promoter Pitcher Promoter
1987	Susie Pritzlaff Ray Specht	Germantown Marshfield	Promoter Promoter
1988	Darlene Ebert Harold Sheets	Fredonia San Diego, CA	Pitcher Pitcher
1989	Forrest Mitchell Royce Wrucke	Wausaukee Horicon	Promoter Pitcher
1990	Ralph Maylahn Earl Ramquist	Genesee Depot Beloit	Pitcher/Promoter Pitcher/Promoter
1991	Charles Christophlis Cy Srenaski Walter Srenaski	Sheboygan Green Bay Green Bay	Promoter Pitcher/Promoter Promoter
1992	John Secord Jane Smith	Fond du Lac Balsam lake	Promoter Pitcher/Promoter
1993	Bob Phelan	Appleton	Promoter
1994	Felix Kubly	Watertown	Promoter
1995	Rick Pritzlaff	Germantown	Pitcher/Promoter
1996	Jim Haupt Howard Voiles	Milwaukee Lannon	Promoter Promoter
1997	John Brezina Ray Billen Ray Hill **	Boyceville Kenosha Wakefield, MI	Promoter Promoter Pitcher
1998	Dick Hansen	Franksville	Promoter

\*\* Honorary Hall of Fame Member

# Wisconsin Men's Champions

1923	Forrest Mitchell	Wausaukee
1924	Seymour Johnson	Madison
1925	Floyd Billings	Waukesha
1926	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1927	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1928	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1929	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1930	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1931	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1932	Harold Sheets	Waukesha
1933	Harold Sheets	Waukesha
1934	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1935	Casey Jones	Waukesha
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1940	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1941	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1942	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1943	Harvey Elmeron	Milwaukee
1944	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1945	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1946	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1947	Mike Barschy	Milwaukee
1948	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1949	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1950	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1951	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1952	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1953	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1954	Casey Jones	Waukesha
1955	Earl Ramquist	Beloit
1956	Carl Pfeiffer	Milwaukee
1957	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1958	Carl Pfeiffer	Milwaukee
1959	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1960	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee
1961	Casey Jones	Waukesha

# Wisconsin Men's Champions

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1962	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee
1963	Ed Schimek	Milwaukee
1964	Wally Saeger	Ixonia
1965	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1966	Carl Joppe	Green Bay
1967	Tommy Bartlen	West Allis
1968	Bill Glass	Vesper
1969	Bill Glass	Vesper
1970	Bill Glass	Vesper
1971	Bill Glass	Vesper
1972	Ralph Maylahn	Genesee Depot
1973	Harold Scheets	Milwaukee
1974	Bill Glass	Vesper
1975	Harold Scheets	Milwaukee
1976	Harold Scheets	Milwaukee
1977	Rick Pritzlaff	Germantown
1978	Bill Glass	Vesper
1979	Bill Glass	Vesper
1980	Bill Glass	Vesper
1981	Curt Bestul	Eau Claire
1982	John Udelhofen	Platteville
1983	Harold Bestul	Rosholt
1984	John Udelhofen	Platteville
1985	Carl Joppe	Green Bay
1986	Mark Stevens	Marengo
1987	Mark Stevens	Marengo
1988	Mark Stevens	Marengo
1989	Don Kangas	West Allis
1990	Randy Rein	Mosinee
1991	John Udelhofen	Barneveld
1992	Don Kangas	West Allis
1993	Randy Rein	Mosinee
1994	Randy Rein	Mosinee
1995	Randy Rein	Mosinee
1996	Randy Rein	Mosinee
1997	Don Kangas	Colgate
1998	Randy Rein	Mosinee

## Wisconsin State Junior Girl's Champions

1976	Nancy Mulry	Combined Locks
1977	Linda VanDeurzen	Combined Locks
1978	Nancy Mulry	Combined Locks
1979	Nancy Mulry	Combined Locks
1980	Nancy Mulry	Combined Locks
1981	Tammie Mattson	Menomonee Falls
1982	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1983	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1984	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1985	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1986	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1987	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1988	Debby Bestul	Eau Claire
1989	Renee Sternberg	Richfield
1990	Pam Steinke	Waukesha
1991	Heidi Sternberg	Richfield
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1994	Penny Steinke	Waukesha
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1996	Penny Steinke	Waukesha
1997	Nicole Riehle	Auburndale
1998	Nicole Riehle	Auburndale

## Wisconsin State Elder's Champions

1987	Sid Anderson	Janesville
1988	Royce Wrucke	Horicon
1989	Sid Anderson	Janesville
1990	Sid Anderson	Janesville
1991	C.L. Ollerman	Fond du Lac
1992	Ralph Maylahn	Genesee Depot
1993	Ralph Maylahn	Genesee Depot
1994	Ralph Maylahn	Genesee Depot
1995	Clayton Gage	Milltown
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# Wisconsin State Junior Boy's Champions

1973	Randy Pritzlaff	Germantown
1974	Tim Semingson	Elk Mound
1975	Tim Schommer	Combined Locks
1976	Bret Pritzlaff	Germantown
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1980	Kirk Bartnik	Mountain
1981	Bret Pritzlaff	Germantown
1982	Bret Pritzlaff	Germantown
1983	Hank Schwartz	Sheboygan
1984	Hank Schwartz	Sheboygan
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1986	Hank Schwartz	Sheboygan
1987	Ken Jaeger Jr	New London
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1990	Mark Mauthe	Platteville
1991	Mark Mauthe	Platteville
1992	Mark Mauthe	Platteville
1993	Jason Goldsmith	Janesville
1994	Shannon Rein	Mosinee
1995	Jason Goldsmith	Janesville
1996	Wesley Rein	Mosinee
1997	Dustin Dahl	Trempealeau
1998	Barrent Dahl	Trempealeau

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Plan to attend the **Fall WHPA Meeting**  
October 16, 1:00 PM  
Sandbar Sports Arena, Arena, WI

**Vote for President**  
Jane Smith, John Udelhofen, Tom Steinke

**2nd Vice President**  
Terry Sternberg

# Wisconsin State Ladies Champions

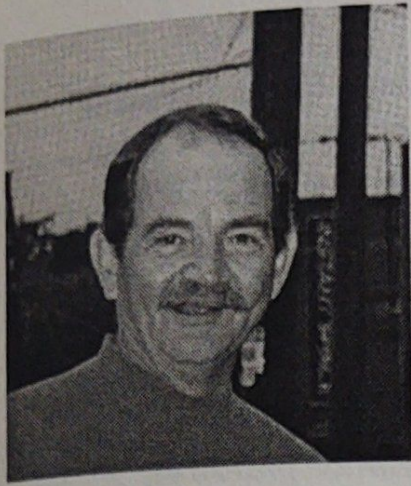
1969	Sella Dollevoet	Little Chute
1970	Marion Ristau	Combined Locks
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1972	Darlene Ebert	Fredonia
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1976	Pat Eaton	Eau Claire
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1981	Jane Smith	Balsam Lake
1982	Sharry Klop	Eau Claire
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1984	Pat Eaton	Eau Claire
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1987	Jane Smith	Balsam Lake
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1991	Edith McKinney	Luck
1992	Lorraine Sternberg	Richfield
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1996	Jane Smith	Balsam Lake
1997	Lorraine Sternberg	Richfield
1998	Gert Wilcziek	Whitehall

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*Good Luck to all 1999 State Tournament pitchers!  
The Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe League would like to  
thank the Windy Hill Club for their patience and support  
in co-sponsoring the 1999 State Tournament. New Friend-  
ships were made and old friendships strengthened. We  
also invite all daring and competitive horseshoe pitchers to  
venture north of Highway 8 for the "Wet N Wild" Horse-  
shoe tournament, in Centuria, Wisconsin.*

*September 11 & 12*





# Dick Hansen

1998 WHPA Hall of Fame Inductee

The name "Dick Hansen" brings to mind many pictures and ideas; a red rose, the Pitchin' Palace, a devilish smile, a hard worker, a gentleman (as well as a gentle man), an innovator, a leader.

Dick just missed being a leap year baby being born on February 28, 1944. He grew up on a farm pitching shoes at a very young age and not nearly tall enough to get them the 40' to the stake. (He occasionally has this same problem today!) Dick credits his family – wife Paulette, and sons Stuart and Tommy – in giving meaning to his many horseshoe awards and accomplishments. Without their support – (remember the red rose for Paulette and a few tears from Dick at the Beloit State Tournament?) the awards and accomplishments wouldn't have happened.

Dick began pitching shoes about 30 years ago in two non sanctioned leagues and without awareness of the NHPA or the WHPA. He has pitched in many tournaments since, but his most memorable was when he was in the Championship Class in Green Bay. Though he can't recall winning a game, it was an honor to be in that group. Dick moved from pitcher to tournament director for the Pitchin' Palace. Back to back hosting of the State Tournament at the Pitchin' Palace changed Dick's goals in horseshoes as he consented to run for WHPA President. Dick likes to credit John Secord and Rick Pritzlaff for their role in his involvement in the WHPA. AT&T's loss is definitely our gain.

Dick held the WHPA Presidency for eight years. As a leader and innovator he established the Presidents Award and the Pitcher of the Year Award. These awards are still coveted by the recipients. He has also served on the WHPA Bylaws and Hall of Fame committees. His experience as a WHPA leader has earned him two national offices. He was NHPA 5th Vice President for four years and NHPA Secretary-Treasurer for three years and counting. Dick has served on various NHPA committees such as rules, and minutes approval. Again, thanks to AT&T's early retirement for Dick so he can "work" in promoting the great game of horseshoes!

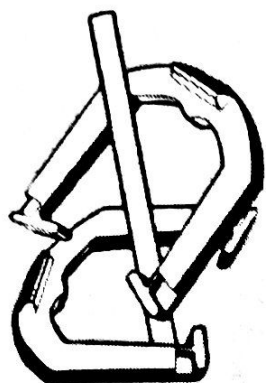
Dick has received two awards that are especially dear to him. The President's Award presented to him by Ken Jaeger, WHPA President, and the NHPA Presidential Award from Dave Loucks, NHPA President. Though Dick has made many new and lasting friendships across the country, as a result of his horseshoe involvement, his Wisconsin friends are his closest! His devilish smile, and warm, gentle personality make Dick a truly great Hall of Fame member.

## Court Etiquette

The NHPA Newsline published a column by Casey Sluys stressing proper court etiquette. A state publication is another way to pass the word. Casey has given permission to reprint his suggestions.

1. A player is expected to stand at the back of the opposite pitching platform, out of vision range, while the opponent is pitching.
2. During mixed play (mixed distance) the short distance pitcher must walk to the rear of the full distance platform.
3. Exit the pitching platform in a clockwise rotation (unless pitching a left-handed player). Enter the pitching platform from the rear or behind the player throwing first.
4. Harassment will not be tolerated, either by spectators or the opponent.
5. If the conduct of your opponent is other than acceptable, please do not put you "brand" on them. See the tournament director or a judge.
6. Loud profanity is not acceptable (we all mutter on occasion).
7. Stay within the boundaries of your court.
8. Do not pick up the shoes until the opponent has had the time to observe the position of the shoes, and mutual agreement is reached on their value.
9. Be aware of the foul line.
10. Carry your own accurate measuring tool.
11. You are encouraged to settle point determinations; if you can not agree on a point or ringer call a judge.
12. The decision of the judge is final.
13. Please observe your court area carefully before leaving. It is discourteous and dangerous to walk in the line of vision of another player.
14. Please do not take extended breaks during round robin play, go to your next court quickly.
15. There may be a time when you disagree with the way the host club conducts their tournament. Please take the issue to the club officers as there may be a reason not readily apparent.
16. Each player is expected to water (if needed) and turn a court prior to commencing a game.
17. USE PROPER SCORING CALLS.

Above all we should remember horseshoes is a game to be enjoyed. Friendships are developed and nurtured. The pitchers are persons with feelings so relax, smile, and enjoy your time on the courts.



## Horseshoe Pitching Tips

Senior Class A World Champion, Clayton Gage, shared with us some tips he received from Carl Steinfeldt. Some tips apply to turn shoe pitchers while others can benefit all. Perhaps they will help us pitch more ringers and enjoy the game of horseshoes even more.

1. Aim about 3" up on the stake. 6" if there are ringers already on.
2. Relax your whole body – even sag a bit.
3. Hold the shoe very lightly in your hand, keeping your shoulders level.
4. Use your thumb to sight the stake.
5. Crack your knees with your weighted foot pointing to the stake.
6. Exhale before pitching.
7. Swing your arm straight back and straight forward.
8. Roll the wrist at release – not before, keeping your eyes on the stake.
9. Allow enough elevation for the shoe to turn naturally.
10. Allow a full follow through shifting your weight to the other foot.

### Other Pitching Tidbits

1. A right-handed player should play slightly to the left of the stake.
2. Don't watch the opponents shoe.
3. Remain motionless and quiet while your opponent is pitching.
4. Wear comfortable pitching shoes.
5. Even flip shooters should pitch with the corks down.
6. Don't wash the clay off of the shoes unless they are to be painted.
7. Shoes should be painted a flat white for better grip and visibility.
8. Elevation and alignment are essential and should be constantly in mind.
9. When asked, "What do I do if my opponent has a shoe blocking the stake?", Carl replies, "Just throw your usual ringer!"

# Individual State Awards

	Pitcher of the Year	President's	Scorekeeper
1990	Bob Jackson		
1991	Randy Rein		
1992	Tom Steinke		
1993	Ralph Maylahn	Ann Opsteen	
1994	Randy Rein	Curt & Beatty Bestul	
1995	Lorraine Sternberg/Randy Rein	Jim Haupt / Susie Pritzlaff	
1996	Lorraine Sternberg	Dick Hansen	
1997	Clayton Gage	John Secord	Jane Smith
1998	Clayton Gage	Earl Paulson	Elly McCarn

## TEAM / DOUBLES AWARDS

	Club Team	State Tournament Team	State Doubles
1985	Goldendale		
1986	Pitching Palace		
1987	Green Bay		
1988	Janesville Moose		
1989	Green Bay		
1990	Wausau	Eau Claire	
1991	Platteville	Close Doesn't Count	
1992	Platteville	Eau Claire	
1993	Windy Hill	Close Doesn't Count	
1994	Goldendale	Goldendale	
1995	Goldendale	Close Doesn't Count	
1996	Goldendale	Eau Claire	
1997	Close Doesn't Count	Close Doesn't Count	John Udelhofen/John Crook
1998	Goldendale	Marshfield	Ralph Maylahn/ Tony Scrima
1999	Close Doesn't Count		Randy Rein/Gus Schram



**The pitcher of the Year Award** was created by then President, Dick Hansen, with the intention of encouraging members to pitch in State sanctioned tournaments. Members received 1 point for pitching in a tournament, 3 points for a third place finish, 5 for a second place finish, and 10 points for a first place finish in their respective classes. In

1994 Dick handed the record keeping over to Jane Smith with the suggestion to simplify the points as over 275 pitchers were listed and the record keeping was time consuming. The calculations now included only sanctioned tournaments and points awarded for only first (15 points), second (10), and third (5) place finishers. Record keeping is still time consuming with approximately 200 names recorded. Several suggested changes have been discussed but no clear cut decision was made for creating a more fair method of establishing the selection of this award.

**The President's Award** was also created by Dick Hansen in 1993 with the intention of recognizing a person or persons who had greatly contributed to the promotion and success of the game of horseshoes.

**The Scorekeeper's Award** was created by Marge Yach and Randy Rein in 1997. Their experience in hosting a weekend tournament impressed upon them the important role scorekeepers play in the success of a tournament. Horseshoe pitchers are asked to help in the selection of this winner by contacting Marge or Randy with their "scorekeeper" and reason for this recognition. Winners of this award can repeat every five years.

**The High Average Awards** are designed, created, and given by Gus Schram. His first awards will be given at the 1999 State Tournament in Wausau. He will recognize State Tournament pitchers with high averages in the Men's, Women's, Elder Men's, Junior Girls, and Junior Boy's divisions.