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**Randy Rein**  
Win #18!



**Aleena Cook**  
Win #3!



**Ron Button**  
Win #3!



**Mason Bisch**  
Win #1!



**Heather Feavel**  
Win #4!



**Steven Lazaris**  
Win #4!



**Brooke Lazaris**  
Win #3!

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			Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person	
10/18	WHPA FALL MT	1:00 PM			Sportmen's Club	Lake Delton
10/26-27	Deansville Singles	28-14-039	\$18	16 Oct	Rudy VanFleet	920-210-7589
11/8-9	Autumn Classic	28-14-040	\$18	30 Oct	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
11/29-30	Deansville Open	28-124-041	\$18	19 Nov	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7589
12/6-7	Snowflake	28-14-042	\$18	30 Nov	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
Have	2015 tournaments	Dates	ready	for	John Meyer at fall	meeting

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**State Meeting Location:**

**Lake Delton Sportmen's  
 Club  
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**Save the Date**  
**WHPA Fall Meeting**  
**Saturday, Oct 18**  
**1:00**

### What's New

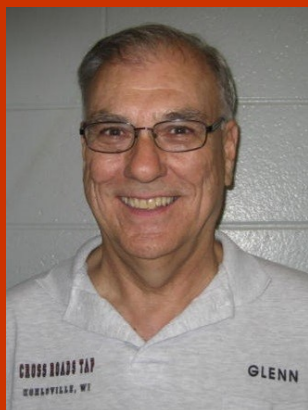
By, Jane Smith

Our State tournament brought many friends together to share events of the past summer— local tournaments, World tournament, family reunions, the list is endless. This is a fun time to renew friendships developed over the years as well as cultivate new ones. We catch up on health, illness, wellness, pitching highlights. It is always interesting to view the “spectators” during the championship games and the Hall of Fame ceremony. We did miss the face of Mark Stevens this year. He surprised us last year. We are hoping he is feeling well. We have heard that Penny Steinke has a

tough fall ahead of her as she and her doctors to try to find the reason for her discomfort. She did not know if she would be able to pitch in this years State tournament. She did and very well—tho not the finish she hoped for. It is amazing she pitched as well as she did with little practice and physical discomfort. She is a true competitor and champion as witnessed by her determination to participate in the State tournament. It has been determined she will need surgery, therapy, treatments and an eventual transplant. God bless Penny and her family in the months to come. Now is a great time to send a few extra prayers and positive vibes in the direction of our WHPA members facing difficult times ahead.

## From your President

With Glenn Bogenschneider



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## Behind the Mask

With NHPA Chaplain  
Ken Heinritz

WOW! Where has the summer gone? Our cool weather is here too soon. With the summer tournaments and leagues over, another opportunity presents itself...INDOOR PITCHING! Please, do not put your horseshoes away. Plan on pitching a couple of indoors.

A number of our WHPA members joined me in Buffalo for the World and in Beloit for the State. Congratulations to all our class winners, our State Champions and, especially, our State Award winners. A complete list of these individuals can be found later in this edition.

REMEMBER, BREAKING NEWS...now is the time to get your 2015 membership cards. Cards are available after Oct. 1st each year for the following year. You can mail in your dues, or better yet, come to the Fall Meeting and get them in person from John. Our meeting this year is Oct. 18th, 1:00, Lake Delton Sportsman's Club. We will be electing 1st VP, 2nd VP and Sec/Trea positions. Please make every effort to attend.

In closing, remember Pitch, Promote, Participate.

## WINNING

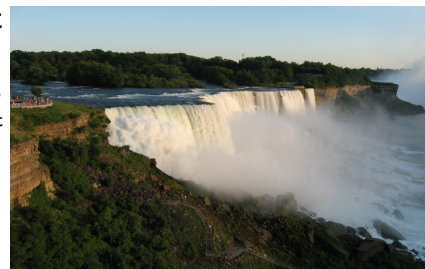


Winning is the only thing that matters . . . is that your motto? If everyone took this approach, there would be a lot of unhappy people living in this world because only one can be the winner. What are the odds? A state tournament may have 8 to 10 people in a class; the World tournament has classes of 16; a county fair may have 24 teams vying for the one grand prize. Seriously,

do you really feel that when you enter a tournament, you should be the winner, no one else? Don't get me wrong, I desire to win like the rest of us, but life will go on even if we lose. We try our best but our best pitching may not show up that game (or day)! And I know, believe me, it's downright embarrassing at times. But there is more to life than winning. How many times have you heard a disgruntled pitcher talk about quitting because they aren't having any 'fun'? Relax; enjoy the fact that you are healthy enough to pitch. Learn to build relationships with those you meet. Be a blessing to those around you. Let this attitude be your driving force, not winning. And who knows, you may just find yourself winning games or tournaments because of your change in attitude. Even if 1<sup>st</sup> place eludes you, you can still be a winner!

*"I press on toward the mark for the prize . . ."*

Philippians 3:14



Championship Men

Randy Rein	7	2	52.63
Ken Heinritz	5	3	53.11
Jeff Gustafson	5	3	48.76
Nick Muller	4	3	44.88
Lonny Trangsrud	3	4	50.27
Mark Mauthe	3	4	46
Dean Chaffee	2	5	43.21
John Meyer	1	6	42.35



Championship Women

Aleena Cook	5	0	56.03
Penny Steinke	4	1	59.05
Pam Aiken	3	2	60.78
Toni Sloper	2	3	44.74
Bethany Heinritz	1	4	36.08
Linda Roeber	0	5	30



Championship Elders

Ron Button	7	0	63.75
Glenn Bogenschneider	6	1	57.65
Leo Richter	4	3	51.5
Martin Papesh	3	4	56.93
Dave Schorbahn	3	4	45.81
Norm Gage	2	5	49.71
Galen Kozel	2	5	45.93
Bun Carley	1	6	47.29



Championship Girls

Heather Feavel	5	0	46.39
Emily Lazaris	4	1	33.19
Christina Heinritz	3	2	29.41
Cailyn Trangsrud	2	3	10.58
Abby Aiken	1	4	4.85



Championship Boys

Mason Bisch	7	0	33.52
Gunnar David	6	1	47.46
Blake Lazaris	5	2	28.43
Mason Kuchenbecker	4	3	13.02
Isaac Wegner	3	4	20.35
Garett Kuchenbecker	2	5	12.81
Tyler Ramsdell	1	6	7.92
Cole Trangsrud	0	7	7.18



Championship Cadet Boys

Steven Lazaris	7	0	47.5
Gabe Burgin	6	1	19.71
Aiden Ramsdell	5	2	6.93
Jader Kuchenbecker	4	3	4.95
Brandon Benzing	3	4	10.89
Kane Kuester	2	5	2.02
Blake Benzing	1	6	3.09



Championship Cadet Girls

Brooke Lazaris	5	0	43.55
Krystal Lazaris	4	1	8
Sarah Chaffee	3	2	3.73
Lillyan Kildahl	2	3	2.7
Morgan Chaffee	1	4	4.

Class A Elders

Dave Schorbahn	7	0	43.21
Cal Pitel	5	2	41.43
Dave Ninnemann	4	3	40.71
Bun Carley	3	4	42.14
Allen Johnson	3	4	38.57
Ed Hack	3	4	37.5
Bernard Vandanelzen	2	5	32.86
Tom Bird	1	6	39.29

Class B Elders

Jack Zane	6	1	38.21
Norm Beckius	5	2	47.14
Rick Borgwardt	4	3	38.93
John Brugger	4	3	37.14
John Olson	4	3	37.14
Milt Larsen	2	5	34.29
John Dolezel	2	5	32.14
Tony Scrima	1	6	28.93

Class C Elders

John Secord	7	0	31.79
John Resch	5	2	32.86
Bill Matey	5	2	30
Ron Ramquist	4	3	28.21
Rob Starck	3	4	28.57
Russ Burns	3	4	17.5
Earl Paulson	0	6	.42

Class A Women

Bethany Heinritz	7	0	49.64
Karen Keelin	5	2	41.79
Linda Roeber	4	3	40.65
Cindy Castellano	4	3	37.5
Tava Kildahl	4	3	32.01
Elaine Troullier	2	5	29.64
Tonya Kaulum	2	5	26.07
Kari David	0	7	16.07

Class B Women

Sonia Cook	7	0	46.79
Rondi Mengelt	6	1	29.29
Ann Murray	4	3	28.57
Gloria Smith	4	3	23.57
Ev Larsen	3	4	30.71
Jennifer Wegner	2	5	20
Ceil Trossen	1	6	10.36
Barb Ramquist	1	6	6.07

Class A Men

Jeff Gustafson	6	1	46.07
Al Huizenga	5	2	22.93
John Meyer	4	3	43.93
Jarrod Bisch	4	3	38.21
Jason Villwock	3	4	32.86
Kerry Morris	2	5	40.36
Dan Bloom	2	5	35.92
Kevin Peterson	2	5	33.45

Class B Men

Rick Weller	6	1	35.71
Dave Volz	5	2	32.86
Russ Heinritz	4	3	30.36
Bruce McLinn	3	4	32.5
Rich Brockway	3	4	30
Mark Rice	3	4	28.57
Bob Cole	2	5	21.79
Jeremy Wegner	2	5	21.07

Class C Men

Bob Kallstrom	7	0	44.1
Dave Torey	5	2	36.07
Michael Benzing Jr	5	2	33.1
John Brophy	4	3	29.29
Terry Sternberg	2	5	30.90
Ralph Marthaler	2	5	26.43
Kevin Brekke	2	5	17.96
James Wicklander	1	6	25.36

Class D Men

Joel Ramsdell	7	0	31.07
John Drexler	5	2	24.64
Randy White	5	2	24.3
Randy Heinritz	3	4	21.07
Craig David	3	4	14.79
Mike Lange	3	4	14.79
Rich Conrad	2	5	17.61

Class E Men

Dennis Wegner	7	1	21.6
Ed Wheeler	6	2	25.93
Tom Steinke	5	2	18.57
Dave Carpenter	4	3	12.86
Greg Bergles	3	4	16.07
Kevin Aarstad	2	5	12.5
Mike Berdan	2	5	12.14



Elders Class A



Elders Class B



Mens Class A



Elders Class C



Women Class A



Mens Class C



Women Class B



Mens Class D



Mens Class E

State Tourney Spectators



## BELOIT STATE TOURNAMENT BY, JIM HAUPT

In a capsule: Randy Rein repeats, for Mens 18th. Aleena Cook again for Womens, 3rd. Ron Button once more for Elders, 3rd. Mason Bisch, **new** Boy's Champion. Heather Feavel wins Girls again, 4th. Lazaris family owns Cadet class. Brooke and Steve retain titles.

The 2014 State Tournament was notable in that the Juniors turned out, in relative numbers, more than WHPA members as a whole.

Heather Feavel continued her winning ways with her fourth Girls State Title, all wins.

Mason Bisch won his first Boys championship straight away catching the Gunnar napping.

The Lazaris family has a lock on the Cadets classes. Brooke and Steven dominated the Cadets with formidable percentages most probably tuned on their personal home court. Three titles for Brooke, four for Steve, to date.

The Mens Championship class turned into a real donnybrook thanks to a class "A" move-up, Jeff Gustafson. He tagged the ex champ and high average seed, Ken Heinritz, and the defending championship, Randy Rein, with a losses early on. If either of his games with Mark Mauthe or Nick Muller had gone favorably, we'd be honoring a new champion. As it happened, Gustafson caused the three-way playoff giving Rein the opportunity at his eighteenth title of Wisconsin State Horseshoe Champion. Perhaps the unexplained rash of low percentages produced by championship pitchers across the board detracted from expected high level competition.

Womens Champion, Aleena Cook continued her string of three state titles and her dominance of sisters, Penny and Pam who both excelled in overall percentages.

Ron Button acquired his third Elders title win-

ning all games in spite of a close final with class newcomer Glenn Bogenschneider. The Hall of Fame proceedings at Noon: First VP, Jane Smith, awarded, the 'Most Improved Pitcher' trophies. From July 2013 to August 2014, the Most Improved went to Junior pitcher, Cailyn Transgrud, up 7.31%. Now entering at 16.12%. And, in the adult division, to Ann Murray, up 11.98% entering this event at 24.24%.

Pitcher-of-the-Year, an award Smith has tracked throughout the year included 37 events considering 229 pitchers, was made in three percentage categories. Greg Bergles won C, Tony Scrima took B, and Glenn Bogenschneider is the A honoree for this 2014 P.O.Y. plaque. It is safe to say, all three pitched in many events to earn this prestigious, All-WHPA, award.

President, Glenn Bogenschneider, called for Mark Mauthe, his selection, to receive the annual Presidential Award, citing Mauthe's complete devotion as an outstanding Wisconsin pitcher, 2nd place in the World Championships a few years back and as an ongoing promoter in past and future duties in State Tournament direction

About a dozen present Hall of Famers were present as Jeff Secord, Hall of Fame Director, read the interesting full page article published in the tournament book by Gene Mason about Gene Mason, of his life in horseshoes. Mr. Horseshoes added that he recently, made the 'Honor Flight' to the Capitol, gave away 24 of his 37 trophies, had his pacemaker replaced, and is "chomping at the bit." Summing it up with, "(I) do not make many tournaments (now) but have been around for awhile."

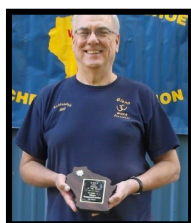
Sonia Cook, in her role as junior Scholarship Fund Director, took over to announce donators and lucky raffle winners 37 times. Many were repeats, as ticket sales seemed popular.

Quote of the tournament...

Earl Paulson: "Let opponent pitch first too often."

More State T stuff page 9.

### Pitchers of the Year



Glenn Bogenschneider  
Division A



Tony Scrima  
Division B

Greg Bergles  
Division C  
No Picture

### Most Improved



Adult : Ann Murray  
Junior: Cailyn Transgrud

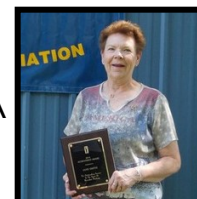


### President's Award



Mark Mauthe

Achievement  
Award—NHPA  
Jane Smith



## 1946 Antigo City Marbles Champ inducted to WHPA Hall of Fame

By, Mr. Horseshoe

Gene Mason of Appleton, aka Mr Horseshoe of Kamps Korts, Combined Locks is the 2014 inductee to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame.

Many years ago two men put iron in Mason’s hands. First was his Norwegian grandfather, attending Northfield, Minnesota college driving stakes into the ground. Second, Mason’s father who also drove stakes back in 1947 When Gene was 13 yr. old living in Antigo. Along with his dad and friends many shoes were pitched on those stakes.

Mason was already a champion on the marbles circuit winning the city title at age 12 and went on to compete at the District level in Wausau with the chance to play in Milwaukee for a new bicycle.

Upon moving to Appleton in ‘51, he pitched a few shoes at Appleton High School until joining the Navy in ‘52 serving two tours in Korea and after. First assigned to an LST with 130 men then adjusting to a carrier with 5100 men, finally discharged in ‘56.

Attending the West Allis State Fair the following year, he heard the once familiar clanking of shoes. The State Horseshoe Tournament was in session. There he met a man who said he pitched in Little Chute at Weines Bar on Pine Street. Mason checked it out. They had two courts, played for beer. It turned out to be a fun time.

The following year, ‘58, Mason entered his first State Tournament, took 2nd place in class C, was awarded a ribbon. It was exciting to watch all those ringers, He was hooked.., for good!

Swen Bowmen, then a well regarded leader of the game in Wisconsin, had the idea that the State Tournament would be better conducted in cities throughout the state. The first of those cities was Combined Locks on Kamps Kourts. Mason pitched there Monday and Wednesday evenings for many years. Kamps was lucky to host the State Tournament a number of years. Mason has been a club history buff since ‘68. In that book is listed the record for the shortest league game of 22 ringers in 24 shoes, 91.66%, owned by Mr. Horseshoe, himself.

The trophy display on Mason’s wall tells the story of years of pitching. He had the opportunity to pitch five World Tournaments competing with World Champions, Curt Day, Danny Kuchinski, and Walter Ray Williams.

Mason considers his best day pitching to be at the ‘07 State Tournament where he won the Elders Championship from Clayton Gage. It was so hot that day, both laid out the grass afterwards. This was the highlight of the 44 State Tournaments Mason has pitched. Over the years he has played many tournaments and remains thankful of the support of his wife, Helen, and family have shown him as they sat in the stands cheering him on. [edited article appearing in the State Tournament booklet -jh]



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**Matt Biondi:** “Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement.”

**Ronnie Lott:** “If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.”



**Arnold Palmer:**  
“You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself. Your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, THAT is real joy,”



The Beloit scene courtside:

On the west side of Beloit's thirteen courts were canopies borrowed to cover the computers in case of rain and it did, on occasion Saturday, but the show went on. Just about all spectators also gathered west side. Most brought their own chairs and stayed on. A good number saw the last pitches being tossed Sunday at 8:30 pm. Spectators! - exactly what this sport desperately needs. While all scoring was done with computers, ordinary score devices were used to display running scores. Skilled operators clicked score for two courts turning the device wheels to boot for the benefit of pitchers and onlookers alike. A few classes pitched in the Red Ferguson Pitchin' Place, indoors. Last seen about 50 spectators saw the final pitch in the air.

Next year's State T is in Platteville. The club has already recruited some of the Beloit crew to co-assist. The Platteville Club always runs a nice show. Bring your friends, your umbrellas, fill the grandstands, stay for the weekend.

It's your State Tournament. Participation requirement is only 3 tournaments accomplished by many more that we saw this year, 120. From the start of the year on, invite all your league friends to pitch the State with you. Remember, It's your State Tournament. Pitch the State in '15.

A greeting from the tournament director, Jimmy Paulson, himself:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2014 WI State Championships! The weather cooperated and the event was a great success!! We hope to see everyone soon for our fall tournaments & leagues. I also want to thank everyone for their help at State,- the

event would not have been possible without all the volunteer help we received.

**Words of Wisdom**

Bear Bryant

"It is not the will to win that matters- everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters."



**THE OLDE—ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE**

By, Jim Haupt


It was the end-all of a Gustafson day.

Immediately following the finals of the State T. two chairs were set facing the clubhouse soon to be occupied by Jeff Gustafson and Steve Mengelt who sat down expectantly when Gustafson suddenly arose to say



they were about to take the ice bucket challenge in the name of "**The Beloit Horseshoe Club, the best horseshoe club on the face of the earth!**" With that he re-joins Mengelt in the chairs of forthcoming execution. A couple seconds later, two henchmen with large beer cooler full of ice water deftly raised and dumped said contents upon the pair. SWOOSH! and OOOOOOEEEEEE!! In all our lifetimes we may never, ever, see two guys rise faster or scream louder. Drenched, and dripping, the two stood there, too excited to shiver, in appreciation of the applause of the crowd who, to the man, shared the agony yet were damn glad they were still dry. Would have made a great video shot.

As a footnote: after witnessing the scene, Craig David offered an old timer \$100 to do the same: "No tanks "



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### Locks Classic Tournament

By, Bill Matey

### Locks Classic Pictures

Left: Cal, Glenn, Nick. Center: Norb, Steve Mielke  
Right: Elaine, Suzie, Jerry

Class A

Glenn Bogenschneider  
Cal Pitel  
Nick Muller

Class B

Dick Hanold  
Norb Fuhrman  
Jack McNeill

Class C

Elaine Troullier  
Suzie Erickson  
Jerry Kamps



### Arkdale Doubles Pictures

Left: Class A Randy, Gunnar Right: Class B Jim, Susie

### Arkdale Doubles

By, Ray Groskinsky

Class A

- |                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Randy Rein     | 53.12 |
| Gunnar David      | 49.47 |
| 2. John Molling   | 45.83 |
| Ray Groskinsky    | 44.27 |
| 3. Cliff Erickson | 44.27 |
| Jerry Neimuth     | 38.54 |

Class B

- |                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Jim Verstoppen   | 30.2  |
| Susie Erickson      | 28.64 |
| 2. Duane Henricksen | 36.97 |
| Dave Wietrzak       | 33.33 |
| 3. Kari David       | 28.42 |
| Craig David         | 16.66 |



### Down 'n Back By, Jim Haupt

The Senior Olympic horseshoe event in Milwaukee seldom attracts many pitchers of the NHPA, the real kind, but this year Jim Ganther came down from Eau Claire to outclass all others scoring 170 points of 100 shoes in the count-all venue. He has qualified and will attend the Minneapolis nationals, 2015.

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During the Buffalo World Tournament awards Banquet, Stu Sipma directed an annual president's achievement award to our own, Jane Smith, who claimed the championship trophy in her very first State Tournament 34 years ago, did it five more times, was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 1992. Although her pitching expertise has diminished, she continues directing tournaments; locally, Wet 'n Wild, state, several times, and even the '03 world. Her WHPA award should be, MVP.

### Eau Claire Last Chance Horseshoe Tournament

By, John Dolezel / Elly McCarn

Class A

- |                 |   |   |      |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Laurie Dolezel  | 4 | 1 | 40.5 |
| Lonny Trangsrud | 3 | 2 | 51   |
| Dave Schorbahn  | 3 | 2 | 45.5 |

Class B

- |              |   |   |      |
|--------------|---|---|------|
| Steve Wallin | 5 | 0 | 40   |
| Layne Olson  | 3 | 2 | 34   |
| John Brophy  | 3 | 2 | 27.5 |

Class Cd

- |                  |   |   |      |
|------------------|---|---|------|
| Kenny Rentz      | 5 | 0 | 11.5 |
| Dan Schabert     | 4 | 1 | 10.5 |
| Scott Shackelton | 3 | 2 | 7    |

### Eau Claire's Last Chance

By, John Dolezel / Elly McCarn

Eau Claire's newly-named final tournament of the year was held August 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Eighteen pitchers participated in the 3-class tournament at Carson Park. Tournament Director Laurie Dolezel shocked her male opponents by winning Class A. Laurie rode final games of 50 and 57 percent against Lonny Trangsrud and her dad, John Dolezel on her way to victory. Steve Wallin pitched 5% above his entering average in winning all of his games in Class B. Kenny Rentz went undefeated in Class C.

**Wet N Wild**

By, Jane Smith

Class A

Larry Grabowski	6	1	61.79
Bob Knudtson	5	2	52.5
Glenn Bogenschneider	4.5	2.5	56.7

Class B

Dave Ninnemann	6	1	55.71
Susie Helene	6	1	46.07
Tory Jeske	5	2	56.79

Class C

Cindy Castellano	6	1	46.43
Steve Wallin	5	2	42.5
Ben LaCoursiere	4	3	41.79

Class D

Dan Lessman	5	2	37.14
Les Karpel	4	3	41.79
Craig Cox	4	3	36.79

Class E

Guy Modde	4	1	34.4
Bob Kallstrom	4	1	36.4
Mark Anderson	3	2	33.2

Class F

Jane Smith	5	0	36.4
Tom Prokop	3	2	24.4
Dan Chamberlin	3	2	21.6

Class G

Dan Sheehan	5	0	23.2
Tim Sheehan	4	1	25.2
Rich Bialek	2	3	20

Class H

Joyce Ahles	5	0	20.8
Stan Bialek	4	1	17.2
Jay Ganther	3	2	12.8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ken Lovaas Memorial**

Class A

Jesse Garza	5	1	50.42
Mark Mauthe	4	2	50
Bun Carley	3	3	47.08

Class B

Walt Houck	4	1	30
Rick Bogwardt	3	2	40.40
Gorgia Beebe	3	2	37.6

Class C

Rowen Swick	4	1	28.8
Milt Larsen	3	2	36.4
Marvin Robers	3	2	32.8

Class D

Al Jones	5	1	32.08
Ken Beebe	4	2	36.67
Randy White	4	2	27.5

Class E

Ed Bonebright	4.5	.5	31.6
Tom Steinke	3.5	1.5	22.4
Leo Linhart	2.5	2.5	24.4

Class F

Dave Carpenter	5	1	16.67
Rich Nuchell	4	2	14.17
Al Ostenson	3	3	12.08



**Photo of Yesteryear!**



Norm Gage, Edie McKinney, Larry Barber, John Molling, John Koepp III  
Wisconsin Team World—2007

**Wisconsin Pitchers Enjoy MN Hospitality!**

Ten pitchers from the Eau Claire and Close Doesn't Count horseshoe pitching clubs traveled to Maplewood MN to pitch in the Northwest Open tournament directed by Dick Dvorak. This is always a great tournament with excellent competition. Front row pitchers: Randy Ganther (5th Class F), Toni Sloper (5th Class B), Gloria Smith (1st Class E), John Dolezel (4th Class D) Laurie Dolezel. The back row: Steve Wallin(7th Class D), Dave Ninnemann (7th Class A), Norm Gage (4th, Class A), Dean Chaffee (6th Class B), Lonny Trangsrud (5th Class A), Not Pictured– Dave Scho-bahn (2nd Class B).

## Friends We'll Miss

Lost another dear friend.

### George Draeger

By, Sonia Cook

Marshfield Horseshoe Club will miss George Draeger. He was an active competitor with a knack for telling jokes. Many may remember his regular comment after a game "I'll take that Barley Pop now" --referring to a cold beer. George was a club board member for many years who kept humor in our meetings. He sold some land to good friend/teammate Bob Gregorich next to his house... Bob in turn built horseshoe courts in the garage for both to play almost daily. We are sure he is finally pitching his "perfect" game.

Our sympathy to Bill Matey and his family as he lost his wife this summer. May God bless and watch over you and yours.

## World Tournament Highlights

### Ganther Clan

Steve Wallin, Shayla Wallin, Jim Ganther, Randy Ganther, Jay Ganther  
Their shirts show each of the WT locations the family has attended.



Ken Heinritz was the only Wisconsin pitcher who won his class at the 2014 WT Class B-I Champion!



## World Tournament Observations

By, Jane Smith

Because our group of ladies did not attend the WT in Buffalo this year, I asked several WHPA members attending the event to send me a summary of their experience. John Meyer and Glenn Bogenschneider shared their travel experiences with me. To begin, John and Glenn traveled together to the event, leaving on a Thursday evening at midnight and driving straight thru to Buffalo arriving at 2:30 PM EST. This sounds like another drive one of our WHPA pitchers takes – Ceil also leaves around midnight and drives by herself to the site of the WT. She has her maps and is prepared to handle any traffic situation she runs into. She did not like the tolls on this latest trip. The area hosted many excellent eating establishments and of course the casino was very accessible. Their comments about the facility stated that the space was limited; little spectator seating; separate buildings for shoe check-in, trophy presentations, and practice courts. The clay was excellent! The Sunday convention yielded new officers and the choice of Montgomery AL as the site for the 2016 WT. Glenn and John attended the Hall of Fame banquet Sunday evening where Glenn accepted the Achievement Award for me, He presented me the plaque at the State tournament in Beloit. This award truly belongs to every WHPA pitcher as it takes everyone helping when they can to make our association the best! Of course, both wish they pitched more ringers but Glenn did bring home a check for his 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Thanks Glenn and John for sharing.

