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2010 Team World Champions



Team
Tennessee:
Maxine Griffith
Joan Elmore
Paula Hunsicker
Marlene Ray
Jim Cooper



2010 State Doubles Champions



Jeff Gustafson
and
Ken Heinritz

2010 Club Team Champions



Close Doesn't
Count:
Tiffany Syring
Norm Gage
Dave Ninnemann
Edie McKinney

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May 29	Platteville Spring Singles (28-10-027)	\$16	5/15	Mark/Norm Mauthe
June 5-6	Wolf River Open (28-10-013)	\$15	5/22	Ken Jaeger
June 5-6	Spring Singles @ Beloit (28-10-014)	\$18	5/26	Earl Paulson
June 6	Eau Claire Open (28-10-025)	\$20	5/26	Laurie Dolezel
June 12-13	Eagle River Open (limit 32) (28-10-017)	\$18	6/2	Cliff Erickson
June 19	Marshfield One Tournament (28-10-018)	\$15	6/5	Mel Cook
June 19	Muskego Open (28-10-019)	\$15	6/5	Tom Steinke
June 26	Jerry Volz Memorial Open (unsanct. doubles, outdoor)	\$20/team	6/23	Dave/Gary Volz
June 26-27	Ken Kosky Memorial Tournament (28-10-020)	\$18	6/12	Ed Hack
June 26-27	Goldendale Open (28-09-022)	\$15	6/13	Terry Sternberg
July 4	The Patriot Tournament (Limit 48)(unsanctioned)	\$20	6/20	Kevin Brekke
July 10-11	Arkdale Open (28-10-021)	\$16	6/19	Ray Groskinsky
July 10	Mid-Eastern (handicapped)(unsanctioned)	\$15	6/28	Rosemary Kamps
July 11	Lox Classic (limit 48) (28-10-023)	\$18	6/28	Rosemary Kamps
July 17	Rozellville Lions Sanct. # 2 (28-10-045)(sand courts)	\$15	7/5	Mike Berdan
July 17	Merril # 1 (28-10-042)	\$15	7/3	Darryl Hinz
July 17-18	Southern Wi. Open @ Beloit (28-10-026)	\$18	7/7	Earl Paulson
July 26-Aug 7	2010 World Tournament - Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$125	5/13	Dick Hansen
Aug. 6,7,8	36th Annual Eagle Open (unsanctioned)	\$20	7/23	Greg & Sue Scheff

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Additions and changes to
the schedule are
highlighted in gray.

Contact Regional
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with all changes and
corrections to the schedule
(contact info on p.3)

From The President, Tom Steinke



Springtime has come and gone. Hopefully, you have your leagues going. There are a lot of good leagues around: team, doubles, and singles. Probably the best thing is seeing the friends you have made from last year and the year before that. When you are at your league, tell your friends

about sanctioned leagues and tournaments, and the State and World tournaments. Make sure they know that all sanctioned events are for pitchers of all skill levels.

Classes are seeded by ringer percentage, so they would be playing against people with approximately the same averages.

Howie Voiles called me a couple of weeks ago. We had a nice talk. He's living in Menomonee Falls and attends a lot of high school sports events. He said to say hello to everyone and to tell them he's doing fine.

I also talked with **Bob Wilke**. He and his wife are also doing fine. Bob turned 101 on May 5. That's great!

Also heard from **Carolyn Stittleburg**. She and her husband, **Doug**, are doing fine, jobs are good, and their bowling is great. Unlike Doug, Carolyn can't seem to get that first 300 game. She's very close for now at 299. She said that her dad, **Don Stittleburg**, had a heart attack and heart surgery in mid-April. He had problems, and it didn't look too good. However, after 11 days in the hospital, he was home and doing better. For the people who pitched against Don, they will remember that he was a very good pitcher. I'm sure Don would feel better hearing from some of his horseshoe friends.

Maybe give him a call or send him a card: 132 Laurel St, Reedburg WI 53959.

Good pitching,

Tom U

John Secord, Secretary-Treasurer

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of WHPA Secretary-Treasurer. I believe we have a dedicated executive board and it would be my privilege to continue working with them and the membership. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

2010 Pitcher of the Year Standings Update

- by Jane Smith

With 24 of 41 total events, including the two WHPA meetings, recorded at this time there seems to be a nice group of pitchers who are making a move to earn this award. Pitchers are placed in Divisions A, B, or C depending on their 2009 year end average. Division A included pitchers with averages over 50%; Division B averages between 35% and 49.9%; Division C any average less than 34.99%. The points in all three divisions range from 55-90 points. All contenders are listed in alphabetical order:

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>
Ken Heinritz	John Bauer	Jim Jakel
John Molling	John Garvan	Allan Johnson
Randy Rein	Kerry Morris	Leo Linhart
Ivan Ruzic	Rowen Swick	Gene Satterstrom
Paul Wilson	Elaine Troullier	Tom Steinke
		Cliff Troullier

With 19 coming events this summer, there are many opportunities to make a move to a division winner. Good luck and have a great summer pitching ringers! U

Fall Election Announcements

Jane Smith, First Vice President

It has been a pleasure to serve the WHPA as First Vice President in the past. It is a position that keeps one involved in the game, even if the competition aspect has not happened recently. I would like to continue to serve the WHPA; I am announcing my candidacy for 1st VP and hope for your vote in the fall. Wishing ringers and a fun filled horseshoe season to all.

Sonia Cook, Third Vice President and Junior Scholarship Director

Thank you for supporting me as your 3rd Vice President. I enjoy representing you and especially working with the Junior Program. Please accept this notice as my announcement to run for another term.

Elections will be held during the fall meeting on October 16, 2010 at the Delton Sportsman's Club. You must be present to vote. U

“The Patriot Tournament”

July 4, 2010

Rain or Shine—Limit 48 Entries

Location: Race Track Park
IKI Drive and Stoughton Rd, Edgerton

Deadline: Monday, June 22, 2010

Format: Unsanctioned Singles
Round-Robin, 40 shoe games

Entry Fee: \$20.00 + \$2 admission to Race Track Park, which goes towards the Lion’s Club Raffle

Starting times: 10am, 1:30 pm, 5pm

Other July 4th Activities: Horse Pull, Car show, Lion’s Food stand, Baseball games, D.J. and live bands playing, and fireworks at dusk.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ringer %: _____ (we will use NHPA average if you have one)

Distance: 30ft _____ 40ft _____

A Friend We’ll Miss

Ray Hill, 1919-2010

Ray Hill, 91, of Wakefield, MI, died April 26, 2010, at a facility in Wakefield.

Ray lived all his life in the Upper Peninsula town of Wakefield. He married the girl next door, Leona, in 1949. Recently, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Ray and Leona have two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was a familiar figure at many horseshoe tournaments in Wisconsin, so much so that he was inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame as the first honorary member in 1997. He won the World Senior Division Championship in 1987 and 1989 and was runner up three other times.

Jane Smith, of this Newsletter, first announced Ray Hill’s death via email. Northern Wisconsin correspondent Steve Stevens provided the obituary.

We remember Ray as a forever “A” class pitcher, besides being a class “A” gentleman. Usually accompanied by his wife, he made the Northern tour of tournaments, once coming as far as Arena. He pitched his local leagues until he was 88.

Asked about his protracted pitching skill twenty-five years ago when he was a mere 66 years of age. He replied, “I just started to find it when I was about 55.” U



8th Annual
Jerry Volz Memorial
Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday June 26th 2010



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Friends We'll Miss

Carl Gilbertson, 1926-2010



Carl O. Gilbertson, age 83, of Highland, died on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Richland Hospital following a brief illness.

Carl played baseball, as a catcher, in his younger years and was an avid horseshoe pitcher after his retirement. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing euchre, and time spent with family and friends.

From Jim Haupt: Carl Gilbertson was a big rangy guy, former farmer who became a pretty fair horseshoe pitcher. He and his brother started coming to the Sandbar from nearby Highland. They were the oldest guys in the joint. Carl outlasted his brother, even to the point of becoming a short distance pitcher. Earlier, he ran a Sunday doubles tournament in Highland. At the time, we kidded him about keeping it secret, like a favorite fishing hole. It was an example of an old time, strictly rural tournament. My one word description of Carl is "friend."

Arnie Walton, 1930-2010

Arnold N. "Arnie" Walton, age 79, passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, from a battle with cancer.

Arnie served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He also worked as a cheesemaker and later as an ice cream maker at Babcock Hall. Arnie enjoyed bowling, throwing horseshoes, fishing, and deer and pheasant hunting.

He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years, Jewell Walton and his five children, 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and more. You may send cards to the Walton family at the following address: Walton Family, 307 Prairie, Lodi WI 53555.

From Jim Haupt: Arnie Walton came onto the horseshoe tournament scene, I think, in about 1989. He was an accomplished, 3/4 turn, pitcher at that time, near sixty percent. He only got better, switching to a one and a quarter, becoming the old man in the State Championship class, an envy model for every old pitcher. He was the best pitcher coming out of Lodi in many a year. I guess he was a fisherman and an ice cream maker, sure was a sweet guy. We're going to miss ol' Arnie.



Chris Kitti, 1946-2010

Chris Kitti has passed away. We received the news through a letter from Charter Investments. His former employer has designated a new associate to take his place.

Kitti, originally from Milwaukee, moved to Wisconsin Rapids, and then on to Florida. We met at Washington Park in Milwaukee, played often at the Pitchin' Palace and at other tournament throughout the state. He can be remembered by his pants, either baseball knee highs or shorts and he had a nice looking one and a quarter that often grazed his thigh; raising a strawberry. His shoe looked so good that he was, at times, perceived as a sandbagger.

He experienced a judging delay at a World Tournament and then asked to go down and back before resuming play. So long, Chris. - *Jim Haupt*



Ronn Negaard, 1937-2010

Our condolences to our friends in Minnesota. Ronn Negaard, husband of the late former World champion Phyllis Negaard, passed away this March.

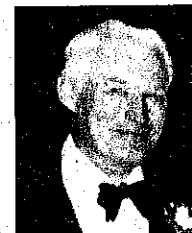
You can send cards to the following address: Randy and Jen Negaard, 221 18th. St. N.W., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. - *Jane Smith*



Francis Schalk, 1927-2010

A devotee of organized horseshoes, Frank Schalk brought the tournament game to the Wisconsin central region, Oxford in particular, at the VFW courts. He also developed a completely magnetic score device now in use by other horseshoe friends at the courts of nearby Arkdale.

Frank was known for his quiet, reserved demeanor, always a gentleman and moreover a gentle man. He always encouraged everybody to participate. He ran several tournaments at the VFW every year. Frank's talents went beyond horseshoes, He built his own house and many things inside and his yard was always immaculate. He still found time for turkey and deer hunting. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.



Spring Meeting Notes 3.20.2010 By Jim Haupt

The latest from the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club:

WHPA Chaplain **Ken Heinritz** led a prayer to get the members in step on the right foot.

President **Tom Steinke** appointed **Sonia Cook** to substitute for **John Secord** and read the former minutes and then the Secretary-Treasurer's report. She reported an existing WHPA bank balance of something in the neighborhood of \$2,900.

The actual Secretary-Treasurer himself is still in Florida. The 1st VP **Jane Smith** is in Arizona. The Executive Board was down to three. Perhaps we should consider postponing the "Spring" meeting until April in coming years. Plenty of other members did show up. Actual count unknown.

Sonia Cook, 4th VP, arose again, this time on her own, to speak of the Junior Scholarship Fund, currently reporting a working balance of \$7,900.

Cook read a nice letter from **Nolan Johnson**, a former Junior winner now attending college. She announced the annual raffle is now beginning to cover the anticipated \$900 spent each year for championship prizes. Donated raffle awards are being solicited. **Bun Carley**, a regular donor, suggested that each club could do the fund a favor and take it upon themselves to offer some kind of award.

Lorraine Sternberg, our 3rd Lady, NHPA VP, began by doing some Sanctioned League business, making Top-Ten awards. On the top of the Top-Ten list was **Aleena Cook**. Other Wisconsin winners were: **John Olson**, **Trent Brantland**, and **Randy Rein**. Sternberg

went on to ask clubs to please use the NHPA Junior Scholarship program.

Only 11 requests were received from the entire NHPA membership this past year. She went on to once more plug her annual Sanctioned League tournament this fall in Missouri, again.

Dick Hansen, is always good for NHPA news because he has an inside track, being the Secretary-Treasurer of the national organization. He's got some new rule books available. Also, two World tournament bidders have been made public: Knoxville, Tennessee (again) and York, Pennsylvania (one more time). He expects the World Convention to work over the World Tournament format. He forewarns that there will be some WT computer scorekeeping this year, covering all eight courts at once and subsequently reporting results to the master computer, compiling all 40 or 48 courts, or whatever.

Steinke said we wouldn't be hearing from Regional Director **Ed Wheeler** today as he had gone surgery earlier in the week. Incidentally, we signed a card to greet **Marv Bennett** recuperating after a back procedure.

Acting Hall of Fame Director **Jeff Secord** announced the committee's selection for 2010, **Bud Renley**. He was the Beloit Club's first president, promoting and actively constructing the beginnings of the club's courts. His vision has led this club to be one of the few in this entire country to own their own facilities. He died in 1991. If he only knew...

The 2009 Men's State Champion **Ken Heinritz** received his new WHPA jacket, black with neat lettering, from Ms. Cook, who will order the same for anyone, less the champ

words, of course.

New Business:

Refer to page 5 of the Newsletter, Vol 22 1.6, entitled, "2010 Bylaw Changes" by Secretary-Treasurer **John Secord**.

Mark the first change as "failed." It dealt with voting eligibility. The new rule would have required voters' membership in both prior and current years. Current members decide to leave it as it is, designating previous year membership only required of voting members.

The rest of the full page of possible changes all passed the required two-thirds majority. See your past Newsletter for details.

A maverick proposal was set forth by **Jim Haupt**. He suggested dumping the three-tournament requirement for State entry in favor of two. Big mistake, although it did develop into quite a lively discussion period. Haupt, when later interviewed, looked drawn but said that he felt like a road warrior waiting behind a little old lady, waiting and waiting forever to make a left turn. Finally, Haupt threw in the towel, turned into the right lane, and retracted the whole de-motion.

Another protracted discussion ensued over the traditional move-up method employed during the State tournament championship class. **Jeff Secord** and **Glenn Bogenschneider** went back and forth. **Ken Jaeger** chimed in, **Bun Carley** was heard from, and **Jeff Mauthe** also had a say.

It really was a no-decision donnybrook, as the members can make their thought known, but the Executive Board will make the final

(continued on p. 14)

2010 Team World Report 5.14.2010-5.16.2010 By Jim Haupt

Tennessee wins Team World! They did it before in 2004, and came back with a revamped team to do it this year. **Joan Elmore** led the way, tying her wagon to the twins, **Mar Ray** and **Max Griffith**, anchored by **Jim Cooper**. Of course, they did it all under the direction of team manager, **Paula Hunsicker**.

Team World had 20 teams this year, all placed in a round robin. The top game winners are then seeded into a ladder play-off format wherein if game wins tie the match, total points prevail.

The Tennessee team won by defeating upstart Minnesota 3-1 in the final match. Of note, Griffith scored 34 Of 40 ringers, 85%, in her game of that send-off match.

The second place Minnesota team of **Dale Lipovsky, Bob Knudtson, Gerald Stangland,** and **Edi Holland** earned their way to the final match, working up the ladder finals from the fifth rung by first spoiling Colorado's hopes with a 3-1 game win. The next Gopher win took Missouri out in a 2-2 tie, but with 13 points in excess of the those Missouri Mules.

That match put Missouri in third. The team of **Rose Diekamp, Sam Carter, Ron Hassler,** and **Mick Gillette** was the number 2 Missouri team. It's unusual that a second team makes the finals. They had already stopped Indiana's clock with a 2-2 tie match, finally decided by a meager four additional team points.

That put the Indiana team of **Sue Snyder, Herschel Walters, Mark Seibold,** and **Rick Snyder** into a consolation match with Colorado. It was again close, 2-2, with only five more points going to Colorado, shoving Indiana into fifth.

The veteran team of **Sheila Shepard, Rich Pintor, Carl Carlton,** and **Paul LaCrosse** were left stranded in fourth. It must have been a bitter disappointment for the defending champions, Colorado. They won this tournament five times in the past seven years. This year, they came so close in the prelims, only one half-game behind leading Tennessee.

Anything can happen in the Team World finals, and usually does. Of the teams in the finals, three (Tennessee, Colorado, and Indiana) employed the new rule allowing three 30-foot pitchers per team.

A glance at the overall statistics shows **Sue Snyder** winning all tournament games and pitching the high percentage of 84.29%, followed by reigning World Champion **Joan Elmore**, also winning all games with 80.50%. **Herschel Walters**, Elders World Champion, attained 79.76%.

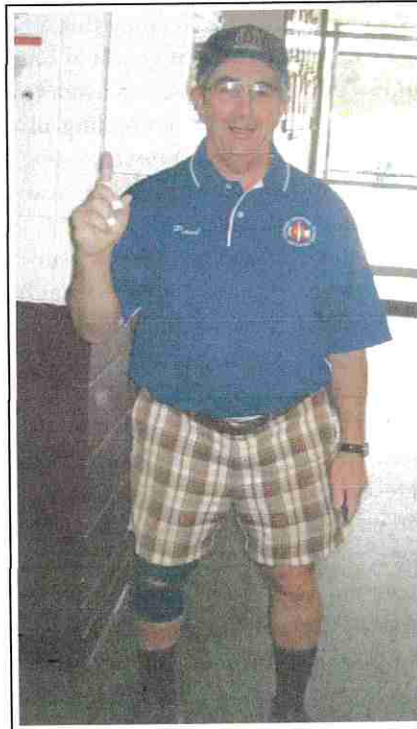
The top 40-foot pitcher, ranking eighth overall, is **Gary Urish** of the Illinois 1 team with 69.86%. **Gerald Stangland** ranked 12th with 66.25%. **Dale Lipovsky** racked up 65.23%, and **Paul LaCrosse** had a 64.40% tournament.

Eighty-nine pitchers made up the field for Team World, but there also were some who came merely to meet old friends or watch the ringers fly by. **Chuck Blakely** made the scene, as did **Larry Farris** of the Whiting, Indiana club. **Harvey Wobbe** of Six-Pac fame, came to watch his Missouri pitchers, as he again sponsored the scorekeeping expenses incurred during the finals. Hopefully, some of **Ernie Bodell's** photography will make these pages. **Tom Reid** was up watching his son, **Dennis**.

It's 10 a.m. and a cry goes up from Ken's bar as the tap begins to flow. Beloit, the city of, has now restricted beer sales to later, when the sun is over the yardarm.

We, and others, wonder about those awful plaid shorts worn on Sundays by **Paul Lacrosse**. What's the attraction? Could they be fur-lined? LaCrosse says he wore the shorts first while winning a "Valley of the Sun" tournament way back when. He also divulged that once he completes Team World, he's going to step up to thirty feet.

The Beloit Club, "Home of the Team World," cordially invites all to Team World 2011. *U*



2010 Team World Results 5.14.2010-5.16.2010 By Jeff Secord**Team Standings**

Team	Wins	%
1 Tennessee	69.5	71.1
2 Minnesota # 1	59	63.8
3 Missouri # 2	60	61.9
4 Colorado	69	72.4
5 Indiana	58.5	66.9
6 Illinois # 1	51	59.7
7 Wisconsin # 1	49	56.8
8 Illinois # 2	45.5	53.1
9 Iowa	42	56.8
10 Michigan	40.5	51.6
11 Illinois # 3	38	50.2
12 Minnesota # 3	33.5	52.8
13 Missouri # 1	29.5	50.9
14 Minnesota # 2	26	44.7
15 Missouri # 3	23	43.9
16 Wisconsin # 4	22	44.1
17 Illinois # 4	18.5	39.2
18 Wisconsin # 2	17.5	42.2
19 Wisconsin # 3	15.5	36.0
20 Missouri # 4	12.5	34.8

Finals

Missouri # 2 over Indiana

(97-93, 2 games each, tie)

Minnesota # 1 over Colorado

(3 games to 1)

Colorado over Indiana

(113-88, 2 games each, tie)

Minnesota #1 over Missouri #2

(95-82, 2 games each, tie)

Tennessee over Minnesota #1

(3 games to 1)

- Maxine Griffith threw 34 ringers out of 40 shoes in the final match

Individual Standings (All Pitchers)

84.3	21	Sue Snyder-IN	50.9	3	J. Kreienkamp-MO#3
80.5	20	Joan Elmore-TN	50.4	5	Bob Crabtree-MO#1
79.8	19	Herschel Walters-IN	49.5	8	Dave Hughes-MN#2
78.5	19	Sheila Shepard-CO	49.3	9	Sheryll Card-MI
74.5	16	Rich Pintor-CO	49.3	7.5	Glenn Wicklund-IL#4
72.6	18	Marlene Ray-TN	48.9	3	Robert Card-IA
72.0	17	Carl Carlton-CO	48.7	12	Ken Tate-IL#2
69.9	16	Gary Urish-IL#1	48.7	10	Bill Koons-IL#3
69.7	17	Maxine Griffith-TN	48.3	2	Bruce McLinn-WI#1
67.4	16	Rose Diekamp-MO#2	48.3	2	Jeff Gustafson-WI#4
67.2	17.5	Bob Knudtson-MN#1	48.2	6	John Koepp III-WI#4
66.3	14.5	G. Stangland-MN#1	46.7	5	Bert Logsdon-MN#2
65.2	14.5	Dale Lipovsky-MN#1	46.5	6	Jerry LaBrosse-MN#3
64.7	16	Penny Steinke-WI#1	46.2	7	Lloyd Johnson-WI#4
64.4	17	Paul LaCrosse-CO	45.9	4.5	John Molling-WI#2
62.6	15	Ron Hassler-MO#2	45.9	6	Milt Larsen-WI#4
62.5	15	Dennis Reid-IL#1	45.8	5	Dalton Simmons-IL#4
62.4	13	Joe Smith-IA	44.6	5	Ken Pogue-MO#1
62.0	14	Larry Purcell-IA	44.3	3	Tony Scrima-WI#1
61.8	14	Terry Beagle-MI	44.1	8	Roger Ehlers-IL#3
61.6	14.5	Jim Cooper-TN	43.7	7	Dale Hustad-MN#2
60.4	11	Bob Vandivier-IL#2	43.7	7	Andrew Foulds-MO#3
60.0	7.5	Rick McEntire-MO#1	43.6	1	G. Huntington-IL#1
59.7	12	Charlie Webb-IL#1	43.2	3	Tim Henderson-MO#1
58.8	13	Sam Carter-MO#2	42.5	5	Paul Howard-MI
58.7	14	Jim Larson-WI#1	41.3	8.5	Ray Groskinsky-WI#3
58.6	16	Mick Gillette-MO#2	40.4	3	John Meyer-WI#3
57.6	11	Mark Smith-MN#3	40.2	6.5	R. Diekamp-MO#4
57.5	14	Ken Heinritz-WI#1	39.8	2	D. Schneider-MO#4
56.7	12.5	Edi Holland-MN#1	39.2	1	Tim Ryan-IL#4
55.8	9.5	Alan Larson-MN#3	39.0	6	Dick Dvorak-MN#2
55.0	12.5	Larry Kemp-MI	36.5	1	Jim Howard-MO#3
54.3	11	Jesse Garza-IL#3	36.3	2	Ivan Ruzic-WI#2
53.7	10	Rich Andrysiak-IL#3	36.2	1	Mel Bruemmer-MO#3
53.0	11	Don Claas-MO#3	35.6	2.5	Pam Gettinger-MO#4
52.9	8	Norm Gage-WI#2	35.3	3	Rowen Swick-WI#3
52.5	7	Larry Knop-IL#1	33.7	3	Kerry Morris-WI#2
52.4	12	Mike Knop-IL#2	31.6	3	Larry Fettes Sr.-IL#4
52.3	10	Rick Snyder-IN	31.3	1	Don Goldsmith-WI#4
52.1	5	Vern Kollasch-IA	30.6	2	Linda Hycnar-IL#4
52.0	7	Bob Hardy-IA	30.3	1	Mary Beeson-MO#4
51.4	8.5	Mark Seibold-IN	27.2	1	Ken Jaeger-WI#3
51.4	9	Ed Pashia-MO#1	24.3	0.5	D. Gettinger-MO#4
51.2	7	Marlys Timm-MN#3	21.3	0	Robert Beagle-MI U
51.1	10.5	Austin Bailey-IL#2			



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2010 State Walking Doubles Report 4.25.2010 By Jim Haupt

State Champion **Ken Heinritz** added another laurel to his wreath by choosing **Jeff Gustafson** as his doubles partner. The duo pitched well, losing their last game, but the 4-1 record was tops.

Hey Wisconsin, doubles is not your game. Sure it's fun, it has to be! Catch those results. Even some class winners were pitching a ton of clinkers. Even "A" lived up to regulations, no one over 60%.

The Heinritz's had a field day, starting with Ken in the championship class. On to class E winners, **Russ Heinritz** (32%) had all he could do to equal his nephew, **Tim Lazaris** (31.33%). **Randy Heinritz** (22.67%) had the good fortune to pitch with his daughter, **Bethany Heinritz** (40%) and win class F. Evidentially, those juniors haven't heard, as yet, about the doubles hex.

Another family team, the **Hansen's, Dick and Dave**, put it together for 5-1 in class D.

Other classes best go unmentioned, although a few individuals like **Bill Matey** (48.67) and **Dave Wietrzak** (42.67) lived up to potential.

The Sunday morning Chapel Service by **Ken Heinritz** was a winner with a full house of State Doubles pitchers looking for supernatural support.

Heinritz found another guitar-man in **John Drexler**, who led the congregation in exercising their vocal chords. Don't ever miss the Chapel Service. It's a great way to start the day (and, as usual, there was no collection).

Overall, the walking doubles format has finally become ingrained in the habits and minds of WHPA pitchers. Marking score is still another hump we have to accomplish. We could suggest better score sheets.

Yes, we have the walking thing down pat, but it's the doubles hex we still have trouble with. *U*

2010 State Walking Doubles Results 4.25.2010 By Jimmy Paulson

Championship Class

1. Ken Heinritz	4-1	59.33
Jeff Gustafson		52.00
2. Randy Rein	3-2	58.00
Norm Gage		46.67
3. Penny Steinke	3-2	58.00
Dan Bloom		44.00
4. Jim Larson	3-2	45.33
John Koepp III		48.67
5. Pam Aiken	2-3	56.00
Tony Scrima		40.67
6. John Molling	0-5	36.00
Ivan Ruzic		28.00

Class A

1. Edie McKinney	5-0	35.33
Dave Ninnemann		37.33
2. Dave Schorbahn	4-1	34.67
John Dolezel		40.67
3. Ray Groskinsky	3-2	38.00
Kerry Morris		26.67
4. Gene Mason	2-3	30.00
Wally Thorson		30.67
5. Norm Beckius	1-4	24.67
Joel Ramsdell		29.33
6. Shari Davison	0-5	22.67
Beau Davison		23.33

Class B

1. Norb Fuhrman	5-1	33.33
Cal Pitel		41.11
2. Elaine Troullier	5-2	43.33
Cliff Troullier		25.24
3. Cliff Erickson	4-2	33.33
Harold Zdroik		27.22
4. Lloyd Johnson	2-3	40.00
Dennis Hartman		23.33
5. Steve Wiegert	1-4	28.67
Steve Mielke		13.33
6. Lorraine Sternberg	0-5	16.00
Terry Sternberg		16.67

Class C

1. Bill Matey	5-0	48.67
LeRoy Meyer		21.33
2. Tom Endler	3-2	38.00
Jan Fisher		36.67
3. Rowen Swick	2.5-2.5	39.33
Carl Schliem		16.00
4. Kiri Cook	2-3	42.00
Sonia Cook		20.00
5. Bruce McLinn	2-3	39.33
Russ Burns		16.67
6. Ken Jaeger Sr	0.5-4.5	24.67
Art Collien		18.67



Class A Champs
Dave Ninnemann and Edie McKinney



Class B Champs
Norb Fuhrman and Cal Pitel



Class C Champs
Bill Matey and Moose Meyer

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2010 Team World— Wisconsin Participants



WI #1: Tony Scrima, Jim Larson, Penny Steinke, and Ken Heinritz



WI #3: Ray Groskinsky, Rowen Swick, John Meyer, and Ken Jaeger Sr.



WI #2: Ivan Ruzic, John Molling, Kerry Morris, and Norm Gage



WI #4: Milt Larsen, John Koepp, Don Goldsmith, and Lloyd Johnson

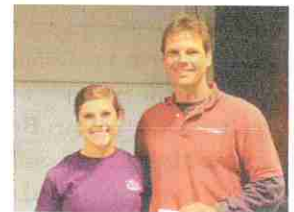
State Doubles Champs (cont.)



Class D Champs
Dave Hansen and Dick Hansen



Class E Champs
Russ Heinritz and Tim Lazaris



Class F Champs
Bethany Heinritz and Randy Heinritz



Class G Champs
Allen Johnson and Dick Poff



Tiffany Syring & son

2010 Walking Doubles Results (continued from p.10)

Class D

1. David Hansen	5-1	37.22
Dick Hansen		32.22
2. Jane Hartman	4-2	31.67
Dale Shamberg		23.33
3. Ray Lopez	3-2	24.00
George Moraza		24.00
4. Dick Hanold	2-3	12.67
Jerry Gossen		31.33
5. Karen Henkel	2-3	12.00
Debby Schell-Kotnik		28.00
6. Edward Hack	0-5	17.33
John Olson		12.00

Class E

1. Russ Heinritz	4-1	32.00
Tim Lazaris		31.33
2. Dave Wietrzak	3-2	42.67
Terry Schaeetzka		22.00
3. Kurt Jochimsen	3-2	30.00
John Drexler		25.33
4. Greg Hehling	3-2	26.67
Jayne Fehr		20.67
5. Scott Linhart	2-3	18.67
Leo Linhart		28.00
6. Earl Paulson	0-5	7.33
Ron Yttri		9.33

Class F

1. Randy Heinritz	5-0	22.67
Bethany Heinritz		40.00
2. Mike Zahn	4-1	22.00
John Secord		24.00
3. Mike Lange	2.5-2.5	17.33
Eugene Stevens		18.67
4. Randy Mitchell	2-3	25.33
Eddie Wisniewski		19.33
5. Lisa White	1-4	18.00
Randy White		14.00
6. Galen Kozel	0.5-4.5	24.67
Tom Steinke		12.67

Class G

1. Allen Johnson	5-0	20.00
Dick Poff		16.67
2. Scott Muhlenbeck	4-1	8.67
Corey Muhlenbeck		19.33
3. Willis David	3-2	20.00
Dan David		12.00
4. Tom Bird	2-3	15.33
Rondi Mengelt		11.33
5. Jim Haupt	1-4	14.00
Jerry Kochman		8.00
6. Greg Bergles	0-5	12.67
David Palmersheim		10.00

2010 Club Team Report 4.24.2010 By Jim Haupt

They are **new champions**, but not strangers to the top spot, the **Close Doesn't Count** team from Polk County. The pivotal match was the third game when they shut out the number one Beloit team, the defending champions, four-zip.

Tiffany Syring, Norm Gage, Edie McKinney, and Dave Ninnemann won \$180, t-shirts, and the Club Team traveling trophy for another year. They won 14 and lost 6 in a team effort, pitching just over 50%. Mosinee was close behind, led by **Randy Rein**, who was the only "A" pitcher to win all games.

The best of Kenosha, **Lloyd Johnson, Jane Hartman, Jan Fisher, and Dave Wietrzak**, stepped up to take Class B. Winning 14.5 games did it for them. Lloyd Johnson tied one game, winning the other four. **Don Illgen**, the ace of Deansville 1, pitched clean, 5 games, 5 wins.

Class C was a barnburner; everybody wanted the trophy. However, the Kewaskum team edged Burlington by half a game. Green Bay was nosed out of second by half a game. The Mosinee 2 team was next by just one game. Same margin for Deansville 2. Close Doesn't Count 2 notched the number 6 position, just one and one half games back. **Glenn Bogenschneider and Mike Struebing** led Kewaskum teammates **Terry Sternberg and Dan Schulz**. All shared in the shirts and trophy.

Four guys wearing matching embroidered camo shirts came down from Adams County to sweep Class D.

Ray Groskinsky, Jerry Schroeder, Tom Dudenhoefer, and Terry Schaetzka won the class by the greatest margin of all class winners of the day, six games over second place, Kenosha 3. Kewaskum captain Groskinsky won all six games, as did **Wayne Wisnefski** of Kenosha. Third place Kenosha 2 and the fourth place team of the Delton Sportsman's Club both turned in over-average team percentages.

The seventh Beloit team, led by an all-game winner, **Russ Burns**, hung together to take Class E. With mates **Tom Bird, Ron Fritz, and Al Johnson**, the team outdistanced second place Deansville 3 by five games.

Eight teams from Beloit? Yes, face it. The greatest number of high-average pitchers of Wisconsin call Telfer Park their home away from.

The teams coming to the tournament sometimes have to be adjusted for no-shows. Team leaders showed adaptability in recruiting new pitchers while maintaining class percentage limits. One team bumped another and had to be moved up a class.

In forming teams in the future, remember these hard and fast limits. For classes other than A, we allow a pitcher of "nearby" origin to play along with your club. We don't encourage it but put up with it. For Class A all pitchers shall be from one respective club, no exceptions.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and to those who thought they could. See you next year. *U*



Class B Champions
Kenosha #1:
 Jan Fisher
 Jane Hartman
 Lloyd Johnson
 Dave Wietrzak



Class D Champions
Adams:
 Tom Dudenhoefer
 Ray Groskinsky
 Terry Schaetzka
 Jerry Schroeder



Class C Champions
Kewaskum:
 Mike Struebing
 Dan Schulz
 Glenn Bogenschneider
 Terry Sternberg



Class E Champions
Beloit #7:
 Tom Bird
 Ron Fritz
 Russ Burns
 Allen Johnson

Club Team Results 4.24.2010 By Jimmy Paulson**Class A****Close Doesn't Count**

Team: 50.5%, Wins: 14
 D. Ninnemann 47.0 3
 Edie McKinney 41.5 3
 Norm Gage 54.5 4
 Tiffany Syring 59.0 4

Mosinee #1

Team: 48.0%, Wins: 12
 Bob Gregorich 42.5 2
 Ivan Ruzic 32.5 2
 John Molling 49.0 3
 Randy Rein 68.0 5

Beloit #1

Team: 45.8%, Wins: 11
 G. Wicklund 44.0 2
 Jeff Gustafson 46.5 4
 Jesse Garza 50.5 3
 Roger Ehlers 42.0 2

Combined Locks #1

Team: 42.1%, Wins: 10.5
 Bill Matey 42.0 4
 Cal Pitel 45.0 2.5
 Gene Mason 36.5 0
 Norb Fuhrman 45.0 4

Beloit #2

Team: 42.4%, Wins: 10
 Bruce McLinn 49.0 3
 Dan Bloom 53.0 3
 Dutch Ritwegger 24.0 1
 Linda Hycar 43.5 3

Beloit #3

Team: 37.8%, Wins: 3.5
 Jim Tollefson 29.5 0
 Rowen Swick 35.0 1
 Tom Endler 45.0 1.5
 Walt Houck 41.5 1

Class B**Kenosha #1**

Team: 43.3%, Wins: 14.5
 Lloyd Johnson 52.0 4.5
 Jane Hartman 44.0 4
 Jan Fisher 42.5 4
 Dave Wietrzak 34.5 2

Combined Locks #2

Team: 36.3%, Wins: 11.5
 Wally Thorson 41.5 4
 Leroy Meyer 38.5 4
 Elaine Troullier 38.0 3.5
 Cliff Troullier 27.0 0

Sportman #1

Team: 35.3%, Wins: 9
 Rich Peterson 40.0 3
 Mike Cone 39.5 2
 Gary Volz 34.5 3
 Dave Volz 27.0 1

Up North

Team: 33.13%, Wins: 9
 Harry Zdroik 39.0 4
 Ken Jaeger 38.5 2
 Cliff Erickson 32.0 2
 Art Collien 23.0 1

Beloit #4

Team: 32.8%, Wins: 8
 Don Goldsmith 37.1 3
 Dan Lessman 40.0 4
 Mike Rousseau 28.0 1
 Mouse Beckius 26.0 0

Deansville #1

Team: 33.4%, Wins: 8
 Don Illgan 42.5 5
 Kerry Morris 36.5 1
 Bun Carley 29.0 1
 Al Huizenga 25.5 1

Class C**Kewaskum**

Team: 32.0%, Wins: 14.5
 Mike Struebing 41.3 5
 G. Bogenschnei. 42.9 5
 T. Sternberg 23.3 3
 Dan Schulz 20.4 1.5

Burlington

Team: 29.7%, Wins: 14
 Mitch Vhanek 38.8 5
 Scott Linhart 22.5 2
 Steve Deegan 35.4 5
 Mike Lange 22.1 2

Green Bay

Team: 27.9%, Wins: 13.5
 Jerry Gossen 32.1 4.5
 Dick Hanold 23.3 3
 Steve Mielke 22.1 2
 Steve Wiegert 34.2 4

Mosinee #2

Team: 28.0%, Wins: 12.5
 Randy Mitchell 30.0 2.5
 John Olson 22.5 3
 Ed Hack 24.6 3
 Greg Hehling 35.0 4

Deansville #2

Team: 28.8%, Wins: 11.5
 Ed Mell 22.5 1.5
 John Gregorich 40.8 6
 Julian Tijerina 28.3 4
 Leo Richter 23.3 0

Close Doesn't Count 2

Team: 27.1%, Wins: 10
 Beau Davison 32.1 2
 E. Wisneiwski 14.6 1
 Shari Davison 34.2 4
 Chris Gage 27.5 3

Beloit #5

Team: 25.1%, Wins: 8
 Kevin Brekke 20.8 2
 Brian Connell 29.6 2
 Bradley Conrad 25.4 3
 Joel Ramsdell 24.6 1

Class D**Adams**

Team: 30.5, Wins: 19
 Ray Groskinsky 41.3 6
 Jerry Schroeder 33.3 4.5
 T. Dudenhoefer 21.7 4
 Terry Schaeetzka 25.8 4

Kenosha #3

Team: 30.3%, Wins: 15
 Jack Statema 24.6 3
 Bob Johnson 28.8 3
 Dale Schamberg 26.3 2.5
 W. Wisnefski 41.7 6

Kenosha #2

Team: 31.1%, Wins: 13
 Ray Lopez 25.4 1
 Denny Hartman 24.2 4
 George Moraza 34.2 4
 Harry Nelson 40.8 4

Sportman #2

Team: 31.0%, Wins: 13
 Jarrod Bisch 35.0 5
 Dennis Capener 27.1 1
 M. Littlegeorge 32.1 4
 Rick Weller 30.0 3

Heinritz Clan

Team: 25.6%, Wins: 11
 Randy Heinritz 23.8 2
 Tim Lazarus 33.3 5
 C. Heinritz 11.3 0
 Russ Heinritz 34.2 4

Waukesha

Team: 28.1%, Wins: 8
 Tony Scrima 43.8 4
 Galen Kozel 30.8 1
 Rich Conrad 21.3 2
 Tom Steinke 16.7 1

Beloit #6

Team: 20.3%, Wins: 7
 Don Goers 24.2 2
 Ken Hopp 9.6 1
 Rick Borgwardt 25.0 3
 Jim Huckabee 22.5 1

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Upcoming Events—August & September 2010 By Ed Wheeler

Aug 6-8	36th Annual Eagle Open (unsanctioned)	\$20	7/23	Greg & Sue Scheff	262-594-3303
Aug 14-15	Mosinee Log Jam (28-10-029)	\$18	8/1	Jim Jakel	715-359-8352
Aug 17	City-County Tournament (28-10-030)	\$5	8/12	Laurie Dolezel	715-835-0281
Aug 21	Marv's Doubles (28-10-028)	\$21/ team	8/8	Marv Bennett	608-565-2325
Aug 21	Green Bay Open (28-10-031)	\$18	8/2	Steve Wiegert	920-435-6310
Aug 21-22	2010 Tune-Up Tourney @ Beloit (28-10-032)	\$18	8/11	Earl Paulson	608/879-2304
Aug 28	Merril # 2 (28-10-043)	\$15	8/14	Darryl Hinz	715-536-9470
Aug 28	Platteville Open (28-10-039)	\$16	8/14	Mark/Norm Mauthe	608-348-9697
Sept 4-6	WI. State Tournament @ Beloit (28-10-033, 034)	\$25	7/31	John Secord	920-922-0080
Sept 11-12	Wet N Wild @ Balsam Lake (28-10-035)	\$10	8/28	Jane Smith	715-485-3057
Sept 11-12	VFW Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$25/ team	9/2	Moose Meyer	920-788-1379
Sept 12	Beloit Doubles (unsanctioned)	\$24/ team	9/2	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304

Spring Meeting (continued from p. 7)

decision. The jury is out. As an aside to "some in support of percentage only move-ups," Bun, Glenn, stop holding your breath.

Ken Heinritz is experiencing a quandary. Responsible for a ton of Junior pitchers, mostly relatives, he wishes tournament directors could get together on charging or not charging Juniors an entry fee. He also expressed a wish for some incentive for winning. An award for all the Juniors competing is not a sought-after prize and the kids know it. Medallions are great, but if everybody gets one, not so great.

Revised WHPA brochures are ready, get some to pass out to likely members. We sure need them.

Meeting adjourned, 2:30 p.m. *U*

Club Team Results (continued from p. 13)

Class E

Beloit #7

Team: 22.3%, Wins: 15.5

Tom Bird 16.5 3
Russ Burns 29.5 5
Ron Fritz 9.5 3.5
Allen Johnson 33.5 4

Mosinee #3

Team: 19.3%, Wins: 9

E. Wisniewski 8.0 0.5
Jayne Fehr 26.5 3.5
John Drexler 28.5 3
L. Wisniewski 14.0 2

Deansville #3

Team: 17.1%, Wins: 10.5

Randy White 9.0 3
M. Plaisance 28.5 1
Lisa White 13.0 3.1
G. Satterstrom 18.0 3.5

Kenosha #4

Team: 16.4%, Wins: 7.5

Don Peroutka 6.5 0.5
Ted Caron 14.5 1
D. Palmersch 11.0 1.5
Kurt Wisniewski 33.5 4.5

Beloit #8

Team: 16.3%, Wins: 10.5

Ken Posmer 17.0 1.5
Dick Poff 11.0 2
Rondi Mengelt 20.0 5
Luke Champion 17.0 2

Marshfield

Team: 12.0%, Wins: 7

Willis David 22.0 4
Sylvia David 7.5 1
Dan David 8.5 0
Beth Strohman 10.0 2 *U*

Bob Wilke 101 By Jim Haupt

The oldest living horseshoe pitcher in Wisconsin, maybe in the U. S. of A., is **Bob Wilke**, 101 years young. Sure, he doesn't hear so well, can't hear worth a darn, doesn't walk to good anymore, but he remembers like an elephant and talks even more. He started with, "I'm going to tell you a horseshoe story," and then went on and on and on.

Born in 1909, Bob pitched his first shoe in 1914 because it was his dad's favorite pastime. It was their diversion at the end of every day.

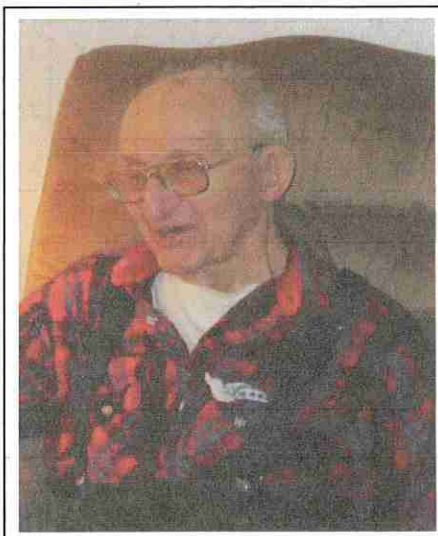
Meeting other contenders, Dad's words to them were, "Come on, the boy and I will take you on." Many a double was then pitched with the very shoes the horses wore.

Bob told of **Harvey Elmer**'s discovery at an Ohio Tournament. He found a man there who was selling shoes that were meant for pitching! The Wilke's had to have some and bought a pair or two from the local hardware store: Allen's! Yes, Allen's at the hardware store. Bob's dad was a blacksmith by necessity, but eagerly purchased ready-made pitching shoes. You can see the Bob Wilke horseshoe display, as only he could make it, at the Beloit clubhouse, Red's Pitching Palace. It's a step by step progression in Wilke's pitching history.

In 1932, when he was just 23 years old, he entered the State tournament at the old Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. Friday evening and all day Saturday, prospective entrants plunked down 50 cents to toss 200 shoes in qualification. About 50 men tried. Ringer and points were counted. Wilke scored a 203 good for seed number 15. Some guy from Racine was 16th and the last

qualifier.

Sunday at 9 am, they began a 16-man round robin of 50 point games that would last the entire day. Wilke's only win was against some guy from Racine, 15th place first time out. **Harold Scheets** won that year and Wilke says he won only because Elmer, who was there as a spectator, had moved out of state and no longer qualified. That's also how he met and got to know **Art Klement** and his sons. Klement's only inter-



est in the sport was as a director, namely of the State tournament. At that time, it is possible that the fair administrators kicked in \$40 or \$50 to the championship purse.

Opportunity came to Oshkosh in the form of **Danny Kuchinski**, the model for the NHPA logo. He was on the tail end of a tour taking him to Japan. Kuchinski was a World Champion in 1967, 1969, and 1970. Wilke was 65 years old (must have been 1974) when Kuchinski challenged any comers in Oshkosh. **Norb Gossens** of Green Bay was the first to go down. The outcome changed with Wilke. They played 20 shoes. Ku-

chinski was ahead by a ringer, with four shoes left. Wilke doubled both down and back while Kuchinski could match only one each way. Wilke beat the ex-World Champ 18 ringers to 17 in the 20 shoe game (90%). Best of all, he did it on Kuchinski's own portable courts in Oshkosh.

Tune in next time to read further ramblings of Bob Wilke as recorded during a 101st birthday visit By **Tom Steinke** and **Jim Haupt**. U

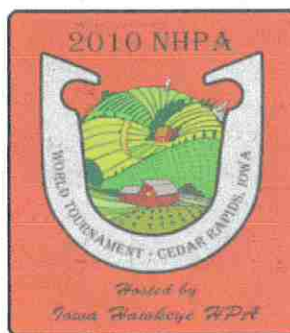


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Clash With Kerry Results 3.13.2010 By Rudy Van Fleet

This year's Clash was made up of the best and the not-so-best of horseshoe pitching. We saw 35 ringers out of 40 shoes, and then we witnessed 3 ringers out of 240. The highlight was made by **Don Illgen**, who won Class B with 53%, pitching an 87.5% game. At one point, he had 16 ringers in a row. Don drew a lot of attention during his classes. The not so best was a high profile individual who will go unnamed. He was in a slump.

The winners:

Class A

Ken Heinritz	7-0	61.4
Milt Larsen	6-1	53.9
Jeff Gustafason	5-2	47.8

Class B

Don Illgen	6-1	53.2
John Garvan	6-1	37.1
G. Bogenschneider	5-2	37.5

Class C

Rick Weller	6-1	30.0
Greg Hehling	6-1	25.7
Russ Heinritz	4-3	32.1

Class D

Gary Schmitz	5-1	32.9
Gary Schroeder	5-1	31.7
Michelle Plaisance	5.5-1.5	42.9

Jim Haupt's Recap:

They saved the best for last: best game, last tournament of the season. **Don Illgen** connected for 35 ringers in a 40 shoe game (don't divide, multiply by the reciprocal, 2.5). It figures to 87.5%, the highest ringer percentage ever in the Deansville horseshoe barn.

Illgen is a little old guy with a 40% average, pitches at 30 feet, amplifies his voice with a small throat microphone, a monotone. 87.5% is a big load of doubles and get this, at 40%, he was not in Class A!

We had a rather new lady in "Z" class pitching her second tournament. It was her last time in that class. Her average was a whopping 42%. Watch for the name, **Michelle Plaisance** when the State tournament rolls around. Her entering average, 15%, is gone forever.

A new **Kubly** has hit the courts. Remember, **Felix Kubly**, the Hall of Famer of Watertown? His nephew, **Bob** pitched his second tournament this day, the last of Deansville.

Pitcher Profile: Don Illgen



Rudy Van Fleet and Don Illgen

Don is 80 years old and has been pitching horseshoes for 35 years. He is a native of Deerfield and is a member of the Deansville Horseshoe Club.

For the past two years, he has been pitching year-round, which has led to a big improvement in his ringer percentage. U



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