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Why Come to the Spring Meeting

Each member will receive 15 points towards the current year player of the year total.

You can sign up with our State Secretary/Treasurer in person for your current year membership if you have not already done so.

Many of the tournament directors are there. You can sign up in advance for their tournaments and talk with them about their tournaments.

You can get the latest information about upcoming tournaments including the World Tournament

State this year is in Fond Du Lac. The tournament director John Meyer will have state shirts available for purchase.

For more reasons, see President Dobie's message on page 4.







Spring WHPA Meeting
April 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM
Delton Sportsman Club
9602 Berry Road, Wisconsin Dells

2025 WHPA Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
Mar 29-30	Birthday Bash	Wonewoc	42	20	Mar 15	Dave Volz
April 5	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72	20	Mar 26	Dan Newkirk
April 19	Whpa Spring Meeting (1 pm)	Wisconsin Dells				
April 26-27	April Showers 	Chetek	16	10	April 20	Les Karpel
May 3	Jim Haupt Memorial Team	Beloit	24	84	April 17	Dave Volz
May 4	Whpa Walking Doubles	Beloit		40	April 17	John Secord
May 10	Beloit Encore	Beloit	72	20	May 1	Dan Newkirk
May 10	Eau Claire Early Bird 	Eau Claire	64	10	May 4	Paul Wiese
May 16,17,18	Team World	Beloit		200	April 10	Jeff Secord
May 17	Butternut Open	Butternut		20	May 10	Jer Wegner
May 24-25	Stevens Point Open	Stevens Point	48	20	May 17	Fred Lane
May 31	Algoma Open	Algoma		20	May 24	Duane Kinjerski
June 1	Eau Claire Open	Eau Claire	64	20	May 25	Paul Wiese
June 7	Wolf River Open	New London	48	20	May 24	Ken Jaeger
June 7-8	Spring Fling 	Beloit	72	20	May 28	Dan Newkirk
June 14	Sylvia & Dan David Memorial	Rozellville		20	June 7	Mel Cook
June 14	Muskego Open	Muskego	28	20	June 7	Tom Steinke
June 21-22	Ken Kosky Memorial	Mosinee	48	20	June 15	Kent Frailing
June 21-22	Ken Lovaas Memorial	Beloit	72	20	June 12	Dan Newkirk
June 28	Whiskey Ranch Open	Delevan	40	20	June 21	Gena Quaid
June 28-29	Eagle River Open	Eagle River	32	20	June 21	Cliff Erickson
July 4	The Patriot 	Beloit	48	20	June 25	Dan Newkirk
July 5	Riverfront Rendezvous Singles	Stevens Point	24	20	June 28	Fred Lane
July 6	Platteville Open	Platteville	36	16	June 29	Mark Mauthe
July 12	Arkdale Open	Arkdale	32	20	July 5	Ray Groskinsky
July 19	Open*					
July 21-Aug 2	World Tournament	Salt Lake, Utah			May 19	
July 26	Kickapoo Valley Open	Gays Mills	32	20	July 19	Russ Brockway
July 26	Pioneer Days 	Butternut	28	20	July 19	Jer Wegner
July 31	Whpa Singles Entry Deadline					
Aug 2	Open*					
Aug 9	Rozellville Lions Tourney	Rozellville		20	Aug 2	Mike Berdan
Aug 9	Whiskey Ranch Classic	Delevan	40	20	Aug 2	Gena Quaid
Aug 12	Dave and John Memorial (Doubles)	Eau Claire		22	Aug 5	Paul Wiese
Aug 16	FDL Team	Fond du Lac	10	54	Aug 1	Jeff Secord
Aug 23-24	Pitch Out Cancer 	Mosinee		20	Aug 16	Kent Frailing
Aug 23-24	Warm Up	Beloit	72	20	Aug 13	Dan Newkirk

***Note:** One change to the 2025 state schedule: the Fond du Lac tournament that was scheduled for July 19 has been cancelled because it is the same time as the County Fair. The fair board told John Meyer that they wouldn't allow him to have it then. So, Jul 19th has been changed to an open date. August 2 has been added as an open date. These changes have been updated online at whpahorseshoes.com

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
Aug 30-31	WHPA State Singles	Fond du Lac			July 31	John Secord
Sept 6	Wet N Wild	Centuria		20	Aug 30	Toni Sloper
Sept 13	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	20	Sept 4	Dan Newkirk
Sept 14	Don Goldsmith Doubles	Beloit		22	Sept 4	Dan Newkirk
Sept 20	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale		22	Sept 13	Jill Peterson
Oct 4-5	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	20	Sept 27	Dobie Gutweiler
Oct 11-12	October Fall Singles 	Beloit	72	20	Oct 1	Dan Newkirk
Oct 18	Whpa Fall Meeting (1 pm) 	Wisconsin Dells				
Oct 25-26	Summit Ridge Spooktacular	Wonewoc	42	20	Oct 11	Dave Volz
Nov 1-2	Deansville Doubles	Deansville	16	22	Oct 25	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 8-9	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Oct 29	Dan Newkirk
Nov 29-30	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 22	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 6-7	Snowflake 	Beloit	72	20	Nov 26	Dan Newkirk
Dec 13-14	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament 	Wonewoc	30	20	Nov 29	Dave Volz

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WHPA President — Dobie Gutweiler



It's time for our annual reminders as we get busy preparing for Spring

First....**The Spring State Meeting is Saturday April 19, 2025 starting at 1pm.** Before you ask, yes we know that this is Easter weekend and unfortunately this just happens to us every few years. This meeting will have the announcement of who is entering our Hall of Fame for 2025. Always exciting to hear Jeff Secord announce that. It is also going to have information regarding Jim Haupt Memorial (Club Team), State Walking Doubles, the Beloit Encore, and Team World. We will also cover the World Tournament in Sandy, Utah, and there will be information on the Pitch Out Cancer tournament in August, and of course, 2025 State Tournament in Fond du Lac. The 2026 World Tournament will be in Wausau so there will be a lot of information shared about that as well.

On Sunday, April 20, 2025 the big Telfer Park work day is planned. We need as much help as we can get to prepare for Club Team, Walking Doubles, the Beloit Encore, and of course, Team World. Yes, we know it is Easter Sunday, and we truly do understand if you are unable to assist, but please help if you are able to break free to Beloit. We will be there early Sunday morning and more hands just make less work.

On a personal note, I have had some WHPA members reach out to me lately regarding the fact that we always host our meetings at the Lake Delton Sportsman's Club and that it is difficult for the northern members of our State to make it. A suggestion was proposed that the meeting be moved so that it is not such an inconvenience.

I have an opinion that attending meetings are just as much, maybe even more, about dedication to the meeting than about where the meeting is located. However, proposals to make changes such as these need to be discussed with the whole Board's input. The Lake Delton Sportsman's Club has been generously allowing us to meet there at no cost to use the facility and the Wisconsin Dells area was identified years ago as a location that was rather central when looking at the entire membership's addresses at that time. The dates for the meetings are set in the by-laws, the 3rd Saturday of April and the 3rd Saturday of October each year. I appreciate getting suggestions by anyone that wants to suggest a change and I share most, if not all, with the rest of the officers. It is the best way to keep an open mind and be willing to improve what we do and grow membership in the WHPA.

There is an opportunity to run for Office at every October meeting. This fall the positions open are President (myself) and Second Vice President (Dan Newkirk). I am more than happy to get you the information on how to run for office if you are interested in being more active or want to try a leadership position in the WHPA.

I want to finish this by simply stating that all of us Officers are doing the best we can to assist all members in the State. It is impossible to please every single person, but we try, and it sometimes feels like a very thankless job.

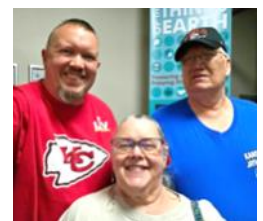
See you at the Spring Meeting and/or on the Courts.
Always, Dobie

“Thank You” from Dobie Gutweiler

THANK YOU! As you all are aware, there have been fund raisers and other silliness done to help Dawn Richardson and Jeff Gustafson get through a very difficult diagnosis and the lifestyle change that had to come with it. Now we are asking for cards, and a “Go Fund Me” account has been started for Nancy and Randy Mitchell following another horrible diagnosis.

We all speak of our fabulous Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitching FAMILY. I know I do. I tell so many people about this organization and the love that we have for each other. I am so proud of how we are stepping up for these family members.

I just wanted to thank all of you who have donated, or shared the “Go Fund Me,” those willing to dress as a dinosaur or banana, those who made meals, those who contributed towards expenses. So, THANK YOU ALL.



L to R: Ivan (son), Nancy, Randy



Dawn & Jeff

Behind the Mask ... With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Do you ever say to yourself 'where has the time gone'? Time really does fly!! I still remember when my wife & daughter made a trip to the Milwaukee Sports Show back around 1994. That's when I first met some of our WHPA Hall-of-Famers: Jim Haupt, Terry Sternberg, Tom Steinke, Tony Scrima & maybe John Secord. If my memory serves me right, the set-up at the Sports Show had a raised horseshoe pitching platform & these guys were pitching on it. This certainly caught my eye because this was one of the things my dad did with me & my 5 older brothers. So, this brought back great childhood memories. Because of that encounter, I became a member of the NHPA & joined the nearby Goldendale Horseshoe Club. Not only did Jim, Terry & Tony play there, but Terry's wife Lorraine & other great pitchers, Don Kangas & Tom Costa played there as well. I remember that like yesterday. And now, with Spring upon us, I'm reminded of Goldendale & that yearly phone call about this time, regarding a work-day to prepare the courts for league play. But now all that is in the past. No more Goldendale Club. It's hard & sad to see the times change. What was once a very strong club, is now completely shut down. Change happens, but oftentimes not the way we want it to. Change can be good or bad. The Bible speaks on what should change & what should stay the same. Notice what will never change.



"I, the Lord, never change," God says in Malachi 3:6. Change means a move in another direction. For God to change would mean that He either becomes better or worse. God is ultimate perfection. He cannot change because He cannot be better than He already is; and He cannot fail or become less than perfect, so He cannot become worse than He is.

I will never forget my friends & the good times we had at the Goldendale courts. That changed. Though many things in this life change, one thing that never changes is His love for you. We can count on that.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

2025 WHPA Membership & Renewal Form

Name: _____ Card # _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth _____

Circle your Division:

Men-\$35 Women-\$35 Elder Women-\$35 (65+)
Elder Men-\$35 (65+) Jr. Boys-free Jr. Girls-free
Cadet Boys-free Cadet Girls-free Med/Exempt-\$35
Provisional - \$10 New Adult Member - \$25 (mail in only)

Send to: WHPA W6868 Brown Rd. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

(Note: If you want a printed membership card you can go to www.eShoe.com to print one.

Regional Directors Report – Dave Volz

The 2025 Whpa tournament schedule has been completed and is posted on the website, in the newsletter and in eShoe. Also on the website, check out the calendar where you can find tournament information and directions to the courts for each event. I will have the 2025 tournament patches available for the tournament directors at the Whpa spring meeting on April 19 at the Delton Sportsman's Club.

The entry forms for the Jim Haupt Memorial Team and the Wisconsin State Walking Doubles held at Telfer Pavilion in Beloit on May 3rd and 4th are on the website. Grab a doubles partner and get your entry mailed to John Secord for the doubles. The team event is four person teams with four classes of six teams, limit of 24 teams. Contact your club to get on a team, Beloit –Tammy Newkirk, Deansville – Kerry Morris, Summit Ridge – Dave Volz, Stevens Point – Fred Lane, Mosinee – Kent Frailing. No club affiliation, no problem, get four of your friends together and form a team. It's a fun weekend with fellow horseshoe pitchers! As of March 17, there are 365 entries in the World Tournament at Sandy, Utah with 23 so far from Wisconsin. The deadline to enter is May 19, the entry fee is \$150 but it will go up \$20 again on May 1st so if you are still planning on going get your entry in before then. To view current [entries](#) go to eShoe, click on **Featured and Favorite Events** click on the **Action** button for **2025 World Tournament** then on **View Entries** you can sort them by Charter or by pitching division. The schedule will be completed and posted by June 1st. Tournament and area information can be found on the Whpa website by clicking on the World Tournament link at the top of the page. I ordered some info packets from the

Salt Lake Visitors Bureau, they should be here and available at the Whpa spring meeting in April.

Now is a good time to start recruiting new Whpa/Nhpa members. Having the 2026 World Tournament coming to Wausau is a great promotional tool. They would have enough time and opportunities to familiarize themselves with the sanctioned tournament format and ample time to make the four-tournament requirement before the 2026 entry deadline. The Whpa has a [new member](#) promotion for adult pitchers, where they waive the \$10 Whpa fee and only pay the \$25 Nhpa fee. The Nhpa also has a [free membership](#) program for 2025, for new and existing members. To take advantage of these promotions you must use the mail in form available on the Whpa website. The Nhpa promotion committee is also having a refer a friend program. If an existing member refers a friend to sign up to be a NHPA member, the existing member can be entered to win the prize pack! Bring the new member to their first tournament, fill out this google doc, and have it signed off by the tournament director. There is a prize for youth (cadets and juniors) and a prize for adults. The prize baskets have a value of \$350! Youth prize- Nintendo Switch Lite, Switch case, Mario Cart game, and a new pair of Horseshoes! Adult prize- Air Pods, NHPA tumblers, \$50 gift card and a new pair of horse-shoes! The Nhpa drawings for the prizes will be held on September 1st.

The online youth entry link is: <https://forms.gle/p3TNE1mcmhpokWDo6>

The online adult entry link is: <https://forms.gle/ENDDifiM9Z3LFFvx5>

Pitcher of the Year

By Dave Volz

The pitcher of the year standings [are](#) on the website. Go to Awards on the top of the home page, then click on Current Standings to see the full standings for each division. It will be updated as the tournament results come in. The current leaders as of March 16 are Division A John Meyer, Penny Steinke, Cliff Shave. Division B Dave Quaid, Robert Fleege, Gerald Harris. Class C George Dorn, Patrick Labarge, Richard Conrad. The contest runs through the end of July. Divisions are determined by your ringer percent on August 1st each year. Division A is 45% and over, Division B is 30% - 44.99% and Division C is below 30%. Pitchers receive 15 points for a 1st place finish, 10 points for a 2nd place finish and 5 points for a 3rd place finish in open WHPA sanctioned tournaments. Bonus points are awarded for attending the WHPA Spring and Fall meetings in the amount of 15 points each.

What's New? — Jane Smith



It is unbelievable how fast time flies. It seems it was just September with the State tourney just finishing up. Already we are 6 months later and a new season is well under way – at least indoor tournaments. The weather has been very erratic, sort of like some horseshoe games and tournaments. At this point, we have no new WHPA members, sort of sad BUT we need to realize the outdoor season is a few weeks away. Here is to hoping we grow in membership this year with the World Tournament (WT) coming to WI in 2026. To pitch in the WT is an awesome experience. Forever friendships are developed and nurtured through out the years. Plan ahead to get your events in to compete in the WT next summer in Wausau. It is guaranteed to be a mind shattering experience.

We still need prayers and positive vibes for horseshoe family who are challenged with health, social, financial, mental and physical challenges. We have lost longtime horseshoe pitchers who left their mark on our WHPA.

We have a new Women's Division – Elder's. I would like to see a different name but my mind is blank. At any rate, we have this opportunity, women over 65, to step up and over the foul line, legally. I am looking forward to this opportunity to use a heavier shoe which will flip and stay in place rather than fly out of the court. It will take time to get used to this new option, but maybe it will help increase or help maintain our women pitchers.

Sam Satonica, and son Wayne, were repeat pitchers at the Wet N Wild Tournament. When Sam was unable to pitch, he and his wife, Ida, were repeat spectators. They came for the food, hugs and smiles. It was always a pleasure to visit with them. The Satonica family was one of the very first families in my horseshoe world. Though we have not seen them near the courts, they were avid WHPA family members. May Sam Rest In Peace and the family remember the good times. We can cry because he is gone or because we knew him. Sincere sympathy to the Satonica family.

Congrats to Tom Steinke for his 300 bowling game! Life is Good. See you on the courts.



The Milwaukee Brewers will recognize

Penny Steinke

for her

**2024 Women's World
Horseshoe Championship!**

Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:40 PM

The Brewers will be taking on the **Houston Astros**. The hope is that Penny will be able to throw out a first pitch. If you would like to attend, you can purchase tickets at <https://www.mlb.com/brewers/tickets>

Team World — Telfer Park Help Needed

Edwards Activity Center, 2101 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI

Set-up: April 20-22, Start at 10 a.m.

Tear-down: May 19th, Start at 10 a.m.

If you can help, please let Tammy Newkirk know at 608-921-3051.

29th Annual
Wisconsin State Walking Doubles Championships
 Sunday, May 4th, 2025

1. Entry fee is \$40 per doubles team.
2. Entry form and \$40 fee must be received by April 17, 2025, payable to the WHPA, W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.
3. Pitchers combined average may not exceed 120% using year-end average. Current averages will be used to set all classes
4. Mixed distance pitchers will be allowed in all classes.
5. Cash awards will be 80% of entry fee, with half of each class receiving payback.
6. Any prize money won by a Junior pitcher will be donated to the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund.
7. Class size and number of shoes pitched will be determined by the number of entries. The plan is to maintain 6-team classes.
8. Players will keep their own score.
9. Please arrive at 8:30am for a 9am start time.

You will only receive a schedule if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

The schedule will be posted online at <http://www.whpahorseshoes.com>.

Competition to be held at
Edwards Sport Center, Telfer Park,
2101 Cranston Road, Beloit WI
Home of Team World

NHPA-Sanctioned

Sponsored & Run By the WHPA
 Set-up & Concessions by the
 Beloit Horseshoe Club

Please send your entry form and check, payable to: **WHPA at W6868 Brown Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937**

High % Pitcher: _____ NHPA # _____ Average _____

Low % Pitcher: _____ NHPA # _____ Average _____

Jim Haupt Memorial Team
 Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Edwards Sport Center, Telfer Park, 2101 Cranston Road, Beloit WI

24 (4 person) Teams max (4 classes of 6 teams) Round Robin Singles Play
 Player match ups for each team in each class will be set up according to individual ringer percentages

Entry Fee \$84 per Team — Entry Deadline April 17, 2025

Must be a current NHPA member and have an eShoe average.
 Current averages as of the deadline will be used to set Classes

Schedule will be posted online at www.whpahorseshoes.com

Call, mail or email entries to: **Dave Volz, W7133 Geier Rd, Wonewoc, WI 53968, davevolz@hotmail.com**
608 -547-2769

NHPA # _____ 1. _____

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NHPA # _____ 3. _____

NHPA # _____ 4. _____



Pitch-Out Cancer



August 23 & 24, 2025

Crystal Pines Matthiae Fields 201360 St. John's Rd, Mosinee, WI

As you know our WHPA horseshoe family, not just my family, has been affected tremendously by this disease. With that being said, Pitch-Out Cancer is a way for all of our Horseshoe families to come together to help eradicate this disease.

We hope that moving forward to have **all** of your help to achieve the goal of making this fundraiser enjoyable for all and most importantly successful for the Cancer Care fund at Marshfield Clinic - Marshfield, Northwood's, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Rice Lake, Minocqua, Park Falls, Wisconsin Rapids, Mosinee, and Wausau/Weston.

For this fundraiser plans include a sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournament going on, along with a corn-hole tournament as well, but it now is being held at a new venue in Mosinee.

It will be in **memory** of Kari David and in **honor of all in our horseshoe family** who have contracted this disease and are currently fighting it.

There will be a few special things planned such as a Plinko raffle, a Liquor Lottery, a Scratch-off Lottery ticket raffle and there will be a Money Tree Raffle.

Money tree raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25, with three winners who will receive **\$500 – 1st place, \$100 – 2nd Place, or \$50 for 3rd Place**. However, there will be only **1000** numbered tickets sold. I will have them available at all tournaments I will be going to in the spring to sell them ahead of time and will be available to all interested in taking some as well, at the Spring Meeting.

We are encouraging all pitchers to get \$50 or more in pledges. The top five people who get the most \$ in Pledges will be rewarded. These include monetary donations only. There will be a prize for the person who gets the most in donated items. TBD

And we are looking for the following donated items:

- Large Baskets - to put items donated in for raffles.
- Scratch-off Lottery tickets
- Liquor, Wine, or beer for Liquor Lottery
- Any handmade items

Bring them all to the Spring Meeting or whenever you see me on the courts. Thank You all.

With that being said I'm leaving you with this quote:

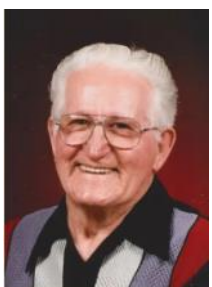


Susie Erikson

“Alone we can do so little, but together we can make a difference”

Sam Satonica

May 18, 1926 - January 22, 2025



Samuel T. Satonica, age 98, of Owen, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Funeral Services were held a on February 1st at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Withee. Sam loved pitching horseshoes and became a Class B Champion.

I remember pitching against his son, Wayne. I also remember Sam in the stands watching fellow pitchers and eating popcorn. — Kevin Brekke

Sam Pitched in Marshfield and attended many tournaments. He flashed his infectious smile while supporting all pitchers. — Sonia Cook

Summit Ridge Wins 2024 FDL Team Tournament

Submitted by Jeff Secord

8/18/2024 – This year was the **4th annual FDL Team Tournament**. We entered the weekend of August 17-18, 2024, with rain-soaked courts due to heavy rain in the Fond du Lac area prior to the weekend. The water table was almost as high as ground level as attempts to remove the water from the courts on Saturday only brought the water to return into the clay from underground. We opened the courts early on Sunday and started again to draw the water out of the clay to pitch. Some water returned from underground like we had on Saturday, but we were able to trench the outside area and mound the clay around the stakes to keep the water out of the scoring area of each court. The digging, sponging, and turning of the clay paid off enough that we had 6 courts dry enough to play on with only a half-hour delay after the scheduled start time. A small breeze and partial sunshine did help the conditions of the clay courts to improve throughout the day. We even had some courts that were ready to have some water added when we reached the finals.

Five teams entered the tournament (a record high) after having only 4 teams the previous three years. The preliminary rounds for the past years were a 4-team double-round-robin for a total of six games. This year we played a 6-team round robin with 5 rounds that included a bye for each team. The fewer games in the prelims were probably some good news after working so hard to get the courts ready before starting. The team percentage cap of 133% per team proved once again to set the stage for competitive rounds as there was no round the entire day that a team was able to take all 3 matches against an opponent. This has also set the stage that no team runs ahead of the pack in the prelims AND no team finds themselves out of reach to making the finals until the last prelim round. This year, The Passionate Pitchers team was in the lead with 6.5

wins and the Close Doesn't Count team had the fewest wins at 3.5. So, only 3 wins separated the top and bottoms teams going into the last prelim game. The top 3 teams after prelims were completed were: **Passionate Pitchers** – 8 wins; **Three Amigos** – 7 wins; and **G G & J** – 6 wins. The 4th and final spot in the finals ended up with a tie between **Summit Ridge & Close Doesn't Count** with 4.5 wins each. The tie was broken by team ringer percentage and **Summit Ridge** squeaked ahead of Close Doesn't Count 34.58% to 32.50% to take the final spot in the finals.

#4 seed, Summit Ridge, faced #1 seed, Passionate Pitchers, in the first round of the finals and won to move on to the final match. #2 seed, Three Amigos, faced #3 seed, G G & J, in the first round of the finals and also won to move on to the final match. Summit Ridge ousted Three Amigos, 2 games to 1, to win the tournament. This was quite a surprise to see a team that only won 4.5 games in the prelims to win 4 games in the finals.

Team tournaments are a fun change of pace from playing regular singles tournaments. **Wisconsin has three team tournaments on the 2025 schedule; Club Team, Team World, and FDL Team.** I encourage everyone to consider being a part of any of these tournaments to experience the fun of team competition in horseshoe pitching. Speaking on behalf of the FDL Team, this could be the year to enter as we will be hosting the 2025 FDL Team on August 16th, which is just 2 weeks before the Wisconsin State Tournament, which will be played on these same courts. FDL Team Tournament will again have a cap of 133% for the combination of all 3 pitchers on a team as reported in E-SHOE on July 7, 2025. **Entry deadline is August 1, 2025, and the entry fee is only \$54 per team.**

Results of 2024 Fond du Lac Team Tournament on next page.

2024 Fond du Lac Team Tournament Results

8/18/2024

Three Amigos (7 Wins)

2nd Most Prelim Wins

G G & J (6 Wins)

3rd Most Prelim Wins

Passionate Pitchers (8 Wins)

Most Prelim Wins

Summit Ridge (4.5 Wins)

4th Most Prelim Wins

Three Amigos (2-1)

Summit Ridge (2-1)

Team Tournament Champions

Summit Ridge (2-1)

Ring %	Wins		Ringers	Shoes
34.05	8.5	Summit Ridge		
46.67	4	Rich Peterson	112	240
37.50	0.5	Jill Peterson	90	240
25.83	4	Kim Peterson	62	240



Ring %	Wins		Ringers	Shoes
36.11	10	Three Amigos		
49.17	6	Kerry Morris	118	240
48.75	4	Ray Groskinsky	117	240
10.42	0	Zach Secord	25	240



Ring %	Wins		Ringers	Shoes
36.00	9	Passionate Pitchers		
47.00	4.5	Cliff Erickson	94	200
44.00	3	Susie Erickson	88	200
17.00	1.5	Kevin Brekke	34	200



Ring %	Wins		Ringers	Shoes
35.67	7	G G & J		
49.50	2.5	Jim Larson	99	200
38.00	1.5	Gerald Harris	76	200
19.50	3	George Dorn	39	200

Ring %	Wins		Ringers	Shoes
32.50	4.5	Close Doesn't Count		
36.88	3	Toni Sloper	59	160
34.38	1	Nancy Murleau	55	160
26.25	0.5	Cindy Castellano	42	160



Dance with Dobie

January 11-12, 2025

Dobie Gutweiler

Class A

John Meyer	5	0	72.00
Tammy Newkirk	3	2	63.50
Dennis Reid	3	2	59.50

Class B

Dustin Duerr	5	1	41.67
Kalena Quaid	4	2	40.83
Bob Klingaman	3.5	2.5	37.08

Class C

Steve Kulow	5	1	40.00
Dave Quaid	5	1	37.78
Mike Slowinski	4	2	38.89

Class D

Richard Conrad	4.5	0.5	25.00
Chris Judson	4.5	0.5	22.50
Steve Killian	3	2	22.00



Class A

Tammy Newkirk, Dennis Reid, John Meyer



Class B

Bob Klingaman, Dustin Duerr, Kalena Quaid, Jarrod Bisch



Class C

Brad Behm, Steve Kulow, Dave Quaid, Mike Slowinski



Class D

Chris Judson, Richard Conrad, Steve Kilian

Deansville Memorial

February 8, 2025

Dobie Gutweiler

Class A

Dennis Reid	5	0	62.50
John Meyer	4	1	67.50
Tammy Newkirk	3	2	60.00

Class B

Nancy Murleau	7	1	35.00
George Dorn	6	2	32.92
Dave Quaid	4	4	33.75

Class C

Patrick Labarge	6	0	28.75
Richard Conrad	5	1	29.17
Chris Judson	4	2	23.75



Class A

Tammy Newkirk, Dennis Reid, John Meyer



Class B

George Dorn, Dave Quaid, Nancy Murleau, Mike Slowinski



Class C

Chris Judson, Dobie Gutweiler, Patrick Labarge, Richard Conrad





Valentines

February 15-18, 2025

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Dennis Reid	4.5	0.5	67.50
Cliff Shave	4	1	71.00
Penny Steinke	3.5	1.5	73.50

Class B

George Moraza	4	1	51.00
Kerry Morris	3	2	47.00
Leonard Razim	2.5	2.5	52.00

Class C

Jill Peterson	4	1	38.00
Rowan Swick	3	2	38.50
Jim Tollefson	3	2	38.00

Class D

Ken Whitehouse	5	1	49.58
Carty Cartwright	4	2	52.08
Bruce McLinn	4	2	42.92

Class E

Jim Huckabee	5.5	0.5	34.17
Rayna Bauer	3.5	2.5	27.50
Roger Anderson	3	3	29.17

Class F

Chris Judson	5	0	29.00
Brenden Kane	3	2	31.00
Loren Bamborough	3	2	29.50

Class G

Chris Judson	5	0	26.00
Tom Steinke	4	1	21.00
Dobie Gutweiler	3	2	22.00

Class H

Mike Loftus	6	0	17.08
Brian Engleson	4	2	12.92
Wayne Goers	4	2	8.33

Class I

Thaddeus Monthie	5	0	19.00
Dobie Gutweiler	3	2	16.50
Guy Fleming Jr	3	2	13.50

Class J

Mike Loftus	5	1	18.33
Mary Thompson	4	2	18.75
Kevin Aarstad	3.5	2.5	13.75



Class A
Cliff Shave, Dennis Reid, Penny Steinke



Class B
Leonard Razim, George Moraza, Kerry Morris



Class C
Rowin Swick, Jill Peterson, Jim Tollefson



Class D
Dick Perkins, Ken Whitehouse, Carty Cartwright, Bruce McLinn



Class E
Jim Huckabee, Rayna Bauer



Class F
Loren Bamborough, Chris Judson, Brenden Kane



Class G
Guy Fleming Jr, Chris Judson, Dobie Gutweiler, Tom Steinke



Class H
Brian Engleson, Mike Loftus, Wayne Goers



Class I
Guy Fleming Jr, Thaddeus Monthie, Dobie Gutweiler



Class J
Mary Thompson, Mike Loftus, Kevin Aarstad, Dennis Simler

Deansville/Beloit Challenge

February 22, 2025

Dan Newkirk

Team Champions-Beloit

Rich Bonner	6	0	53.89
Ken Whitehouse	6	0	42.78
Linda Aarstad	6	0	50.56
Jim Tollefson	6	0	35.00
Tammy Newkirk	6	0	59.44
Dave Quaid	6	0	24.44
Dan Newkirk	5	1	18.89
Cliff Shave	5	1	57.78
Tom Steinke	4	2	18.33
Penny Steinke	4	2	64.44
Dick Perkins	4	2	38.89
Leonard Razim	4	2	38.89



Beloit

Dave Quaid, Ken Whitehouse, Tom Steinke, Leonard Razim, Dick Perkins. Dan Newkirk, Cliff Shave, Rich Bonner Linda Aarstad, Jim Tollefson, Tammy Newkirk, Penny Steinke

Deansville/Beloit Challenge

February 22, 2025

Dan Newkirk

Deansville

Dobie Gutweiler	2	4	14.44
John Meyer	2	4	53.89
Kerry Morris	1	5	47.78
Nancy Murleau	1	5	28.33
Patrick Labarge	1	5	29.44
Eugene Pribnow	1	5	42.22
Brad Behm	1	5	36.67
Mike Carlson	1	5	25.00
Jim Larson	0	6	45.00
Bob Klingaman	0	6	13.33
Gerald Harris	0	6	26.67
Joe Steinbach	0	6	27.78



Deansville

Brad Behm, Joe Steinbach, Gerald Harris, Bob Klingaman, Kerry Morris, Eugene Pribnow,

Bring A Junior

March 1, 2025

Dan Newkirk

Landon Morgan	5	0	36.00
Harl Morgan	5	0	14.00
Jarrold Bisch	4	1	38.00
Aiden Weller	4	1	19.00
Rich Bonner	3	2	51.00
Andrew James	3	2	15.00
Jacob James	2	3	2.00
Rick Weller	2	3	37.00
Mike Loftus	1	4	12.00
Dylan Loftus	1	4	5.00
Sean Loftus	0	5	23.00
Hudson Loftus	0	5	2.00



Andrew James, Rich Bonner, Aiden Weller, Jarrold Bisch, Landon Morgan, Harl Morgan



(front) Dylan Loftus, Andrew James, Jacob James, Aiden Weller, Landon Morgan, Hudson Loftus
(back) Mike Loftus, Rich Bonner, Rick Weller, Jarrold Bisch, Harl Morgan, Sean Loftus

Klash with Kerry

March 8, 2025

Dobie Gutweiler

Class A

John Meyer	6	1	63.21
Tammy Newkirk	5	2	59.29
Kerry Morris	5	2	56.43

Class B

Robert Fleege	4	3	48.93
Bob Klingaman	2	5	21.79
Ron Studinski	1	6	27.14

Class C

Steve Kulow	4	0	35.63
Dave Quaid	3	1	30.63
Nancy Murleau	2	2	31.25

Class D

Joe Steinback	5	0	43.50
Marvin Mengel	4	1	33.00
Patrick Labarge	3	2	28.50

Class E

Steve Kilian	6	0	23.33
Glenn Bogenschneider	4.5	1.5	18.33
Thaddeus Monthie	4	2	23.33



Class A
John Meyer, Tammy Newkirk



Class B
Bob Klingaman, Bob Fleege

Class C
No Picture Available



Class D
Marvin Mengel, Joe Steinbach, Patrick Labarge



Class E
Thaddeus Monthie, Glenn Bogenschneider, Steve Kilian, Jeremy Studinski

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