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2023/2024 Whpa Schedule (through April)

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
Nov 4-5	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	16	22	Oct 28	Dobie Gutweiler
Nov 11-12	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	20	Nov 1	Dan Newkirk
Dec 2-3	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 25	Dobie Gutweiler
Dec 9-10	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 29	Dan Newkirk
Dec 16-17	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 2	Dave Volz
Jan 6-7	001 Tourney	Beloit	72	20	Dec 27	Dan Newkirk
Jan 13-14	Dance with Dobie	Deansville	40	20	Jan 6	Dobie Gutweiler
Feb 3-4	Deansville Memorial	Deansville	40	20	Jan 27	Dobie Gutweiler
Feb 10-11	Valentines Tournament	Beloit	72	20	Jan 31	Dan Newkirk
Feb 17	Deansville/Beloit Challenge	Beloit				Club Event
Feb 24	Bring a Junior	Beloit		10	Feb 14	Dan Newkirk
Mar 9-10	Klash with Kerry	Deansville	40	20	Mar 2	Dobie Gutweiler
Mar 16-17	March with Penny	Beloit	72	20	Mar 6	Dan Newkirk
Mar 23-24	Birthday Bash	Wonewoc	42	20	Mar 9	Dave Volz
April 6	Red Ferguson Classic	Beloit	72	20	Mar 27	Dan Newkirk
April 20	Whpa Spring Meeting	Lake Delton				Starts at 1 pm
April 27-28	April Showers	Chetek	16	10	April 20	Les Karpel

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Before I Go
 Felicia Towe

This is a lullaby written by Felicia Towe and shared with us by Susie Erickson.
 Thank You both.

I pray for loved ones that will lose a loved one today.
 You see, cancer is an ugly being, and silently it creeps.
 You never know it is coming, because cancer never sleeps.
 Most of you don't want to listen as we plea; Be Aware!
 For some it's just too scary, while others just don't care.
 I know you don't want to hear it because it's far too sad.
 But TODAY please listen up.
 You see cancer doesn't discriminate, it can happen to anyone.
 This last year it happened to an extraordinary ER someone.
 We dream that one day cancer will be defeated.
 Our lives will change forever, as our mission will be completed.
 You can just walk away if that's your choice.
 Joining this fight is selfless as it's challenging and sad,
 But if it claims your loved one the next, you will wish you had.
 "Remember, everyone deserves a lifetime."

Pitch out Cancer Tournament

Name of Event – My suggestion – “Pitch-Out Cancer”

Dates – July 20th & 21st

Shift Times– 3 per day

Entry fee - \$20 per pitcher or pitch free with \$50 in pledges.

Sponsorship levels –Businesses who sponsor will get coverage on posters, radio, news, and possibly TV.

\$300 - \$1000 –4 Dead Sponsor

\$200 - \$500 - 2 Dead Sponsor

\$100 –\$200 - Ringer Sponsor

Raffles

Basket Raffles

Scratch off tickets

Scratch off Lottery Ticket raffle

Money Tree raffle – Numbered Tickets to win Cash prize.

Plinko Raffle

Top Fundraiser Prizes –Pitcher who gets the most \$ in pledges.

Participant Gifts – Goody bags – Marshfield Clinic.

Liquor Lottery - Wine, Liquor, or beer donated by members –

Horseshoe Decorating Contest – on the entry form

Pitchers – Dress up for prizes

Marketing– Marshfield Clinic & WHPA (newspaper, radio station, in-kind sponsorship) Press releases out to area papers, radio, and TV

Provided there is a full event - 8 people @ 3 shifts = 24 on Saturday and Sunday 24 as well for a total of 48 people guaranteed.

48 Entries @ \$20 each equals \$960.

And then if some of those pitchers get pledges that is more money yet. I can't guess how much or how many people will do that but I am sure there will be some. And some will get hundreds if not thousands of dollars in pledges, if they are at all dedicated to eradicating cancer.

However, there will be Money sponsorships which will be however many the committee gets. With that said, I am looking at having a tournament sponsor for the prizes fund and then event sponsors as well. This would help cover the costs of the tournament and fundraiser. There might be 4, 5, 10, or maybe 20. Not sure about that as it all depends on how cooperative businesses are that the committee asks.

Happy Thanksgiving Month!!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With Thanksgiving around the corner and then Christmas, I want to take a moment to wish you all so much love and happiness. That is my sincere wish for you all.

I had said last newsletter that I would share some personal information soon, and I am doing that now. I have been diagnosed with “White Matter Disease”. It sounds scarier on google, but then again, everything does. Basically, my brain is getting spots that are calcifying. There is no treatment and there is no cure. Therefore, I refuse to worry myself about it. The other Officers know, and have been extremely supportive. I truly love being a part of this team and this family. If at some point I need assistance, I know this team of Dave Volz, John Secord, Sonia Cook, Dan Newkirk and Jeff Secord, will completely have my back. If I am at a tournament and need assistance, I know all of you will as well. You cannot imagine the comfort and relief that brings me. Thank you all for that.

In signing off, I want to take a moment for all of us to remember Brian Simmons. I could speak of his pitching accolades, of which there are many, but I am going to remember Brian Simmons, the gentleman, and the gentle man. His love of God, his love of his family, his friends and his horseshoe pitching family, assures that he will be with us all forever. Rest in Peace Brian. You deserve the rest. You fought hard, and we all appreciate the additional time, but now you can rest. AMEN.

Until next time, with love and gratitude.

Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz



A few days ago, my wife asked me how many horseshoe pitchers we currently have, both in the WHPA & NHPA. Then she asked me how many horseshoe pitchers we had 5 years ago, 10 years ago & 27 years ago . . . when I joined. I immediately knew where she was going with this line of questioning. Where are we heading? Seriously, how many more years do Wisconsinites have to enjoy so many opportunities to enter tournaments? I have friends in New Mexico & Washington, who have said that the nearest tournament is over 2 hours away. And when they enter, it must be handicapped because there is such a huge difference in ringer percentage. On top of that, only a small number of people even enter the tournament. Consequently, tournament directors stop running the tournament.

Has anyone noticed which Division at the World Tournament has been growing with increasing numbers over the past several years? Yes, the Elders Division. Nothing against these elderly gentlemen . . . in fact I'll be there before long. The big question is: where will the WHPA be in 20 years? Even 10 years? What shape will we be in? Some states already have lethargic numbers.

Knowing these things, can we agree on a few things? Let's not take our current opportunities for granted! Let's try not to worry about the future! Let's say 'thank you' to every tournament director you run in to. Let's be a blessing to every opponent you face, win or lose! And finally, let's truly thank God for this great sport, in which so many wonderful friendships have been made. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matt. 6:34

Looking for another mind boggling earth shattering experience? We may just have the thing for you:-) The WHNL Staff is looking for several persons who are willing to continue the editing, assembling, printing, mailing and subscriptions for our WHNL. If you are interested in learning any of the afore mentioned tasks, please talk to Gary Volz or Jane Smith for a more specific explanation.

In search of WHNL Staff
Job description Oct 2023

Editor:

Assemble the WHNL

Six issues

Using Publisher – we can purchase if needed. Or your choice of program for newsletters.

Use the WHPA site for results and pictures. Dave Volz is very good in sending me the pic from the web site.

Articles from President, Chaplain and Justin Kern – Cruel Shoes

Features: World/ State tournaments articles, special tournament information, pitcher profiles, etc

Reports from RD, POY update, website manager

Send assembled WHNL to Kevin / Karla Brekke for proofing

Once proofed and corrected, send to WHNL printer (Gary Volz at this time)

The time spent is between 15 – 20 hours to assemble the WHNL issue. I have learned to put the tournament results in the next newsletter as they are posted in the WHPA site under results.

Printer addresses the envelopes, purchases postage and mails

Subscriptions:

Collects \$15 for yearly subscriptions, usually between 20-25

Maintains subscription and mailing list. WHNL is available on line but we have those who would rather have a paper copy.

US Bank is our bank of choice as they have satellites in many areas. Could be changes as needed by the new WHNL staff.

Printing:

Editor sends the Issue to the printer – Office Depot but any printer will work. It takes Gary a couple hours to print envelopes and mail. He purchases stamps, envelopes and printer ink. He uses excel and word to do the envelopes. Maybe Google docs will work and whoever takes over can use their program of choice.

Once printed, the WHNL is placed in addressed envelopes, then stamped and mailed.

Gary said the whole process is tough to explain but is willing to help someone get started and comfortable. The person who takes this over should be somewhat computer literate and there always some things to fix.

Distribution:

The WHNL is sent in a PDF file to Dave Volz, WHPA website and posted.

"Growing with Juniors"

Sonia Cook

The "growing with Juniors" annual fundraiser is a success due to the many donations... THANK YOU!!

A very special THANKS to: Bun Carley, Shirley Carley, Mel & Sonia Cook, Tava Cook, George Dorn, Dobie & Gerald, Angie Hazen, Fred & Mona Lane, Mauthe Family, Jane Smith, Paul Wiese, Beloit Horseshoe Club, Deansville Horseshoe Club, Gross Motors of Marshfield, WHPA.

WHPA Fall Meeting, WI Dells
Oct 14, 2023

President Dobie Gutweiler called approximately 34 WHPA members to order at 1:01. Dobie led the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence for those we lost this past year and prayers for those WHPA members struggling.

John Secord read the Spring meeting minutes- it was approved as read. He then gave the Treasurers' Report with a balance of \$6,516.58 as of October 14. This was down from the April 15 balance of 7,186.27.

Dave Volz, first VP, reported the POY standings are updated on the web page; encouraged tournament directors to use DODO to report results as well as WHPA members to check the site out; reported Jeff Secord's State Tournament pitchers' history has been posted on the WHPA web site; and the WHPA web site has been updated as of April 2023.

Dan Newkirk, 2nd VP, reported that the 2024 State Tournament will be held in Wausau at Marathon Park in the ice arena. Randy Mitchell and Kent Frailing presented the basic plan mentioning the event will be held indoors and has more space than the Mosinee ice arena site and there is camping in the park.

Sonia Cook, 3rd VP, thanked everyone for supporting the Jr Raffle and is planning to continue the Raffle in 2024. She is collecting Raffle items all year. The balance of the Jr Scholarship fund is \$13,298.61 - up from \$12,607.96 in April.

Those receiving financial scholarships have until they are 25, graduated from High School and are enrolled/ completed a semester in a post-secondary school.

The Marketing / Publicity Report from Fred Lane was given by Dobie Gutweiler. The message Walk the Talk- promote the WHPA in spirit, word of mouth, horseshoe pitching apparel. Creativity is limited only by imagination!

Jeff Secord was unable to attend the meeting so no HOF or Team World report was presented.

Region Director Dave Volz gave an account of the amazing turnout of the WHPA pitchers at the World Tournament in Lansing Michigan this past summer: 54 pitchers with 12 bringing home trophies and cash; several others also brought home cash. Jeff Secord was given the Archie Stokes Award at the awards banquet. There was an important vote at the convention that was defeated by a vote 49-54. This would have given

senior ladies a closer distance to pitch. At this time, we are waiting from the NHPA board to make a ruling on the 2024 pitching season regarding this issue. They were to have decided by the beginning of October. When we hear, the change will be shared. Also, a change gave pitchers choice of residency for State/ World Tournaments; pacers in tournaments may be non-members of the NHPA to pitch. The World Tournament for 2024 will be in Kennewick, Washington with dates of July 29 through August 10th. They will also host in 2027. In 2025 and 2027, the World Tournament was granted to Salt Lake City, Utah. The Council is asking for bids for a host for 2026. Dave also reported that Brian Poole is our new National Secretary/Treasurer after Jim Kinney resigned last month. Brian was one of the national VP's, and his spot was open on this meeting date. It has since been filled by Austin Bailey.

Jane Smith reported on the WHNL / State Club Team event. The WHNL is looking for new staff to take over the WHNL. An article summarizing the job descriptions is found in another article in the WHNL. Jane and Gary are looking to be handing off in April of 2024. The State Tournament Club team results are also found in another article. There were 9 teams participating for the 35th year of this event. The horseshoe family of Eagle River were the winners. They received money, a certificate, free entry into the 2024 event and the traveling plaque for the coming year. Congrats to all.

The first item of Old Business was the recap of the 2023 State tournament held in Eau Claire. Paul Wiese and the EC Club made the very HOT weekend safe for everyone by furnishing, at the club's expense, water for all pitchers. Only a couple pitchers had to cut their participation short because of the heat. Kudos to the EC Club.

John Secord spoke of the WHPA membership cards issued on line. The late fee is not collected, so suggested removing this rule. Ken Jaeger mentioned that a sanctioned league membership card, which was discontinued decades ago, might be something the NHPA should reconsider. The WHPA officers said the NHPA Exec board was approached with this suggestion but they were not in favor of bringing back this option.

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New Business began with John Secord giving the Each One Reach on Awards out for the 2023 season. Two \$25 awards were given to Tammy Newkirk and Dave Volz. Five \$10 awards were given to Paul Wiese, John Meyer, Cliff Shave, Lambert Narlock, and Dobie Gutweiler. It was decided to discontinue this promotion for the 2024 season. A change will be the WHPA will pay the state dues of all new members.

Suggested By Law changes must be submitted for publishing in the WHNL so voting may take place in 2024. The changes suggested are to remove the \$2 late fee; to change the \$5 penalty for illegal shirt lettering to \$25; the change can be executed by the Exec board.

The next item on New Business was the election of officers; Dobie Gutweiler, President, and Dan Newkirk, 2nd VP, were voted in by Acclamation.

The State tournament for 2025 was awarded to John Meyer and the Fond Du Lac Club. Congrats to them, it has been a while since pitching the State Tourney in FDL.

Susie Erickson presented her plan to sponsor a Pitch Out Cancer Tournament. Kent Frailing and the Little Bull Falls club have offered to host the event in Mosinee, July 20/21 2024. There is an article in this issue outlining the event by Susie. More information will be shared on the WHPA web site, FB and WHNL.

The Spring WHPA meeting will be held I WI Dells at the Sportsman's Club April 20, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 with safe travel wishes.



I would like to update our email dodo list, we currently have 230 members in our group but I'm not sure that all of the email addresses are up to date. If you have recently received an email from me via whpa <whpa@emaildodo.com> you are up to date. If you haven't or if you are new and would like to receive informational horseshoe emails. Please send your email address to davevolz@hotmail.com.

Pitch Out Cancer Tournament information

Hello all you horseshoe pitchers out there:

My name is Susie Erickson and I made my pitch to all of the WHPA members who attended the fall meeting last weekend. My pitch to those present was for a fundraiser/tournament to be held July 20th & 21st at River Park in Mosinee called Pitch-Out Cancer presented by Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club. All of the proceeds will go to the Cancer Patient Care Fund at Marshfield Clinic.

At that meeting I asked for clubs to provide us members to be on the committee and received only minimal assistance. Current members on the committee are Jane Smith, Fred Lane, Toni Sloper, Cindy Castellano, Dobie Gutweiler, and of course Kent and myself. At that meeting, Paul Weise and Dave Volz said they would ask their club members to see who would volunteer and Ed Pulsfus said he would ask his whole town of Arlington. That's a few but for something that could be quite large we need a "Village". Lol.

With that being said, we do need raffle prizes as well. I understand that we have a few creative and talented people among our state members, therefore I am challenging those creative and talented people to make something that can be used for a raffle prize. A homemade item always does well.

Let me know, what you want do and/or if you want to be on the committee soon so a Zoom meeting can be setup by Fred. Please help the Cancer Patient Care Fund at Marshfield Clinic.

THANK YOU LOVE

What's New?

Jane Smith

Welcome to Mark Kubisiak as a new WHPA member. He had made his mark winning his class at the Autumn Harvest Tournament. His Class Champion patch will be the first of many.

As requested in the past, our horseshoe family is in need of endless prayers, positive vibes. We also need to be thankful for our forever friends because of horseshoes.

As promised the NHPA created a temporary proposal for our Senior Women. This is a start in keeping our dedicated Senior ladies. It will be an interesting tournament season in 2024.

City of Parks Doubles

Lambert Narlock

Class A

Cliff Erickson	8	0	57.08
Jim Verstoppen			38.33
Ray Groskinsky	6	2	46.25
Dan Williams			28.33
Lambert Narlock	6	2	31.25
John Wallace			42.92

Class B

Dusty Duerr	3	5	38.33
Scott Jones			14.58
Ken Bentzler	2	6	22.5
Barry Haff			17.5
Leslie Mitchell	2	6	21.67
Ivan Mitchell			17.08



Class A: Jim, Cliff, Ray, Dan **Class B:** Scott, Dusty, Ken, Barry

Earl Paulson Classic **pics**

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Penny Steinke	4.5	.5	66.5
Cliff Shave	4	1	66
Tammy Newkirk	3.5	1.5	61.5

Class B

Charlotte Potter	5	1	36.67
Roger Anderson	4	2	37.5
Gerald Harris	3	2	43

Class C

Brian Schoonover	4.5	.5	22.5
Paul Henning	3.5	1.5	22.5
Robert Fleege	3	2	27.5

Class D

Tom Steinke	5	0	26
Mitchell Uttech	4	1	15
Dan Newkirk	3	2	22.5



Class A: Tammy, Penny, Cliff **Class B:** Gerald, Charlotte, Roger



Class C: Paul, Brian, Robert **Class D:** Dan, Tom, Mitchell

Regional Directors Report

By: Dave Volz

There has been an update on the proposed Elder Womens rule that did not pass at this year's convention. The NHPA has adopted a Standing Rule for Senior Women at 65 years old. Senior Women turning sixty-five (65) during the calendar year may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platform and shall observe the Twenty foot (20') foul line. These stats will be saved into eShoe to calculate their current average. Anyone switching that wants to enter the 2024 World Tournament (WT) in the Senior Women category will have to observe the twenty-seven foot (27') foul line

per the current adopted rule. Their average will be whatever is calculated upon the entry deadline for the WT. This rule is being adopted so that all **charters can use it at their discretion** in Local, League and Regional Tournaments. Charters must identify which tournaments they will allow pitchers to participate in using this standing rule. This Standing Rule will be **presented at the 2024 Delegate meeting for review, modification, and vote for approval by the Delegates.** The WHPA executive board has decided to use this Standing Rule for League play only at this time and wait until any changes are made and voted on at the 2024 convention before making any additional changes.

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Don Goldsmith Doubles pics

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Zak Schwartz	5	0	39.33
Cliff Shave			66.67
Penny Steinke	4	1	60
Kenneth Whitehouse			36.67
Charlotte Potter	3	2	32
Dave Qukslvr			40.67

Class B

Tammy Newkirk	5	1	47.78
Barb Ramquist			11.67
Roger Anderson	4	2	33.3
Mary Thompson			20
Gary Glover	2	4	25
Brian Schoonover			17.78



Class A:
Dave, Charlotte, Cliff,
Zak, Kenneth, Penny
Class B:
Roger, Mary, Barb,
Tammy

October Fall Singles pics

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	0	75
Cliff Shave	4	1	63
Dennis Reid	3	2	50

Class B

Rowen Swick	6	1	46.43
George Moraza	5	2	44.29
Kalena Quaid	4	3	42.5

Class C

Tom Steinke	5	1	23.75
Gary Glover	4	2	26.67
Robert Fleege	4	2	25

Class D

Guy Fleming Jr	5	1	12.08
Mitchell Uttech	5	1	11.25
Ed Dolan	2	4	7.5



Class A: Dennis, Penny, Cliff
Class B: George, Rowen, Kalena, Kenneth



Class C: Gary, Tom, Robert, Glen
Class D: Mitchell, Guy

**A Legend Retires – Jim Ganther
Jane Smith**

The content of this article is taken from the Leader-Telegram, Ron Buckli, Eau Claire.

Jim played in more games in more sports than any athlete in city history. He was the winner in more games than one can count. His competition began as a youth and continued as a Senior competitor in both fast and slow pitch Softball, Football, Bowling, Basketball and Horseshoe. Jim announced his “retirement” from competition early this year- he turned 90 in January. His knees are bone on bone; he and his wife, Gloria, are currently rehabbing at Cambridge Senior Living Center after several recent mishaps.

His athletic prowess in baseball, softball and horse-

shoes earned him many accolades and Halls of Fame recognition. He not only was a player but also an organizer and leader as well. Jim pitched in Carson Park with the Eau Claire Horseshoe club and traveled to many State, World, and tournaments throughout the state. Some of his horseshoe accomplishments: winning his class in 25 tournaments; pitching in 17 World tournaments taking 2nd place ten times; and winning 5 Championships in seven World Senior Tournaments in St. George, UT.

It is a pleasure to know Jim and his family, all who have pitched in our Wet N Wild tournament in Centuria. When he was not able to pitch for whatever reason, he was there cheering on his family. Congrats Jim on your retirement and many accomplishments.

Summit Ridge Fall Singles pics
 Dave Volz

Class A

Penny Steinke	5	0	74.5
Eugene Pribnow	3	2	58
Ray Groskinsky	3	2	55

Class B

Bun Carley	4	1	64
Dan Bloom	3	2	62
Dave Volz	2.5	2.5	37.5

Class C

Ralph Marthaler	4.5	.5	44.5
Alvin Schultz	4.5	.5	34.5
Bob Klingaman	3	2	31

Class D

Alvin Schultz	4	1	39.5
Ron Studinski	4	2	37
Steve Kulow	3	2	33

Class E

Glenn Schulz	5	0	49
Les Karpel	3.5	1.5	36.5
Russell Kozlowski	3	2	31

Class F

Kent Frailing	4	1	31
George Dorn	3	2	31.5
Tom Steinke	3	2	25.5

Class G

John Secord	4	1	22.5
Sandy Anderson	4	1	21.5
Kim Briggs	4	1	18



Class A: Ray, Penny, Eugene



Class B: Dave, Bum, Dan



Class C: Bob, Ralph, Alvin



Class D: Ron, Alvin, Steve



Class E: Russell, Glenn, Les



Class F: George, Kent, Tom



Class G: Mary, John, Charlotte

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This will be brought up for discussion at our spring membership meeting in April. Women and Senior Women are not being separated in eShoe under this temporary Standing Rule. The NHPA didn't make any changes in eShoe, at this time, to save money in having them do any new programming. They will wait to do this after the Delegate meeting in Kennewick and a vote is taken. They hope that by using this Standing Rule through July 2024, will give everyone experience and data to make a decision on a permanent change.

The 2024 tournament patches have arrived, and the full 2024 tournament schedule is just about completed. It will be posted on the WHPA website shortly. The WHPA calendar on the website will also be updated soon with tournament information and driving directions to the courts. The NHPA council has decided that we no longer need to fill out sanctioned tournament certificates. I still have some left so if any Tournament Directors would still like one, let me know and I will include it with your patch orders.

Deansville Singles

Dobie Gutweiler

Class A

John Meyer	4	1	68
Eugene Pribnow	4	1	60.5
Cliff Shave	3	2	62

Class B

Bob Klingaman	5	0	35.5
Gerald Harris	3	2	27.5
Ralph Marthaler	2	3	37

Class C

Lambert Narlock II	5	0	38
George Dorn	3	2	32
Gary Glover	2	3	26



**Deansville Singles
Winners!**



State Tournament Club Results

Jane Smith

We had 9 Clubs participating in this State Tourney event which is in its 35th year. THANK YOU everyone for taking part. Nearly 90 % of all State Tournament Pitchers are part of at least one Club. An entry needs a minimum of 5 pitchers to take part. If a club does not have the minimum, two may join together to create an entry.

9 th Place Muskego	6 pitchers	3.6 winning average
8 th Place Beloit	17 pitchers (most in this event)	3.8 Winning average
7 th Place Deansville	12 pitchers	4.25 winning average
6 th Place FDL /CDC	6 pitchers	5.0 winning average
	1 state class champion	
5 th Place Marshfield	10 pitchers	5.3 winning average
	2 state champions / 1 state class champion	
4 th Place Summit Ridge	13 pitchers	5.36 winning average
	1 state champion, 2 state class champions;	
	Awarded certificate and \$\$\$	
3 rd Place Eau Claire Horseshoe Club	15 pitchers	5.86 wining average
	1 State Champion, 4 state class champions	
	Awarded certificate and \$\$\$	
2 nd Place Stevens Point Club	6 pitchers	6.33 winning average
Champions Eagle River Horseshoes	7 pitchers – truly a family club	6.57 winning average
	1 state Champion, 1 state class champion	
	Certificate, \$\$\$ and traveling plaque	

Merry Christmas Happy Holidays
Happy New Year

Deansville Doubles – pics

Dobie Gutweiler

Class A

Penny Steinke / Tom Steinke	3	1	41.25
Ray Groskinsky / Bob Klingaman	2	2	42.08
John Meyer / Gary Glover	2	2	41.67

Class B

John Wallace / Lambert Narlock II	4	0	42.92
Kalena Quaid / Nancy Murleau	3	1	34.58
Dave Leckwee / George Dorn	2	2	27.08



Class A:
Front: Bob, Penny, John
Back: Ray, Tom, Gary



Class B:
Front: John, Nancy,
Kalena
Back: Lambert

Autumn Harvest

Gina Quaid

Class A

John Meyer	4	1	59.5
Gene Pribnow	4	1	58
Penny Steinke	3.5	1.5	71

Class B

Rowen Swick	6	1	52.14
Cathy Cartwright	4	2	52.08
Linda Aarstad	4	2	47.92

Class C

Roger Anderson	5	1	38.75
Charlotte Potter	3	3	39.58
Dave Quaid	3	3	35

Class D

Roger Kitner	5	0	32
Kenneth Whitehouse	4	1	34.5
Dave Quaid	2	3	33.5

Class E

Rondi Mengelt	5	1	26.67
Landon Morgan	5	1	26.25
Mary Thompson	3	3	22.92

Class F

Robert Fleege	4	1	30
Larry Fettes Jr	3	2	31.5
Laren Bamborough	3	2	28.5

Class G

Rick Swan	5	0	31
Richard Conrad	4	1	20
Robert Stark	2.5	2.5	21.29

Class G

Mark Kubisiak	5	0	23.5
Guy Fleming Jr	4	1	12.5
Kevin Aarstad	3	2	11.5



Class A: Gene, John, Penny



Class B: Robert, Rowen, Linda



Class C: Charlotte, Roger

Class D: Dave, Roger, Kenneth

Class E: Dan, Mary, Rondi, Landon

Class F: Larry, Robert, Loren

Class G: Richard, Rick, Robert

Class H: Kevin, Mark, Guy





“The Cruel Shoes”
by Justin Kern

“Rocky Mountain Low and High”

Alongside the clarion Dolores River wedged in the seasonal change of aspens among the firs in the San Juan Mountains, it was easy to accept inconsistency, just fine to let the shoes bounce where they may.

I was in Colorado, outside Rico, elevation 8,800+ feet above sea level, in a weekend sneak away from work to see old friends. At my rental cabin, they rightly sold the natural surroundings and built-in ranch amenities such as horseback riding. What they left out of the website and brochures was the horseshoe pits.

It was more than altitude giddiness – my hometown Milwaukee peaks out at around 657 feet above sea level – my glee at the unexpected neighboring pits. In fact, I wasn't quite sure they were horseshoe pits at first. I pulled into the cabin after a majestic, serpentine ride from the airport and my friend's place, and in the funny mountain hours when sunset comes earlier and daylight hangs dark and blue in the valleys.

But sure as the next sunrise, I had a chance to size up the pits on my walk from the cabin to the breakfast nook at the ranch. Two pits, with multiple shoe options, a few of them even left from the previous game as ringers around the stake, a promising sign.

My chance to pitch in a new, unanticipated locale would have to wait another day. Old friends (and their kid, who was new to me) wanted to hike up the old silver mine trail near their home, in one of the last nearly affordable places this close to Telluride. Say what you will about the uber-posh



resorts and ski homes – with a view this remarkable, the air, water and fauna crackling with daily freshness, you could put no price tag on the place. Sure, man has tried. Witness: the literal mountain range used on cans of Coors. The gut-upending gondolas. The sandwich board sign outside the one bar in an old mining town that advertised “free blood lead testing.”

On Sunday morning, after watching my preferred football team blow one by breakfast on account of a kickoff from London, I found the perfect window of time to visit those horseshoe pits. Upon closer inspection, you could tell why these pits weren't pitched as a draw. Rocky sand around the stakes, with more than a few ants, and failing woodwork on the backboards. The shoes were worn beyond color, and somehow, among 12 to choose from, all by the “Good Shue” brand, there wasn't a matching pair. Round or ridged, heavy or dinky, dented or possibly pulled from an animal in the nearby stables.

In this unevenness, you free yourself from expectations. Just pitch. I guessed at scores between the indistinguishable “grey-versus-gray” matchup. I counted the bouncing ringers and points from the unforgiving surface. Took it easy on my seasonal ringer ratio.

And it turned out I pitched fine. In a summer of consistency and steady growth, it was the throw for a loop I had coming. Magpies cut through the treelines and a stray dog begged my pardon to walk through my game and grab a sip from clear river, as if to remind me I had settled in to the point

of forgetting the ripple of its idyllic waters. So far out there, wifi and texts were hard to come by, and the night stars served as prime-time entertainment, so close as to have texture, depth. A chance to catch a few games under no obligation, and a reminder that they're all like that, if we're being unexpectedly honest.

