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## Fall Meeting 2014

The Fall Meeting kicked off at 1:00 p.m. in the Lake Delton Sportsmen's Club with an invocation by Chaplain, Ken Heinritz remembering missing members of the horseshoe family and asking for an even temperament for the 33 members present in their discussions.

President Glenn Bogenschneider, in the absence of the State Sec-Treas., John Secord, prepared



to read minutes of last meeting proposing that in the future the minutes and treasury report will be printed and available only in that form. Treasury shows a WHPA balance of \$1440.81 to date. One quarter of an hour after the reading all were ready to agree to a print copy. Bogenschneider then proceeded to call upon his fellow board members for their input.

First VP, Jane Smith passed out awards for the competition among clubs at the State Tournament. First place went to a newly named club. See Smith's full report on other pages. She also tendered a suggestion to offer double P.O.Y. points for State competition. We'll see.

Second VP, Eddie Wheeler, in his mission as Publicity and Membership director contacted Tina Hawkins, the NHPA VP in charge of the same. She

responded with a full page of promotional ideas. Watch this Newsletter for her fertile ideas to repopulate our ranks.

Bogenschneider interjected with, "Membership determines the number of delegates Wisconsin sends to the national convention. We lost one delegate in recent years. Adding that a few years ago we had as many as 483 WHPA members. Did we hear correctly that we now have just 294?"

The Bull Falls Club, according to Randy Rein, has opened up their tournament on Friday nights to the public to attract new sanctioned pitchers.

Third VP, Sonia Cook, says thanks to the Jr Scholarship raffle which netted \$659, the total near \$1000, was met with a donation from Helen Sorensen in honor of her late husband Mer, amounting to \$300.

NHPA RD, John Meyer was issuing 2015 cards on site. He told that hasty tournaments to satisfy participation requirements are possible. Requirements are, two pitchers, at least 100 shoes, and sanctioned courts. Call him for a sanction number. Next year is re-certification time for court sanctions. Meyer will be doing so as he pitches various events citing any necessary modifications.



Jane Smith, on behalf of the Newsletter reminded subscribers the annual fee is now \$15 and that a new method of notice of online access is in the works.

Al Huizenga arose to tell of his research on some other state tournaments, first place award, cash awards, and sponsorship. The States considered were just a few, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.

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# Upcoming Events

			Entry Fee	D/L	Contact Person	
01/1	New Year's Day	Unsanc.			Jeff Gustafson	Earl Paulson
01/10	Xmas Party	Beloit		1 pm	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
01/17-18	The 001 Beloit	28-15-001	\$20	7 Jan	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
01/24-25	Rumble with Rudy	28-15-002	\$18	17 Jan	Rudy Van Fleet	920-210-7579
02/7-8	Valentine Beloit	28-15-003	\$20	28 Jan	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304
02/28	Bring a Pal doubles	Unsanc.	\$10	18 Jan	Earl Paulson	608-879-2304

Full Schedule next issue

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**A lot of Moving and Shaking going on at the State Fall Meeting!**

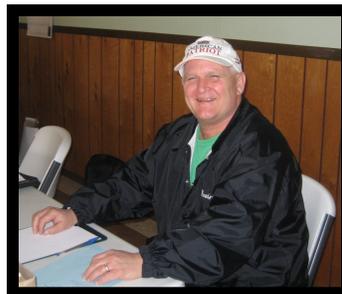
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
 COOPERATION**

Handwritten Submissions to be accepted by Jim Haupt on a limited basis.



Kevin Brekke, Mark Mauthe, Ken Heinritz are purchasing 2015 NHPA cards or conferring with John Meyer about WHPA activities.



Kevin Brekke graciously consented to take minutes as John Secord was attending his grand-daughters wedding. He has apologized for missing a couple meetings because of family commitments and personal health the past few years after perfect attendance for over decades!

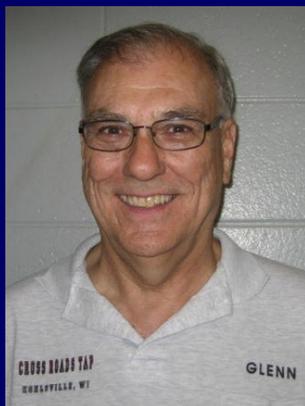


Penny Steinke and Edie McKinney catching up with each other since the State Tourney in Beloit. New meeting attendee, Evelyn Larsen, observes camaraderie of WHPA members before the beginning of the meeting.



WHPA members sharing their activities since the last contact with such a great group of people. The Fall and Spring meetings are a natural high of smiles and hugs.

With Glenn Bogenschneider



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After the coldest winter in 30 years, I can't believe we have single digit temperatures and over a foot of the snow in November! Although the winter is cold, there is one thing that makes me HOT, and that is, our membership numbers. This year will be the sixth consecutive year that we will have lost members and we came within 6 members of losing a delegate to the national convention. **We can do better!!**

Our state has had one or more WHPA members on the National Board for over 21 years, we have had numerous World Champs, and many, many, more Class Champs over the years: we have WHPA members serving on NHPA committees. We are one of the leading states in the country, BUT, we have to increase our membership.

So, you might say, "You're President, why don't you do something?" OK, I will! Effective immediately I am appointing each and every one of you to the Membership Growth and Retention Committee. We will turn the corner in 2015 - Can I count on you?

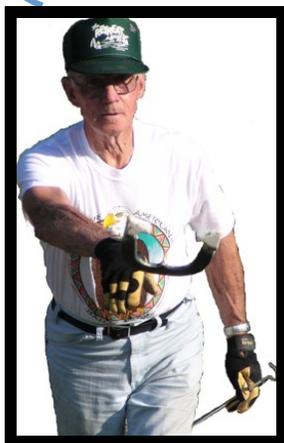
The Executive Board will be meeting in February and there are five agenda items, guess what four will be about, right, membership. All the "executive" planning in the world will not increase memberships, but "boots on the ground" will. Please, during these winter months, think, who can I ask to join; friend, relative, co-worker, man, woman, junior, cadet. We have competitive classes for all pitchers.

I know that you who read this message love horseshoes and would like to see tournaments like we had 15-20 years ago, two, three day events. If only "each one, reaches one", we can do it. Can I count on you?? Stay warm, stay safe, stay healthy and let's make 2015 GREAT!

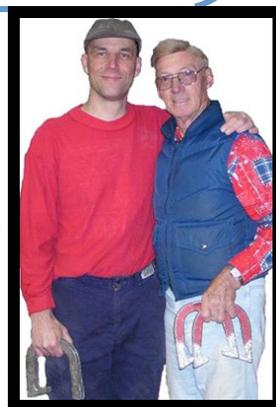


Behind the  
Mask

With NHPA Chaplain  
Ken Heinritz



**Where are you dad?** I'm waiting for that call! Oh, how I miss you! My father, Roger passed away over 6 years ago now & I still imagine his voice on the phone "Ken, it's a good day to pitch some shoes. Why don't you stop by, I feel like I can beat you today." He used to call 3 times a week. He knew my schedule so well. And he knew that I had a hard time saying no to him & to the game I love. Oh I long for his call again.



Focused competition it was. We'd play up to a dozen games up to 21 with various handicaps to contend with. Boy was that fun. Then we would sit down to a tall glass of coke fill with ice just to tip off the day. Oh for those days again! My hearts still aches for dad. I'm waiting for that call.

*"Lord, thank you for the earthly father you blessed me with."*





## 2014 Autumn Harvest Results

By, Earl Paulson / Jimmy Paulson

### Class A

Dennis Reid	5	0	67.2
Gunnar David	3	2	48.8
Jesse Garza	3	2	48.4



Class A



Class B

### Class B

Jeff Gustafson	4.5	.5	46.4
Linda Roeber	4	1	47.6
Al Huizenga	3	2	34.8



Class C



Class D

### Class C

Bruce McLinn	5	0	29.2
Dan Lessman	4	1	36.8
Jim Huckabee	2	3	24.8

### Class D

Dalton Simmons	5	0	35.2
Rowen Swick	4	1	30.8
Lawrence Fettes Jr	3	2	30.4

### Class E

Leo Linhart	5.5	1.5	31.07
Roger Kitner	5	2	29.29
Kevin Brekke	4	3	29.64



Class E



Class F

### Class F

Larry Fettes III	5	0	25.2
Kari David	4	1	32.8
Rondi Mengelt	3	2	24.4

### Class G

Gary Schmitz	4	2	26.25
Tom Steinke	4	2	18.33
Scott Winefka	4	2	17.08



Class G



Class H

### Class H

Russ Burns	5	0	26
Paul Widell	3	2	22
Wayne Goers	3	2	16.4



Class I

### Class I

Eric Nelson	4	1	11.6
Ed Dolan	4	1	10.8
Al Ostenson	3	2	14.8



Want to stay up to date on horse-shoes? Subscribe to the WHPA email bulletin. Simply send a blank email to: [whpa\\_bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:whpa_bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com) It's easy and free! Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know!

## Ed Hack

A pitcher profile by Jim Haupt

Ed Hack is known as an accomplished director of horseshoe events for the Little Bull Falls Club in Mosinee. The club is a nearby offshoot of the old Windy Hill bunch. When Ed was about thirty-five he broke his ankle playing softball with a team of mostly younger fellows from work. It may have been reason to pitch shoes. No more spikes sliding into second base. Located east side of Wausau, Hack's home is a convenient location for an aspiring horseshoe pitcher.



Regardless, at age 50 he ran into Ken Kosky who sold him on league horseshoes in Ringle whereupon meeting like-minded others of the same aim it naturally led to obtaining an NHPA card other nearby tournaments. Hack likes to remember the time he got lucky enough to blow-out Ivan Ruzic in a Marengo event sponsored by Steve Stevens. He did it pitching a 76% game. It was not too long ago, recalling, he was already pitching thirty feet at the time.

Other hobbies for Hack include ice fishing and dart ball. We now know he can endure the elements, and must be a patient fellow. Evidentially he tunes his pitching accuracy by cross-training with an aligned sports avocation, tossing darts for singles, or is he a triple shooter?

Wausau's big box retailer, K-Mart, shut down after Ed retired from there. Loss of sales of a staple item like suspenders may have been a contributing factor. Those stretchy yardsticks holding up his pants are his signatory dress code. Perhaps only his wife Marcy has seen him without, suspenders that is.

He is known to have been the secretary-treasurer for the Bull Falls Club when they last hosted the state tournament there. As one of the Bull Falls tournament directors, Hack admits part of the reason he attends other tournaments is to return the favor, that and the fun of traveling keeps him on the horseshoe tournament trail. Small towns are high on his agenda.

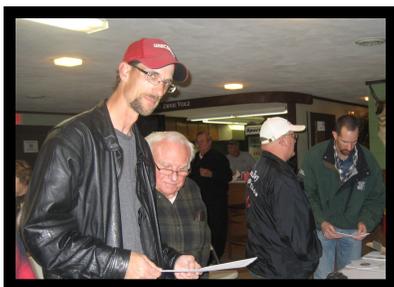
"Horseshoes needs some younger people", is Hack's proposed cure for NHPA's declining numbers. He looks to the popular bar leagues as fertile recruiting grounds.

Now that Mr. Hack is past 70 yr. of age and pitching at the shorter distance, he foresees possible problems arising from the greater influx of short-distance pitchers. "We are beginning to outnumber the forty-footers."

We hear you Ed and hope your continued participation, plus the colorful history of our great sport will generate the renewed interest you desire. See you at Bull Falls, Ed.

## FALL MEETING CONTINUED

Although very interesting and productive, the facts and figures came a little too fast for your agent to follow completely. Perhaps Al will share his findings on future pages of this Newsletter.



may seek another NHPF grant to add three or four

Mark Mauthe talked of some new lights for their Platteville courts site of the oncoming State Tournament wondering whether the city would pick up the tab. The club



more courts.

The question of, who would like to bid for the 2016 State Tournament was asked of the group with no reply except for whisper from Mosinee who say they may extend some feelers.

Elections proceeded for 1st VP, 3rd VP, and Secretary. All running unopposed, Jane Smith, Sonia Cook, and John Secord won by a landslide.

Next meeting - April 18, 2015.

The Q-B, Glenn, took a kneel-down at 2:35 PM.



## AAU & HORSESHOES

By, Jim Haupt

### He found gold!

Tony Scrima, Waukesha horseshoe pitcher and part-time junk picker, found a piece of horseshoe memorabilia, a gold medal awarded to the Amateur Athletic Union, AAU, horseshoe doubles champion of 1937. A friend and fellow picker came across the valued find in a box of bits and pieces he had

glommed on to.

Through Tony, and his son-in-law, Joe's computer, the original possible owners were found. Bob Dunn's recently published book, "AAU National Amateur Horseshoe Pitching Championships," verified the medal was won

by both Walter W. Lane and Hubert Trinkle pitching a combined 63% winning in the 1937 AAU doubles championship.

A quote from winner, Hubert Trinkle, the following year, "Last year Walt and I went to Cincinnati without the support of the local people and won the National AAU senior doubles championship. This year we are going to New York with the support of the populace and hope to do even better." True to his prophecy, in 1938, Trinkle was first in singles, 72.1%, and Lane fourth at 50.6%. Together they again won the doubles while his son, Walt Jr. was half of another doubles team placing 2nd.

The Book details that almost anyone who is not an NHPA champion or has not competed in the championship class is an eligible amateur. Consequently many NHPA pitchers competed in the annual AAU event.

Although prior pitching in a cash tournament



Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined.  
-Henry David Thoreau

may have been cause of non-entry or dismissal. The sketchy rules of entry were not applied uniformly.

Dunn's book covers all 40 years, 1937 to 1977, of AAU association with horseshoes. It was a time when horseshoes was still regarded as a spectator sport. Only a gifted few had the ability to ring the stake with any degree of repetition.

The individual reports, year by year, of the AAU events list names pitchers of today can recall. Horseshoe history buffs will recognize many. Current pitchers will recognize a few. It is a book of names. Dr. Sol Berman, John Lindmeier, Stan Manker, Carl Lundgren, and Vince Yanetti are a group probably known by name only. Some of us are apt to know or have known: Ralph Dykes, Jack Stout, Harold (Booty) Lange, Clint Sjurset, Dave Loucks, and Art Tyson. Some may have pitched against Roger Ehlers. The foregoing are all considered to have been AAU competitors.

A book excerpt: "To qualify for a national tournament, a pitcher must have an average in the 80's...Any dub can pitch an 80 percent game." (Pop) Woodfield says, "but he can't do it consistently." *Author's note: Is that where the horseshoe pitcher's constant cliché originated? "consistent,"?*



Bob Dunn of Minnesota was appointed NHPA Historian in 2008, and has written several horseshoe books, one on shoe collecting. He owns the largest known collection of interesting, formerly used shoes that many pitchers have seen displayed at world tournaments.

To order the AAU book, visit BeaverPond-Books.com or direct: BobCharlesDunn@aol.com. All profits are slated for your NHPA.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore, Dream, Discover.

-Mark Twain

## 2014 WI State Tourney Team Results

By, Jane Smith

Ten teams entered this event this year. Each person earns points for placing; points are totaled then divided by number of pitchers. The team with the highest winning points is the Champion. A minimum of 5 pitchers is needed for a club to participate. Clubs may combine members to meet the required number of pitchers. A \$15 entry fee is charged with each Club receiving a certificate of participation. The top winners receive certificates and cash with the Champion also receiving a free entry to the 2015 State Team event.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Summit Ridge	5 pitchers	7.8	1 State Champ / 1 State Class Champ
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heinritz Homestead	10	7.6	2 State Champs / 1 State Class Champ
3 <sup>rd</sup>	New London DF	5	6.8	1 State Champ
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield	5	5.8	1 State Champ / 1 State Class Champ
5 <sup>th</sup>	Beloit	24 (most)	5.3	3 State Class Champions
6 <sup>th</sup>	Little Bull Falls	8	5.25	1 State Champ
7 <sup>th</sup>	Platteville	5	5.2	
8 <sup>th</sup>	CDC	6	4.3	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eau Claire	9	4.1	1 State Class Champ
10 <sup>th</sup>	Muskego	6	3.6	

### 2014 Fall Singles Beloit

Class A

Galen Kozel	4	1	55.2
Mark Mauthe	4	1	45.2
Steve Weigert	3	2	48

Class B

Jeff Gustafson	4	1	52
Roger Ehlers	4	1	50.8
Kevin Peterson	3	2	49.2

Class C

Alan Jones	5	0	49.6
Dan Lessman	3	2	42.
Bruce McLinn	3	2	36.8

Class D

Tony Scrima	3	2	28.8
Rich Brockway	3	2	28.4
John Resch	3	2	27.6

Class E

Joel Ramsdell	4.5	.5	31.2
Leo Linhart	4	1	36.4
Rick Swan	3.5	1.5	28.8

Class F

Russ Burns	3.5	.5	19.5
Tom Steinke	3	1	18.5
Kevin Aarstad	2.5	1.5	13



No Picture Class A

Class B

Class C



Class D

Class E



Class F



### Log Jam Results

By, Ed Hack

#### Class A

Ron Button	7	0	74.3
Randy Rein	6	1	51.8
Steve Wiegert	4	3	48.3

#### Class B

Steve Mielke	4	1	43.6
Mark Rice	4	1	40.4
John McNeil	3	2	43.6

#### Class C

Elaine Troullier	7	0	44.5
David Torrey	6	1	38.3
J Wicklander	4	3	26

#### Class D

Heather Sowatzke	5	0	34.8
Craig David	3	2	25.2
Trent Bratland	3	2	18.4

### Green Bay Results

By, Steve Wiegert

#### Class A

Ron Button	7	0	61.1
Martin Papesh	6	1	61.4
Cal Pitel	5	2	40.7

#### Class B

Dick Hanold	6	1	52.1
John Olson	6	1	46.8
Jerry Gossen	4	3	41.1

#### Class C

Elaine Troullier	4.5	.5	38.8
Susie Erickson	3.5	1.5	31.2
J Wicklander	2	3 3	0.4

#### Class D

Bill Matey	5	0	39.4
Jerry Kamps	4	1	31.2
Heather Sowatzke	3	2	22.8

### What's New

By, Jane Smith

My apology to Class G of the Wet N Wild tournament. This class was won by Ceil Trossen with a perfect 5-0 record. 2nd place was correct with Tim Sheehan; 3rd was won by Mary Sue Morris with a 2-3 record. Thank you, Ceil, for keeping me on task. You will be receiving our WHNL as a Class Champion.

After visiting with Tom Steinke and Edie McKinney, it seems Penny Steinke is teaching, feeling OK and on the transplant list. Please keep all of our WHPA members who are facing health issues in your prayers.

### Platteville Results

By, Mark Mauthe

We ran the Platteville Open tournament on Sunday, September 7 during the annual Platteville Dairy Days festival. This festival is held every year the weekend after Labor Day. The goal was to create some additional interest in the tournament with the added activities available for all. That didn't go over as hoped so we ended up with seven league members enjoying a gorgeous late summer day. It was warm and mostly sunny and pitching conditions were nearly perfect with very little wind. With the large spread in averages we decided to play the tournament more like a league event. We played count all, 100% handicap with alternate pitch and charged no money for the entry fee. Things worked out very well. Thanks to all the players and to Matt Lee for handling the statistics.

#### Class A

Gloria Sheff	5	1	27.08
Gabe Burgin	4	2	12.5
John Brugger	3	3	38.33

### Deansville Singles

By, Rudy VanFleet

#### Class A

Glenn Bogenschneider	62.8
John Meyer	44.8
Ray Groskinsky	42.8

#### Class B

Tony Scrima	36
Kerry Morris	16
Gary Schmidt	21

### Longevity Awards

By, John Secord / Jane Smith

We have quite a few WHPA members who have received their longevity patches. Believe it or not, our president, Glenn, "Bogie," has been a member for 30 years as have Ken Davison, Jim Haupt, Ken Jaeger Sr, Bill Matey, Mark Mauthe, Earl Paulson, and Steve Wiegert. Receiving 20 year patches are John Brophy, Ken Heinritz, Kathy Jaeger, Layne Olson, Dave Paul, Rowen Swick and Dave Volz. 10 year patches went to Dean Chaffee, Chris Gage, Randy Heinritz, Jerry Oleskow, Gary Schmitz and Gary Wegner. We can see from the list, our organization is definitely a family affair. What a great family!

## WHPA Hall of Fame Nomination

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must have been a WHPA member for ten (10) years. There are four (4) major categories:

### **Player Category**

- Outstanding State & World tournament performance
- State & World tournament titles
- Pitching records achieved (i.e. perfect game, repeat performances, etc.)
- Sportsmanship

### **Organizer / Promoter Category**

- Local & State promotion
- Tournament directorship
- Local, State & National offices held
- State & National committee involvement
- Club & League organization

### **Player / Organizer Category**

Candidates' accomplishments from both above categories.

### **Honorable Mention Category**

- Candidates from states other than WI who have had a positive influence in WI horseshoes
- Candidates from WI who have contributed to the WHPA events

The WHPA Hall of Fame committee is comprised of the WHPA officers, former WHPA president, and three WHPA members at large. Jeff Secord is the Hall of Fame Chairperson. **Nominations for Hall of Fame are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Send the following information to Jeff Secord, W2805 Johnsburg Rd, Fond du Lac, WI 54937**

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Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / e-mail of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / e-mail of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a category:

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Organizer / Promoter \_\_\_\_\_ Player / Promotion \_\_\_\_\_ Honorable Mention \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a typed page of credentials and/or reasons for the nomination. Feel free to enumerate and promote your nominee with statistics and facts of their horseshoe career.

Number of years in WHPA \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: Titles won, offices held, leagues formed, etc.

Roles played in the WHPA: tournament director, court organization, Jr. participation, etc.

Other:





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