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In Memorium



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WHPA Tournament Schedule 2024 - April 2025

Date	Tournament	Location	Max	Entry	Deadline	Contact
Nov 30-Dec 1	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	20	Nov 23	Gerald Harris
Dec 7-8	Snowflake	Beloit	72	20	Nov 27	Dan Newkirk
Dec 14-15	Ho Ho Horseshoe Tournament	Wonewoc	30	20	Dec 4	Dave Volz
Jan 4-5	001 Tourney	Beloit	72	20	Dec 27	Dan Newkirk
Jan 11-12	Dance with Dobie	Deansville	40	20	Jan 4	Gerald Harris
Feb 8-9	Deansville Memorial	Deansville	40	20	Feb 1	Gerald Harris
Feb 15-16	Valentines Tournament	Beloit	72	20	Feb 5	Dan Newkirk
Feb 22	Deansville/Beloit Challenge	Deansville				Club Event
Mar 1	Bring a Junior	Beloit		10	Feb 19	Dan Newkirk
Mar 8-9	Klash with Kerry	Deansville	40	20	Mar 1	Gerald Harris
Mar 15-16	March with Penny	Beloit	72	20	Mar 5	Dan Newkirk
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	Apr 20	Les Karpziel



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Anthony James "Tony" Scrima, Jr.

Anthony James "Tony" Scrima, Jr., 85, passed away on November 15, 2024, at Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc, WI. He was born on February 8, 1939, in [Waukesha, WI](#), where he was a lifelong resident

beginning as a child on Main Street to residing in his current home for 55 years.

Remembrances by Pam Aiken:

I'm so sad to report that Tony Scrima, age 85, passed away on November 15, 2024 after a short stay in hospice care. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and so many of us in the horseshoe community.

Tony started pitching horseshoes when he was 10 years old, joining the NHPA in 1985 at age 46. He had many achievements and accomplishments over the years:

- Inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame in 2017.
- Attended every state tournament between 1987 and 2018.
- Constructed 20 portable courts for use at the Beloit spring tournaments at Telfer Park.
- Won three Class B titles at State Tournaments.
- Won two State Doubles championships, one each with Ralph Maylahn (1988) and Pam Aiken (2011).
- Won three Club Team championships, first with Ralph Maylahn, Lorraine Sternberg, and Ken Heinritz; and then again twice with Pam Aiken, Penny Steinke, and Galen Kozel.
- Won three State Moose championships.
- Received awards for Most Improved Player, Player of the Year, Most Double Ringers in League, Sportsmanship, and Grand Champion Award at Goldendale.

Anyone who met Tony has a story to tell about him. He was a real character, and you weren't always sure which Tony you were going to get. He was kind, generous, and thoughtful to his friends. His sense of humor was sarcastic and sometimes sharp, his laugh coming right from the heart. He could also be very stubborn at times and certainly wasn't shy about sharing his opinions. But Tony was someone you could always count on to lend a helping hand, sit and visit, and cheer you on when you needed a boost. He was always ready to greet you with a big hug hello. I asked my kids what they remembered most about Tony, and they said his big cheerful smile.

My dad, Tom Steinke, was Tony's league doubles partner going all the way back to 1983. My earliest memory of Tony is from when Penny and I were kids. We'd all head over to the Pitchin' Palace on a snowy Saturday morning, Dad and Tony in the front seat, Penny and I in the back. We spent a lot of weekends together, traveling all around the state to pitch in tournaments.

One thing we could always count on was a stop for ice cream on the way home. Back in the early 2000's, before smart phones and Google Maps, we were on our way home and encountered a dilemma: we *needed* to stop at a Dairy Queen, but we didn't know if there were any nearby. I called my husband, Chris, from my brick of a cell phone and told him about our emergency. After a quick internet search, he relayed to us that unfortunately we had just driven past the only DQ on our route. Dad and Tony were both impressed with the valiant effort, but we had to settle for ice cream at home that day.

I'm so grateful that Tony has been part of my life and for all the good times we've had. Like we hear all the time, horseshoe friends are really horseshoe family. Next time you get together with your horseshoe family, share a story about Tony. I know you have one, he was one of a kind.



William H. "Bill" Spahn

December 30, 1929 — October 11, 2024

Bill Spahn of Lodi, Wisconsin passed away on October 11, 2024 at the age of 94. Bill was well known as a pitcher, a card player, a wood worker and a fisherman. Bill was always fun to be around and a jokester that kept everyone on their toes. Bill was a policeman and owned and operated Spahn Liquor in Madison for many years before he retired. He will be missed by many of us. *Written by Dobie.*

I might also add that Bill Spahn was one of the first horseshoe pitchers I met when I joined the WHPA. He was a fine pitcher who loved the game and horseshoe family. He hasn't pitched for years but was always a gentleman with a warm smile, great hug and a pleasure to pitch against. He subscribed to the WHNL for many years, making sure he received his issues when he was a snowbird. *Written by Jane Smith.*



Kari Ann David

Kari Ann David was born on August 18th, 1967. She passed away on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at Marshfield Hospital.

Remembrances by Sonia Cook "to our Horseshoe Family":

As our sister Kari David was laid to rest October 13 in Marshfield, it was extremely comforting to have over 50 of our WHPA members attend services.

Kari embodied life and appreciated each and every person she met... whether on the court or off.

Many of our horseshoe family traveled her health issues with her. Kari was a fighter all the way. Warm hugs to Craig, Malachi, Gunnar, and Theresa David.

One comment overheard... "You know - it could be any one of us tomorrow." So as Kari would say "Enjoy every moment - Love you guys!"

Tribute by Kevin Brekke:

I was saddened by the Facebook post on September 28 with the news from Gunnar David that his mom, Kari David had passed. Gunnar said,

"I'm deeply saddened to share that my beloved mother has passed away. She was the heart of our family, a source of endless love, wisdom, and strength. Her kindness and grace touched so many lives, and I will forever carry her spirit with me. While words can't express the pain, I find comfort in the beautiful memories we shared. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and support during this difficult time."

When I saw this post, I wrote this poem in honor of Kari, and the family gave permission to share it with you.

That Day

Did not think today
Would be that day
I have no words to say
It tears my heart away

Kari was so strong and kind
So many thoughts race in my mind
How could this happen, how?
The world is a different place now

So many years have flown by
Smiles and laughter filled the sky
Today those memories will supply
Strength and hope as days go by

Thankful for the times together
My life is infinitely better
God's grace to the Kari family
She will live forever in me



Donald "Don" E. Goldsmith

Don passed away on August 3, 2024 at the age of 79. Don was a true gentleman in all situations. He always had a warm smile and welcoming hug for his horseshoe family. He was a founding member of the Beloit Horseshoe Club which honors him by naming and hosting the annual Don Goldsmith Classic Doubles Tournament. He had a love of cars and anything automotive. Don was a man of many talents, sharing his love of music with his family and friends by playing the guitar, banjo, and mandolin. He was also a spiritual man as his strength and inspiration came from his love of the Bible.

Don was a delight to meet and visit on the horseshoe courts. He was nominated to the Wisconsin Hall of Fame; sporting a 60% average as he pitched in many local leagues, tournaments and State Tournaments- pitching in the Championship Class. His average dropped after he was diagnosed with cancer. His love of the game never faltered. Our WHPA family will miss him as he is playing horseshoes with many friends who have gone before him. *By Jane Smith.*

WHPA President — Dobie Gutweiler



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. The holiday season always makes us a little more joyful, most of the time anyway.

I can't help but be sad as I write this month's article. In my horseshoe life, the loss of Kari David, Bill Spahn, Don Goldsmith and now Tony Scrima hits hard. In each of our lives we have lost someone whether horseshoe or personally and it just stings doesn't it? Makes us see the holidays in a different light, maybe a little less shiny.

This year, when I get saddened by missing someone, I am going to try and remember the words of Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard" I will soon be sending this off to the newsletter and in a couple of days be off to say goodbye to Tony. How lucky I feel to have known him, how lucky we all were.

Enjoy your holidays, remember with love miss, or that will miss you someday. I



those that you miss, and love on the ones you will cherish you all.

Until next time, with love and gratitude.
Dobie

Behind the Mask ... With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Thanksgiving Day is upon us! This is the day when everyone is thankful, right? Well, I wish we could say that was true. Human beings want more, want better and want different! We have a lot of wants. It's very hard to be happy with what we have and not want more. This is called contentment. We are an incredibly blessed nation, yet it is filled with so many unhappy people. And consequently, a spirit of gratitude seems to be lost. In fact, it's difficult for many to see the positive around us.



Did you know that only 50 of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower survived the first winter in Plymouth, in 1620-1621? Yet those who survived were so grateful for the harvest that came in, that they decided to set aside 3 days of celebration & thanksgiving go God, for His bountiful blessings. Hence, the 1st Thanksgiving!

May each of us do some serious soul searching during this Thanksgiving season and put a halt to that negative outlook on life. Each one of us are blessed beyond measure! Consider this thought; instead of setting aside one day a year, to be thankful, how about making everyday Thanksgiving Day? Think of the impact we would have on those around us. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Our Heavenly Father is so, so good to us!! Don't forget that! We have so much to be thankful for.



*"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:1-2*

Regional Directors Report – Dave Volz



NHPA Youth Director Aleena Lepak and the NHPA council have recently decided that for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association membership year 2025, the NHPA portion of membership dues for Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys, and Cadet Girls divisions will be waived. They will still have to pay their

charter dues, where applicable. Wisconsin has no youth membership dues and therefore can advertise free youth memberships in 2025. If their dues have already been paid for 2025, they will be issuing those \$5 reimbursements soon. The goal is to incentivize more youth pitching in the NHPA and encourage more families to join, embracing the family friendly aspect of our support. The promotions committee has pledged \$500 of their budget to support the youth as well. Therefore, the first 20 youth to sign up for the 2025 World Tournament in Sandy, Utah will have their entry fee reimbursed. To be eligible, they must compete in the preliminary round of the World Tournament and will be reimbursed at the end of their preliminary round.

The NHPA has decided to start taking entries for the 2025 World Tournament earlier, they will be available on December 1st, 2024. There is also **an increase in the entry fee the later you wait to enter**. The fee is

\$130 before Feb 1, 2025, \$150 from Feb 1 through April 31, and \$170 after May 1, 2025 for US adults. If you plan on going, don't procrastinate, get your entry in early! All adult pitchers must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the 12 months prior to the May 19, 2025 deadline. The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 31, 2025 and published on the NHPA website.

The 2025 NHPA/WHPA membership form is available on the Whpa website. Fill out the form, circle the pitching division and mail the appropriate fee to Whpa Sec/Treas John Secord. Note that Junior/Cadet pitchers are free for 2025 and new members that have never previously been a member before can get a full 2025 membership for \$25. You can also renew your membership online, but if you are changing pitching divisions or are doing the \$25 first time full membership you have to use the mail in form.

The 2025 WHPA tournament schedule through May is on the WHPA website, the full 2025 schedule will be finished sometime in January and updated on the website along with the calendar which also has driving directions to the courts at all WHPA sanctioned events.

For full NHPA officer and committee reports go to the NHPA NEWSLINE on the WHPA website at whpahorseshoes.com.



World Tournament Message

By Kent Frailing

Greetings Fellow Horseshoe Pitchers,

We want to make sure that the **World Horseshoe Tournament in Wausau in 2026** is the best experience possible. Many of you have already sent me suggestions and ideas for the upcoming World Tournament. We have formulated a list of previous World Pitchers, and I will be sending out an email asking for their input.

Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedules and send me your thoughts. This request is not limited to World Pitchers only, nor is it limited to WHPA members. Please feel free to convey your thoughts to me and once I have received all of the emails, I will make a comprehensive list and present it to the World Committee. Your input is important to make 2026 a success. You can email me at: horseshoeskent@outlook.com.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 715-574-1459 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration. 🍷





Recap of the October 19, 2024 WHPA Fall Meeting



By Kevin Brekke

President Dobie Gutweiler called 35 WHPA members to order at 1:03. 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, Secretary/Treasurer read the Spring meeting minutes- it was approved as read. He then gave the Treasurers' Report with a balance of \$7,313.80 as of October 19. This was down from the April 20 balance of 8,628.04.

Dave Volz, first VP, reported the POY standings are updated on the web page. Dave also mentioned he went up to Algoma to view courts at the request of Ben Kinjerski to get them sanctioned. Ben wants to get 12 courts sanctioned to hold tournaments and sanctioned leagues there.

Dan Newkirk, 2nd VP, let us know he is the point person on the board for state tournaments and let him know if any assistance is needed concerning current or future state tournaments.

Sonia Cook, 3rd VP, thanked everyone for supporting the Jr Raffle and is planning to continue the Raffle in 2025. She is collecting Raffle items all year. The balance of the Jr Scholarship fund is \$14,114.555 up from 13,298.61 in April. She encouraged all members to try and bring in more junior pitchers.

The Marketing / Publicity Report - Fred Lane was not present and had no report.

Jeff Secord Team World Tournament Director reminded us that the tournament limit is 24 teams. In 2024 we had 29 teams entered and had to turn away five teams, which was a first. Jeff also was on a podcast hosted by Dalton Rakestraw, NHPA 2ND VP. Jeff mentioned it was long, but he covered the history of Team World and what it is about. Jeff mentioned that the 2025 Team World registration is now on our state site. Jeff also mentioned that he does not accept Elder Women pitching at 20 feet for the Team World Tournament. With 24 courts and not knowing what courts need a 20 foot foul line, it is just not realistic at this time. The 2025 Team World will be our 39th.

Jeff Secord Hall of Fame Chairman - reported this year's inductees are Jim Bilderback and Gus Schram. The award ceremony at the State Tournament brings out family and friends of the inductees and is a proud moment for them.

Jeff said that nominations are accepted by anyone on the hall of fame committee by March 1st. Committee member and nomination form are on our state website.

Regional Director, Dave Volz, gave a recap of the 2024 World Tournament held in Kennewick, WA:

1. **There were 19 pitchers from Wisconsin**, 11 in the top 5, and 6 made the championship class. Lilyan Kildahl received the Alan Francis Jr award. Receiving a patch for 20 world tournaments and 20 in a row was Ralph Marthaler. Sarah Chaffee received an award for a 90 percent game.
2. **2025 World Tournament – Salt Lake City, UT** – Dates are July 21 to August 2. The location is the Mountain America Expo Center. Registration usually comes out after the first of the year. There is a link to Visit Salt Lake on our state site under World Tournament.
3. **World Tournament by-law changes** – Bylaw change 1 - Delegate changes from 1 for every 100 members to 1 for every 50 members. We are looking at having seven delegates for 2025, up from four. Bylaw change 2 – No nominations are allowed from the floor at the convention. Bylaw change 3 - did not pass, decisions are still made from the NHPA council for future World Tournament sites. Bylaw change 4 - change would affect the submission deadline for rule and bylaw changes from September 30 to February 1st of the World Tournament year. Bylaw change 5 – Cadet age from 12 to 10, this failed. Bylaw change 5 – Elder Women 65 or older shall observe the 20 foot foul line – passed. Dave reminded us that if are changing divisions, the first year you will need to go through John Secord our state secretary/ treasurer to pay your membership and get signed up. Once signed up, the following years you can go through e-shoe to sign up and pay your fee.

Aleena Lepak announcement read by Sonia Cook – I am excited to step into the role of youth director again. This time in my life is a great opportunity along with our fresh leadership at the NHPA level. Our goal is to help promote youth membership by focusing on retaining our youth into adulthood. I have established a youth committee from across the country to help brainstorm ideas. I welcome any and all ideas that my home state has. My goal for the NHPA is membership

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retention, while my goal for the WHPA is to have the most Wisconsin youth in the World Tournament. I plan on talking to every youth group, girl scout, boy scout, and any other group to engage our youth. I look forward to your help in that development. Having my home state as my go to backup means a lot to me. You are the foundation that taught me what this organization can do. I am in this role because of all of you. My contact information will be posted on the NHPA website and is at the back of this newsletter.

Newsletter update by new Editor Dobie Gutweiler – Justin Kern was the editor for a few months and decided to step down. The following have stepped up to continue to make our newsletter the best. Dobie Gutweiler – Editor, Kevin and Karla Brekke – layout and proofing, Dustin Duerr – subscription, banking, printing, mailing, Sonia Cook and Fred Lane – proofer, Dave Volz – posting on Website and notifications on Facebook. Special thanks and applause were given to Jane Smith who did most of this for many years and will continue to have an interest in its future by fielding questions and cheering the group with her positive outlooks.

State Team Results from Jane Smith – there were 11 clubs that participated in the 36th State Tournament Club Team event. The contest takes place at the State Singles tournament over Labor Day weekend. Results are: 1st – Eagle River, 2nd – Marshfield, 3rd – Muskego, 4th – Beloit, 5th – Deansville, 6th – Summit Ridge, 7th – Little Bull Falls, 8th – Combo FDL / CDC, 9th – Arkdale, 10th – Eau Claire, 11th – Stevens Point.

Jane also mentioned that a long-time friend from Steven Point, Candy Van Lysal, is doing a horseshoe article in 2025 for the magazine, *Our Wisconsin*. She has already taken scores of photos. The first and last time the magazine ran a horseshoe article was written by Jim Haupt in 2013. Jane passed out a few copies of that article at the meeting.

Old Business - Recap of our 2024 State Tournament. Kent Frailing mentioned the 2026 World Tournament magnets are available for anyone that needs one. He thanked all those that helped before, during and after the tournament. Randy Mitchell mentioned it was a lot of work and next time an indoor State Tournament is run, the entry fee might need to be adjusted because of the Rental fee charged by the place. A special thank you to Kent Frailing for all the work he did behind the scenes to make this state tournament a success. Thank you, Kent.

John Secord mentioned that new members will not need to pay their Wisconsin dues for the first year. To get this, they will need to register with John Secord and just pay the national fee which is currently 25.00. This was done last year, and the board decided to try

this again this year. This replaces the Each One, Reach One program.


New Business – 2025 State Tournament – John Meyer stated the club is fixing up the courts, building and will have 17 courts ready for next year's state. Information regarding Fond du Lac hotels, camping, restaurants and activities will be available at the Spring Meeting as well as site amenities. John brought some sample shirts, and a sign-up sheet for people to order. They will be available at the spring meeting. Colors will be grey and purple.

The next item on New Business was the election of officers; David Volz 1st VP, Sonia Cool 3rd VP and John Secord, Secretary/Treasurer were voted in by Acclamation.

The State Tournament for 2026 was awarded to Dan Newkirk and the Beloit Club.

The World Tournament in Wausau for 2026 – Kent Frailing presented a logo that was submitted to the NHPA for the tournament. Waiting for approval. There is an upcoming meeting with Dalton Rakestraw, NHPA 2ND VP. He will be getting to know our World Tournament Committee and field questions they might have. The rental for the facility is a huge expense, and various means are being pursued to defray costs. Ken mentioned that the last World Tournament in Washington had high prices on many items, and he will be working on keeping prices down. For many pitchers this would be their first world tournament experience and is a great way to up our membership. To qualify for the 2026 World Tournament, a pitcher needs to have four tournaments completed from the middle of May 2025 through the middle of May 2026. Now is the time to recruit. Gerald Harris brought up that beer is not being available on site. Kent said that that was correct, because the site is attached to a school. The committee is working on options for having beer outside of the building. Kent Frailing is the point person for questions and his contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

Susie Erickson presented her plan to sponsor a Pitch Out Cancer Tournament in 2025. Kent Frailing and the Little Bull Falls club have offered to host the event, August 23,24. Further Details will be coming. Fundraiser information can be directed at Susie Erickson, 715-891-9593, 1178 Westown Dr. Eagle River, WI 54521. Tournament information can be directed at Kent Frailing, contact information under Tournament Contacts.

The Spring WHPA meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Club in the Wisconsin Dells, April 19, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 with safe travel wishes. 

Earl Paulson Classic

September 14, 2024

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Cliff Shave	5	0	71.00
Penny Steinke	4	1	69.00
Dennis Reid	3	2	60.00

Class B

Rick Weller	5	1	38.75
Gerald Harris	5	1	38.75
David Volz	3	3	30.00

Class C

Tom Steinke	5	0	21.50
Dan Newkirk	3	2	28.00
Kevin Brekke	3	2	19.00



December 27, 1929
- March 11, 2021



July 19, 1945 -
August 3, 2024



Goldsmith Doubles

September 15, 2024

Dan Newkirk

Class A

Linda Aarstad Jeff Gustafson	5	1	41.11 67.78
Cliff Shave Ken Whitehouse	5	1	54.44 46.11
Brian Schoonover Penny Steinke	4	2	25.56 71.11

Class B

Dale Matteson Robert Starck	5	1	36.11 27.22
Gerald Harris Dan Newkirk	5	1	36.67 23.33
Charlotte Potter Dave Quaid	4	2	35.56 28.89



Class A: Penny Steinke, Cliff Shave,
Dennis Reid



Class A: Dan Bloom, Bob Fleege, Brian Schoonover, Penny Steinke,
Linda Aarstad, Jeff Gustafson, Cliff Shave



Class B: Dave Quaid, Dave Volz,
Rick Weller, Gerald Harris



Class B: Dave Quaid, Charlotte Potter, Dale Matteson, Robert Starck, Gerald Harris



Class C: Kevin Brekke, Tom Steinke,
Dan Newkirk

Arkdale Doubles

September 21, 2024

Jill Peterson

Class A

Ray Groskinsky Kerry Morris	4	1	49.33 50.00
Joe McCrossen Eugene Pribnow	3	2	54.67 41.33
Rich Callaway Ken Jaeger Sr.	2	3	50.00 48.67

Class B

Justin Schultz Alvin Schultz	4	1	44.00 42.00
Russ Brockway Dustin Duerr	4	1	43.33 38.00
Kim Peterson Rich Peterson	3	2	26.67 52.00

Class C

Randy Mitchell Leslie Mitchell	3.5	0.5	45.83 20.83
Genn Hanson Dale Matteson	2.5	1.5	9.17 43.33
Patrick Labarge Dave Quaid	2	2	21.67 32.50



Class A: Rich Callaway, Ken Jaeger, Kerry Morris, Ray Groskinsky, Joe McCrossen, Eugene Pribnow



Class B: Rich Peterson, Kim Peterson, Alvin Schultz, Justin Schultz, Dustin Duerr, Russ Brockway



Deansville Singles

October 5, 2024

Gerald Harris

Class A

Jeff Gustafson	5	0	72.50
John Meyer	4	1	67.00
Kerry Morris	2	3	52.50



Class A: John Meyer, Jeff Gustafson, Kerry Morris

Class B

Dave Quaid	4.5	0.5	40.50
Randy Mitchell	3.5	1.5	42.00
Russ Brockway	2.5	2.5	32.00



Class B: Russ Brockway, Dave Quaid, Randy Mitchell

Class C

Glenn Bogenschneider	5	0	33.00
George Dorn	3	2	25.00
Chris Judson	3	2	24.50



Class C: Glenn Hanson, Dale Matteson, Leslie Mitchell, Randy Mitchell



Class C: George Dorn, Glenn Bogenschneider, Chris Judson

Summit Ridge “SPOOKTACULAR”

October 26-27, 2024

Dave Volz

Class A

Bernard Carley	5	0	62.00
Jeff Gustafson	4	1	62.00
Kerry Morris	3	2	53.00

Class B

Larry Grabowski	4	1	48.50
Dan Bloom	4	1	43.50
Rich Peterson	3	2	46.00

Class C

Ricky Pritzlaff	4.5	0.5	43.50
Randy Mitchell	4	1	45.00
Gerald Harris	3	2	40.00

Class D

Ralph Marthaler	5	0	44.50
Rick Weller	4	1	43.50
Dustin Duerr	3	2	42.50

Class E

David Volz	4	2	42.92
Steve Kulow	4	2	37.92
Mike Slowinski	4	2	36.67

Class F

Brenda Price	5	0	32.50
George Dorn	4	1	31.50
Dave Leckwee	2	3	29.00

Class G

Gary Volz	5	1	30.83
George Johnson	4	2	25.42
Mark Labarge	3	3	24.58

Class H

Sandy Anderson	4.5	0.5	22.00
Mitchell Uttech	4	1	22.50
Sara Schultz	3	2	14.00

Junior/Cadet Class

Aiden Weller	4	1	14.38
Andrew James	3.5	1.5	12.50
Owen Prasalowicz	3.5	1.5	9.38



Class A: **Kerry Morris, Bun Carley, Jeff Gustafson**



Class F: **George Dorn, Brenda Price, Dave Leckwee**



Class B: **Rich Peterson, Larry Grabowski, Dan Bloom**



Class G: **Ed Pulsfus, Gary Volz, George Johnson, Mark Labarge**



Class C: **Randy Mitchell, Rick Pritzlaff, Gerald Harris**



Class H: **Mitchell Uttech, Sandy Anderson, Sara Schultz**



Class D: **Dustin Duerr, Ralph Marthaler, Rick Weller**



Jr/Cadet Class: **Jacob James, Josie Boehm, Owen Prasalowicz, Thurston Boehm, Aiden Weller, Andrew James**



Class E: **Steve Kulow, Dave Volz, Mike Slowinski, Dave Quaid**



Deansville Doubles

November 2-3, 2024

Gerald Harris

Class A

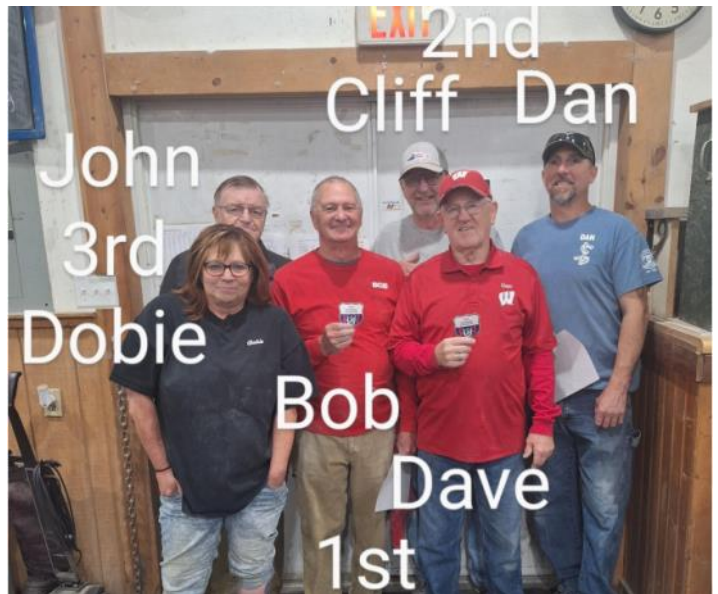
Dan Bloom Robert Fleege	3	1	46.67 41.67
Dan Newkirk Cliff Shave	3	1	15.00 70.83
Dobie Gutweiler John Meyer	3	1	10.00 59.17

Class B

Justin Schultz Glenn Schultz	3	1	38.33 30.83
Jarrold Bisch Alvin Schultz	3	1	32.50 33.33
Ray Groskinsky Glenn Hanson	2	2	48.33 16.67

Class C

Russ Brockway Dave Quaid	4	1	28.67 34.00
Nancy Murleau Danielle Vayre	3	2	32.00 25.33
Caven Boggess Eric Vandusen	3	2	22.67 32.00



Class A: **Dobie Gutweiler, John Meyer, Robert Fleege, Dan Bloom, Cliff Shave, Dan Newkirk**



Class B: **Jarrold Bisch, Alvin Schultz, Glenn Schultz, Justin Schultz, Glenn Hanson, Ray Groskinsky**



Class C: **Dave Quaid, Russ Brockway, Eric Vandusen, Caven Boggess, Danielle Vayre, Nancy Murleau**

2025 WHPA Membership & Renewal Form

Name: _____ Card # _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
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Circle your Division:

Men-\$35 Women-\$35 Elder Women-\$35 (65+)
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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.

What's New?

By Jane Smith



The WHPA is extending a very warm welcome to the following new members for the 2025 season: Brian Engleson, Donald Everson. Jason Harper, Kim Hinze, Jacob James, Joe Steinbach, Danielle Vayre. Please greet them with a smile and great WHPA Family hug when you meet them.

The NHPA approved a shorter pitching distance for women over 65, pitching anywhere behind the 20 foot Cadet foul line. This has been in the works for more than 10 years. This is a welcome change when lighter shoes have been tried and distance still has been difficult. A draw back is there must be a minimum of 4 pitchers to pitch in their own class at the State tournament. Every tournament director I asked will gladly welcome those of us needing a step or two to compete safely. Once declared a shorter distance, one must remain at that distance for the entire season. It is worth a try in my world. Be part of history and take a step or two.

It seems our WHPA Family has many needing positive vibes and prayers of hope and peace. We can support out family personally each and every day. No need for names: God knows.

Most of you know I am blessed to escape the cold, snowy winter of WI by spending time in Mesa, AZ. This year my trip down was very wet because of rain and snow. My Sunday departure had heavy rains from St. Paul, MN to Des Moines, IA. My windshield my wipers have not worked that fast forever! I have a niece in Denver who graciously invited Aussie and me to stay a second night as Denver was snow covered with traffic not advised. We left on a Thursday morning, in between two snow storms in the Denver and ski areas. I am thankful for 4 wheel drive as no one could drive I -70 unless their vehicle had snow tires, chains, or low traction options. The trip took a little longer BUT we arrived safely in Mesa for the winter.

Be safe and healthy everyday, Happy Thanksgiving, and Good Luck pitching RINGERS!! 🍷

NHPA Top 10 Awards

Pitchers from Wisconsin

Submitted by Penny Steinke

Connor Kildahl - #4 High Ringer Average - 14.10% (Cadet Division)

- Tied #3 High Ringer Game – 30%
- #3 High Ringer Game Over Average – 15.9%

Lillyan Kildahl - #3 High Ringer Average – 33% (Jr. Girl Division)

- #3 High Ringer Game – 48%
- #5 High Point Average (50 shoe games) – 62
- #5 High Point Game (50 shoe games) - 82

Penny Steinke - #2 High Ringer Average – 71% (Women Division)

- Tied for #3 High Ringer Game – 82%
- #3 High Point Average (50 shoe games) – 113.77
- Tied #8 High Point Game (50 Shoe Games) – 128

Aleena Lepak - #7 High Ringer Average – 60% (Women Division)

- #7 High Ringer Game – 76%

Owen Prasalowicz - #5 High Ringer Average – 12.22% (Cadet Division)

- Tied #3 High Ringer Game – 30%
- #2 High Ringer Game Over Average – 17.78%

Ken Jaeger Sr. - #2 High Ringer Game - 90% (Elder Division)

Ray Groskinsky - #8 High Ringer Game – 87.5% (Elder Division)

Tammy Newkirk - #10 High Ringer Game – 72.5% (Women Division)

Gunnar David - #6 High Ringer Game Over Average – 32.56% (Men Division)

Ray Cayer - #10 High Ringer Game Over Average – 31.74% (Men Division)

Cliff Shave - #9 High Point Game (40 Shoe Games) – 102 (Elder Division)

- Tied #8 High Point Game (50 Shoe Games) – 128

Dan Bloom - #8 High Point Game Over Average – 33.18% (Elder Division)



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Spring WHPA Meeting

April 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM

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