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ATTENTION

- **Signup Deadline for the State Singles and State Doubles Tournament is July 31st.**
- Entry forms are located online at www.whpahorseshoes.com

The WHPA and Beloit HSC is going to do everything possible to make this a safe, successful and enjoyable tournament for all in attendance. See you all there!

Horseshoes—for the Love of the Game

Julie Paulson

Horseshoes is not always about pitching ringers. While it's nice to get that horseshoe around the stake, and if you're lucky enough to get both around the stake, it's also just as rewarding to enjoy your "competition". I challenge you all to keep that in mind next time you're on the courts, whether you're in a tournament or just having fun playing with your friends and family. I'm sure a lot of you already do this already, so no worries. Happy pitching and good luck to all!



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We have the BEST horseshoe newsletter because of our staff and contributors! This WHNL is a true product of team work. We welcome anyone who has hidden talents—photographs, writing, proofing, tech advice, iideas, - we can use you! Sorry we have no picture of Jimmy or Julie Paulson who are the persons printing and mailing the WHNL. Maybe next month.

I would like to update our email dodo list, we currently have 126 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.



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For more information on Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitching visit us online at www.WHPAhorseshoes.com and "LIKE" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

July 31	Wisconsin State Singles Tournament Entry Deadline						
Aug 1-2	Mosinee Open	Mosinee	48	\$20	No	July 25	Kent Frailing
Aug 8	Lox Classic	Combined Locks		\$18	No	Aug 1	Dave Volz
Aug 8-9	Summer Shindig	Rozellville		\$15		Aug 1	Mel Cook
Aug 15	Fond du Lac Open	Fond du Lac	32	\$20	Yes	Aug 8	John Meyer
Aug 22	State Walking Doubles	Beloit		\$40	July 31	John Secord	
Aug 29	Goldendale Open	Germantown	36	\$15	Yes	Aug 24	Terry Sternberg
Sept 5-6	State Singles Tourn	Beloit		\$25	Yes	July 31	John Secord
Sept 12-13	Wet n Wild	Centuria		\$15	No	Sept 2	Toni Sloper
Sept 19	Arkdale Doubles	Arkdale	32	\$22	No	Sept 12	James Wicklander
Sept 26	Earl Paulson Classic	Beloit	54	\$20	No	Sept 16	Dan Newkirk
Sept 27	Don Goldsmith Dbls	Beloit		\$22	No	Sept 16	Dan Newkirk
Oct 3	Junction City Singles	Junction City	24	\$20	Yes	Sept 26	James Wicklander
Oct 3-4	Oct Fall Singles	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Sept 23	Dan Newkirk
Oct 10	Summit Ridge Fall Singles	Wonewoc	18	\$11	No	Oct 3	Dave Volz
Oct 17	WHPA Fall Meeting	Delton Sportsmen's Club					
Oct 24-25	Deansville Singles	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Oct 17	Gary Volz
Nov 7-8	Doubles at the Barrell	Deansville	32			Oct 31	Gary Volz
Nov 14-15	Autumn Harvest	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Nov 4	Dan Newkirk
Dec 5-6	Deansville Open	Deansville	40	\$20	No	Nov 28	Gary Volz
Dec 12-13	Snowflake	Beloit	72	\$20	No	Dec 2	Dan Newkirk

Jr Class Yes or No (Yes = They will have their own class if enough entries. No = They will be in mixed classes)



Blast from the Past????

This picture was taken in 1998 after a tournament. We are enjoying our 2nd favorite pastime—meals with friends:-) Wisconsin and Minnesota pitchers are taking time out for a picture op! The Christmas decorations are not a clue as to the time of year. Can you name the pitchers?



Blast From the Past

Jane Smith

This photo was taken by Susie Helene at the 1996 World Tournament in Gillette Wyoming. Gloria Smith, Jane Smith and Edie McKinney are wearing masks provided by Susie. Jim Haupt was our good buddy at this event as was Ken Kosky and Gus Schram. Other pitchers from our CDC League pitching in this event were Claretta Hansen, Donna Zins, Shari Davison. We had many happy, fun, interesting adventures on our WT trips. So many “forever” friendships have been established and nurtured.

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**Candidate Announcement**

John Secord WHPA Secretary-Treasurer

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

A very special THANK YOU to Amy Larson and Fred Lane for their photos in our WHNL. We are always looking for items of interest to our readership. Please send picture, articles, requests to our staff. Our TD are very good at sending results to Dave who posts results and pictures. THANKS !

We are currently looking for help to print, fold, address, mail our 30- 40 copies of the WHNL. Jimmy is requesting relief. We certainly appreciate his help and guidance in this project. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact me. Thank you



Just be a good person.
Love who you can,
help where you can,
give what you can.



MEMBERSHIP DECLINE.... BAD NEWS FOR ALL WISCONSIN PITCHERS.

In speaking with Secretary / Treasurer John Secord recently, the board was informed that membership is down approximately 100 people. This is devastating to our WHPA for numerous reasons, but the biggest reason is the affect this will have on the number of delegates we receive as a State at the World Tournaments.

This is how it works, the number of members a State has determines the amount of delegates that the State gets when it comes time to fight for, or against, proposed rule changes. Wisconsin, with 300+ members has had four delegates when it's voting time.

Four delegates equals four votes and these votes are HUGELY important. Each year at the World Tournament, proposed rule changes are discussed and voted upon. Two years ago we fought very hard for women over a certain age to be able to move up so as to continue pitching. We fought hard for all women, but our Wisconsin delegates all had Gloria, Cecelia, and a number of our women pitchers coming of age in our heads as we argued. While it's true that we lost that vote, we did put up a heck of a fight and our four votes made it closer than it would have been. Currently only three States have more delegates than we do, those States are Connecticut, Missouri and Minnesota. We need to keep it that way.

As we all know, membership renewals begin in October at the Fall State meeting and many members renew there, or at the first winter or spring tournament they pitch. Now, I know that the Covid-19 pandemic has made this year different from other years and we were unable to have all of the tournaments we would normally have, which is why our membership is declining, but we need you.

We understand that many may have made the decision to take this year off so as to protect themselves, and their loved ones, from covid-19. We respect that decision, but I am writing to beseech each of you to continue supporting your WHPA and all of its members, by continuing your membership, even if you are taking this year off to protect yourself. Please renew your membership online, or send to John Secord as always. We need you, each and every one of you.

Lastly, the 2020 Walking Doubles Tournament and 2020 State Tournament are coming up quickly. The registration for both of these tournaments closes on July 31st. There is lodging information in this newsletter and you can reach out to any officer if you have any questions.

Until I can see you again, please stay safe, healthy and happy.



Behind the Mask . . . With NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz

Trusting in our earthly father is one thing, but trusting in the Heavenly Father is entirely another. We can trust this Father because He is totally trustworthy. He loves each of us and is keenly aware of the trials & suffering we are currently going through as a result of Adam's sin. As Christians, we don't have to be afraid & can have the peace only God gives, as we rest on the promises found on the pages of Holy Scripture.

The Apostle Paul stated "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." For this man, the future glory he would experience with the Lord far outweighed any suffering he experienced in this world.

How about you? No doubt, you have been touched in some way by what is going on in our world today, so who do you turn to? What do you trust in? Anti-depressant medication won't cut it! The bottle won't do. He is waiting for you but will not force you. Jesus will bring relief and refresh your soul if you let Him!



"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matt. 11:28 NLT

Eagle River Open
Cliff Erickson

<u>Class A</u>			
John Meyer	5	0	61.2
Ray Groskinsky	4	1	57.2
G Bogenschneider	3	2	54
<u>Class B</u>			
Mona Lane	5	0	43.6
Kerry Morris	4	1	42.4
Dennis Wegner	2	3	37.2
<u>Class C</u>			
Tonya Kaulum	7	0	43.2
Ed Hack	6	1	29.29
Fred Lane	4	3	30
<u>Class D</u>			
Ron Studinski	5	2	25.36
Harold Ballman	4.5	2.5	33.57
Isaac Wegner	4.5	2.5	29.29
<u>Youth Class</u>			
Bradley Benzing	5	1	40
Blake Benzing	4	2	38.33
Brandon Benzing	3	3	26.11



Eagle River Class A
Glenn, John, Ray



Eagle River Class B
Dennis, Mona, Kerry



Eagle River Class C
Ed, Tonya, Fred



Eagle River Class D
Harold, Ron, Isaac, Ralph



Eagle River Youth Class
Brandon, Blake, Bradley, Alan

Phil Wahl Open
Colleen Brophy

<u>Class A</u>			
Rick Weller	3	2	32.5
Jim Bilderback	3	2	60
Dave Volz	3	2	21.5
<u>Class B</u>			
Gerald Harris	4	0	25.5
Jedidiah Sowatzke	3	1	31
Will Fillback	2	2	8.5

Pictured to the right Phil Wahl Winners
Class A: Rick, Jim, Dave
Class B: Gerald, Jedidiah, Will



What's New
Jane Smith

What a year this has been! We can be thankful for our health; the fact that we live in a relatively less populated state... helps so we are able to get some tournaments in, A special THANKS to the TD's making social distancing, sanitizing, food precautions, priorities in holding their tournaments. So many states have canceled their entire season. We are indeed fortunate.

We need positive vibes, prayers, virtual hugs, smiles, emails, FB posts sent to our many horseshoe family members meeting life challenges. Whether the need is physical, social, mental, or just because lets keep our horseshoe family in our thoughts: Davids, Smiths, Larsons, Heinritzs, McKinneys, Steinkes, Schroeders, our WHPA officers and tournament directors working with village, county, city and state regulations.

Muskego Open
Tom Steinke / Pam Aiken

Class A

Ken Heinritz	5	0	57
Penny Steinke	4	1	64.5
Tammy Newkirk	2	3	49.5

Class B

Zak Schwartz	6	1	56.7
Bob Klingaman	5	2	42.5
Harold Ballman	4	3	37.5

Class C

Tom Lear	4	1	29
Dave Palmersehiem	3	2	21
Greg Bergles	3	2	20.5

Butternut Open
Jeremy Wegner

Class A

Jim Bilderback	4	1	66.8
John Meyer	4	1	64.8
Cliff Erickson	3	2	57.2

Class B

Mona Lane	4	1	48.8
Dennis Wegner	4	1	48.4
Dustin Duerr	3	2	45.2

Class C

Ralph Marthaler	4	1	34.8
Greg Hehling	4	1	33.2
Isaac Wegner	3	2	32



Muskego Class A
Penny, Ken, Tammy



Muskego Class B
Jason, Zak, Bob



Muskego Class C
Greg, Tom, Dave

Pictured below Butternut Open Pictures

Class A: Cliff, Jim, John

Class B: Dustin, Mona, Dennis

Class C: Greg, Ralph, Isaac



Pitcher of the Year
Dave Volz

The pitcher of the year contest runs from August 1st each year to July 31st of the following year. There are 3 Divisions based on your NATSTATS average as of the first Thursday in August. Division A is 45% and over, Division B is 30% - 44.99% and Division C is below 30%. These awards are presented each year at the WHPA State Singles tournament during the awards ceremony on

Sunday just before the State Championship games are played. Points are awarded to the top 3 places in open WHPA sanctioned tournaments that are on the WHPA schedule. First receiving 15 points, second 10 points and third 5 points. Bonus points are also awarded for attending the WHPA Fall and/or Spring meetings in the amount of 15 points for each meeting attended. So now is a good time to make sure your membership is up to date and start accumulating points for next years Pitcher of the Year!

Ken Kosky Memorial
Kent Frailing

Class A

Ray Groskinsky	5	1	59.17
John Meyer	4	2	55
Cliff Erickson	3	3	56.25

Class B

Dean Groshek	5	0	44.5
Susie Ericlson	3	2	49.06
Dustin Duerr	3	2	44.81

Class C

Jerry Schroeder	4	1	28.85
Dennis Bach	4	1	31.73
Mark Rice	2	3	31.86

Class D

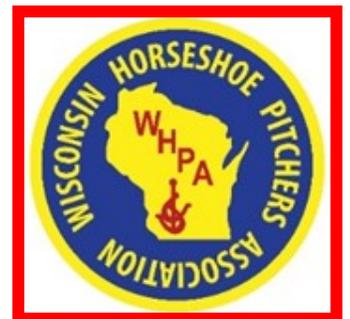
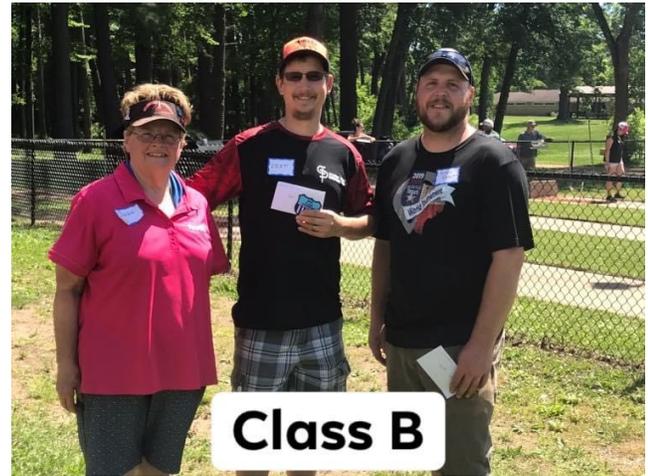
Fred Lane	6	1	31.43
Jedidiah Sowatzke	5	2	37.86
Ray Cayer	4	3	31.69

Class E

Mike Ezell	7	2	31.42
Melanie Kasun	6	3	29.45
Josh Gibson	6	3	26.37

Class F

Brandon Peckman	7	0	28.93
Sam Woolsey	5	2	.64
James Duerr	4	3	16.79



2020 Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament Hotels Beloit, Wisconsin September 5-6, 2020

Listed below are the three hotels that have special pricing for our horseshoe state tournament. Everyone needs to call the hotel direct by the number given below and mention Beloit Horseshoe club to get discounted rate. Remember to reserve early because of the holiday weekend.

Baymont(sponsor)	79.99 plus tax	1-608-365-8680	20 rooms blocked
2900 Ford Rd, Beloit, WI 53511			
Rodeway Inn(sponsor)	55.79 plus tax	1-608-364-4000	20 rooms blocked until Aug 8
2956 Milwaukee Rd, Beloit WI 53511			
Super 8	89.99 plus tax	1-608-365-6000	15 rooms blocked until Aug 8
2790 Milwaukee Rd, Beloit WI 53511			

Beloit 4th July Event Dan Newkirk

Class A

Penny Steinke	6	0	73.33
Ray Groskinsky	4	2	66.67
Ken Heinritz	4	2	62.5

Class B

Tammy Newkirk	5	0	58
Dave Leckwee	3	2	53
Rowen Swick	3	2	47

Class C

Jim Tollefson	5	0	36.5
George Dorn	4	1	37
Dan Newkirk	3	2	36

Class D

Norm Beckius	4	1	41.5
Roger Anderson	4	1	29
Rondi Mengelt	3	2	23.5

Class E

Glenn Hanson	4	1	22
Mike Loftus	4	1	17
Scott Linhart	3	2	18.5



Beloit July 4th Pictures

Class A: Bun, Ray, Penny. Ken

Class B: Rowan, Dave, Tammy

Class C: George, Jim, Dan

Class D: Rondi, Mouse, Roger

Class E: Mike, Glenn, Scott

Arkdale
Ray Groskinsky

Class A

Penny Steinke	7	0	71.07
Cliff Erickson	4	3	60
Ken Heinritz	4	3	55.71

Class B

Bob Klingaman	6	1	47.14
Jill Peterson	6	1	45
Jerry Niemuth	5	2	35.91

Class C

Michael Benzing Jr	6	1	43.21
Gunnar David	5	2	45
Tonya Kaulum	5	2	37.55

Class D

Kari David	5	2	30
Fred Lane	5	2	30
Ed Hack	5	2	27.85

Class E

Brandon Peckman	6	1	31.33
Elaine Troullier	5	2	26.78
Steve Wiegert	4	2	26.06

Youth

Jedidiah Sowatzke	4	1	39.33
Bradley Benzing	4	1	36.66
Blake Benzing	3	2	40

Arkdale Youth:

(Below L-R)

Zach,

Blake,

Jedidiah,

Bradley,

Brandon,

Front - Noah



Bun, Penny, Ken, Cliff



Bob, Jill, Jerry, Jane



Tonya, Michael, Gunnar,



To the Left:
Ed, Fred, Kari,
Scott

Center:
Brandon



1979 World Tournament – Statesville, NC

Ted Allen
Age 71

Jeff Secord
Age 10

Bret Pritzlaff
Age 11

Blast from the Past
John Secord / Jeff Secord

Ted Allen was gracious enough to stop and let some up and coming WI junior pitchers, Jeff Secord and Bret Pritzlaff, get their picture taken with the horseshoe

pitching legend at the 1979 World Tournament in Statesville, NC. Allen, from Boulder, CO, holds the record for most consecutive ringers thrown in competition at 72 ringers. Ted Allen was also a 10-time Men's Division World Champion. He won his first title in 1933 and his final one in 1959. He remains second all-time in that category with only Alan Francis winning the title more times. Francis's record stands at 24 times as of

2019. Ted Allen also made horseshoes in his free time. He told John Secord after this photo-op that he personally hardened the tips on every pair he sold. Bret and Jeff were already pitching Ted Allen horseshoes before they had this picture taken and continued to pitch with "Allen's" throughout their junior pitching careers. Bret had just succeeded with winning his 4th consecutive WI State Jr Boys Championship in Combined Locks just a few weeks before going to the 1979 World Tournament. Bret finished 6th place or higher 4 times in his World Tournament career as a Junior Boy included being the Runner-Up with a WT career best 83.56% average in 1981, behind Mark Dyson of NC; and Runner-Up again in 1984, behind Alan Francis of MO. Jeff always tried to provide steady competition for the top WI juniors: Bret, Kirk Bartnik, and Zak (Hank) Schwartz, over their years playing in the Junior Boys' Division together.



**“The Cruel Shoes”
by Justin Kern
Volume 2:
“A Question of Trust”**

“No one here is asking / but there is a question of trust” -Fugazi

He came running over the hill, pulled by one of those floppy dogs from the famous calendars. Rangy guy, vaguely familiar. And the first stranger to engage me in present, non-commercial conversation in possibly months.

“I’m Ron SoAndSo. You see that red roof over there? I live in that house, with this Weimaraner.”

It’s June and the middle of a pandemic, and I’m alone at my familiar horseshoe pits, midway through a solo game that will surely boost that 7-to-12% ringer average.

I’m also not exactly sharp with all my social graces. Stand and wait for him to explain himself, yes, that will work for a few seconds.

“I’ve seen you throwing here. I was the guy who yelled when you were looking for one of the shoes in the grass.”

Hmmm ... sounds like me. But what’s he getting at? Best to continue to stand here frozen in weird fear, like when someone tries to hold a door open for me at the liquor store these days.

“You mind if I throw one?”

No more silence, I immediately open my mouth to reply with a guttural: “Ehhhhhhhhhh—”

Thought that settled it but he butted back in: “I know I know I know ...”

And before I could rattle off why, or why I thought why, we’d made a vague agreement for another game, another day.

At my typical horseshoe pit in Milwaukee’s subtly perfect Humboldt Park, I typically pitch shoes by myself. For this, there are quasi-philosophical reasons that I’m sure I’ll ramble on about in a future column. Typically, I walk over there alone, throw two or three games, then walk back home. Idyllic and peaceful.

But I’m not always alone.

Aside from games with friends, I have come across interested strangers, already passing time at the beer garden adjacent to the park or just walking through. A rockabilly greaser who hadn’t thrown in years. A recently incarcerated guy with his pitbull who obliterated me with the laziest double-loop pitch you’ve ever seen.

A husband hiding during a craft fair.

This year, to say the least, is different. Ron SoAndSo – I think that was his last name, was hard to hear over the internal Wilhelm scream piercing my mind – came calling to me as contact, socializing and fundamental aspects of our lives, including our favorite sport, were put into disarray. Lingering in my mind, certainly, even as my body ventured out.

Say what you will about fear, about politics, about health or faith or the rest. This layer of thought that the pandemic has instilled made itself crystal clear to me as I considered, for my first time, whether or not to toss shoes with someone who wanted to toss shoes. (We are all looking to bring in new pitchers and friends, right?) And again, you can go down the list – cowardice, misinformation, caution, too much time doom scrolling social media – but with Ron SoAndSo on this June afternoon, I wasn’t ready.

Seriously, I was at Walgreen’s earlier that day and you would’ve thought it was a big city E.R. waiting room at 2 a.m. on a Saturday. The process of grabbing Twizler’s and Flonase involved mental fortitude, layers of preparation, followed by a cleansing. And I’m of the lucky numbers who have not fallen ill or watched a loved one go through the worst.

Back at the horseshoe pit, after Ron and his dopey dog had run off, I wrapped up my game. I walked the same path home. On a park sidewalk, I came across a little kid sidewalk chalk sign asking for hope. Up the alley, one set of neighbors had taken to hanging brightly colored paintings of misshapen people, outside and it seemed like for the taking.

Finally, a block from my doorstep, as I walked the street, another stranger approached me. It was a little boy with his sister, from their yard. The boy, unprovoked, said: “I gave my mommy some flowers today. Want to see?” And this towheaded kid dug into the back of a stroller to pull out a minute fistful of yellow dandelions. I told him, smiling: “You are going to make your mother’s day. That is so nice.

In my house, which is also my office and everything else these days, to scrub my hands, which were still dirty from the horseshoes pits because the park bathrooms are closed. Play again tomorrow or the next day, rain forbidding. In some unknown number of days ahead, maybe weeks after that, I’ll make sure to play with Ron SoAndSo or whomever else stops by.



2020 PROPOSED BYLAW AND RULE CHANGES

Dobie Gutweiler

On July 18, 2020 an online "ZOOM" meeting was held by the NHPA regarding a proposed bylaw change and some proposed rule changes. Wisconsin had four delegates this year, John Secord, John Meyer, Mel Cook and myself all attended this electronic meeting. I thank these gentlemen again for taking 3 hours out of their Saturday to sit in front of a computer and attend this meeting.

We learned at this meeting that current NHPA President Stu Sipma will not be running again and plans to step down at the end of this term. He will be missed. We learned that a video will be coming shortly that will give us some information on World Tournament 2021 in Winnemucca Nevada. I will share that with you all through the email dodo system. Hopefully Wisconsin will have a strong showing at the World Tournament again.

Following are a list of the rules as they stand, the proposed changes to the rules, and the rationale provided for the rule change. I have also included brief synopsis on how Wisconsin voted and the final outcome of the vote. If you have any questions on any of the following information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the delegates. We will gladly speak with you further.

PRC 1**Rule 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT****Section C – Dress Code - Page 20****Section C - Dress Code**

All contestants competing in a World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or Country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn. Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the Executive Council if all entrants are notified no later than the mailing date of their pitching schedules. This Dress Code may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any State Championship Tournament or at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Contestants who do not comply may not be allowed to participate in the event.

Proposed Wording Change / Add the following:

Add new text after: "...must be worn." Any style shorts worn shall be fingertip length at the bottom hem for all pitchers. No see through or revealing clothing shall be worn. All under garments are to be covered by outer clothing at all times when competing. Final approval shall be by the Tournament Director. This will be checked during shoe check for each event.

Reason(s) for Dress Code Update

This Dress Code has not been updated for many years. There have been on several occasions during the last few years at the World Tournament in particular that Females in the Open Women's and the Junior Girls Division have been wearing shorts that are way too short and/or too tight including spandex type shorts. The image that is portrayed is not a good image to be portrayed in the media.

Comments from the general public/ spectators at the World Tournament as well are not to the liking of the short shorts and tight shirts, the comment is "that the clothing is inappropriate" making people uncomfortable. The NHPA is trying very hard to attract major sponsors and advertising groups using a new marketing firm. Sponsors have been known to check out all forms and avenues of social media, TV, and newspapers to see if there are any issues with any particular group and if they want to spend their money with that NHPA.

WISCONSIN DELEGATE VOTES: After much discussion amongst ourselves and other horseshoe pitchers, we decided to vote NO to this proposal. We felt as though this rule change targeted junior girls and women and was not presented as pertaining to everyone. Here in Wisconsin we have many pitchers who like to pitch in "skorts", like Sonia, Aleena, Lillyan, and others. This proposal would have made those outfits unacceptable and we find nothing wrong with their dress. Additionally, many pitchers like to pitch in leggings or spandex to avoid having their shoe hit their shorts/pants. Again, under this proposal, this would be outlawed.

FINAL DECISION: This proposal failed to pass with 47 voting no and 21 voting yes.

PRC 2**Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions****As Written:**

Rule 1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger the entire calendar year). Junior Cadets may pitch any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty foot (20') foul line. **Note:** Junior Cadets may choose to move into the Junior Boys or Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Junior Cadets, once this declaration has been made.

Add wording:

If “the World Tournament “ (this language was amended at the meeting) has Cadet players to fill a competitive 8 person field they may use the following groups for Championship play.

Junior Cadet Boys b. Junior Cadet Girls

Reasoning:

We have World Championship Divisions for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Men, Senior Women and Elders. It is time to have the Cadets broken into Cadet Boys (or Junior Cadet Boys) and Cadet Girls (or Junior Cadet Girls) as the others are. They can pitch in the WT prelims as one group like the Juniors classes do, but should be broken into Cadet Girls and Cadet Boys for the Championships as the Juniors are.

WISCONSIN DELEGATE VOTES: We voted yes to this as we already use this system here in Wisconsin and saw no reason not to agree.

FINAL DECISION: This proposal was passed with 63 voting yes and 5 voting no.

PRC 3**RULE 5- FOUL SHOES****Current wording:**

Section A -Removal from Pit

A foul shoe is a shoe that is delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules listed below. It scores as a shoe “out of count” (see RULE 3, Section B .3) and is to be removed from the pit (if it appears to be within the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are pitched. **Note:** Live shoes already in the pit area that may be disturbed by a foul shoe (or other live shoes), are not to be removed, unless they are knocked into foul territory and then come to rest in the scoring area. Live shoes shall be scored “as they lie”, after all shoes for the inning have been pitched.

Proposed changes:

A foul shoe is a shoe that is delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules listed below. It scores as a shoe “out of count” (see RULE 3, Section B .3) and is to be removed from the pit (if it appears to be within the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are pitched. **Note:** Live shoes already in the pit, in the scoring area, that may be disturbed by a foul shoe (~~or other live shoes~~), are still considered live shoes. They are not to be removed, unless they are knocked into foul territory and then come to rest in the scoring area. Live shoes shall be scored “as they lie”, after all shoes for the inning have been pitched.

Rationale:

As a judge for the world tournament, I have seen pitchers opponents be asked to remove their horseshoe be-

cause it bounced off the backboard or on the front bumper and hit a shoe making it a ringer. I have also witnessed this in my own charter. **THEY REMOVED THE RINGER!**

This is a clarification to all horseshoe pitchers. A dead shoe CAN touch a live shoe and that live shoe is still considered a live shoe. The dead shoe had NO effect on whether it was a live shoe or not. If horseshoe 1 lands an inch from being on the stake with the calks open leaning towards the stake and horseshoe 2 hits the bumper knocks horseshoe 1 on the stake for a ringer. Horseshoe 1 IS STILL LIVE AND IS NOT REMOVED. We do not need the parentheses note “(or other live shoes)” pitchers do not argue that, they argue the dead shoe(s) striking the live shoe(s).

WISCONSIN DELEGATE VOTES: After much discussion amongst ourselves and other horseshoe pitchers, we decided to vote NO to this proposal. The main reason was the addition of the language “in the scoring area”. It is difficult to tell from 30-40 feet if a shoe is in the scoring area. Should a foul shoe be thrown and put a live shoe into a ringer, or closer point even, it could easily be argued that the original live shoe was, or was not a point. We felt this opened up a lot of grey area and that it could cause more disagreements than the change was worth.

FINAL DECISION: This proposal failed to pass with 37 voting yes and 31 voting no.

PRC 4**Requirement 3 – Charter/State Information Section A, # 2****Current reading:**

2. Mixed Play and Handicapping (See also Rule 11, Section E)

The **Championship Classes** of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament **cannot be mixed play**. All other Divisions and Classes may be mixed at the discretion of the Tournament Officials. Etc.....

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The **Championship Classes** of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament **should not** be mixed play. If, however, there are fewer than 4 entries in a championship division, there may be mixed play, determined by the State’s Ex. Board and Tournament Director, attempting to separate pitching distances and Divisions as much as possible.

NOTE: This would also change the wording in Rule 11, Section E.

Rule 11, Section E**Current wording:**

...Mixed Classes are not allowed, however, in some Championship Classes/Divisions of State Tournaments and, etc.....

Change to:

Mixed Classes are not allowed at the World Tournament, but in Championship Classes of State Tournaments if divisions have fewer than 4 entries they may be mixed.

REASON: In many small charters, it is difficult to put together a full championship class, sometimes having only 1 or 2 entries. This gives these small charters other options, to put classes together that make sense and that work for them, and to prevent a huge spread in ringer % within classes which is not enjoyable for participants AND which often causes dropouts or fewer entries.

WISCONSIN DELEGATE VOTES: We agreed to this understanding that many charters have very few participants and this really just gives them the ability to have all of their pitchers pitch.

FINAL DECISION: This proposal passed with 55 voting yes and 13 voting no.

PBC I**Bylaws****Article III: Membership****Current wording:**

Section 4: Dues for Junior and Junior Cadet Members are National dues of five dollars (\$5.00) plus the amount set for State dues for Juniors within their Charter. These dues entitle Junior members to participate in all Sanctioned Tournaments and/or Leagues and to League Program benefits.

Proposed wording:

Section 4: Dues for Junior and Junior Cadet Members are National dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus the amount set for State dues for Juniors within their Charter. These dues entitle Junior members to participate in all Sanctioned Tournaments and/or Leagues and to League Program benefits.

Rationale:

The adult dues increased in 2017. The juniors/cadets are

counted in total year membership reports. They have voting rights in their state charters. They may serve as delegates for their charter. It only sees fit that the dues increase for the juniors as well. This dues increase is just \$5.00; with this increased amount \$3.00 for every junior and cadets goes into the Junior/Cadets fund. This is not necessarily to see that they are paid more for championships (which we all would like to see.), but to be used to purchase the World Champions a "world champion jacket.", or a world championship ring. This fund is used for Juniors/Cadets to have more items available for junior parties. It could be used for an incentive for juniors for pitching perfect games, pitching tournaments over there entering average. Something to make the juniors all work for and plus added bonuses to the Jr. program. The other \$2.00 will be added to the Juniors/Cadets Championship prize fund. However, this may have to take effect two years from now until the kitty is built up. I see this as a necessary change for the juniors/cadets program. The cost is still efficient and at a reduced price for ALL children of all ages. This is not a major change, but a good change that will help the juniors in the long run. Juniors/Cadets dues have not increased as long as I can remember. We need this change. It will be effective for not only the NHPA but the state charters as well. If juniors/cadets are allowed to receive money now, it is time for an increase in dues for them. My 5 reasons why are:

1. The dues have not increased for a long time.
2. They are voting members now.
3. They are used in overall total membership in charters and for NHPA.
4. They need more prize money at world.
5. They would like the added bonuses etc.

A yes vote would mean more for your junior pitcher and more for the NHPA and state charters.

WISCONSIN DELEGATE VOTES: We decided to vote yes on this. We believe that a \$5.00 increase will not cause a decrease in the amount of Junior pitchers. We were impressed that all of these funds were being directed back to the Juniors.

FINAL DECISION: This proposal failed with 21 voting yes and 47 voting no.

Stevens Point Open Results

Fred Lane

30 Foot Championship Class

Penny Steinke	6	1	73.57
Sarah Chaffee	5	2	76.07
Aleena Lepak	5	2	66.55

40 Foot Championship Class

Lonny Trangsrud	6	1	58.21
Ken Heinritz	6	1	58.21
Rich Peterson	5	2	48.57

Class B

Susie Erickson	6	1	50.71
Eugene Pribnow	4	3	47.86
P Schwerdtfeger	4	3	44.64

Class C

Tom Steinke	6	1	31.07
Ray Cayer	5	2	32.04
Ed Hack	4	3	29.64

Class D

Josh Gibson	5	2	26.79
Jerry Schroeder	5	2	22.86
Russ Kozlowski	4	3	27.86

Class E

Bandon Peckham	8	0	26.67
Scott Peckham	7	1	30.83
Robert Reinhart	5	3	20.42



Stevens Point Candids
 Thank you Fred and Kevin