

Horseshoers hold court July 4

The ninth annual "Patriot" horseshoe tournament will take place Wednesday, July 4, in Racetrack Park on IKI Drive and Stoughton Road in Edgerton.

There is a \$20 entry fee with a deadline of June 1. There will be cash and prize awards for everyone.

Local longtime horseshoe throwing enthusiast Kevin Brekke has been

organizing the event since 2010.

"It started as an idea to bring new and old players together, sanctioned and non-sanctioned, to promote the game of horseshoe pitching," Brekke said.

The first year of the tournament, 16 pitchers signed up, he said. Now, the tournament annually draws the maximum of 48 players from several

states.

All pitchers are in a class by ringer average. The results are on computer, and everyone gets a printout of how they did.

Approximate class starting times are 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information on the tournament, contact Brekke at 608-669-1218 or brekkekev3@netscape.net.



Patriot Horseshoe Tournament organizer Kevin Brekke, who is also a vice president for the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association (WHPA), and Dobie Gutweiller, current WHPA president. Edgerton's Dave Brekken won his class in the tournament last year. (Photos courtesy of Kevin Brekke)

Albion Tigers

A new millenium
The Tigers of the early 2000s again established themselves as a perennial contender in the Southeast Section. After a lengthy postseason drought, they returned to the Southeast playoffs in 2002 and have been back eleven times since, most recently in 2017. Jim Eastman (2002), Matt Towns (2004) and Ben Towns (2012) have all been recognized as HTL Manager of the Year for their efforts in keeping Albion near the top of the Southeast Section standings.

A high point came in 2011, when the Tigers captured a Southeast Section title and earned their fourth trip to the Home Talent League's Grand Championship Series. The following year brought a 24-4 overall record but saw the Tigers fall one game short of a title repeat. In

2014, the Tigers found themselves one strike away from the Series, only to lose the sectional final to archrival Utica in extra innings.

Champions!
Albion broke through again in 2016, and in a big way. Winning their division with a 13-3 record in the Southeast Section, the Tigers dispatched Clinton with a 4-0 decision in Albion Park. One week later, the Tigers exploded for 8 runs in the last three innings at Fort Atkinson to win a sectional title for the fifth time in their history.

However, the 2016 Tigers were far from satisfied with a trip to the Home Talent League Grand Championship Series. The three-week, round-robin tournament of sectional champions included Albion (Southeast), Monona (East), Wiota (West), and Sauk Prairie (North). After

consecutive 4-1 victories against Monona and at Sauk Prairie, the Tigers had set the table for the biggest and most important game in their 70-year history – a home game against Wiota to win an undisputed Home Talent League title.

A back-and-forth game left the Tigers facing a 5-3 deficit in the bottom of the eighth, but RBIs from Tyler Oren, Lars Olstad and Lucas Gregory highlighted a furious three-run rally and gave them a 6-5 lead going into the ninth. Wiota was able to move the tying run to third base with two outs, but rightfielder Josh Eastman caught a routine fly ball to set off a celebration in Albion Park that will not be soon forgotten. After seventy years, the Albion Tigers were champions of the largest and oldest amateur baseball league in Wisconsin.

Today's Albion Tigers

Albion's current roster includes no less than six former or active collegiate players, and several long-time veteran players who remain committed to playing for their hometown club.

Many of the players key to the success of the last few seasons remain, including former UW-Whitewater infielder Adam Gregory and All-Star shortstop Tyler Oren. Veteran support and reliability comes

from former Southeast MVP Aaron Laskowski, former Edgerton High standout and utility man extraordinaire Evan Deegan, and slugging outfielder/pitcher Josh Eastman.

A batch of young stars that includes UW-Oshkosh pitcher Lucas Gregory and recent Edgerton High graduates Jake Zeimet, Brennan Deegan and Jake Taylor will surely contribute to any success that Albion may have in 2018 and in

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the coming years.

A full copy of Albion's 2018 schedule accompanies this article and can also be viewed by visiting the Tiger website, www.eteamz.com/albion-tigersbaseball or the team's Facebook page.

Whether you're a die-hard baseball fan or simply looking for an enjoyable day in the park, there are plenty of reasons to make the trip to Albion for a unique baseball and community experience.

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