



## **PITCHER**

Bob was born Nov.16, 1940. Is married to his wife and coach Joyce for 18 years. Bob has five children 3 boys and two girls, 6 Grand children.

In 1978 a friend Joe Miller asked Bob to be his doubles partner in the VFW League in Arcade. N.Y. While involved with that League..Joe invited Bob to pitch and join in the Round Robin Horseshoe Club in Delevan, N.Y. Dean Rogers (Hall of Famer) owned the property where he pitched. These people had a lot to do with getting Bob started in horseshoes. Bob started pitching horseshoes competitively in 1979. His first NYS Tournament was in South Glens Falls at the Moreau Horseshoe Club. Bob entered with 28 percent average and place second in his class with 32 percent. For the next 8 years Bob worked his way up through the classes and winning the NYS Class B title.

Bob went to his first World Tournament in Atlanta Ga. In 1990. In 1992 Bob went to his second World Tournament in Columbus, Ohio and won the Class O title. averaging 62 percent. In 1993 Bob's percentage was high enough so most of his tournaments he pitched in either the Class A or Championship class.

In 1996 Bob placed second in the NYS Championship held in Waddington, NY. 1997 Bob placed 18th in the Championship class at the World Tournament in Kitchner. Ont. Canada. with 69.83 percent.

1997 and 1998 Bob placed second in the NVS Championship class.

1999 at the World Tournament in Greenville Ohio placed 18th in the Championship class with 68 percent average.

1999 Bob won his first NYS Title with 71.9 percent.

The year 2000 Bob placed tenth at the World Tournament Championship class at Bismarck, North Dakota, averaging 69 percent. That same year Bob placed second at the NYS Championship losing only to Art Tyson 41-38 in an 80 + shoe game.

2001 Bob placed tenth with 69.8 percent in the Championship class at the World Tournament held at Hibbing, Mn. Also in 2001 Bob won his second NYS Title with an over all 14 wins and no losses with an average of 73.95 percent Through the years Bob has competed in 8 World Tournaments and 23 State Tournaments.

Bob has pitched in the Dogwood Tournament in Statesville, North Carolina for the past ten years. He has also competed in the Eastern National in Erie, Pa. For the past eighteen years, winning class B twice and finished in the top five in the Championship class the last five years. Bob has pitched in the Elmer Hohl Classic in Ont. Canada, for the past six years, placing second once, to Alan Francis, and been in the top five each year in the Championship class.

Bob has pitched in the ringer classic in Greenville, Ohio for the past five years with his best finish second to Alan Francis, in the year 2000. Having lived in the Southwestern part of New York State, Bob has traveled and pitched in many, many, tournaments across the State to Binghamton, South Glens Falls, South New Berlin, Canton, Syracuse, Lockport, Pulaski, Falconer, Camden, Floyd and Waterloo.

For several years Bob has pitched at the indoor courts at Hamburg, N.Y. and at Erie, Pa,

For the past two years Bob has wintered in Arizona pitching five or six tournaments and won at the Valley of the Sun Tournament in 2000 averaging 74 percent.

Over Bob's career he has won 29 Championship Class Tournaments and eleven Class Tournaments, two NYS Championships and one World Tournament Class D title.

Besides pitching horseshoes, Bob has been New York State Delegate to the World Tournament several times. Bob also served one term as 2nd Vice President of the NYSHPA until his retirement in July 2000, from the Village of Franklinville where he worked for 27 years as a Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, and 7 years as a part time Police Officer.

Bob and Joyce sold their house, and now Bob's Motto is "Have Shoes Will Travel".