



HORSESHOE PITCHING HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATION

The Floyd Horseshoe Club takes great pleasure in recommending William M. Johnston for consideration for induction into the N.Y. State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

Bill and his family have been actively involved in horseshoes for many years. As a player, Bill has participated in many tournaments throughout the State and has pitched in every State Tournament since 1972.

Bill is recognized through out the State for his competitive spirit and sportsmanship in playing the game, and has collected many trophies along the way.

Bill's competitiveness and pitching ability can only be surpassed by his extra ordinary promotional abilities and his concern and dedication to improve the sport of horseshoe pitching. Through his organizational, management and administrative capabilities Bill has made numerous contributions in supporting and promoting horseshoes at the local, state and national level.

Bill has dedicated many hours to improve the sport of Horseshoe Pitching. Following are some of Bill's more noted accomplishments:

He was very instrumental in forming the Floyd Horseshoe Club and has been an officer and Board of Director many times. However, most important Bill has been our one and only tournament director and has organized and managed many leagues and local tournaments.

As tournament director, he did an exceptional job in organizing and managing our first state tournament held in Floyd in 1981. Since the state tournament will be held in Floyd this year, Bill has long been at the drawing board organizing and planning for an even better tournament that any other held in the past.

As tournament director, Bill corresponds with clubs through out the state co-ordinating tournament schedules, providing information or assistance. Through this extra effort on his part, our club is well informed of upcoming events in the state.

In building and maintaining our sixteen courts at Floyd, Bill not only provided his expertise in how to lay out and construct the courts, but provided many hours of hard work to help accomplish our goals.

In 1983 with Bills expertise and careful calculation and support of some dedicated club members three indoor courts were built in Floyd.

In the past two winters, Bill not only participated as a pitcher, but is solely responsible for managing two of the three leagues we now have. In addition he has put on many local tournaments for men, women and juniors.

Bill is very interested and concerned with our Juniors Program. Through his efforts, a junior league was organized and implemented 2 years ago involving twenty young people. Because of Bill's guidance and management of the league, this junior league turned out to be one of our most successful programs.

His recent suggestion to NHPA concerning pay off structure, ratio to number of entrees for the new NHPA National Tournament was adopted by the NHPA.

This format seemed to have created considerable more interest in this tournament.

Bill attends state meetings and co-ordinates with state officials in promoting and improving the sport of Horseshoe Pitching. Bill also serves on the New York State Hall of Fame Committee.

Bill has been, and continues to be, one of the most enthusiastic individuals in promoting and supporting the sport of horseshoes in New York State, and nationwide.

Request Bill be considered for the NYS Hall of Fame in the promotion category even though as noted, Bill is involved in all phasis of the sport of Horseshoe Pitching.