



**New York State Horseshoe
Pitchers Association**

Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame Recommendation

I, "Mac" McFann, representing the Floyd Horseshoe Club take great pleasure in recommending William Walker for consideration for induction into the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

Bill and his family have been actively involved in horseshoes for many years. As a player, mostly competing in A and B class, Bill has participated in many tournaments throughout the state and pitched in nearly every State tournament since 1968.

Bill is recognized throughout the state for his competitive spirit and sportsmanship in playing the game. His pitching achievements are well documented, plus numerous trophies and awards for his winning ability. However, Bill's most noteworthy contributions and accomplishments are a result of his exceptional organizational and managerial capabilities that have improved the sport of Horseshoe throughout the state.

Starting in 1967 by organizing and managing the Rome Leagues, Bill was one of the very first to get involved in promoting organized Horseshoe pitching in Central New York. Since this early beginning and to this date, Bill has continuously dedicated his effort to the improvement of the Sport of Horseshoe pitching at local, State and National Level.

Utilizing his vast experience and organization capability, he provided valuable assistance and was very instrumental in organizing and forming the Floyd Horseshoe Club in 1976, and has served as either President, Vice President or on the Board of Directors every year since the club was formed.

Over the past years during construction of our facilities, including 16 courts, concession stand rest rooms and pavillion, Bill was our most enthusiastic leader in blueprinting, planning material requirements and organizing work programs, and actively participating in all work projects until completion.

He was very instrumental in planning, constructing and maintaining three indoor courts in Floyd, and is very actively involved in organizing leagues and tournaments throughout the winter.

Bill has attended many world tournaments just to encourage and support our great state champions, such as Carl Stienfelt, Mike DiMartino and other great State pitchers. This is certainly supporting and promoting the sport at the highest level.

He is a strong supporter of State and NHPA programs and has done a marvelous job getting new people, both juniors and adults involved in pitching horseshoes and becoming Club, State and NHPA members.

Bill has been involved in long-range planning and has worked in every tournament that Floyd has held, especially the State Tournaments we hosted in 1981 and 1985.

Bill and his wife, Joan, did a superb job running the concession stand, plus helping out in many other ways. No, Bill did not pitch in the 1985 State Tournament in Floyd, because in his own

words, "I am too busy working to make this the best State Tournament ever." This is very typical of Bill; his first and uppermost concern is to accommodate his fellow pitchers and have a successful tournament.

It was evident at our last State meeting we had a situation for which we had no site for the 1987 State Tournament. During our club's winter meetings, Bill was the first to speak out, to the fact, that we could not let the state down, and we should host the State Tournament in Floyd in 1987. With this kind of leadership and enthusiasm, he certainly ignited our membership to accept this responsibility and hold our third State Tournament within the past 6 years.

Now that we have accepted this challenge> Bill, with fellow officers and the Board of Directors, are heavily involved in organizing and planning this event, including construction of four more courts to improve our capability to accommodate the growing interest of pitchers competing in the state tournament.

In the past 20 years, Bill has worked very hard to develop and maintain a strong horseshoe organization in Floyd and Central New York. His personal effort and numerous accomplishments contributed significantly in achieving these goals, thereby, tremendously enhancing the Sport of Horseshoes in New York State and nationwide.

Request Bill Walker, a dynamic, enthusiastic leader, intensely involved in all phases of the Sport of Horseshoes be considered for the New York State Hall of Fame in the promotion category.

Thank You.

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Club