



PROMOTER

It is with extreme pleasure that I nominate Mr. Charles Reigles for consideration as an inductee into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NYSHPA) Hall of Fame as Promoter.

Charles has been very involved in horseshoes for over sixteen years as both a pitcher and promoter. He has been an officer in the Southern Tier Horseshoe Club (STHC) for most of those years and is the "engine" that drives the Club.

On the local and area level he has been Tournament Director for over one hundred tournaments in the Southern Tier. His strong leadership, I'm sure, was a factor that Mr. Ed Barrett considered when he constructed the twelve court indoor facility in Binghamton known as "The Pits".

In addition to his many tournament duties, he has run the STHC's league programs - both winter and summer for the past seven years. Prior to that he ran the summer programs for several years.

He has encouraged women, elders, and our youth to participate in both low league programs and in tournament play. Charlie has spent endless hours on scheduling and keeping the stats for most of these activities.

It came as no surprise when Charlie was elected President of the NYSHPA in 1988. When the mandatory insurance program put the State organization in the red, he quickly got the organization in the black. Membership increased beyond the 500 mark. During his term a more formal Youth Program was created by Mr. Dave Reynolds. Mr. Rod Pratt developed the computerized statistical system for monitoring and maintaining ringer percentages Statewide. Mr. Lance Twyman created a superb "Newsletter" that all NYSHPA enjoy. The number of sanctioned tournaments increased dramatically. His six years as President concluded with the Syracuse Club hosting the first World Tournament ever held in New York State.

Charlie has received several commendations from local and area horseshoe pitchers. At the conclusion of the 92/93 Winter Program he received the Southern Tier Service Award. In 1994, he received a NYSHPA Appreciation Award.

Although Charlie has stepped down from his leadership of the NYSHPA, he has by no means stepped out of horseshoes. He continues to run the winter and summer programs in the Southern Tier and promotes horseshoes with his characteristic vim and vigor. Charlie continues to serve on the NYSHPA Hall of Fame Committee. In 1996, he was appointed NHPA Assistant Regional Director for the State of New York.

It is with great pride, admiration, gratitude that we in the Southern Tier endorse Charles Reigles for induction into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame.