



We, the undersigned, would like to consider Dick Ellis for induction into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame as a promoter.

An avid horseshoe pitcher for many years, Dick first became involved in organized horseshoes in 1975 at Canton. The following year he became a NYSHPA member and has been a member for 20 years.

Isaac Walton once said "fishing brings out the goodness in man." Dick finally believes the game of horseshoes brings out the goodness in pitchers.

Following are a few of local and area activities that Dick has been active with:

1. Was Northern Horseshoe Club president for 4 years.
2. Helped in completing construction of the club's lower courts.
3. Was Northern Open Tournament director for 4 years.
4. Was Northern Open Tournament co-director for 6 years.
5. Currently president of the Canton Sportsmen Club.
6. Organized a planning committee for the Canton Sportsmen Club.
7. Organized a mixed doubles league and been stat keeper for 14 years.

Dick has always looked for and pursued opportunities to expose others to the game of horseshoes and to enhance the enjoyment and understanding of the sport.

In each instance listed below, Dick sought out event organizers and convinced them to allow him to set up and run tournaments:

1. Tupper Lake Old Woodsmen Field Day - 50 miles (1 time)
2. Gouverneur - St. Lawrence County Fair, Gouverneur - (40 miles) 6 years.
3. Parishville Fire Dept. Field Day.
4. Harrisville Fire Dept. Field Day -(50 miles) 2 years.
5. West Stockholm Fire Dept. Field Day.
6. Waddington, Old Home Coming Weekend - (20 miles) 5 years.
7. Various tournaments of St. Regis Indian Reservation - (35 miles) 4 times.
8. Gouverneur, benefit of Disabled American Veterans.
9. Clinton County Fair - Morrisonville (90 miles) 2 years.

Dick was instrumental in organizing the Massena Horseshoe Club of 20 plus members - plus:

2. Organized tournaments at Harrisville during midweek for 3 years. Usually 3 tournaments during the summer.
3. Aided in setting up a format for the organization of a league in Watertown.
4. Helped organize and set up reciprocal tournaments for 5-6 years with Canadian pitchers from Ontario and Quebec. Most were from the Ottawa-Metro League.
5. Dick was co-director of the 1989 State Tournament; he designed and helped construct and set-up the 24 courts. These same courts Dick piles in his truck and takes to tournaments wherever that might be - somewhere within a 100 mile radius of his home.

Dick was instrumental in encouraging the Waddington group to bid for the 1996 NYSHPA State Championships. Waddington did not have a league nor even a NYSHPA member.

After Waddington received the bid, Dick was the liaison between the Waddington group and the executive committee. He oversaw the construction of the additional portable courts that were needed, helped with the layout and supervised the courts being set up and filled with clay.

No matter where Dick goes or with whom he visits, the game of horseshoes always comes into the conversation. He is always trying to get people involved in this great sport. He has helped many pitchers in our local leagues to become interested in the NYSHPA and some have become members.

We would like to have Dick become a member of the NYSHPA Hall of Fame. He has unquestionably met all of the qualifications.