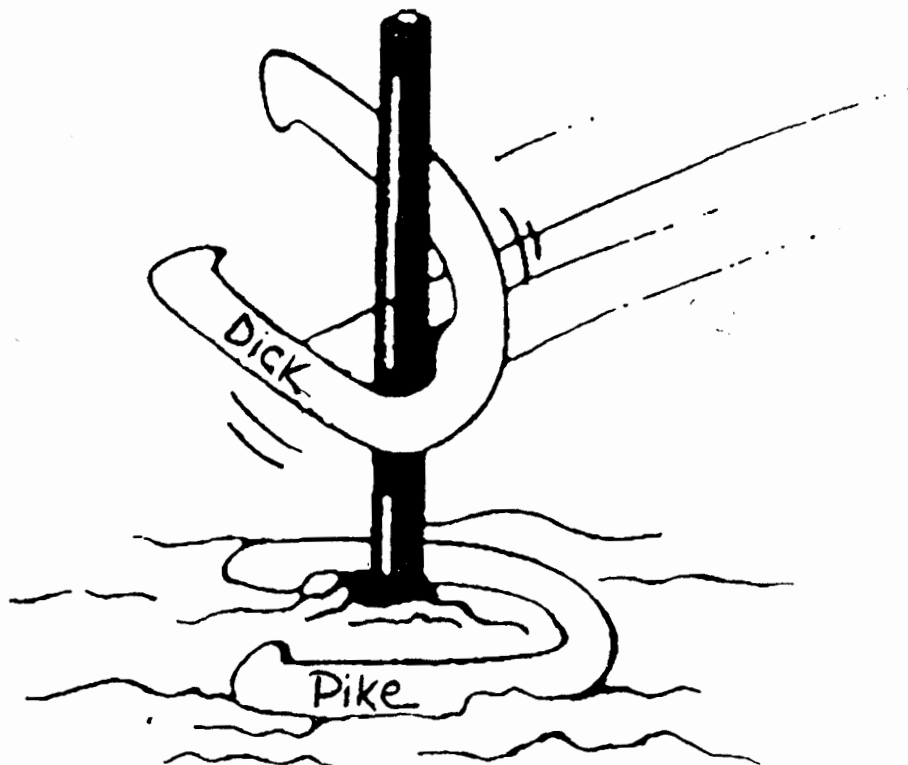
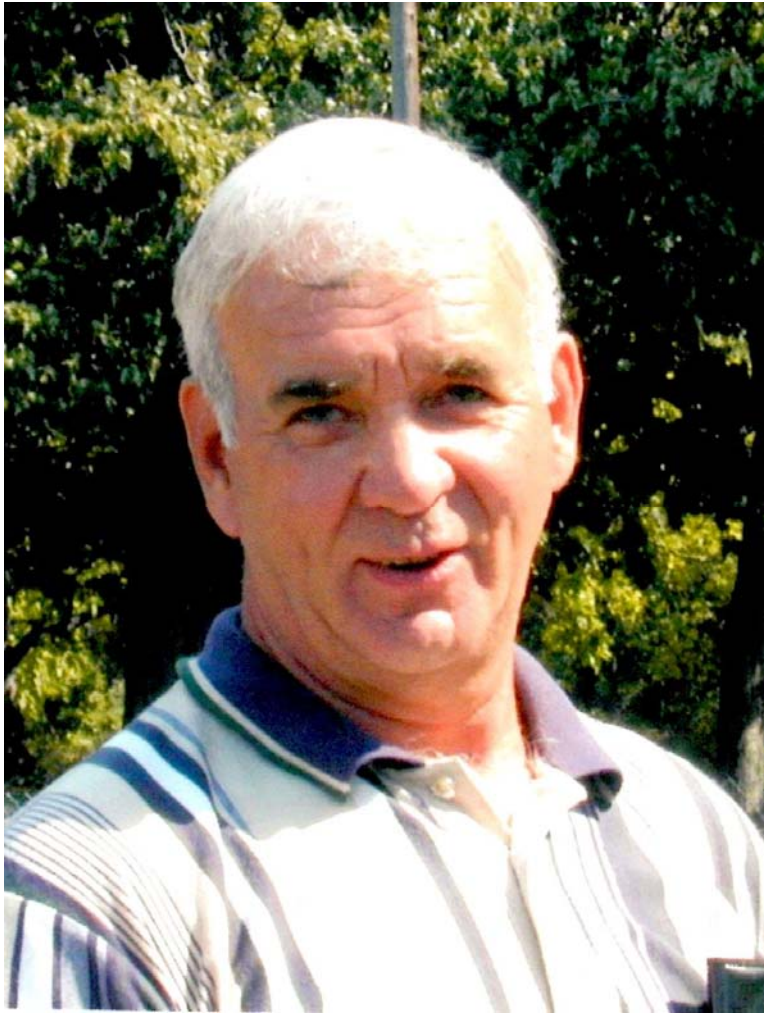


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NEW YORK STATE
HORSHOE PITCHING HALL OF FAME
CANDIDATE -- RICHARD PIKE -- PROMOTER*





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Dick Pike is a charter member of the Northern Horseshoe Club formed in 1974. The Horseshoe Club is a satellite club of the Canton Sportsmen Club. Dick, Jack Townsend, Bob Taylor and a few others devoted many hours in preparation for the newly formed Horseshoe Club. Dick was a key member in the forming, planning and construction of the 16 clay courts with lights and concrete walkways.

Following are some highlights of the many activities Dick has been involved in over the years, 23 years being an NHPA member:

1. Dick has encouraged and helped promote various pitching clinics and pitching exhibitions throughout Northern New York during the past 20 years;
2. He has been league stat keeper and league organizer for a number of years as well as having been tournament director for the Northern Open for a number of times;
3. Dick has been president of the Northern Horseshoe Club for a number of years;
4. Dick was a recipient of the Silver Horseshoe Trophy

presented by the Northern Horseshoe Club for being an outstanding promoter for the game of horseshoes. This is the same type of trophy the Club presented to former President, George Bush in 1989;

5. In 1995, Dick received the Dave Scott and Ernie Graham Memorial Award for his dedication and pro- motion of Junior horseshoe pitchers . His efforts to promote Junior class pitching, helped to increase that class of pitchers in the 1980's on both local and state levels
6. He has been the New York State delegate for some world tournaments;
7. Dick was appointed Assistant Regional Director for Northern New York by Ernie Graham;
8. He has been Hall of Fame Committee Member for a number of years and is currently a member;
9. Dick helped to promote Northern Horseshoe Club's Gala Horseshoe weekend attended by Carl Steinfeldt;
10. He competed in six world tournaments as well as many state and local tournaments. He placed first or second in most of the state and local tournaments:
11. At both state and local tournaments, Dick was always willing to volunteer his services wherever needed;
12. Dick had hopes of someday the Northern Horseshoe Club would host a state tournament indoors. In 1989, after a great deal of planning and Dick using 10 days of vacation for preparation in laying out and constructing 24 portable courts, his dream came true. The tournament was a success, with a lot of credit going to Dick for promoting this event;
13. One of the most rewarding experiences Dick has re- received in the game of horseshoes has to be when his son, Robert, won the Junior Class A New York State Horseshoe Championship title in 1980. Robert continued to hold the title for five consecutive years, tying the state record. Dick promised to take Robert to the World Tournament held in Minnesota if he won the title in 1980. Needless to say, Robert competed in the World Tournament the following year and a few others after that. Robert is still active in the game of horseshoes as well as his brother, Rick. These things have occurred as a result of Dick being a great promoter for the game of horseshoes.

This list could continue on and on of the almost infinite number of activities Dick has participated in to promote the game of horseshoes.

We, the signers, feel Dick has met the criteria and is very de- serving to be inducted into the New York State Pitchers Hall of Fame.

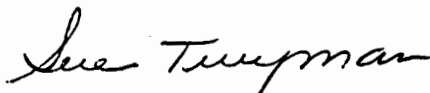
Dick truly is a driving force which has kept the game of horseshoes strong during the last 24 years, by giving of his time, experience, and knowledge to any and all who would listen or work with him.

Dick always was willing to give more than others to support the game and has been a member of the State Association all these years.

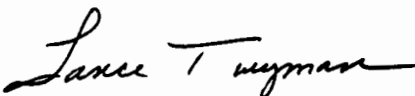
Jack Townsend

December 20, 1998

We have known Dick Pike since 1984. In the time we have known Dick he has always done everything he could to help new pitchers perfect their pitching style and enjoy the game of horseshoes. We can both attest to this as he worked with both of us, encouraging us to improve and refine our game. Dick has also spent many hours working with juniors encouraging them in the development of their game. He has been one of the key people in the Northern Horseshoe Club since its inception and has been a moving force in the annual Northern Open and the four State Tournaments that have been hosted locally since 1980. He has gone out of his way to promote the game of horseshoes by sharing his love of the game with others.



Sue Twyman



Lance Twyman

I have always been impressed with Richard Pike, as a horseshoe pitcher and as a promoter of horseshoes. He has a smooth pitching style that is beautiful to watch.

Dick has always been a big influence and a real credit to the horseshoe fraternity, always conducting himself as a gentlemen. He made sure that the 1980, 1984, 1990 State Tournaments held in Canton were a huge success.

Dick worked hard in the Junior program and raised a son, Robert, who went on to win the New York State Junior Championship five consecutive times, tying a State record.

He has volunteered his time to help in many other tournaments and has won many times in competition. Richard Pike deserves very much to be voted into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

Ken Nixon