

As President of the Round Robin Horseshoe Club of Delevan, N.Y., I am very proud to nominate Dean Rogers for the New York State Horseshoe Hall of Fame in the promoter category.

Dean Rogers was born December 3, 1930, the fourth of seven children, in the village of Arcade, N.Y.

Dean has an athletic background. He played high school baseball, basketball and football at the Delevan High School where he was graduated in 1948. After his high school days were over, Dean continued to play town team basketball and baseball. Dean is an avid bowler, plays golf and of course throws horseshoes.

He joined the Marine Corps. in 1949 and served his country until 1952. In 1953 Dean married Jane Whitefield and settled down in Arcade, N.Y. They have two sons, Douglas and Daryl, and six grandchildren.

Dean has worked as a silo builder, an insurance salesman and after moving back to Delevan, he became a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in 1968. He also dabbled in politics and was a Village of Delevan trustee from 1964 to 1968. He is a member of the American Legion, Post 1460 in Machias, N.Y. Dean is an officer in the Perry, N.Y. Bowling Association and President of the American Legion League in the Olean Bowling Association.

Dean has pitched horseshoes most of his adult life. He is a flipper and currently averages around 40%. According to his sister Kate, Dean developed his style and accuracy by sneaking behind his sisters and flipping stones at them. Dean has been competing in the N.Y.S. Horseshoe Tournament since 1976.

Dean built a sand pit in the backyard of his home in Delevan many years ago. Several friends started to gather at the house and eventually another sand pit was constructed. Lights were added by installing small reflectors with 150 watt bulbs so the pitching could continue after dark. From this modest begining the Round Robin Horseshoe Club evolved. Today there are 6 clay courts with concrete walkways lighted by overhead quartz lamps. The club membership has grown to a body of 35-40 members each year.

The club pitches two nights a week: a singles league on Mondays and Round Robin doubles matches on Wednesdays until the week of the N.Y.S. Horseshoe Tournament. The club has a hard core of approximately 15 members who pitch in the State Tournament each year.

Dean is the perennial treasurer of the club. In addition to collecting monies, he restocks the refreshments, maintains averages for the singles league and club tournaments, arranges for purchase and resale of club t-shirts and caps, and cuts the grass.

Because of Dean Rogers, literally hundreds of persons have been exposed to the game of horseshoes in a competitive environment over the last 15 years. He supplied the land, provided a continuity of leadership and projects a positive attitude about throwing horseshoes. Without Dean Rogers the Round Robin Horseshoe Club would not exist and the sport would be less than it is.

On the basis of his past record of accomplishments, I strongly urge that Dean Rogers be nominated and subsequently elected to the New York State Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame in the promoter category.

Very truly yours,



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