



NEW YORK STATE  
HORSESHOE PITCHERS  
ASSOCIATION  
HALL OF FAME  
★ 2020 ★  
PITCHER / PROMOTER  
DAVID E. CONRAD



We the undersigned respectfully submit our nomination of **David Eric Conrad** of Berkshire, New York for induction into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame as a *pitcher and promoter*. He is in his 14<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the NYSHPA. As an elite A Class pitcher, his ringer percentage has consistently been in the NHPA top 100 and NYSHPA top 10. Eric has competed in 10 consecutive NYSHPA Singles Championships since 2009, winning back to back championships in 2015 and 2016. He lost a playoff championship to Dennis Pritchard in 2009, placed second in 2012 and 2014, and was third in 2017. During the qualifying rounds (A Class) which preceded the Championship matches prior to 2016, Eric placed second four times and third 2 times.

Since becoming a sanctioned horseshoe pitcher, Eric has competed in sanctioned tournaments throughout the State to include those at Waterloo, Camden, South New Berlin, and Groton; he placed third in his class at the 2014 World Tournament in Buffalo, NY. As the tournament director and competitor at the Tri-County Horseshoe Club in Groton, he competed in the A Class in 60 sanctioned tournaments, was the Open Champion 11 times, and placed second or third on several occasions. This was an extraordinary accomplishment in that the A Class was handicapped more often than naught.

During more than a decade as a member of the Tri-County Horseshoe Club, Eric has served as tournament and league director of both sanctioned and unsanctioned competition. For several years he was captain of a 6 man team out of New York which competed against a 6 man team out of Pennsylvania. More recently, he captained a Tri-County team of 8 in a sanctioned tournament with a Camden team of 8 led by Ken Fraser. Eric is a member of Tri-County's Board of Directors and plays a prominent role in the business and maintenance of the club. He also represents the club at the NYSHPA's annual spring meetings and serves on the NYSHPA's Hall of Fame committee. For all this and more, Eric was inducted into Tri-County's Hall of Fame in 2011 and, five years later, an Annual Appreciation Tournament was held to acknowledge his proactive promotion of the Tri-County Club as a local and statewide center of competitive horseshoes.

Eric's professionalism on and off the court is exemplary. Because of his highly regarded reputation as an A Class pitcher and his humble, pleasant manner, he has recruited countless numbers of players to compete in competitive venues, albeit on clay courts or Tri-County sand. Many of these players – sanctioned or not- believe he has improved their pitching skills, either by example or advice. Aside from horseshoes, he excels as a competitive bowler, enjoys hunting, and is a loving father to his daughter.

By all measures, David Eric Conrad is an exceptional candidate for induction into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame as a *pitcher & promoter*. His nomination is proposed by William E. Hornbuckle of 747 Sheldon Road, Freeville, NY 13068 (607-898-3461, [weh4cornell@gmail.com](mailto:weh4cornell@gmail.com)) and Charles E. Reigles of Owego, NY (607-223-4355, [chuck@sanzospecialties.com](mailto:chuck@sanzospecialties.com)). This proposal is endorsed by Ken Fraser of North Bay (315-245-4407, [cannon2961@yahoo.com](mailto:cannon2961@yahoo.com)) and Karen Graham of North Bay (315-245-4407, [mudeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:mudeditor@yahoo.com)).

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## Nominee for 2020 NYSHPA Hall of Fame



### David Eric Conrad

Joined NYSHPA in 2005 (NHPA# 440061)  
2016 NYSHPA Mens Champion  
2015 NYSHPA Mens Champion  
Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> NYSHPA Championships 2009, 2012 & 2014  
NYSHPA Top 10 Mens Ringer Average  
NHPA Top 100 Mens Ringer Average  
Member of NYSHPA HOF Committee

Promoter & Pitcher in Southern Tier/Tri-County area  
Joined Tri-County Horseshoe Club in 2007  
Tri-County Open Champion 11 times  
Tri-County's Tournament & League Director  
Member of Tri-County's Board of Directors  
Inducted into Tri-County's Hall of Fame in 2011  
Eric Conrad Appreciation Tournament 2016