





New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

To: Hall of Fame Committee

Promoter

Ernie Graham was introduced to the sport of horseshoes in 1972. His enthusiasm for the game grew rapidly. He became interested in league play and in 1976 set up 8 courts in his backyard. In 1977 he organized the Pine Grove Horseshoe Club, and was instrumental in the acquisition of the property which is home to Pine Grove Club in Camden, N.Y. Ernie laid out the 16 courts, which pitchers find to be excellent. There are first rate facilities and a large parking area at Pine Grove. Ernie wanted to see the N.Y. State Tournament held at Camden and worked hard with his club to fulfill this goal. In 1982 Pine Grove hosted their first State Tournament. Ernie was instrumental also in organizing a Junior League at Pine Grove in 1979, which remains active today.

In 1979 Ernie was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the N.Y.S.H.P.A., re-elected and will hold office until 1987. The Secretary-Treasurer job takes considerable time and attention. Ernie is doing an excellent job fulfilling these requirements.

Ernie was appointed Regional Director in 1982 and held the office for 2 years. He has attended and pitched in two world tournaments and represented New York State as a delegate. Ernie was the recipient of the Steinfeld award for achievement in the sport of horseshoes, presented to him at the New York State Tournament in Falconer, N.Y.

I can strongly recommend Ernie Graham as a qualified candidate for the N.Y. State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. As president of N.Y.S.H.P.A., I have worked closely with him the past 3 years and know how well he does his job as Secretary-Treasurer. He makes my duties as president easy. Ernie has made many contributions to horseshoes. He loves the game and is an asset to N.Y.S.H.P.A. Ernie is a sincere promoter of the sport of horseshoes both in his local area and the state as well.

Respectfully Submitted

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