



### **PROMOTER**

Ernie started pitching horseshoes in the backyard and in 1972, pitched at the Washington Co. Fair.

In 1973, Ernie organized Tri County league which was a traveling league

In 1973 Ernie negotiated with Officials of the Town of Moreau to put in 6 courts in the Town Park and held his first tournament. A year later he made arrangements and added 6 more courts and lights. He then organized the first league play in the park.

Ernie was a member of N.H.P.A. from 1974 to 1989. Ernie has pitched in many local and state tournaments through the years.

In 1979 he put in a bid for and was awarded the New York State Tournament of which he was Assistant Tournament Director.

When land was donated to the Club in 1981, the club was reorganized and became the Moreau Horseshoe Club, of which Ernie is a chartered member. Ernie was the driving force and did the behind the scenes work necessary for Moreau Horseshoe Club to be chartered by New York State as a non profit organization devoted to the purpose of promoting the sport of horseshoes. Ernie has held the position of President, Vice President, or been on the Board of Directors since the first organization in 1973.

Ernie was Vice President of N.Y.S.H.S.P.A. in 1981 and 1982. He was President of N.Y.S.H.S.P.A. from 1983 to 1986. While president, Ernie worked with Bob Sutton on Junior Scholarship Fund to be awarded to New York State junior champions and the second place winners.

Ernie also served on The Hall of Fame committee until January 1983.

Ernie also served as Assistant Regional Director in 1982 before becoming President of N.Y.S.H.S.P.A. in 1983.

In 1987 Ernie led a drive to raise money to send two Juniors, Kipp Barody and Chris Jackson to the World Tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where Kipp

Barody brought home the World Champion Jr Trophy.

Ernie is presently President of Moreau Horseshoe Club. He was co tournament director of 1997 Moreau Open. Ernie's continuing support and dedication to horseshoes has made Moreau Horseshoe Club what it is today.

Besides his dedication to the sport of horseshoes, Ernie also finds time to enjoy other hobbies like hunting, fishing, and woodworking.