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PITCHER
Ellen Perry

NYS Hall of Fame Recommendation for Ellen Perry

We would highly recommend that Ellen be accepted into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame. Our nomination of Ellen is based on her being an excellent pitcher and a great supporter of our sport. Ellen began playing horseshoes with friends at picnics in the summer of 1997 and she found our sport to be socially enjoyable and challenging. This new interest in horseshoes led Ellen to becoming a sanctioned member of the NYSHPA in the fall of the same year and for the past 20 years she has been an exemplary example of good sportsmanship and commitment to the sport of horseshoes in WNY and throughout the USA.

Ellen's love of horseshoes then led her to pitching in the Horseshoe Palace indoor sanctioned leagues and tournaments. Being a very active member of the Forestville Flingers HSC and pitching in numerous sanctioned tournaments in Western NY and throughout NY State. Ellen has also become a great ambassador for NYS when her pitching led her to play in many more tournaments in Eastern PA, Canada and the World tournaments held throughout the USA.

Ellen's commitment to horseshoes has shown in her many accomplishments throughout the years, which include numerous 1st place class champion finishes in K through B classes where she started with an average of 28% and continuously improved to arrive in the women's A class where she currently pitches and averages in the mid to upper 60% range. As a class A pitcher over the last ten years she has won numerous tournaments, in Forestville 5 class A singles, 3 doubles and 3 winter league championships. In Waterloo she has won the annual Spring Fling 3 times and several others held throughout the year. In Canada Ellen won the Women's class A Elmer Hohl tournament 4 years in a row, 2013 – 2016 and usually placed in the top three. Ellen has now played in 11 World Tournaments and has won the Women's B class in 2011 and has pitched in the A class for the last 5 years where she continues to pitch well and has made the Championship class several times, with averages between 62.83 & 69.84. Ellen also pitches in Erie Pennsylvania on Saturday league and monthly tournaments and has won 8 leagues, 4 doubles championships and 9 tournament championships, she has had a tournament of 72.70 and her best game average of 92.30. Ellen does not stop here but continues the Pro Tour where she pitches in 3 to 5 tournaments per year and has finished in the top 3 positions 11 out of 15 tournaments, 5 of those being 1st place championships, again averaging 63 to 69 percent. I could go into greater detail but feel this shows what a great representative Ellen has been for NYS and the sport of horseshoes.

Which brings us to our main reason for requesting that Ellen be placed in the NYSHPA hall of Fame. Ellen has accomplished a great deal as one of our top three women pitchers, she has qualified for the championship round from the B class starting in 2002 and had won her 1st Women's Championship in 2004. She then had some 2nd place finishes and won the Women's Championship in 2009. In 2010 Ellen won the States class A and the championship rounds, in 2011, 2013 & 2014 she repeated this feat. In 2008, 12,15,16 & 17 Ellen finished 2nd to our other

top pitchers Julie Bernard in 2015 and our Current Champ Karen Graham in 2012, 16 & 17 in matches that were very close and a couple that came down to the last shoe.

Ellen throughout her 20 years has been a very active supporter of our sport and she has always been willing to help whether it was to keep score, clean up or run a tournament. Ellen truly believed horseshoes to be a family sport and along with her husband Jim they got their children to sanction and go to tournaments with them. In 2004 we had a unique outcome with mother and son championships. Ellen won the women's and John the Jr's championship. At her home courts in Forestville she did more than her fair share of the work and on top of everything to get the tournaments organized, Ellen and Diane made sure everyone was well fed when hosting a tournament. Ellen was on NYSHPA by-law committee, the planning and organizing committees of the 2014 World Tournament, Chairperson for the Jr's, and cadet parties. She and Jim went above the requirements and held 2 for them, one at Sky Zone for 65 of our Jr's and one great picnic on the Fairgrounds for 40 that were still there during the WT meeting. Ellen has also been one of our NYS delegates to the World tournaments 5 times and is currently our NYSHPA Election Committee Chairperson.

In closing I hope you will consider all of Ellen's accomplishments and dedication on and off the courts. We strongly believe Ellen Perry would be a great addition and hope you will please consider her worthy for induction into the New York State Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted

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