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Ernest Pound Jr

Promoter

Ernest Pound Jr was born in California and raised in New York, he was first taught how to pitch horseshoes by his good friend Pa Wood.

Every once in a great while a man comes around that is a natural mentor, a trainer, and a recruiter for this sport Ernie Pound is just such a man. He has been pitching, teaching, recruiting, and promoting the game of horseshoes in the Southern Tier Area for over 40 years.

Ernie used to pitch the double flip, until his horseshoe doubles partner of 27 years Bob Klock taught him the 1-1/4 turn. He is one of the nice guys off the courts, but on the courts he's a diehard competitor and as tough as they come. Ernie has won 4 state titles, placed second two times in the World's and has won many other non-sanctioned & sanctioned tournaments throughout NY State. He also started the Odessa Horseshoe club and has been the club President since day one, and also has either built and or helped sanction pits in many southern tier parks, backyards, and even at the Montour Falls Moose Club.

He has taught the game of horseshoes to one & all from ages of 8 to 80. He really enjoys teaching the game to juniors because they are good listeners & eager to learn. In his small club in Odessa, he has recruited and trained 4 New York State Junior Champions.

He has won the "Ernie Graham/Dave Scott Award" 2 times once in 2002 & again in 2013. He was New York State Junior Director from 2001 to 2007. In 2001 he received a plaque from the NHPA for the greatest increase in junior membership for one year. He increased the NYS junior membership up to an all time high of 57 members.

He has dedicated many years and countless hours toward the enrichment and growth of NYS Junior horseshoes memberships and has organized and ran countless raffles & fund raisers. He and His wife Debbie have spent many years transporting these kids to and from many events. Just to mention one of his many fund raisers, he ran a Mother's Day Breakfast fund raiser in 2012 held at Montour Falls Moose Club and raised a record total of \$1648 dollars at this one event alone.

Over many years Ernie has demonstrated the traits & characteristics that we associate with our few Hall of Fame members and is a worthy hall of fame candidate. To acknowledge, honor, and reward a person who has dedicated over 20 years toward the protection, advancement, and growth of the NYS Junior Horseshoe Division it would be only fitting that Ernie Pound be voted into the NYS Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame as a Promoter. Signed, Sealed, and delivered by his greatest fan & youngest son Cory.