



PITCHER CATEGORY

Glen T. Addicott for induction to the NYSHPA Hall Of Fame

The late Forrest "Chief" Kallin wrote a wonderful profile about Glen T. Addicott in the 2003 edition of the Tri-County Horseshoe Club's newsletter. It was entitled *A Blend of Facts and Fiction in Glen Addicott's Rise to the Top*. "Early on in Glen's career, he was coached by Herb Pinch, a four time World Champion pitcher from Pennsylvania. No less noteworthy was the supportive influence of his wife, Thelma, their children, and a dog name Benji." His success as a sanctioned horseshoe player was impressive from year to year and "Chief" predicted that Glen would eventually be inducted into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame. Time passed and Glen was inducted into the Tri-County Club's Hall of Fame in 2005. Now we the undersigned feel the time has come for the fruition of "Chiefs" prediction and have Glen enter into the prestigious NYSHPA Hall of Fame as well.

We respectfully submit the following additional accomplishments and "facts" that make him worthy of this honor; we believe he should be formally acknowledged for his extraordinary success in competitive horseshoes. As a forty footer he competed successfully in sanctioned tournaments in New York and Pennsylvania throughout his pitching career. He held his own with the likes of Bob Hayes, Sue Twyman, Mike DiMartino, John Bogardus, and George Lovell, all of whom are members of the NYSHPA Hall of Fame. As a thirty foot pitcher, he ranked as one of the best, if not the best thirty foot pitcher in New York.

Prior to joining the Tri-County Horseshoe Club in 2001, Glen had already established himself as a highly

respected player out of the Southern Tier Horseshoe Club. He was considered an asset to the Southern Tier Club because of the encouragement he gave other players to try harder and not give up if they had a bad outing. As a forty foot pitcher, he carried a 40-50 ringer percentage and won his class in tournaments more often than naught. When he didn't win the Broome County Open, he placed second to marquee players like Frank Michalek, John Kozik, or George Lovell. Along with George and Charlotte Reigles, Glen was mentioned in a local newspaper article as one of the local champions who competed in an indoor pitching in the Binghamton area called the Pits.

The late Luke Luther, who was a member of the NYSHPA Hall of Fame and co-founder of the Tri-County Horseshoe Club in 1993, believed that Glen Addicott was among seven members of the Southern Tier Club who were important collaborators in promoting competitive horseshoes in Groton, New York. Eventually, these Southern Tier players also became members of the Tri-County Club. When Glen joined the Tri-County Club in 2001, his subsequent achievements were proudly celebrated by both Clubs.

Shortly after joining the Tri-County Club, Glen developed orthopedic problems which caused him to compete at thirty feet. Describing himself as a "short shooter" Glen consistently carried a ringer percentage approaching sixty percent or better from match to match. He was a dominate player in leagues, tournaments, and back yard competition. Acknowledged as one of the best horseshoe players in the state, Glen was the NYS Elders Champion in 2003, 2006, and 2007.

According to reports on file at the Tri-County Club, Glen participated in 25 Sanctioned tournaments. He was the tournament champion nine times and placed second 7 times; some of his most memorable championship matches were against Alan Overbaugh. In regard to his participation in 13 Doubles Tournaments, he and his partner placed in the money 10 times; the late Ron Gillette was his partner more often than not. Glen placed first, second, or third in 12 of thirteen Quarter Tournaments sponsored by the Club and was very competitive in the annual Memorial and Paid-Membership Tournaments.

When Glen was recruited into the Tri-County Club, he encouraged the Board of Directors to sponsor a singles league on Wednesday afternoons. Handicap rules of competition did not prevent him from placing first or second in the league from year to year, up through 2007.

During the summer of 2007, he won the A Classes at the Pioneer Club Open, the John Urbane Memorial, and the William Hoag Memorial Tournaments. Among other accomplishments, he successfully defended his title -the Elder's Champion- at the 2007 NYS Singles Championships.

Because of health related reasons Glen did not play in the 2008 World Tournament during July and had to withdraw from the 2008 NYSHPA Singles Championships. To the disappointment of his former teammates, he no longer participates in "New York vs. Pennsylvania" Challenge Matches, but has been the New York team's most active "cheering squad leader."

John Martin spoke to Glen in September 2011 and reported that Glen has hopes of pitching as soon as his health improves. We all wish him well and will welcome his return to the courts. The following members of the NYSHPA, the Tri-County Horseshoe Club, and the Southern Tier Horseshoe Club are pleased to support the nomination of Glen T. Addicott for induction into the 2012 NYSHPA Hall of Fame.