



**PITCHER**

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John and his wife, Clara, have lived in Fort Edward for the last 29 years. Even though Clara does not compete in tournaments she is very supportive and it is always a pleasure to visit with her.

John has been a NHPA member since 1976. The combination of his warm personality

and his superb pitching makes him very popular on and off the courts. He is an inspiration to all-always friendly. He volunteers to help at tournaments. This in itself is a great asset to the game of horseshoes.

He has competed in many highly competitive tournaments - too numerous to try to mention. He is a charter member of the Moreau Horseshoe Club and has headed the doubles league for the last three years.

Some of John's interests besides horseshoes are woodworking, hunting, fishing, basketball and bowling.

Following are some of John's accomplishments:

- Pitched in all New York State Tournaments but one since 1976.
- Won Class B in 1979 and 1980 N. Y. State Tournament.
- Competed in championship class in N. Y. State Tournament since 1981 - finished in top four every year but two. Since 1987 his ringer percentage ranged from 70.0 - 75.9 %.
- In THE 1987 World Tournament he finished second in class A and finished twentieth in championship class.
- Competed in the Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament held at Statesville, N. C. the last five years. This is one of the highest competitive tournaments in the country. He finished first in 1990, 2nd in 1992, 4th in 1989, 5th in 1991 and 6 th in 1988. These were all in championship class.
- Finished fifth in the 1992 World Tournament championship class with 78.0 percentage. He won 23 games. He pitched second highest single game ringer

percentage of the championship class - 91.9%. Pitched second highest number of ringers - 1653 ringers of 2120 shoes pitched.

- John and his partner, Jim Lewis, won championship class at 1989 N. Y. State Doubles Tournament-combined percentage 69.1%.
- Pitched two 100% games in 1992.

Attached are copies of some of his tournament accomplishments which provide much more specific information.

Based on the aforementioned accomplishments and having known John for a number of years, we, the undersigned, feel John has met all of the criteria and is very deserving to be a candidate for the 1993 New York State Hall of Fame. We are all very proud John is a member of our association.