



PROMOTER

We, the friends and horseshoe family of Jack Stenberg, hereby submit his name for consideration for induction into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame as a Promoter of the game of horseshoes.

Jack started pitching horseshoes in 1981 when a retired farmer moved next door and built a set of pits.

In 1982 started pitching in the newly formed Seneca Ringers Horseshoe League in Waterloo in northern Seneca County. Jack was part of the Seneca Ringers Horseshoe League project that tore up the existing pits and constructed eight regulation pits with protective fencing. This project was necessary as the league had grown to three nights and also included a women's league. Jack also pitched in a league in southern Seneca County as well as pitching several years in a traveling league in Watkins Glen, in Schuyler County.

For several years Jack was responsible for organizing and running the Seneca County Fair Horseshoe Tournament. This involved the running of 7 men's singles classes, 3 women's singles classes and doubles tournaments for both men and women, all to be held during the week of the fair.

In 1985 Jack joined NYSHPA and pitched in his first state tournament. He has pitched in every state tournament since 1985, and has maintained a ringer percentage of over 60% for the 16 appearances. He has also pitched in three World Tournaments, winning the A1 Class Title in Syracuse in 1994 and the C1 Class Title

in Canada in 1997. He has maintained a World Tournament ringer percentage of over 60% for the three appearances.

His dream of many years to build a 20 court pitching facility came to reality in 1995 when he and three others formed the Waterloo Ringers Horseshoe Club and began plans for the facility. After many months of planning, fund raising and construction by many new club members and members of the Waterloo Sportsman's Club, the Ringers completed the facility. The club has hosted the 1998 and 1999 New York State Tournament. He has been the Secretary/Treasurer and one of four Life Members of the club since it's start.

Jack is the brainchild of the Waterloo Ringers July Triple Elimination Chicken Bar-B-Q Doubles Tournament. He organizes the tournament and keeps the tournament running smooth with his "wall of brackets".

Jack was the NYSHPA statistician for several years, compiling tournament results for NATSTATS as well as our own computer system thus being able to provide tournament directors with up-to-date averages for pitchers entering tournaments.

In September of 1994, Jack assumed the position of President of NYSHPA, and has held the position since. As President, Jack has always been available to answer questions about pitching, organizing horseshoe activities or questions about the NYSHPA organization. If he doesn't have an answer he makes sure contact is made with someone that can answer the person's question. As President he has been able to exercise his leadership qualities by working with an outstanding staff and appointing excellent committee chairmen that accomplish the tasks set by the officers of the organization.

In July of 1997, Jack retired from New York State Police, after a 29 year career. During that time was also actively involved in his community. Past Board of Directors member and President of North Seneca Ambulance while serving as an EMT, President of Romulus High School Sports Boosters for several years, and past CPR Instructor and Director of Training for CPR for the Seneca County American Red Cross. Since retirement, Jack operates a trophy and plaque business plus in the summer works in the pro shop at a local golf course.

Besides being active in horseshoes Jack is also an avid bowler and golfer.

Jack and his wife Carol have been married 36 years and are the proud parents of Adam and Tammi and the very proud grandparents of Nicholas, Katherine and Nathan.

As you can see by his involvement and accomplishments, Jack Stenberg is a strong candidate for induction into the New York State Pitchers Association Hall of Fame as a Promoter.