



JACK TOWNSEND~PROMOTER

1984

NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING

HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATION

Name of Purposed Candidate Jack Townsend

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Born 1937 Died Age 47 Year's in State Association Since 1974

Matrrial Status Married Spouse's Name Ann

Children (1) (2) (3) (4)

Ages:

Reasons for Recommendation: History of playing and/or Promotion or Accomplishments:

In 1974, Jack Townsend was the person most responsible for organizing a group of 5 or 6 people that later became known as the Northern Horseshoe Club. It was through his efforts and desire, that 4 courts were built. At first these courts were wooden boxes and sand. The following year, these courts were made permanent, with cement walkways, blue clay and a lighting system. As the club grew these courts were expanded to 16 which it presently has.

Jack organized the Annual "Northern Open" which attracts many New York pitchers and is a big event for many Canadian horseshoe pitchers.

He helped formulate the clubs league activities for men, women, and juniors, which grew to over 60 members. Jack served as President of this club from 1974-1978.

In 1976 he arranged for Carl Steinfeldt to put on a pitching exhibition. Later that year, Jack and the Northern Horseshoe Club were awarded the Carl Steinfeldt trophy for outstanding promotion of horseshoe in New York State.

Jack also pitched in many tournaments, including the 1974 World at Keene New Hampshire, where he placed 1st. in the 4th reserve

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class. He has won or placed in various tournaments since winning his first title in 1974.

He has had numerous articles concerning the game of horseshoes in local and area newspapers as well as doing radio interviews. He was responsible for promoting or conducting clinics and various pitching exhibitions in St. Law. County. He has also had articles printed in the Horseshoe Digest.

Through these years, Jacks dream was to someday host the N.Y.S. Championships. This dream came true in 1979 at South Glens Falls when Canton was awarded the tournament.

Jack and members of the Northern Horseshoe Club worked very hard that winter and the next spring and summer to try and make this the best state tournament ever.

He conceived the idea of promoting various items for both pitchers and the public alike, such as T shirts, buttons, an advertising booklet, etc. which all the clubs still carry on. He had local T.V. do a show on Carl Steinfeldt at the 1980 tournament.

All of Jacks efforts paid off at the ending of the 1980 State Tournament when one of his own club members, Robert Pike, 11 years old won the N.Y.S. Junior Championship.

Jack was elected president of the N.Y.S. Horseshoe Pitchers Association at this tournament and is currently a member of the Hall of Fame Committee.