



PITCHER
PROMOTER

As NYSHPA members, we submit Ken Fraser as a nominee for induction into the NYS Hall of Fame.

Born in California in 1961, Ken began pitching horseshoes at the age of 6 with his father's influence and joined the NHPA in 1972. Ken has participated in several state tournaments; this includes state tournaments for California, New York and Texas. Ken's early years found him pitching against Walter Ray Williams, Jr. for the California State Title.

Ken's love of the game has taken him to 30 World Tournaments. His finishes include a 76.6% tournament average in 1977, which included a 178-shoe game with Walter Ray. Ken shot 87.2% and lost 52-36 after 56 "4-deads" in the game. Ken's highest %game is 94.2%.

From 1977 – 1978, Ken served as the Statistician for Northern California and serves as the current NYS Statistician. He was the Northern California State Secretary/Treasurer (interim) for the year 1978 1979. Ken was the tournament director for the Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club for 3 years. If any of you attended any of these tournaments you know the prestige Ken brought to the game. Ken has also served as the NYS tournament director 4 times (Waddington '96, Waterloo '98, '99, '01). If Ken is not performing the job of tournament director you can be assured he is in the statistician room helping out or out on the courts keeping score.

For the last several years, Ken has organized and run a league on Monday nights at the Syracuse Pioneer Club. This league is a walking league with individuals placed into

classes based upon their ringer percentage and is open to anyone. This league has allowed many individuals to work on their game while pitching in a tournament atmosphere. On several occasions, you will find Ken showing up to run the league after getting no sleep during the day and needing to go to work directly after leaving the courts at -10:00 p.m. Very often, when there are an odd number of participants for the night, Ken will remove himself from the roster, so someone else can play. This in itself, a great showing of dedication and respect for others and the game.

Whether you are a beginner who needs some help getting started or you are experienced and have fallen in a slump, Ken is always willing to help you with your game. Ken has helped many individuals with the physical as well as the mental part of their game. Glenn Brown, Bob Gould, Karen Graham, Traci Hastings, Bob Wilsch are just a few individuals who have had Ken's guidance and encouragement through the years.

Ken has been instrumental in providing articles for the Mud. His column "Lies, Lies, and Damn Lies", a column based upon his fascination with numbers, has provided us with statistical information on our game locally and nationally.

Although you may not see Ken pitch in many tournaments, he still has what he calls "the disease". He practices daily, will never give up with the envision to retain his 75% or better pitching and is one of the few individuals who can throw a $\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{3}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{4}$ and flip at 30 or 40 feet, right or left handed. Quite a feat!

As the undersigned, we hope you see Ken's great admiration and dedication for the game as we have and select him as the next individual for induction into the NYS Hall of Fame. We feel the successes of his own pitching in the past, the accomplishments with the NYSHPA, and his impact on others and their game make him deserving of this induction.

#5 # Pitcher

- In 1973 Ken was the world junior Class B Champion

In 1974 Ken moved back to 40' #T the young age of 13.

In 1975 he won his 1st Tournament with a 72% Average

In 1976 he was Class B world Champion with a 16-1 Record and a 72% Average

In 1977 he pitched in the men's championship CLASS #T the world #T the age of 16

Finishing in 15th place with a record of 15-15 and a 76.6% average

In 1978 he was Class C world champion with a record of 10-0 and a 71% Average

#T the 1976 CA. State Championship CLASS he finished 3rd with a 12-3 record and a 72.6% average

#T the 1977 CA. State Championship CLASS he finished 3rd again with a 12-3 record and a 76.2% Average

#T the 1985 Texas state championship CLASS he finished 3rd again with a record of 5-2 and a 61.0% average

#T the 1999 N.Y. state championship CLASS he finished 2nd with a record 6-4 and a Average of 57.5%

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Ken has pitched 4 career 35%
Tournaments.

He finished 13 in the top 100 of
world in 1977 with a average of 77%

He has finished in the 100 of the
NHPA in 1975-1979-1998

He pitched his highest game
in Oakland CA. in 1977 with a
94.2% game but lost 49-52

His longest game was 178 shoes
vs. WALTER RAY Williams 9/12/77

He pitched a 87.2% and lost 35-52

the game had 56 4 deads and

at one time they had 11

consecutives 4 dead.

With his pitching Record and
what he has done to promote
horse shoes since moving to
N.Y. State is why we want
to nominate Ken Fraser for
the selection to the N.Y. State
HALL OF FAME.

Walter Graham, BILL Graham
and Wilsch and proposed by
Glenn Brown

AS A Promoter

- Ken Faser was born to be a horseshoe pitcher and promoter. His Father was the California state champion when Ken was 3 yrs old. His Father was a charter member of the CA. HALL OF Fame, being elected when Ken was 6 yrs old in 1967. About this time Ken began to pitch horseshoes with his Father and joined the N.H.P.A. in 1971. He has been a New York State N.H.P.A. member since 1988. He belonged to the NE-OS Club of PALASKI From 1988-1990. He has been a member of the Syracuse Pioneer Club since 1990. Ken was the Tournament director of the Pioneer open From 1995-1998. Ken was N.Y. State Tournament director in 1996-1998-1999-2001. Ken has been the N.Y. State Statistician since 1948 to the present. Ken is also the League organizer + director of the Mon. NIGHT League at the N.Y. State Fair grounds. since 1995. Ken has helped and is willing to help anyone to be a better horseshoe pitcher. He is a excellent teacher of the Fundamentals of pitching Horseshoes, and he knows what it takes to be a top notch Horseshoe pitcher