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PROMOTION CATEGORY

"NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATION"

WE, OF THE FALCONER HORSESHOE CLUB, INC. OF FALCONER, NEW YORK, TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN RECOMMENDING KEN HOPKINS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING HALL OF FAME. KEN STARTED PITCHING HORSESHOES WHEN HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER BECAME INVOLVED IN PITCHING AT THE FALCONER ROD & GUN CLUB. KEN HAS ALWAYS SERVED IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITH OUR CLUB AND HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT SINCE 1978 AT WHICH TIME THE CLUB REORGANIZED AND NEW COURTS WERE BUILT IN THE FALCONER PARK. WHEN KEN TOOK THE LEADERSHIP, THE CLUB WAS STRUGGLING AND WAS ABOUT

TO FOLD UP . KEN ,ALONG WITH A FEW OTHERS APPROACHED THE VILLAGE OF FALCONER TO SEE IF THEY WOULD GIVE US ENOUGH LAND IN THE PARK TO BUILD EIGHT COURTS, THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN HORSESHOES FOR OUR AREA .

STARTING WITH 15 -18 PITCHERS KEN BUILT A CLUB TO 140-165 MEMBERS AND BUILT 9 MORE COURTS , CONCESSION STAND ,OFFICE AND STORAGE AREAS . HE WAS ALSO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO ORGANIZE A LEAGUE OF 30 WOMEN AND A JUNIOR LEAGUE .

OVER THE YEARS KEN HAS ORGANIZED LEAGUES AND MANY LOCAL TOURNAMENTS . HE WORKED ON THE N.Y.S.HORSESHOE TOURNAMENTS BACK IN THE 60'S , KEN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NHPA FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AND HAS PITCHED IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT NUMEROUS TIMES .

WHEN WE HOSTED THE STATE TOURNAMENT IN 1983 & 1986 , KEN SHOWED LEADERSHIP THAT RESULTED IN A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT . KEN IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON INCORPORATING THE CLUB TO RELIEVE THE PERSONAL LIABILITY TO THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS .

KEN HAS BEEN TIRELESS IN HIS WORK TO INSURE THE CLUBS SUCCESS . YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND HIM WORKING AT SOMETHING THAT HAS TD BE DONE .SUCH AS MOWING THE GRASS ,PAINTING A BUILDING ,COOKING HOT DOGS-NEVER A JOB TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL ,IF IT NEEDS TO BE DONE .

IF ANY CANDIDATE SHOULD QUALIFY FOR STATUS IN THE HORSESHOE HALL OF FAME ,IT WOULD BE KEN HOPKINS .

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