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NEW YORK STATE
HORSESHOE PITCHING HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATIONS

NAME OF PROPOSED CANDIDATE Lee Coon
ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE OR REPRESENTATIVE Lee Coon
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CITY OR TOWN Earlville, N.Y. ZIP 13332
TELEPHONE 315-691-3892, 315-750-6017
BORN 9-23-41 DIED _____ AGE 81
MARITAL STATUS divorced SPOUSE'S NAME _____
CHILDREN: 2 AGE _____
NAME: John Coon deceased 2006 AGE _____
NAME: Joel Coon AGE 57 16 Clinton St Norwich, N.Y.
607-313-8787
NAME: _____ AGE _____
NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE OF CLOSEST RELATIVE:
Bonnie Tuzzo, Blanchard Rd, Sherburne, N.Y.
Requirements: phone not available

1. Print or type on separate sheet called write-up sheet. 2. Indicate in upper right corner of write-up sheet whether candidate belongs in Promoter OR Pitcher category. 3. Write-up sheet to include the personal interests and accomplishments of the applicant. 4. Applicant must have been a member of NYSHPA for at least FIVE consecutive years. 5. Three (3) additional signatures must be submitted when making request. These people must have been or do belong to the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION: 1. Gary Fisher PRINT NAME Gary Fisher

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION: 2. Ronald Anderson PRINT NAME Ronald Anderson

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION: 3. Robert J Wells PRINT NAME Robert J Wells

PROPOSED BY Lucinda Miller - 2022-2023 President of South New Berlin Horseshoe Club
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Forward this form by December 31st to:
Rose Wright (Chairman of the Hall of Fame)
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We, members of the South New Berlin Horseshoe Club, are pleased to submit Lee Coon as a promoter and pitcher of horseshoe pitching to the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame for 2023. In this nomination we have included Lee's awards, accomplishments and his dedication to the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Lee Coon resides in Earlville, New York. He is a retired custodian from Sherburne Earlville Central School District. Besides pitching horseshoes, Lee is an avid golfer and bowler. He always has a smile on his face and a skip in his step. Lee is a kind, gentle, soft spoken man who would do anything for anyone.

Lee is a patient teacher and mentor to any horseshoe pitcher who might need help with an approach, delivery, and/or release. This trait made his work with the Unadilla Valley Central School seemingly effortless. Assisting the school's Physical Education Dept., Lee promoted horseshoe pitching in the high school classes. Students not only learned the technique of throwing a horseshoe but Lee also taught them how to care for clay pits, use proper etiquette when pitching and to appreciate the benefits of this lifetime sport.

Lee's horseshoe pitching career started in the 1960's in Pulaski, New York. In 1979 Lee joined the South New Berlin Horseshoe Club in South New Berlin, New York. Together with Bill Hoag, Lee set up clay pits, researched, organized and promoted horseshoe pitching in South New Berlin, New York. The two men became involved in the "New Berlin Youth Days Celebration" in New Berlin, New York. This event celebrated youth and horseshoe pitching became one of their activities. Another way he promoted horseshoe pitching at the SNB Horseshoe Pitching Club was to hold and direct the first NYSHPA sanctioned tournament in memory of Bill Hoag, after Bill's death. The "William Hoag Memorial Tournament" continues to this day on the second weekend of June each year. Lee continues to be a part of this tournament as a judge.

Lee's greatest accomplishment was his performance in the National Horseshoe Pitching Association World Tournament in Syracuse, NY in 1994 when Lee took first place with a 13W-2L, 42.17% record in Class F. Lee's career high game scratch is 122 and his highest triple game scratch is 328, both occurring during league play at his home pits in South New Berlin. In 2008, Lee was honored by having his name placed on the NYS Team Event Traveling Trophy. The second weekend of June 2012, Lee took First Place in two separate tournaments at the South New Berlin Horseshoe Club. On Saturday he took first place in Class B at the "William Hoag Memorial Tournament" and continued on Sunday to take first place in Class A at the "Carpet Plus Tournament".

Lee has participated and placed in many of the NYSHPA State Tournaments held every Labor Day weekend. The most recent accomplishments that we were able to track are listed below.

2006- Second Place Men's I Class 3W-2L, 26.50% in South New Berlin

2008- First Place Men's G Class 7W-2L, 32.81% in Waterloo

2010- Second Place Men's F Class 4W-2L, 40.42% in Waterloo

2012- First Place Elder's B Primary 7W-0L, 48.93% in Camden

2014- Second Place Elder's Championship 4W-2L. 40.91% in South New Berlin

Lee's horseshoe pitching career has taken him all over New York State. He is also a member of the Tri-County Horseshoe Club in Groton, NY. Lee enjoys pitching in both Groton and the Floyd Horseshoe Pitching Club in Floyd, NY as both clubs have indoor and outdoor pits. The Pine Grove Horseshoe Pitching Club in Camden, NY has hosted the NY State Tournament for many years as has the Waterloo Horseshoe Club in Waterloo, NY where Lee won many of his awards. Lee also pitched at the Southern Tier Horseshoe Pitching Club in Johnson City, NY, Canton Horseshoe Pitching Club in Canton, NY, the Pioneer Horseshoe Pitching Club in Syracuse, NY, Deposit Horseshoe Pitching Club in Deposit, NY, Pulaski Horseshoe Pitching Club in Pulaski, NY, and the Moreau Horseshoe Pitching Club in South Glens Falls, NY.

In league play at the SNB Club, Lee and his partner, Ed Kohler, sponsored by Kelly's Flowers of Norwich, NY, took first place in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2022. Recently, Lee pitched fourteen ringers in a row in SNB. Our local newspaper has done a great job this summer promoting the SNB Horseshoe Pitching League. Lee's hard work and dedication landed his team in the headlines taking another first place this fall.

In the early years, Lee donated his trophies back to a junior league to honor their accomplishments. His selflessness speaks volumes. Lee is still a strong and devoted pitcher and his love for the sport shines through every day. We believe he would be a much deserving addition to the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame for 2023.

*Arcinda Miller, South New
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