



Leo Ouellette--Promoter
50 Westminster Road
Brooklyn, New York 11218

Born Bing Inlet, Ontario February 14, 1924

Served in the Canadian Navy

Came to the United States in 1947

Became a United States Citizen in 1958

married to Helen Hager Ouellette

Has 8 children

Became interested in horseshoes in 1966

Served as AAU Chairman for the sport of horseshoes

Served on the National Publicity Committee under Sol Berman

Served on the National Courts and Clubs committee

Served on the National membership Committee

Served as a National and State delegate for many years

Served as Director of the Brooklyn International Horseshoe Club

Presently serving as Chairman of the N.Y.S. By-Laws Committee
Designed canvas horseshoe carrying bags
Designed and built horseshoe courts used for the Challenge of the
Sexes Exhibition at the Tavern on the Green Restaurant in Central
Park in 1976
Designed and built luggage portable courts for Ringer World
Designed and built portable courts for Ray Greenlaw, the tournament
director of the 1976 World Tournament in Bristol, Pa.
They were used in the stadium by the Class A Pitchers
Designed and built own indoor portable horseshoe courts and scoring
devices
Designed scoreboards for New Jersey in 1976
Designed and built scoreboards and memory blocks for the New Rochelle
Horseshoe Club in 1986
Received an award from mayor Beam for building and maintaining
the horseshoe courts in the Parade Grounds at Prospect Park

A Few Highlights Relative To Leo Ouellette Promoter

As the enclosed fact sheet indicates, Leo has been very
involved in the promotion of horseshoe for a long time. To fully
understand,

however, the depth of Leo's commitment is necessary to consider the
following highlights.

In particular, during the many years that Leo has served as
President and Tournament Director at the Brooklyn Horseshoe Club many
good things have happened for horseshoe pitchers. For example, for
the eight years that the club had its headquarters in the Brooklyn
Armory, at least
five tournaments--one each month--were held during the cold
months. Leo's excellent portable clay courts were used. In
addition, since
1969 Leo and his wife, Helen, have directed at least one--and
sometimes two tournaments--each summer in Prospect Park or at the New
Rochelle Club. At the present time Leo is searching for a new indoor
location.

On several occasions Leo has been responsible for various
innovations at the State Tournament. For instance, at the 1986 State
Tournament he sponsored a 20 shoe exhibition in which several top
pitchers including Jim Lewis, Mike Dimartino, Carl Steinfeldt, and

Art Tyson participated.

This helped to focus attention on this idea and it has led to further experimentation at various clubs in our state. Where t his will lead is anybody's guess. It may be particularly useful for a tournament that is televised.

While serving on the National Publicity Committee under Sol Berman in 1976• the Challenge of the Sexes Exhibition between Carl Steinfeldt and Ruth Hangen was held:in New York City . For this event to be held , Leo built the needed portable courts and then brought them to Central Park. Easier said than done! In addition, with the help of his wife, Helen , and his daughter , Marge, Leo made sure that the Steinfeldt and Hangen families had a comfortable and enjoyable visit while they were in New York.

Horseshoe pitchers in the metropolitan area have indeed been fortunate that Leo chose to devote his energy to horseshoe rather than some other sport!

