





New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Mike's Qualifications and Accomplishments

Mike won 3 New York State Class A titles.

He won 1984 Eastern National Class A Title.

He took 5th place in 1984 World Tournament.

Mike has won 19 other Tournaments - some of them more than once or twice in such places as Falconer, Floyd, Elmira, Pulaski, LeRoy ~~Sesquicentennial~~, Chenango Open, Scottsville Lions' Club, Hornel Pine Grove Open, Annual Sandbar Inn Open, Rudy Lapp Memorial, Town of Irondequoit (Doubles) Kodak Park, and others, that I have lost track of.

At some of Mike's Tournaments no one really knew the rules. Handicaps are often figured out crazy. But, even if Mike has the cards stacked against him, he puts out enough to become the winner.

Sometimes in the selection of doubles, partner-names will be drawn and once again the cream flows to the top, thus pushing Di Martino into the winner's circle.

When Mike had his back trouble after an accident- 4 vertebrae fused in lower spine, later 2 fused in his neck - we were best friends and horseshoe players. I would like to think that I played a little part in getting him back in the horseshoe game. Four years ago when I tangled with more than I could handle, Mike came to see me often, took me out for a good time and encouraged me to fight back. One might say that we have been good for each other.

In closing, I have watched some of the very best - the king, Carl Steinfeldt, Ginger Natale, Steve Fennúccchia, John Rustin, Art Tyson, Elmer Hohl and his Eastern National Crew. These fellows know how to ring a stake. Now my friend, Michael Di Martino, has arrived and fits in perfectly with all of these great shooters. It will be interesting to see what his future is in horseshoes. It looks like he is carrying a few more wins in his pocket!

Yours in Horseshoes,
August Will Reich