

MELVIN "LUKE" LUTHER

LUKE STARTED HORSESHOES IH 1978 AND HAS CONTINUED THROUGH 2000.HIS WRIST HAS GIVEN OUT BUT HE STAYS ON PROMOTING HORSESHOES.

HE OWNED THE "GLENVIEW BAR" FOR 13 YEARS AND ALSO DROVE TRUCK FOR 35 YEARS.

HE STAYED WITH SHOES AND HAD 21 YEARS IN THE BAR LEAGUE, THEN FORMED TRI-COUNTY HORSESHOE CLUB IN 1993. HE DID ALL THE FOOTWORK IN ORGANIZING AND HAD A HUGE CLUB IN GROTON. LUKE JOINED HHPA IH 1988--WEHT TO THE WORLD TOURNAMENT AT STONE MT., GA..

THEN HE WANTED TO DO MORE, SO HE DONATED FOUR ACRES OF LAND BEHIND HIS HOME IH GROTON AND OVERSAW A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE 8 INDOOR PITTS OF SAND MATERIAL AND CONCRETE, ADDING ON KITCHEN, RESTROOMS, OFFICE AND EATING AREA WITH TABLES, IN 2002.

IN APRIL I NOTICED A NEW SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE. IT READS "LUKE'S PITTS".

LUKE HAS HELD A SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT FIRST OF EVERY MONTH IH THE WINTER AND DOUBLES IN THE SECOND WEEK FROM OCTOBER-APRIL •• AHD HE RUNS EVERY ONE OF THEM.

HE STILL GOES TO WORLD TOURNAMENTS EVERY YEAR BUT DOES NOT PITCH. THIS MAN LOVES HORSESHOES.

HE DESERVES THE RIGHT TO BELONG AND REST IN THE HALL OF FAME .