



**Pitcher**

### Recommendation to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame

Margaret J. Wilkinson is being recommended to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Margaret Wilkinson has been an active sportsman her whole life. One of her most memorable activities years ago was her love for the sport of bowling. Margaret never just participates in a sport; she puts everything she has into it. She was well known in the bowling league having bowled with the best bowlers in Syracuse in the Classic

League. She also enjoys the game of shuffle board and was often found at the courts while wintering in Southern Palms RV Resort in Florida.

Margaret was always willing to try anything. While watching the men pitch shoes in the back yard Margaret joined in just for the fun of it. In 1986 she joined her husband, Harlan, on Wednesday nights at the Pioneer Horseshoe Courts and soon caught the horseshoe bug. Her attitude of "I can do that" brought on the encouragement from Glen Brown and Margaret took him up on it and joined the Pioneer Horseshoe Club in Syracuse, NY. Then over the next 20 years they would travel all over New York State, Florida and on to 4 World Tournaments.

As a member of the Pioneer Club, Margaret remains a very active participant. She is always ready to pitch in to help in any way possible and 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up. Margaret is often found on the tournament site with her camper to welcome the pitchers and offer any assistance needed. She has held the office of treasurer of the Pioneer Horseshoe Club, assists with scorekeeping, bakes all kinds of goodies to share with fellow pitchers and even cleans the bathrooms when necessary.

Margaret enjoys promoting the sport of horseshoes whenever possible, pitching in a variety of tournaments and whether winning or losing, maintaining a sportsman attitude – even surviving the Labor Day storm in 1998 after the State Tournament at Waterloo.

Since Margaret started pitching shoes she has had the privilege of attending 4 World Tournaments. At her first World Tournament in 1990 at Stony Mountain, Georgia, Margaret took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Senior Women's Championship. She helped in making the World Tournament in Syracuse 1994 a successful event – even camping on site for 2 weeks. In 2003 & 2005 she was able to win the State Doubles Tournament and is the only woman to win New York State Doubles Tournament with 2 different partners, Stan Towne and John Merrill.

Today at the age of 79, Margaret Wilkinson continues to enjoy pitching horseshoes with her family, and friends that she has met over the years. It is our desire that Margaret Wilkinson will be considered into the Hall of Fame for her love, enthusiasm and dedication to the game of horseshoes.