



PROMOTER

Pete Newey first became interested in horseshoes as a youth, pitching in family picnics. He first started pitching in league play in 1976 in a local tavern traveling league becoming Treasurer of the league in 1978, Secretary from 1979 to 1984 and elected President in 1984. In 1977, while a member of the tavern league, Pete became one of the original members of the Pine Grove Horseshoe Club. As one of its original members he started pitching in a co-ed league that year and in 1987, he left the tavern league to start a 28 man league at Pine Grove. This league is still pitching and having fun today. Pete continues to promote new players to the league in hopes to inspire them to become club & NYSHPA members.

From 1986 – 1993, Pete served as Vice President or President of the Pine Grove Horseshoe Club. During these terms, Pete not only held a club office but served as the tournament director several times. He was very instrumental in preparing the club in hosting their annual open tournament and the State Singles Championships in 1988 and 1993. Pete was always very conscientious of making sure the tournaments he ran were successfully, at times his concerns kept him awake at night before a tournament's start, but there was no need to worry they were always a success! Due to Pete seeking a donation from a large local business approximately 10 years ago, the club is able to distribute a decent prize fund for the tournaments they host. This has attracted many

NYSHPA members to its tournament and the business continues to donate for this reason.

In 1993, after completing his term as President, Pete was elected to the Board of Directors where he continues to serve. In this capacity, he has headed up several of the major club projects. The expansion on the club house, the club pavilion and practice courts to name a few. These projects took much of Pete's time, he would be there during the weeknights when not pitching in league and then again on weekends if there wasn't a tournament, but never complaining. Before one project was complete, he was always thinking about what will the club's next project be, in an effort to make Pine Grove one of the best places to come and pitch shoes.

Peter has continued to be active in helping the Club promote the game no matter what office he may or may not serve. He has never missed being at a local tournament hosted by the club or a club meeting. Pete serves on the NYS Hall of Fame Committee and is always willing to volunteer at other local club tournaments or state tournaments whether its judging, keeping score or turning the clay. He will do whatever it takes to help make a tournament a success and enjoyable.

Pete has not only served in many club offices, but has been a pitcher for the club to be proud of. When Pete started pitching he averaged 16% and has improved to his current average of 56.86% ranking him 7th in New York State. Pete is a tough competitor on a local and state level. He has received high average, high single, high triple and league champion in his league numerous times. He won Class A in the Boonville Oneida County Fair in 1987 averaging 52%. Pete has pitched in every New York State Singles Championship since 1980, winning his class in 1982, 1985 and 2002. He also qualified for the 2002 Men's Championship class pitching 55%.. He has participated in 2 world tournaments 1992 in Ohio and 1994 in Syracuse placing 4th in Class E. In 1992, Pete pitched his highest ringer percentage of 90% in South New Berlin.

Pete's other interests include bowling, hunting, playing cards and snowmobiling. Pete rolled his personal best of 714 with games of 244-214-256.

As members of the Pine Grove Horseshoe Club we feel Pete Newey is a deserving member of the NYS Hall of Fame as a promoter. We wish him to be considered for this honor based upon his 23 years of accomplishments.