



Pitcher

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I hereby submit Victor Davis name for the Hall of Fame. As reported in the February 2005 issue of the Mud, Victor has been a long time member of The New York State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association for thirty years.

Victor married his sweetheart, Loraine, 48 years ago and together they raised three sons. All were active in youth sports and continue to participate in sports such as horseshoes and bowling. Vic started working for the railroad when he got out of school. He attends yearly reunions to keep in touch with his co-workers. After his years with the railroad he started a job with The New York State Dept. of Transportation. He worked his way up to be foreman and served the state for 28 years until he retired in 1988.

Vic has been active in many organizations and sports programs. His real ambition was to get

youth involved in sports. He coached baseball and became an umpire. Vic and a few of his friends decided the local youth needed a place to learn and play football. They acquired some land in Hale Eddy, NY (this land is almost in Vic's back yard) and founded the Hale Eddy Small Fry Football League. This league served the surrounding communities such as Deposit, Hancock, Windsor and into Pennsylvania. Vic just had to take the opportunity to do some coaching for this league and enjoyed it. He remained active for 30 years with this league and has been made a life time member. During all of this he still found time to be an avid bowler and golf when he got the chance to. During the winter months you can find him on some frozen pond or lake ice fishing. Vic served his community in other ways. He joined the Deposit Volunteer Fire Dept. and will have completed 25 years of service this year. He has supported the Deposit Booster Club and a long list of other organizations. If there is a need for a donation of some type he will never hesitate to do so. Vic is a member of our local Lion's club and V.F.W. This year he was elected the Town of Deposit Board of Trustees.

Everyone knows Vic's love for the game-of horseshoes. He was in Walton, NY many years ago and saw two guys throwing horseshoes back and forth, this caught his interest and he decided to stop and see what it was all about. He talked to a couple of guys by the name of Moss and Shackleton who convinced Vic into trying his skill on the game. He was hooked! He returned home and purchased his horseshoes, rounded up a few neighbors and started the Hale Eddy Horseshoe League. They started with one pit and took turns throwing their shoes. Eventually they added a couple more pits and the league grew from there.

Vic became a respected opponent and has won many tournaments. He has participated in the World's Tournament in North Carolina. Upon arrival there he discovered he had been placed in the same bracket his son Lenn was in. He approached the tournament officials and told them he couldn't beat his son in their backyard and he would be damned if he was driving 1,500 miles to try to beat him there! The officials decided to split them up.

In the summer months, on Wednesday afternoons you can find Vic at the horseshoe pits helping the kids in the area pitch horseshoes, teaching them how to keep score or other aspects of pitching horseshoes. He will always have cold soda for the kids and praise them for their efforts. On Thursday nights he'll be at the same pits pitching shoes in a league with friends. These pits

are located at firemen's field in Deposit, NY. Vic helped design and build the pits and has hosted tournaments there with the help of his wife, Loraine. Loraine has knitted blankets for the past four years to raffie off. Tickets are sold at tournaments and the drawing is held at the New York State Tournament Proceeds are donated to the New York State Juniors.

In closing, I can say I have known Vic Davis for many years. He has always helped with any activity. that takes place. His love for the game of horseshoes put a smile on his face and a desire to get everyone he can to be hooked on the game....I know he did me.

Sincerely,
Bob Mills

