



Wilbert Hyland

Promoter category

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A new type of record was set at the 1976 tournament in Lockport when Bill was inducted into the State Horseshoe Hall of Fame. It was the second time in one year he has made a Hall of Fame. The first being in February, 1976, when he was inducted into the Corning Area Sports Hall of fame where the speakers were Teddy Atkinson, Tom Gorman, and Jersey Joe Wolcott. He was elected for winning the National High, and Prep School, Cross Country Championship at Newark, N.J., in 1931.

In horseshoes, he was recognized for being a charter member of the Corning club where he was instrumental in getting the city of Corning ~~to~~ to install 8 lighted courts in West William Street Park, where the 1959-1960 State tournaments were held while he served as State president. At this time the Corning Club boasted of 121 members.

Being only a 40% to 50% average pitcher, his best games were in Hornell, N.Y., in 1962 when he beat his opponent 50-0 in just 20 shoes with an average of 85%. In the Queen City Open in Elmira, N.Y., in 1973, he threw 36 out of 50 for 72.9%. Other trophies were won for;

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| <u>N. Y. State meets:</u> | <u>National Eastern Open</u> | <u>U. S. Open, Galesburg, Ill.</u> |
| 1963 - Class D - 3rd | 1970 - Class D - 1st. | 1974 - Class E - 3rd. |
| 1971 - Class G - 2nd | 1971 - Class F - 1st. | 1977 - Class H - 1st. |
| 1972 - Class E - 2nd | | <u>El-Co Doubles League</u> |
| | | 1974 - Champions, (with Roger Pilla of Elmira.) |

For 6 years he acted in the capacity of tournament director for the El-Co league, and prior to that time he promoted the Crystal City Open tournaments for 8 years, and has attended various tournaments since 1923.

Now 65, he is still active as a member of the N.Y. State Hall of Fame committee with Tony Sauro, of Syracuse, and Carl Steinfeldt, of Rochester.



For Horseshoe Hall Of Fame

DISPLAYS PLAQUE — W. B. Hyland of Watkins Rd. displays Hall of Fame plaque which he designed for the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The plaque will be used to honor Hall of Famers and state champions.

Bill Hyland Designs Horseshoe Awards Plaque

By FRANK WATTS
Sports Editor

Wilbert (Bill) Hyland of Watkins Rd. is the designer of the Hall of Fame plaque which has been accepted by the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Acceptance came at the state tourney and meeting held recently in Pulaski.

The top of the plaque features a cut-out of the state map, on which the picture of the current state champion in the men's and women's division, will be placed. Name plates of those elected to the Hall of Fame will be placed in the center, while protruding from the side on a six-point star will be pictures of state champions.

Hyland, who served as president of the state association in 1959 and 1960

when the tournament was held in Corning, is a member of the Hall of Fame selection committee which also comprises Carl Steinfeldt, of Rochester (state champ) and Carl von ver Lancken of White Plains.

The Hall of Fame includes two categories, one for players and the other for promoters of the sport.

Hyland, who is Town of Hornby justice, said that during the session at Pulaski, 12 persons were inducted into the first Hall of Fame with plaques being accepted in person or by relatives in cases of those deceased.

Honored in the player category were Carl Steinfeldt of Rochester, Vita Filiccia of New York City, Tom Brownell of California, formerly of Amsterdam; Robert Brown of

Almond; Lorraine Thomas of Lockport, Ruth Hangen of Buffalo and Ruth Hoelzle of Lindenhurst, L.I.

Inducted in the promoter category were the late David Cottrell, Cohocton; the late Frank Niven, Rochester; Bryon Jaskulek of the Bronx and Carl von deLancken of White Plains.

Cottrell, who resided in North Cohocton, brought fame to the state for his long tenure as secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He designed the first score sheets, wrote a history of the game in 1927 and was elected to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. He died in 1937.

Hyland said that the Hall of Fame committee has been assigned the task of locating a permanent site for the Hall of Fame. He said Corning, Elmira, Pulaski, Lockport areas are being considered.

He noted that among the items collected are the horseshoes used by the late Dave Leonard, the first state champion.

Hyland pointed out that 1974 marks the 50th year of recorded records by the state association.

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Horseshoe 'Fame' Dedication Sunday

Dedication of the New York State Horseshoe Hall of Fame in Corning will take place Sunday at noon.

It was incorrectly stated in Wednesday's paper that the dedication was today.

The Hall of Fame will be located in the Cinderella Softball League headquarters at Spruce and Baker Sts.

Paul Thomas, president of the New York State Horseshoe Association, will preside over the ceremony according to Wilbert (Bill) Hyland of Corning RD, member of State Hall of Fame and former state president.

The public is invited to attend. Among those present will be Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, current world champ.