



BILLY JOE "B.J" HALL

BJ was born in Mansfield, Arkansas on March 17, 1934. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have been married for 49 years. Together they have five children and are the proud Grand-parents of 15 Grandchildren and 1 Great-Grandchild.

BJ worked for the Kansas City Southern Railroad, retiring in 1994 after 43 years.

In the early 1990s he met Don Holland, Jerry Sneary and Ken Stewart, joined the NHPA and began pitching horseshoes in the Shreveport organization.

He then assisted Don, Jerry and Ken in constructing the Horseshoe Pitching Courts,

He provided railroad ties for the pegs and rubber mats to cover the pits. Over the years he has always made himself available to use his brains and brawn to change out pegs, replace backboards and dig up the pits to get them ready for League or Tournament Play after a rain.

He also assisted Don Holland and Jerry Sneary in constructing Horseshoe Pitching Courts at LSU-Shreveport and parks here in the Shreveport area.

He has been a member of the Shreveport Double-Ringer Horseshoe Pitching League since he became sanctioned, never missing a league season since he joined.

As indicated above, he has pitched in just about every tournament sponsored by the Shreveport Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Moose Lodge #2239 Horseshoe Pitching Club since he joined the NHPA, maintaining a Ringer Percentage of approximately 33.0%.

His accomplishments on the Courts include:

- 1992 – 3rd Place - Class "B" State Doubles
- 1993 – 3rd Place - Class "C" State Singles
- 1999 – 3rd Place - Class "B" State Doubles
- 2000 – 3rd Place - Class "B" State Singles
- 2003 – Class "A" State Doubles Champion (With partner Larry Bryce)
- Pitched in the World Tournament in 1991