



DON HOLLAND

Don started his horseshoe career in the late 1970's in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, where he was first introduced to organized horseshoe pitching and bought his first pair of *Imperial* shoes for \$5.00. He pitched in a traveling league in those days.

Don, his wife Cathy, and their three children relocated to Shreveport, Louisiana in 1981. Don worked for General Motors for thirty-three years until his retirement in January of 1997.

In 1982 and 1983, Don won the Horseshoe Pitcher's Competition at the local Hamel's Amusement Park. He played many local Tournaments in the northern part of the State in those years and met Jack Atchley and John Wilson of the State Association in Monroe, Louisiana.

As a result of that meeting, the Shreveport Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed in 1984, led by Don and other local enthusiasts. Don was President of that Association from its inception in 1984 until 1997. After helping to build the courts at the Union Hall, Don was instrumental in establishing the *Double Ringers League* in 1986.

Don served as State Regional Director from 1986 until 1997.

He was State Singles Class "A" Champion five times in 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993, and 1996.

He won the State Class "A" Doubles Title with Ricky Richard three times.

He won the Knights of Columbus State Singles Title in 1993 and 1994.

Don Had a 58% average in World Tournament play for his career.