



## **JACK ATCHLEY**

Jack Atchley, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, moved to New Orleans with his family at the age of seven. He attended Loyola University in New Orleans where he was a member of the National Championship basketball team in 1945. He and his wife, Elise, another avid horseshoe pitcher, had four children. Jack worked for a garage door manufacturer for thirty years, and retired in 1993.

In 1982, at the World Tournament in Huntsville, Alabama, Jack met John Wilson for the first time and together they worked with NHPA officials to obtain a State Charter and the Louisiana State Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed.

Jack competed in the World Tournament for eleven straight years with a second place finish in his class in 1984, including a 70% game, and a third place finish in 1991.

Jack started pitching in his backyard and organized the first horseshoe leagues in Harahan which were pitched there. He was instrumental in establishing the Harahan Horseshoe Pitchers Association and was the initial Secretary/Treasurer, still serving in that capacity to this date. Jack was instrumental in obtaining the area at Soniat Playground in Harahan, where the current courts are located, and in constructing the courts.

He was a main player in establishing the Muscular Dystrophy Tournament in 1985, an event that has continued to prosper each year.

He has been the only Secretary/Treasurer of the State Association since its beginning in 1982.

Some of his on the court achievements include:

1993                      Class "B" State Singles Champion

High individual game of 75% in League play.

High Book Average of 48% (40')