



KENSLEY S. "KEN" STEWART

Ken started pitching horseshoes in his back yard in Racine, West Virginia, with the "real" shoes after the horses were finished with them. He always had a horseshoe court in his yard, even though it was just two stakes driven in the ground and always welcomed a challenge.

Ken was in the U.S. Army for three years, half of which was spent in Korea. He played in leagues and tournaments in Michigan in the 1970's before coming to Louisiana in 1979. He worked for General Motors for thirty-five years, retiring in 1987.

Ken met Don Holland and Jerry Sneary in the mid 1980's and assisted them in organizing the Shreveport Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and in constructing the existing Courts.

He has been a member of the NHPA and LSHPA for twelve years and has been the Secretary of the Shreveport Horseshoe Pitchers Association for the past ten years, organizing and directing League and Tournament competition.

He developed computer programs which are now used for League and Tournament record keeping, scheduling and reporting.

Ken directed the construction of the courts at the Moose Lodge in Shreveport and formed the Moose Lodge Horseshoe Pitching Club which is NHPA sanctioned. He is Chairman/Secretary of the Moose Lodge Doubles League, which currently has 32 members.

Ken was State Singles Champion in Class "E" in 1995 and placed second in his class in 1991, 1993, and 1996.

He was also State Doubles Champion in Class "B" in 1997, and placed second in Doubles in 1992, 1998, and 1999.

Ken represented Louisiana in the Louisiana/Mississippi Challenge in 1992, 1993 and 1996.

He has pitched in the World Tournament in Atlanta, Ga., Columbus, Ohio, and Biloxi Miss., where he finished second in his class.

He has participated in approximately 85 sanctioned Leagues and Tournaments in the past 12 years, maintaining a 31.7 Ringer Percentage. His highest game was a 60.0%, shot on two different occasions and his best Tournament was the World Tournament in Biloxi, Miss, where he pitched 43.1%.

He is currently State Regional Director for the Shreveport area of the LSHPA.