



## **RODNEY FROMENTHAL**

Rodney was born and raised in Morgan City and started playing horseshoes before starting school, playing in his first local Tournament in 1963, finishing second. Rodney played horseshoes throughout his youth at his father's company outings and always brought his horseshoes on vacation.

In 1983, Rodney & his family moved to Lake Charles, where he and his son Yogi played horseshoes at the local Church fairs, usually coming in first. While living in this area, Rodney competed in DeQuincy, DeRidder, Sulphur, Welsh, Carencro, and Lafayette.

Rodney has been very active in the Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournaments, and won the State title twice, in 1985 and 1986. He finished second in 1984, 1991 and in 2004. During these K.C. Tournaments, Rodney met members of the LSHPA, namely, Veachel Tucker, Don Holland, and Ron Latiolais. Through these contacts, Rodney met Jack Atchley and John Wilson, and had his son, Yogi, sanctioned, coaching him to back to back State Junior Titles in 1988 and 1989.

Upon his return to Morgan City in the summer of 1989, Rodney set out to get horseshoes organized in the area. Rodney eventually got together with Bob Scully and other interested locals in a local backyard club. Rodney's contacts with the LSHPA initiated a meeting with Bob Hogan & Jack Atchley in Morgan City to meet with local players and start organized horseshoes in the Morgan City area in 1993. The first Horseshoe Club in the area, The LA 70 Ringers, became sanctioned after those meetings.

Rodney was the Secretary of the LA 70 Ringers for its duration, and helped recruit new players into the Club. That Club was responsible for the construction of the first courts at Kemper Williams Park in Patterson in 1994, and began hosting sanctioned events in 1995.

When the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association was formed in 1997, Rodney was elected its first Third Vice President.

In local circles, Rodney's name is synonymous with horseshoes, mainly due to his success at the K.C. Tournaments and his promotion of the sport. Rodney's first pair of shoes, which were nickel plated, were presented to the local K.C. Council and are proudly displayed on their walls today.

Today, Rodney, his wife Marie, and son Yogi are active members of the LSHPA.

He currently holds two BHPA City records:      80% game (32 Ringers for 40 Shoes)  
   100 Scratch point Game for 40 Shoes.

Rodney's sanctioned average has been in the 45% to 50% category for most of his career.

Rodney has accomplished the following in State competition:

- 1992 Third Place Class "B" Singles and Second Place Class "B" Doubles
- 1993 State Doubles Champion Class "B" and State Singles Champion Class "B"
- 1994 Third Place Class "A" Doubles
- 2001 Second Place Class "A" Doubles and Third Place Class "A" Singles
- 2002 Third Place Class "A" Singles
- 2004 State Doubles Champion Class "A"