



## **BOB SCULLY**

Robert, better known as “Captain Bob” Scully was born and raised in Stephenville, Louisiana, along the bayous of the Atchafalaya basin, an area in which he still resides and works today. His business, “Scully’s Restaurant & Swamp Tours”, still flourishes today at the same location for over 25 years and is a well known local spot to throw a few shoes.

Bob started playing horseshoes in backyard competition as most players did, and installed the first sand pits behind the restaurant in 1990 and continued playing and meeting with other horseshoe enthusiasts in the area. In 1992-1993, Bob, together with Rodney Fromenthal, Jimmy Percle, and Dudley Michel, met with Jack Atchley and Bob Hogan at the Restaurant, and the formation of the first sanctioned Club in his area, “The LA 70 Ringers” resulted.

Bob was the first and only Treasurer of this Club, and the back yard of the Restaurant became the official site of the “La 70 Ringers,” where today, a pair of sanctioned courts are still available for practice sessions, individual challenges, and the general promotion of the game, as well as all the horseshoe memorabilia posted inside the restaurant to boast of the game. Through the Club’s efforts, more players were recruited, and horseshoe interest began to grow and eventually resulted in the formation of the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association in 1997.

In addition to the two courts behind the Restaurant, Bob has personally supervised and built horseshoes courts throughout his area of the State, including the 16 Courts at Kemper Williams Park in Patterson, home of the BHPA, the 6 new courts of the Shady Oaks Club in Belle River, 2 courts behind the Courthouse in Franklin, built to support their annual Festival, and numerous backyard individual courts in St. Mary, St. Martin, Assumption, and Iberia Parishes. It should be noted that Bob, donated not only most of his personal spare time in these accomplishments, but in many cases, also his personal funds and equipment.

His accomplishments on the Courts include:

- 1993 Class "D" State Doubles Champion with his son Steve
- Third Place in Class "B" State Doubles in 1995
- Second Place in Class "B" State Doubles in 1996
- 1996 Class "D" State Singles Champion
- 1997 Class "E" State Singles Champion
- Third Place in Class "C" State Singles in 2000
- First LA 70 Ringer Club Champion in 1995

Bob's untiring efforts to promote horseshoes is still evident as he is a prime Sponsor for BHPA charitable events, and holds the office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President of the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association, who has the duty, of course, of maintenance and upkeep of the existing courts, and supervision of any expansion projects.