



ELISE ATCHLEY

Elise was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and together with her husband Jack, raised four children.

She first was introduced to horseshoes while attending St Joseph High School watching some elderly gentlemen playing in Colliseum Square.

Elise was a volleyball player and excellent softball pitcher at that time, and after her marriage, became an accomplished bowler and participant in backyard and picnic horseshoe games.

When the Louisiana and the Harahan Associations were organized in 1983, she became the first woman member of both and proceeded to become one of the premier pitchers.

Through her contacts in other activities, she was able to recruit many female members to the Association and increased participation in League and Tournament play. She assists in the daily operation of the LSHPA and along with husband Jack contributes to the production and distribution of the State newsletter, "Court Chatter."

Elise has competed in numerous Las Vegas Tournaments and has been Class Champion twice. She has competed in four World Tournaments including Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Pleasanton, California, Atlanta, Georgia and Gulfport, Mississippi, where she was World Class Champion in "Class B2".

She has won numerous local Tournaments throughout the State over the years, the total of which was not readily available, but it is safe to say, more than any other female member up to this point.

Her State Tournament record and Championships include the following:

- Class "A" Women's Singles Champion four times
1986, 1992, 1997, and 1998
- Class "A" Women's Doubles Champion six times
1992, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2001

- Second Place in Class "A" Women's Singles seven times
1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, and 2001
- Third Place in Class "A" Women's Singles three times
1988, 1991, and 2000
- Second Place in Class "A" Women's Doubles in 1994
- Third Place in Class "A" Women's Doubles in 2000

She accomplished all of the above since 1985 even though she missed five State events during that time due to injury.

She has placed in the State Women's Class "A" Singles every year she was able to compete.