

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE HALL-OF-FAME

SWEN BOWMAN

The second Hall-of-Fame award goes to Swen Bowman, who was instrumental in bringing horseshoes to Northeastern Wisconsin. He started pitching in 1955 and dedicated the ensuing years to the promotion of the game.

He was president of the State Association from 1969 to 1972. He has conducted, pitched in, and assisted in many ways to insure the success of tournaments in Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida. He started horseshoe leagues in Green Bay city parks, ran tournaments on his property in Mountain, and was involved in building eight clay courts in Green Bay where league play is still held. Through Swen's efforts (and hard work) eight new courts were built at the Armstrong Community Building in Mountain where he conducts the annual Mountain Open. Additional courts were added in 1977 when the State Tournament was held in Mountain.

Swen worked at Kimberly-Clark in Kimberly for 14 years, was in business until 1955, then worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1974.

Swen will be 67 in July. He and Clara, his wife (and able assistant in running tournaments), celebrated their 45th anniversary this year. They have a son Jim, a daughter Marlene, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their home is at R. 1, Mountain (54149), but the past five years their winters have been spent in Bradenton, Florida, where Swen spends most of his time on the horseshoe courts.

We appreciate all Swen has done and are happy to present this award to him for his many years of dedication to the sport of horseshoes.