



BERNICE (BEATY) MCRAE BESTUL was born in Minnesota November 5, 1931, married Curt on June 23, 1950, and has lived in Eau Claire since that date.

Beaty has been very active in the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club, helping to organize it and to establish the leagues conducted by the club. In 1964 the club started an annual report on club and tournament results. Beaty has been the person most responsible for this booklet, called "Four Dead", and each year spends countless hours in preparing it.

Every tournament in Eau Claire has had Beaty handling the entries and results. This means being one of the first ones there and the last to leave at each event. Several years she has acted as co-chairman with husband, Curt.

She pitches in the ladies league at Eau Claire and, although not entering the World Tournament, she has attended many. She served as Wisconsin delegate at some, being an NHPA member. Beaty has kept score at most tournaments she attended, including World, and has spent time working in the office at World Tournaments.

In 1985, she and Curt are co-chairpersons of the World Tournament Committee for the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club to submit a bid for the 1987 World Tournament.

Every successful horseshoe organization has people behind the scenes doing a lot of work that is generally unnoticed by most, and Beaty has been one of these people for many years.

Curt and Beaty have four children, Dottie, Donald, David, and Deborah, all of whom have pitched in World Tournaments, with Debby winning the Junior Girls Championship in 1984 at Huntsville, Alabama.

Curt and Beaty Bestul are to be commended for their contribution to the sport of horseshoe pitching. There is no doubt that their many years of effort and devotion have earned them a place in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall-of-Fame.