

1980 WISCONSIN HALL-OF-FAME

Arnie Rupnew is one of two horseshoe pitchers to be honored with the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame Award for 1980.

Arnie is a charter member and former secretary of the league which was organized as the Inter-County League in 1933, called the Land-O-Lakes Horseshoe League 1936, the La-Belle League in 1940, and named the Tri-County League in 1954. He conducted a local tournament for 35 years. He pitched in Class A and B in the State Tournament numerous times and placed second in Class B a couple times. He has given up pitching because of a stroke nine years ago, but still sponsors a team and attends the match every week.

Arnie is 72 years of age. He and his wife Viola have been married 49 years and have a family of three sons and two daughters. They have been active in many church activities and Arnie was also the bowling secretary of the Ashippun Bowling League for 35 years.

Arnie was born and raised on the same farm in Oconomowoc, where he now lives after dairy farming his entire life, until he gave up working his land, because of his illness.

He was nominated by the Tri-County League and the Washington Park Club. We are happy to present this award to one who has been involved, not only in the sport of horseshoe pitching, but has also done much for his fellow man in church and community activities.

