



EDDIE SCHIMEK

One of two 1987 Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall-of-Fame awards is being presented to Edward J. "Eddie" Schimek.

Eddie Schimek started pitching horseshoes in 1925, participating in the state tournament in 1928 for the first time, and for the next 40 years, at State Fair Park. He took part in three more state contests at different locations. He won the state championship in 1960, '62 and '63. The "National Horseshoe Pitchers' News Digest" featured his picture on the cover of the November 1963 issue. He won the Mideastern at Combined Locks in 1966, and he was City of Milwaukee champion in 1931 and 1948. He was a charter member of the Auer Avenue Horseshoe Club and helped organize the City League. He was president of the club in 1935 and a member for 17 years, and a member of the Washington Park Horseshoe Club for 24 years, winning the Washington Park Class A Championship in 1959.

In 1948, when the World Tournament was held in West Allis, Ed was honored to be asked to practice with Guy Zimmerman. They played three games and Ed won one of them 50-37, with 82.6%. He failed to qualify for the World Tournament by 15 points; Guy went on to pitch the first perfect game in a World tourney and ended up in third place.

Ed also had the pleasure of winning a couple of games from Casey Jones. He appeared twice on WTMJ-TV in 1957 in a show called "Pitching Horseshoes." In 1948 he took part in a Red Cross program at Wood Hospital where he coached the veterans for several weeks, giving them pointers in pitching shoes. He also gave out the trophies after the tournament they had at the end of the season.

Since retiring in 1976 as supervisor in the Cost Accounting Department at Johnson Controls, Ed has kept busy playing dartball at Washington Park Senior Center. He is one of the top dartball players in Milwaukee and has received individual awards for highest average, always 500 or better, in the years 1976 through 1981. He bowls in two senior leagues and was on the team that won the championship in 1978, '79, and '80. He compiled the highest average in both leagues, a composite average of 175 the last two years.

Ed was born July 25, 1911 in Milwaukee. He and his wife Katherine, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June, have two daughters and six grandchildren. They live at 6636 W. Chambers Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210.

We congratulate Eddie Schimek and are happy to present this award for his many years of dedication to and participation in the sport of horseshoe pitching.