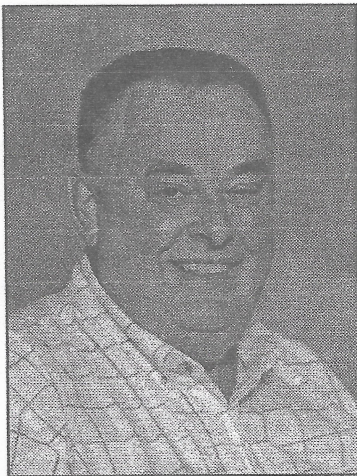


## **Ken Kosky** **2005 Hall of Fame** **Inductee**

Ken Kosky was born July 7, 1944 in Iron River, MI, a small town of about 2500 residents in the UP of Michigan. He is the oldest (wisest) of 4 children, having 1 brother and 2 sisters. He grew up on a small farm about 10 miles out of town. Being the oldest, he got an early dose of working with his father on a wide range of chores, including milking cows, operating farm equipment, logging, and truck driving. In 1962, after high school graduation he left home to attend school in Milwaukee. After graduating with an Associate degree in Diesel Engineering, he moved to Chicago where he worked in a steel warehouse for a couple of years. In 1965, he went to work for the Cummins Engine Co distributorship where they specialized in component rebuilding. That led to a job for an independent repair shop in Green Bay in 1970 and eventually back to Cummins in DePere, WI in 1973. In 1968, he married. He has three children, Terri, Michael, and Jason. In May of 1977 we opened our



doors for a diesel fuel system repair shop in Wausau, WI. Sons, Mike and Jason, are working with Ken today and are gradually taking over the the business.

He started playing horseshoes in a bar league in about 1982. Gus After traveling with Gus for several years, he persuaded to buy a card and enter a tournament. His first was in New London and the rest is history as he has attended as many as 20 tournaments in one year. In 1994 the Windy Hill Horseshoe Club was formed and Ken was the President for 10 years. An annual NHPA sanctioned tournament began in 1994 with as many as 94 pitchers for the weekend. ANHPA sanctioned league began in 1996 and Ken was the league secretary/director until 2003. He has attended the World Tournament for 10 of the past 13 years and won a Class Championship in 1994 in Syracuse, NY. Not only was Ken a pitcher but was the man behind the scenes as he received I received the Presidents Award from President Ken Jaeger in 2000. The State Tournament was held in Wausau in 1997, 2000, and 2002 when Ken served as the State tournament director in 1997 and the co-director in 2000 and 2002. Ken was very instrumental in working with Ken Jaeger in planning and organizing the World Tournament in Eau Claire. These two gentlemen were tireless organizers and workers with the Eau Claire WT committee. Without them, the success of the tournament would have been questionable.

In 1999 a new style printer for doing some things in business was purchased. It was also ideal for doing printing the WI Horseshoe Newsletter. Rick Poppe and Jim Haupt knew there would be a need for a publisher of the WI Newsletter. Ken became the Publisher of the best horseshoe newsletter in the country thanks to Jim Haupt's efforts.

Because Ken is a man who never sits still, he bought the horseshoe sales business from Cliff Troullier. For the next several years was a distributor under Curly Seibol.

In 2001, Ken developed his own web site and started selling horseshoes over the internet.

In 2004, Ken was appointed the Director of NHPA Game Related Sales taking over from Ed Domey.

Ken Kosky has definitely earned membership in the Wisconsin Hall of Fame for the many services he donates to better the game of horseshoe. Congratulations Ken!