



ANN OPSTEEN

Ann Opsteen is the first woman to be honored with membership in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall-of-Fame. She has been involved in the sport of horseshoe pitching since 1965 when Jerry Kamps installed two sand courts. In 1966 she and her husband were couples league champs.

She was secretary for three years, and president for three years, of the Combined Locks Horseshoe Club, and secretary-treasurer from September, 1973 until March, 1979 of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association. She has been chairman of the WHPA Hall-of-Fame committee since its start in 1976.

Nineteen eighty-three marks the 15th consecutive year of women's participation in the state tournament; Ann has pitched in every one. She has been an NHPA and State member all those years and pitches in many tournaments throughout the state, averaging 50-plus percent in 1982. However, horseshoes is not her only interest.

Ann (who is 61) and John, her husband of 38 years, have five sons, three daughters, and nine grandchildren. They help with running the Mid-eastern Tournament at Combined Locks and enjoy travel, fishing, gardening, etc., etc. They have also served on various committees for the church and village government, and are still active in some.

Ann is extremely happy to be named to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall-of-Fame.