



### ARCHIE JOHNSON

Archie Johnson was born and grew up on a farm in Pulaski where he started pitching horseshoes when he was fifteen years old. As a youngster he pitched with his father and uncles. He started the Pulaski Horseshoe Club in 1956 and had the first tournament for prize money there, at that time the only tournament other than State.

Archie moved to Germantown in 1965 and was responsible for the installation of four lighted courts at Ronnie's Tap. He organized leagues and conducted five tournaments there. He joined the Goldendale Horseshoe Club in 1972 where he pitched in leagues and helped run their tournaments.

In 1972, Archie also built four clay indoor courts at Sussex Bowl and promoted a Horseshoe Banquet held there with nearly 300 attending. Ralph Dykes, then president of the NHPA, was guest speaker. Many past Wisconsin champions were also present. Tournaments were run monthly during the winter and spring of 1973, with many pitchers from Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin participating. Curt Day, World Champion, put on an exhibition at the grand opening of the courts and Sussex Bowl.

Archie was the manager of the VFW Post in Sussex, conducting tournaments for four years. He also started Tiddly-Winks as a winter pastime, with Tiddly-Wink tournaments as a result, first at Sussex and now at Brothertown.

Archie promoted the idea of having a State Association and has been a member since its beginning. He encouraged 50-shoe, instead of 50-point games, which has proved to be very important in the running of a tournament.

Archie and his wife, Mary, are proprietors of Archie's Place in Brothertown, where he has installed four clay courts and has conducted three tournaments.

You can be sure that wherever Archie lives, there will be people swinging horseshoes nearby soon after he moves there.

We congratulate Archie on his many years of tournament participation and promotion of the sport of horseshoe pitching and are happy to present him with this 1985 Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall-of-Fame award.