

## **EARL PAULSON – 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Earl has been a lifelong resident of Beloit, Wisconsin. After graduating from Beloit High School in 1947, he attended Gale Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Earl began his career as Telegrapher and Station Agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in 1949. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the United States Army Signal Corps from 1951-1953. Earl and his wife, Myrt, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in January of 2001. Their union produced three sons, Dennis, Ken and Brad. They are the proud grandparents of seven and great grandparents of one.

Earl's main hobbies were the typical hunting and fishing until 1979, when he was introduced to horseshoe pitching. He got his start on Tuesday nights with a bunch of guys pitching shoes for fun (deep down we think he still pitches for fun!) He organized the Beloit league in 1983 that was sanctioned in 1985. Earl has been the sanctioned league director for sixteen years. In 1986 Earl took on another leadership position as tournament director of sanctioned tournaments. Under Earl's guidance, the Beloit club moved from a few tournaments a year to at least one half dozen a year! Among these tournaments have been the Wisconsin State tournament in the years 1989, 1992, 1995, and 2001. What a perfect time to be inducted into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame. Earl and the Beloit club have also taken on responsibility of hosting the Wisconsin State Double and Wisconsin Club Team tournaments.

Earl has pitched in World Tournament competition since 1987. He missed the 1988 tournament in Pleasantville, California. He must have enjoyed the world tournament aura as he soon worked with the city of Beloit to rent the Telfer Park hockey arena for Team World competition. This truly exciting tournament has been held in Beloit since 1990. The weekends have changed from March to April to May because of weather, but the tournament continues to draw top pitchers from the US and Canada.

Earl's prowess on and about the courts have earned him the prestigious Wisconsin State President's Award in 1998. He also has won the Wisconsin Moose Championships in 1996 and 1997.

