

WISCONSIN HORSESHOE HALL-OF-FAME

TOMMY BARTLEN

Vincent "Tommy" Bartlen is one of two horseshoe pitchers to be honored by the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association with a Hall-of-Fame award for 1979.

In 1934 Tommy won first place in the Los Angeles City Tournament with 78.4%. In 1938 he was involved in one of the greatest four-handed games ever pitched.

Played at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, Calif., October 30, 1938. Dean Brown and Tommy Bartlen versus Eddie Packham and Henry Harper.

Packham	174	ringers	with	66	double	ringers.
Harper	162	"	"	66	"	"
Brown	166	"	"	68	"	"
Bartlen	162	"	"	62	"	"

Total: 664 ringers with 258 double ringers. All four shoes on the stake 81 times. Scored by Earl Collins.

It was at Exposition Park where he was first called "Tommy" by the pitchers.

Tommy was a Wisconsin State Champion six times: 1949, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1965, and 1967; Milwaukee City Champ in 1949, 1950, and 1951. He also pitched in World Tournaments in 1950, 24th - 69.4; 1951, qualified first with Casey Jones 15th - 70.9; and 1952, 14th - 68.7. In all tournament games from 1934 to 1973 he had a record of 956 won and 322 lost. In 1950 he put on an exhibition at the Milwaukee Athletic Club and in 1955 he appeared on "Pitching Horseshoes" on WTMJ-TV.

Tommy was born February 1, 1917 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He and June, his wife of 32 years, reside at 1964 South 97th Street in West Allis (53227) where he is employed as a chemist assistant at Evinrude Motors.

Tommy says, "I have always enjoyed the sport of horseshoes and have made many friends through the years."

We are happy to present this award to one who so richly deserves the honor.