



1996 WHPA Hall of Fame Inductee JIM HAUPT

Early interest in horseshoes stemmed from his father, Howard Haupt who was an avid picnic pitcher but Jim Haupt's real participation in organized horseshoes did not begin until the early 1980's at Washington Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin when he was past the age of fifty. It was there he caught the fever from the likes of Al Brouillette and Tommy Bartlen.

Haupt has been a life-long resident of suburban Milwaukee county where he lives with his wife, Joyce. They have four grown sons and to date four grandchildren.

Haupt discovered horseshoe tournaments in 1982 and has been hard at it ever since. In this state he consistently leads the tournament participation list every year. Probably for that reason alone he was appointed NHPA Regional Director in 1986 and continues in that position today.

In his brief association with the game Haupt has always served as a club officer. He was president of the former Pitchin' Palace Horseshoe Association and presently, the Vice President of The Washington Park Club in Milwaukee and Secretary of the Goldendale Club in Germantown.

The prestigious Team-World Tournament has been one of his annual projects having been part of the T-W Committee since the beginning. Haupt originally conceived and has been the sole director of the Wisconsin Club Team tournament annually eleven times. In addition, he continues to direct three other annual tournaments; The Goldendale Open, The 110-01 Doubles (the first NHPA sanctioned doubles in Wisconsin) and has assumed directorship of Archie Johnson's Brothertown Classic.

Writing has become an avocation for Haupt. With Susie Pritzlatf as Publisher and Haupt as a writer, they independently established the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter. Now in its eleventh year of publication, with a current circulation of 400, the Newsletter has become important as an adjunct to the WHPA in the promotion of the game of horseshoes throughout the entire state of Wisconsin. Several feature articles authored by Haupt have also been published in the NHPA magazine, Newsline.

At the Gillette, Wyoming World Tournament, Haupt was honored with a 1996 NHPA Achievement Award for "outstanding service to the sport of horseshoe pitching."

True to the norm, Haupt has been a "sometimes" horseshoe pitcher. His major contribution to the WHPA has been his abundant willingness to play the game, direct tournaments, and write about the experience.