

Bun Carley

2007 Hall of Fame Inductee

Bun was born February 3, 1937 in Highland Wisconsin. He had two brothers and five sisters. He was raised on a farm outside of Richland Center. At the age of 18 Bun went to work on the railroad. He retired from the railroad in May of 1997 after 42 years doing track maintenance.

In 1959 Bun became a lucky man and married his soul-mate Shirley. Together they have a family that includes daughter Peggy (Tony) Murwin of Wonder Lake Wisconsin and their children, Philip (Jenny) and Katie (Scott) who gave the Carley's their first Great Grand-Son, Scott Joseph Campbell. Next was daughter Tina (Dave) Rappe of Edgerton Wisconsin and their children Michael and Nicole. Son Bun Jr. and wife Lisa of Edgerton Wisconsin along with children Krista (Casey) Lund and Brian. Lastly is son David (Anna) of St. Paul Minnesota and their children Cole and Jade. For those of you who are counting that equals 4 grand-daughters, 4 grand-sons and a great grandson.

Bun began pitching horseshoes at the age of 10 while on the farm with his Father. He began shooting in tournaments in 1973. Bun has been instrumental in many horseshoe tournaments over the years, running tournaments at the Moose Club, Shady Nook and UAW in Janesville, not to mention running the Tobacco Days tournament in Edgerton for 20 years. Bun is currently a member fo the Arena Sandbaggers Club and has helped run many tournaments at he Sandbar in Arena.

Bun joined the WHPA in the 1970's and has pitched in most State Tournaments since then. In 2001 he tied for 2nd place and in 2002, along with partner Wayne Totten, he won the State Doubles. Bun began going to World Tournaments in 1982 and has only missed four tournaments since then. He was the Wisconsin Delegate in 2004. He has pitched against Kevin Cone, Oscar Mann, Red Henton, Jesse Gonzales, Don Gibson and many others. In 1958 Bun had the distinct pleasure of meeting the amazing Casey Jones.

On April 28, 1997 Bun and his son Bun Jr., took on the daunting task of building their own home in Richland Center. With help from family and friends they were able to complete the project on November 7th doing everything themselves except for the well and septic. Bun's children have always said "My Dad can do anything". He continues to prove that to this day.

Bun is a man of many hobbies. He enjoys hunting, making maple syrup, building furniture, scroll sawing, wood turnings. He has built his own mill and kiln which enables him to take trees from his land and complete the entire process. He also enjoys restoring care and has restored a 1966 MG convertible and a 1966 Mustang convertible. He is definitely a man of many, many talents.

Bun states that he has made many good friends playing horseshoes throughout the years and that he is honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I know that I am only one of many who feel honored to know this amazing man and blessed to call him a friend.

