



CURT AND BEATY BESTUL

Curt Bestul started pitching horseshoes in 1963. He organized the Eau Claire Horseshoe Club in 1965, and he and his wife Beaty were the very backbone of that club, giving unselfishly of their time and helping others in every way possible. Curt helped organize the Stevens Point and Marshfield clubs and was awarded a trophy from the latter for his assistance to them.

Curt has assisted or chaired many Open and City-County tournaments. He has attended nearly all state meetings and has been Wisconsin delegate to the World Tournament several times. In 1967 he helped organize and charter the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association into the NHPA. He has been president of the Eau Claire club, he was NHPA Regional Director for Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Upper Michigan for three years, and Assistant Regional Director for Wisconsin.

Curt has pitched in several World Tournaments in Class B. In 1971 he pitched in the Championship Class when he was the first Wisconsin pitcher since Casey Jones to get into the top class. He placed 31st, with a 68% average.

He won the Eau Claire City-County championship in the years 1967 through 1975, and 1977, 1978, 1982, '83 and '84. In 1970 and 1971 he hit 45 ringers out of 50 shoes for 90% in league play. Twice in tournaments he had nine four-deads in a row with Frank Stinson. In 1981 Curt's dream came true when he won the State Championship at Eau Claire.

At World Tournaments, Curt's attendance was not only as pitcher or spectator; he and Beaty help by marking score or working on statistics in the office.

Curt was born August 14, 1924. He works as a line crew foreman.