

Wally Seager has been named, posthumously, to the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame for 1980.

Wally Saeger was born in Ixonia, Wisconsin on June 29, 1920, and lived in the community all his life. He started playing horseshoes at an early age with friends and relatives at home. He was a veteran of World War II and pitched horseshoes while in the army.

Wally and Delores Mallow were married on June 22, 1947, and built their home right across from the horseshoe courts. There are two children, a son, and a daughter.

He set up the present courts in Ixonia Park and maintained them for over 30 years. The courts are now called "Saeger Horseshoe Courts" in his memory.

He put on exhibitions at the courts with Casey Jones and appeared on "Pitching Horseshoes" on WTMJ in 1955. He was with the Tri\*County League for over 30 years and was President for many years.

Wally was a member of the State and National Horseshoe Pitching Associations for years and served on the board when the tournaments were held in Milwaukee.

Wally entered the State Tournament for 31 years, and was State Champion in 1964. He also was Jefferson County and Tri-County Champ many times. He entered many tournaments in Wisconsin and Illinois. Win or lose, Wally enjoyed every one. He also played hardball, softball, and enjoyed bowling.

Wally died suddenly of a heart attack on July 10, 1979. At the time of his death he worked at Jefferson County Highway Department. He was a member of the Ixonia Fire Department, Park and Recreation Board, and served as town constable for many years. He was founding father of Oconowoc Memorial Hospital and an honorary member of the hospital board.

Because of his many years of dedication to the sport of horseshoe pitching, Wally Saeger deserves to be a member of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall of Fame.

