



LeRoy "Moose" Meyer

Leroy and Kaye Meyer moved their family from Milwaukee to Little Chute in 1971. It was shortly after that move that LeRoy's love and desire to pitch horseshoes all began. Moose found his way to Jerry Kamps' bar in Combined Locks where he found guys pitching horseshoes under a new steel roof. Wayne Huss was looking for a doubles partner for the Thursday league and he met this eager new-comer, Moose. They became partners and a new team was formed. Moose and Wayne ended up pitching many years as a team. Moose later partnered up with Ken Wood and continued playing in the league.

Moose has always been very active in horseshoes in the area. He did secretarial work for the league and at one point served as president of the club. Moose also ran the V.F.W. Doubles Tournament in Little Chute for 25 years. The V.F.W. always had a good turnout with classes playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Moose and Kaye joined others from the club and went to many tournaments around the area: Green Bay, New London, Eagle River, Marengo, and Beloit to name a few. They enjoyed going to these tournaments where Moose enjoyed pitching and they both continued to make new friends. This led to going to more tournaments and bigger events that were farther from home. They went to a total of 12 World Tournaments in all. They have great memories from Spearfish, South Dakota, Stone Mountain, Georgia, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Hibbing, Minnesota. However, the one that holds the best memories is 1999's World held in Greenville, Ohio, where he won first place in Elders Class I.

Besides World Tournaments, Moose also was part of Border Battle tournaments between Minnesota and Wisconsin, and he also pitched at the NHPA Hall of Fame in Wentzville, Missouri. Moose and Kaye eventually found a winter home in Arizona where Moose could find a tournament every weekend. He pitched in the Lost Dutchman Tournament in Apache Junction, Arizona, where he took first place. He also pitched at Valley of the Sun Tournament in Mesa, as well as Quartzside, Rock Shadows, and many more.

Moose and Kaye met and kept touch with a lot of wonderful friends that they made on their horseshoe journeys. Friends such as Steve Mielke, Gene Mason, Jerry and Rosemary Kamps, Cliff and Elaine Troullier, Bill Matey, and Steve Wiegert were all influential in getting Moose recognized by the HOF committee to be inducted into the WHPA Hall of Fame. It was a true honor for Moose to get the news of his induction during the weekend of his 94th birthday celebration. Moose feels very blessed and grateful to be receiving this honor and for all of the horseshoe pitching friends that he and Kaye have made over the years.