## 2003 WHPA HALL OF FAME Randy Rein



Randy was born in 1952 and has lived in Mosinee his entire life. He has been employed for the City of Mosinee (Street Department) since September of 1972. Randy has two sons, Shannon and Wesley. Randy first started pitching horseshoes in 1982 in bar leagues pitching the "flip" shoe with no step. After watching Harold Bestul and Wally Srenaski compete in Plover, which made a great impression on Randy, he then went to a turn and a quarter shoe. Both of Randy's two sons also pitch horseshoes. They both have won the Jr. Boy's State Championship Title. Shannon won the Boy's Title in 1994 and Wesley in 1996 and 2001. In 1990 Randy met Marge Yach. With her encouragement and support his game has gone to the next level where it is now. Randy and Marge have started a Mini Storage business where they manage 72 units and they also rent out apartments. When Randy is not pitching horseshoes he also enjoys hunting, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles and snowmobiling. One of his most enjoyable rides was a trip that he and Marge took to the Sturgis Rally in South Dakota in 2002.

Randy has won eight Men's State Championship Titles since 1990. He has also competed in numerous World Tournaments, where he has four top ten finishes in the Men's Championship Class (6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> twice and 10<sup>th</sup>). In 1985 he took a 1<sup>st</sup> in Class H at LaFayette, Indiana, in 1986 he came up 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class D in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Then in 1991 he captured a first in Class B1 in Biloxi, Mississippi and in 2001 he placed 1<sup>st</sup> again in Class A2 in Hibbing, Minnesota. Randy's average has qualified him to participate on the #1 Wisconsin team for Team World since 1990. He has won the Pitcher of the Year award five times. In 1999 he won the State Doubles Championship with partner Gus Schram and again in 2003 with Jim Larson. He has been a Wisconsin Club Team participant, winning in 1990 for Wausau and 1993 for Windy Hill. His highest tournament was a 79%. Randy's best game pitched was in Eau Claire against Rick Poppe with 33 ringers out of 34 shoes. The "Scorekeeper of the Year" award was started by Randy and Marge in 1997, which they both still give out.

Randy enjoys pitching horseshoes and has meet many nice people and developed many friendships over the years. His most memorable experience was at the State Tournament in Eau Claire in 1994. There he won the Men's State Title and his son Shannon won the Jr. Boy's State Title, while Wesley won the Jr. Boy's Class A Title. What an accomplishment for father and sons! Congratulations Randy!