



SENECA (RED) FERGUSON – 2001 Honorary Hall of Fame Inductee

Red is a man with many geographical roots. He was born in Hackensack, Minnesota; lives in South Beloit, Illinois and spends a great deal of time in Beloit, Wisconsin. He worked in the Beloit Foundry until his retirement in 1990. He has enjoyed a variety of sports including fishing, hunting, bowling, baseball and, of course, horseshoe pitching, which seems to be his favorite.

He began pitching shoes in his backyard with friends and loved pitching shoes at his company picnics. He is a Charter member of the Beloit Horseshoe Club, bringing not only great talent and skill, but overwhelming generosity. He has pitched in the sanctioned league program for sixteen years, pitched in the South Beloit Sand Festival tournaments, pitched in the Illinois State tournament, and pitched in a number of world horseshoe tournaments. He is a three time World Class winner in the 1992, 1993, and 1994 world tournaments. Red also holds bowling titles as Illinois State Senior Champion in doubles and State Senior Champion for all events.

Not only is Red a serious pitcher and competitor but also a great promoter of the game, receiving an achievement award from the NHPA. He was one of the premier pitchers in Madison during the Wisconsin State Sesquicentennial Celebration. He has great expertise in building horseshoe courts as evidenced by the Beloit Horseshoe Club home courts. When not pitching shoes, Red can be found keeping the horseshoe grounds in tip-top condition.

Red Ferguson's generosity includes not only time but big dollars as well. He has donated over \$40,000 to his favorite sport with a large portion of it going into the construction of the Beloit Club facility. Red was instrumental in securing the land on which the 13 outdoor sanctioned courts are located and the new indoor facility. Because the Beloit Club could not agree on a name for the facility, they asked Red to name their new building. This is a great honor for a great man!

Sincere congratulations to Seneca (Red) Ferguson as Wisconsin's 2nd recipient of the Honorary Hall of Fame award.