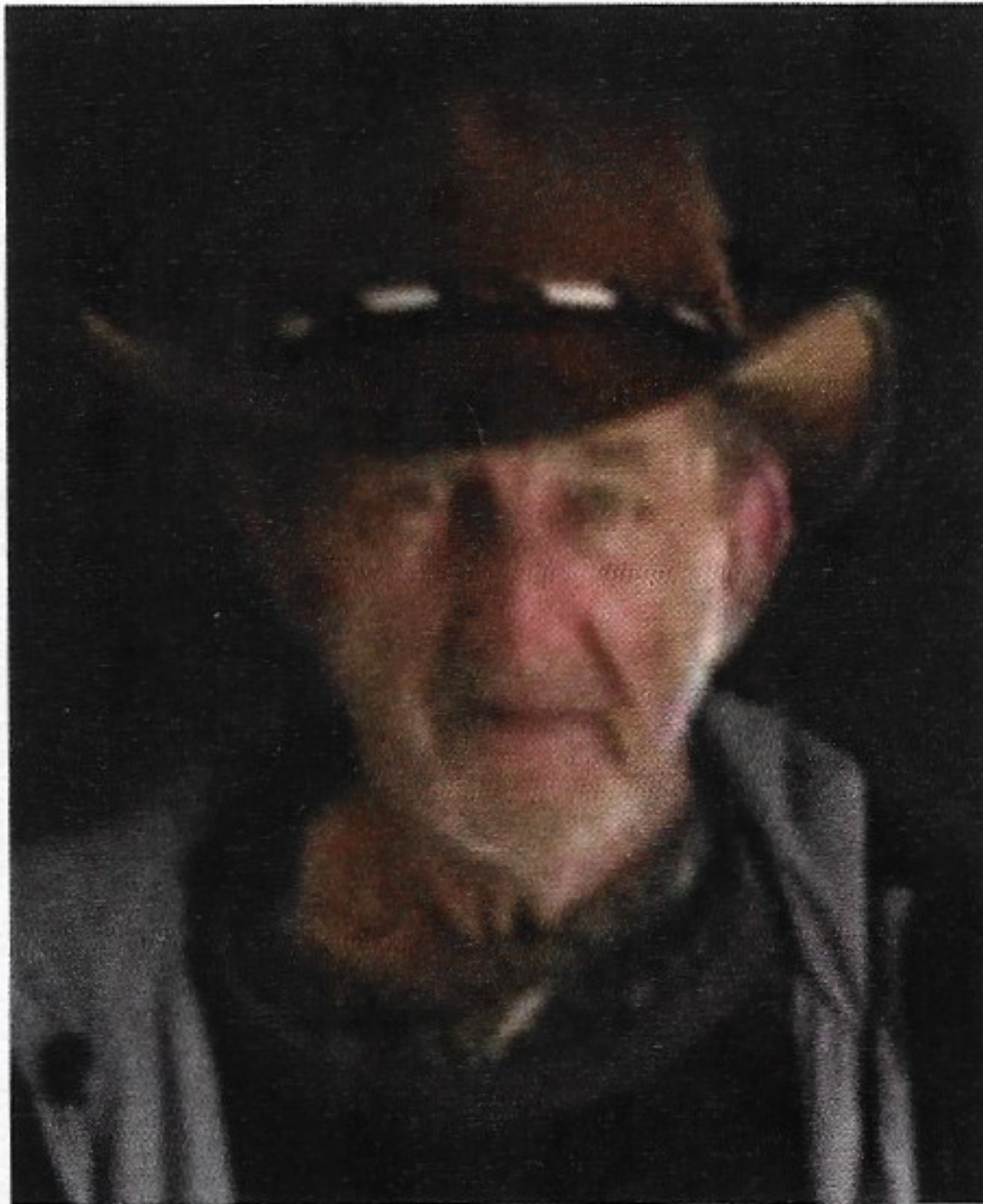


Gus Schram – 2024 WHPA Hall of Fame Inductee



Gustave "Gus" Schram was born in 1938 in Ringle, WI. Gus enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served from 1955 to 1958. He was part of the USMC Fleet Marine Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Gus and his wife, Shirley, had two children, Vallie and Wade, and seven grandchildren.

Gus started pitching horseshoes in 1987 when he joined the local horseshoe league. He was immediately hooked on pitching! The following year he entered his first State Tournament. Gus won Mens Class K with a 6-1 record and pitched 31.14%.

Gus made 12 State Tournament appearances from 1988-1999. He pitched in the Men's Championship Class 7 times. He had a 23-38 win/loss record and averaged 56.81% across all 7 times. His best finish was in 1993 in Fond du Lac. He tied for 3rd place with a 6-3 record but finished 5th on ringer percentage with a 61.74% average behind Don Kangas (68.98%) and Dan Bloom (63.73%). Gus won the State Doubles title with Randy Rein in 1999. He also pitched in 6 World Tournaments from 1993 to 2000.

Gus was a good horseshoe pitcher but his claim to fame is his own brand of horseshoes that he designed, The Ringle Single. Gus always wanted to do something different, things that haven't been done before. He worked as a pattern maker for many years. He used that experience to make patterns out of wood until he finally built what he wanted and submitted the shoe to the NHPA to get sanctioned as a legal pitching shoe. He took 100 pairs to the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia, in 1995 and they quickly sold out. He eventually designed and built a left-handed version and sold those as well.


Gus used his talent to design and build a self-scoring scoreboard to use in tournaments to eliminate the need for scorekeepers. He designed and built the Championship plaques for the 1996 State Tournament in Eau Claire. He also made key chains, pins, earrings, and fishing lures to match the Ringle Singles.

Gus Schram passed away on December 10, 2016, at the veterans home in King. NHPA Chaplain, Ken Heinritz, officiated his funeral with family and Gus's horseshoe friends. His induction into the Hall of Fame is a great tribute to him. His induction onto the Hall of Fame will help us never forget his contributions and our memories of Gus and listening to his humorous stories and thoughtful ideas that he would share at horseshoe tournaments.

The WHPA Hall of Fame Committee is honored to award Gus Schram as a 2024 inductee into the WHPA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Gus. We appreciate the opportunity to share this award with his family at his induction ceremony.

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