



Glenn Bogenschneider

2022 WHPA Hall of Fame Inductee

Glenn Bogenschneider was raised on a farm near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, in Dodge County. He learned horseshoe pitching from his father, who was a very good pitcher. When he was a teenager, he and his dad would team up at social outings. The two of them were an untouchable tandem as they both threw a lot of ringers. Glenn is one of few people that can boast that he has pitched horseshoes internationally. He was stationed in Korea for 16 months in 1966 & 1967, and had the chance to throw some shoes at the USO. He joined a couple tavern leagues when he returned stateside, but took a break from horseshoe pitching during the 1970's.

Glenn moved to Kenosha in 1982 and thought about getting back into pitching horseshoes. He heard about the Pitchin' Palace opening in 1983 and met Tom Roenhouse and Dick Hansen soon after that. He decided to get into a tournament, but found out that all classes were sanctioned. So, he became a member of the WHPA & NHPA and entered. Glenn has been a proud member ever since.

One of Glenn's philosophies in life is that if you are going to join an organization, GET INVOLVED! He has followed through with this as a member of the WHPA. In 1985, he became the WHPA's second Junior Scholarship Chairman by taking the responsibilities from the program's founder, Howard Voiles. Glenn continued as chairman for the next 3 years. Glenn is one of the co-founders of the Kenosha Horseshoe Club that was started in 1994. He served as tournament director for the Kenosha tournaments from 1995 -1999 and also for the Goldendale Open from 2012 - 2016.

Glenn served as WHPA President from 2012 - 2016. As President, Glenn placed a focus on promoting the sport of horseshoes in Wisconsin. In 2015, he started the "Each One-Reach One" program as a way to give incentive to current WHPA members to recruit new members by rewarding their efforts with the potential for cash prizes. This is a tool that continues to be used by the WHPA to gain new members. Glenn's greatest concern about horseshoes today is our decline in membership, both on the State and National levels. However, he believes horseshoe pitching will survive because of its blend of simplicity, affordability, comradery, and competition.

Another one of Glenn's life philosophies is to "Strive for EXCELLENCE"! If you are going to do anything, do it to the best of your abilities. His years as President allowed him to "strive for excellence" in many ways. He also has done this with his pitching performances that dates back to those games he shared with his father as a partner. His proudest pitching accomplishment in the WHPA was when he finished runner-up to the late, great Ron Button, in the Elders Division Championship Class in 2014. He experienced his proudest moment on the courts anywhere the next year when he won his class at the 2015 World Tournament in Topeka, Kansas. This was Glenn's best pitching performance among his 9 times at the World Tournament, as he won with a WT personal career high, 62.69% average.

Glenn's road to the Hall of Fame started a long time ago at a very small level. The path became more certain as he continued to get involved and strived for his own excellence. Who knows? Any one of you could be on a similar path and be inducted into the Hall of Fame someday as well.

Glenn is truly honored to be an inductee into the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Hall of Fame on the 100th Anniversary of State Championships.

The WHPA Hall of Fame Committee congratulates Glenn Bogenschneider for his induction into the WHPA Hall of Fame.

