



## JERRY KAMPS

Jerry Kamps has been promoting the sport of horseshoe pitching since 1960 when he installed one sand court. The courts grew and improved steadily until, in 1971, the eight lighted clay courts were covered with a steel roof. Over the years Jerry has worked hard to main-

tain **KAMPS COVERED COURTS** so that they are among the best in the state.

The first Mideastern Wisconsin Open Tournament was held in Combined Locks in 1965. The Combined Locks Horseshoe Club was organized in 1967 and Jerry served as its first secretary. Also in 1967, he was involved in the chartering of a state association affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The first NHPA sanctioned tournament in Wisconsin was held in Combined Locks on July 22 and 23, 1967. Other state tournaments at Combined Locks were held in 1969, when women pitched in State for the first time, 1973 when juniors were first included, 1976, and 1979.

Jerry has won many trophies in tournaments and league play, averaging 35%. In 1976 he was the recipient of a Special Area Award at the Red Smith All-Sports Award Banquet in Appleton. He is featured in Ottie Reno's book, "The American Directory of Horseshoe Pitching".

Jerry was born in Combined Locks and has been a lifetime resident. He was in military service from 1952 to 1954 and spent some time in Korea. He and his wife, Rosemary, have been married since June 22, 1957 and are the parents of four children: Debbie, Steve, Jay, and Amy. Jerry officially took over the family business in 1960 and has been operating Jerry Kamps Bar since that time. In his free time, when not working, pitching horseshoes, or maintaining the courts, he loves to travel. In addition to the annual bus trips he sponsors to the race track and Packer and Brewer games, he and his wife have taken groups to Hawaii, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Nassau, Martinique, Acapulco and Curacao for eight consecutive years.

We congratulate Jerry on his many years of involvement in horseshoe pitching; his has been a significant contribution to the sport in Combined Locks and Wisconsin. We are happy to honor him with membership in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Hall-of-Fame.