

HAROLD SCHEETS

Harold Scheets had been pitching horseshoes only four years when he captured his first state title, at the age of 17, in 1932. He was top qualifier with a score of 465. The 32 top qualifiers out of a field of 70 were divided into four groups of eight to play in the semi-finals.

In 1933, at the tenth annual Wisconsin Horseshoe Tournament at State Fair Park, he successfully defended his title and broke two national records while doing it. Harold averaged 74.6% for 15 round robin games and paired with his opponent to get four dead on 15 occasions. He went through the tournament without the loss of a game.

In 1934 Harvey Elmerson regained the state title which he had held for six years before losing it to Scheets in 1932.

Harold did not pitch in State again until 1971 when he won first with 51.7% in Class B in a playoff with Norb Gossens. In 1972 he came out third with 68.4 in Class A in a three-way tie for second with Wally Saeger and Curt Bestul.

In 1973 at Combined Locks, forty years after winning his second state championship, he won first with 65.4% in a three-way play-off. Ralph Maylahn placed second with 67.4% and Carl Joppe third with 64.7%.

At Fond du Lac in 1974 Harold came out third (66.3) after Bill Glass who had 72.3%, and Ralph Maylahn, 69.4%.

At Watertown in 1975 he had a perfect record of 11 and 0 with 70% ringers.

He repeated at Combined Locks the next year with a 6 and 1 record and 65.7%.

Nineteen seventy-six is the last time Harold Scheets pitched in a Wisconsin State Tournament. He now resides in San Diego, California.

