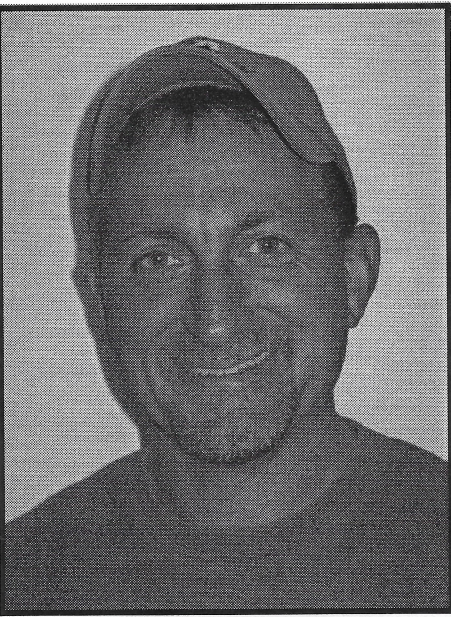


John Udelhofen Hall of Fame Inductee 2008



John comes from a horseshoe pitching family, when at age 10 he was pitching shoes with his Dad and Grandpa. John began his league pitching in the Dickeyville league at age 13. His uncle, Ron, was his partner and they won first place. He later pitched in the Tennyson league, with his Dad and uncle, and began to take on more roles such as league president and secretary. He was instrumental in the construction of new horseshoe courts in his home town, Potosi. He pitched in the Mississippi Valley League in Kieler with his Uncle Bob and Grandpa. John has been a member of the Arena

Sandbaggers league since 1989; pitched in the winter and summer leagues; and served as president. He pitched in his first State Tournament in 1978 as the only Junior pitching from 40 feet. In 1979, he pitched in the Men's E class. Since 1980 he has been in the Men's championship class, winning three State Championship titles, the youngest ever at age 19 in 1982. He was called "the Kid" by his opponents. His State tournament pitching has earned him the three Championship titles, five 2nd place, seven 3rd place, two 4th place finishes and two State Double Championships. He has also pitched in the four World Tournaments, 1981, 1983, 1987, and 1993. He pitched in the Men's Championship class in South Dakota in 1993. Several highlights of John's career include: pitching a three game exhibition with Walter Ray Williams Jr. and winning two of the three games; In 1997, John and his partner John Crook won the first Wisconsin State Doubles Championship; and the horseshoe games with the legendary Glen "Red" Henton.

John is a very dedicated family man as evidenced by his marriage to Angie Timmerman in 1994. They have two children, Kristen age 12, and Andrew age 9. Fifteen years ago they purchased a home in Barneveld. In 2004 John and Angie bought John's family farm so continue to plant and harvest crops and raise cattle. This is in addition to their "other" full time careers: John as a Senior Mechanical Engineer with Electronic Theatre Controls in Middleton, WI; and Angie as an Executive Assistant and Accounts Receivable Manager with the PFS Corporation in Cottage Grove, WI.

John is very definitely earned his place on the WHPA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to John as a wonderful role model for all horseshoe pitchers.