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## JOHN STEPHENSON

## GRAND LEDGE MI

### inducted 2015

John was inducted into the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame at Lansing in 2015.

John has been a member of the NHPA and MHPA since 1992.

John is a right handed pitcher and pitches a flip shoe at 30 feet and averages 40%

John and wife Mary have been married 53 years. They have three children, Christy, John Jr. (deceased) and Bill. They also have three grandchildren, Jennifer, Johnathon and Joseph, also three great grandchildren, Javon, Tiahna and Kylah.

John was born in St. Louis, MI, served in the Army and retired from GM.

John started pitching when he was about 10 years old. He later pitched with his father-in-law in his back yard. When he retired he read about the Lansing league. He held several offices at Lansing and eventually moved on to pitch in Charlotte where he was president of the league. He won 1st place in the Charlotte Frontier Days Horseshoe Tournament in 2013 and defended his title in 2014.

John went to most of the Michigan/Ontario Tournaments. He went to four World Tournaments and placed 3rd in his group in the first tournament he went to.

John has attended most of the State Tournaments and has helped at most anything that needed to be done. He is well known for being the premier judge at the state tournaments.

John says he has made a lot of good friends since he has been pitching in horseshoe leagues and tournaments.

John will be an excellent addition to the Michigan Hall of Fame Pitching association.