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MARGO KOHN

Freeland, MI

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Margo began playing horseshoes in 1975, as a way to pass time while her husband, Ron, played in Softball tournaments on weekends. Nine years later Margo, with her unique and unorthodox pitching style by leading with her right foot and throwing a flip shoe, joined the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Margo helped to introduce her children, Angie and John, to the game of horseshoes.

In 1985, she and her husband started the Auburn Cornfest Horseshoe Tournament. It was first held beside the big entertainment tent where eight courts were set up in a hay field. Two years later the tournament was played on the 12-court complex that she helped to build in City Park.

Margo played in the Michigan State Championships Tournament until 1998. Her highlights include finishing runner-up in Class B in 1986, runner-up in 1994 in Class A and winning the Class B championship in 1996. At the 1990 State Tournament Margo defeated Judy Curtiss twice giving Judy her only two losses of the tournament, which led some people to declare Margo the unofficial state champion that year because of her great accomplishment.

In 1991, Margo was appointed second vice-president of the state association, and was elected to that position the following year. While serving in that capacity she worked many tireless hours doing the statistics during the state tournament. Margo also served as chair of the Grievance and Credentials Committee. In 1994, Margo received a certificate of appreciation from the WSHPA for her dedication to the betterment of horseshoes in Michigan.

In 1999, Margo had neck surgery and was unable to play. Then in 2000, she was diagnosed with M.S. which brought an end to her playing career. Margo will always be best known for her vibrant personality, an ever present smile and a great sense of humor.

In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments the Hall of Fame Committee extends its sincere gratitude and thanks by inducting Margo Kohn into the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Hall of Fame on this day, Sunday, September 5, 2010.