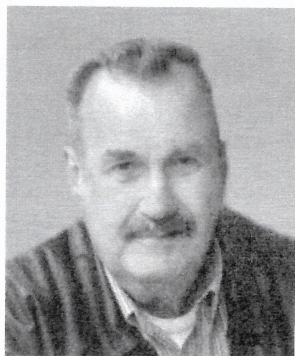


## 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee - Tony Scrima



Tony Scrima was born to Anthony and Wilhelmina (Arthur) on February 8, 1939 in Waukesha, WI. He was the sixth born of eight children. Five girls were born first, and three boys followed. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated from Catholic Memorial High School in 1958. Tony's first job was going from tavern to tavern shining shoes. He was 9 or 10 years old at the time. At age 16, he began driving truck for St. Vincent DePaul. After graduation, he became a laborer for Beyer Construction Company.

Tony entered the United States Army and served from 1962-1964 followed by two years of Active Reserves. He belonged to the 864th Engineering Battalion stationed at Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas, and served time at Camp Tuto - a research camp at the foot of the Greenland ice cap designed to explore building structures inside permanent ice for protection, survival and concealment. Tony lived in the ice tunnels in nearby Camp Century that housed the nuclear reactors that powered the camp. Because the camp was due to be shutdown, the main purpose of being there was to build a bridge over the tunnels so that they could eventually pull out the radioactive cores from under ice. The cores were then loaded into lead containers and hauled off to cool down on the ice, thus rendering the camp powerless. Tony was honorably discharged from the Army in 1966. Tony became a carpenter working in new home construction after leaving the military. Later, he became a finish carpenter until his retirement in 2002.

In 1965, Tony married Charlene (North). They had three daughters: Shelley (deceased), Susanne, and Sandra. Tony is the proud grandfather to Brianna, a college freshman, and Ellie, a 7th grader, who reside in Madison with their mother, Sue. In his spare time, Tony was very active in his hobby of choice, fishing. He is a current member and past Vice President and Secretary with Lunkers Unlimited. He traveled to Port Ritchie, Florida, on a fishing excursion with friends and landed a 10# bass. That trophy bass is mounted and resides in his man cave. Additionally, Tony was an avid hunter. He enjoyed hunting with family and friends. Tony's wife, Char, was always hoping he would not bring home a deer. Other hobbies include furniture refinishing, and carving ducks and fish into wood. Tony also had considerable fun playing Santa Claus. His daughter, Sue, would accompany him as head elf. The Santa suit was hand-made by his sister Phyllis. When it came time to

hand out the presents, which were provided to Santa by the parents earlier, there seemed to always be one child that didn't have anything in the bag. It made him feel so badly that in future years, he always made sure he brought extra presents along - just in case. He played Santa for many years for family and friends - that is, until he outgrew the fancy red suit.

Tony's latest endeavor is, of course, horseshoe pitching. He was first exposed to horseshoes at the age of 10 years through City Parks and Recreation. Each park would send a couple of pitchers to the citywide tournament. After a full day of pitching, Tony ended up in the finals taking second place. In 1983, Tony met Tom Steinke. Tom introduced him to organized horseshoes in 1985. Soon after, Tony joined Goldendale Horseshoe Club and shot in their Ringers Only League. Tony had the opportunity to pitch with some of the best pitchers around, such as Ralph Maylahn, Lorraine Sternberg, , Joan Guetzke, Ken Heinritz, and Jim Haupt. Tom and Tony have been doubles partners in horseshoes for over 30 years.

### **Some of Tony's accomplishments include:**

- Never missing a meeting of state tournament in 30 years
- Constructed 20 portable courts for use at Team Worlds, Walking Doubles, and Club Team Encore tournaments
- Three (3) Class B Titles at State Tournament
- Two (2) Doubles Championship Titles, one each with Ralph Maylahn and Pam Aiken
- Three-time Club Team Champions 1st with Ralph Maylahn, Lorraine Sternberg, and Ken Heinritz, and again twice with Pam Aiken, Penny Steinke, and Galen Kozel
- Three-time State Moose Champion

### **For his accomplishments, Tony has accumulated 45 trophies and 71 patches, and has received the following awards:**

- Most Improved Player
- Player of the Year
- Most Doubles Ringers in League
- Sportsmanship Award
- Grand Champion Award at Goldendale

Tony cannot say enough about all of the wonderful horseshoe experiences he has had and of all of the many friends he has made over the years.