

Hall of Fame Member's Accomplishments

Jack Springer b. April 22, 1917, d. Dec 6, 1991



Served as Recreation and Parks Director for the City of Statesville, during the period 1954-1982.

Responsible for holding Statesville playground Horseshoe Tournaments during the period 1954-1979.

Served as Tournament Director for tournaments held at Lakewood Park during the period 1969-1990. (including 8 years after retirement from 1982-1990).

Actively involved in building the 24 horseshoe courts at Lakewood Park in 1969.

Established Statesville as the unofficial horseshoe pitching capital of North Carolina in 1969: Instituted the Carolina Dogwood Festival Tournament in 1969, the Statesville Autumn Open in 1970, and the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society Tournament in 1976.

Worked hard to get two World Tournaments held at Statesville (5 years for the 1979 tournament, 4 years for the 1983 tournament).

Served as World Tournament Director 1979, 1983.

NCHPA Secretary/Treasurer during the period 1978-1990.

Received the Fellow Award, the highest recognition a recreation director can receive, from the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society in 1969.

In his honor, the courts at Lakewood Park were named the Jack H Springer Horseshoe Courts in 1983.

Inducted into the University of West Virginia Hall of Fame in 1991.

Greatest promoter of horseshoes in North Carolina during the period 1969-1990.

