



## \*\*\*\*\*Tom Kilian\*\*\*\*\*

Jackson County Horseshoe Club would like to welcome our latest Life Time Member Tom Kilian! Tom's our 4th 2025 LTM and 91st overall at JCHC. Tom's connection to our club goes back to the 1960's when he was a student St John High School (now Lumen Christi) From 1964-1967 Tom's lunch hour consisted of very competitive ping pong matches with then Varsity Boys Basketball head coach Jus Perticone. Jus, the legendary basket coach and horseshoe pitcher parted ways with Tom after graduation going different directions not knowing they would connect again. Tom began visiting our group this past summer with great interest thinking this is something he could do. The Monday league drew him in as he was able to get a borrowed pair of horseshoes in his hands and pitch a horseshoe for the very first time. He was "hooked" our president Mark Burns mentioned to him of openings on the new Wednesday Winter League and Tom began preparation. Tom threw 1,000 shoes a week in the month of October getting ready for league play, and now has a 31.5% ringer average in his first season ever. Pictured above Tom and Jus some 58 years later they meet again.