Camaraderie, workouts, winning matches — they all represent what handball players want from The Perfect Game. The late Bill Bohr of Reading, Pa., got all of this and more because he gave back to the game as a team captain and Mid-Atlantic regional commissioner. And now that he has died, he still is giving to the game he loved so much.

In 2011, the William E. Bohr Charitable Trust Fund was created with three beneficiaries: the LaSalle Academy, the Berks Visiting Nurses and the USHA. On Nov. 23 in Bethlehem, Pa., nine men gathered for a check presentation ceremony. The Bohr Charitable Trust Fund had left $172,000 to the USHA.

Bill Bohr was a financially secure man because he spent his entire working career with the United Parcel Service. He joined the Marine Corps out of high school, and upon his discharge he became employed as a UPS driver. He moved into UPS management and then to an upper-management position he held for more than 30 years. Bohr remained a humble and caring man who shared his success with his generosity.

His good handball friend, Bob Engler, became the executor and trustee of the charitable trust fund. Engler organized the Nov. 23 ceremony, which was attended by five Pennsylvanians named Bob — Engler, Norris, Gill, Zimmel and Koestel. Also in attendance were a sixth Pennsylvanian, Mike Raszkiewicz, plus New Jersey players Ed Woerner, John McNulty and Bill Kennedy.

In handball and on the UPS job, Bill Bohr was known as a great mentor and a valued sounding board. To all who sought his advice, he had “a calm way and sense of humor, for which he always will be remembered,” Engler said.

Plus, he thrived on structure and discipline, which he learned as a Marine. His contribution to the USHA ranks among the top five all time, according to executive director Vern Roberts, who said it will help to fund junior and college scholarship programs.

Bill Bohr died on Feb. 21, 2018, after a three-month battle with health problems. He was 78.

Bohr’s record

Over the years, Bill Bohr won many handball tournaments. Among them were:

- 1982 Mason Dixon League Doubles
- 1995 Maryland State Golden Masters
- 2006 First State Delaware Super Doubles
- 2007 Hagerstown Super Singles
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- 2009 Sabo Memorial Diamond Doubles