

DARLENE EBERT

Darlene Ebert started pitching horseshoes in the 1960s and in 1965 was instrumental in organizing the Fillmore Horseshoe Club. She and her husband, Dan, built six courts in their backyard. There now are nine regulation clay courts.

In 1972, her first year of tournament pitching, Darlene won the Goldendale Open, Sussex Open, Winnebagoland at Fond du Lac, the Mideastern Wisconsin at Combined Locks, and her first State title at Green Bay.



Her 1972 and 1973 state championships were won with 7 and 0 records and ringer percentages of 51.3 and 59.5. In 1974 she tied with Pat Eaton at 4 and 1 and won in a playoff with 50.8%. Her 1975 title was won with a 5 and 0 record and 60.4%.

Darlene is very active in running the annual Fillmore U.S.A. Open. She helped organize and has played in a Fillmore Couples League for over 15 years. She was secretary, statistician, and advisor for the Fillmore Club from

1968 to 1984. She is listed in Oattie Reno's book AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF HORSESHOE PITCHING.

In addition to being a homemaker, she owns and operates a successful trophy business called TROPHIES U.S.A., making many trophies for bowling, softball and, of course, horseshoe.

Darlene was born December 8, 1933 and married Ron Ebert in 1957. They have one son, Greg, who pitches occasionally, daughter-in-law Susan and granddaughter Alysha. Her husband and four brothers are still active in pitching horseshoes. Her mother, Esther Vogt, was elected to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1986 at the age of 82.

We congratulate Darlene on her years of involvement in the sport of horseshoe pitching.