



## Dave Forseth – 2020 WHPA Hall of Fame Member

Dave Forseth was born December 12, 1942, in the Township of Arena, Wisconsin. He was the fourth of 5 children in his family. Dave had 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Dave and his wife, Gail, have 4 children; 3 sons: Robin, Randy, and Rick; and 1 daughter, Katie. Dave and Gail also have 4 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, and 2 great grandsons. Dave and Gail live on their family farm along with their daughter. They have had the farm since 1982 and raise beef cattle.

Dave began pitching horseshoes in 1976 shortly after The Sandbar on Highway 14 in Arena opened. Dave was part of a Traveling League where they competed with teams from other bars in the area. Members of the Sandbar team included Bob Reeves, Milt Husom, LeRoy Husom, Ray White, Jerry White, Dick White and Dave Forseth. The team played at this location until 1990, the year The Sandbar Sports Arena opened. Dave and the team built eight indoor courts, had league 2 nights a week and tournaments on weekends. News spread about the indoor courts and Norm Mauthe got wind of it and came to Arena to check out the facility. Norm eventually talked the group into becoming NHPA sanctioned. Norm also built the score boards for the courts.

The Sandbar Sports Arena became a “hot spot” for the WHPA. The WHPA officers needed to find a new home for the Hall of Fame when the Royal Wood Sports Arena in Plover was not going to run horseshoe tournaments there anymore. Dave was more than accommodating to bring the Hall of Fame displays into the Sandbar and host State meetings. In 1999, Dave and fellow “Sandbaggers” hosted the Border Battle with Minnesota. Wisconsin won 70 games to Minnesota’s 58. Members of that team were: 40’ players: Randy Rein, Don Kangas, John Udelhofen, Kent Anderson, John Crook, Gus Schram, John Koepp, and Ron Brockway; and 30’ players: Clayton Gage, Gert Wilczek, Ralph Maylahn, Lorraine Sternberg, Edie McKinney, Elaine Troullier, Jane Smith, Sue Helene. The Sandbar was also the site for hosting three WHPA State Tournaments, 2000, 2003, and 2007, on their indoor courts and the expanded outdoor courts. Dave was active with hosting and helping run each of these events.

Dave received the President’s Award in 2003 by President Ken Jaeger for recognition of his contributions to the WHPA.

Dave had shoulder replacement in 2011 and no longer plays horseshoes. Dave’s other hobbies are airplane flying and boating. Dave has made many friendships through his involvement in horseshoes. He is honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Hall Of Fame Committee extends their congratulations to Dave Forseth for being the 2020 inductee into the WHPA Hall of Fame.