



Dan & Sylvia David Hall of Fame Inductees

Daniel & Sylvia David were two gentle people who fiercely supported their passion of the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Their backyard neighborhood evening horseshoe pitching transferred to the organized city leagues in 1976. Sylvia petitioned the men's league to allow women to pitch competitively and has been both a teammate and opponent to husband Dan. She quickly became one of the best female pitchers in the area—at least until her daughter and granddaughters embraced the sport. Dan held his own in multiple leagues-especially when the Marshfield Club boasted over 160 members.

Dan has been a Marshfield Club Board Member and Sylvia held the office of Secretary for many years. Sylvia held the Club President position for over 20 years. As the league population declined, they took over director of the annual sanctioned tournament.

Dan and Sylvia became a constant force encouraging young pitchers and spreading the sport through active demonstrations. Several years they ran a modified tournament for Marshfield Area Special Olympics, helped arrange the purchase of a children's curly slide for the playground adjacent to the city courts, and administered scholarships to both Columbus High School and Marshfield Senior High School many years. When the Central WI Horse Expo was in town - they were instrumental in setting up a horseshoe pitching demonstration area. Sylvia spent many afternoons assisting the Stratford High School Phy.Ed. teacher's with a session of learning our sport.

Sylvia documented the clubs horseshoe pitching presence in Marshfield - by co-authoring an article in the book: *The Marshfield Story "Windows to our Past" Volume 2.*

Dan and Sylvia loved the Family of pitchers at the local, state, and world level. They spent countless hours supporting their club members and of course their grand daughters accomplishments of three World and multiple State Jr. Championships over thirteen years.

Many of you have witnessed their endless time marking score, turning pits when pit crews used to run out and turn pits for players, or just plain helping whenever it was needed for tournaments, leagues, or around the courts.

The people pitching and supporting horseshoes are the heart and soul of this sport. Just starting a conversation with either Dan or Sylvia and the topic quickly turned to pitching horseshoes and their passion for it.

Congratulations to Dan & Sylvia, as they are truly worthy members of the Wisconsin Hall of Fame.