

Gary and Donna Magee

Inducted 2013

The husband and wife team of Gary and Donna Magee will be inducted into the Living Category of the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Both have been Wisconsin racing's biggest ambassadors spanning several decades; Gary and Donna always take the time to educate fans despite their busy racing schedules.

This duo has had great success on the Wisconsin circuit—especially with trotters. Together they have had three WHHA Trotters of the Year (Fox Valley Bunnys {twice} and Get Physical), two Runner-Up Trotters of the Year (Fox Valley Bunnys; Get Physical), and 14 other Top Ten Trotting finishes (Fox Valley Bunnys, Speedy Alber, Miles Mirage, JustFuz, Rozzie Kay, Scream N Arsenal and Nikola Tesla). Most recently, their trotter Speedy Alber has taken a 10-2-4-3 record at Balmoral Park, including a victory in a new lifetime best 1:57.4, all after racing across the state, from the east-side (Elkhorn) to the west-side (Mineral Point) to the north (Rice Lake)

Gary, a former Driver of the Year in Wisconsin, is tied for the most years in the Top Ten Driving Club (23) and has the most Runner-Up finishes of anyone (5). Gary spent 18 consecutive years on the WHHA Board of Directors and spent 6 of those years as the Association's President. Gary has been and continues to be a liaison between WHHA and the fair boards in the northern part of Wisconsin.

Donna and Gary have given much of their time to the WHHA and have done so without expecting anything in return. Donna has been coordinating the WHHA annual picnic (party) for many years, held after the race program at the Waupaca County Fair in Weyauwega. This huge undertaking is something that the entire Wisconsin racing community looks forward to attending. Donna and Gary have been the glue that has held the horsemen together at the Wisconsin fairs; they are usually the first to arrive at a fair and the last to leave. If anyone needs some help, equipment or advice, you just need to stop at the Magee trailer.

Without the long-standing support, participation and passion shown by Gary and Donna Magee, the WHHA and racing in the state, would not be where it is today.

Congratulations to this power couple as they are inducted into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame!

Nominated by Robert Yohn