

# Richard & Joanne Gilbertson

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Husband and wife combination Richard and Joanne Gilbertson have been a true asset to Wisconsin harness racing for decades. Not only have they been avid fans their entire lives, but they have given their lives to making racing special for everyone else involved.

For years one could see Richard up in the grandstand one minute and then hiding behind a telephone post so as not to spook the horses and yet get some wonderful action shots of the races. He truly enjoys doing this and Wisconsin horsemen are better for it. When the horses are gone and the money spent, it is the pictures that help us remember the good times.

Joanne is the perfect complement to Richard and his photography. She spends each race in grandstand, with video camera on her shoulder filming each and every race. Not only does she have archives of race videos in Wisconsin, but ventures to Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois as well. It is because of these videos that each horseman is able to remember their races and even settle some disputes about what "really" happened.

Richard and Joanne act as Wisconsin Harness Racing Historians through their archives of videos and photographs. Dating over four decades, they have information on everyone and every horse that has raced in this great state. They aid in accumulating points for yearend awards, provide the majority of the videos and photographs for yearend awards and slideshows, and maintain record books of memberships, memorials of our fallen horsemen, etc.

Nominated by Michael Gilbertson