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Johnson, Dallard Vern (Missoula 1955)

Dal died April 29, 2015, at his home in Missoula. Dal was born September 15, 1932, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He grew up in Wisconsin and received a swimming scholarship to Montana State University where he majored in forestry graduating in 1956. Dal jumped at Missoula during the 1955 season.

Dal was drafted into the Army and spent two years in San Antonio, Texas, on the Army's modern pentathlon team. After being discharged he returned to the Forest Service ending his career in Sandpoint, Idaho, before moving to Montana. Dal took up bike riding doing 17 Scioto River Valley tours and ran in many races during his retirement.

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