

# HALL OF FAME



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**FARGO PARK DISTRICT**

**1996**

Bob "Goose" Johnson was the third individual inducted in the NDRPA Hall of Fame. The former superintendent of the Fargo Park District, Johnson retired in 1996. An NDRPA member since 1970, he served as president and had a significant impact on the growth of the parks and recreation movement on local, state, and regional levels.

While at the Fargo Park District, he was integral in the development of Trollwood Park, Rose Creek Golf Course, Prairiewood Golf Course, Island Park Swimming Pool, Santa Claus Village, Metro Recreation Center, Courts Plus, Jack Williams Baseball Park, and the Fargodome. Johnson was passionate about providing recreation opportunities for everyone and helped plan six senior recreation centers and a universal recreation center.

Johnson graduated from Valley City State University in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in coaching, recreation, and accounting. He received his master's degree in parks and recreation from the University of North Dakota in 1962.

Active in the community, Johnson was a board member of Meritcare Children's Hospital, honorary chairman of the Red River Valley Diabetes Association, and honorary chairman of the Arthritis Foundation.

Johnson was the recipient of many other notable awards, including the Valley City State College Distinguished Alumni Award and the Midwest Region Fellow Award. Johnson is also a member of the Hall of Fame at Valley City State University and Bismarck State College.

The NDRPA Golden Egg Award, which recognizes outstanding and innovative park projects in North Dakota, was established in honor of Johnson.

Johnson passed away in 2002.

*All NDRPA Hall of Fame members are recognized with plaques at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in the Jamestown Civic Center.*

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