

HALL OF FAME



Dennis Nybo

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NEW ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT

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Dennis Nybo, director of New Rockford Park District, was the 25th inductee into the NDRPA Hall of Fame.

For 32 years, Nybo has worked to make sure diverse recreational opportunities are available to everyone. That's why he could always be found serving on boards and associations whose missions were to promote fun, healthy activities.

"Each individual is unique and has different expectations," Nybo said. "For some, it may be a park bench to enjoy nature, for others, swimming or baseball. Both are important needs to be met for all community members and guests."

Nybo earned a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration from the University of North Dakota in 1988. He has worked for several parks and recreation agencies throughout his career, including Rolling Meadows Park District in Illinois, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District and Devils Lake Park District. He is a certified park and recreation professional and a certified pool operator.

Nybo has been actively involved in many sports associations, including Prairie Rose State Games, North Dakota Amateur Basketball, National ASA Softball, North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association, and USA National Hockey. He also is a member of the New Rockford Eagles, has officiated hockey and been active in school booster clubs. He has received the Outstanding Local Program/Volunteer Award from the National Hershey's Track and Field Program.

Nybo's work has earned praise from his colleagues:

"I did my internship with the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District in 1994, and Dennis took me under his wing," former NDRPA President Bob Gillen recalled. "He helped get me active in many of my various volunteer positions in hockey and parks and recreation. His energy, optimism and passion are demonstrated daily. One thing I can say about Dennis after 27 years of knowing him, he works extremely hard, but loves to have fun while doing the job."

"Dennis is a passionate parks and recreation professional and has been very involved with NDRPA and the profession," Devils Lake Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Terry Wallace said. "Dennis was very instrumental in the North Dakota Hershey's Track & Field Program. He is highly deserving of becoming a member of the NDRPA Hall of Fame."

Nybo has served and continues to serve on numerous committees and has held several leadership roles with NDRPA, including Sports Committee chair, FOCUS editor and NDRPA president. He also served as NDRPA's representative for the National Hershey's Track and Field Program. In 2003, NDRPA recognized him with the Fellow Award, now known as the Distinguished Professional Award.

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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