

SDHSGCA HOF 2019: AWARDS PRESENTATION NARRATIVE

In 1966, after graduating from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Jim Sorensen spent his first year in Franklin, MN as the head boy's basketball coach. From 1967-'70, Jim moved to Beresford, SD to take the Head Boy's and Girl's Golf position and was the assistant boy's basketball coach. His love for basketball took him to Tri-Valley for the head boy's position, but Coach Sorensen returned a year later to fill both the Head Boy's Basketball and the Head Boy's and Girl's Golf program. Jim continued at the helm for the Beresford program until retired in 2005 but came out of retirement for the Boy's program in 2010 and remained head boys until 2014.



Coach Sorensen is one of just a couple coaches to have ever coached under the one-class('67-'73), two-class('74-'00), and three-class systems('01-'05 & '10-'15). He even started coaching before Girls Golf was even offered in SD(1969). Over his forty-four year career, Jim has twelve state championships, eleven Runner-Up finishes, twenty-nine Region Championships, twenty conference championships, and his invitational and duel victories are too many to count. "Zorney" also had six individual state medalists and seven second place finishes. Many of his former player have went on to play and work in the game of golf, and at one time his son Jon coached the Watchdogs.

Jim Sorensen was a four-time SDHSCA Coach of the Year('79, '80, '95, '02), he is a member of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Coach Sorensen was also selected to Coach the SD All-Star Golf team for the South in 2003. "Zorney" has already been inducted into the NHSCACA Golf Hall of Fame, Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine, SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award, the SDHSCA Hall of Fame, the SDHSCA Hall of Excellence, and the Beresford HS Hall of Fame.

His contributions to the game outside of coaching consists of working closely in an advisory role with the The Bridge's Board of Directors in Beresford for their new course design and their Events Center which opened in 2006. Jim is also a prominent player and is a former SDGA Champion. He also volunteers to coach the Beresford Summer Youth Program and has helped numerous patrons with golf instruction.

Jim also served as the South Dakota High School Coaches Association for Golf's Executive Sport's Secretary and as the South Dakota High School Activities Association Class B Representative on the Advisory Committee from 1984-1990.

Please, put your hands together to congratulate Coach Jim Sorensen into the 2019 Inaugural Class of the South Dakota High School Golf Coaches Hall of Fame.

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Golf Coaching Experience: Beresford HS, Head Boy's Golf Coach 1967-1970; Head Boy's Boys and Girl's Golf Coach 1972-2005; Head Boy's Golf Coach 2010-2015.

Coaching Service: SDHSCA Executive Sports Secretary for Golf, 1984-1990; SDHSAA Golf Advisory Board's Class B Representative, 1984-1990.

Golf Contributions: Director and Volunteer Beresford City Summer Youth Golf Program. Advisor, The Bridges Golf Club Redesign, Events Center, & Expansion.

Accolades: NHSCACA Golf Hall of Fame, Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine, SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award, the SDHSCA Hall of Fame, the SDHSCA Hall of Excellence, and the Beresford HS Hall of Fame.