

# North Dakota Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2012



## Terry Schneweis

Terry Schneweis while serving in the United States Air Force was stationed in Germany. While there his sons became involved in soccer. That led to a love for the game that Terry brought with him to the greater Grand Forks area when he was stationed at the Grand Forks Air Force base. He played a vital role in the growth of soccer in the Greater Grand Forks Area and throughout the state of North Dakota. Terry was a founding Board Member for Sunflake Soccer (Recreational Soccer). He served as Northeast Commissioner for the North Dakota Youth Soccer Association (NDYSA).

Terry worked with other NDYSA Board and Club Members to get High School Soccer as a sanctioned sport by the North Dakota High School Activities Association. Perhaps his biggest impact on the game was as the second Executive Director (serving over 16 years) for NDYSA which later changed its name to the North Dakota Soccer Association (NDSA). Terry also was a referee for over 18 years, refereeing over 1,400 soccer games at the local rec level, summer tournaments, high school and NCAA colleges in North Dakota and western Minnesota. He refereed at 13 boys or girls High School State Tournaments.

## **Club Level Soccer**

- 1990-1992 Greater Grand Forks Soccer Club Board Member
- 1991-1993 Founding Board Member for newly formed Sunflake Soccer. The recreational club initially registering 180 players from Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. Today Sunflake Soccer register about 800 players annually and East Grand Forks registers 300 players annually
- 1994-1996 Founding member of Grand Forks Middle School Soccer Club. Club was formed to provide sanctioned soccer opportunities for 5 middle schools in Grand Forks area. Club was dissolved when an agreement was reached to have the Grand Forks Public Schools take over the program as part of their participation in the North Dakota High School Activities Association

## **State Level Soccer**

- 1991-1995 North Dakota Youth Soccer Association (NDYSA) Northeast Commissioner  
Worked with other NDYSA Board and Club Members to get High School Soccer a sanctioned sport by North Dakota High School Activities Association
- 1996- 2012 Served as the Executive Director replacing the first Executive Director Bob Ohman.  
During his time as Exc Director Club membership grew from 10 clubs in six cities in 1996 to clubs in 15 clubs in 11 cities  
Helped rewrite the current North Dakota Soccer Association (NDSA) Bylaws which primarily streamline the NDSA Board process

## **Referee**

- 1991 -2009 Certified as a USSF Grade 8 in Mar 1991  
Over this 18 year referee career refereed over 1,400 soccer games at the local rec level, summer tournaments, high school and NCAA colleges in ND and western Minnesota  
Refereed at 13 boys or girls High School State Tournaments
- 2000-2006 Served as member of the North Dakota Officials Association. Six years served is the longest years of service in recent history which is limited to 4 years normally.