

Betty Jones – 2006 Hall of Fame Inductee



An early pioneer of girls' sports in southeastern Idaho, Betty Jones dedicated her career to providing competitive opportunities for female students. Her teaching career began in a one-room school house in Inkom in 1946. Along with her husband, AJay, a coach and administrator, Jones spent time in Cambridge and Payette, but the bulk of her career was in Richfield and Malad.

It was in Malad where she played a key role in the early stages of girls' athletic competition at a time when the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) was the only opportunity high school girls had to participate. In 1969 she started a successful girls' track program, winning many district and state awards. She also started the volleyball program, worked with the drill team, and set the stage for girls' basketball. In 1978, Jones returned to Richfield spending the final years of her career coaching speech and drama before retiring in 1986.