

Gloria Spotts Lambros

Special Contributor

One might say that Gloria Spotts Lambros was an unsung hero at Dixon High School. Beginning in 1954, she taught at Dixon for 33 years and was the driving force for providing opportunities for girls to participate in organized athletics.

There were virtually no organized sports for girls during most of Gloria's tenure at Dixon High until the late 1970's. Consequently, Gloria addressed this inequity by almost single handedly directing, developing and supervising the Girl's Athletic Association (GAA) from 1955 until 1972. The GAA provided after school intermural competition for girls. Ms. Lambros organized speedball, volleyball, basketball, softball, badminton, and soccer. In addition to running the GAA, Gloria coached Dixon High's tennis team from 1955 until 1965, during which her boy's singles and mixed doubles teams won the league championship in 1956. When girls' sports became more formalized after Title IX was passed, Gloria was instrumental in organizing a league for many girls' sports. She even coached softball for several years after helping to get the softball league formed.

Gloria graduated from the University of Colorado with a Master of Science degree in physical education. She was married to Harry Lambros and is currently enjoying her retirement years in Utah.