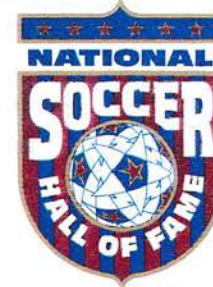




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## YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

In 1979 we boldly proclaimed ourselves as the National Soccer Hall of Fame (NSHOF), and in 1981 the first exhibits were established in an interim museum on Ford Avenue here in Oneonta. Our boldness was rewarded when, in 1983, official sanction was received from the USSFA.

In 1990 we opened the 61 acre Wright National Soccer Campus where the Hall is presently located. The next three years were dedicated to fundraising and organizational development. In 1994 we were declared the "Official Historian" to the USSFA and the "Official Repository" of World Cup USA 1994 memorabilia. The NSHOF underwent a major reorganization in 1997 with the addition of new management and a new board of directors.

Since 1997, the NSHOF has grown from a small storefront museum in downtown Oneonta to a new \$8 million complex three miles from the center of the city. Paid museum attendance increased from

3,200 in 1997 to 20,000 in 1999 with an additional 85,000 people visiting the campus as participants or spectators of events.

June 12, 1999, was an epochal day for the Hall since it marked the dedication of the brand new 30,000 square foot Hall of Fame building. This facility includes the USSF Hall of Fame, the museum, interactive game area, retail store, library, archives and administrative offices. Then in 2000 we added five major new exhibits to the main facility as well as a playing field concession plaza containing food services, satellite store, office, officials' lounge and restrooms.

We've accomplished a lot so far, but the work goes on as do the challenges. Phase Two of the project is already in the works with a major fundraising campaign poised to get underway, targeted for construction of a grandstand stadium, two additional fields, expanded parking, locker room facilities, accommodations, an indoor soccer arena plus several exciting new exhibits. If all goes well, Phase Two will be completed by 2003.

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the first issue of The Hall of Famer newsletter. For the past several years we have focused our efforts on the physical growth and development of the Hall. With the completion of the new museum, we are now in a position to re-establish regular communications with our Hall of Famers. This newsletter, which is edited by George Brown (Hall of Fame 1995) is designed to keep you informed about our activities and serve as a link with your colleagues. We hope you find it interesting and informative.



Carin Jennings-Gabarra at the National Soccer Hall of Fame.



Walter Bahr and Harry Keogh at the National Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies.



Front Row (L-R): Woosnam, Ely, Jennings-Gabarra, Bahr, Chacurian.  
Back Row (L-R): Oliver, Keogh, Brown, Hynes.



Werner Fricker, escorted by Hall of Fame staffer Kathy Dailey.

## CARIN JENNINGS-GABARRA & GIORGIO CHINAGLIA JOIN THE CLUB

The 2000 Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, held on October 28th, 2000 were a roaring success. Not only were **Carin Jennings-Gabarra** and **Giorgio Chinaglia** inducted, but thirty of the nation's top soccer officials were in attendance as the Hall simultaneously hosted a meeting of the National Board of Directors for the USSF.

Present were leaders such as US Soccer Federation President **Dr. Bob Contiguglia** and Vice President **Sunil Gulati**, as well as the Sec. General **Dan Flynn**, MLS Commissioner **Don Garber**, WUSA Commissioner **Tony DiCiccio**, former NASL Commissioner **Phil Woosnam**, and former World Cup USA 1994 Chairman and former USSF President **Alan Rothenberg**, plus the entire

National Board of Directors for USSF, many of whom had never seen the new facility.

A special treat for me was seeing returning Hall of Famers **Walter Bahr**, **Gene Olaff**, **Jackie Hynes**, **Lennie Oliver**, **Harry Keogh**, **Alex Ely**, **Werner Fricker**, **Chico Chacurian** and **Phil Woosnam**.

I had the pleasure of hosting most of the Hall of Famers at my home the night before the ceremonies. The menu was bouillabaisse and booze. Aside from the terrible lies they told about past exploits it was a great get-together. I plan to make the gathering an annual event and I hope even more of you can come next year.

### ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ SNAPSHOTS

As the title indicates, this column is designed to give you a quick snapshot of what is going on in the lives of some of your colleagues. Drop me a line or an e-mail and fill me in on what you are doing now so that I can include you in SNAPSHOTS.

**Gene Olaff** '71..Florence, N.J..wife Doris..retired state trooper..coaches Florence Junior High School girls soccer team.. church work.. golf.. Board of N.J. State Police Museum..member NSHOF Veterans Selection Committee..two sons..three grandchildren.. two great grandchildren.

**Jackie Hynes** '77..Staten Island..wife Nancy..retired fireman..member NSHOF Veterans Selection Committee..recovering from a stroke..still tells awful jokes..two sons, one daughter, two grandchildren.

**Lennie Oliver** '96..Washington, D.C.. wife Eleanor..business consultant.. coaches..trains coaches..writes and lectures about soccer..Director NSHOF..member NSHOF Veterans Selection Committee...two daughters.

**Walter Bahr** '76...Boalsburg, Pa..wife Davies..retired from Penn State.. travel, golf, racquetball and martinis.. member NSHOF Veterans Selection Committee..Davies hosts a Sunday morning talk show in Pa..two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren.

**Chico Chacurian** '92..Stratford, Conn..wife Florence..retired..casino devotee..Head Coach, Region 1 Olympic Development Program for Under 13 boys..Asst. Men's Coach, Yale University..partner and instructor in Victory Soccer Camps...three daughters, three grandchildren.

**Alex Ely** '97...Philadelphia, Pa.. President United Soccer League of Pa..teacher at Archbishop Prendergrast H.S...author..coach of Kolping Americans (and other teams) two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren.

**"Clarkie" Souza** '76..Port St. Lucie, Fla..wife Anita..retired from the knitting mills..swims daily ..two daughters (Marsha just took up indoor soccer)..three grandchildren..sadly, he lost his memorabilia in a hurricane.