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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

These past few months have been an emotional rollercoaster. We were very pleased to welcome our five very distinguished new Directors who will add a national dimension to the Board, and are excited about the upcoming Induction 2001 Ceremonies. But we were deeply saddened at the passing of our friend Werner Fricker. He will be sorely missed by his friends, family and colleagues and we extend our sincere condolences.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!



RICK DAVIS



BOB HERMANN



BILL LOOBY

RICK DAVIS, former New York Cosmos and U.S. National Team player will be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame on October 8, 2001. An attacking midfielder, he played his entire NASL career (1978 - 1984) with the world renowned Cosmos. Davis was capped 36 times for the U.S. and scored seven goals for the National Team between 1977 and 1988.

Davis joined the Cosmos in 1978 after one season of intercollegiate soccer at Santa Clara University. He played on NASL championship teams in 1978, 1980 and 1982. After leaving the NASL Davis continued his soccer career in the Major Indoor Soccer League playing for the St. Louis Steamers, New York Express and the Tacoma Stars before hanging up his boots in 1990.

Davis is currently the Technical Director for Junior United Soccer Association Select, a youth program located in Orange County, California.

Two St. Louis natives, **BILL LOOBY** and **BOB HERMANN**, were elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame by the Veteran's Committee for Induction 2001.

Looby played for the St. Louis Kutis team that won six consecutive U.S. Amateur Cups in the late 50's and early 60's, and was a member of the U.S. National Team which won the Bronze Medal in the 1959 Pan-American Games. Hermann was instrumental in the formation and growth of the North American Soccer League (NASL).

Looby, who died in 1999 at age 68, was a forward who played on the U.S. national team between 1954 and 1959. He was a prolific goal scorer and as a member of the 1959 Pan-American team he scored six goals in six matches. Looby also played for the U.S. in both the 1956 Olympic Games and the qualifying round of the 1960 Olympic Games.

Bob Hermann, born January 3, 1923 in St. Louis, began his professional soccer work as President of the National Professional Soccer League at its formation in 1966. Hermann served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the NASL. He was the President and primary owner of the St. Louis Stars and California Surf through the 1980 season. Hermann also instituted the Hermann Award, presented annually to the top male and female NCAA Division I soccer player.

Hall Elects Five New Directors

The newest members of the Board of Directors are Michelle Akers, Tom Clarke, Sunil Gulati, Louis Hager and **Lamar Hunt**. They join Chairman Doug Willies, Gene Bettiol, Jr., **George Brown**, Scott Clark, Sandi Collins, Alan Donovan, **Len Oliver**, John Pontius, Joe Sutaris and Hank Steinbrecher.

Michelle Akers is soccer's first female superstar. She has won two Women's World Cups, an Olympic Gold Medal and was named Female Athlete of the Century by FIFA. Tom Clarke was President of NIKE from 1994 until his retirement in 2000. He remains on NIKE's Board of Directors. Sunil Galati is V.P. of the US Soccer Federation. Lou Hager, owner of Northern Eagle Beverage, is a prominent area businessman with roots in Cooperstown. **Lamar Hunt** is well known as a pioneer of football. He owns the Kansas City Chiefs and created the AFL in the 1960'S. He is a founding investor in Major League Soccer operating both the Kansas City Wizards and the Columbus Crew, but his soccer roots go back to the NASL. He was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1982 and received the Medal of Honor in 1999.



**National Soccer Hall of Fame
Board of Directors:**

Standing (L-R) Joe Forgiano, Chairman Doug Willies, Scott Clark, George Brown, Joe Sutaris, President Will Lunn, Alan Donovan.

Seated (L-R) Hank Steinbrecher, Tom Clarke, Len Oliver, Brian Wright (emeritus), Sandi Collins, John Pontius, Lamar Hunt, Lou Hager.

Werner Fricker (1936 - 2001)

The Hall lost one of its own with the passing of **Werner Fricker** on May 30, 2001. Werner, who was born in 1936 in Karlsdorf, Yugoslavia, emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1952. He was a true U.S. soccer pioneer who served as President of the U.S. Soccer Federation from 1986 to 1990, during which time he led the successful bid to obtain the 1994 World Cup for the United States. Werner captained the United German-Hungarian team of Philadelphia from 1958 to 1969, including the National Amateur Cup-winning team of 1965. He was also a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team. His 40 year career in U.S. soccer was capped by his induction into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1992.

State Halls of Fame

Earlier this year I had the pleasure of attending the 2001 Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Dinner where ten new members were inducted. The CSHOF which is chaired by Joe Morrone is in its third year. It has inducted a total of 35 distinguished individuals since its inception. Three of the 35 are National Soccer Hall of Famers "**Chico**" **Chacurian**, **James Brown**, and **Bert Larson**.

In March I was honored to be the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Utah Soccer Hall of Fame Banquet held in Salt Lake City. The USHOF, which is chaired by Bill Bosgraaf, was established in 1997 and to date has inducted 26 outstanding individuals. Five new members were inducted in 2001. The Utah Soccer Association is one of the oldest in the country having been established in 1905.

Both Halls are to be congratulated for the quality of their selections as well as the planning and organization of the evening's events.

ExxonMobil Grant

The Hall recently received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation Volunteer Involvement Program towards the purchase of special archival software. The ExxonMobil program provides grants to non-profit groups with which active or retired employees are involved. **George Brown**, Board Secretary, qualified for the grant as an Exxon annuitant.

Washington Freedom and Boston Breakers to play in 2001 Hall of Fame Game



Mia Hamm



Kristine Lilly

Mia Hamm of the Washington Freedom and Kristine Lilly of the Boston Breakers will headline the 2001 Hall of Fame Game in Oneonta on October 8th. The two teams combined bring 19 players with international experience to the Hall of Fame's Wright National Soccer Campus. "The Induction 2001 program is exciting, and to conclude the weekend by featuring so many of the world's best women international players, certainly future Hall of Famers, will be a wonderful capstone to this year's Hall of Fame Induction event," said Will Lunn, President/CEO of the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

US Internationals on Boston include goalkeeper Tracy Ducar, defenders Kate Sobrero, Keri Raygor, and midfielder Robin Confer. Bettina Wiegmann and Maren Meinert from the 2001 European Champion Germany are also on the squad along with American heartbreaker Dagny Mellgren, who scored the Golden Goal for Norway in the 2000 Olympic Final.

In addition to Hamm, the Freedom squad includes US Internationals goalkeeper Siri Mullenix, Olympic medallists Amanda Cromwell and Michelle French, and Women's National Team players Justi Baumgardt and Jen Grubb. International stars include Bai Jie from China, Anne Makinen from Finland plus Brazil's attacking duo of Prentinha and Roseli.

"The line-ups are stacked with some of the top international players in the world today. We could not have asked for a better match," Lunn added.

1991 Women's World Cup Champion - US National Team to receive Medal of Honor

The National Soccer Hall of Fame will award the prestigious National Soccer Medal of Honor to the 1991 World Champions US Women's National Team. "We are recognizing a group of amazing individuals who collectively changed the course of women's soccer history," Will Lunn, President/CEO of the Hall of Fame stated. "This will be only the third time in twenty years that we have presented this honor. Hall of Fame National Board member Dr. Henry Kissinger first presented it to Alan Rothenberg for his work with US Soccer and World Cup 1994, and it was awarded again in 1999 to Soccer Hall of Famer Lamar Hunt for his pioneering leadership in the sport for over thirty years.



U.S. Team Celebrates Historic Victory in China

The list of luminaries from this team is legendary, headlined by two Hall of Famers, **April Heinrichs** (1998) and **Carin Jennings Gabarra** (2000). Several players on the '91 team are WUSA founding players: Michelle Akers, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and Carla Overbeck. The team staff is also legendary with Head Coach Anson Dorrance of the University of North Carolina, Assistant Coach Lauren Gregg, current WUSA V.P. of Player Relations, and Assistant Coach Tony DiCicco, who went on to lead the 1999 squad to another FIFA World Championship.

The award will be presented to the team in conjunction with Induction 2001 Ceremonies scheduled for October 8th.

Induction 2001

Schedule of Events*

for Inductees, Hall of Famers, and Medal of Honor Winners

Saturday, October 6

7:00 - 9:00PM

Opening Reception for the Art Show

Artist Ruben Ramundo, internationally known for his portrayal of soccer action using oil on canvas, will exhibit new and old works.

Sunday, October 7

2:00-5:00PM

Hall of Famers, Inductees, and Medal of Honor winners (and spouses) Annual Reunion at home of George and Peggy Brown. Informal, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres.

4:00PM

The WUSA Exhibit Unveiling

The Boston Breakers and officials from the WUSA will unveil the new WUSA exhibit

4:15-5:00PM

The Boston Breakers Autograph Party in the Museum

7:00-10:00PM

Induction 2001 Banquet**

Monday, October 8

9:00-10:00AM

Offside: Soccer and American Exceptionalism, Media

Symposium on soccer in American Culture, based upon the title book authored by Andrei S. Markovits and Steven L. Hellerman.

10:30AM-12:00PM

Induction Ceremonies

12:00-12:40PM

Hall of Famers and 1991 Women's National Team Autograph Party in the Museum

1:00-3:00PM

Hall of Fame Game

Washington Freedom v Boston Breakers

3:15-4:00PM

Washington Freedom Autograph Party in the Museum

*All times and events are subject to change. A final detailed schedule will be mailed out shortly.

**For Hall of Famers, the cost of the banquet and match ticket is reduced to \$80.00 per person.

SNAPSHOTS

"Chico" Chacurian '92...just returned from a 16 day, seven game tour of France and England with the Yale University team...disappointed he had no time for the French casinos...coming to Induction 2001.

Jerry Yeagley '92....Bloomington, Indiana...wife Marilyn...still going strong at Indiana University...going into his 39th year as soccer coach at I.U. ...spends his leisure time reading and golfing...daughter Alexandra... son Todd now in his sixth year with the Columbus Crew...grandson Ben.

Gene Olaf '71...spent a great evening, May 5th, at the Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Old Timers Club... among others he met up with **"Jukey" Nanoski '93, Alex Ely '97 and Benny McLaughlin '77**....coming to Induction 2001.

Paul Danilo '97...Bridgeville, Pa...wife Margie...Bad news is that he underwent a quadruple bypass this month...good news is that he is doing well...coming to Induction 2001 (with doctor's approval).

"Granny" Kraft '84...St. Cloud, Florida...wife Theresa...retired Security Coordinator Johns Hopkins... good health except for disc problems...Maryland State Soccer Assoc. annually presents the "Granny" Kraft Service Award...blended family of 3 daughters, one son, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren... coming to Induction 2001.

Al Zerheusen '78...wife Patricia...Simi Valley, Calif... retired from cabinet making in '93...Sports Director L.A. Soccer Club...still manages and coaches...and believe it or not, at age 70 still kicks a ball around on Saturdays with old timers such as Helmut Bicek who was capped six times for the U.S in the 60's.

Lloyd Monsen '94...Clearwater, Florida...wife Evelyn... retired from the aerospace industry in '93...supports Tampa Bay Mutiny...6 sons...3 grandsons, 3 granddaughters...1 great granddaughter...coming to Induction 2001

Milton Aimi '91...Houston, Texas...wife Wendy... retired from Bechtel in '86...now a Soccer Admin. Consultant currently developing an administrative manual for the Texas State Soccer Assoc. South..."the Godfather of Soccer in Texas"...3 sons, 3 daughters... eight grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1-2

Super Y League National Championship

September 15-16

High School Hall of Fame Cup Championships

October 8

National Soccer Hall of Fame **Inductions** 10:30AM

WUSA Match: 1:00PM Washington Freedom vs.

Boston Breakers

October 26-27

SUNYAC Women's Championships

November 2-3

SUNYAC Men's Championships



Marsha Souza presenting trophies to George Brown.

Souza Trophies

You will recall that in the last newsletter I mentioned that **"Clarkie" Souza** lost his scrapbook and memorabilia in a Florida hurricane. Well, that wasn't entirely true. His daughter Marsha Souza recently paid her first visit to the Hall and presented us with two of her father's trophies. One recognizes his participation in the famous 1950 World Cup during which the U.S.A. defeated England, and the other recognizes his participation on the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Teams. The trophies, which are a valuable addition to the Hall's extensive collection, are on loan and will be on exhibit shortly.

PROFILE

WILLIE SCHALLER

Willie was born in Bonlanden, Germany on February 23, 1933. He emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1946 where he attended Haaren High School in New York. In 1953 he joined Schwaben F.C. and then from 1957 to 1963 he played with Blauweiss Gottsche in the German American Soccer League (GASL). In 1963 Gottsche won the League Championship. At age 19 he was selected for the U.S. Olympic Team which competed in Helsinki, and along with fellow Hall-of-Famers **Zerheusen, Murphy, Brown** and **Ely**, he won a bronze medal in the 1959 Pan American Games. Willie was also a member of the 1960 Olympic Team.

Willie represented the GASL in All-Star games from 1952 to 1963 where he played against such international opponents as Stuttgart Kickers, Kaiserslautern and Hamburg F.C. He retired from active senior play in 1963, then in 1969 he started coaching youth teams. One of his teams, the Under-17 Huntington won both the N.Y. State and Regional Championships in 1977. Willie served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955 and then worked as a layout man with Getlan Iron Works and later United Fabricating in N.Y. State. In 1977 he moved to Colorado with his wife Trudy, sons Rich and Fred, and daughter Trudy, where he was employed as a brewery worker in the Keg Dept of Coors until retirement in 1995. In Colorado he resumed coaching youth teams with his Lakewood United Under-19 Team winning both Colorado State and Regional Finals in 1979. He also coached the Golden High School team and the Colorado School of Mines team for several years. In 1983 he was honored as Colorado High School Coach of the Year, and in 1989 as Rocky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year.

In 1995 Willie was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame, and in 1996 into the Eastern N.Y. State Hall of Fame. He and Trudy now spend their time in Golden fishing, skiing, golfing, traveling, and watching their nine grandchildren play soccer and baseball.

(Look for the PROFILE of **John "Clarkie" Souza** in the next issue).

Then...



Willie, circa 1952.



...Now

Front row center, wife Trudy, matriarch Emmy (age 95) and Willie with children and grandchildren.

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Thanks for the many positive comments and helpful feedback on the first issue. I will be working to incorporate your suggestions in future issues.

Met "**Frenchy**" **Boulos'** son John and wife Gia. John is sending "**Frenchy's**" clippings for our archives.

Oops. Despite the fact that I speak with **Jackie Hynes** and his wife just about every week, somehow, in the last newsletter, she got renamed Nancy instead of Ruth.

Also **Walter Bahr** called with plaudits, suggestions, and a complaint that he in fact has three sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren. I shorted him one son and three grandchildren in the last newsletter.

PROFILE

PHIL WOOSNAM

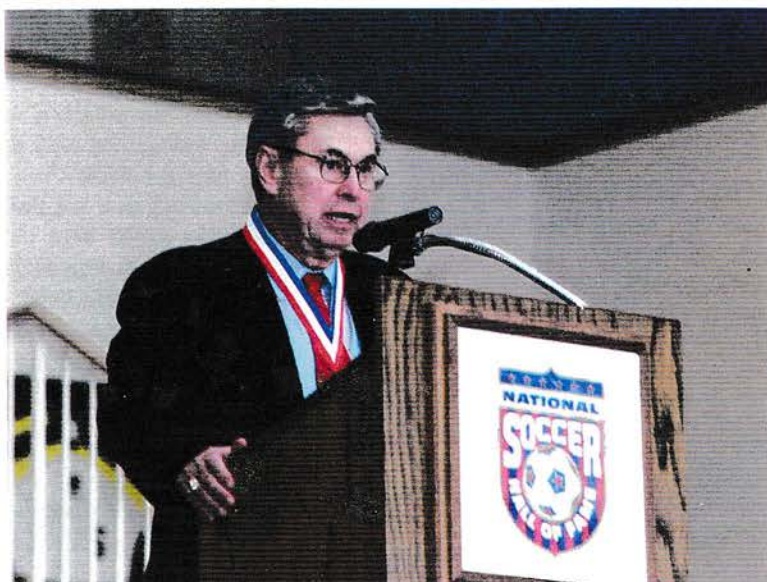
Phil was born in Caersws, Wales in 1932. He obtained a BSc in physics and mathematics from the University of Wales at Bangor. After graduation he served two years as a commissioned officer in the Royal Artillery, followed by a two year stint as a high school teacher. His twelve-year playing career in England included Leyton Orient, West Ham United and Aston Villa. Less well known is the fact that he was with Manchester City for some four years as an amateur. He won caps for Wales at all levels from U-14 thru professional.

During his four years with Aston Villa, Phil served as a Staff Coach for the English F.A. And during that same period he coached the Zambian national team for two years in the off-season.

In 1966 Phil came to the U.S. and assumed the position of Player/Coach and General Manager of the Atlanta Chiefs, leading them to the inaugural 1968 NASL Championship. He also coached the U.S. National team in 1968. From 1969 to 1983 he served as Commissioner of the NASL as well as Vice President of the USSF. After leaving the NASL Phil went into private business which included, among other things, the development of marketing programs for the USSF.

In 1994 he and his wife Ruth moved back to Atlanta where he assumed the responsibility for the 1996 Olympic Soccer Tournament venue at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

In 1997 Phil was inducted into both the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame and the National Soccer Hall of Fame. He now claims to be in semi-retirement spending his time relaxing with golf and extensive travel. He and Ruth reside in Dunwoody in suburban Atlanta and have four children and three grandchildren.



Phil Woosnam speaking at the National Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in October 2000.

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Hall of Famer newsletter is primarily designed to be for, by and about Hall of Famers. If you want to contact me about the newsletter my home phone is 607 431 9306 or you can leave a message at the Hall 607 432 3351 ext. 206 and I will get back to you. My email address is gbrown6@stny.rr.com

I am looking forward to feedback from you about the contents of this first issue and suggestions for future issues. Let me know what, or who, you would like to see covered and I will try to oblige. If you have something to contribute such as one of your favorite action pictures or a recent picture

with your family please send me a copy. I am particularly interested in learning about the non-soccer side of your life since we know almost everything there is to know about your soccer career.

One of the other projects I am working on is compiling a directory of Hall of Famer address and telephone numbers. It shouldn't take long and when finished I will mail it to each of you so you can link up directly with your colleagues.

The next issue will probably be around August. Talk to you soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us!

October 13-14, 2001— National Soccer Hall of Fame ~ US Soccer Hall of Fame Inductions.

We have over 25 events planned for 2001 so for more upcoming events, feel free to contact the Hall of Fame at (607) 432-3351 and request a full schedule of events.

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