



THE HALL OF FAMER

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World Class

The only way to describe the special NASL Induction of 2003 was that it was truly a world class affair from start to finish. The fields were groomed to perfection, the Hall and its approaches were lined with flags, set against the backdrop of Oneonta's brilliant fall foliage, the atrium was draped with old NASL pennants, and the museum was alive with NASL videos, photos, and memorabilia. Not since the league's glory days have so many stars of the North American Soccer League (NASL) been gathered together in one spot. And the inductees came from all over the world – Carlos Alberto from Brazil, Karl-Heinz Granitza from Germany, "Ace" Ntsoelengoe from South Africa and

Bob Lenarduzzi and Bruce Wilson from Canada, not to mention Arnie Mausser, Alan Willey, Paul Child, Lee Stern, Ahmet Ertegun, Clive Toye and Ted Howard who came from various parts of the USA. Deceased inductees Nesuhi Ertegun, Steve

Ross, and Elizabeth and Joe Robbie were represented by family members. All told, a record total of 25 legendary Hall of Famers attended the ceremonies.

The activities kicked off on Friday with the Hall of Fame golf tournament held at the Oneonta Country Club, followed by Pub Night at the Hall, with that evening's highlight being the dedication of the new NASL photo gallery. Saturday, October 25, the day of inductions, was packed with activities. It started in the morning with the NASL Five-a-side Reunion Festival Tournament, which featured several of the inductees as well as a number of their former teammates from various NASL teams. Concurrently, there was a meeting in the boardroom of the Executive Committee of the US Soccer Foundation. At noon, the Memorial Service, for recently departed Hall of Famers Harry Saunders, Nick DiOrio, Geoffrey Coombes, Bob Craddock, and others from the soccer world, was held in the atrium. The tournament concluded in the afternoon with the awarding of the NASL championship trophy to the team representing the San Jose Earthquakes. The afternoon also featured the unveiling, in the museum, of the Eddie Pearson Award plaques. And, of course, the Hall of Famers met at "The Liars' Retreat," the traditional private gathering of all Hall of Famers, held each year on

induction weekend.

But clearly the pièce de resistance was the induction itself. The setting was dramatic, with the outdoor floodlights creating a fascinating interplay of light and shadow, which emphasized the bold architectural features of the Hall. On arrival guests were greeted by a constantly repeating series of enormous images of the inductees cast on the wall above the main entrance. Immediately prior to the induction banquet all of the returning Hall of Famers were introduced to a packed house at the reception in the atrium. The inductions themselves were held in the museum, which had been converted

into a banquet hall for the event. And there, surrounded by images of the legends of the past, the class of 2003 was enshrined.

Introductory remarks were made by CEO Will Lunn and Phil Woosnam, former commissioner of the NASL, and special

videotaped tributes from Hall of Famers Lamar Hunt and Franz Beckenbauer, were shown on the giant video wall. Then, one by one, the inductees were introduced on the video wall by John Harkes and Sean Wheelock, hosts of Fox Sports World's MLS Wrap, accompanied by film clips of the players in action during their days in the NASL. Phil Woosnam had the honor of

presenting the specially designed Hall of Fame rings to each inductee. The ceremonies were emceed by ESPN's Seamus Malin with a guest appearance by former national team player Eric Wynalda, who entertained the crowd with an ingenious comedy sketch, before introducing Giorgio Chinaglia, who was there to join the NASL tribute and receive his 2000 Hall of Fame ring.

Sunday was de-compression day with an early meeting of the Board of Directors at which two of the new members, Lee Stern and Burton Haimes, were welcomed. This was followed by a brunch, farewell hugs, exchanging of telephone numbers and promises to return and renew friendships at the Hall in future years.

According to CEO, Will Lunn, "This weekend was dedicated to celebrating the extraordinary people of the NASL who represent an important chapter in the history of soccer in America."



Class of 2003 (L to R): Karl-Heinz Granitza, Paul Child, Leyla Ertegun, Bob Lenarduzzi, Bruce Wilson, Clive Toye, Arnie Mausser, Ace Ntsoelengoe, Alan Willey, Ahmet Ertegun, Mark Ross, Lee Stern, Carlos Alberto, Ted Howard, Tim Robbie, Dan Robbie

“The spiritual home of soccer in America.”

Clive Toye



DEDICATED TO THE SPORT OF SOCCER IN AMERICA...

The 2003 Liars' Retreat: "Same Tune – Different Lyrics"

Not all of the returning Hall of Famers made The Liars' Retreat this year, although the 18 who did attend made it a record turnout. Several of the missing had laced up their boots and played in the NASL Festival Reunion Tournament, which was held earlier that day, and many who did so were forced to spend the rest of the afternoon soaking in a bath tub to ease their aching muscles. In attendance, but not present for the photo, were Alex Ely '97, Ted Howard '03, Phil Woosnam '97, Nick Kropfelter '96, and Arnie Mausser '03. Woosnam, former Commissioner of the NASL, missed the photo session because he was on the phone trying to explain to Carlos Alberto why he suspended him from a playoff game in 1979. The Canadian duo of Lenarduzzi and Wilson are unique in that they are also in the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame, as is Bruce Wilson's partner Tracey David, who was a special guest...But the icing on the cake was the presence of John "Clarkie" Souza who, although inducted in '76, had never been to the Hall of Fame. Clarkie, Walter Bahr and Harry Keough were teammates on the famous team that beat England in the 1950 World Cup, the game that is now being immortalized in the movie "The Game of Their Lives." Replicas of the ball, boots and team shirts used in the movie are on exhibit in the Hall. Some of the other special guests were Ridge Mahoney, a Senior Editor of Soccer America; "Goose" Gilliam, President of the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame, and Al Colone former Executive Director of the Hall of Fame and his associate Pete Moore.

It was a wonderful gathering full of reminiscences, war stories, and fond memories of bygone days. The Hall of Famers' stories spanned the playing days of Gene Olaff in the '30s thru those who last played in the '80s. Some of the memories had dimmed slightly but their eyes sparkled as they recalled some of their favorite stories. What made this gathering special was the unique mix of the old and new Hall of Famers. When Gene Olaff was asked whether he saw any difference between the Liars' Retreat stories of his generation and those of the newest members, he just smiled and said quietly "Same tune, different lyrics."



Back row, L to R: Walter Bahr '76, Harry Keough '76, George Brown '95, Gene Olaff '71, Paul Child '03, John Souza '76, Chico Chacurian '92, Alan Willey '03, Bruce Wilson '03, Bob Lenarduzzi '03. Kneeling L to R: "Bogie" '02, Rick Davis '01, "Ace" Ntsoelengoe '03.

San Jose Earthquakes Are Triumphant

The San Jose Earthquakes finally did what they were unable to do during their nine years in the NASL; they won an NASL Championship. Well, maybe not exactly but close enough. Four

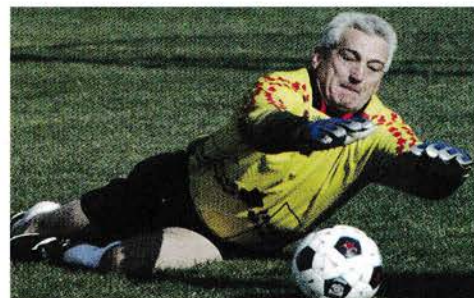
Chicago Sting, competed in the NASL Reunion Festival Tournament during Induction Weekend. They played a round robin, 5-a-side tournament with 15-minute halves.



Back row L to R: D. Birnbaum, F. Avila, P. Child, G. Ingram, E. Wynalda, A. Merrick. Front row: P. Gilmore, E. Child, R. Gilmore

The hair was a bit grayer, in some cases nonexistent, and perhaps they carried a bit more weight, but they hadn't lost their skills, or their competitive edge. It was a nostalgic trip for the spectators who had the pleasure of watching many household names and former stars of the NASL. It's not possible to name all of the former NASL players otherwise this would read like a phone book, but consider just the nine Hall of Famers who played: the Cosmos had Werner Roth, Rick Davis and Giorgio Chinaglia; San Jose Earthquakes featured Paul Child (and a ringer, former National Team player Eric Wynalda); the Vancouver Whitecaps had Bobby Lenarduzzi, Ace Ntsoelengoe and Bruce Wilson; the Chicago Sting had Karl-Heinz Granitz and Arnie Mausser.

Hubert Birkenmeier pleaded (unsuccessfully) to be traded from the Cosmos before the first game was played. Unofficial voting awarded MVP to Paul Child, who scored the tournament-winning goal, in the last second, against the Whitecaps. Wynalda was High Goal Scorer (we quit counting after 25 goals). Werner Roth was voted "The Most Sensible", since he demanded that the tournament coordinator call it off after six games. Images of the tournament include four pulled muscles, and by the players' benches, two empty jars of Ben-Gay and three empty bottles of Underberg (Granitz's sponsor).



Former Cosmos goalkeeper Birkenmeier in action

teams, representing the NY Cosmos, San Jose Earthquakes, Vancouver Whitecaps and the

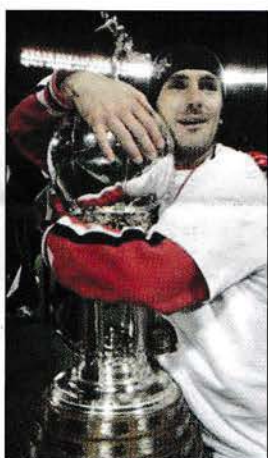
But where, oh where, was the defense? ... 6 games played – 116 goals scored. No wonder

The U.S. Open Cup

by Roger Allaway

The U.S. Open Cup has seen a revival in recent years since Major League Soccer (MLS) teams have gotten involved. In seven of MLS' first eight years, MLS teams have won the Open Cup, and the cup has become a topic of interest to many American soccer fans who previously hadn't realized that it existed. Actually from the 1920s to the 1950s it occupied as prominent a place in American soccer as the F.A. Cup does in English soccer.

The U.S. Open Cup, originally called the National Challenge Cup, was established in the 1913-1914 season. It has gone by several different titles over the years. For many years the trophy presented to the winners was the Dewar Cup, originally presented to the U.S. Amateur Football Association by Scottish sportsman, distiller and philanthropist Sir Thomas R. Dewar in 1912. The Dewar Cup, one of the finest sports trophies in the world, has been retired and is now permanently on display at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Nevertheless Open Cup winners still have their names engraved on the trophy and it was on display in Giants Stadium for the 2003 Open Cup Final.



Chicago Fire's Ante Razov embraces the Dewar Cup at Giants Stadium

In 1998, the competition was named the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in honor of his contributions to the sport. It has often been referred to in the media as the soccer championship of the United States but it is only in the last 35 years or so that leagues with coast-to-coast membership actually existed. Before that the best leagues in the USA were regional ones, and the U.S. Open Cup provided the main chance for teams from different parts of the country to compete against each other. Today the opportunity that it provides, that would not otherwise exist, is for teams from different levels of American soccer to compete against each other

for a real national championship. In 1958, for the first time since its inception a team from the West Coast won the cup when the Los Angeles Kickers beat Baltimore Pompei in the final. Over the last eight years the tournament has been dominated by top-rung teams from MLS but teams from lower rungs have gotten deep into the later rounds of the tournament and one, the Rochester Raging Rhinos, won the title in 1999.



Bethlehem Steel, Open Cup winners 1917-1918

The first great team of the U.S. Open Cup was Bethlehem Steel from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania which won the cup five different times between 1915 and 1926. In the 1920s the Fall River Marksmen dominated, winning the cup five times between 1924 and 1931. One St. Louis team, Stix, Baer & Fuller (named after a department store sponsor) won the cup in 1933 and '34 and that same team, now known by their new sponsor's name, Central Breweries, won it in 1935. That same team actually reached the finals in 1936 and '37 but by then it was known as the St. Louis Shamrocks. It was one of the best teams ever in American soccer, combining many of the best St. Louis players with the best from recently-folded New England teams.

In the 1940's, two New York teams, Brooklyn Hispano and Brookhattan, won the "double" capturing both the country's top professional league title (then still the American Soccer League) and the U.S. Open Cup in the same season. The New York Americans also won the double in 1954. In the late 1950s, one of the most dominant teams in the U.S. Open Cup emerged. It was the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals, who won the cup in 1960, '61, '63 and '66. They won the double in 1961 and '63. The reign of the Ukrainian Nationals was the last era for a while in which the U.S. Open Cup featured the best teams

in the country. Teams from the North American Soccer League (NASL) chose not to compete in the U.S. Open Cup, and throughout the '70s and '80s the cup was dominated by amateur teams. When MLS teams joined the competition in 1996 it re-established the U.S. Open Cup as a major event in U.S. soccer.

When D.C. United won the first MLS championship in 1996 and the U.S. Open Cup in the same year, it became the first winner of the double since the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals 33 years before. Since then, there has been another, the Chicago Fire, which won the cup in 1998 and 2000, completing the double in 1998. Overall, Chicago teams have won the cup seven times in 15 final appearances.

The U.S. Open Cup has regained its former standing as an important part of the American soccer landscape. It now stands as perhaps the most significant competitive link to American soccer of decades ago.

Passings



Nicholas DiOrio

1921 - 2003

Hall of Fame - 1974

Nick DiOrio, who passed away on September 12, 2003, was a member of the U.S. squad that participated in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil. He played most of his soccer in the Pittsburgh area, winning three U.S. Open Cup medals, two with Harnarville and one with Morgan Strasser. He also won a U.S. Amateur Cup medal with Morgan Strasser.



Eugene Ringsdorf

1912 - 2003

Hall of Fame - 1979

Gene Ringsdorf, who passed away on October 30, 2003, was a leading figure in American soccer for decades. He served as President of the USSFA from 1961 to 1963 and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Ringsdorf was a driving force behind Oneonta's successful bid to be officially sanctioned as the National Soccer Hall of Fame. He served on the USSFA's Hall of Fame Advisory Committee for over a decade. As a mark of his love for the game, at his request, Gene was laid to rest in his Hall of Fame blazer with his USSFA pin in the lapel.

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"Today is a special day... I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time." – Alan Willey
[Editor's note: As the 2nd highest goalscorer in NASL history he was always in the right place at the right time.]



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Rick and Tina Davis in the NASL Gallery. Alan Willey in background.

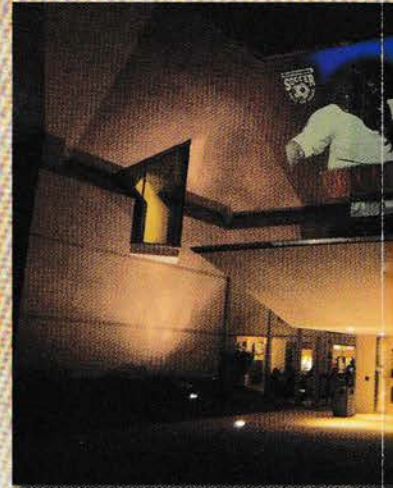


Ridge Mahoney, Sr. Editor, Soccer America (L) and Harry Keough at Pub Night

"What an incredible honor this is... it is overwhelming."
– Paul Child



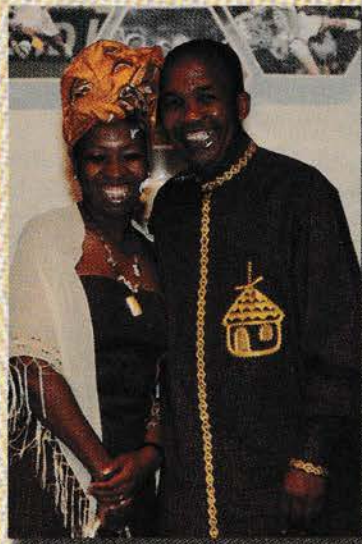
Granitza promotes 'Underberg' during his acceptance speech



Floodlit entrance to the National Soccer Hall of Fame



Still a star. Giorgio Chinaglia with a young fan



The Ntsoelengoes in their traditional dress. "I am very proud to represent a free South Africa... I am humbled to be the first black South African to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame."



Hall of Famer Gene Olaff hasn't missed an Induction in 20 years



Lee Stern "This beautiful sport is now as American as apple pie and baseball."

"The Hall of Fame is a cathedral dedicated to the sport's great moments and the people who made them great." – Will Lunn



Ahmet Ertegun with Nesuhi's son and daughter, Rustem and Leyla. "Soccer is one of my passions."





"I'm an incredibly lucky guy... deeply honored... no greater feeling than to be told by your peers that you have made a difference... Thank you for saluting the NASL." – Ted Howard



FAME NASL FESTIVAL WEEKEND



Hall on Induction Night



Ntsoelengoe is still as graceful on the ball as ever

1950 World Cup teammates Keough, Souza and Bahr (L to R) in front of "The Game of Their Lives" exhibit



Carlos Alberto and wife Maria DeGraca Bandeira Garbacio. "There is nothing to compare with the five years I played in the NASL. This is one of the greatest moments in my life, not my career, my life!"



The Canadian contingent. L to R Tracey David (Canadian Hall of Famer), Bruce Wilson, and the Lenarduzzi's



Clive Toye with grandson Cameron. "This superb museum and Hall of Fame is the spiritual home of soccer in America."



The Marcos' wedding [Editor's note: this has nothing to do with the inductions. It's just too good to pass up. See Snapshots article.]



Phil Woosnam looks on as Ace Ntsoelengoe (L) and Bogie meet up for the first time in 20 years



Bogie greets his fans

Entering a New Era

by Roger Allaway



In large part this is the result of changes passed in 2002 by the Hall of Fame's board of directors. Previously, to be on the regular eligibility list for the Hall of Fame, a player had to have been retired for at least five years but no more than 25 years (This is, of course, in addition to meeting the other eligibility criteria). After 25 years a player moved on to the Veterans Committee eligibility list. That window has now been changed. Instead of 5 to 25 years, it is now 3 to 10 years. Thus the eligibility list for the regular election has grown smaller and the eligibility list for the Veterans Committee has grown larger.

The ballot for the 2004 regular elections will consist of players who retired no earlier than 1994 and no later than 2001. The 38 candidates on the ballot will include some of the most recognizable icons in contemporary American soccer history. The Hall of Fame maintains a "future" list of players who have met the eligibility criteria as far as their playing accomplishments, but have not yet retired or have been retired for less than three years. Of the more than 100 individuals currently on that list, about 90% have played in either the MLS or the Women's United Soccer Association.



Michelle Akers – eligible in 2004

Starting with Induction 2004, soccer fans will see more and more contemporary players on the induction ballot. There will be 38 players on the 2004 ballot, of whom 23 are men who have played in Major League Soccer (MLS). The ballot includes 12 men who played in either the 1990, 1994 or 1998 World Cup, and seven women who played in either the 1991, 1995 or 1999 World Cup.



Eric Wynalda – eligible in 2004

Those who will be on the 2004 eligibility list are Michelle Akers, Desmond Armstrong, Geoff Auger, Brian Bliss, Chico Borja, Paul Bravo, Paul Caligiuri, Jeff Causey, Fernando Clavijo, Thomas Dooley, John Doyle, Eric Eichmann, Wendy Gebauer, Linda Hamilton, Mary Harvey, Mo Johnston, Debbie Keller, John Kerr Jr, Frank Klopas, John Maessner, Holly Manthei, Pato Margetic, Megan McCarthy, Bruce Murray, Uche Okafor, Francis Okaroh, Hugo Perez, Brandon Pollard, Sarah Rafanelli, Mark Santel, Mark Semioli, Mark Simpson, Diego Sonora, Mike Sorber, Steve Trittschuh, Perry Van der Beck, Roy Wegerle and Eric Wynalda.

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Selection Policies and Procedures

Effective with Induction 2004



Players

A player must have been retired for at least 3 years but no more than 10 years. Eligibility commences in the third calendar year after the calendar year in which he/she played their last professional game.

A player can become eligible via play on the U.S. national team or play in a first-division U.S. professional league. If qualifying via national team play, the player must have appeared in at least 20 full international games for the USA, of which at least one must have been in a World Cup or World Cup Qualifying match. This is reduced to 10 games if they were played prior to 1990, because fewer international matches were played pre-1990.

If qualifying via professional league play, he/she must have played at least 5 seasons in a first-division U.S. professional league and won either the league championship, the U.S. Open Cup or have been a first-team all-star.

The Selection Committee consists of all past and present full National Team coaches and all active first-division US professional league coaches with a minimum of four years as head coach. It also includes owner's representative, league commissioners, plus the U.S. Soccer Secretary General, and all of those designated on the official media lists of the leagues and U.S. Soccer.

Up to three players may be elected annually. The two players who receive the highest number of votes are elected (a minimum of 50% is required), plus the next highest vote-getter providing he/she receives at least 80% of the vote.

Veterans

A veteran must have been retired for at least eleven years. The criteria are similar to those in the Player category but with the number of full international games required for qualifying reduced to five games if the games were played before 1960.

A Screening Committee, which consists of sixteen Hall of Famers, votes for those who will go on the Final Ballot. The Selection Committee, which consists of all Hall of Famers, votes for those to be inducted.

Up to two veterans may be elected annually. The veteran who receives the most votes is elected (a minimum of 50% is required), plus the next highest vote-getter providing he or she receives at least 80% of the vote.

Builders

This category consists of all non-players who have had a major, sustained and positive impact on American soccer at the national or first division professional level.

The Selection Committee consists of the U.S. Soccer Director of Officials, USA first division owners' representative, league commissioners, the U.S. Soccer Secretary General and all Hall of Fame Builders. The builder who receives the most votes is elected (with a minimum of 50% required). One builder may be elected annually.

The Big 3 Roundup

This was the 4th Annual, Big 3, Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremonies. At this event the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and the National Intercollegiate Soccer

“Three threads which make up a very strong fabric.”

Janet Rayfield

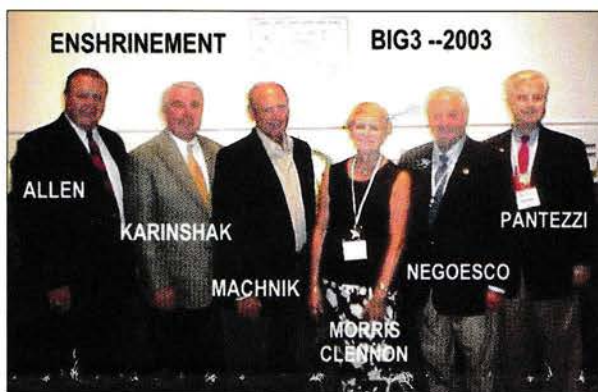
Officials Association (NISOA) gather to officially enshrine their respective inductees.

They called it The Big 3 Roundup and the theme was Western all the way. The wearing of

cowboy hats was practically mandatory (the ladies looked great but a lot of the guys would have looked better in soccer outfits), and the theme was carried out to perfection with a BBQ in the field pavilion and a horse and wagon to transport the guests from the Hall to the pavilion. They were serenaded by a country and western band throughout their dinner. The evening was not without its pitfalls though since, unfortunately, the skies opened up just as the guests were on their way to the BBQ. But everyone was good humored about it and while their garb may have been dampened, their spirits weren't.

But while the dress theme was Western, the philosophical theme which ran through the evening was the friendships formed within each organization, and the bond of friendship among the three organizations. The formal ceremonies opened with introductions by Jim Thieser, NSCAA Past President and remarks by Burton Haimen, Chairman of the

Board of AYSO (who is now a member of the Board of Directors of the National Soccer Hall of Fame). In his remarks, Haimen described the Big Three as “Partners and friends who share a common vision.” Fred Gregory, VP, AYSO Hall of Fame Commission Chair formally enshrined Mary Harvey (who was unable to attend because of her new FIFA job in Switzerland), Steve Karinshak and Sal Pantezzi. In his introductory remarks Ken Andres, newly elected President of NISOA, described the Hall as “Truly one of the special places in the world... if you are very, very quiet, this shrine is alive... it speaks to you.” Dan Keohane, NISOA Hall of Fame Committee Chair, introduced and enshrined Mike Allen and Joseph Machnik, and posthumously, Major Morris. Janet Rayfield, NSCAA President captured the essence of the evening when she described the Big 3 as “Three threads which make up a very strong fabric.” NSCAA Hall of Fame Chair, Jack Huckel, had the honor of enshrining Steve Negroesco.



In the closing remarks for the evening “Whitey” Burnham, with his usual eloquence, put everything in perspective when he quoted former President Calvin Coolidge “No person has ever been honored for what he received. Honor is our reward for what we give.”



The Executive Committee of the US Soccer Foundation met at the Hall during Induction Weekend, and saw firsthand the fruits of its generous grant in 1998. The Foundation was established in 1993 to receive profits from the 1994 World Cup, and officially opened its doors in 1995 with an endowment of almost \$50 million dollars. Since its inception the Grants Program has remained at the core of the Federation's philanthropic mission. It has infused over \$15 million in cash and equipment to over 250 national, state and local projects all across the country. Attending the meeting and the Induction Ceremonies were newly elected Chairman Brad Hays, Charles Marshall and Irene Saucedo-Smith. Also in attendance were Executive Director Herbert V. Giobbi, Director of Administration, Phyllis Riedler and media consultant Jim Trecker. According to Hall CEO Will Lunn “We wouldn't have this incredible facility to help promote the sport without the foresight of the Foundation five years ago. It was fitting that they should be present. We are very grateful, and hope they are proud, of the role that they played in creating this national soccer shrine.”

Snapshots... and other news from around the Hall

Kudos to the entire staff of the Hall for pulling off the most successful Induction Weekend ever... Sad to report that two key individuals in the world of US soccer passed away recently... one was **Lolly Keys**, Chief Communications Officer of AYSO, and the other, **Charlie Lee**, a NISOA Hall of Famer... both good friends of the Hall who will be sorely missed... Francisco Marcos, President of United Soccer Leagues tied the knot July 27th in Lisbon, Portugal with Beverly Wright... photo in centerfold... **ARNIE MAUSSER HF '03** ... grew up in the Blauweiss Gottsche organization of New York's German American League as did Hank Steinbrecher one of the Hall's Directors... **KARL-HEINZ GRANITZA HF '03**...perfect spokesperson for sponsor *Underberg*... pulled a marketing coup when, during his acceptance speech, he whipped out a glass, filled it with *Underberg*, and attributed his goalscoring success that day to consumption of his company's product... Tina Davis, wife of **RICK DAVIS HF '01**... now “sleeping with the enemy” as she puts it...just took over management of a 23 team program which competes directly against Rick's JUSA Select program... Peter Wilt GM of the

Chicago Fire flew in from Chicago just to spend a few hours on the Friday night before inductions with his friend **LEE STERN HF '03**... flew back to Chicago early Saturday morning to watch his team play... Hall Historian, Colin Jose... just published “North American Soccer League Encyclopedia” available at the Hall gift shop (nbouton@soccerhall.org)... **PAUL CHILD HF '03**...played with Matt Bahr, Walter's son, on the Beadling (Pa) Old Timers Team... news like that will really age you, won't it Walter!!... Paul donated, to the Hall, the ball with which he scored his 100th NASL goal... **CLARKIE SOUZA HF '76**... looks exactly the same as he did in the 50's... he didn't have any hair then either...**LEN OLIVER HF '96**... completed editing of last year's “Soccer in American Culture” symposium... available thru Ellen Selig-Nader (ellen@soccerhall.org)... **AHMET ERTEGUN HF '03**... two-time Hall of Famer...also in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame...**JERRY YEAGLEY HF '89**...going out on top, winning another national championship with Indiana University

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PROFILE Al Miller – Coach

Al Miller is truly a Renaissance man with an extraordinary record of accomplishments both on and off the soccer field. Born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania he attended East Stroudsburg State College where in 1958 and '59 he was named to the All-American team for his play as an attacking midfielder. He went on to coach the Albright College golf team to a Middle



With the Atoms in 1973

Atlantic Championship before moving to New Paltz State University of NY, where he served as head soccer coach for five years. During that period he won three NY Conference Championships and one NCAA Atlantic Coast Regional Championship. He then moved to Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., home of the National Soccer Hall of Fame, where he won five NCAA NY Division I Championships, leading his team to the NCAA semi-finals in 1970. His professional coaching career commenced in 1973 when he was recruited by the Philadelphia Atoms and became the first American-born coach in the NASL. Not only was he the first American-born coach, but in his first year of coaching he won the NASL Championship and was named Coach

of the Year. What was equally remarkable was that he won the League Championship with an expansion team in its first year in existence. In 1974 he was the US National Team coach. He went on to coach the Dallas Tornado from 1976 to 1980, leading them to the NASL semi-finals in his



Now

final year. After that he coached the Calgary Boomers to the playoffs in 1981. Soon after the demise of the NASL he embarked on a successful soccer management career in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). He served as the General Manager of the Cleveland Force in the MISL from 1984 to 1987 and after a brief hiatus during which he served as General Manager of the USSF national teams, coaches and referees, he returned as President and General Manager of MISL's Cleveland Crunch. His management expertise was evidenced during his ten-year stint with the Crunch where he not only compiled a record three

League Championships but equally as important, set records for attendance and revenue.

His talents weren't limited to the soccer field though. ESPN recognized his ability to analyze and effectively communicate what was happening on the field and hired him as color commentator on ESPN's Mundial Sports. In his spare time he also managed to develop and narrate a series of thirteen films entitled "Soccer for Everyone" as well as writing a popular book called "Winning Soccer". He has just finished writing a chapter on Player Management for "The Soccer Coaches' Bible" which is due out in December.

Somehow he and his wife Dotty Ann found the time to raise five children, Karen, Kathy, Molly, Wes and Andy, and they have two grandchildren. Al is an avid golfer and still plays competitive racquetball. They currently reside in Wooster, Ohio where he is the President of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce. Al was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1995.