







Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame – Class of 2006 Bios

	<p>Annibale Cesarini, Player, Verdi SC</p> <p>Currently resides in Cudahy, WI with his wife Antonia. Mr. Cesarini was born in Italy in 1947. He began his successful playing career in Sicily from 1964 to 1969 as a junior and later a senior player. His teams were successful, including winning the prestigious Copa Mineo. He continued that success after coming to Milwaukee as a valued member of the Verdi Sport Club and one of the top players in the WSA Major Division for sixteen years from 1970 to 1986. His playing skills were widely recognized as he was selected four times to the Major Division's All-Star Team. Mr. Cesarini was a leader on the field with his superlative skills and an example and role model for those who saw him play. In addition to his playing experience, he has given back to the community as a volunteer at St. Philip's and coach at Cudahy High School.</p>
	<p>Wolfgang Koch, Player, Milwaukee Brewers SC</p> <p>Currently resides in Nashotah, WI with his wife Anna and son Karsten. Mr. Koch was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1941. He began his successful playing career in Germany. After coming to Wisconsin in the 1960's, Wolfgang embarked on a twenty year playing career, mostly in the Wisconsin Major Division. After one year playing for the Milwaukee Sports Club, Wolfgang played-out his career with the Milwaukee Brewers Soccer Club. As the anchor to the Brewers' defense, he led the team to numerous Major Division and Indoor Championships. Mr. Koch's skills were recognized by his peers with several State All Star Team selections. He received national recognition with selection to the USA Olympic Team roster.</p> 
	<p>Dusan Kresovic (b. May 14, 1944, Benkovac, Yugoslavia - d. March 10, 2013), Player, United Serbian SC</p> <p>Currently resides in Bell, Florida with his wife Jo Ann. Mr. Kresovic was born in Yugoslavia, now Croatia, in 1944. Before coming to Wisconsin, Dusan played for six years for teams in the Yugoslavian Soccer Federation's Premier League from 1960 to 1965. In Wisconsin Mr. Kresovic played in the Major Division, mostly with the United Serbian Soccer Club, for eighteen years beginning in 1967. Dusan was a leader for the United Serbian team throughout this period. His playing skills received national recognition with his selection to the 1972 USA Olympic Team roster. In addition to playing, Dusan has coached at the youth and adult levels, and served as a Metro referee.</p> 
	<p>Vojkan (Wally) Popovic (b. Yugoslavia, State Serbia), Player, Serbian SC Milwaukee</p> <p>Currently resides in Las Flores, California with his wife Nada. Mr. Popovic was born in Yugoslavia, now Serbia, in 1938. He began his playing career as a youth in 1950 with SLOGA Kraljevo and quickly moved up to the Serbian First Division. Upon coming to Wisconsin, Wally became a player for the Milwaukee Serbian Soccer Club in 1955 and led them to Wisconsin Major Division and Wisconsin Challenge Cup Championships in 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1962. Wally was an on-field leader and was widely recognized by his peers for his playing skills including selection to the Wisconsin All-Star Team in 1958 and 1959.</p>



Sirous Samy, Overall, Milwaukee Kickers FC

He currently resides in Vancouver, Washington with his wife Elfriede. Mr. Samy was born in Iran in 1940. He came to Wisconsin in the early 1960's and quickly embarked on a career of promoting the sport of soccer that will impact future players for years to come. He has been a successful coach at every level of Wisconsin soccer - youth, college, and adult. Mr. Samy's greatest contribution to the sport and to the state was his leadership and drive to provide future players with playing opportunities of the highest quality. Beginning in 1964 with the founding of the UW-Platteville soccer program and the Milwaukee Kicker Soccer Club, the largest in the nation, in 1968. More recently Sirous was instrumental in the founding of the FMI Youth Soccer Club and the Hub Horizon Youth Soccer Club. Generations of youth players have benefited from Sirous Samy's accomplishments. His gifts to Wisconsin soccer will continue to give far into the future.



Emmeric Strigens (b.1939, Hungary), Overall, Bavarian SC, Milwaukee Sport Club, 2006

He was born in 1939 in Hungary, relocated to Germany in 1946 and immigrated to the USA in 1952. In 1956 he joined the Bavarian Soccer Club where he played a key role as an attacking forward for the Bavarian Majors from 1959 to 1963 and won four consecutive Wisconsin State championships and numerous Indoor and Cup championships with them. In 1964 he joined the Milwaukee Sport Club where his Major Division career ended in 1968. Thereafter he became very active with the administrative end of the Sport Club and served several terms as president and other Board positions. During his 40 plus year association with the MSC he worked very closely with past Wisconsin Soccer Association presidents and others in a never ending endeavor to promote the sport of Soccer.



Donald Wilson, Administrator, FMI SC

He currently resides in Brookfield, WI with his wife Kate. Mr. Wilson was born in Kentland, Indiana in 1943. He is best know as the founder and long time administrator of the FMI Soccer Club which provided a large number of kids with a quality soccer experience that many might not have otherwise had. He is also well known for the influential role he played in obtaining the financing for the Brookfield soccer field complex, which has benefited the area's soccer community. Mr. Wilson has been great supporter of the Wisconsin Soccer Association, aiding in the growth and development of both the youth and adult soccer programs.



Thomas Zaiss, Coach, Bavarian SC

He currently resides in Mequon, WI with his wife Kim and two children, Ashley and Renee. Mr. Zaiss was born in New York City in 1968. After his family moved to Wisconsin, Tom had a successful playing career as a youth with the Milwaukee Kickers and the Milwaukee Bavarians, in high school at Whitefish Bay and in college at the University of Connecticut. As a coach, Mr. Zaiss has obtained the highest levels available, the NSCAA National Advanced License and the USSF A license. He has had great success at every level. He coached both the boys and girls soccer teams from Whitefish Bay High School to the WIAA State Tournament. His Milwaukee Bavarian coached youth teams have also been very successful. Mr. Zaiss's most notable achievements have been as a senior amateur coach. He led the Milwaukee Bavarians to three National Amateur Cup National Championships in 2001, 2002, and 2003. A first in Wisconsin history. He also led them to a National USASA Open Cup Championship in 2003. The first time a Wisconsin team has won this national championship. The double

national cup championships in 2003, another first in Wisconsin, that hasn't been achieved for nearly forty years.