

## **Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame – Class of 2007 Bios**



**Tim Alioto**, Player, Bavarian SC

Currently resides in Colgate, WI with his wife Mina and children Kristine and Dana. He was born in Milwaukee in 1958. His successful playing career in Wisconsin was primarily with the Milwaukee Bavarians, but included the Milwaukee Sport Club and Milwaukee Serbians. His state league teams were highly successful, winning a National Championship with the Milwaukee Bavarians, 9 State Major Division Championships and 8 Indoor Championships. He continued that success as a member of the Milwaukee Wave Indoor professional team from 1986 to 1990. His playing skills were widely recognized as he was selected to the 1980 US Olympic Development Team. Tim was a leader on the field with his superlative skills and an example and role model for those who saw him play.



**Tom Alioto**, Player/Coach, Mequon United

Currently resides in Milwaukee, WI with his wife Amy and son Evan Thomas. Tom was born in Milwaukee, WI in 1958. He has been successful both as a player and a coach in the top levels of amateur and professional soccer. As a player he led every team he played with to numerous Major Division and State National Cup Championships; including the Milwaukee Bavarians, Milwaukee Serbians, Milwaukee Sport Club, and Mequon United. His playing skills were recognized by his peers with several All Star and Regional Team selections. Tom also played professionally for a number of professional indoor and outdoor teams, including the indoor Kansas City Comets and Milwaukee Wave, and the outdoor NASL Chicago Sting and the Milwaukee Rampage. Where he was selected as an A League All-Star. His coaching career overlapped his playing career with stints at Fort Wayne, Indiana as well as the Wave and Rampage. He coached Mequon United to State and Regional Open Cup Championships.



**Ben Bavinck**, Overall, Fox Valley Bombers

Currently resides in Appleton, WI with his wife Jude. Ben was born in the Netherlands and began this playing career there. He brought his love of soccer to Wisconsin where he played for years with the Fox Valley Bombers and the Oshkosh Soccer Club. He was regularly selected to regional All-Star and select teams to represent the area as one of its top players. He soon began coaching both youth and adult teams and for many years has provided the region with coaching leadership. Ben became involved in the promotion and organization of soccer in the Fox River Valley area. He has organized many area youth programs, including boy's soccer at St. Mary's High School. He has organized and directed many youth soccer camps to promote the growth and development of the sport. With the growth of soccer, Ben has taken on the administrative responsibilities for a variety of programs, both youth and adult. His leadership and commitment to the sport of soccer at all levels has been critical to growth and development soccer has had in the Fox River Valley area.



**Peter Knezic** (b. 1959, Milwaukee, WI), Player, Serbian SC Milwaukee

Currently resides in Cudahy, WI with his wife Annie and six children, Stevan, Katrina, John, Timmy, Gabriella, and Daniella. Peter was born in Milwaukee in 1959.

He began his playing career as a youth player for the Milwaukee Serbian Soccer Club in 1967 and eventually with their Major Division team. He led them to three Wisconsin Major Division in 1984, 1986 and 1987 and two Wisconsin Challenge Cup Championships in 1978 and 1987 and National Open Cup quarter final in 1984. Peter was widely recognized by his peers for his playing skills including selection to the Wisconsin All-Star Team for 10 years from 1979 to 1989. He was a First Team All-American and Team Captain for UW-Milwaukee. Following college Peter had a ten-year professional indoor playing career with the Chicago Horizon, Oklahoma City Slickers, and the Milwaukee Wave, where in addition to playing, he served as Team Captain, Assistant Coach, and final as the General Manager. In addition to coaching the Wave, Peter has coached high school boys and girls at Waukesha Catholic Memorial, Brookfield East, and Brookfield Central. He's coached amateurs with the Milwaukee Serbian Soccer Club and the Milwaukee Kickers, where he was Director of Coaching. He is currently active with F.C. Milwaukee.



**Mark LaPorte**, Player, Madison 56ers

He currently resides in Delafield, WI. Mark has three children, Dominick, Elise, and Michael. Mark was born in Milwaukee in 1961. He started play with the Milwaukee Kickers in 1969 and won numerous WSA Youth State Champions. In high school Mark was an All City and McDonalds All-American goalkeeper at Milwaukee Riverside. In college at UW-Madison he was Team Captain, three times Team MVP, two-time All Mid-East selection and was picked to play in the College Senior Bowl All-Star Game. As an amateur Mark led the Madison 56ers and Milwaukee Serbians to five State Championships. With the Madison 56ers Mark also led them to one Amateur and three State Open Cup Championships, two Region 2 Tournament of Champions Championships, a National Amateur Cup Region 2 Championship and a National Semi-finalist placing in 1990. In addition to being an outstanding Goalkeeper for two decades, Mark was noted for his on and off the field leadership and enthusiasm for the sport of soccer.



**Dr. James Mullen**, Player, Madison 56ers

He currently resides in Hazelhurst, WI with his wife Diane and sons Keegan and Kieran. Jim was born in College Station, Texas in 1957. He began his senior playing career in soccer at the age of 15 as a player for the Madison Soccer Club in 1972, which he led to a league championship at age 17. As a three-year starter for the UW-Madison he was the midfield leader and a leading goal scorer, Team Captain, team MVP, All-State selection in 1978 and 1979, and an annual All-Tournament selection. As a midfielder with the Madison 56ers, Jim provided the midfield leadership in leading them to the top of the WSA Major Division and multiple State and Cup Championships. His skills and

tireless work rate was recognized by his peers with multiple regional All-Star selections. In addition to playing soccer, Jim earned a position on the U.S. National Speed Skating Team for six years, skating with Eric Heiden, including participation in the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Trails. Jim started coaching soccer will at the UW-Madison as an Assistant Coach at Memorial High School and then as the Head Coach for both boys and girls at Madison Edgewood HS. He was a UW-Madison Men's Assistant Coach and regularly selected as both a Madison and Wisconsin youth teams Select Team Coach. After Medical School Jim continued his soccer participation as the Medical Director for Teams USA, traveling to Europe and the Soviet Union.



**Robert Newberry**, Referee, Madison Chargers

He currently resides in Madison, WI with his wife Nancy and daughters Anna and Elsbeth. Bob was born in Burbank, California in 1945. He played Goalkeeper in the Capital Division for 10 years with the Madison Chargers from 1969 to 1979. Once done playing Bob coached youth soccer and began refereeing local games. In 1980 he became a USSF registered referee and as a State Level Referee he served for twenty years, until 2000. He has continued to serve as a Emeritus Referee up to the present. Bob served as a Referee Assessor from 1995 to 2003 and became a State Referee Assessor in 2001, which he still performs. In addition, he assumed the responsibility of being a Referee Instructor in 2000, which he also continues to perform. Bob has been instrumental in the growth and development of referee ranks in Wisconsin with over 20 years of service in the administration, training and assessment of Wisconsin's game officials.



**Bill Sandoval**, Administrator, Club Latino

He currently resides in Milwaukee, WI with his wife Susan and three children, Marie, Bill and Dennis. Mr. Sandoval was born in Milwaukee, WI in 1939. Bill has been active in the sport of soccer in the Milwaukee area for over fifty years. He has been a youth coach and club administrator for Club Latino for over 15 years, including serving as President for 10 years. Bill has worked tirelessly for the development and promotion of youth soccer in the Milwaukee Metro area. He was responsible for the start and growth of the Journey House Youth Soccer League, which provides 1200 youth from 7 to 15 years old with the opportunity to play soccer. He continues to serve as a Board Member. He was worked to expand the number of certified youth coaches and referees to serve the needs of youth soccer. Bill has provided outstanding leadership to Wisconsin soccer for years as the Wisconsin Adult Soccer Association Vice-President and Region 2 Delegate. He has also provided legal representation for the Wisconsin Soccer Association. In addition he has taken on the responsibilities of serving as the Wisconsin Soccer Association Vice-President. In his love for the sport of soccer and willingness to devote countless hours of service to its furtherance, William Sandoval has been a vital leader and servant of the Wisconsin Soccer Association.