

## **Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame – Class of 2017 Bios**



### **Marti Coan, Neenah Soccer Club**

Marti Coan has been involved in Fox Valley soccer since 1981 when she started playing pickup adult soccer games after her daughter Chelsea began playing on a Paper Valley Soccer Club boys team. She joined the board and over the next nine years (1982-1991) was a Coach, Board member, Registrar and Secretary. During this time, she worked to found a Women's Indoor Soccer league at the YMCA and became the league coordinator for the Over 30 Co-ed Soccer League of Neenah/Appleton and took the USSF "F" and "E" licenses. In 1991 Marti became a member of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association where she went on to serve as President for three terms, Secretary for three terms and a seven-year stint as Chairperson of the State Convention. Since Marti had some "extra" time during this period, she achieved her NSCAA National Diploma and became the assistant men's and women's soccer coach at the Lawrence University. In 1992 she became girls head soccer coach for Oshkosh North High School and in 1995 joined the NSCAA Board of Directors as the Girls High School Rep and served until 2005. Marti coached the girls at Oshkosh North until 2003 while coaching the JV boys team from 1996 to 2003. In 2008 Marti received her NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma and her High School Coaching Diploma. She rejoined the Neenah Soccer Club Board of Directors in 2008 and became President of the club in 2010, a position she currently holds. In addition, she serves as VP of the WYSA East Central District since joining the EC board in 2010. Marti lives in Neenah with her husband Chuck.



### **Margaret Domka, U.S. Referee**

Margaret Domka grew up in Stevens Point and started playing soccer at an early age. Margaret started refereeing at age 13. In high school at Stevens Point, Margaret was selected to the All State team. In college at UWSP, she was First Team All American, Academic All American, and played in the NCAA Division III Women's Final Four. Margaret has had an exceptional officiating career. She has been a FIFA Assistant Referee and Referee since 2007. FIFA assignments have taken her around the world for many weeks at a time. Margaret was the only American selected to officiate in the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015. She has also experienced officiating in many CONCACAF events including Women's World Cup and Olympics Qualifiers; men's and women's professional leagues including the NWSL, NASL, MISL; several NCAA and NAIA championship tournaments; and a wide variety of other competitions. Margaret recently retired from the FIFA panel and is currently a US Soccer National RefereeCoach. The US Youth Soccer Region II Championships have named a referee award in Margaret's name. Margaret taught high school Spanish for 14 years and has recently become the education director at Referee magazine where she hopes to have a positive impact on the careers of officials in all sports all over the country. Margaret currently resides in Milwaukee.



#### **Ian Favill, Sport Club**

Ian Favill was born near Wolverhampton, England, and never played on an organized team until he was 15, at which time he played in the Saturday and Sunday amateur leagues in Wolverhampton before coming to the United States in 1979. Beginning in spring 1980 he attended UW-Milwaukee and played soccer for the University on a scholarship. He played on the team that went to the NCAA tournament in 1980 and was co-captain of the team in 1981. During the off-season and after college, Ian played in the Major Division of the Wisconsin Soccer Association for Bavarians, Brewers, Sport Club, Croatians, and Verdi. In his mid-thirties, Ian started playing in the Waukesha County Wednesday night league for Brookfield Newcastle, and went on to play for the team for twenty-one years. There are very few soccer players who performed at such a high level and for such a long period of time as Ian. Every team Ian has been associated with found success and in a great part, this was due to not only Ian's exceptional soccer skills but also his incredible leadership qualities. Ian lives in Brookfield with his wife of almost thirty years, Laura and Labrador Zizou. The Favills have four grown-up children, Evan, Keegan, Duncan and Emma. Professionally, Ian is co-founder and partner in a Milwaukee-based technology company.



#### **Art Kramer, Milwaukee Wave**

Art Kramer was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1961 and played his youth soccer with the prestigious Busch Soccer Club. From an early age, Art was driven to be the best he could be. He won juggling competitions at the age of 10, 11 and 12 with totals of up to 1000 consecutive juggles. Art played HS soccer at Vianney High School and his team won the Missouri State Championship in 1979. That same year, Art competed as a member of the Midwest Olympic Development Team at the National Sports Festival. Soon after that was named to the U.S. U-19 National Team and earned 2 National team caps playing against Germany and France. Art was an amazing player and started his 16 year professional career in 1981 with the Kansas City Comets of the Major Indoor Soccer League. Art also played with Everton Reserves of the English Premier League in 1985. In 1992, Art was a member of the U.S. National Futsal Team that played in Brazil. Art scored the game winning goal against Holland, making him the only American to accomplish this feat against Holland in all of Men's National Teams competitions. In 2001, Art became the National Professional Soccer Leagues all-time leading scorer. He still holds the indoor soccer record of scoring 6 short-handed goals in one season. In 1998, Art transitioned to coaching as an assistant coach with the Milwaukee Wave and helped lead the team to their first of six indoor championships. Art also led Milwaukee Wave United, an outdoor team, to an A-League championship in 2003 as head coach. Art also had success coaching high school soccer in Milwaukee. Art was the head coach of University School in Milwaukee, and led this team to three High School State Championships. As you can see, whatever team Art was affiliated with, they did great things. Over his long career as a player and coach, Art is very proud of the eight championship rings that he has accumulated with a number of different teams. Currently, Art serves as Director of Coaching for the Brookfield Soccer Association. Art resides in

Waukesha with his daughters Mia, Laila and Kayla and their mother Nadia.



**Sheila Miech, UW-Stevens Point**

Sheila Miech was born in Wausau, Wisconsin. Sheila is a graduate of Wausau West High School. In 1978, she graduated from UW-Stevens Point where she was a standout student athlete. She capped off her athletic career by being named team MVP in both Field Hockey and Track and Field as well as Female Athlete of the Year as a senior. Sheila's soccer coaching career at UW-Stevens Point began in 1987. During the 25 years at her alma mater she guided the Pointers to an overall record of 365-117-31. When she retired from coaching in 2011, her 365 wins landed her 6th on the all time NCAA Division 3 list. She was only the second female coach in any division to reach 200 career victories. In the 20 years the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) offered a league championship, Sheila's teams compiled an amazing 133-12-7 conference record. During her tenure, she led the Pointers to 14 regular season, 15 WIAC tournament titles and retired as the conference's all time winningest coach. From 1997 - 2003, she guided the Pointers to a 70 match winning streak, the longest conference winning streak in NCAA history. Her teams amassed 15 NCAA tournament appearances, five times reaching the Sweet 16, three times the Elite 8, and reached Final Four in 2000. Sheila's coaching career is decorated with countless accomplishments for which she has received distinguished recognition. Nine times she was named the WIAC Coach of the Year. Three times she was an NCAA Division 3 Central Region Coach of the Year. In 2012, she was honored as the All-Time Women's Soccer Coach in conjunction with the WIAC Centennial Celebration as well as being the first female inducted into the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association (WSCA) Hall of Fame. In 2014, she was inducted into the UW Stevens Point Hall of Fame. Sheila and her husband John have two children, Jesse & Ryan Miech. She continues to grace the UW Stevens Point campus as an adjunct senior lecturer in the School of Education.



#### **Tony Pierce, Milwaukee Wave**

Tony Pierce was born in Garden City, Mich., just outside of Detroit, and began playing a variety of sports at an early age. Tony began playing more competitive soccer at the age of 10 when his family moved to Granite City, Ill. The area, just east of St. Louis, was a regional soccer hotbed. During his senior year in high school, Tony was starting goalkeeper on the Granite City West High School team that won the Illinois state championship. Tony then went to the University of Connecticut where he was starting goalkeeper on teams that made NCAA Final Four appearances in 1981, 1982 and 1983 and won the NCAA Men's Division 1 Soccer Championship in 1981. Following college, Tony was drafted into pro soccer, where he enjoyed a stellar 10-year career, including with the Milwaukee Wave from 1985-'93. Tony was named All-Pro during three of his seasons with the Wave and was inducted into the Milwaukee Wave Hall of Fame in 2010. Tony holds a Class "A" USSF coaching license and has been very active in teaching and coaching soccer in Wisconsin. He was formerly head men's and women's coach at Lakeland College as well as assistant coach for the men's team at UW-Green Bay. He is currently head women's coach at Wisconsin Lutheran College as well as director of select soccer at Pewaukee Sussex United. Tony and his wife Marcia have three grown children and maintain homes in Green Bay and Milwaukee..



#### **Greg Winkler, Fond Du Lac Soccer Association**

Greg Winkler was born in Fond du Lac and got involved in soccer in 1989, coaching with the Fond du Lac Soccer Association. Greg then started to coach select teams, coaching different boys teams, U-10 through U-23. Greg received several awards from the NSCAA and in 2012 was chosen as the National Youth Coach of the year. He also received the NSCAA Midwest Regional Coach of the year in 2001, 2004, and 2012. In 2006 Greg was chosen as the WI Youth Soccer Coach of the year. He also coached the Fond du Lac Boys HS and the Girls Varsity soccer teams. His girl's teams have earned seven team academic awards, while his HS boys teams have won nine. Greg was also a referee for USSF and the WIAA, as well as referee instructor. Greg was President of the Fond du Lac Soccer Association and grew the club from 350 to 2,100 players in five years. Greg helped develop the 50 acre soccer complex with a lighted field and concession stand, giving Fond du Lac the opportunity to host numerous tournaments, ODP training, and numerous events. Greg owns licenses and diplomas from NSCAA Premier, Advanced National, National, High School, and Goalkeeper 1 and 2, USSF D license, plus a Master's Degree in Sports Management. Greg has written a book, "Coaching a Season of Significance", about soccer and speaks locally and nationally about dealing with sports parents. Greg and his wife Vikki currently reside in Punta Gorda, Florida and are the parents of four boys: Bart, (wife Nikol), Brett, Brock (wife Angie) and Brent. They also have a granddaughter Sophia.