



Ohio Soccer Hall of Fame



CREW STADIUM HOSTS INAUGURAL SOASA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association (SOASA) honors 9 Hall inductees at Crew Stadium's Huntington Club

The nine inaugural inductees include:

Mr. Nick Capurro: Former financial supporter of several Cincinnati teams and coach of the first professional team in the area, the Cincinnati Comets.

Mr. Paul Scheurmann: First Secretary & President of the Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky Soccer Association (O.I.K.) and was responsible for its affiliation with the United States Soccer Federation.

Mr. Pat Smith: Former player and referee who was certified with the American Soccer League and was a referee instructor for Ohio South and other soccer organizations.

Mr. Vince Pecoraro: Former referee and organizer of the Cincinnati leagues and referee assignor for both adult and youth clubs in Cincinnati.

Mr. Herman Kraft: Former goalkeeper for German Club Edelweiss who led his club to 3 Midwest regional amateur club championships.

Mr. Jack Hermans: Former high school and college coach (Xavier 14 yrs.) who has run youth soccer camps for past 20 yrs.

Mr. Carl Wright: Former high school and adult amateur referee who is responsible for referee assessment program in the area.

Mr. Roland Bedard: Former recreational referee and commissioner of Soccer Association for Youth.

Mr. Dave Long: First media reporter to present soccer to the public in this area, dedicated many years to reporting high school soccer.

"Over the years many people volunteered time and deferred family commitments to become players, coaches, officials and administrators. Their sacrifices contributed to the enhancement of the game in our state and it is these people and these sacrifices which we seek to honor by the Hall of Fame Ceremony," acknowledged Tom Kondas, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee and past President of SOASA. "This is long overdue recognition to people whom we not only admire and give gratitude, but to whom we are indebted for the popularity of the game today."