

# **OLYMPIAN AND PROFESSIONAL**

## OKSANA BAIUL \* ОКСАНА СЕРГІЇВНА БАЮЛ



**OKSANA BAIUL** was born on November 16, 1977 in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine (Ukrainian SSR) the only child of Sergei and Marina Baiul. After her parents divorced, her mother and maternal grandparents raised Oksana. When Oksana was 10, her grandparents died. Tragically, three years later at 13, her mother passed away. By her seventh birthday, she won her first competition and continued to sweep gold at numerous junior competitions. After the collapse of the USSR in 1991 she had won Ukrainian Nationals twice. The Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation immediately took notice of her unique, natural balletic artistry on the ice.

In 1994, at barely 16 years old, the world watched as Oksana captivated our hearts and won the Olympic Gold Medal representing Ukraine in the Winter Olympics becoming champion of independent Ukraine and first Olympian to win gold for Ukraine, proving that she is the Best in the World! After the Olympics in 1994, Oksana immigrated to the United States to train and tour. Oksana toured for 8 years as Headliner of AEG's Champions On Ice Tour and the Nutcracker On Ice Tour, toured as a Guest Star Headliner of Stars On Ice TIME Tour and has continued to tour overseas. She was named "One of the 10 Most Fascinating Personalities of 1994". Ms. Baiul is the only figure skater ever to receive the prestigious Jim Thorpe Pro Sports Inspirational Icon Award. Oksana has also been awarded the Ukrainian Chevaliers of the Order of Merit and has been featured on a Ukrposhta (Ukrainian Postal Service) national treasures collectable postage stamp. As of this day, Oksana remains the only Ukrainian Ladies Figure Skating Olympic Gold Medal Champion!

In 2002, Oksana also launched her clothing line, the Oksana Baiul Collection. In 2003, Oksana returned to her hometown of Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine and her heartfelt story was featured on ABC's 20/20. During 2005 to 2009 Oksana also headlined a Moscow Red Square TV special, starred in an off Broadway theatrical show "Cold As Ice" earning her performance critical acclaim, while dedicating the majority of her time to philanthropic endeavors benefiting children.

She resides in Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband.



## VALERIY PYLYPOVYCH BORZOV \* ВАЛЭРІЙ ПІЛІПОВІЧ БОРЗОВ

**VALERIY PYLYPOVYCH BORZOV** was born in Sambir, Drohobych Oblast, October 20, 1949. He is a Ukrainian sprint athlete who competed for the Ukraine SSR. Valery Borzov first came to prominence in 1969, winning the European title in the 100 m. He repeated in 1971, also winning the 200, at the 1972 Olympics. Two eliminated when they due to an error reading the missed his quarter-final, the track just in time to eventually won the final off all contenders in the European Record of 20 medaled in the 4x100, in 1976. Borzov tried for a injuries forced him to retire from sports in 1979.



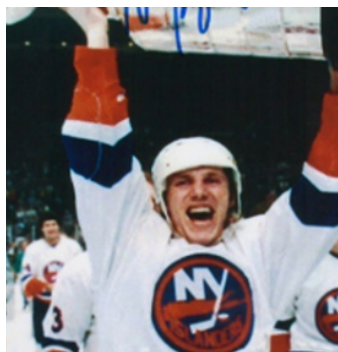
which made him a medal favorite of his biggest rivals were missed their quarter-final heats schedule. Borzov also nearly having dozed off and arriving on kneel down for the start. Borzov with relative ease. Borzov held 200 meters and won in a seconds flat. Borzov also winning silver in 1972 and bronze third Olympics in 1980, but

At the European Championships, besides his three titles in 1969 and 1971, Borzov won another 100 title in 1974 and 4x100 silver in 1969. He won seven 60 metre titles at the European Indoors (1970-72 and 1974-77), a record that will likely never be equaled as the event is no longer held annually. He also won 100 and 4x100 relay golds at the 1975 European Cup. Borzov won 16 Soviet titles – 100 in 1969, 1971-72 and 1974-77; 200 in 1971-75 and 1977; and 4x100 relay 1974-75 and 1977.

In 1977 Borzov married the quadruple Olympic gymnastics champion [Lyudmila Turishcheva] and later had a successful career in politics and sport administration. From 1980-90, he was deputy chairman of the State Committee for Sports and Physical Culture of the Ukrainian SSR. In 1987 Borzov was elected to the European Athletics Association (EAA) and in 1990 he became first president of the Ukrainian NOC, serving in that position until 1998. From 1990-97 Borzov was first Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and from 1998-06, was with the Verkhovna Rada, the Ukrainian parliament, and was the chairman of Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Youth Policy, Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism from 1998-02. In 1994 Borzov was named an IOC member and in 1996, became president of the Ukrainian Track & field Federation, a position he held through 2012. He has also been a vice-president of the Ukrainian NOC.



## MIKE BOSSY \* МАЙК БОСИЙ



**MICHAEL DEAN BOSSY** was born on January 22, 1957. He is a Canadian Ukrainian ice hockey player who played for the New York Islanders for his entire career and was a crucial part of their four-year reign as Stanley Cup champions in the early 1980s. Among many other remarkable achievements, he was the only player in NHL history to score consecutive Stanley Cup winning goals, in 1982 and 1983, the only player to record four game-winning goals in one series (1983 Conference Final), is the NHL's all-time leader in average goals scored per regular season game, holds the NHL's third highest all-time average points scored per regular season game, and is one of only five players to score 50 goals in 50 games. Bossy holds or shares the following NHL records:

- Most consecutive 50+ goal seasons: 9
- Most 50+ goal seasons (not necessarily consecutive): 9 (tied with Wayne Gretzky)
- Most 60+ goal seasons (not necessarily consecutive): 5 (tied with Wayne Gretzky)
- Highest goals-per-game average, career (minimum 200 total goals): .762 goals per game
- Most power-play goals, one playoff season: 9 (tied with Cam Neely)
- Most consecutive hat tricks: 3 (tied with Joe Malone, who accomplished this twice)

Bossy won the following major NHL awards:

- Calder Trophy (rookie of the year), 1978
- Conn Smythe Trophy (playoff MVP), 1982
- Lady Byng Trophy (player best combining a high skill level with gentlemanly play), three times (1983, 1984, 1986)
- First Team All-Star, five times

He also led the league in goals twice, in 1978-79 and 1980-81 (both predate the Rocket Richard Trophy). He was a part of all four Stanley Cup-winning New York Islanders teams. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991. His #22 sweater was retired by the Islanders on March 3, 1992. In 1998, he was ranked number 20 on *The Hockey News'* list of the 100 Greatest Hockey Players.



## JOHNNY BOWER \* ДЖОНІ (КІШКАН) БАВЕР

**JOHN WILLIAM BOWER** (born John Kiszkan) on November 8, 1924 of Ukrainian descent, nicknamed "The China Wall". He is a Hockey Hall of Fame goaltender and won 4 Stanley Cups with the Toronto Maple Leafs.



His regular season career statistics include: 552 games played, 250 wins, 195 losses, 90 ties, 37 shutouts and a 2.51 GAA. In addition, he remains the AHL career leader in wins. Bower was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1976, and the AHL Hall of Fame as a member of its inaugural class in 2006. In 1998, he was ranked number 87 on The Hockey News' list of the 100 Greatest NHL Players. He was assistant coach for the Leafs from 1976–78. Bower also became a member of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, and was inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. He resides in Mississauga, Ontario.

In January 2004, as part of the NHL All-Stars Collection, Bower was immortalized along with five other All-Stars on a postage stamp. In 2005, the Royal Canadian Mint featured Bower on a non-circulating fifty-cent coin, as part of its four-coin Legends of the Toronto Maple Leafs coin set. In 2007, it was announced that Bower would receive a star on Canada's Walk of Fame. On May 24, 2014, Patika Avenue in Weston Village, Toronto, was ceremonially renamed Johnny Bower Boulevard to honour Bower for the time during the 1960s when he lived at 16 Patika Avenue. Bower was once again immortalized on September 6, 2014, when the Leafs unveiled statues outside Air Canada Centre depicting twelve of the greatest players in Maple Leafs history.

Awards and honors awarded Mr. Bower:

- Bower's star on Canada's Walk of Fame
- Three-time Hap Holmes Memorial Award: 1952, 1957, 1958
- Two-time Vezina Trophy winner in 1960–61, 1964–65
- Four-time Stanley Cup winner: 1961–62, 1962–63, 1963–64, 1966–67
- Selected to NHL First All-Star Team in 1961
- Played in 1961 NHL All-Star Game
- Three-time Les Cunningham Award winner: 1956, 1957, 1958
- Three-time Calder Cup winner: 1948, 1951, 1953
- The Hockey News' list of the Top 100 NHL Players of All Time: #87
- Hockey Hall of Fame inductee (class of 1976)
- AHL Hall of Fame inductee (class of 2006)
- Star on Canada's Walk of Fame
- Number (1) retired by the Lake Erie Monsters (for his career with the Cleveland Barons)
- Number (1) honored by the Toronto Maple Leafs (alongside Turk Broda)
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## SERGEY BUBKA \* СЕРГІЙ НАЗАРОВИЧ БУБКА

**SERGEY BUBKA** was born December 4, 1963, is an Olympic Ukrainian pole vaulter. He represented Ukraine (called the Ukraine SSR until its dissolution in 1991), was twice named Athlete of the Year by Track & Field News, and in 2012 was one of 24 athletes inducted as inaugural members of the International Association of Athletics Federations Hall of Fame.

Bubka won six consecutive Olympic gold medal and pole vault 35 times. Sergey times. (17 outdoor and 18 pole vaulter to clear 6.0



IAAF World Championships, and broke the world record for men's has also beaten his own record 14 indoor records). He was the first meters and 6.10 meters.

He held the indoor world record of 6.15 meters, set on 21 February 1993 in Donetsk, Ukraine for almost 21 years. He is the current outdoor world record holder at 6.14 meters; a record he holds since 31 July 1994.

Bubka was designated UNESCO Champion for Sport in 2003 in recognition of his role in the promotion of peace and tolerance through sport and the Olympic spirit, his humanitarian activities in favor of young people, his action to enable disadvantaged children to benefit from physical education, and his dedication to UNESCO ideals. In 2008, he was awarded the Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for the work he has done both in Ukraine and beyond, having also worked as a World Health Organization Ambassador to promote the fight against tuberculosis and support child victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. As President of the National Olympic Committee in Ukraine since 2005, he has transformed the organization into one of the most progressive in the world. It has staff based in all of the nation's 27 regions with each taking responsibility for delivering an array of programs designed to bring young people into sport, realize the potential of the most talented athletes and promote the Olympic Movement and its values. He also received a prestigious Prince of Asturias Award in Spain which recognizes athletes who make notable achievements. He was inducted into the IAAF Hall of Fame and won numerous international awards in relation to his sporting achievements.

He married gymnast Lilia Tutunik in 1984 and have two sons, Vitaliy, born in 1985 and Sergey, Jr., born in 1987.





## WAYNE CHREBET \* ВЕЙН КРЕБЕТ



**WAYNE CHREBET** (born August 14, 1973) is a former American football wide receiver who played 11 seasons for the New York Jets of the NFL from 1995 to 2005.

Chrebet played high school football at Garfield High School in NJ. After graduation, he attended Hofstra University. Playing from 1991-1994, he set several school records, which include the single-game receiving yards record (245), touchdowns in a game (5), season (16) and career (31). He twice led Hofstra in receiving yards, and during his 1994 Senior season he became the first player in school history to amass 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. He also etched his name in the NCAA Division I-AA record book by receiving five touchdowns in a single game, tying a record held by future NFL Hall of Famer Jerry Rice.

He was inducted into the Hofstra University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 as part of its inaugural class, and his jersey #3 was retired. During his career, he caught passes from 13 different players, played for several different head coaches, and worked for two different owners. Chrebet was formally honored by the New York Jets on "Wayne Chrebet Day" during halftime on September 23, 2007. The Jets have not reissued #80 since he retired, and it is generally understood that no Jet will wear that number again in the foreseeable future. He was, however, formally inducted into the New York Jets Ring of Honor during halftime of the Monday December 1, 2014 game against the Miami Dolphins.

### Awards and Honors

- 1995: New York Newsday's "Jet of the Year," as voted on by the paper's readers.
- 1996: Awarded the Dennis Byrd Award for Most Inspirational Player as voted by his New York Jet teammates.
- 1996: Hofstra University Young Alumni Award
- 1997: New York Jets "Unsung Hero Award"
- 2000: DIRECTV "NFL Play of the Week"
- 2000: DIRECTV "NFL Play of the Week"
- 2000: Thurman Munson Award for his outstanding efforts on and off the field and in serving in the community
- 2001: New York Jets Alumni Association's "Jets Player of the Year"
- 2002: Inducted into the Hofstra University Athletic Hall of Fame.
- 2005: Awarded the Ed Block Courage Award.
- 2010: NFL Top 10: Undrafted Players #10.
- 2014: Inducted into the New York Jets Ring of Honor.



## KEN DANEYKO \* КЕН ДАНЕЙКО

**KENNETH STEPHEN DANEYKO** (born April 17, 1964) Daneyko was born in Windsor, Ontario, but grew up in Edmonton, Alberta. He is a retired Canadian ice hockey defenseman of Ukrainian origin who played his entire career (1983–2003) with the New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League, winning three Stanley Cup championships with the team. He has been affectionately nicknamed "Mr. Devil" by Devils fans, as he held the franchise record for games played as a Devil with 1,283 games. He is also referred to by the nickname "Dano." Daneyko now provides analysis during broadcasts of Devils games on MSG.



He was part of a tough Devils defensive core that won the Stanley Cup three times in 1994–95, 1999–2000 and 2002–03. From the team's first playoff game while in New Jersey in 1988, Daneyko played in every playoff game until Game 4 of the 2003 quarterfinals. He also was scratched in the first six games of the 2003 finals, but looking for a spark coach Pat Burns inserted Daneyko into the lineup for Game 7 replacing fellow Ukrainian Oleg Tverdokvsky. As a reward to his devotion of the team, and a hint of his impending retirement, Daneyko took the ice for the final shift of the Devils' Game 7 victory over the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, which clinched their third Stanley Cup victory in 2003.

The Devils retired his uniform number, #3, on March 24, 2006. He was the second Devil to receive the honor after Scott Stevens had his #4 retired on February 3, 2006.

Daneyko currently provides his commentary on Devils' broadcasts on MSG. Prior to this, he shared commentary and analysis between periods of Devils' broadcasts and was a regular starring analyst on MSG's "Hockey Night Live!" with host Al Trautwig and fellow commentators Ron Duguay, Dave Maloney, Mike Keenan, and Butch Goring, as well as "The Hockey Maven" Stan Fischler.

In October 2009, Daneyko competed as a pair's figure skater on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reality show *Battle of the Blades*.

In 2010, Daneyko portrayed himself in the short film *Ice Hockey*, written and directed by Larry Cohen.





## MIKE DITKA \* МАЙК ДИТКА

**MICHAEL KELLER DITKA** (born Michael Dyczko; October 18, 1939) was born in Carnegie, PA to Ukrainian parents. He is Mike," which he has said raised in a steel town in American football player, commentator. A member of Pro Football Hall of Fame, he Year, a five-time Pro Bowl tight end with the Chicago Dallas Cowboys of the



known by the nickname "Iron comes from his being born and Pennsylvania. Ditka is a former coach, and television both the College Football and was the 1961 UPI NFL Rookie of selection and five-time All-Pro Bears, Philadelphia Eagles, and National Football League (NFL).

He was an NFL champion with the 1963 Bears, and is a three-time Super Bowl champion, playing on the Cowboys Super Bowl VI team as well as winning as assistant coach for the Cowboys in Super Bowl XII, and coaching the Bears to victory in Super Bowl XX. He was named to both the NFL's 50th and 75th Anniversary All-Time Team. As a coach for the Bears for 11 years he was twice both the AP and UPI NFL Coach of Year (1985 and 1988). He also coached the New Orleans Saints for three years.

The Chicago Bears drafted Ditka in the 1961 NFL Draft. In his first season, Ditka had 58 receptions. He also scored 12 receiving touchdowns, which was the most by a Bears rookie. His success earned him Rookie of the Year honors. He continued to play for the Bears for the next five years, earning a Pro Bowl trip each season. He played on the 1963 NFL championship team. During the season, against the Los Angeles Rams, Ditka tied Harlon Hill's franchise record for the most receiving touchdowns in a game with four. Ditka ranks first among tight ends and fourth in Bears history with 4,503 yards, fifth in both receptions and touchdown catches.

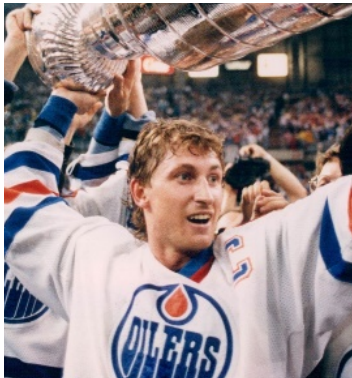
The Bears retired Ditka's number 89 jersey on December 9, 2013. The number will be the final number retired by the Bears. Retiring after the 1972 season, Ditka was immediately hired as an assistant coach by Cowboys' head coach Tom Landry. Ditka spent nine seasons as an assistant coach with the Cowboys. During his tenure, the Cowboys made the playoffs eight times, won six division titles, three NFC Championships and a Super Bowl victory in 1977.

Ditka suffered a heart attack during the 1988 season and was expected to miss much of the season, but was on the sidelines as an "advisor" the next week and back in full charge the week after.

He was awarded NFL Coach of the Year honors in 1985 and 1988 by the Associated Press, The Sporting News, and Pro Football Weekly. In 1988, his fearsome blocking and 427 career receptions for 5,812 yards and 43 touchdowns earned him the honor of being the first tight end ever inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Ditka also scored two touchdowns on offensive fumble recoveries, tying seven other players for the most in NFL history. In 1999, he was ranked number 90 on The Sporting News's list of the 100 Greatest Football Players.



## WAYNE GRETZKY \* ВЕЙН ГРЕЦКИЙ



**WAYNE DOUGLAS GRETZKY** was born January 26, 1961 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. He is of Ukrainian descent who is a former professional ice hockey player and former head coach. Gretzky was just 2 years old when he first started skating. The young Gretzky spent countless hours on the ice, honing his talents as a skater, shooter and passer. As a result, Gretzky often played in leagues that catered to older boys. The age and size differences between Gretzky and his competition mattered little. In his final year of peewee hockey he scored an improbable 378 goals.

He was selected third in the 1977 Ontario Major Junior Hockey League Midget draft, and displayed his impressive skills that season for the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. At the 1978 World Junior Championships in Quebec City, Gretzky led the entire tournament in scoring. Gretzky signed with the Indianapolis Racers of the WHA in 1978. But not long after Gretzky arrived, the franchise closed its doors and sold its young asset to the NHL's Edmonton Oilers.

In 1979, Gretzky embarked on his first full NHL season. He racked up 51 goals and 86 assists, winning the Hart Memorial Trophy. The Oilers finished as Stanley Cup champions in 1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988. In 1982, he cracked the 200-point barrier for the first time, setting a single-season record with 92 goals and 120 assists. His finest year may have been 1986, in which he totaled 52 goals and an NHL single-season record, 163 assists.

In 1988, the Oilers traded Gretzky to Los Angeles. Over the next 8 seasons he led the franchise, and in 1993, he led the franchise to the Stanley Cup finals, losing in 5 games. In 1997 he was sent to the New York Rangers, where he played 3 more years and finished out his career in 1999.

Not long after hanging up his skates, Gretzky was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. In addition, he continued to stay in close contact with the game and the league. With Gretzky at the helm as the program's executive director, Canada's men's Olympic hockey team ended its 50-year drought and took home the gold medal at the Salt Lake City Games in 2002. Gretzky also came aboard as the managing partner of the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes in early 2001. Over the course of several seasons, Gretzky served in the front office and as the team's head coach. Coach Gretzky was never able to lead the club to the playoffs. In September 2009, after four tough seasons, he stepped down as coach. He eventually relinquished his ownership of the team.

Gretzky, who has become involved in both the restaurant business and the wine business over the years, lives with his family in California.



## VITALI KLITSCHKO \* ВІТАЛІЙ КЛИЧКО



**VITALI VOLODYMYROVYCH KLITSCHKO** was born July 19, 1971. He is a Ukrainian politician and former professional boxer. He currently serves as Mayor of Kyiv and head of the Kyiv City State Administration, having held both offices since June 2014. He became actively involved in Ukrainian politics in 2005 and combined this with his professional boxing career until his retirement from the sport in mid-December 2013.

As a boxer, Klitschko is a three-time heavyweight world champion, and is the eighth longest reigning heavyweight champion of all time. He held the WBO title from 1999 to 2000; the Ring magazine title from 2004 to 2005; and the WBC title twice, from 2004 to 2005 and from 2008 to 2013. At 2.01 metres (6 feet 7 inches) tall, Klitschko was renowned for having exceptional ring dominance, which his large frame allowed him to exploit. With an 87.23% knockout percentage, he holds one of the best knockout-to-fight ratio of any champion in heavyweight boxing history, while also possessing a highly durable chin. His two losses came via a shoulder injury and a deep cut above his eye, both of which were recorded as stoppages but not outright knockouts; in both fights, however, he was leading on the judges' scorecards.

Klitschko is the only heavyweight world champion to have never been knocked down in any fight. Alongside George Foreman he is the only heavyweight boxer in history to defend a world title after turning 40. Being the first professional boxing world champion to hold a PhD degree, and in reference to his punching power, Klitschko's nickname was "Dr. Ironfist". His younger brother, Wladimir, is also a former heavyweight champion who held the unified WBA (Super), IBF, WBO, IBO, The Ring, and lineal heavyweight titles. From 2006 until 2015, Vitali and Wladimir dominated heavyweight boxing, a period typically known as the "Klitschko Era" of the division.

Klitschko technically became one of the few men to ever hold a version of the World Heavyweight Championship three times – WBO (1999–2000), WBC (2004–2005) and WBC (2008–2012). On 15 December 2013, Vitali Klitschko stepped back from boxing. He was announced champion emeritus, which means that if he wants to return to boxing. But (right after his retirement from boxing), Klitschko stated "That is something I currently cannot imagine". Commenting on his decision, he stated "My focus is on politics in Ukraine and I feel the people there need me". He also added, "I thank the WBC and its president Jose Sulaiman for the support in our battle for democracy and freedom in Ukraine".



## WLADIMIR KLITSCHKO \* ВОЛОДИМИР КЛИЧКО



**WLADIMIR WLADIMIROVICH KLITSCHKO** was born on March 25, 1976. He is a Ukrainian professional boxer. He is world heavyweight champion of four sanctioning bodies, having held the titles of the WBA, IBF, WBO (twice), and IBO, in addition to holding the Ring magazine and lineal titles. A highly strategic boxer, Klitschko is considered to be one of the greatest heavyweight champions of all time, and is also thought to be among the hardest punching knockout artists in the history of the division, with his strong jab, straight right

hand and left hook being his best weapons.

As an amateur, Klitschko represented Ukraine at the 1996 Olympics, winning a gold medal in the super-heavyweight division. After turning professional later that year, he defeated Chris Byrd in 2000 to win the WBO heavyweight title.

Overall, known as "Dr. Steelhammer", he became the second longest reigning heavyweight champion of all time, and has the second most successful title defenses total of any heavyweight boxer with 23 (including his initial reign as WBO champion), behind Joe Louis (25) and ahead of Larry Holmes (20) and Muhammad Ali (19). On 14 September 2015, BoxRec rated Klitschko as the number one fighter in the world, pound for pound. On 15 November 2014, he reached a career peak of number two on The Ring's pound for pound list. Klitschko has fought in 28 heavyweight title fights, more than any heavyweight champion in the sport's history. He also holds the record of having defeated the most boxers with an undefeated record, at 12.

On 29 March 2012, during a charitable auction in Kiev, Ukraine, Wladimir auctioned off his 1996 Olympic gold medal to a buyer who bid \$1 million. Klitschko said he would use the money to help the dreams of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children. After the sale, the buyer immediately returned the medal out of respect for Wladimir and because he wanted it to remain with the Klitschko family.



## VIKTOR PETRENKO \* БИКОР ПЕТРЕНКО



**VIKTOR VASYLIOVYCH PETRENKO** was born on June 27, 1969 in Odessa. He is a Ukrainian competitive figure skater who represented the Unified Team and Ukraine during his career. He is the 1992 Olympic Champion for the Unified Team and became the first flagbearer for Ukraine. Petrenko currently lives in the U.S. and works as an ISU Technical Specialist, tours professionally, and coaches figure skating.

Petrenko was five years old when he was taken to the local ice rink and started figure skating. At 9, his talent was noticed by Ukrainian figure skating coach Galina Zmievskaya and she took him on as a pupil at Spartak in Odessa.

Petrenko was the 1984 World Junior Champion and won the bronze medal at the 1988 Olympic Games. In 1990 and 1991 he won his first two European Championships. After the dissolution of the Soviet Union in December 1991, athletes from former Soviet states went to the Olympics together for the last time in 1992 on a Unified Team. Petrenko competed for this Unified Team and with a free skate he won the gold medal, the first ever for a singles skater from the former Soviet Union. A month later he went to the 1992 World Championships and won the gold medal there, earning two 6.0's.

Petrenko turned professional following his Olympic win, moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, but when the International Skating Union ruled that professionals could return to competitive status in 1993, he moved back to Ukraine and began training for another Olympics. He won his third European Championships in January 1994, competing for Ukraine, and went on to represent his homeland at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics.

In March 2001, Petrenko organized the Viktory for Kids ice show in Simsbury, CT and invited his celebrity friends from the international figure skating community to perform in order to raise public awareness and funds for the thousands of children still being affected by elevated radiation levels from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster that had occurred in his homeland of Ukrainian SSR fifteen years earlier. The Viktor Petrenko Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Odessa, Ukraine was built with the proceeds. Victor also took part in the Ukrainian Ice Skating Extravaganza and NJ Devil Alumni Hockey Game Fundraiser for the Children of Chernobyl.

In 2005, Petrenko and his family moved to New Jersey, where they began coaching at the Ice Vault Arena in Wayne Township. In recent years, he has served as an International Skating Union (ISU) technical specialist. He has also joined with Zmievskaya to coach elite-level skating talent, including three-time U.S. champion Johnny Weir, three-time Ukrainian champion Natalia Popova and 2010 Czech champion Michal Brezina.





**SEMI PRO/AMATEUR ATHLETES**

## JULIE ANDRUCHIW \* ЮЛІЙ АНДРУХІВ

**JULIE ANDRUCHIW** played five seasons of Varsity volleyball, was an important member of three league championship prestigious Silver T. She was medalist Ontario team at the 1967. From 1971-74, she volleyball team and and Pan-American Games. Eastern Canada to earn a spot and 1978, she was a member the Canadian Club



teams and was awarded the a member of the gold first Canada Winter Games in played on Canada's national competed in the World Cup She was the only player from on the National roster. In 1977 of the Silver Medalist team at Championships.

Player and Member of Toronto CYM who competed successfully at many USCAK Volleyball Tournaments, Canadian National Team, University of Toronto Hall of Fame, player & Coach.

During an outstanding coaching career in volleyball, Andruchiw guided the Varsity Blues women's team for 13 seasons from 1975-88. She also coached the Ontario women's team at the 1979 Canada Games, and her career includes the Ontario Winter Games and the Ontario provincial boys' team. She continues to coach a men's club team.



## MICHAEL FARMIGA \* МИХАЙЛО ФАРМІГА

**MICHAEL FARMIGA** was consistently one of the top scorers for “Chornomorska Sitch” and the league in the early 1970’s. He could score with either foot and was often the “go to” guy when a goal was needed to win a game. His peers and fans recalled a specific US Amateur Cup game vs. a strong Maccabi team, in which he scored 3 goals to lead Sitch to a convincing victory.



Often referred to as a “quiet, soft spoken and respected leader”, Michael was a player with “deceiving speed and excellent ball handling skills, possibly the most skillful forward to ever wear a Sitch uniform”. In 1970/1971, and 1971/1972 he helped his team win back to back Schaefer League Championships.

“A crafty dribbler”, Michael scored 15 goals helping Sitch compile an impressive 16 win 2 tie record during the 1971/1972 season. Between 1971 and 1972, Michael played an integral role when the team went on a 23 game unbeatable streak. In addition to a third league championship in the 1973/1974 season, Sitch won several prestigious tournaments, including the competitive Rheingold summer tournament. As Sitch captain, he led the team onto the field against international opponents, such as German team TUS Sennelager and English Amateur champs Skelmersdale to name a few.



## OREST FEDASH \* ОРЕСТ ФЕДАШ

**OREST FEDASH'S** accomplishments have been marked by continued service to the Ukrainian community in sports and volunteerism.

Born in Ukraine in 1942 in a small in present-day Poland, Mr. resettle into Poland in 1947. He school and continued playing University of Lodz where he Master's Degree in Economics selected to participate in the Program at the Cetniewo the next 5 years competed against of the U-21 Polish National Team many accolades by the Polish the nickname "THE Amateur volleyball team, he traveled to many parts of the world competing and winning many tournaments.



village near Peremyshl (Przemysl), Fedash's family was forced to began playing volleyball during high during his college years at the completed his studies, earning a and Business Management. He was Junior Olympics Volleyball Training Olympic Training Center, and for Division One teams. As a member in 1961, he and his team received Volleyball Association and earned Team" of the country. With the

In 1972, Orest immigrated to the United States and played on the Ukrainian Sports Club "Chornomorska Sitch" volleyball team, which won ten USCAK championships in the early 1980's. Later, he was a trainer and coach for various women's volleyball teams. He continued to play volleyball in many tournaments for the "Lys" Ukrainian Sports Club, winning many USCAK indoor and outdoor championships. In addition to excelling in volleyball, Mr. Fedash has won many skiing awards during the yearly Carpathian Ski Club held (KLK) Skiing Championships at Hunter Mountain, NY.

Orest is a managing partner and General Manager for the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, NY. He began his 35-year career in the hospitality business at the Holiday Inns of Bridgewater and Livingston, NJ, where he received the Financial Achievement Award. For 26 years he was the General Manager of the East Hanover Ramada as well as Vice President of Prime Hospitality Corp., where he achieved countless hospitality awards and his hotel was consistently in the top 10 performing hotels of the Company.

In his spare time, Mr. Fedash served on the Board of Directors of the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund and the Carpathian Ski Club. In addition, he is an active member of the Ukrainian Institute of America, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and Ukrainian National Association, Branch 25. He is a member of Plast and belongs to the "Chornomortsi" fraternity. In the 1990's, Mr. Fedash served as Volleyball Director of the Ukrainian American Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) as well as other positions. He also held various board positions in KLK Ski Club.

Mr. Fedash is married to Adia, has two grown children, Talia and Darian, and two beautiful granddaughters, Kateryna and Alexandra.

## HALYNA STEFANIUK HILFERINK \* ГАЛИНА СТЕФАНЮК ГІЛФЕРІНК



**HALYNA HILFERINK NEE STEFANIUK** excelled at multiple sports from an early age with volleyball being her passion. Stefaniuk began competing in volleyball at the age of 16 for the Toronto Ukrainian Youth (CYM) Team, a team registered in the Canadian National League. She was a member of the Ukrainian Youth Team attending national championships at the junior and senior level between 1966-76, with the senior team placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada. The CYM Toronto team earned gold at many USCAK tournaments, where Stefaniuk received many Best Spiker Trophies. Stefaniuk was selected as a member of the junior national team program in 1969 and 1970 and selected as a candidate for the 1971 Pan Am Games in Cali, Columbia. Stefaniuk attended the University of Toronto and played volleyball for the varsity team from 1969-73. In 1972, Stefaniuk was a member of the Canadian National Volleyball Team and competed in the 1973 NORCECA Zonal Championships in Mexico, where Canada took home the silver medal. Stefaniuk also represented Canada as a member of the women's volleyball team at the 1973 World Student Games in Moscow.

In 1974 Stefaniuk began her teaching career at Malvern Collegiate in Toronto. During her teaching career from 1974-2005, she coached basketball, tennis, track and field and volleyball. During her volleyball coaching career, Stefaniuk coached the Malvern girls junior team for 28 years earning 6 city and south regional championships; the Malvern girls senior team for 30 years earning 8 city championships and attending 8 Ontario championships earning gold in 1984; and, the Malvern boys senior team for 5 years taking home gold in 3 city championships and silver in 3 Ontario championships. As a teacher coach, Stefaniuk organized numerous skills clinics and was a member of multiple organizing committees for regional and provincial championships. The rewarding experiences gained in her years of competing proved a valuable stepping-stone enabling her to pass on knowledge while mentoring many athletes as a secondary school coach. Watching her athletes excel not just under her guidance, yet beyond it to national and graduate level teams, brought great personal satisfaction and pride.





## MIKE HLUSHKO \* МИХАЙЛО ГЛУШКО

**MIKE HLUSHKO** was the generation and arguably amateur soccer players of Yonkers, NY in 1959 where a standout for the CYM youth championships in American Soccer League the Eastern District Soccer regularly competed in all where Mike consistently Mike was always the first all-start team, because of with both feet and his head. He led the Ukrainian team in the 1980 and 1984 Free Olympiads in Toronto and also was part of the infamous USCAK All-Star team which toured Ukraine in 1991.



most prolific goal scorer of his one of the best Ukrainian all time. Mike was born in he still lives today. There, he was Krylati soccer team which won 1977 and 1979 in the German and later for the men's team in League. Yonkers Krylati also the Ukrainian competitions, earned top-scorer or MVP honors. person selected to any Ukrainian his uncanny ability to score goals

Mike attended Sacred Heart high school, where his play earned him a scholarship to Long Island University who were nationally ranked at the time. At LIU, Mike played alongside future pros and international players such as Richard Chinapoo and was one of the team's top scorers in 1978. After college, Mike had tryouts with various pro teams, such as the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the NASL.

Towards the end of his playing career, Mike returned to his roots to share his knowledge as a coach. "Coach Mike" enjoys legendary status at the CYM Sports Camp in Ellenville, NY where he has regularly coached since the 80's. He also coached numerous youth teams, both for Krylati and other non-Ukrainian clubs throughout New York as well as the prestigious Pele soccer camps. Mike is truly one of a kind, the face of Yonkers Krylati who lives and breathes soccer.



## BOHDAN KUCYNA \* БОГДАН КУЦИНА

**BOHDAN (BO) KUCYNA** moved to Yonkers, NY as an Michaels Ukrainian Catholic Sacred Heart HS. He was an four years in high school. Bo soccer around at a young age moved up the ranks from first team. Sometimes he reserve game and a first team



was born in NYC in 1959 and infant where he attended St. Grade School, Gorton HS and All-Conference midfielder for all started also started playing for Yonkers Krylati where he juveniles, juniors, reserves and would play a junior game, a game all in one crazy Sunday!

Bo played alongside another Krylati soccer legend, Mike Hlushko, and as a result the club was very successful during those years, winning league championships at both youth and first team levels. Bo also spent his summers at both CYM and Chornomorska Sitch sports camps.

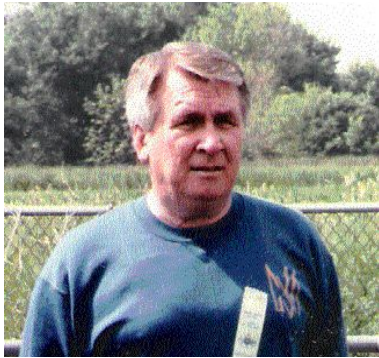
Some of Bo's proudest Ukrainian sports moments as a player were: (1) winning the Gold medal in the 1980 Free Olympiad games held in Toronto, Canada as a member of the Ukrainian All-Star team, (2) winning the Gold medal in the 1988 Ukrainian Olympiad games held in Philadelphia, PA as a member of the Chornomorska Sitch men's team.

Bo played college ball at Manhattan College (1977-1981) where was named All Conference for all four years, All New York State for two years, and captain and Conference MVP in his Senior year. Bo was inducted into the Manhattan College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and holds several school records that still stand today (most consecutive shutouts as a defender, most assists in a game, most assists in a year, and most career assists). Bo also had professional tryouts with the NY Apollo's, Pennsylvania Stoners, Pittsburgh Spirit and played with various semi-pro teams throughout his career.

Bo later added coaching to his resume and has held various positions including: CYM Oselia sports camp, Chornomorska Sitch youth teams, Chornomorska Sitch men's team, Yonkers Krylati youth tournament teams, PELE soccer camps, Soccer Camps of America, Julio Mazzei Soccer Camps. Bo also coached the Ukrainian All-Star Team which competed against the New York Metrostars Reserves during the 2005 Ukrainian Day at Giants Stadium and the USCAK USA Select Teams which won back-to-back First Place medals in the International Ukrainian Football Tournaments (IUFT) in Toronto, Canada (2011) and New York (2013).



## JERRY KULAS \* ДЖЕРІ КУЛЯС



**JERRY KULAS** was born in Jaroslav, Ukraine on April 10, 1936. He began playing soccer at the age of ten when he lived with his family in Ludwigsburg and Stuttgart, Germany. In 1946, his family moved to the United States, first to Savannah, Georgia and about a year later to Chicago, where he started to play for the Chicago Lions youth team.

Jerry graduated from Tuley High School in Chicago and attended DePaul University where he played on the university soccer team. He then started to play with Chicago Wings soccer club, a member of the National Soccer League in Chicago. While stationed in Darmstadt, Germany (1958-1960) with the U.S. Army, Jerry formed a soccer team in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion playing against local German teams. In 1959, he played with the U. S. Army under a well known English coach.

In 1961 he served on the Executive Board of the Junior and Juvenile Committee of the National Soccer League and was Secretary-Treasurer from 1961- 1963. In 1963, Jerry was elected Vice president of the National Soccer League and served in that position until 1974. During this time he also served as Open Cup Commissioner and Amateur Cup Commissioner for the State of Illinois.

Jerry was also the public address announcer for the National Soccer League indoor tournaments held at the Chicago Avenue Armory. From 1969-1971 he served as manager of the Chicago All-Stars who played against Newcastle United of England, Lanerossi-Vicinezzi of Italy and Santos FC of Brazil, Pele's farewell game in Chicago at Soldier Field with Santos. In 1976 he became affiliated with the Chicago Cats professional soccer team competing in the American Soccer League as executive secretary.

Jerry is retired and lives in Chicago, Illinois with his wife Maria and has two children and one grandchild.



## JULIAN KULAS \* ЮЛІАН КУЛІАС

**JULIAN E. KULAS** was born June 5, 1933 in Jaroslav, Ukraine. Julian first started playing soccer at the age of six. After his family moved to Stuttgart, Germany during World War II, he played youth soccer there and in 1946 Stuttgart and shortly thereafter Zuffenhausen.



In 1950, Julian, along with his family arrived in the United States. He played for the Chicago Lions youth team, defeating St. Louis Kutis in the national finals in 1952. Julian eventually played for the Lions Major Division team and was selected to play for the Chicago All-Star Team against Rapid Vienna and the Canadian champion Ukraina.

to the Chicago Wings soccer club and stayed with the team throughout the fifties, sixties and seventies. Julian continued to play with the team into his 50's. He served on the Executive Board of the National Soccer League in Chicago for several years. Julian also worked for WGN-TV as the color commentator with Jack Brickhouse and Lloyd Pettit on the live broadcasts of the Chicago Spurs professional soccer team in the 1960's. Julian became a member of the Broadcaster's Union, which was a requirement in order to become a broadcaster. Julian is a huge fan of soccer and has attended every World Cup event since 1966.

He lives in Park Ridge, Illinois with his wife Elizabeth and has three children and seven grandchildren and enjoys watching soccer both live and in person.



## **BOHDAN LALKA \* БОГДАН ЛАЛКА**

**BOHDAN DON LALKA** is a former professional soccer player who was born on July 3, 1944, in Ukraine. Don's family immigrated to the US and he began playing in ethnic and semi-professional soccer leagues at the age of 16. He played soccer, basketball and track at Franklin High School and was an All-Scholastic selection. Lalka played collegiate soccer at Ohio State, St. John Fisher and Brockport State. He was named to the US Men's National Team roster for the 1966 World Cup qualifying. Due to the nature of the ever changing environment in American soccer at the time, Don found himself playing on many teams in different leagues throughout his career. Lalka played professionally for Toronto Ukraina and Newark Sitch and the Philadelphia Spartans before becoming one of the original Rochester Lancers of the NASL in 1967.



He was named MVP of an historic international match of US and Canada-based Ukrainian All Stars vs. Scotland's Dundee United in May of 1967. Additionally, Don made the American Soccer League (ASL) All-Star team in both 1967 and 1968. After 2 seasons with the Lancers, played for Syracuse Scorpions and Philadelphia Spartans in the American Soccer League.

When Don retired from playing professional soccer he eventually found himself coaching teams. His first coaching job was at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York and he eventually found himself coaching again in the professional ranks for the Rochester, Flash until the league disbanded. Became the 1<sup>st</sup> head coach and general manager of the American Soccer League Rochester Flash in the original co-host of "Kick This," as Seamus Lalka.

In the nineties Lalka appeared in television and radio commentaries for Rochester Raging Rhinos game broadcasts. After Ukraine won its independence, he was involved in student exchange programs involving Ukrainian student athletes.

Today he lives in the Rochester, New York area.





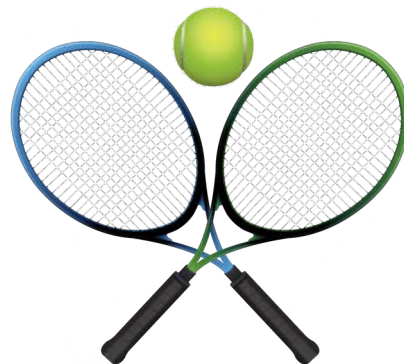
## DR. ZENON MATKIWSKY \* ЗЕНОН МАТКІВСЬКИЙ



**DR. ZENON MATKIWSKY'S** name, during the late 70's and early 80's, was synonymous with the phrase USCAK men's champion. Between 1979 and 1988, Dr. Matkiwsky represented Sitch and won an amazing 9 USCAK men's championships in a row..., the last 8 coming in the 35 and over division. It has been written that "the golden era of Sitch tennis, which lasted from the mid 1970's through 1990 was marked by the dominance of the extended Matkiwsky family".

During this period of time, Dr. Matkiwsky was director of the tennis division for Sitch. Dr. Matkiwsky coached and guided many male and female players to USCAK championships. A proud moment came in 1979 when basically his entire family played in and won trophies during the 1979 USCAK Labor Day Championships. As a manager and coach, he took a team to the 1984 Free Olympiad held in Etobicoke, Canada, where the women's team won the gold and the men's team took the silver medal.

Further, during his directorship, he took teams to the 1988 Ukrainian Olympiad held in Philadelphia, where Sitch representatives once again showed great success, winning the women's gold and the men's gold. Outside of Sitch, one of Dr. Matkiwsky's proudest moments came when he and his daughter, Zenia, won the Equitable Life Father-Daughter National Championship in 1978. They beat out 6,000 teams to claim this title, the finals of which were held during the US Open in Flushing, New York. Dr. Matkiwsky was also five time men's champion of the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in South Orange, New Jersey. In addition, he travelled nationally and internationally for the US Medical Tennis Association, highlighted by a doubles championship held in Israel in 1985.



## **BOHDAN NEDILSKYJ \* БОГДАН НЕДІЛЬСЬКИЙ**



**BOHDAN V. NEDILSKY**, PhD in Leadership, distinguished himself as a soccer player, coach, and scholar. He was born on July 23, 1967 in Chicago, IL to Sofron and Christina. He began a lifelong relationship with soccer at the age of seven.

Bohdan was first coached by his father. He later formalized his training for several years at Chornomorska Sitch Sports School where he gained technical and tactical training. This training prepared him to win honors with the United States Olympic Development Program, Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Associations All-State team, and recognition as Wisconsin's top NCAA recruits as sports scholarship winner for Marquette University. From 1985-89, Bohdan quickly established himself as a free kick technician and one of the nation's assist leaders. In 1987 he was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) honor for Marquette University Division 1 Men's Soccer Program.

Beyond his University play, he earned a gold medal at the Ukrainian Olympiad and was selected to the Olympic All-Star Team. In 1989, his play caught the eye of legend and FC Karpaty-Lviv club president, Karlo Mickosh. With his father's encouragement and support, Bohdan left the United States in 1990 to play a short stint in Hungary's Premier League for MTK-VM, while the Soviet Soccer Federation approved his contract as a member of FC Karpaty-Lviv. That year FC Karpaty were league champions, the Soviet Soccer Federation disbanded, and Ukraine gained its independence.

Upon his return to the United States, Bohdan extended his relationship with soccer as a coach. Leading one of Wisconsin's most talented programs, he was awarded Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's 1997 Coach of the Year. His team made history as they finished with a clean slate of 27-0-0.

Dr. Nedilsky continues his commitment to foster Ukrainian culture and community by engaging the next generation of youth through his ongoing work with Chicago CYM sports programs.



## NESTOR PASLAWSKY \* НЕСТОР ПАСЛАВСЬКИЙ



**NESTOR PASLAWSKY**, one of the best volleyball players ever to wear the “Chornomorska Sitch” crest, dominated the volleyball courts at every level in which he competed. Nestor was a fantastic spiker and his spikes have been described as “thunderous”. A former coach of Nestor, states, “Nestor was a superior blocker and spiker, capable of intimidating defensive and offensive play at the net”.

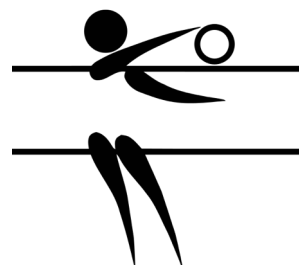
During his Sitch career over the years he helped win many tournaments both within the Ukrainian circle and in the USVBA circuit. One year in particular saw his team in 1975 become AAU champs, win 8 highly competitive USVBA tournaments and place in the top 3 in 6 other tournaments.

Outside of Sitch, Nestor played college ball for Rutgers University. There, he became an All-American and led his team to the NCAA Final Four twice. As a sophomore, during one Final Four event, he was voted to the All-Tournament team, awarded with Best Spiker honors and described as a “Superstar”.

After college, and probably at the peak of his volleyball career, Nestor was selected to the US Olympic team and travelled with the team to Tokyo for the FIVB World Cup. As a result of these successes, Nestor was inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Fame in June 2006 and into the EIVA Hall of Fame in 2014.

Upon his return to Sitch volleyball, he led his team to the 1978 SUAST East Championships held at Columbia High School in New Jersey and was selected the tournament MVP. In the years that followed, he continued playing in tournaments, still possessing his “thunderous” spikes, consistently leading his teams to successful results.

In 1979, he began coaching the Sitch women’s volleyball team and was described as “a great tactical and drill coach, teaching the women to become better players”. While volleyball was obviously Nestor’s fame to Chornomorska Sitch, it should be noted that he also consistently medaled in his early youth at several USCAK Swimming Championships in the last 1960’s and early 1970’s.



## ALEXANDER POPOVICH \* АЛЕКСАНДЕР ПОПОВИЧ



- Member of AA USVBA volleyball teams West Side YMCA, Staten Island YMCA, McBurney YMCA, Grand Central YMCA, Newark Sitch from 1964 -1979
  - Participated in 10 USVBA and AAU National tournaments
  - Member of championship teams that won over 25 USVBA and AAU championships in the Northeast Region
  - Participated in SUAST East and USCAK volleyball tournaments and championships from 1964 – 1979
  - Member of Passaic Centralia, NY USC, Newark Sitch, Plast Chornomorts, Cleveland Lviv, Cleveland Lys Mykyta teams
  - 5 time USCAK MVP or MOP
- Numerous USCAK & SUAST East All Star nominations
  - USCAK Champion in 1972 with Lys Mykyta team

### VOLLEYBALL – COACH

- 1967 – 1969 – Connecticut Clippers womens team, USVBA & AAU New England region champions
- 1969-70 – Newark Sitch womens team, USVBA
- 1978 - Rutgers Newark Mens Volleyball, Final Four NCAA Div. I Championships, 4 th place
- 1979 - Rutgers Newark Mens Volleyball, Final Four NCAA Div. I Championships, 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 1991 – named Head Coach Ukrainian Men’s All Star Volleyball Team of USA & Canada
- Inducted into Rutgers Newark Sports Hall of Fame

### SOCCER

- Member of NY Ukrainians (USC) from 1956 – 1979
- Played for various teams; NY Ukrainians (USC), Toronto SA Ukraina, Cleveland Lviv, Detroit Chernyk, Hartford Americans, Bridgeport Ukrainian SC
- 1956 – 63 – various German American League Boys Team, Schiller Team & Jr. Team All Star selections
- 1962 -64 – all NY City High School All Stars
- 1963 -64 – International Soccer League (ISL) Junior All Stars
- 1964 – Member of 1<sup>st</sup> USA National Junior Team (U-17), participated in the North American, Central America & Caribbean Championships, (NORCECA) in Guatemala
- 1965 -66 – 67 – All New England Team (Univ. of Bridgeport)
- 1966 – All American Team (Univ. of Bridgeport), Ukrainian All Stars USA & Canada that played Lithuanian All Stars in Chicago
- 1967 – UNA Ukrainian All Stars Team that played Dundee of Scotland in NJ, National League Canada All Stars vs Azores Portugal All Stars (scored 3 goals, top scorer MVP Toronto Ukraina, named to USA Pan American Team; injured and did not join team
- Offered contracts with Cardiff City (Wales), Velez Sarfied (Argentina), Seville (Spain) to play professionally but did not go abroad.
- Severe knee injury ended career in 1970
- Nominated to University of Bridgeport Sports Hall of Fame

### SOCCER – COACHING

- USSFA Soccer Coaching License Class “B”
- 1971 -74 - Assistant Coach University of New Haven
- 1974 -75 -Head Coach Clifton High School



## DR. OREST POPOVYCH \* ОРЕСТ ПОПОВИЧ

**DR. OREST POPOVYCH** was one of the pioneers of “Chornomorska Sitch” chess, joining the organization in 1959 and earning the title “chess master” from the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). In the 1960-1973 period, Sitch chess players competed regularly in the SUAST-East Chess Championships. Dr. Popovych won it eight times. In the process, he retired the SUAST-East Championship Trophy.



In 1966, Dr. Popovych organized a chess division within USCAK and proceeded to win this championship nine times, including a first place finish in the 1988 Ukrainian Olympiad held in Philadelphia, Pa.

In the 1970's, the USCF awarded Dr. Popovych with the distinction of “Life Master”, “Fide Master” and the highest rank available “Senior Master”. In June 1991, Dr. Popovych played Board # 3 on a six-man team that toured Western Ukraine.

Outside of Sitch, Dr. Popovych's accomplishments included winning the New England Championships in 1957 and 1958, Atlantic Open and National Chess Congress in 1971 and finally, as vice champion of two top NY chess clubs.

Late in 1996, Dr. Popovych published in Lviv, a book presenting a short history of organized Ukrainian Chess in North America, a book well respected by his peers. He and Omelan Twardowsky also co-wrote the book, Ukrainian Sitch, a History, along with many other articles and publications.





## WALTER SHMOTOLOCHA \* ВОЛОДИМИР ШМОТОЛОХА



**WALTER (DZUNIO) SHMOTOLOCHA** was born 1941 in Knyahynachi, Ukraine and arrived in the USA in 1950. He was a product of the Ukrainian sports club youth program in New York City. He was selected for the juvenile division All Star soccer team in 1957. In 1958 and 1959 he was selected to the All City high school soccer team. That same year he played for the N.Y. Ukrainians junior soccer team, which won the U.S. championship in 1959.

In 1960, Walter entered Pratt Institute. While at Pratt, he made All-American team in 1962-63, 1963-64 and broke the record for most goals scored.

After graduation in 1964, he returned to play with the first division team of the N.Y. Ukrainians. In 1964-65 the N.Y. Ukrainians won the U.S. open cup also known as the National Challenge Cup. Walter won his second U.S. open cup with Elizabeth Sports Club, scoring the winning goal in a 1-0 game.

In 1965, Walter was selected to play for the U.S.A. in a FIFA world cup qualifier against Mexico at the L.A. Coliseum. Walter scored a goal in a 2-2 tie.



## ZENON SNYLYK \* ЗЕНОН СИЛИК



**ZENON SNYLYK**, a former Ukrainian-American soccer player, was born on November 14, 1933 in Putiatynsi, Ukraine. His family moved to Lviv and then to Mittenwald, West Germany where they lived in a displaced persons camp from 1945 to 1949. While there, Zenon attended a Ukrainian secondary school and played several sports, becoming noted for his skill at table tennis. He and his family immigrated to the United States when he was 15 years old in 1949 settling in Rochester, New York where he attended Ben Franklin High School.

Snylyk attended the University of Rochester where he was a member of the school's soccer team from 1951 to 1954. He was an honorable mention (third team) All-American in both 1953 and 1954. Snylyk graduated with a bachelor's in political science in 1955 and was inducted into the University of Rochester Hall of Fame in 2005. In addition to graduating from Rochester in 1955, he also gained his U.S. citizenship that year.

He began his organized soccer career with a team his father founded in Rochester, the Ukrainian American Sports Association of Rochester (also known as the Rochester Ukrainians). He would play with the Ukrainians from 1950 to 1955, then again in 1957. Snylyk earned a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1958. After graduating from Chicago, he taught political science at McGill University in Montreal, Canada in the 1959-1960 school year.

Over the years, he played for multiple teams, including Rochester Ukrainians, Chicago Levy, Montreal Ukrainians, New York Ukrainians, Newark Ukrainian Sitch. He also earned 5 caps with the U.S. national team and was a member 1956 U.S. Olympic soccer team.

In 1962, he moved to Newark, NJ when the Ukrainian National Association hired him to edit The Ukrainian Weekly. While there, he signed with Newark Ukrainian Sitch of the American Soccer League. In 1963, Sitch won the ASL League Cup, known as the Lewis Cup. He remained with this, his last club, until his retirement in 1970.

Snylyk remained as editor of the Ukrainian Weekly until 1980 when he became the editor of the Ukrainian-language newspaper, Svoboda. He retired in June 1988.

Snylyk passed away on January 21, 2002, at his home in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

## PETER STEFANIUK \* ПЕТРО СТЕФАНІУК



**PETER STEFANIUK** played in several USCAK volleyball tournaments as a member of CYM Toronto, С. Т Україна and KKK. He won numerous best Spiker and MVP awards.

Peter later played for the Canadian National Team, winning a Bronze medal at the 1973 NORCECA Championships. Peter went on to play 6 years of professional volleyball in the International Volleyball Association for the Los Angeles Stars, Tucson Sky, Santa Barbara Spikers and the Albuquerque Lazers, where he was chosen All Star in 1978, 1979 and 1980. Peter's teams went to the finals three times and won two championships.

After retiring from competitive play, Peter coached varsity volleyball at the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and George Brown College.



# BUILDERS

## EUGENE CHYZOWYCH \* ЕВГЕН ЧИЖОВИЧ

**EUGENE (GENE) CHYZOWYCH** was born on Jan. 27, 1935, in Ukraine. He and his parents and two brothers immigrated to the United States when he was 13. Gene became a standout soccer player at Philadelphia's North Catholic High School and at Temple University, where he graduated in 1963. He went on to play professionally in the U.S. and Canada. He later coached in the American Professional Soccer League. Along with his late brother, Walter Chyzowych, Gene helped shape the U.S. soccer program during the early years of soccer in the United States.



In 1963, Gene became a teacher and head boys soccer coach at Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J., where he would go on to coach and teach thousands of students over the next 51 years. When Gene retired in 2013, he had amassed a record of 757 victories, which ranks third in the nation all-time high school win list.

He captured four New Jersey state championships, 24 conference titles, 16 state sectional crowns, and produced hundreds of All-Americans, All-State and All-Conference players in high school and college, many of whom have gone on to become college and high school soccer coaches. Gene also coached the Columbia girls' volleyball team, compiling a 227-0 career record and an 11-year winning streak, likewise producing numerous championship and lauded athletes.

Together, Gene and his brother Walt started the All American Soccer Camp & Coaching School, one of the first such sport-specific camps in the U.S. in the early '60s. His energy, enthusiasm, and love of soccer influenced tens of thousands of youngsters and aspiring coaches. He also served as head coach of the U.S. Men's Soccer National team and Olympic team in 1973-1974. He also served as president of the American Soccer League.

Among the countless awards and honors bestowed upon Gene, he was most proud of his 2009 induction into the National Soccer Hall of Fame, and being the 2014 recipient of the Walt Chyzowych Lifetime Achievement Award.

Eugene Chyzowych, passed away on May 10, 2014, with his family at his side, following a long battle with cancer at the age of 79.





## IHOR CHYZOWYCH \* ІГОР ЧИЖОВИЧ



**IHOR CHYZOWYCH** was born on May 1, 1933, the son of Wolodymyr and Halyna (Siletski), in Litovyska, Sambir, Halychyna, Ukraine. Ihor and his two brothers, Eugene and Walter, along with Ihor's parents, immigrated to the United States in 1949, where they settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After completing high school in Philadelphia, Ihor began attending Drexel University for engineering but was drafted into the United States Army where he served two years of active duty. After an honorable discharge from the Army, Ihor completed his undergraduate studies at Temple University and followed with a Master's degree from Penn State University.

In 1949, Ihor and his brothers joined and played for the original Ukrainian junior soccer team sponsored by the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association. Years later Ihor would serve as president and C.E.O. of the Ukrainian Self Reliance Federal Credit Union. He was a member of the Ukrainian Engineers Society of America, many Ukrainian cultural organizations, and an accomplished golfer.

He played on the early "Tryzub" teams in the 1950's. In 1956 they won the U.S. Amateur Cup Final in St. Louis, Missouri. During the 1950's and 1960's he was instrumental in winning the US Open Cup 4 Times, Professional Champs (1960, 1961, 1963, and 1966) and won the American Professional Soccer League six times in the 1960's and five U.S. Open Cup Finals.

During his life journey, Ihor always maintained a passion for soccer; played with his brothers for "Tryzub" and in the late 1970's was elected president of the Ukrainian Sports Club "Tryzub". As president of Tryzub, Ihor was determined to bring a higher profile to the organization and in 1978; Tryzub found a new home in Horsham, Pa., where it became known as the Ukrainian American Sports Center, fondly called "Tryzubiwka". It was Ihor's desire for Tryzubiwka to become a facility where men and women of all ages could compete, socialize and develop new friendships. As president of Tryzub, Ihor expanded beyond soccer and established Tryzubiwka as a venue that thousands of people have visited, continue to visit and enjoy to this day. He worked vigorously with Tryzub over many years and initiated the Ukrainian Diaspora Olympiads. He also organized and executed 4 Olympiads starting in 1988 which was attended by 880 Ukrainian Athletes and organized trips to Ukraine for US Teams to play Ukrainian teams. He also organized a US tour for LVIV "Karpaty" and was the tour Guide.

Ihor passed away on March 15, 2015. Most cherished for Ihor were his family members; wife Maria (Koliniak) and children Ihor and Chrystyna and his grandchildren, Stephen, Victoria, Christopher and Alexander.

## WALTER CHYZOWYCH \* ВЛОДКО ЧИЖОВИЧ

### **WALTER CHYZOWYCH**

Litovyska, Ukraine He and left Ukraine when he was 6 years in Germany, he and States settling in

After high school, he played professional teams. In 1957 he became U.S. amateur member of the Tryzub U.S. championship and the of 1963 and 1964 he played Montreal and Toronto, the local leagues. Walt where he went on to American in 1959 and 1960.



was born on April 20, 1937, in his parents and two brothers years old. In 1949, after five his family arrived in the United Philadelphia.

on the early "Tryzub" as member of the Tryzub team vice-champion. In 1960 as professional team, he won the Dewar Cup. In the two seasons for the Ukraina teams in both winning the championships of enrolled in Temple University become a two time All

He transferred to Chornomorska Sitch Newark team in 1965, where he served as player-coach. Under his leadership, the Sitch team became vice-champion of the American Soccer League and reached the quarterfinal of the U.S. Amateur Cup. In that season he also became the league's top soccer. In 1969, Walt transferred to the professional team Spartans of Philadelphia, where he played for a few more years.

He was director of coaching of the United States Soccer Federation from 1975 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1986. This prestigious directorship involved overseeing coaching staffs throughout the United States for over 700,000 young soccer players.

During this same time period, Chyzowych also became the coach of the U.S. national team, from 1976 to 1981. The results were: 65 victories, 21 ties and 44 defeats. After completing his contract with the U.S. Soccer Federation, he went on to coach teams for The Textile College in Philadelphia and Wake Forest in North Carolina, earning the honor of being named coach of the year at both schools.

Walter authored a soccer textbook titled "The Officer Soccer Book," and co-authored an illustrated book for self-training, called "One on One". Both were published by the U.S. Soccer Federation. He was inducted into the soccer Hall of Fame where a scholarship was established in his name. He also served as a member of the National Physical Fitness Commission during Ford and Carter presidencies.

Walter passed away on September 2, 1994 after collapsing during a tennis match. He was 57.

## MYRON DOMARADZ \* МИРОН ДОМАРАЦІ



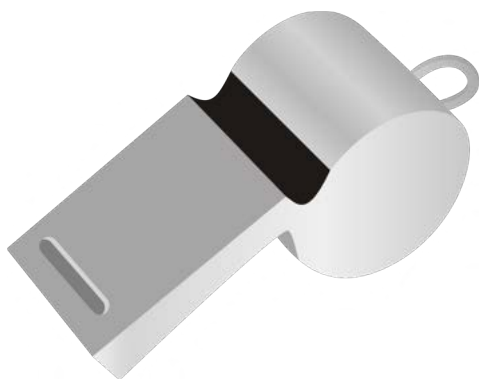
**MYRON DOMARADZ** was born on September 20, 1937 in Zernyca, Poland (Boykiwczna).

Myron was a standout footballer, playing for Rega Swydwyn (Poland) 1953-1958 before he emigrated to the USA, where he then played for Chornomorska Sitch (Elizabeth, NJ) 1959-1960, New York Ukrainian Sport Club "YSK" (NYC) in 1960 and Sportfriends Soccer Club of Wayne, NJ 1960-1971.

Myron also transitioned to a coach at Sportsfriends, where he progressed from the junior, reserve, first and eventually to the O-30 soccer teams from 1978 to 2009. Among his many coaching achievements was guiding the Sportsfriends O-30 team to championships in the Cosmopolitan Soccer League and New Jersey State Cup in 2007, and being recognized as NJ State Coach of the Year in 2010.

Myron was also very active in Passaic CYM, where he coached youth soccer, volleyball and track & field from 1959-1980. He was the CYM Sports Director and organized many Zlet tournaments. Myron helped organize the first Sportoviy Tabir (Sports Camp) at Oselia CYM in Ellenville, NY in 1972 where he served as Camp Director (komendant) and also coached soccer and volleyball. He continued to coach sports camp from 1973-1976 and served as Director of the Camp for various years up to 1984. Myron also helped with various construction projects at Oselia CYM, including the Sports Field, the Old Komanda Building and the Outside Snackbar (Polova Kuchnya).

Myron has impacted the Ukrainian-American sports community in multiple ways: (1) by proudly representing Ukrainians at the most prestigious soccer clubs and leagues in New Jersey, (2) by coaching hundreds of young Ukrainian-American athletes, and (3) by helping build the physical sports infrastructure in Passaic and Ellenville. We honor him for all his continued contributions.



## OREST HALIW \* OPECT ΓAJIB



**OREST HALIW** is well known not only as a stand out player for The Ukrainian Soccer Club Wings but also represented The City of Chicago in National Tournaments as members of the Chicago All Stars. He has been recognized for his lifetime achievement in the legacy that he has carved out during his soccer career. Back in his prime playing years, there were no professional Soccer leagues in the United States. The leagues that competed at those times were the best that soccer had to offer in this.

The Wings S.C. is a Ukrainian soccer club that has been in existence for over 60 years and is well known in the soccer community for their long standing dedication to the game of soccer. The club also is known for their summer youth soccer camp and annual tournament that is held at Oselia "Beskyd" in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Orest Haliw has been with the club since its inception and has dedicated his love of the game to making sure that the Ukrainian Community in Chicago was always represented at a high level in local leagues.

After hanging up his cleats as a player, Orest Haliw took up refereeing and had officiated over 5600 Soccer matches through his career at various levels (Amateur Leagues, High School and Colligate games, United States Professional Leagues both indoor and outdoor and numerous FIFA international matches across North America.) He has had the honor of officiating such soccer greats as: Pele, Carlos Valdarama, Franz Beckenbauer, Giorgio Chinaglia, Carl Hienze Granitza, Arno Steffinhagen, Pato Marhetic and many more. He is also in the record books as one of the officials who refereed the first ever Illinois State High School Soccer Championship game in 1972. He is very well known for his fair and friendly demeanor on the field and his love of the game.

Orest Haliw was inducted to the Illinois State Soccer Hall of Fame in 1997 for his lifelong commitment and contribution to the game of soccer.



## ROMAN HLUSHKO \* РОМАН ГЛУШКО

**ROMAN HLUSHKO** was born on August 21, 1925 in the village of Dunkovychky, near Przemsł where he was a member of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). He immigrated to America in 1950 and settled in Yonkers, NY where he immediately became active in the Ukrainian community. He was one of the founding members of the Yonkers CYM oseredok and its affiliated sports club “Krylati” as well as the SUMA (Yonkers) Federal Credit Union.



Mr. Hlushko was tireless in his efforts and served as holova of all three organizations for many years and held board positions until he passed away on December 22, 2004.

Mr. Hlushko was a huge supporter of sports and was instrumental in building the youth soccer, volleyball and track and field programs both at Yonkers CYM and at Oselia SUMA. He was instrumental to the construction of the Oselia soccer field and all the tournaments held there, which attracted teams from NYC, NJ, Philadelphia, Chicago, Rochester, Cleveland, Syracuse, Montreal, and Toronto among others. He recruited many young Ukrainian immigrants into the CYM organization, many of which became future leaders, both on and off the sports field. His youth soccer team was particularly successful, winning league championships in 1977 and 1979 and gold medals at various CYM Zlet and USCAK-sponsored tournaments. As his young Sumivtsi became adults, Mr. Hlushko had the vision to create a men's soccer team, which competed first in the German-American Soccer League and later in the Eastern District Soccer Team, as well as in all the USCAK Ukrainian tournaments. Roman Hlushko was a visionary leader whose legacy as a Ukrainian-American sports builder will never be forgotten.





## **BOHDAN KOLINSKY \* БОГДАН КОЛІНСЬКИЙ**



**BOHDAN (BO) KOLINSKY** was born in Hartford, CT and raised in Wethersfield, CT. He became a sports writer at the Hartford Courant in 1973. He was High School Sports Editor in 1977. Bo earned the trust of those he covered and his colleagues for his honesty and integrity. He covered professional soccer, professional gold, and was the main writer for all Connecticut high school sports. He helped the Connecticut High School Coaches Association develop its All-State program. Bo was instrumental in the Jaycee Courant Baseball League and served as their Vice President. He was also one of the founders of the Wethersfield High School Hall of Fame. Kolinsky was the President of the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance from 1978 to 1980 and its Treasurer from 1981 to 2003. He received the Art

McGinley Award from the Sports Writers Alliance at age 35. He was the youngest to ever receive the award.

Bo received the Joseph H. Fontana Award from the Connecticut High School Coaches Association for meritorious service and the distinguished Service Award from the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors. He is enshrined in several Halls of Fame. The Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame, Great Hartford Twilight League Hall of Fame, Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame, Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, East Catholic High School Hall of Fame, Connecticut Girls' Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance, an honor that has never been awarded to one of their own. There is a college scholarship in his name for high school seniors who was to pursue journalism. The scholarship has raised over \$100,000.

Bohdan was one of the original founders of the Ukrainian Hartford Golf Open and was an active member of the Ukrainian Golf Association (UGA), the Ukrainian American Youth Association (CYM), the Ukrainian National Home of Hartford, and was a parishioner of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church of Hartford. Bo passed away in December 2003 at the age of 49.

Quoting former WTIC sports commentator Scott Gray: "There's a job opening at the Hartford Courant today. The qualifications are these: A heart large enough to embrace every person you meet as a friend. The unmatched integrity necessary to work 18 hour days in the newspaper business, always balancing fairness and factuality. An ego that can be reproduced a hundred times over, on the head of a pin, with no desire to put yourself ahead of the story. And very big feet. You'll be filling the biggest shoes in Connecticut Sports Media."

## STEVE KOVALENKO \* СТЕФАН КОВАЛЕНКО



**STEVE KOVALENKO** was born in Germany and raised in Brazil. He begins his 43rd year as Ukrainian boss when the 2016-2017 season kicks off. Add his playing days to the equation and his entire career in the league spans more than half a century. His story begins in Ulm, a German city on the River Danube where he was born in 1946, the son of Ukrainian parents that settled there after the war. Kovalenko was only seven months old when the family left Germany. He'd spend the next 16 years mostly outside Sao Paulo, playing football when not in school. With more than a fleeting hope of emulating his idols, Kovalenko was on the verge of joining a local factory team when his family finally punched its ticket to the United States.

The Kovalenkos – Steve, his parents and a young sister – spoke no English when they landed States-side in January 1961, first in Philadelphia and then New York. But with his footballing skills, Steve spoke a universal language that was clearly understood in cosmopolitan New York even in the early 60s. He made his debut for the New York Ukrainians in the German-American Football Association [GAFA] – as the CSL was then known — at age 18 in 1964. He turned out for both junior and first teams, and was good enough to make the league's Junior All Star XI and its semi-pro All Star side. After winning those back-to-back league titles with Ukrainians, Kovalenko moved up to the National Soccer League. He helped Greenpoint Polonia to the NSL championship at Brooklyn Italians' expense in 1970. There would be another championship with NY Brazilian in the Flushing Soccer League in 1979 to cap a playing career that included stints with several other clubs.

These would include: Newark Ukrainians [American Soccer League]; Kingston Sports Club and NY Hungaria [both German American Football league]; Yonkers Ukrainians Krilaty [EDSL]; NY Platense [Spanish League] and Kingston Sports Club from upstate New York. In 1969, Kovalenko turned out for Second Division Kingston in a playoff game for promotion to the GAFA first division at the old Downing Stadium on Randalls Island. It was a curtain raiser to a friendly between a still relatively modest Barcelona side and Bahia of Brazil, in front of 10,000 fans. Kingston won 3-1 and clinched promotion. After his appointment as NY Ukrainian coach in 1974, Kovalenko would pick up a raft of titles.

Between 1976 and 2000, Ukrainians' second unit would bag 12 Reserve championships, along with one D'Arpino Cup. His first team won three titles in the second tier of what was now the CSL, earning a ticket to the top flight. Kovalenko, then 45, was player-coach of NY Ukrainians when he scooped the old Sportfriend Cup in Wayne, NJ. There were, in addition, numerous other summer tournaments that his side won. Kovalenko has held various administrative positions including board member of the Eastern New York State Soccer Association and chair of the CSL second division. He currently chairs the CSL Metro One and Two divisions.

The New York soccer referees association named him Coach of the Year in 1997 and in 2011, Kovalenko was inducted into the Eastern New York State Soccer Hall of Fame. This year, the CSL paid him the ultimate compliment for his more than half a century association with the league by making him a life member.

## YAROSLAW KOZAK \* ЯРОСЛАВ КОЗАК



**JAROSLAW KOZAK** was one of the initiators instrumental in the purchase of the original 19 acres to establish a Sports and Community center for Ukrainians back in 1978. He located the perfect land area and set about to convince the community that the purchase of the farmland would be a great asset to the community. He was the go-to person who convinced the local municipal authorities to approve the change in zoning. Mr. Kozak laid down the master plan for the site and was in charge of construction changing the property from farmland to a sports complex. He was one of the volunteers who built the infrastructure and buildings with their own hands. After sometime, additional acreage to its current layout of 41 acres was purchased.

Mr. Kozak had been a member of Ukrainian American Sport Center - Tryzub since its inception in 1950 and still remains an active member to this day.

As a youth player, and subsequently on First Team (position Fullback), his team had achieved their dream of reaching the Final for the U.S. Amateur Cup in 1956. After a tour of military (rank Captain), he managed and coached Youth teams. Over the years Mr. Kozak had held various positions on Tryzub Board, including President, and President of Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals (the name under which Tryzub teams are playing).

Mr. Kozak is on the committee (Vice President) on Diaspora Olympiads held in Philadelphia, as well on the committee to help the Ukrainian Olympic Committee in the Olympic Games held in Atlanta, also attending these games in semi- official capacity. He is an active Member of USCAK Board of Directors, in charge of Soccer Tournaments, President of USCAK East, Vice President of USCAK.



## ROMAN KUCIL \* РОМАН КУЦІЛЬ



**ROMAN KUCIL** was born in Mostyska Ukraine on June 10, 1924. and died September 17, 2012.

Roman dedicated his time, energy, and heart and soul to his beloved Ukrainian Community, to St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church and to his family and friends. He was elected president of USCAK in 1972 and held that position for 14 years. He was the organizer of many USCAK and SUAST National Ukrainian Volleyball Tournaments and instrumental in organizing Ukrainian Sports Clubs into the USCAK umbrella in the United States and Canada.

Народжений 10-го червня 1924 року в Мостиськах, Мостиський район, Львівська область.

Освіта: вища (семи-класна Публична Вселюдна Школа в Мостиськах, рр. 1931 до 1937; Державний Ліцей і Гімназія в Перемишлі, рр. 1937/38 і 1938/39; Десятилітка в Мостиськах, рр. 1940 і 1941; Державна Технічна Фахова Школа – Мірничий Відділ у Львові, рр. 1942/43 і 1943/44; УНРА Університет в Мюнхені, р. 1946/47; Університет в Рочестері, денні і вечірні курси, рр. 1956 до 1960.

Професія: Проектант /дизайнер/ у факультеті Оптики і Фізики Рочестерського Університету в рр. 1955 до 1988; тепер – пенсіонер.

Індивідуальна спортова діяльність: Спортom зацікавився ще з молодих літ, як член Спортивного Товариства “Скала” в Мостиськах. Приймав участь в таких видах спорту: копаний м’яч /футбол/, відбиванка /волейбол/, лещетарство /лижі/, пінг-понг, теніс, шахи.

Діяльність як спортивного діяча:

- Провідник /менеджер/ футбольної ланки Українсько-Американського Спортивного Товариства, Рочестер, Н.Й. /1953 – 1966/. В 1957-му році УАСТовариство здобуло віце-чемпіонат Все-американського Аматорського Кубка.
- Перший керівник /менеджер/ американської професійної футбольної команди в Рочестері, Н.Й. “Ленсерс”.
- Голова Української Спортової Централі Америки й Канади, від 1972 р. до 1989 р.
- Голова Ради Української Спортової Централі Америки й Канади.

Суспільно-громадська діяльність:

- Другий заступник голови Української Федеральної Кредитової Спільки в Рочестері, Н.Й.
- Голова Об’єднання Українсько-Американських Організацій м. Рочестер, Н.Й.
- Голова Товариства “Самопоміч” від 1989 р.
- Голова Українського Конгресового Комітету Америки в Рочестері, Н.Й. в рр. 1973 до 1988.
- Провідник Української Радіопрограми в Рочестері, від 1979 року.
- Голова Контрольної Комісії “Осередку Української Спащини” в Рочестері.



- Член Контрольної Комісії Відділу в Рочестері Комітету Розбудови Українського Музею в Нью Йорку.
- Заступник голови Українського Громадського Стипендійного Комітету програми вишколу студентів медицини з України в медичній школі Рочестерського Університету.
- Голова Українського Вест-Сайд Клубу в рр. 1973-1975 і 1977-1987.
- Голова Комітету 50-річчя Великого Голоду в Україні /1983 р./
- Голова Комітету 1000-ліття Хрещення України /1988 р./
- Голова Фонду ім. Бориса Лятошинського.
- Член Управи Комітету Допомоги Україні і Комітету Допомоги Дітям Чорнобиля, в Рочестері.
- Голова Стипендійної Комісії при Українській Кредитовій Спілці в Рочестері
- Голова Комітету 100-ліття Українського Поселення в Рочестері, Н.Й.

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## JAROSLAW KUROWYCKYJ \* ЯРОСЛАВ КУРОВИЦЬКИЙ

JAROSLAW KUROWYCKYJ emigrated to the United States in 1949. He enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was a champion in ping pong. He became a member of the 1955 where as a member championship ping After being appointed Sports club soccer team, being the manager of National cup in 1965, the United States. He during an international participant included Germany, Fiorentina from Salonica, Greece.



During his tenure as manager he coached Walter Schmotolocha who went on to be a member of the US national team that competed for the World Cup. He also coached Gordon Bradley who went on to coach the NY Cosmos.

Apart from being the president of Kurowycky Meat Products, a firm that was nationally known, he served as president of the Ukrainian Sports club from 2001 to 2010. He took steps to reinvigorate the club by having the Ukrainian national team and the Klitchko brothers events broadcast at the club.

He was a community leader who led the fight to keep Shevchenko place from being taken over by Cooper Union. His untimely demise in January of 2011 was prominently mentioned by Honorable Carolyn Maloney in the Congressional Record.



## VOLODYMYR LEVYTSKYJ \* ВОЛОДИМИР ЛЕВИЦЬКИЙ



**ВОЛОДИМИР ЛЕВИЦЬКИЙ** був третім, з восьми дітей. Він народився 5-го січня 1911 року в селі Явірник поблизу Команчі Сяніцького повіту. Гімназію закінчив у Перемишлі, а політехніку у Львові.

В 1939 році був заарештований поляками у Львові, а його наречена Теодора Дмоховська - донька лвівського дентиста - в той час була ув'язнена в Березі Картузській.

Після розвалу Польщі у вересні 1939 р. боє вийшли на волю і 4 жовтня цього ж року побралися. Після шлюбу, що відбувся у церкві святого Юра у Львові, молоде подружжя поселилося у м. Сяніку.

В 1941 році, після окупації Львова німцями - повертаються туди, але незабаром за підпільну діяльність Володимир був заарештований Гестапо. Покарання відбував спершу в Кракові, а у 1942 був перевезений до концтабору в Аушвіц. Весною 1945, повністю виснаженого фізично Володимира врятували вояки американської армії. У 1950 р. подружжя переїхало до Чикаго в США.

Протягом 25-річного проживання у Чикаго Володимир був активним членом громади, приділяючи багато часу розвитку вже існуючого осередку СУМ ім. Миколи Павлушкова, та користкувався великим авторитетом.

В 1951-1953 був головою управи осередку і саме в той час велику увагу надавав розвитку спортивної діяльності, в чому йому допомагав досвід власного студентського життя в Галичині, а також приділяв багато уваги новоствореному осередку СК СУМА "Крила".

В грудні 1955 була організована Українська Спортивна Централь Америки і Канади (УСЦАК), основоположником якої стала "Крила". В 2002 за діяльність у розвитку спорту Володимир нагороджений грамотами подяки від Крайової Управи СУМ та ві СУАСТ.

За свою сумлінну безкорисливу працю Володимир одержав від Папи Івана Павла II грамоту "Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice" та медаль Найсвятішого Хреста.

16 травня 2006 після важкої хвороби інженер відійшов у вічність.

## **DR. TARAS (TERRY) LISKEVYCH \* ТАРАС ЛИСКЕВИЧ**

**TARAS LISKEVYCH**, OSU's all-time leader in wins, was honored by being selected the 2014 Pac-12 and Regional Coach of the Year.

One of volleyball's most distinguished coaches, Liskevych's accomplishments are numerous. He coached the men's volleyball program at The Ohio State University (1974-1976) and twice took the Buckeyes to the NCAA Tournament Final Four in 1975 and '76. He posted a two-year record of 45-7 (.865 winning percentage).

He completed his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University in 1976 and that fall switched to the women's collegiate game at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., where he led the Tigers for nine seasons (1976-1985) and accumulated a record of 267-85 (.759).

Pacific finished in the top five in the nation six of his nine years, going to five Final Fours. In 1983, he was selected the National Collegiate Coach of the Year. While at Pacific, Liskevych was a professor in the Physical Education and Recreation Department (1976-1981), co-founded the Sports Psychology graduate program, was an assistant athletic director supervising the women's programs, and oversaw athletic marketing.

In 1981, Liskevych co-founded the Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association (now the AVCA – American Volleyball Coaches Association) and in 1988 he created and co-produced the first Collegiate Volleyball All-Star Game that was telecast by ESPN.

Liskevych began his international career as an assistant coach for the USA Women's National Team in 1975, and was appointed the head coach of the U.S. Women's Volleyball Team in 1985. By 1990 Liskevych had established the American team as a dominant force in international women's volleyball. He was recognized as the Coach of the Year by the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) in 1995. Liskevych left the USA program in 1996 and served on several FIVB committees (1998-2001) and spent time as a consultant for the Australian National Volleyball Teams (1995-2004). In 2003, he was part of the inaugural class inducted into the AVCA Hall of Fame.

Liskevych worked in the private sector following his international coaching and administration roles as the president of Paragon Marketing (1997-2000), co-founder, vice president and president of ARK Digital Technologies (1998-2003), and subsequently as the co-founder and president of Total Sports Inc. (2003-2005). In 2005 he made his return to collegiate volleyball as the Beavers' head coach.

Liskevych, who owns 392 career collegiate victories, and his family have maintained a residence in the San Diego area where he will continue his involvement in the sport by serving as a mentor for coaches for the advancement of volleyball.



## YAROSLAW PETRYK \* ЯРОСЛАВ ПЕТРИК

**YAROSLAW PETRYK**, in 1950, and daughter Orysia to the settled in New York City, then 1951, he became a member of in organizing the 4th Viddil became the first holova of CYM in Passaic, a lifetime throughout the years led him to Sportovij Referent and summer camps such as and Vyshkilnyj in Ellenville, NY. Camps, where he instilled the здорова душа! (In a healthy many young Ukrainian athletes.



he traveled with his wife Iryna United States where they first later moved to Passaic, NJ. In CYM and took an active role Yunatstva within the US and Passaic. Aside from his work participation within CYM US such roles as CYM US Komandant of many CYM Vidpochynkovyj, Sportovij Petryk most enjoyed Sports motto “В здоровому тілі, body is a healthy soul)” into

Mr. Petryk was not only active within CYM, but within many other Ukrainian organizations and the American workforce: Ukrainian National Home of Passaic, NJ - President for 40 years; USCAK (Ukrainian Sports Federation of America and Canada) - an active member for 40 years; Self Reliance Federal Credit Union, Passaic, NJ - was one of the founding members of the first branch of the Credit Union and was also their first President; Ukrainian Fraternal Organization - an active member for many years; Passaic City Hall, Passaic, NJ - employed as a Senior Draftsman from 1971 - 1986, where he retired at the age of 70.

Back in 1995, he was able to fulfill a dream that he thought would never come true. He returned to a free Ukraine and was able to visit his home city of Zolotchiv. His trip was one that individuals there will never forget. During his visit, he spoke to a crowd of over 1,000 people from Zolotchiv and nearby villages about his experiences since he left his home and the struggles that he and his family went through when leaving the city. The highlight of his speech was when he showed everyone the actual Ukrainian flag that he managed to smuggle out of Ukraine 50 years prior. - Myroslava Babinska from Zolotchiv wrote a letter to Mr. Petryk regarding the positive impact that his visit made while in Ukraine.

Mr. Petryk passed away in June, 2000. His loving wife Iryna, who passed away in 2012, always supported him and his active participation in the Ukrainian community. He loved his native country, Ukraine, and dedicated his life to instill that love in the Ukrainian youth of America through leadership, sportsmanship and participation in all patriotic activities.

Mr. Petryk is remembered not only by Sumivtsi, but by anyone who knew him as a friend and mentor.



## VERY REV. MARIJAN PROCYK \* О. МАРИЯН ПРОЦИК

**VERY REVEREND MARIJAN PROCYK**, was born June 18, 1952 (officially: June 26, 1952) in Marička, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Yugoslavia).

He studied Philosophy and Theology in Visoko and Sarajevo (Bosnia), Zagreb (Croatia), Rome (Italy).

Married to Marija Petelj (+November 29, 2006), 6 children.



Ordained deacon by Bishop Isydor Borecky in Castelgandolfo (Rome) in October, 1980; Ordained priest by Patriarch and Cardinal Josyf Slipyj in Castelgandolfo (Rome) on November 21, 1980.

Served as Chaplain of St. Sophia Religious Association, Philadelphia, PA (1980-1988); Chaplain of OSBM Sisters, Philadelphia, PA (1982); Administrator of St. Josaphat, New Britain, CT (1988-1990); Administrator of St. Michael, Terryville, CT (1990); Pastor of St. Nicholas, Buffalo, NY (1990- ).

Made Archpriest June 8, 2005 by Bishop Basil Losten.

He was Director of Apostleship of Prayer for Stamford Eparchy (1991-); Protopresbyter of Buffalo Deanery (1996-2014); Member of Presbyteral Council (1996-2010); Spiritual Director of LUC Niagara Frontier (1995- ); Spiritual Director of LUC National Board (2003- ); Member of St. Sophia Religious Association (2010- )

His Chess strength is of the Expert (around 2100). He organized 2 invitational tournaments. One honoring Patriarch Joseph Slipyj (1982) and another honoring Prof. Stepan A. M. Popel (1984) publishing booklets with all games and commentaries, later publishing 2 more booklets from USCAK Tournaments for 1986 and 1988. He was also conducting yearly USCAK Tournaments for a few years.





## **ROMAN RAKOCZY SR. \* РОМАН РАКОЧИЙ**



**ROMAN RAKOCZY, SR.** was born in Zbaraz, Ukraine. Roman Rakoczy's contributions to the Ukrainian community span over six decades beginning in the 1940's. For over 50 years, Roman dedicated countless hours and efforts to the Carpathian Ski Club (KLK), Ukrainian Sports Federation of the US and Canada (USCAK), and Ukrainian National Association (UNA). Roman's efforts combined with the collaboration of the Ukrainian organizations, achieved a common goal to unite, maintain and strengthen Ukrainian sports among immigrants and descendents. Advocating togetherness by remembering their common roots, they raised awareness among participants through The Ukrainian American Tennis community.

Roman succeeded in contributing a dedicated lifetime as a tennis director and organizer leaving an everlasting impact on the Ukrainian footprint in upstate New York.

Spending his childhood years in Ukraine, he possessed an unyielding passion for education and athletics. He graduated from Lviv Polytechnic Institute as a Chemical Engineer in 1937. Roman and his wife Jaroslava were forced to leave their beloved country with the onset of World War II. Journeying onto Mittenwald, Germany, Roman maintained his dedication to Ukrainian youths teaching Ukrainian high schoolers Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics. In 1948, he and his co-workers organized the first Ukrainian tennis tournament in Mittenwald, Germany.

Roman was elected and honored to serve as the Director of Tennis for both organizations, the KLK and USCAK. In 1955, he was one of the first progressive pioneers to advocate and collaborate with the Ukrainian National Association to build a sports complex at what is now known as Soyuzivka Heritage Center. With Roman's leadership under the associations they brought to fruition; tennis courts, volleyball courts, a soccer field and swimming pool. The collective goal was to bring about an enjoyable retreat where all Ukrainians, immigrants, descendants, relatives, could gather to compete in athletics.

In 1956, Roman played in the first Ukrainian tennis tournament at Soyuzivka. In 1958, he won the Men's Seniors Championship, and in 1964 he won the Men's Doubles Championship with Ivan Durbak. People often referred to Soyuzivka tennis with Roman Rakoczy. As the director and organizer of many popular tournaments, players came together to participate from cities across the US as well as Canada. The interaction amongst athletes served as the perfect medium for players to socialize and meet new friends with Ukrainian roots.

In 1985, he was distinguished with an honorary award by the KLK sports club for dedicating 35 years to organizing tournaments as Director of Tennis. From 1971-1989 he served as Director of Tennis for USCAK. In 1992, USCAK recognized Roman with an honorary award for his dedication to Ukrainian Tennis. This induction is a tribute to Roman and all the volunteers who worked endlessly with him for the greater cause. \*

Through the love of the game of tennis, the efforts of Roman and the Ukrainian organizations were able to bring people of all walks of life together for many generations to come. Roman Rakoczy and his family are proud to have his efforts recognized as an organizer and builder of the game of Tennis.

## YURIY SAWCHAK \* ЮРІЙ САВЧАК



**YURIY SAWCHAK** was born in Lviv, Ukraine. The young Yurko Sawchak and his family, escaped the Soviets by going West and settled in a Ukrainian Displaced Persons Camp in Mittenwald, Germany. There, under the direction of his father, Roman Sawchak, a sports leader, he began his life-long passion for sports.

The family immigrated to the USA in 1950 and settled in Philadelphia, Pa. Yurko became a sports enthusiast in school participating in many different sports. At Drexel University, he was a starter on the soccer team which won the Division I, NCAA Soccer Championship in 1958. Also, while playing tennis for Drexel, he won 16 straight singles matches, a record at that time. At Drexel University he earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and M.B.A. in Finance. Professionally, Sawchak, P.E., became Director of Engineering at Rexnord Corporation, a global industrial company, until his retirement.

He participated in tennis competitions at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and the 3rd US Army and became the hitting partner of General Westmoreland. Returning to Philadelphia, Yurko became involved with the game of tennis, both in USCAK's tournaments at Soyuzivka and Tryzubivka and in U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) as a competitor, organizer, and teacher. Sawchak won many USCAK Tournaments, including the USCAK Championship on Labor Day, ten USCAK East Championships and numerous doubles, mixed doubles and senior tournaments as well as all tennis matches representing USCAK during its trip to western Ukraine in 1991.

In the USTA, Sawchak was a competitor in various men's tournaments and was the club champion at the legendary Philadelphia Rifle Club. He was ranked #1 both in the singles and doubles in USTA/Middle States and also earned a national singles ranking.

As an organizer, Sawchak has been a member of the USCAK's Tennis Committee since 1967 and its director since 1989. He conducted tournaments at Soyuzivka and Tryzubivka including the tennis competitions during all of the Olympiads. In 1991 he organized a Tennis Team Trip with 11 players to Ukraine.

Sawchak has held various positions in USTA such as a member of the Board of Directors; President, Vice-President and Board Member of the Delaware Valley Tennis Club; and the Sectional Captain of various senior intersectional teams. He still is the Director of the Sectional Clay Court Championships in Middle States, which he organized and ran for the past 30 years. He was also the head instructor of the Advanced Gold Club Program and an instructor of the National Junior Tennis League, both Philadelphia Area USTA junior tennis programs.

Presently, Yurko Sawchak still competes in tennis especially in Florida (where he lives for five months during the year), leads intersectional teams, conducts tennis tournaments both for USCAK and USTA, directs the Soyuzivka Tennis Camp, and is the vice-president of the Delaware Valley Tennis Club in the Philadelphia area.

He and his wife Petrusia Kociubajlo have two daughters, Tetiana and Leda, both USCAK champions and Division I Collegiate Players, and their granddaughters, Katya, Ariadna and Juliette, who are also athletes.

## OREST STANKO \* OPECT CTAHKO



**OREST STANKO**, after he and his wife immigrated to the United States in 1949, said that one of his most gratifying professional moments as a Sr. Chemist involved a dramatic breakthrough in the development of a medical product for severe burn victims during the Vietnam War. After establishing his professional career, Roman once again began participating in the sport he so loved, tennis. He became an active member of the American Tennis Association, the Carpathian Ski Club, as well as the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the US and Canada.

In his 23 seasons as the head coach of the University of Toronto Varsity Blues men's volleyball team, Mr. Stanko became the winningest coach in OUA men's volleyball history.

He guided the Varsity Blues to 14 division championships and a record 13 OUA championships, including five in a row (1991-95), and was a seven-time OUA East coach of the year.

In total, Orest guided the U of T men's volleyball team to 12 national championship appearances, with their best finish coming when they earned the CIAU silver medal in 1971.

Orest produced 63 OUA all-stars and 17 all-Canadians, and has seen seven players participate with the Canadian national team. He received U of T's Thomas R. Loudon Award in 2002 for outstanding service in the advancement of athletics.

In addition to his significant contribution to the Varsity Blues, Orest advanced the sport of volleyball through his roles as tournament director on Volleyball Canada's national beach tour (1991-2002) and as a member of the Volleyball Canada beach high performance committee (2003-present).

He has been the head coach of several Canadian national teams at the Canada Games, Pan American Games and national tournaments over the last 20 years. In 2003, Orest received the Syl Apps Special Achievement award for recognition of outstanding service to OFSAA and school sport.

Currently the executive director of the Ontario Volleyball Association, Orest is by far the most successful and important men's volleyball coach at U of T by making the Blues a powerhouse in the OUA and CIS.

## MYRON STEBELSKY \* МИРОН СТЕБЕЛЬСЬКИЙ

**MYRON STEBELSKY**, a the Ukrainian Athletic-“Chornomorska Sitch” in President for over 30 years. sports of soccer, volleyball, bridge began to flourish organization. His passion Ukrainian youth through was an integral part in School with O. this school continues to run numerous summers talents to improving the development of hundreds of children, as well as providing leadership and guidance to them.



true sports advocate, joined Educational Association 1968 and held the post of During his tenure, the ping pong, hockey and within the Sitch was the development of sports activities. In 1970, he developing the Sitch Sports Twardowsky. To this day, every summer. He spent donating his time and sports skills and social

For the period 1991 – 2005, Mr. Stebelsky also served as the President of USCAK. During this time, sports organizations were reborn in the U.S. and Canada, and Mr. Stebelsky is credited with helping restart many organizations in Ukraine and helping many athletes enter the international sports arena. It was also during this time that a Fund/Foundation to help rebuild sports in Ukraine was created. This Fund helped to pay for registrations for athletes to compete in various international events. This Fund raised close to \$400,000.00 and helped the Ukrainian Olympic Committee pay for travel to the Lillehammer, Norway and Atlanta, Georgia Olympics.

In 1990, Mr. Stebelsky and a contingent of USCAK members, had their first historic meeting with Ukraine’s Olympic swim team. This meeting paved the way for future relationships between the two countries. In 1991 Mr. Stebelsky helped to organize over 300 athletes to travel to Ukraine to participate in various sporting (soccer, volleyball, swimming and chess) exhibitions. In another historic meeting in 1994, Mr. Stebelsky and contingency met with Valeri Borzov of Ukraine’s National Olympic Committee, as well as with sport leaders and politicians, to discuss Olympic organization for the free Ukraine. These conferences and meetings were instrumental in helping their Olympic Committee develop their organizational structure. As a result of this work, Mr. Stebelsky received various awards and acknowledgements from Ukraine.

## BASIL TARASKO \* ВАСИЛЬ ТАРАСКО

**BASIL P. TARASKO** was born in Ansbach, Germany in 1946. At the age of five he arrived in New York. He attended elementary school at St. George Academy in New York and graduated with a BA degree from Hunter College in 1970. He has two sons Andrei and Michael.



He served as a Mathematics teacher in the New York school system for 31 years. During his tenure he taught advanced math courses, taught in-service courses for teachers and organized math teams in two different schools. During that time he had a second career as Baseball Coach on a College level. Coach Tarasko worked as a Head Coach at Hunter College, City College of New York and Baruch College among others. In 1994 he was named Coach of the Year at City College when his CCNY team won the CUNY Conference Baseball Championship. He also worked as a Professional Baseball Scout for the Atlanta Braves and the San Diego Padres.

In 1991, Coach Tarasko was invited by the Soviet Union's Ministry of Sports to help develop the sport of baseball in the USSR. In late June of 1991, he traveled to Kyiv, Ukraine to coach 'Pobutovik' the professional baseball team. In 1994, Coach Tarasko was named the first National Baseball Coach in Ukraine's history. That summer his Junior National team took third place in the European Championship held in Kyiv. Later that summer his Senior National team won the European Baseball Championship in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Many of his other National teams have won other Championships.

In 1995, Coach Tarasko turned his attention to developing a youth baseball program using the Little League model so that more children could be involved. In his 70 trips since then he has conducted 17 Ukraine LL Championships in different cities in Ukraine. Three of those winners have traveled to the US to represent Europe at the Little League World Series. He continues to help local leagues with equipment and training of coaches.





## LARYSSA BARABASH TEMPLE



**LARYSSA BARABASH TEMPLE** served as attaché for Team Ukraine at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, a time when there was little or no organizational structure in place to support the team. A resident of Atlanta since 1969, Laryssa used her network of connections in that city, and in the Ukrainian diaspora worldwide, to establish that structure and give the team the support it needed to finish ninth overall in the medal count, twenty-three total, nine of them gold.

It remains a foundational moment in Ukrainian independence and the cooperation of the diaspora community and Ukrainians. Among those who were critical to accomplishing it were: The spectacular athletes of Ukraine; Askold Lozynskyj, president UCCA, for fundraising; Ukrainian communities for generous contributions; Mel Pender (1968 Olympic gold medalist), for introducing NOC Ukraine to sponsors and helping to secure training venues; Lidia Mykytyn, for coordinating the CYM and Plast assistance; Mykola Lewchyk, for managing team travel; Roman Olenych (Gary Bowman) for full sponsorship of the Olympic ticket and Ukraine Olympic House programs; Satoshi Kitahama, invaluable assistant; and USCAK Ukrainian Sports Committee for USA and Canada. They further coordinated visa requirements, travel, and housing, provided assistance staffing (CYM and Plast members) for all venues, managed the Olympic ticket program for Ukraine, and arranged for a Ukrainian Olympic House, a host facility during the Games.

Laryssa served again as attaché for NOC Ukraine at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games 2002, and has chaired the Sports Committee of the Ukrainian World Congress for several terms. In 2014, the Sports Committee and NOC Ukraine formed a joint committee that has resulted in considerable assistance to the “Diaspora Football Championship” held annually in Ukraine. The joint committee hopes to develop plans for a diaspora Olympic Games. She is working once again with Satoshi Kitahama to secure training facilities for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

Laryssa Barabash Temple has been awarded:

- Honorary Member of Lviv University of Physical Culture Ivan Bobersky Lviv University (2013), Почесна Відзнака Львівського Державного Університету Фізичної Культури імені Івана Боберського
- National Olympic Committee of Ukraine Національного Олімпійського Комітету України За вагомий особистий внесок у розвиток та пропаганду олімпійського руху Україн
- NOC Ukraine (2013)
- Відзнака Президента України орден 'За Заслуги' III ступеня
- President of Ukraine (1997)

## OMELAN TWARDOWSKY \* ОМЕЛЯН ТВАРДОВСЬКИЙ

**OMELAN TWARDOWSKY** joined the Ukrainian Athletic-Educational Association “Chornomorska Sitch” in 1956 and was immediately selected as press secretary, a position which he holds to this day.

In 1963 he started “Our Sport” Magazine, which continues to be published annually and can be found in fifteen libraries in Ukraine. In 1969 he started the swimming division, which has won 30 USCAK Championships and one Ukrainian Olympiad. He initiated the idea of an annual summer sports camp and together with Myron Stebelsky, launched the first “Chornomorska Sitch” Sports School in 1970.



Mr. Twardowsky has donated his time and participated in every sports school since its inception. The Sports School has been attended by thousands of youths from the U.S., Canada and Ukraine. In 1975 he started the skiing division. Mr. Twardowsky launched the inaugural men’s soccer and women’s volleyball tournaments at the Ukrainian Festival at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey in 1991 and organized them for many years thereafter.

In 1991 he started a fundraising campaign in the Ukrainian press for the rebirth of sports in Ukraine, which generated close to \$400,000.00. From 1977 to 1999 he was a sports editor for “Svoboda”. Between 1999 and 2007 he wrote several books/publications—a history book of “Chornomorska Sitch” entitled “Sichovymy Shlachamy”, which was translated from Ukrainian by Dr. O. Popovich, USCAK – on the Waves of the Olympics 1981 – 1996; USCAK and Sports in Ukraine. He has received a Certificate of Recognition from the Lviv Institute of Physical Education. He has also been recognized by USCAK, the UNA and the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine for his work in physical education and sports. He has also received numerous recognition awards for his dedication to the Sitch Sports School and to the “Chornomorska Sitch” organization. He is a true sports activist, who can be seen at any sporting event, whether it be soccer, ping pong, chess or volleyball.



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to the Inaugural Inductees  
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*Best wishes on the Grand Opening  
of the Ukrainian Sports Museum*

*Bohdan and Natalya Porytko*



*Congratulations  
to the athletes inducted  
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*Continued success in the growth  
of the Ukrainian Sports Museum*

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes to all  
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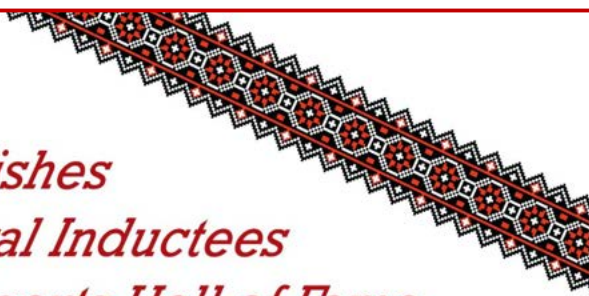
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*Linda and Roman Kleban*



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***Congratulations to all the 2016 inductees!***

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Congratulations to the Board of Directors of the USMHOF on the Grand Opening of the Ukrainian Sports Museum and Hall of Fame at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center in Whippany!

We wish you continued success in the development of this Museum, which recognizes Ukrainian professional and national team athletes who have had a nexus with our North American communities, as well as club athletes and community organizers for their significant contributions on the athletic front.

Congratulations to all of the inductees in the builders category of the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame. This impressive and deserving group of individuals exemplifies selflessness and an unwavering commitment to the Ukrainian hromada on the athletic front.

We are particularly pleased that Myron Stebelsky (posthumously) and Omelan Twardowsky have been chosen to receive this prestigious award. For decades, these individuals had a passion for the “Chornomorska Sitch” organization and for the development of Ukrainian youth through sports. With their passion, they inspired others to become “Sitch” members and sport activists. Both are recipients of Lifetime Achievement Awards from “Chornomorska Sitch” and were inducted into the “Chornomorska Sitch” Hall of Fame in 2014. It is appropriate that they now be recognized by the Ukrainian Sports Museum and Hall of Fame. We are grateful to them and to countless other Sitch activists for their absolute dedication, commitment, energy and enthusiasm. As a result of their efforts, “Chornomorska Sitch” in Whippany celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2014. We are confident that “Chornomorska Sitch” will continue to thrive.

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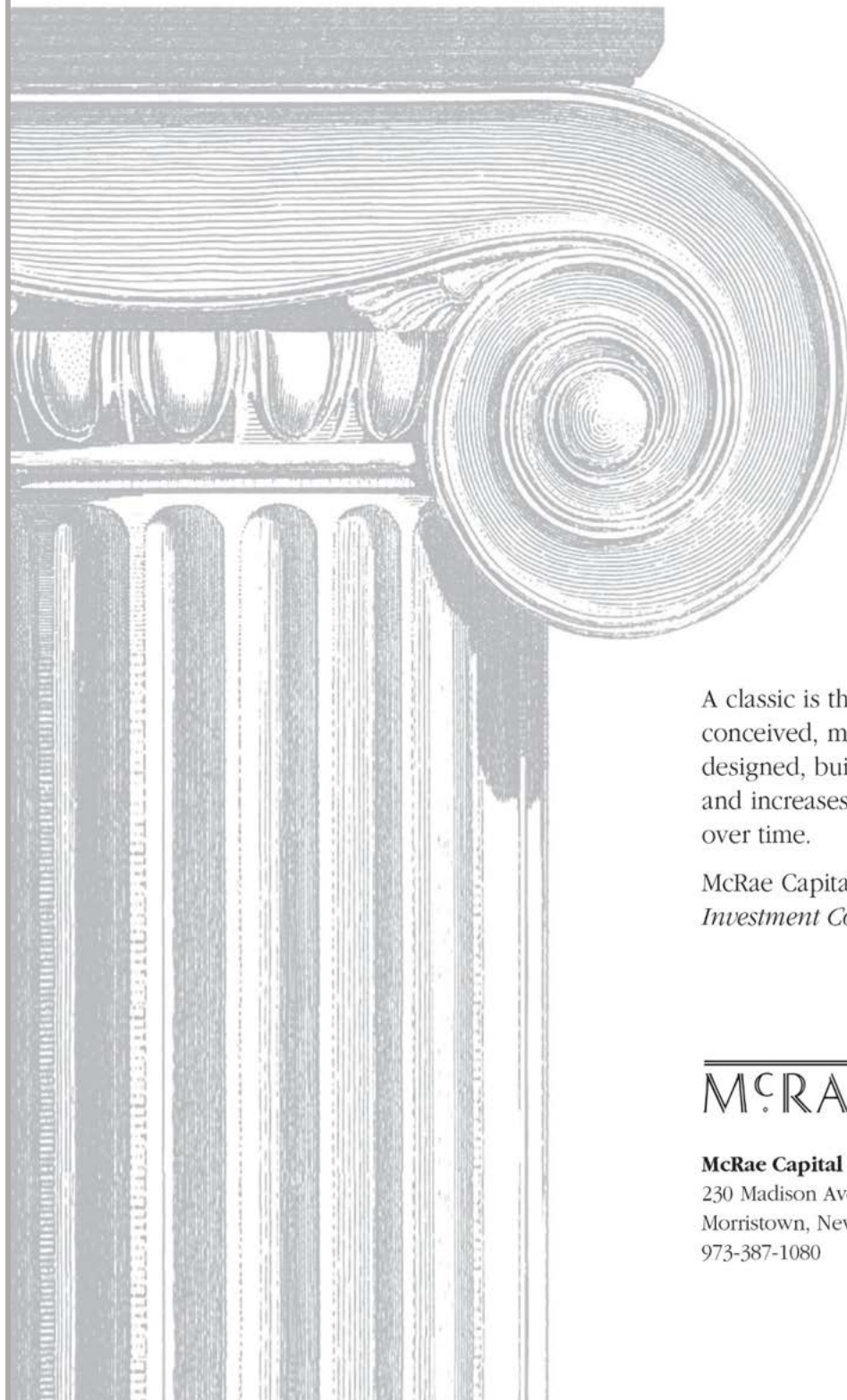
Heartfelt congratulations to all of the extremely deserving individuals, who have been selected for induction into the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions in both professional and amateur sports.

We are especially proud that our candidates have been chosen to be a part of this impressive group of honorees. In alphabetical order, they include Michael Farmiga (soccer), Dr. Zenon Matkowsky (tennis), Nestor Paslawsky (volleyball), and Dr. Orest Popovych (chess).

These individuals have delivered numerous championships for “Chornomorska Sitch” and for the Ukrainian community at large. We are grateful for their dedication/commitment and their contributions to the world of Ukrainian sports. They are certainly deserving of this special honor bestowed today.

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# Congratulations Orest Haliw



The Board of Directors and members of the American Ukrainian Youth Association, Palatine, IL branch extend warm greetings and sincere congratulations to our life-long member Mr. Orest Haliw on his induction into the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame.



Mr. Haliw has played an integral role in promoting, organizing and participating in Ukrainian soccer teams in our organization and in the Ukrainian community as a whole. We are proud that one of our own is part of the inaugural group of inductees into the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame.



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The Haliw, Kyszka and Kurywczak Family



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**Orest Haliw**

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**Congratulations on a Grand Opening  
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**Best wishes to all the inductees  
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The Krylati Sport Club, under the auspices of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) - Yonkers, NY Branch would like to congratulate Roman Hlushko, Michael Hlushko, Bo Kucyna and all the other inaugural inductees of the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame.

We thank them for their important contributions to the sports community and their lasting positive impact on generations of young Ukrainian-American athletes.

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of the  
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**and**

**congratulates  
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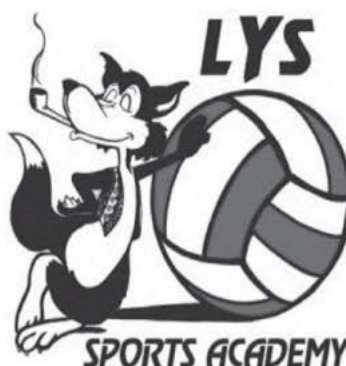
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***All the best and continued success  
to the Ukrainian Sports Museum  
and Hall of Fame***

***Teo, Oksana, Theodore and Taras Bodnar***



**Congratulations  
on a successfull opening of the  
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**Best wishes  
to all the inductees into the  
Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame**

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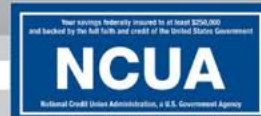


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