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Honored Inductees, Sports Enthusiasts and Guests:

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Sports Museum and Hall of Fame, I welcome you to our Third Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Ceremony in our new location here at the Tryzub Sports Complex in Horsham PA.

Over the past three years our phenomenal growth made us rethink our plans and lack of expansion space in New Jersey forced us to look for a new location. We found that here at the Tryzub Sport Complex . The Museum is open and we can proudly say that this is the only museum of this type in the Diaspora. The Hall of Fame has developed a worldwide interest. My recent trip to Ukraine and meetings with NOC (National Olympic Committee), Ministry of Youth and Sport and many sport federations has indicated tremendous support for this project. We hope to, in the near future, have our own dedicated space here.

I would like to thank our Board for their tremendous work. Ted Bodnar, Curator, Roman Bulawski, Bohdan Porytko for his consul on legal matters and sports, and my wife and partner, Christina Bytz, whose support words cannot describe. Without our great team, this would not be possible.

We would also like to thank our largest supporters – LYS Sport Academy, Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank and Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union in Philadelphia, Founding Members. Additional thank you to Len Mazur, Selfreliance Credit Union Chicago/Whippany, Ukrainian National Credit Union NY, Nova Credit Union and SUMA Yonkers Federal Credit Union.

I also want to thank USCAK, Ukrainian Sports Central of US and Canada, and their members for the support and unenviable task of researching, selecting and recommending Inductees in the Amateur, Semi Professional and Builders Categories. There are, and were, many talented athletes to scrutinize.

Thank you INDUCTEES for your tremendous achievements in the sports world. Being of Ukrainian heritage you have accomplished much. You have done your job! It is now our job, as our mission states, to let the world know of Ukrainian accomplishments in the sporting world from Olympics and professionals to amateur levels. If it wasn't for the Builders and teams, much of this would not have been possible.

A huge project of ours is The Ukrainian Heritage Night/Day at NJ Devils and now the Ukrainian Heritage Day at the Philadelphia 76 ers. We are now preparing for the Sixth Ukrainian Heritage Day at the NJ Devils on December 1, 2018 and the First Ukrainian Heritage Day at the Philadelphia 76 ers coming soon. Join us for a fun-filled day and show your support for our Ukrainian heritage.

Won't you all help us do that by your support? Thank you.

Myron Bytz

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Від імені Ради директорів Українського музею спорту та Залі слави вітаю вас на Другій щорічній Індукційній церемонії введення до Української спортової Залі слави.

Цей проєкт, який довго був моєю мрією, розрісся за такий короткий період часу і став відповідати очікуванням кожного. Музей відкритий, і ми можемо з гордістю сказати, що це єдиний музей такого роду в діаспорі. Зал слави здобув загальнолюдське зацікавлення.

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Ми також хотіли б подякувати нашим найбільшим прихильникам - LYS Sport Academy та Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank – обидва наші засновники. Рівнож дякуємо Українській Кредитовій Кооперативі Самопоміч Чикаго / Випані, Українській Кредитовій Спілці у Філадельфії, Українській Національній Кредитовій Спілці у Нью-Йорку, Федеральній Кредитовій Кооперативі СУМА в Йонкерсі і Nova .

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Дякую кандидатам за величезні досягнення в спортивному світі. Будучи українського походження, ви багато чого досягли. Ви зробили свою роботу! Зараз наша робота та наша місія - дати світові знати про українські досягнення в спортивному світі, від олімпійських спортсменів та професіоналів до любителів. Тільки за Вашої участі все це може бути можливе.

Величезним проєктом нашим є День української спадщини із Нью-Джерзі Девоуз. 1 го грудня 2018 року ми готуємось вже до шостого дня української спадщини із Нью-Джерзі Девоуз. Запрошуємо приєднатись до нас в цей день, повний розваг, та надати Вашу підтримку нашій українській спадщині. Чи готові Ви допомогти нам Вашою підтримкою? Дякую.

Мирон Биц
Рада Директорів

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The Ukrainian Sports Museum and Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit 501c3 approved association dedicated to honoring those individuals, teams, events, organizations and venues prominent in the history of Ukrainian athletics. The Hall/Museum recognizes the timeless intertwining of sport into the fabric of everyday life. With this as a credo the Ukrainian Sports Museum and Hall of Fame is devoted to honoring those persons, places, organizations and events that have made outstanding contributions through inspiring achievement in both professional and amateur sports while forever enriching the memories of fans.

As its mission, the Hall is committed to:

- Through enshrinement, honoring, those individuals who had exceptional careers as players, participants, coaches, managers, owners, sports clubs, builders and supporters.
- Memorializing athletic venues of historical importance.
- Honoring organizations prominent in the Diaspora for contributions to professional or amateur sports.
- Identifying those long-standing establishments that have served to enhance the sporting experience for fans.
- Commemorating defining moments in the history of Ukrainian Sport.
- Acquisition, primarily through donation and bequest, of artifacts, memorabilia, works of art, literature, photographs and related materials that focus on the history of Ukrainian Sport.
- Public edification by establishing a permanent Hall of Fame and Museum.
- Promoting education and training through scholarships, grants and internships to student athletes.
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WALTER EDWARD BRODA * ВОЛОДИМИР БРОДА



Walter Edward Broda (May 15, 1914 – October 17, 1972) was born in Brandon, Manitoba to a Ukrainian family. A Canadian professional ice hockey player and coach. A goaltender, Broda played his entire career for the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League (NHL) between 1935 and 1951, taking a brief hiatus from 1943 to 1946 to fight in the Second World War. After retiring from active play, Broda coached minor league and junior ice hockey teams. In 2017 Broda was named one of the 100 Greatest NHL Players in history.

Broda acquired the nickname of "Turkey Egg" during his school days in Brandon because of his many freckles. "Turkey Egg" soon became "Turk", and the name followed him.

Broda started his playing career with the Brandon Athletics and the Brandon Native Sons. After playing a few years with them he played for the Winnipeg Monarchs, Detroit Farm Crest and the Toronto St. Michael's Majors. In 1932-33, he won the Memorial Cup. In 1933-34, the Detroit Red Wings invited Turk Broda to their training camp. But with, Normie Smith and John Ross Roach already in Detroit, there was no way Broda could start in the NHL. Instead, he would start his professional career with the Detroit Olympics.

In 1935-36, he was acquired by Toronto Maple Leafs. Broda was starting to emerge as one of the league's top goaltenders. In the 1940-41 NHL season, he led the league in wins with 28 in 48 games. In 1941-42, he won his first Stanley Cup with the Leafs.

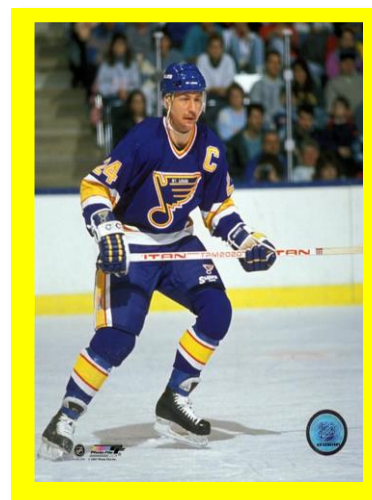
In 1942-43, Broda joined the army for 2-1/2 years during World War II. In 1945-46, Turk Broda returned to the Maple Leafs roster and was instrumental in the team's Stanley Cup victories in 1947, 1948, 1949 and in 1951. He retired in 1952 at 38.

After retiring, Broda became a coach. He coached the Ottawa Senators in the Quebec Hockey League. He later became the head coach of the Toronto Marlboros. He led the Marlboros to back to back Memorial Cup championships in 1955 and 1956.

Broda was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1967 and was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in 1983 as an "Honoured" member. In 1998, he was ranked number 60 on *The Hockey News* list of the 100 Greatest Hockey Players. With 13 shutouts and a GAA of 1.98 in the playoffs, he helped the Leafs win 5 Stanley Cups and establish a dynasty. He died in 1972 at the age of 58 from a heart attack.

BERNARD FEDERKO * БЕРНАРД ФЕДЕРКО

Bernard Allan "Bernie" Federko (born May 12, 1956) is a Canadian retired professional ice hockey centre of Ukrainian ancestry who played fourteen seasons in the National Hockey League from 1976 through 1990. He was the first player to get 50 assists in 10 consecutive seasons in NHL history.



Federko began playing hockey at a young age in his home town of Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. He was captain of the 1971 Bantam provincial champions. He also played Senior hockey with the local Foam Lake Flyers of the Fishing Lake Hockey League, winning the league scoring title as a bantam-aged player. Federko continued his career with the Saskatoon Blades of the WHL where he set and still holds the team record for assists. He played three seasons with the Blades, and in his final year with the club he led the league in assists and points in both the regular season and playoffs. As a reward, Federko was drafted 7th overall by the St. Louis Blues in the 1976 NHL Amateur Draft. He started the next season with the Kansas City Blues of the Central Hockey League and was leading the league in points when he was called up mid-season to play 31 games with St. Louis. He scored three hat tricks in those 31 games. In the 1978–79 NHL season, Federko developed into a bona fide star, as he scored 95 points.

Federko scored 100 points in a season four times and was a consistent and underrated performer for the Blues. Federko scored at least 90 points in seven of the eight seasons between 1978 and 1986 and became the first player in NHL history to record at least 50 assists in 10 consecutive seasons. However, in an era when Wayne Gretzky was scoring 200 points a season, Federko never got the attention many felt he deserved. In 1986, in a poll conducted by GOAL magazine, he was named the most overlooked talent in hockey. His General Manager Ron Caron said he was "A great playmaker. He makes the average or above average player look like a star at times. He's such an unselfish player."

On March 19, 1988, Federko became the 22nd NHL player to record 1000 career points. After a poor season for Federko in 1988–89, he was traded to the Detroit Red Wings with Tony McKegney for future Blues star Adam Oates, and Paul MacLean. In Detroit, Federko re-united with former Blues head coach Jacques Demers, but he had to play behind Steve Yzerman and did not get his desired ice time. After his lowest point output since his rookie season, Federko decided to retire after the 1989–90 season, having played exactly 1,000 NHL games.

Less than a year after retiring as a player, the Blues retired number 24 in his honor on March 16, 1991. Federko was eventually inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2002. Currently, Federko is a television color commentator for Fox Sports Midwest during Blues broadcasts. Federko was the head coach/general manager of the St. Louis Vipers roller hockey team of the Roller Hockey International for the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

JOHN HNATYSCHAK * ІВАН ГНАТИЩАК



John Hnatyschak was born in 1956 to parents who immigrated from Ukraine in the early fifties to Jersey City, NJ. He won the 1984 US National Bodybuilding and World championships middleweight class and became a pro.

By his own accounts, he was a skinny kid but was always pretty athletic and fairly well coordinated. He was not given the chance to play high school sports because he was always too small at 5'6" and 130 pounds soaking wet.

John involved himself in martial arts and was very good at winning some of his competitions, which he did until high school and a short while afterwards. His neighborhood buddies began competing in dance contests and did well, but they needed to be stronger to perform lifts in some of their dance routines. They started lifting weights and asked John if he would like to join them. This was the beginning of his body building career. Within the first year, he gained 26 pounds and at that point was no longer a skinny kid. A local gym opened in his neighborhood and he joined. He met his first trainer and entered his first body building contest, Mr. New Jersey, winning the entire show.

In only his sixth contest, he won the national bodybuilding championship and was chosen to represent the United States at the World Championships, known as Mr. Universe, in Las Vegas. He won first place with unanimous votes. At this point he was a professional bodybuilder and he traveled the world competing and making guest appearances. He considers that time of his life as blessed. He is now retired but is still active as both a national judge as well as a professional judge and continues to this day to travel the world. He remains a judge in what is considered the super bowl of bodybuilding, Mr. Olympia.



JOHNNY JADICK * ІВАН ЯДИК

John J. Jadick (June 16, 1908 – April 3, 1970) was an American light welterweight boxer and a 1932 World Light Welterweight champion. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA.

One of his first professional victories came in 1925, when he defeated Harry Decker in an 8-round decision. Between July 1923, and March 1927, he won 42 of 45 fights, with only two losses and one draw. Jadick was quite tall for a lightweight at 5' 8", which gave him an advantage in defending blows, though he lacked the power of some stockier competitors.

He defeated Al Foreman on May 21, 1928, in an 8-round points decision at the Polo Grounds in New York. On August 8, 1928, Jadick lost to Dick "Honeyboy" Finnegan, at Braves Field in Boston, MA, in a 10-round points decision.

On December 7, 1928, Jadick defeated Bruce Flowers at Boston Garden 10-round points decision. Although Flowers seemed to have an edge in the first part of the bout, Jadick won the decision with a strong comeback in the subsequent rounds.

On January 11, 1929, Jadick faced a seventh round disqualification for holding against Louis "Kid" Kaplan at the Boston Garden and in November 1929, Jadick defeated Henry Tuttle, known as King Tut in an 8th round Technical Knockout. One year later, Jadick defeated Tut again on October 4, 1930, in a ten-round points decision in Milwaukee. On December 8, 1930, Jadick first met Benny Bass, in a non-title fight, losing in a close ten round unanimous points decision in Philadelphia and Jadick would lose to Bass again in a ten-round points decision 4 years later.

On July 14, 1931, Jadick defeated Tony Herrera in a decisive ten round victory. On November 30, 1931, Jadick lost to Herrera at Motor Square Garden in Pittsburgh in a sixth round TKO. On October 26, 1931, he defeated Lew Massey in a bout that was stopped in the 7th because of a cut above Massey's left eye. On January 18, 1932, Jadick became the World Light Welterweight Champion after a ten-round Unanimous Decision against Tony Canzoneri. In a win in a sanctioned light welterweight title match, Jadick defeated Tony Canzoneri, on July 18, 1932.

Jadick defended the championship twice against Lew Raymond, winning both bouts. He defeated Joey Harrison on October 20, 1932. One of his last successful title defense was at the Cambria Club in Philadelphia in a ten-round draw. Most sources and sanctioning bodies today do not consider these bouts formal title defenses; however, they were fought in the light welterweight range, and a knockout by his opponent may have forfeited Jadick's claim to the title.

Jadick lost the World Light Welterweight Championship before 3,000 fans on February 20, 1933, in a decisive ten round mixed decision to Texan-born Mexican boxer "Battling" Shaw at the Coliseum Arena in New Orleans. On November 17, 1933, Jadick met Pete Nebo for the first time, defeating him in a ten-round points decision at the Cambria Athletic Club in Philadelphia. From November 1935 to September 1937, Jadick lost all but one of his last 20 fights. He retired in 1937, fighting his last bout against Mike Piskin on September 24, 1937. He died on April 3, 1970, at his home in Philadelphia. Jadick was elected to the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame in 1963.



COREY KOSKIE * KOPI KOCKIЙ



Cordel Leonard "Corey" Koskie (born June 28, 1973} in Anola, Manitoba) is a Canadian former professional baseball third baseman, who played in Major League Baseball for the Minnesota Twins, Toronto Blue Jays, and Milwaukee Brewers.

He was the first Manitoba-born-and-raised player to ever reach the Major Leagues and the first Manitoba-born player in MLB since Bud Sketchley in 1942. Koskie grew up on a farm in Anola and practiced baseball by hitting rocks with a stick he had found in the woods. He took lessons in Ukrainian dance as a child.

He started playing ball in Anola until he was 12 and then played travel baseball for the Springfield Braves for two years. He joined the Elmwood Giants in 1989. In 1991 he was a member of the Manitoba Youth Team and in 1992, he became Provincial Champion with the Giants Juniors, Batting Champion and Rookie of the Year. He attended Boone College, Iowa and was a member of 1993 Canada Games Team. He attended National Baseball Institute in Surrey, B.C. in 1993. In 1994, he was drafted and signed by the Minnesota Twins and assigned to Elizabethan in the Gulf Coast League. He began his Major League career in 1998 with the Twins, playing third base. Corey played with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2005, and the Milwaukee Brewers in 2006. He played a total of 9 Major League seasons, playing in 989 games, amassing 3399 at bats and posted a lifetime batting average of .275. In 2001 with the Minnesota Twins, he hit 26 home runs, had 103 Runs Batted In, and stole 27 bases. 1999 and 2001 Male Athlete of the Year named by the Manitoba Sportscasters Association. Member of the 2009 Canadian World Baseball Classic team.

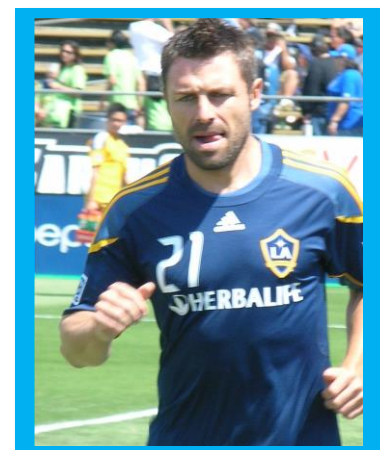
Corey was a fixture at third base for the Minnesota Twins for 6 seasons. He debuted for the club in September of 1998 and the following season established himself as a mainstay of the Twins infield by batting .310 with 11 homeruns and 58 runs batted in in only 392 at bats. The 2001 season was his true break-out season when he hit 26 homeruns with 103 runs batted in to go with 100 runs scored and 27 stolen bases. It was the first time in American League history that a third baseman hit at least 25 HR, 100 RBI, 100 runs scored and stole at least 25 bases. Koskie led his Twins teams to 3 consecutive appearances in the playoffs as the AL's Central Division Champs from 2002 to 2004.

After another strong season in 2004 when he again hit 25 dingers, Koskie became a free agent and signed in his home country of Canada with the Toronto Blue Jays. Unfortunately, injuries restricted him to playing in only 97 games. He was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers for the 2006 season where he played 76 games before suffering a career-ending concussion. Through his career, Corey was a very athletic third baseman and potent hitter who struggled with injuries which left baseball wondering just how good he could have been if he stayed healthier for longer.

Koskie's excellence led him to being named the Tip O'Neill Award co-winner (with Larry Walker) in 2001, an award given annually to the Canadian baseball player who is judged to have excelled in individual and team contribution while adhering to the highest ideals of the game of baseball. He was also named to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2015 to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

DEMA KOVALENKO * ДМИТРО (ДИМА) КОВАЛЕНКО

Dema Kovalenko (born 28 August 1977 in Kyiv) emigrated to the United States in 1992. He graduated from Greece Arcadia High School in Rochester, New York in 1996, and played three years of college soccer at Indiana University from 1996 to 1998, where he helped the Hoosiers win a national championship in 1998 and was named an NCAA first team All-American in the same year. Long known in college for his powerful headers, which often left opponents stunned and unable to react to deflections from the goalkeeper or posts.



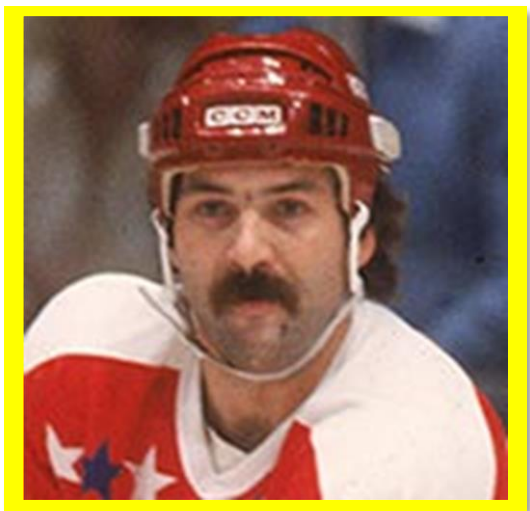
Upon joining the league, Kovalenko was allocated to the Dallas Burn, but the league complied with his demands to play for the Chicago Fire, engineering a trade to the team in exchange for draft picks. Kovalenko appeared infrequently in his rookie year, playing only 291 minutes in 11 games, but managed to score three goals for the team.

Kovalenko would come into his own as a player in the 2000 season, scoring ten goals and five assists in 31 games for the Fire, as he helped the team to a U.S. Open Cup victory. The next year, he was moved from a forward position to attacking midfield, but continued to catalyze the Fire offense, scoring eight goals and seven assists in 25 games. In 2001, Kovalenko had trouble scoring, registering only one goal with his eight assists, but was still a dangerous offensive player for the team.

After the 2001 MLS season, Kovalenko played on loan for FC St. Pauli of the German Bundesliga. Following the 2002 season he was traded to D.C. United in exchange for Justin Mapp. Kovalenko immediately established himself with United, scoring six goals in 24 games in his first season with the team. Kovalenko continued to be a valuable player in central midfield for D.C. United in 2004, registering two goals and ten assists for the team in 25 games. In 2005, despite losing the early part of the season to a broken foot, he tallied four goals and four assists. He left DC United in January 2006, after being unable to agree on salary terms, and returned to Ukraine. He signed a one-year contract with FC Metalurh Zaporizhzhya.

In August 2006, Kovalenko returned to MLS, after his rights were acquired by New York Red Bulls from DC. The fiery Ukrainian's play in the beginning of the 2007 season had New York challenging in the Eastern Conference, however he was sidelined with injury and the team began to struggle. Kovalenko was able to return during the latter part of the season, helping the club clinch a playoff berth. He concluded the season appearing in 19 league matches, registering two goals and one assist. He was traded to Real Salt Lake in February 2008 and on January 14, 2009, Salt Lake traded Kovalenko to Los Angeles Galaxy.

DENNIS MARUK * ДЕНІС МАРУК



Dennis John Maruk (born November 17, 1955) is a Canadian former professional ice hockey player of Ukrainian descent. He played in the National Hockey League (NHL) from 1975 to 1989, scoring a career high 60 goals for the Washington Capitals in 1981–82.

Maruk played junior "A" hockey in the Ontario Hockey League for the London Knights before he was drafted in 1975 by the California Golden Seals. While with the Seals, he became the first NHL rookie to score five shorthanded goals in a season. Maruk followed the franchise when it relocated to Cleveland to become the Cleveland Barons a year later.

Maruk's rights were later obtained by the Minnesota North Stars after the Barons merged with them in 1978, but he was traded shortly afterwards to the Washington Capitals. During his time with the Capitals, he scored 50 goals in 1980-1981 and 60 goals in 1981-1982; his mark of 76 assists and 136 points in the 1982 season remain Capitals' records for a single-season. Maruk was the first Capitals player to score 100 points in a season.

In 1982-1983, Maruk was one of the players instrumental in leading the Capitals to their first playoff appearance. Despite this, he was traded back to the Minnesota North Stars where he would finish his career. At the time of his retirement in 1989, he was the last active NHL player to have played for the Seals/Barons franchise, though Charlie Simmer played longer than him in minor leagues. Maruk was also the last Minnesota North Stars player to wear the number 9 prior to Mike Modano. In 888 NHL games, he scored 356 goals and had 522 assists.

Maruk was discussed by a Soviet Agent during a conversation about ticket scalping in episode 16 of the FX Network television program *The Americans*, which takes place in the 1980s. The actual Russian dialogue referred to him as able to do "such (amazing) tricks", while the English subtitles translated it as a "wily" player.

MIKE MAZURKI * МАРКІЯН (МИХАЙЛО) МАЗУРКЕВИЧ

Markiyan (Mykhailo) Mazurkevych was born in Kupchyntsi near Ternopil, Ukraine. He emigrated with his family to the United States at the age of six, living in Cohoes, NY with his mother. He attended LaSalle Institute in Troy. He graduated from Manhattan College with a BA degree in 1930 and studied law at Fordham University. He was a talented football player and played at college and semi-pro in New Jersey. He became a professional athlete in 3 sports: wrestling, football and basketball.



In 1965, he co-founded and became the first president of the Cauliflower Alley Club, an association of professional wrestlers. A photograph of his forms the logo of the organization. In 2005, he was posthumously awarded the NY State Award by the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum for founding the club.

Mike Mazurki is the heavyweight champion of wrestlers turned actors. With his busted-up, deeply etched face, cauliflower ears and crooked nose, he turned years of getting beaten up for a living into an asset. But his legacy is much more than just acting, or for that matter, wrestling. Mazurki, who died in 1990, left the wrestling world with the Cauliflower Alley Club, a not-for-profit fraternal organization of ex-wrestlers, actors, boxers and sundry other hangers-on. The center of CAC action in the early years of the 41-year-old organization was Mazurki's Baron's Castle Restaurant in Los Angeles' MacArthur Park. Once it outgrew his restaurant, it stayed closeby in Studio City, Calif., for many years. The top honor in wrestling, the Iron Mike Mazurki Award, is handed out each year at the CAC banquet.

By the early 1930s, he'd turned to pro wrestling to make a buck. As a wrestler, the 6-foot-5, 240-pound Mazurki was a solid mid-carder who only occasionally rose to the very tops of the cards. He worked with all-time greats like Ray Steele, Gus Sonnenberg, Frank Sexton. Gene Kiniski, Strangler Lewis, Jim Browning, Mr. Moto, Lou Thesz, Jim Londos, Joe Savoldi, Man Mountain Dean and others during his career.

Mazurki was given a lead role in the 1975 kiddie nature-adventure feature *Challenge to Be Free*. But as far as roles closest to the truth, it was Mazurki's take on Kay Kendall in Jules Dassin's 1950 film noir *Night and the City* that drew the best reaction. The flick is still among the best ever done on professional wrestling. Throughout his acting career, he never really gave up pro wrestling. Mazurki admitted to loving the reaction of the crowd, and the ability to play with their emotions. When he couldn't compete anymore, he worked as a referee.

Mike Mazurki died in Glendale, California on December 11, 1990. He was 82 years old.

BILL MOSIENKO * БАЧНАЬ МОСІЄНКО



Bill Mosienko (November 2, 1921 - July 9, 1994) was a Ukrainian Canadian professional ice hockey right winger born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, who played 14 seasons in the National Hockey League for the Chicago Blackhawks. He is best noted for recording in the fastest hat trick in NHL history. In a 1952 game against the New York Rangers, Mosienko scored three goals in 21 seconds. For most of his childhood, he lived near Toban's Athletic Club. The Toban "Paperweight" team won the city championship when he played for them. He played flyweight, midget, and juvenile hockey with the Sherburn Athletic Club, also winning a championship.

At 18 he signed with Chicago and was placed in their farm system. He moved between the Providence Reds and Kanas City Americans. His rookie year was 1941-42 scoring 2 goals in his first game with Chicago 21 seconds apart. Also scoring 70 points as a rookie, a Blackhawk record, which stood until 1980-81 broken by Dennis Savard. In the 1942-43 season, Bill enlisted in the armed forces. He spent the remainder of the season in Quebec where he worked in the shipyards and played for the Morton Aces winning the championship of the Quebec Senior League that season. In 1943, the Canadian Manpower Board granted him permission to play with the Chicago Blackhawks until 1955. In 1944-45, Mosienko finished sixth in scoring with 54 points and did not record a single penalty minute throughout the course of the season and was awarded the Lady Bying Memorial trophy.

Mosienko appeared in 5 All-Star Games. One of his greatest accomplishments was scoring three goals in 21 seconds, in the last game of the season against the NY Rangers on March 23, 1952 using 3 different pucks. The 3 pucks and stick are enshrined in the NHL Hall of Fame. His speed, among the fastest in the NHL, turned him into a prolific scorer. In his 14-year stint (711 games) with the Blackhawks he scored 258 goals and gathered 282 assists for a total of 540 points, finishing 7th in all time League Scoring.

In 1955, Bill returned to Winnipeg. The Warriors won the season beating the Montreal Royals for the Edinburgh Cup. He was named an All-Star 3 times; 1957, 1958, and 1959. Though he scored 88 points in the 1958-59 season, Mosienko announced his retirement after 18 years of professional hockey. He coached the team for one season in 1959-60.

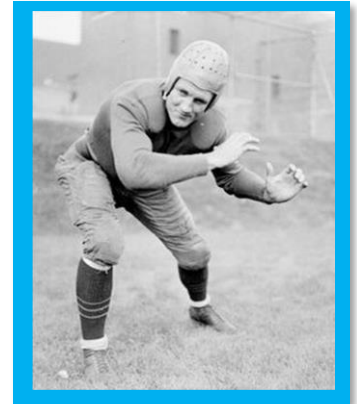
Mosienko was inducted into the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame in 1965, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1980, the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1985, also named Manitoba's Athlete of the year 1956. Winnipeg renamed Keewatin Hockey Arena, the "Billy Mosienko Arena", in 1991. Additionally, Mosienko is honored by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 2000 and was named to its provincial All-Century First All-Star Team.

Bill's hockey career did not end with his professional career. He became an active member of old-timer hockey teams which assisted in fund raising events throughout Manitoba. This participation helped lead to the establishment of the Manitoba Hockey Players Foundation, which took part in active role in assisting charities and organizations.

BRONISLAU NAGURSKI * БРОНИСЛАВ НАГУРСЬКИЙ

Bronislau Nagurski (November 3, 1908 – January 7, 1990) was born in Rainy River, Ontario, Canada, of Ukrainian descent. He was a Canadian-born American football player in the NFL and professional wrestler. His parents were from Western Ukraine. Young Bronislau worked on his parents' farm and sawmill, delivering groceries for his father's grocery store and in his teens laboring at nearby timbering operations, growing into a powerfully muscular 6-footer.

He became a standout playing both tackle on defense and fullback on offense at Minnesota from 1927 to 1929, selected All-American in 1929 and inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in its inaugural year of 1951. His professional career with the Chicago Bears also made him inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



He was signed by University of Minnesota and became a standout player on tackle on defense and fullback on offense from 1927 to 1929. In 1929, after posting 737 rushing yards, he was an All-American at fullback, and despite playing fewer games at the position also made some All-American teams at tackle. During his time with the Gophers, the team went 18-4-2 and won the Big Ten Conference championship in 1927. Nagurski was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

Nagurski turned professional to play for the Chicago Bears from 1930 to 1937. At 6-feet-2 inches and 235 pounds, he was a formidable presence, and in his day he was a dominant force, helping the Bears win several division titles and two NFL championships.

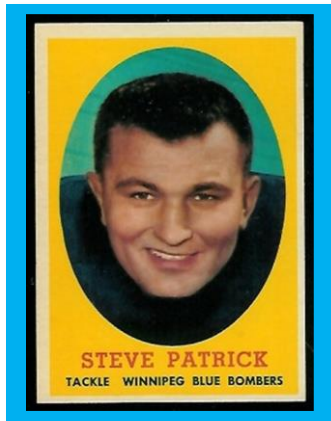
During World War II, professional football teams were short of players and in 1943 he returned to the Bears for one season. He scored a touchdown in the Bears' championship victory against the Washington Redskins, served one season as backfield coach for UCLA in 1944 and finally returned to wrestling until his retirement in 1960.

During his football career, he built a second athletic career as a professional wrestler and became a major box-office attraction. He was introduced to wrestling in 1933 hitting his peak in the late 1930s. He finally achieved full recognition with his first National Wrestling Association world title by defeating Lou Thesz on June 23, 1939. He regained it one year later on March 11, 1941 but lost it three months later.

After his retirement from wrestling, he returned home to International Falls and opened a service station. He retired from that in 1978, at the age of 70. He lived out a quiet life on the shores of Rainy Lake on the Canada-US border. In 1990, he died in International Falls.

Nagurski was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a charter member. After his death, the town of International Falls honored him by opening the Bronko Nagurski Museum in Smokey Bear Park. *Sports Illustrated* named Nagurski one of the four greatest athletes in Minnesota state history; and in 1993, the Football Writers Association of America created the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, awarded annually to the best defensive player in college football. In 1999 Nagurski was selected by *Sports Illustrated* as a starting defensive tackle for their "NCAA Football All-Century Team".

STEPHEN (PATRICK) PATREBKA * СТЕФАН ПАТРЕБКА



Steven Patrick Patrebka (March 24, 1932 - January 11, 2014) The son of Alexandre and Katie Patrebka, was raised in a small Ukrainian settlement located in Glenella, Manitoba. He later attended the Manitoba Teachers College. Patrick played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the CFL for 13 years.

Steve was a player in one of the greatest eras in the history of the Winnipeg Football Club. After graduating from the Winnipeg Light Infantry juniors, Patrick joined the club and starred as a defensive middle guard for 13 seasons.

He left the Bombers prior to the 1965 season after 290 CFL contests. He was a two-time All-Star (1958 and 1959), the Bombers' top lineman in 1958, the team's Schenley Award nominee as Best Canadian in 1957 and played in CFL All-Star Games in 1957 and 1958. Patrick was the Bombers' captain from 1961-64 and played a significant role in the club's six Grey Cup appearances. He was a member of four Grey Cup Champions. While Patrick was serious about his career in football, he took his career as a citizen and father just as seriously.

Patrick was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in 1962 and re-elected in 1966, 1969 and 1973. His political career ended in 1988, but he earned the distinction of being Manitoba's "champion of all resolution makers".

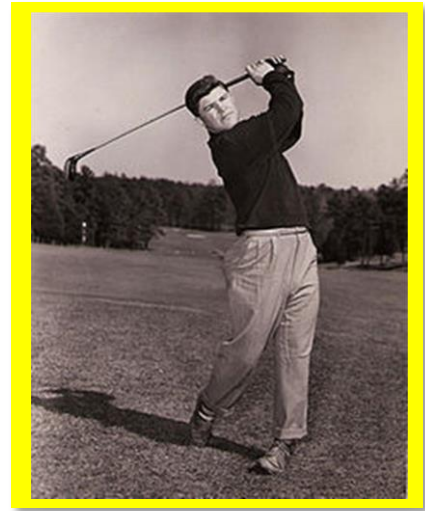
Steve Patrick and his wife June were the proud parents of seven children. Two of their sons, Steve Jr. and James have had outstanding careers in the National Hockey League. Daughter Tara was an outstanding University volleyball player. The other four, all girls, were exceptional athletes in their own rights.

As Past President of the Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni, Steve is also a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bomber Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame. He has received the Order of the Buffalo and the Canada Centennial Award for Public Service.



MICHAEL SOUCHAK * МИХАЙЛО СУЧАК

Michael Souchak (May 10, 1927 – July 10, 2008) was an American professional golfer who won fifteen events on the PGA Tour in the 1950s and 1960s, and played for the Ryder Cup teams in 1959 and 1961. Born and raised in Berwick, Pennsylvania, Souchak served two years as a gunner in the U.S. Navy. He then attended Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he played both golf and football, as an end and placekicker. He was inducted into the Duke Sports Hall of Fame in 1976.



In his first win at the 1955 Texas Open, Souchak set and tied several records. In the first round, he tied the tour's 18-hole record with a 60. This record was finally broken in 1977 by Al Geiberger's 59. This first round also included a record-breaking 27 on the back nine holes, a record that was tied by Andy North in 1975, Billy Mayfair in 2001 and Robert Gamezin 2004, and broken by Corey Pavin in 2006. He then finished with a 72-hole record of 257 (27-under-par). This record stood until 2001 when Mark Calcavecchia shot 256 at the Phoenix Open (this record was subsequently broken when Tommy Armour III shot 254 at the Valero Texas Open in 2003).

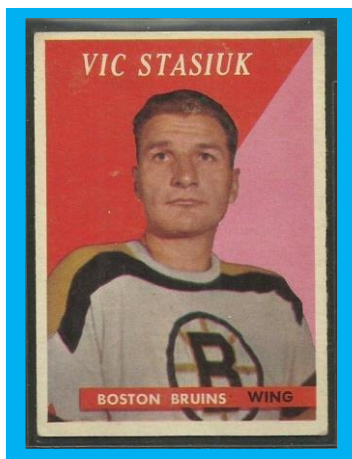
Souchak's fifteen PGA Tour wins came between 1955 and 1964, with his best year being 1956, when he won four times. He won three tour titles in 1959, and was on an early cover of *Sports Illustrated* in January 1956, for its preview of the Bing Crosby Pro-Am.

Souchak had eleven top-10 finishes at major championships, including third-place finishes at the U.S. Open in 1959 and 1960. Souchak led after 36 holes in 1960 with a new record score of 135, which was 7-under-par. But he struggled on the final hole of the third round, making a triple bogey, and couldn't regain his composure. Arnold Palmer, who had been seven strokes behind entering the final round, shot 65 to win the championship.

Souchak played on the Senior PGA Tour (now called the PGA Tour Champions) from its inception in 1980 until 1990. His best finish was second place in his very first tournament, the Atlantic City Senior International in 1980.

Souchak moved from North Carolina to Florida in 1970 and became the first head pro at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor, and resided in Belleair with his wife Nancy. He had four children: sons Mike, Frank, and Chris Souchak and daughter Patti Taylor, as well as five grandchildren. He ran Golf Car Systems, a preventive maintenance firm, with his partner Bill Dodd until his death from complications of a heart attack in 2008.

VICTOR JOHN STASIUK * BIKTOP IBAH CTACIOK



Victor John Stasiuk (born May 23, 1929) is a retired Ukrainian Canadian professional ice hockey left winger and a former NHL head coach.

Stasiuk played junior hockey in his native Lethbridge, Alberta before signing with the Chicago Blackhawks. He played sparingly in Chicago, and he was traded to the Detroit Red Wings in 1951. For much of the early portion of his career, Stasiuk was viewed as a physical, defensive-oriented forward. On the offensive-rich Red Wings, Stasiuk was often the odd man out, and he spent significant time toiling in the minors with the Indianapolis Capitals and the Edmonton Flyers. He won the Stanley Cup in 1952 and 1953. However, in 1954, although Stasiuk played 42 regular season games for Detroit,

because he spent the playoffs in the minors, his name was left off the Stanley Cup after the Wings captured the league crown.

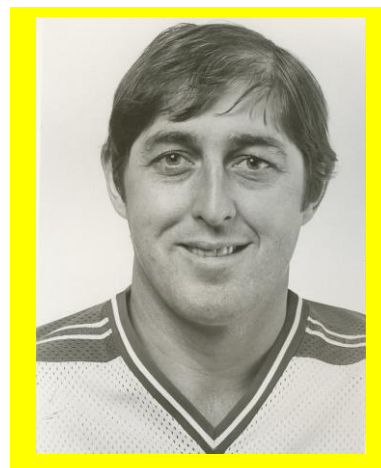
In 1955, Stasiuk was traded to the Boston Bruins and found instant chemistry with Johnny Bucyk and Bronco Horvath, a grouping dubbed "The Uke line" because of the Ukrainian ancestry of the three players. In 1957-58, this line became the first in NHL history to have all three participants reach the 20 goal mark. Now a formidable two-way presence, Stasiuk scored a career high 68 points in 1960. In 1960, the "Ukes" were disbanded. Stasiuk rounded out his NHL days with the Detroit Red Wings in 1963. From there he played for the Pittsburgh Hornets of the AHL before completing his on-ice career with the Memphis Wings of the CHL in 1966.

In 1961, he was traded back to Detroit, playing with this club until 1963, before finishing his career in the minors. He played for the Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings, and Boston Bruins. He recorded 183 goals and 254 assists in 745 NHL games.

After retiring, Stasiuk moved to coaching. He took over the Pittsburgh Hornets of the American Hockey League for two seasons and later led the same league's Quebec Aces to back-to-back difficult losses in the Calder Cup finals. Immediately after coaching the EHL Jersey Devils from 1966-68, Stasiuk earned a job with the Philadelphia Flyers. His team finished out of the playoffs by a single point in 1969-70 then were eliminated in the first round of the postseason the next year. Stasiuk was fired after the 1970-71 season; the Flyers offered him a scouting position, but he took a head coaching job three games into the NHL season with the California Golden Seals. Stasiuk was fired after the season due to a stylistic conflict with management, and he then spent one year behind the bench of the Vancouver Canucks before settling into a career in junior hockey coaching.

WALTER TKACZUK * БОАТЕР ТКАЧУК

Walter Robert Bogdan Tkaczuk (born September 29, 1947) is a Canadian retired ice hockey centre who played fourteen seasons in the National Hockey League for the New York Rangers between 1967 and 1981. Tkaczuk's family moved to Timmins, Ontario from West Germany when he was two years old. He was the first German-born player to appear in an NHL game.



Tkaczuk centered the "Bulldog Line" with Bill Fairbairn and Dave Balon, who was later replaced by Steve Vickers. He could score his fair share of goals, however he was much better at producing assists. Tkaczuk's finest contribution to the game was that of the defensive forward, being among the NHL's elite shadows and faceoff men. This complemented the Rangers' high-scoring GAG line of Jean Ratelle, Rod Gilbert, Vic Hadfield. During his first 2 seasons with the Rangers, the club and media pronounced his name, "Taychuk" because Rangers' Director of Player Personnel felt it was easier to say that the correct pronunciation, "Ka-Chook." Prior to the 1969-70 season, the club announced he would henceforth be called by the correct pronunciation.

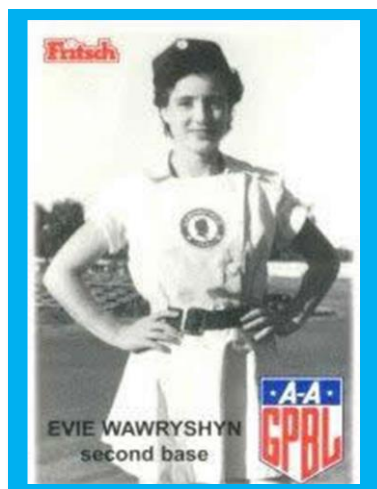
In the 1972 playoffs, with Ratelle sidelined with a broken ankle and Gilbert hampered by injuries, Tkaczuk played a key role as the Rangers defeated the defending champions Montreal Canadiens, and the previous season's finalists Chicago Black Hawks, to reach the Stanley Cup Finals. While the Rangers lost to the Boston Bruins in six games, Tkaczuk earned much respect for holding the Bruins' Phil Esposito without a goal in the series.

Walt Tkaczuk was asked to play for Team Canada in the 1972 Summit Series but declined the invitation due to his obligation to his summer hockey school. He was replaced by Philadelphia Flyers' center Bobby Clarke)

In the 1979 playoffs, Tkaczuk was a key contributor as the Rangers upset the first place New York Islanders to reach the Stanley Cup Finals, where they fell to Montreal in five games.

A serious eye injury ended Tkaczuk's career half way through the 1980-81 season. Tkaczuk played 945 career NHL games, scoring 227 goals and 451 assists for 678 points. Despite his physical presence, he only accumulated 556 minutes in penalties. In 2009, Tkaczuk was ranked No. 14 on the all-time list of New York Rangers in the book *100 Ranger Greats* (John Wiley & Sons). Tkaczuk is co-owner of River Valley Golf Course and Tube Slide in St. Marys, Ontario.

EVELYN WAWRYSHYN * ЕВЕЛИН ВАВРИШИН



Evelyn Wawryshyn (born November 11, 1924) is a former Canadian second basewoman who played from 1946 through 1951 in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Wawryshyn played second base, taking the field for four different teams of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in a span of six years. She posted a career .266 batting average in 544 games. Her .266 average ranks her thirteen on the AAGPBL career batting list.

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was a circuit that began to operate in the early 1940s in cities located on or near Lake Michigan. Since the only organized ball for women in the country was softball, the league officials created a hybrid game that included both fast-pitch softball and baseball.

A native of Tyndall, Manitoba, Wawryshyn was the only girl in a home of four children. But like most athletes, Wawryshyn excelled in more than one sport. She dabbled in ice hockey, was North-Eastern Manitoba Senior Girls' track and field champion in 1940, and played fastball pitch in Winnipeg for the CUAC Blues (Canadian Ukrainian Athletic Club), provincial champion team in 1945, to become the Blues Most Valuable Player and win the Koman Trophy. She also was a member of the Provincial Senior Ladies' Championship basketball team in Flin Flon in 1946. She was discovered by an AAGPBL scout who invited her to a tryout camp at Wrigley Field.

She entered the league in 1946 with the Kenosha Comets, playing for them part of the season before joining the Muskegon Lassies (1946–47), Springfield Sallies (1948) and Fort Wayne Daisies (1949–51). In her rookie season, Wawryshyn appeared in a combined 73 games between Kenosha and Muskegon, hitting .217 and driving in 18 runs while scoring 29 times.

In 1948 Wawryshyn was dealt to the Springfield Sallies who finished as the worst team in the league, however, Wawryshyn, who tied for sixth place in the league with a .266 batting average in a career-high 114 games, ranked among the top ten hitters with 114 hits, 66 stolen bases and 126 total bases. Wawryshyn moved to Fort Wayne in 1949 where she hit .251 in her first season for the Daisies, including 47 runs and 34 RBI in 109 games. Her most productive season came in 1950, when she posted a career-high .311 average in 104 games and was selected for the All-Star Team.

Wawryshyn usually played ice hockey during the baseball off-season. Her highlights include being the top scorer on the Senior Women's hockey team of Winnipeg that won both Western and Eastern Canadian finals in 1950. She also worked as a teacher in the off-season, and eventually missed spring training. She married in 1951 and has been a member of the AAGPBL Players Association since its inception in 1982.

Wawryshyn and other 63 girls that represented Canada in the AAGPBL form part of the permanent display at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, New York, inaugurated in 1988, which is dedicated to the entire league rather than any individual player. She also gained inductions into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame (1992), the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (1998), and the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame (1998). Wawryshyn lives in Winnipeg, Canada.



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MYRON KRASIJ * МИРОН КРАСІЙ



Myron Krasij is a former UConn All-American. Myron Krasij of Avon, Connecticut, who represented the United States in the Pan American Games and was selected for the U.S. Olympic team and participated in the regional playoffs.

Myron was a national soccer league of Connecticut champion with the Hartford Ukrainians Soccer Club (1956) and a NSL All-Star (1957-59). He was an All-American at UConn in 1960, scoring 17 goals in 13 games to lead UConn to the semifinals of the second NCAA tournament. He was also 3 time all New England (1960-1963) and earned UConn's "Outstanding Senior Athlete" award in 1963. He was a member of the U.S. National team for the 1963 Pan American Games.

He was selected for the U.S. Olympic team and participated in a regional playoff match in 1964 in Mexico City. He won the American Soccer League championship with the Hartford Soccer Club in 1964. He was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2004.



DMYTRO PALAMARCHUK * ДМИТРО ПАЛАМАРЧУК

Dmytro (Dmitri) Palamarchuk, {born December 17, 1979) is a Ukrainian figure skating coach and retired pair skater. With former partner Julia Obertas, he is a two-time World Junior champion (1998, 1999) and two-time Junior Grand Prix Final champion.

His daughter, Alina Milevska is a Ukrainian figure skater. She is a three-time Ukrainian senior national silver medalist and competed at three World Junior Championships. Ranked 14th in the short program, she qualified for the final segment at the 2010 World Junior Championships in The Hague

In December 1997, Obertas/Palamarchuk won gold at the 1998 World Junior Championships in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. They had ranked fourth in the short program and first in the free skate. In March 1998, they received the gold medal at the 1997–98 ISU Junior Series Final in Lausanne, Switzerland. Obertas/Palamarchuk ranked first in both segments on their way to gold at the 1999 World Junior Championships, held in November 1998 in Zagreb, Croatia. In March 1999, they won the 1998–99 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final in Detroit, Michigan, United States. At the 2000 World Championships, Obertas/Palamarchuk were 10th after the short program. Their partnership dissolved after that.

Palamarchuk competed three seasons with Tatiana Chuvaeva. They represented Ukraine at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, finishing 16th. Since 2003 he was co-coach (assisting his coach, Dmitri Shkidchenko), and developed world competitors and Olympians in 2006.

In 2006 he skated on the television show “Skating with the Stars” in Bratislava, Slovakia and won the competition with actress, Diana Morova.

In 2007, he emigrated to the United States and works in Dallas, TX with Olympic Pairs Champion, Natalia Mishkutenok, teaching her daughter who is a US Pairs National Champion, Juvenile level. He coaches his 4-year-old daughter, Veronica Palamarchuk.



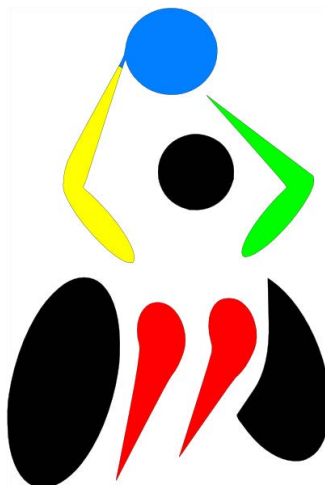


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VADYM SVIRIDENKO * ВАДИМ СВІРИДЕНКО



Vadym Sviridenko is a 44 yr Ukrainian paramedic from Kyiv. Originally trained as a paramedic, later he decided to study economics at the Kyiv Institute of Economics.

In 2014 he was mobilized to the ATO zone as a paramedic. In February 2015 after being wounded by tank artillery fire at the Debaltseve battle, he was left in the field for 3 days in subzero temperatures leading to amputations of all limbs. After initial therapy in Ukraine, he spent 8 months at the Military

Walter Reed Hospital in Washington DC, sponsored by NATO. Here he learned to use his 4 prosthetics and use sport as part of this therapy. This gave him motivation and he is the first Ukrainian soldier to participate in the 41st US Marine Marathon in Washington in 2016. The Ukrainian community came to cheer him on at the finish line. He mentioned that when he saw the Blue and Yellow flags, it helped him cross the finish line. Upon returning to Kyiv, he continued running and introduced this sport to his fellow soldiers. His goal was to encourage them to reach their own potential even with physical or psychological injuries. This was a novel concept in Ukraine.

Vadym was the first soldier to be named to Ukraine's First Invictus Games Team 2017. In Toronto, he participated in indoor rowing and running. He won a bronze medal for rowing, which he received from HRH Prince Harry.

For his dedication, work and competitive sportsmanship, he was awarded Ukraine's highest military medal "Hero of Ukraine". He is the National Advisor to President Poroshenko in Sports Therapy for Injured Soldiers & Veterans. Presently, he is working on setting up therapy gym in Kyiv to train soldiers to participate in sports as part of therapy and returning them to health. He was the Face of the Invictus Team, being featured in the promotional posters and videos. Presently he is planning to participate in the 2018 Invictus Games in Australia.

He is the President of Ukraine's Commissioner for Rehabilitation of Veterans of the ATO. He was awarded the title of Hero of Ukraine in recognition of sacrifices made while serving as a medic in Ukraine's eastern war zone, as a result of which he lost all four limbs. Following intensive rehabilitation and perseverance, Mr. Sviridenko went on to become a bronze medalist in the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto.



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VOLODYMYR BARANETSKY * ВОЛОДИМИР БАРАНЕЦЬКИЙ

Volodymyr Baranetsky (January 6, 1920 – February 18, 2016) was born in Volia Yakubova, near Drohobych.

From 1937-1939 he was a member of the Lviv chapter of "Sokil-Bat'ko" Society (1894) that functioned as the central office for the many Ukrainian sports clubs and activities in Galicia. From 1937-44 he was an active member of the Ukrainian Students Association, Ukrainian Sports Union and sports figure in Lviv, playing on local volleyball and soccer teams. From 1937-1942, he studied economics at the Academy of Foreign Trade in Lviv, (later the Institute of Soviet Trade). World War II disrupted his studies.



In June 1944, he ended up as a refugee in the Displaced Persons (DP) Camp in the US Zone of Occupied Germany. There Ukrainians rapidly formed unique self-governing groups and activated numerous cultural and other organizations, including 51 Ukrainian sports clubs by the end of 1947 with over 2,500 participants. He co-founded the Ukrainian Students Sports Club of Munich – Ramersdorf on November 15, 1945. These clubs were overseen by the Ukrainian Council for Physical Culture. Ukrainian clubs participated in track-and-field, volleyball, basketball, swimming, skiing, table tennis, boxing, hiking, chess; and in soccer.

From 1945-47, Walter continued his economic studies in Munich, Germany and was elected head of the Ukrainian Students Association in Europe. He immigrated to the USA, arriving March 3, 1947. On May 17, 1947, based on his experience in organized sports in Ukraine and in the DP camps, he helped to formally re-establish the Ukrainian Students Association in New York City and with its own student sports section. To better fulfill the need for organized sports for all Ukrainian immigrants, "Ukrainian Sports Club of New York" was established on December 20, 1947 with 19 members. He was the first President and Founder. On March 25, 1948, the Club received their New York State Charter.

In 1948, he resigned as president to continue his economic/business studies. He graduated from the Tucks School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College with an MBA. He returned to New York and from 1951-85 worked in "Morgan Guaranty Trust Company", first as executive officer and from 1962 vice president.

In 1953, he cofounded the Ukrainian National Home, becoming its first president. He was member of the board of the Ukrainian Institute of America in NYC (1981), vice president (1982-1990) and president (1990-1997); member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society (HTIII) (1986); director of the Hryshchenko Art Foundation (from 1972-2005). President of Self Reliance Credit Union in Newark, NJ (1985-1992); (from 1984) Head of the Ukrainian Encyclopedia Foundation; Head of the Coordinating Committee to help Ukraine (USA); director of the "US-Ukraine Foundation", member of the World Ukrainian Coordinating Council (Kyiv 1993-95), member of the society "Ukraine" (Kyiv, 1998). (From 1990) head of the Ukrainian-American Community Representatives to the White House (George H.W. Bush, President) and State Department and other US government institutions regarding aid to Ukraine. Head of "Donators to the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Ukraine" (from 1998). He won numerous awards and recognition.

MICHAEL BURCHUK * МИХАЙЛО БУРЧУК



Michael Burchuk is a former two-time Olympic volleyball team coach with 6 consecutive CIS gold medals from the University of Winnipeg.

Mike has coached over 10,000 athletes in Summervolley and Wintervolley camps over the past 20 years, and has had a significant impact on each athletes volleyball skills. Mike has also done individual practices with some of Manitoba's top volleyball players who have gone on to play NCAA Division 1 volleyball and CIS volleyball, some even continuing on to play for the Canadian National Team. Register for Summervolley camps now by mail or on our website.

Every program Mike Burchuk touched succeeded and many of Canada's greatest female players learned the game from this man. Burchuk's life revolved around volleyball, his players, their skills development and game strategy. With the national team, he created international competition situations, pursued fundraising and sponsorship opportunities and found and developed elite players that took Canada through two Olympic cycles.

His coaching career began in 1969 while teaching at Beaumont Junior High and the volleyball team became divisional winners. It continued in Selkirk from 1971- 1979 where he coached junior high, juvenile and high school teams to finalist berths and provincial championships.

In 1979 Burchuk led Team Manitoba to the Canada Winter Games in Brandon and received the Mary Jean England Award as Manitoba Coach of the Year. At the University of Winnipeg (1980-89) Burchuk led the Wesmen women to 6 consecutive national Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union titles. Burchuk was 4 times honoured as the CIAU coach of the year (1981-85, 1987). In 1989, the Manitoba Volleyball Association and Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association developed the Mike Burchuk Award; presented annually to the top female high school player.

Burchuk's international career began in 1980 as an assistant coach with the junior nationals. He moved to the national senior team, served as an assistant coach from 1982-1988, including the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games team. Burchuk's record included a silver (1989), and 3 bronze (1991, 1993 and 1995) at the NORCECA championship, 4 Canada Cup silver medals (1990, 1993-95), 4 World Cup appearances, 4th at the 1991 Pan Am Games (Cuba) and the bronze medal at the 1995 Pan Am Games (Argentina).

In 1996, Burchuk's national squad qualified for the Olympics and placed 9th in Atlanta. Mike Burchuk is also a member of the Manitoba Volleyball Hall of Fame and the Manitoba High School Sports Hall of Fame.

MYRON BYTZ * МИРОН БИЦ

Myron (Myroslaw Michael) Bytz was born to Pawlo and Evhenia Bytz, in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Elementary School and High School, Hamtramck, Michigan, Macomb County College and Wayne State University. His love of sports and organizational skills began early in his life. He played the following sports: Basketball, Soccer, Football, Volleyball and table tennis (ping pong).



He began his sports organizational involvement as an Uprava member of SUAST – Soyuz Ukrayinskykh Amerykanskych Sportovchy. He not only participated in local volleyball teams in Detroit, Newark, and Whippany, NJ, he also was an active member and organizer of many sports related events such as National and International Hockey Tournaments & Charity Games, he is Founder and President, Treasurer, Board Chair of MCVC - Morris County Volleyball Club and President of USCAK, Ukrainian Sports Centralia of America and Canada.

Myron chaired the Ukrainian Kozaks vs NJ Devils Hockey & Ice Skating Extravaganza for 2 years. Subsequently, he served as Founder and President, Treasurer, Board Chair of LYS Sports Academy. He serves as President of Legion Sports, a community youth sports organization. Myron was a Board Member IUFT – International Ukrainian Football Federation.

Myron is co-Founder of the Ukrainian Sports Museum as well as the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame in Horsham, PA. He and his wife, Christina, are co- Founders of Ukrainian Heritage Night at NJ Devils, Newark, NJ. For the past several years he has been an adjunct member of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine and is a member WCFU World Congress Free Ukrainians – Sport/Youth Committee. For the first time, this year he is Chairman of Ukrainian Heritage Night at Philadelphia 76ers. Most recently, he is Co Producer of a Documentary Film *49 Ukrainians*, which will highlight the 49 Ukrainians whose names are etched on the NHL Stanley Cup.

In addition, he organized sports tournaments, seminars, national and international, sport camps. Organized and lectured nationally and internationally, wrote articles for press, organized international general elections and conferences.

He and his wife are the proud parents of Myroslaw, residing in NYC, and Cassandra who resides in Florida with her husband and children, Atlas and Jaycee Lynn.

WOLODYMYR HNATIUK * ВОЛОДИМІР ГНАТЮК



Vlodko Hnatiuk's soccer career began at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Grade School. In those days, there were no youth leagues to play in. When the first youth league was finally formed in the metro Detroit area and it only had one division, the U18 Juniors. Not old enough to play on the U18 Juniors, he practiced alongside them until the arrival of another division, the U16 Juveniles. Vlodko and the newly formed Juveniles team worked diligently to learn the game and play as a team and soon after their team won the State, the Region and advanced to the USYSA Finals. Twice!

The team's success caught the attention of a coach of the Ukrainian Sport Club (USC) Chernyk Men's first division team in 1969. During USC's time in the Detroit Soccer League (DSL), Vlodko was selected to the All Star team on two separate occasions.

In 1971, a soccer scholarship took Vlodko to Eastern Illinois University. Upon returning to Michigan, Vlodko resumed his involvement with soccer in the metro Detroit area through a variety of roles. He took on the role as the USC Men's Open manager in the early 1980s. During that time, Chernyk won all of the Amateur and Open Cup Championships in Michigan. In 1984, Vlodko led USC Chernyk to the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) Amateur Cup Championship at the State and Region II levels, and onward to the National Finals.

In 1995 Vlodko convinced Toronto SA Ukraina, and Cleveland UASC Lviv, to become co-founders of the Great Lakes Cup (GLC) soccer tournament for teams situated on the Great Lakes: Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Rochester and Toronto. The GLC tournament is played annually over Memorial Day weekend. In addition to his work with USC Chernyk, Vlodko coached the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic High School soccer team for many years between the 1990s and early 2000s. In 1999, Vlodko was voted Coach of the Year in the Catholic League of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

At the 2000 Ukrainian Olympiad, hosted by Philadelphia Tryzub, he was named MVP of the over 30 division in soccer. In that same year, Vlodko founded the Metro Detroit Soccer League (MDSL), where he served as long term president and was also elected President of USC. He has played for the USC Men's Open, O-30 and now O-40 teams. He also holds an E, D and C USSF coaching licenses, which has served him well during his time coaching the USC Men's Open, O-30 and O-40 teams over the decades. He still coaches many USC youth teams – all age levels U-6 to U14 – and serves as the coaching director for USC.

He still presides over USC as President but has also functioned as a Sports Director, Member at Large, and even bar manager. USC recognized his 25+ years of service and gifted him a gold watch as a token of appreciation. Outside of his involvement within the Ukrainian community, Vlodko is a USSF Referee grade 7, a MHSAA referee and a USSF assignor. He has served on the MSA Board and as the Michigan State Cup chairman.

Michigan Soccer Association (MSA) has recognized Vlodko on two different occasions for his contributions over the years. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1999 and was inducted into the Michigan Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

MARION KOLODY * МАРІЯН КОЛОДІЙ

Marion "Mario" Kolody was born in Curitiba, Brazil. In 1960, his family immigrated to Chicago, Illinois. There he became a member of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA).

Marion started playing soccer for the Wings Soccer Club (SC Kryla) which was one of the activities of UAYA. He was one of the youngest midfield players to play for the club's first division team and represented the Wings SC in many of the Chicago All-Stars teams during his junior and first division years. Marion still looks forward to lacing up his soccer shoes with the Wings old-timers.

Marion attended Lane Technical High School, where he was instrumental in re-starting the high school soccer program. On an athletic scholarship, he attended Western Illinois University (1973-1976) where he was a 4-year starter and captained the team his senior year. Two of the 4 NCAA collegiate soccer years, the Western Illinois Leathernecks knocked out the number one nationally-ranked teams with upset victories over Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Quincy College.

He participated in many aspects of sport, not only as a player but also as coach, club administrator, sports director, organizer, referee, mentor and president of the UAYA. He organized many events with special emphasis on promoting activities for Ukrainian youth. He has organized events such as table tennis, volleyball, intramural floor hockey, chess tournaments, track & field meets and basketball leagues.

Among his achievements are:

- Co-organizer and administrator of Wings Soccer Camp in Baraboo, WI.
- Organizer and administrator of the Wings SC 7 vs 7 summer soccer league.
- Founder and organizer of the 3 vs 3 hoc-soc winter indoor soccer league.
- Member and 5-year board member of the Metropolitan Soccer League of Illinois, currently serving as Vice President.
- Founder and organizer of the UAYA Winter Camp for junior high and high school children.
- Founder and organizer of the Alumni UAYA Winter Trip organized for former winter camp participants who have outgrown camp but still enjoy winter wonderland fun.
- Lifetime Achievement award for his dedication to the Wings Sports Club in 2002.

Marion has always displayed the commitment level of a true builder of Ukrainian sport. He uses the athleticism, comradery, and discipline that sport brings to unify players and sport enthusiasts of all ages in the Chicagoland area. Marion's continued commitment to the development of Ukrainian athletes is evident by the ongoing success of the aforementioned sports programs and camps.

Marion has been married to Olya for 40 years and is the proud father of two daughters, Natalia and Orysia. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, Ivana and Matej and continues to dedicate his time to the Ukrainian American Youth Association, to his community, and to his loving family.



IVAN KRASNYK * ИВАН КРАСНИК



Ivan Krasnyk (May 21, 1907 - June 16, 1967) was born in Peremysl, and emigrated to Chicago, IL in 1949. He was a prominent sports figure in his adult life.

He completed his Masters of Physical Education Degree in 1944 from the University of Krakiv, and emigrated to Germany, where he worked as an educator in the DP camps in Ausburg & Lajpheim.

In 1945 he was the co-organizer and then head (1947-48) of physical education in the Kalsfeld DP camp. He was one of the organizers of the 1948 DP Olympics in Germany.

After emigrating to Chicago, he organized the Sitch Sports Club, later changing the name to Levy (Lions). He was the initiator of SUAST West (Союзу Укр.-амер. Спортових Товариств) in 1953, which encompassed Illinois, Michigan and Ohio.

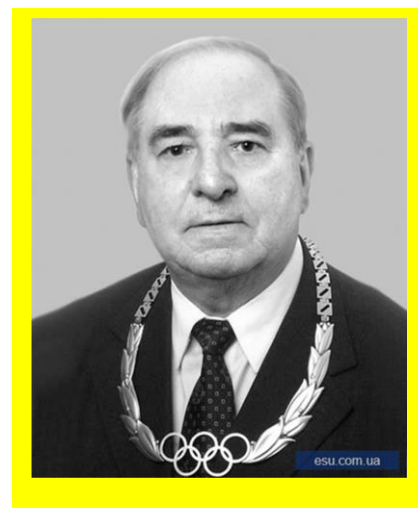
He was the organizer of USCAK (Ukrainian Sports Federation of America and Canada) on December 24, 1955 and held the office of President from 1955-1957. He was always guided by the idea that the main motive of USCAK was not only to improve health care for the body and spirit of the Ukrainian youth, but especially to the rise of national feelings. Therefore, he began to organize tournaments and annual championships involving hundreds of Ukrainian athletes and supporters of Ukrainian sport. Thus, for all to be in the Ukrainian atmosphere. Despite the distance, the majority of Ukrainian sports centers considered it an honor and duty to promulgate his popular sports organization, USCAK.

For many years USCAK has made considerable efforts to promote sports, which plays an important role not only as an educational factor among young people and is the biggest spectacle of modern society and an essential factor in international politics. Therefore, in the diaspora it is particularly important that Ukrainian youth grow and be brought up in the spirit of Ukrainian media. Sport continues to attract the greatest number of Ukrainian youth and spread it to all parts of Ukrainian settlement in the US and Canada.

VOLODYMYR KULYK - ВОЛОДИМИР КУЛИК

Volodymyr Kulyk (June 28, 1930 – January 18, 2009) was born in Liwcze, then Sokal County, Lviv Voivodeship, Poland. He was a famous Ukrainian government administrator and sports enthusiast, being the Head of the Ukrainian Sports Ministry. Together with the Ukrainian athletes participated in the several Olympic games, including Mexico (1968), Munich (1972), Lillehammer (1994), Atlanta (1996), Nagano (1998), Sydney (2000).

He graduated from the Ivan Franko University in Lviv in 1954. Upon graduating from the University, he was involved in several Ukrainian youth organizations from 1955-1967.



From 1965-1968, he was Chairman of the Ukrainian Board of the Union of Sports.

In November 1968-December 1973, Chairman of the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport at the Council of Ministers of Ukraine.

From 1976 through 1984, he held managerial positions in the Kyiv city administration. 1984-1990 worked as an Executive at the Council of Ukrainian Trade Unions.

Since 1990, co-founder, in 1991 — 1998 — 1st Vice President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, in 1998-2002 is the Advisor to the President, the Chairman of the Commission on cooperation with Ukrainians abroad of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine.

He retired in 2002.



In April 2004 he was honored with the highest award of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) – Olympic Order, for his particularly distinguished contribution to the Olympic Movement.

The award was handed by Serhii Bubka Member of the IOC Executive Committee, on behalf of the IOC's President Jacques Rogge.

He is the author of “From Education to World Records” (1972) and “The Olympics in the Hearts of Fire” (2008).

VERN (MYRON) ZATWARNICKI * МИРОН ЗАТВАРНИЦЬКИЙ



Vern Myron Zatwarnicki was born in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, Canada. He earned BA, B. Ed, M. Ed. Degrees from the University of Manitoba Teaching and Administration in Manitoba Schools. He is an NCCP Level III Cross-Country Ski Coach and NCCP Level I-II Theory of Coaching Instructor

Experience

1970 Graduated from St. Joseph's College, Yorkton, SK
1974-75 Organized Football and Hockey for the USC at University of Manitoba
1975-76 Administrator – Ukrainian Park. Organized programs for youth.
1975-76 Administrator of the Ukrainian Park. Organized

programs for youth

- 1976 Organized Hockey Team for the USC, Brandon University
Organized the- USC Kozaky travel to Newark, New Jersey to play against Chornomorska Sitch
- 1976-77 Organized the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Brandon, Manitoba
- 1980-86 Cross-Country Ski Coach, Crane River, MB
- 1987 Volunteer Award Parkland Sports Association
- 1986-88 Manitoba Biathlon Provincial Coach
- 1988 Olympics Calgary Biathlon Canada (Solidarity Conference)
- 1990 Developed the School Ski Program, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1993 Volunteer Canada Cup, Canada hosted USA, Brazil and Ukraine
National Women's Team in Winnipeg
- 1995 Manitoba CC Ski Coach, Canada Winter Games, Grand Prairie, AB
- 1997-99 Director of Instruction, International Schools, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 1997 Organized Karpaty Ski Camp for Ski Sports School, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 1998 Organized Canadian Embassy in Kyiv – Sponsored School Basketball League (CBL)
- 2001 Hosting committee of Ukraine's Men's National Volleyball team, Winnipeg MB
Confederation Cup
- 2001-02 Organized the arrival of two Ukrainian Cross-Country Skiers to train and race with the Manitoba Provincial Ski Team
- 2003 Manitoba Cross Country Ski Coach, Canada Winter Games, New Brunswick
- 2003-10 Coach of the Winnipeg Wolfpack Ski Team.
- 2004 Ukrainian Election Observer Presidential Election, Donetsk Oblast
- 2005 Award of Merit Outdoor Education, MPETA
- 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Hosted a delegation from Ukraine Biathlon
- 2018 Volunteer Ukrainian Night at Dauphin Kings Junior Hockey Team.
Retired from teaching – Seven Oaks School Division
Operator: Zeevalley Organic Farm, "Home of the Home of Halychanka Wheat"
Actively engaged with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.



AMATEUR ATHLETES



ANDRIJ BAKUN * АНДРІЙ БАКУН

Andrij Bakun started playing soccer at age 9 with “Chornomorska Sitch” and continued playing with the club through age 28. Attended Sitch Sports Camp for soccer from 1970-1976 and was a counselor/soccer coach from 1977-1978. Won the Schaefer League Championship with U-13’s in 1972 and U-15’s in 1975.



Joined the Sitch men’s team at 15 and scored 2 goals in debut victory against Elizabeth Portuguese. He attended NJIT and was a 4-year starter playing all positions except goalie. Won multiple indoor championships including victories against top-ranked Philadelphia Textile. All-American as a senior and won student-athlete award at NJIT for varsity athlete with highest GPA.

With 3 older brother teammates, father as manager, and long-time teammate, he resurrected “Chornomorska Sitch” men’s team from 2nd division Schaefer League team in 1977 to one of the top teams in New Jersey during the 1980’s, winning the Farcher’s Grove summer tournament, Ukrainian 1988 Olympiad soccer tournament in Philadelphia, Rockland County Indoor tournament, NJ State Cup and the NJ Amateur Cup (while also placing runner-up twice), and consistently placing at top of the Garden State League.

Played all field positions except goalie for Sitch, leading the team in scoring each year from 1982-1988. Selected to Garden State League and NJ Select teams in regional tournaments and offered tryouts for 1984 Olympic Team, which was declined due to conflicts with full-time employment as a chemical engineer at Hoffmann-La Roche. Won the gold medal in 1980 and 1984 in Toronto at the Free Olympic Games. In 1989-1990, he played for NJ Eagles of the ASL as the only player to play defense, midfield and forward during 2-year stint. In 1991, he traveled to Ukrainewith USCAK to compete against various professional and amateur select teams.

Served as an assistant soccer coach at NJIT when program. In 2000, as a 40-year old with many older Sitch teammates, won the over-30 championship at the Ukrainian Olympiad in Philadelphia. While playing for Sitch he earned a Master’s in Chemical Engineering from NJIT. He earned a Law degree from Rutgers. He retired from Roche in 2014 and currently lives in Texas. He was inducted into the NJIT Sports Hall of Fame. Andy was also inducted into the inaugural Chornomorska Sitch Hall of Fame in 2014.

IVAN DURBAK - ІВАН ДУРБАК



Ivan Durbak has been playing in tennis competition since the age of 12, winning 5 National Men's Singles titles at Soyuzivka between 1961 and 1981 as well as 17 other titles (Juniors, Seniors, Men's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles) at Soyuzivka since 1961. Coupled with numerous other American tennis tournaments, Ivan has amassed 114 tennis trophies in a long career.

In college, Ivan played at #1 position for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute varsity tennis team for 3 years.

For the past 10 years Ivan has been assisting George Sawchak in planning and running the Eastern (July 4) and National (Labor Day) Ukrainian tennis tournaments at Soyuzivka.

Ivan has also captained two USTA League teams in New Jersey for the past 3 years. Ivan worked as a tennis professional in Miami 1969 – 1972, specifically at LaGorce Country Club and at Henderson Park.

Ivan has also competed in chess (third in Miami Florida championship tournament in 1969) and track & field (winning at 100 meters scholastic championship in Melbourne Australia in 1956) and competed in high school chess at Notre Dame HS in Utica, NY, in 1960-1962.

Ivan has been a senior IT healthcare executive for over 25 years, with extensive experience in planning, developing, and managing information system applications, conducting IT audits, implementing IT security solutions, and re-engineering business workflows.

Currently, Ivan is the Chief Information Officer at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center: an integrated delivery system with two hospitals, several emergency centers, and 27 outpatient clinic centers providing over 1.1 million clinic services annually to a large segment of the central and south Bronx areas.

Previously, Ivan has worked as an independent consultant, as a CIO at an academic health center, and as a full-time college professor at Manhattan College.

OREST MELESCHUK * OPECT MEAEИЦЬК

Orest B. "The Big O" Meleschuk is a Canadian former curler of Ukrainian descent. He was one of Manitoba's best curlers during the 1960s and 1970s and has won a number of championships and major bonspiels. His greatest curling triumph came in 1972 when he won the Manitoba, Canadian and World Championships of curling.

Orest Meleschuk was a competitive curler from 1963 to 2007. He has appeared in 30 Men's, seven Senior, six Masters, and one Mixed Provincial appearances. Meleschuk was Provincial, Canadian, and World's Men Champion in 1972 and Provincial Champion in 1989. He was also Senior Men's Provincial Champion in 1996. In 2001 Meleschuk was presented the Curler of Distinction Award.

Meleschuk was involved in the very first Battle of the Sexes curling match, in which he lost to Vera Pezer's team. He currently lives in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Meleschuk has two children, Sean and Karin, and four grand children."



EDWARD WERENICH * ЕДВАРД ВЕРЕНИЧ



Edward Werenich is a Canadian curler. Nicknamed "The Wrench". Werenich has been known to be a colourful and outspoken character. Outside of curling, Werenich worked as a firefighter.

Werenich was born and raised in the town of Benito, Manitoba but moved to Toronto after finishing high school. He began curling at age ten. In 1972, Werenich joined Paul Savage's team as his second. The following year they would play in their first Brier. They would

return again in 1974 and then in 1977 with Werenich as Savage's third. Without a championship, Werenich skipped his own team to the Brier in 1981, but still could not win.

In 1983 Savage joined Werenich as his third and they would go on to win the Brier title that year over Ed Lukowich of Alberta. At the World Curling Championships of that year, Werenich defeated Keith Wendorf's team from Germany in the final. Werenich returned to the Brier in 1984 and again in 1988 before winning for the last time in 1990 this time without Savage- defeating Jim Sullivan's New Brunswick team.

During the 1987 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials, Werenich was "humiliated" by the Canadian Curling Association threatening to disqualify him if he didn't "shed a few pounds"

At the 1990 World Championships, Werenich defeated Scotland, skipped by David Smith. Werenich returned to the Brier in 1995 and then in 1997 before announcing his first retirement from curling in 2000. Werenich came out of retirement in 2004, and made it to the Ontario men's championship for one final time.

Werenich was named to the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 1988. The other three members of his 1983 world championship rink, Paul Savage, John Kawaja and Neil Harrison are also in the Hall of Fame. In 2009, Werenich, Savage, Kawaja and Harrison were inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.



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UKRAINIAN SPORTS CLUB (YCK) (SOCCER) 1964
(USA – NEW YORK)



Kneeling (l. to r.) Mario De Melo Paz (trainer), Anders Yrfelt, Peter Schaefer, Nelson Yablesky, Robert Ferrie, Roman Kilar, Nicholas Skirka. Standing (l. to r.) Zenon Korchynsky (President), E. J. Purdom, Norman Young, Jose

Cap (Captain), Eugene Krawec, John Young, Peter Smethurst, Joseph Machnik, Jaroslav Kurowyckyj (Manager). Walter Schmotolocha, who is on this team, was out of town playing for U.S. World Cup Team.



LEGACY

JOHN HYNANSKY * ІВАН ГИНАНСЬКИЙ

John Hynansky, chairman of the Winner Group of Companies, has earned the Salute to Dealers award from Ford Motor Company in recognition of his outstanding corporate citizenship and contributions to the community, his continuous support of the Ukrainian community in the United States and Ukraine and his tireless effort in supporting disadvantaged children and families. Hynansky is one of six winners chosen for his dedication to local community, service and peers among more than 8,500 Ford and Lincoln dealers from U.S., Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Europe, Asia, Caribbean & Central America, Africa, and the Middle East.



Hynansky is a partner of “Hope & Homes for Children”, a UK-based organization in Ukraine, which contributes to the social rehabilitation of families in Ukraine. In the town of Kapitanivka in Ukraine, Hynansky supports the local school system with facility improvements including roofing, interior remodeling, computers, gym equipment, a new playground and transportation. Hynansky also supports the Klitschko Brothers Foundation, which is focused on developing Ukraine’s youth. During its 20 years in Ukraine, Hynansky has continuously initiated charitable activities for children’s hospitals and orphanages, with donations of clothing, furniture and other essential articles.

John Hynansky was awarded “The Person the year 2006”, an international prize in the field of charity and philanthropy.

In the summer 1995 when sanitary system broke down in Kharkov Winner played a significant role in assisting more than 150 children to prevent the spread of disease. Hynansky and Ford Motor Company contributed to the opening of ambulance station in the city of Lviv, Ukraine in 1997.

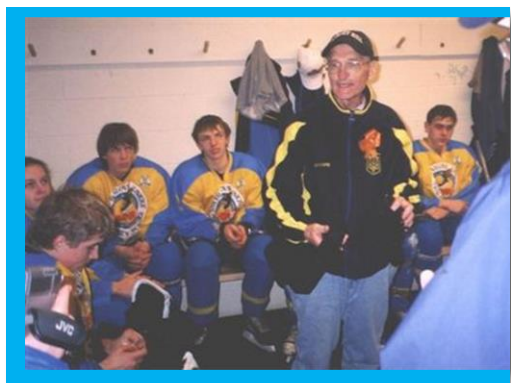
Hynansky makes regular contributions to Shevchenko Scientific Society to support the archiving of Ukrainian newspapers. He purchased the Ukrainian Consulate in New York for the Ukrainian government in the USA at his own expense in 1992.

Salute to Dealers is conducted under the guidance of Edsel B. Ford II, a member of Ford’s Board of Directors. The program was launched in 2001 to demonstrate the company's commitment to its thousands of dealer principals who step beyond their showroom doors to make a difference where they live and work.

Edsel B. Ford II and three other judges selected winners from a total global field of 100 nominees located the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Europe, Mexico and Asia based on community service activities, length of participation and personal motivation.

A painted portrait of each honoree will have a montage of philanthropic and volunteer activities that led to the award. Duplicates of the portraits will join a **Salute to Dealers** display in the lobby of Ford’s World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan for year-round viewing.

EUGENE KINASEWICH FUND * ЄВГЕН КІНАСЕВИЧ ФОНД



The Eugene Kinasevich Fund, Inc was established in honor of Eugene Kinasevich by his family and friends for the purpose of providing financial assistance and opportunities for educational, cultural, artistic, athletic and any other educational/cultural exchanges from and between needy and worthy young persons from foreign countries and the United States, giving preference to young persons.

Gene was born on August 8, 1941 in Edmonton, Alberta. His parents had emigrated in 1911 from the Ukraine. They were agrarian people with little formal education. They had 14 children and lived in a small, four bedroom house in Edmonton. By the time Gene was 10 years old both of his parents had died.

From this humble beginning, Gene found himself travelling to attend school in Deerfield, Massachusetts not knowing where it was or what it was. He then attended Harvard College where he attained a Bachelors' Degree, two Masters' Degrees and a Doctorate. He married Janet Mittell and they had three children, all of whom were part of the original Incorporators of the Fund.

Gene believed deeply in the principle that "small steps taken are better than big jobs planned." Throughout his life, and with this philosophy, he took a great interest in helping young people. One of those first "small steps" occurred in 1971 when Gene and his friend Tim Taylor took a group of American high school hockey players to the Soviet Union. From then on Gene was passionately involved in providing opportunities for youth of this country and foreign nations. He believed that "for us to be fully human we need exchanges of youth between countries to break down barriers."

Gene was so appreciative of what Deerfield did for him that he wanted to start a school like Deerfield in Ukraine. That was his "grand scheme". He hoped, however, that if that dream were not possible the Fund would provide scholarship, travel, and other opportunities to enable young persons from foreign nations, especially Ukraine, to come to America and Canada for study. Hopefully, funds will also be available for worthy American and Canadian youth to travel to, and study in, Ukraine and other foreign countries.

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MIKE BOSSY HOCKEY	OREST FEDASH VOLLEYBALL	WALTER CHYZOWYCH
JOHNNY BOWER HOCKEY	HALYNA STEFANIUK HILFERINK VOLLEYBALL	MYRON DOMARADZ
SERGEY BUBKA TRACK & FIELD	MIKE HLUSHKO SOCCER	OREST HALIW
WAYNE CHREBET FOOTBALL	BOHDAN KUCYNA SOCCER	ROMAN HLUSHKO
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MIKE DITKA FOOTBALL	JULIAN KULAS SOCCER	STEVE KOVALENKO
WAYNE GRETZKY HOCKEY	BOHDAN LALKA SOCCER	YAROSLAW (JERRY) KOZAK
VITALI KLITSCHKO BOXING	ZENON MATKIWSKY TENNIS	ROMAN KUCIL
WLADIMIR KLITSCHKO BOXING	BOHDAN NEDILSKYJ SOCCER	JAROSLAW KUROWYCKYJ
VIKTOR PETRENKO FIGURE SKATING	NESTOR PASLAWSKY VOLLEYBALL	VOLODYMYR LEVYTSKYJ
	ALEXANDER POPOVICH VOLLEYBALL	TARAS LISKEVYCH
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	PETER STEFANIUK VOLLEYBALL	GEORGE SAWCHAK
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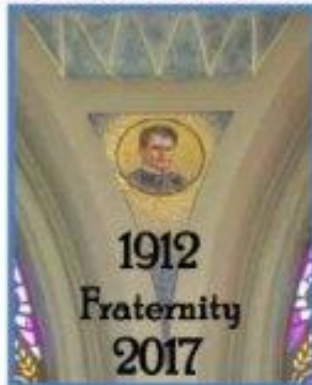
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OREST BANACH SOCCER	TERRY DANYLUK VOLLEYBALL	STAN HABA
IVAN BORODIAK SOCCER	STEPHEN HALAIKO BOXING	DR. VASYL KARLENKO
JOHNNY BUCYK HOCKEY	NICOLAUS KASIAN SOCCER	DR. LEONARD LUCENKO
MARCO CYNCAR FOOTBALL	GEORGE KOJAC SWIMMING	EUGENE MELNYK
DALE HAWERCHUK HOCKEY	LILIA PODKOPAYEVA GYMNASTICS	EUGENE ORYCZYSZYN
OREST KINDRACHUK HOCKEY	MICHEL SLIPCZUK FIGURE SKATING	RENATA ROMAN
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BILL MISHALOW SOCCER	ULANA LYSNIAK BASKETBALL	
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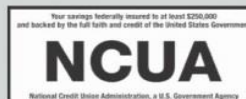
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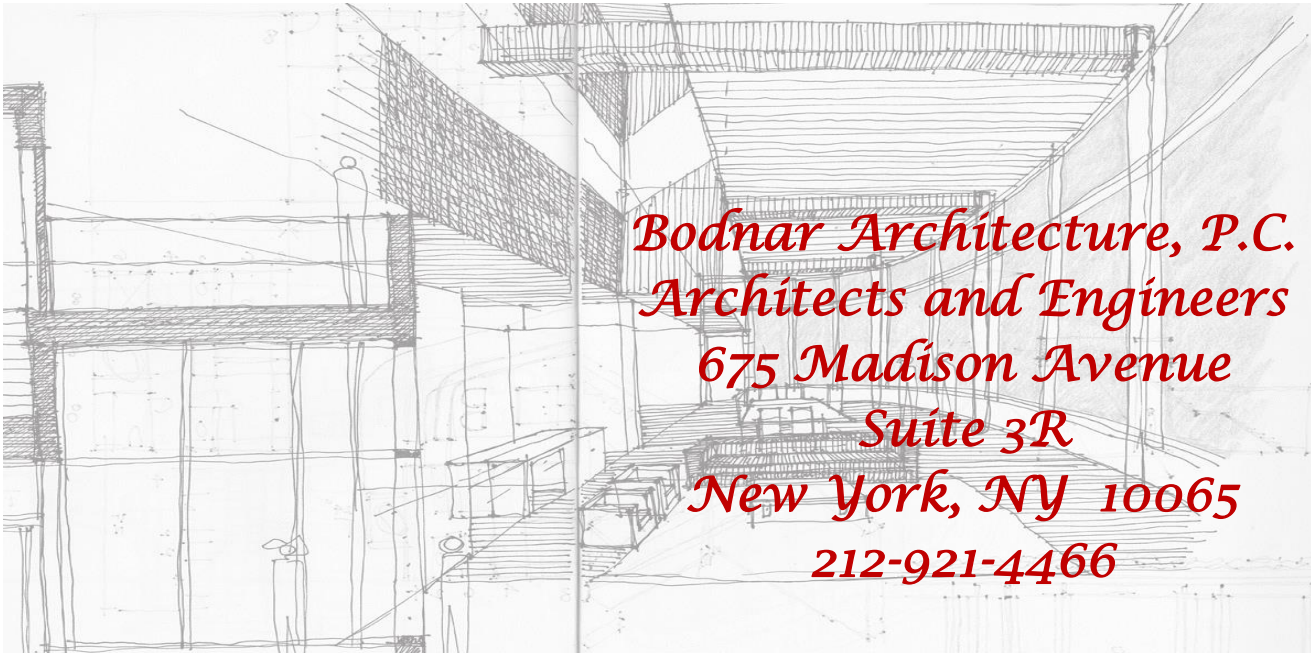
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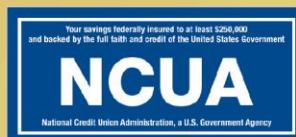
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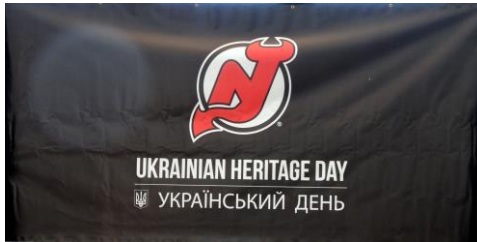
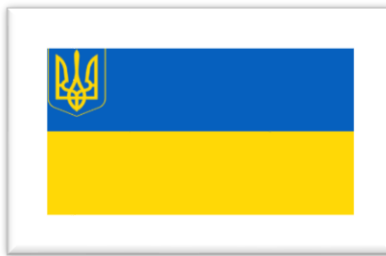
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