

Seven To Be Inducted Into ENY Hall Of Fame Tonight

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The Eastern New York Soccer Hall of Fame has the honor of inducting seven new members tonight.

The newest members include Jack Cohen, Jack Hahn, Stu Serota, Peter Pinori, Peter Strumpf, Gus Xikis and Dieter Emmerling. The Hall is joint venture between Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association and Eastern New York State Amateur Soccer Association.

* Jack Cohen has been with ENY youth ODP for some 20 years. He is the current top ODP administrator. He coached the Oceanside Navahoes to the Under-19 State Cup title in 1987. That Oceanside team had such players Tony Meola, Martin Munnely and Mark Pulisic who went on to play professional soccer.

* Jack Hahn was the State Youth Referee Administrator before he recently retired to Seattle. He was considered one of the best referees ENY had ever seen.

* Stu Serota led the ODP program for years. He also has been an advisor to ENYISA president Peter Masotto.

* Peter Pinori is the long-time president and a key member of the Eastern District Soccer League and a life member of the ENY amateur association.

* Peter Strumpf, a state trustee, has been a vital member of Eintracht S.C. (Cosmopolitan Soccer League) and the league itself. "Whenever there had to be something done in the state association, Peter was there," said ENYSASA treasurer Howard Rubenstein, a member of the Hall of Fame committee. "He was a working trustee, not a trustee for show."

* Gus Xikis, whose soccer interests have crossed into both the youth and amateur realms, is 2nd vice president/registrar of the amateurs. He is also an ODP staff coach with ENYISA and coached teams in the East Meadow S.C. for many years most recently won a gold medal in the Elliniada games Greece with team USA.

* Dieter Emmerling, a long-time president of the N.Y. Hota/Bavarians, has been a driving force with that club, which competes in the Long Island Junior Soccer League (youth) and the Long Island Soccer Football League (amateur). Several years ago he helped save Hota's field at the Plattduetsche Restaurant in Franklin Square, L.I. when local residents complained about its use.