

FOUR FROM POLONIA S.C. TO BE HONORED BY THE WISCONSIN SOCCER ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Celebrating 100 years of soccer in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Soccer Association (WSA) will honor four from Polonia S.C. at the 32nd Annual Hall of Fame (HOF) Banquet. See Hall of Fame P. 2

Polonia S.C. returns to the Major Division and adds a Reserve Division team!!!

It is with great pleasure that the Polonia Sport Club (PSC) announces the return of its adult team to the Major Division of what is now the Wisconsin Soccer League (WSL). For the past six years, the players of PSC have fought their way back to the level of the top amateur clubs in the state.

In the Fall of 2008, the previous PSC president dissolved Polonia's Major Team. For 58 years, PSC had competed with the other Major clubs, winning state and tournament trophies along the way. Polonia had been a pioneer in youth soccer. As late as 2006, Polonia had grown to 21 youth teams, a mix of boys' and girls' teams. By 2008, only 4 youth teams remained. It was surely a low point in Polonia's soccer history.

The elections of 2009 saw a revitalization of the Board. Their goals were simple: to return to the adult Major Division and a renewed emphasis on growing our youth program. See Majors P.5



COACH DAN AND HIS PLAYERS AT POLONIA'S AUGUST
SUMMER FESTIVAL

POLONIA YOUTH SOCCER SOARS!

The future is looking bright, thanks to the new board of directors of the Polonia Youth Soccer Club (PYSC). **Led by energetic President Dan Stadler**, the program is growing from the bottom up, from the very youngest. Keeping Danny on track is his better half and PYSC Treasurer Bonnie Stadler.

Danny has put together **an experienced staff of coaches and managers**, some of which have played with Polonia S.C. from Majors to Old-timers: Mike and Tom Antholine, Rory Vees, Josh Yanke, Josh Severson, Derek Hathaway. Other coaches started off on Polonia youth teams: Marty Baur, Mike Koch. Still others currently coach and play on Polonia's Majors: Ricardo Vidal. Pete Rankine. See Youth P.3

POLONIA SOCCER HALL OF FAME

MARCH 2014

Hall of Fame, from page 1

Joe Beskidniak, Ramiro Alvarez, and Tadek Bista will be inducted into the HOF, while **Stan Stadler Jr.** will posthumously receive a meritorious award. Induction into the WSA HOF is the greatest honor awarded to those involved in Wisconsin amateur soccer.

We encourage everyone to attend to show support for our club's inductees. It will take place on **Saturday, April 5th** at the American Serb Hall at 5101 West Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee. 5:30 cash bar, 6:30 dinner. Tickets \$35.00 adults, \$15.00 kids. Call Mitch Jovic at (414)405-1951 asap.

Joseph Beskidniak, in the 1950's, served as an adult team manager and PSC vice president. Entering HOF under the category of league administration.

Ramirez Alvarez, from Colombia, played on the 1969 Polonia Majors Championship Team.

Tadek Bista, from Poland, played professionally since age 16 at T.S.Fablok. Joining PSC in 1981, Tadek coached/played on Polonia teams winning Reserves, Majors conference and indoor championships in the 1980's.

To the right (upper left) center- Coach Tadek Bista, (very bottom right corner) Ramiro Alvarez, Joe Beskidniak (upper right)

Stan Stadler Jr., brother of pres. Dan, was a ref, Majors player, and coach instrumental in the success and growth of Polonia. He played on a number of championship teams.



Coach Stas Stadler Jr. (upper left) with sons Andrew (2 to the right) and Timmy (below Andrew). Coach and current PSC president Rick Rabiega (upper right).



Youth, from page 1

In the ever-changing world of Wisconsin youth soccer, PYSC has attempted to position itself as affordable, yet competitive. It is our goal to teach soccer and sportsmanship, while still keeping it fun. Along the way, the kids will be exposed to the Polish culture, hopefully resulting in lifelong friendships, in a family friendly environment.

It is thanks to our coaches and parents that we often exceed expectations, for a "smaller club".

As recently as 2010, Coach Ward Komorowski took his U-18 boys' team to the State Cup Championship final for the third year in a row. "Small club"?



While rebuilding PYSC's youth program, the emphasis has been on the very youngest. Kids as young as three years play micro soccer. In a short time, we have grown to 16 teams, with teams in recreational, competitive, and academy leagues.

Interested in a summer soccer camp?

Polonia is **partnering with Challenger Sports** for the ultimate youth soccer experience, featuring the **1,000 Touches Curriculum**, packed with drills and practices to improve ball control, footskills, fakes, moves, juggling and core techniques! July 14-18, see the website:

www.poloniasoccer.com



wPolonia Sport Club Trivia

Let's See how well you know your club!

1. The year Polonia Sport Club started?
2. The year Polonia purchased land?
3. The year the chapel was dedicated?
4. The year Polonia won its first state? Majors championship?
5. The first family to have a 4th generation Polonia soccer player?
6. How many acres does Polonia own?
7. Who actually owns Polonia's land?
 - A. Ziggy
 - B. the Polonia president
 - C. the Indian community school
 - D. Dan Stadler
8. How many full-size fields fit @Polonia
9. Who is Polonia's road named after?
10. Polonia's property taxes for 2013?
11. A regulation adult goal is how tall?
12. How many yards from the penalty mark to the goal line?
13. Is a ball rolling on the touch line in or out of play?
14. There are no offsides on?
 - A. a goal kick
 - B. a throw-in
 - C. a corner kick
15. Stas is taking a PK. It hits the crossbar, bounces back to Stas, and Stas kicks it in. No keeper contact. Goal or no goal?
16. Who earns more from Polonia: Polonia Sport Club's Major Team coach or President?

Go to page 4 for the answers.

To really challenge yourself on the rules of Soccer,

Go to www.theguardian.com, click on Soccer, then ' You Are The Ref '.



Coach Dan...First try!!!! Splash.



Ask the PSC President:

Please forward any inquiries to Rabiega4@yahoo.com

Q: Why is it so cold in the women’s restroom?

A: Try the portapotty in winter!

Q: Why don’t we have a nicer sign at the entrance on Loomis ?

A: We accept donations!

Q: Do you allow hunting of the of the turkeys or deer on Polonia’s property?

A: All animals have been granted Polonia presidential pardons.... other than the geese. Catch ‘em!

Trivia answers:

- 1. 1950 2. Trick question: 1965 on 12th & Arthur – bar and hall
- 3. 1982, 32nd anniversary this year
- 4. 1968, then 1969,1970 5. Stadler
- 6. 23 acres 7. Trick question: none of the above, owned by members.
- 8. four 9. Henry Matecki, Polonia’s longest serving president 10. \$10,282
- 11. eight feet 12. Twelve yards
- 13. ball in play 14. Trick question: All three are correct. 15. No goal
- 16. Trick question: neither is paid. Buy the volunteers a beer!

 The Perfect PK: see the ball upper 90
 What a Polonia shot and picture!



Hall Remodeling Project

The building is badly in need of rehab. Unfortunately, we can’t afford to just pay someone to do it. **So we’re asking for volunteers.** The least we’ll do is patch and paint, hopefully more. We already have a donation of new restroom dispensers. Another offer is to make a floor-to-ceiling glass trophy case outside the men’s room. Obviously, the floors are an issue.

Join us for a planning/ideas meeting

On Wednesday April 9th at 6:00 in the hall. Work will commence shortly after. Feel free to call PSC Pres. Rick with any suggestions. (414)810-8158 or email Rabiega4@yahoo.com



Polonia Photo Contest

Please save and submit your favorite Polonia photos for future newsletters and a Fall Festival Photo Contest. Details in the next newsletter.



Andrew Stadler is moving up in Swedish soccer to 2nd division Landskrona BoIS. Son of Stas Stadler Jr, started his career at Polonia. A standout at George Wash. U. and Tosa West, Andy scored 8 goals in 22 matches last year at Sandvikens.

On Twitter: @AndrewStadler



2013 MVP & PSC MAJORS CAPTAIN STAS
MIASKOWSKI WITH PARENTS

POLONIA

ADULT TEAMS

MARCH, 2014

Polonia Major/Reserve Spring 2014

- 4/12/14 7:00 Majors @ Bavarian
- 4/13/14 3:00 Res. vs SB United @ Bavarians
- 4/27/14 12:30 Res. vs Highpoint @ Polonia
3:00 Majors vs Azteca @ Polonia
- 5/4/14 12:30 Res. Vs Upper 90 @TBD
3:00 Majors vs Kickers @ Uihlein
- 5/11/14 12:30 Res. Vs Condor @ Polonia
3:00 Majors vs Croation @ Polonia
- 5/18/14 12:30 Res. vs Lincoln @ Polonia
3:00 Majors vs Brewers @ Polonia
- 5/28/14 6:00 Res. vs Wauk. White @ Polonia
- 6/1/14 2:00 Res. vs Whitefish Bay @ Polonia
4:00 Majors vs United Serb @ Polonia
- 6/4/14 6:00 Res. vs Kickers @ Uihlein
- 6/15/14 12:30 Res. vs Simbas @ Polonia
3:00 Majors vs Sport Club @ Polonia
- 6/18/14 6:00 Res. vs Verdi @ Polonia
- 6/22/14 11:30 Res. vs North Shore @ Polonia
2:00 Majors vs Kickers @ Polonia
- 6/29/14 12:30 Res. vs Latino @ Polonia

Majors, from page 1

By the Spring of 2009, thanks to the efforts of then captain Hubert Zarajczyk, Polonia found enough players to restart a team in the lower First Division.

By the Fall of 2010, the boys started to play with enthusiasm and confidence. Pieces of the team were falling into place. Finally, in July of 2011, Polonia exploded into the playoffs, **winning the First Division Championship!**

In the Fall of 2011, PSC was promoted to the Reserve Division, making the playoffs in July of 2012. It would be a 1-0 heartbreaking loss to the defending champion Milwaukee Kickers on a scorching hot day in the semi-final game. We had already beaten them in our regular season league game. Kickers later lost to the Croations in the championship game. Polonia had also tied the Croations 4-4 in league play.

The 2012/2013 season was no less exciting. Two-time Polonia MVP Ivan Zaremba went down with a season-ending knee injury. It fell onto Captain Stas Miaskowski and his teammates to carry the flag. For the third year in a row, Polonia made it to the playoffs. Beating the Bavarians in the quarter-finals, Polonia met the defending champion Croations in the semi-final. Without their captain and their MVP, the boys, under the leadership of Scottish-born coach Pete Rankine, came up just short in a 1-0 loss, on a questionable first half penalty.

Once again, Polonia has been offered promotion to the Majors. This time, **we accepted the challenge!** Our new goal will be to win it all. The team is a mix of Polish-born and homegrown talent. Come see the four Miaskowski brothers, led by elder Stas. Watch the speedy Rafal, upfront with Artur and Sharif. Midfield generals Cameron and Paul control the game. Can Andy keep defenders' rafal Szot and Brandon's emotions in check? Will the boys of the Fall, position the team for a playoff run when the college players return in Spring?

2014 POLONIA S.C. CALENDAR

FOR UPDATES, PLEASE CALL RICHARD @ (414)810-8158

- April 5: Wisc. Soccer Assoc. **Hall of Fame Banquet**
- May 3: Polonia **Majowka Dance**, celebrating Poland's **May 3rd Constitution Day**
- June 1: Polonia **Spring Festival**
- June 13-15: Polish Fest, Summerfest grounds, www.Polishfest.org
- July 13: 2014 **World Cup Final Party**, shown from Brazil
- July 14-18 Polonia Youth **Challenger Summer Soccer Camp**
- July 26-27 Annual Polish/American/Canadian Tournament, New Jersey
- August 10: Polonia **Summer Festival**
- September 7: Polonia **Fall Harvest Festival** (Dozynki)
Drawing of the 2014 **Polonia Annual Raffle**
- November 2: Polonia **Memorial Mass**, in honor of our departed members and supporters

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