

LIJSL *Hall of Fame Inductee*

Smithtown Soccer Club - John Friedrichs

Truly a pioneer on Long Island.

Few people can be compared to the love and dedication Mr. Friedrichs has demonstrated to the game of soccer for six decades. Mr. Friedrichs is proud that soccer has grown into the most popular youth sport in the country. He would never admit it, but he had a significant part in making that happen.

Here are some of his accomplishments:

- Founded the Boys Youth Soccer program at the Huntington Kickers Soccer club in the late 1960's
- Grew the Boys soccer program to three teams
- First to coach a boy's Long Island team to a State Cup Championship in 1971
- Founded the Smithtown YMCA Travel Soccer Program in 1976
- YMCA Board Member
- Head Coach of the 1965 Smithtown Minutemen/Generals 1976 - 1979
- Served as President of the Smithtown YMCA Travel Program
- Founding member of the Smithtown Kickers Soccer Club in 1980
- Served as President, Vice President and Board Member of the Smithtown Kickers for 10 years
- Head Coach of the 1971 Smithtown Kickers Tea Men from 1979 - 1990, winning sportsmanship awards, tournament and division titles as well as State Cup runner up in 1982
- Holds a United States "B" Soccer Coaching License
- Counselor at the Victory Soccer Camp for 5 years
- Established the Smithtown Kickers Summer Camp Scholarship
- LIJSL Division Coordinator for numerous years
- Taught numerous referee clinics to get teenagers involved in soccer refereeing
- Performed various roles in the Smithtown Kickers Soccer Tournament 1979 - 1992
- Coached 1965 Select team in 1983
- Founder of the U-23 summer soccer program in 1985
- Founding member of the Long Island Soccer Referee Association in 1970
- Held numerous Board positions with LISRA
- Refereed over 5,000 soccer games and still active member of LISRA
- Section 11 and Eastern Coast Conference college soccer
- 1988 LISRA Referee of the Year
- Life Member of the Long Island Soccer Football League



From left to right: Peter Collins, Former President, LIJSL and Currently Committee Chair for LIJSL Hall of Fame, John Friedrichs, and Addie Mattei-Iaia, President, LIJSL

Nomination submitted by: Bob Smith, Past President Smithtown Soccer Club



Old guard, new blood.