

## **Bruce Angebrannt**

There are few people who have exhibited a devotion to Mercer County soccer as has been shown by Bruce Angebrannt over the years. As a player, coach, organizer, and devotee' of the Beautiful Game, Bruce has been instrumental in promoting soccer from the youth level to his twenty- eight year association with the Hall of Fame. It is our great honor to induct Bruce Angebrannt into the Hall of Fame.

The son of Hall of Fame coach Lou Angebrannt, Bruce was surrounded by soccer at an early age. Growing up in Hamilton, he played in the Hamilton Rec and Little Bigger Leagues under coaches such as Charlie Lee and Dick Graja and with many players who formed the nucleus of the great Steinert teams of the 70's. He played his high school ball at Notre Dame under Hall of Famer John Wagner where he receiver All-County and All-State honors while being elected captain in his senior year. Like many great players at the time, Bruce spent his summers working as a counselor at the vaunted Bronco Soccer Camp under the direction of Bob "Pivo" Pivivarnick.

After high school and playing club soccer while attending Penn State, he moved into coaching, first at his alma mater Notre Dame and then began a run in the West End program, where he has been involved from the coaching level to being president of the organization. He was a member of the National Junior College Soccer Tournament Organizing committee for 15 years during its run at Mercer County Community College.

In 2003, Bruce was honored by the Mercer County High School Soccer Coaches with their Joe Sec Award, named after the legendary MCCC and club coach. With the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Bruce's role as the keeper of records, advocate, historian, and booster of the history of Mercer County soccer is truly the glue that keeps the organization together.

With this well-deserved honor, we humbly and proudly induct Bruce Angebrannt into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.