

Titania Schottegut

Titania Schottegut Football Club is a professional football club based in the mountainous city of Schottegut, Centralia, Pharos. The club competes in the PSL A, the top tier of the Pharonian football.

Titania Schottegut was founded in 1895 as Schottegut Ironworks and reformed in 1900 as Titania. The club has won four major honours in its history, all of them PSC Cups.



History

Origins

The earliest generally accepted incarnation of Titania Schottegut was founded in 1895 as Schottegut Ironworks FC, the works team of the largest iron quarry and steel mill in the mountainous area of Glyptal of the Monteneros mountain-range, Shottegut Ironworks and Steel Company, by foreman and local league referee Damon Tayr and owner Arno Heels.



Arno Heels

It was announced in the Shottegut Gazette of June 1895 under the heading *"The importance of co-operation between workers and management"* in an effort to "wipe away the bitterness left by the recent strike":

"Mr. Tayr, who is working in the mining department, has undertaken to get up a soccer football club for next winter and I learn that Pharonian football and bowls will also be added to the attractions."

The team played on a strictly amateur basis for 1895 at least, with a team featuring a number of works employees. They turned professional in 1898 upon entering the Centralian League Second Division, and were promoted to the First Division at the first attempt. The following year they came second from bottom, but had established themselves as a fully-fledged competitive team. They comfortably fended off the challenge of local rivals Cougar Terovo in a relegation play-off, 5–1 in late April 1900 and retained their First Division status.



Earliest club shot, during its founding year as Ironworks FC in 1895

The team initially played in full dark blue kits, as inspired by Mr. Heels, who had been a Nobel University "Blue," but changed the following season by adopting a sky-blue shirts and white shorts combination worn from 1897 to 1899.

Following growing disputes over the running and financing of the club, in June 1900



Centron Payner and Syd Kinn

Schottegut Ironworks FC was disbanded, then almost immediately relaunched as Titania Schottegut FC on 5 July 1900 with Syd Kinn as their manager and future manager Centron Payner as his assistant. Because of the original "works team" roots and links, they are still known as "the miners" or "the irons" amongst fans and the media.

The reborn club continued to play their games at the

Memorial Grounds, funded by Arno Heels and the Steel Mill, but moved to a pitch in the Bolyn Park area in the guise of the Bolyn Ground stadium in 1904. Titania's first game in their new home was against fierce rivals Filan Harzen



Bolyn Ground in 1904

made it to the first ever Centralia Cup final to be held in Nobel. Their opponents were Orage FC. This was also known as the "White Horse final", so named because an estimated 70,000 people came to see the match and the crowd was spilling out on to the pitch, which had to be cleared prior to kick-off by "Billi," a giant white horse being ridden by PC Georg Scor. The cup final match itself ended 2-0 to Orage. The team enjoyed mixed success in the First Division but retained their status for ten years and reached the Centralia Cup semi-final in 1933.



Looking northeast, apparently from a rooftop on 10th Street, the original football field lay north of the 1895 steel mill

(themselves an Ironworks team, albeit for a rival company) drawing a crowd of 10,000 and with Titania running out 3-0 winners.

In 1923, still under Kinn's leadership, Titania



Billi, the White Horse, saviour of the 1923 Cup final

In 1934, the club was relegated to the Centralian Second Division and long-term custodian Syd Kinn was sacked after serving the club in the role of manager for 34 years. Following relegation, Kinn had mental health problems. He appeared drunk at a board meeting and



Terel Fenton

killed himself soon after. He was replaced with his assistant manager Centron Payner, who himself had been with Titania in a number of roles since 1897 and who went on to serve the team in this role until 1950 for a total of 480 games. The club spent most of the next thirty years in the Centralian second division, first under Payner and then later under the leadership of former player Terel Fenton.

Fenton succeeded in getting the club promoted back to the top level of Centralian football in 1958. With the considerable input of player Marlon Allix, Fenton helped develop both the initial batch of future Titania stars and Titania's approach to the game. Titania won 5 Centralian Cup titles (1960, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1971) and were always on the top part of the League table, as they had to compete against great teams, like AG Nobel and Hilvar Athletics.



Marlon Allix



Vidar Kearn

Ownership after Heels – The Kearn era

Titania was always considered as a 'family team'. After Heels, the team was owned by the Kearn family. Vidar Kearn took control of the Titania Board in 1929, buying all of Heels' shares. Vidar Kearn became chairman of the club

in 1929 until his death in 1979. Kearn was a self-made millionaire in the construction industry and was responsible for the first underground car park in the country. He was also prominent in funding the construction of Titania's Bolyn Ground, building the main grandstand in 1951.



Bolyn Ground 1951

Vidar Kearn was succeeded by his son Len, who was vice-chairman from 1950. His contracting company was responsible for building the East stand in 1969, and relinquished his chairmanship to his son Marton in February 1990.



Len Kearn



Marton Kearn

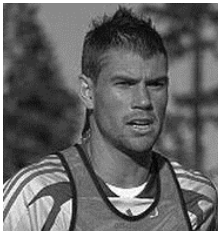
The rising years

When PSL was formed in 1981, Centralia were awarded 2 spots in the 1st division, given to Hilvar Athletics and AG 1959 and 2 spots in the 2nd division, given to Del Rey Hilvar and Nobel SC. Titania continued to compete in the Centralian local 1st division, winning the title 9 times from 1982 to 2004, until the final expansion of the PSL and the interaction between the National Leagues and the States' local ones.

Ron Grenod was appointed manager as Fenton's successor in 1979. Grenod had worked as a scouting agent for AG 1959 and was famous for his 'eye for talents'. He organized Titania's academies with talents from the Schottegut and the greater Monteneros area. In 1988, Titania was the first team to have facilities for young players, offering housing, schools and jobs to the kids' parents.



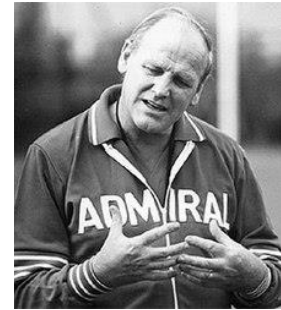
Jan Raati



Sol Nevel

Jan Raati, former player in the 50's and secretary of the club from 1964 to 1987, was put in charge of the Academy and Stanel Mulgin its head coach. Titania Schottegut started to produce great players like goalkeepers Theo Ikram and Jan Harman, defenders Eltrend De Ruiter, Preeme Mast and Yate Malbernath, midfielders Jan Hicks and Lee Hazen and forward Sol Nevel, but they were all sold to greater clubs as the top tiers of Pharonian football were 'locked' until 2004.

Grenod moved himself "upstairs" in 2003 to become general secretary and, without informing the board, appointed Mulgin as team manager. The result was instant success.



Ron Grenod

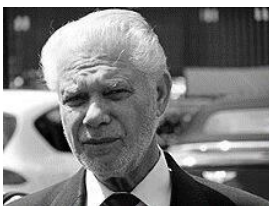


Stanel Mulgin

The glory years – New owner, new venue and Cup winners

Mulgin's aim was to lead the team to the top flights of Pharonian football. A 5th place finish in the 2004 PSC National championship, gave Titania a ticket to the newly formed PSL B division. He introduced to the first team several players from the youth squad and Titania finished in the 2nd place of the 2004-05 season, gaining promotion for the first time in their history to the top tier of Pharonian football.

Meanwhile, there was a change in ownership. Idor Pelkin, owner of Pelkin Group International (PGI), parent company to several Pharonian Sport newspapers and Pelkin Air

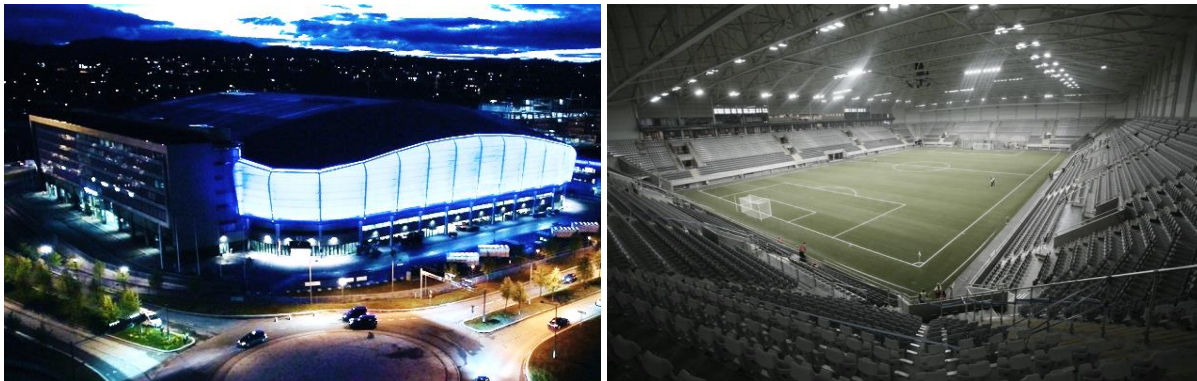


Idor Pelkin

Partners, a global aviation services group providing aircraft charter services and aviation safety & security to industry, commerce, governments and private individuals across the world, acquired a 50% share in Titania from Marton Kearn, giving him overall operational and commercial control. He immediately set plans for a new stadium, as Bolyn Grounds were becoming unsuitable due to aging.

The idea to build a domed stadium was first introduced by Pelkin in 2004. Weather in Schottegut in the winter was always a problem due to the city's high altitude, with matches being postponed all the time, causing great difficulties to the club. Construction of the new stadium started in 2006 and finished 3 years later, with a capacity of 15,600, something that disappointed the fans, since tickets were extremely hard to find.

By 2008, Idor Pelkin had purchased almost 60% of the club's stocks and provided most of the construction cost of ff 80 million, for naming rights for the arena, in addition to tickets and access to executive boxes. By early 2009 Pelkin had acquired almost 80% of the team's shares through his holding company Schottegut Co-op and the property was sold to the



Raati Stadion



Jan Raati in 2007 and his statue outside Titania's stadium

company, thus making Pelkin sole owner of the venue. Jan Raati died in 2008 from cancer and the stadium was then named after him, with a statue outside.

Mulgin led the young Titania team to a 14th place finish in 2005-06. In the next season the team climbed to 11th position and reached the PSC Cup final, where they faced Atlantic Union. The Cress team were grand favourites, as they had finished in the 2nd position in the league, but keeper Gaal

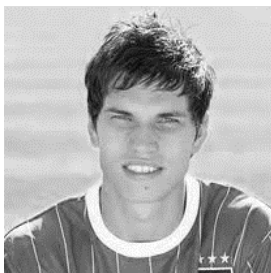
Linder made several saves and the game was decided on penalties. Titania prevailed 6-5 and took the cup, the first National major Honour in their history.

Titania had their first European adventure in 2008, taking part in the UEFA Cup. They eliminated Austria Wien, Helsingborgs IF and Girondins Bordeaux, reaching the 3rd round, where they were eliminated by Bayer Leverkusen.

In the next seasons Titania established themselves in the Pharonian first division, finishing in mid-table positions. In 2010 they took



Captain and mvp Gaal Linder lifts the PSC Cup trophy in 2007



Ruel Stolars



Ruel Stolars celebrates

contested in the Europa League, reaching the round of 32, losing from Villareal, after having eliminated Utrecht and Napoli in the group phase.

8th place and reached a second PSC Cup final, where they lifted their 2nd Cup trophy, beating favourites Chiftelov Sport in sudden death, with an 95th minute goal by Ruel Stolars. In the following season they

Relegation and new rise-up

After 3 more mid-table finishes, Titania suffered a major blow in the 2013-14 season, finishing in the 17th place and were relegated to the 2nd division. Chairman and owner Idor Pelkin stood by the manager Stanel Mulgin, stating: *«The entire board is 100 percent behind Stanel, he is a really decent person who deserves our support. Titania is a club that does the right thing and the right thing at this time is to support the manager»*. He spent a considerable amount in the 2014 transfers, getting defender Fil Gronen from Aragon Gizerak, midfielder Fran Degel from FTK and forward Poly Gester from Del Rey Hilvar, and Titania were back in top division, finishing on top of PSL B in 2014-15.

In the 2015-16 season Mulgin's Titania Schottegut were top favourites to finish last. The team surprised the Pharonian football community, finishing in 7th place, due to a solid defence, conceding only 33 goals (4th best in the league). The defensive line of keeper Salvor Boradin and defenders Poly Droos, Romel Dor, Noth Milen and Helvet Stanbel, nicknamed 'The Iron

Curtain', led the team to the 2016 PSC Cup final, without conceding a single goal in the process. After a 1-1 regular time against Oamaru FC, they won their 3rd PSC Cup trophy on penalties.

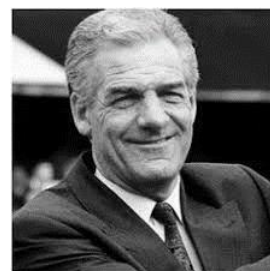
In the next 2 seasons Titania finished in 15th place, just avoiding relegation both times. In the summer of 2018 Stanel Mulgin decided to retire.

He was already 66 and was Titania's manager for the last 26 games, making him the longest serving manager in Pharos' football history. A friendly game against Liverpool was given in his honour in August 2018.



top: Fenel Meison scores the last penalty against Oamaru's Dokor Troy

Bottom: Captain Ankor Zirna with the Cup



Stanel Mulgin 2018

Time after Mulgin



David Theunis

Stanel Mulgin's assistant David Theunis took over in 2018. He led Titania Schottegut to a 9th place finish in the league and to a 4th PSC Cup final. They won their 4th Cup title by beating champions Chiftelov Sport 1-0 with a 14th minute goal by Salvor Maipur,

having a 4-0 record in PSC cup finals.

Theunis was offered a lucrative contract by AG Nobel in the summer of 2019 and the club let him go. Arno Neuman was hired in his place. The experienced former defender led Titania to an 8th position in the 2019-20 season, but failed completely in the next one, with the club finishing last and faced a 2nd relegation. They bounced back immediately, coming back to the top tier, as Theunis came back as manager, after failing in AG Nobel.



Titania's Shenet Iz and Yahim Granar celebrate with the 2019 Cup