



USTA Heart of America District Hall of Fame

Committee: Scott Hanover, chair; Jim Mathis, Terry Miller, John Bregin; (Ex-officio – Tracey Johnson, District President) - Representative to USTA-MV Hall of Fame committee: Terry Miller

Making a Nomination

Anyone may make a nomination to the USTA/Heart of America District Hall of Fame by providing the selection committee with ample biographical information about the nominee who may be living or deceased. The committee, following the USTA-MV guidelines, will annually select from zero (0) to three (3) inductees using the following criteria:

1. USTA Heart of America resident for five or more years
2. Players must have participated in numerous Heart of America, Missouri Valley and/or National Championships, gaining a ranking high enough to be considered an outstanding player
3. Others who have made a substantial contribution to tennis as a: a) director of tournaments, clinics, recreational programs, or other tennis activities for the general public (e.g. promoter or manufacturer); b) coach; c) teaching professional; d) umpire; e) administrator of the game.
4. High standards of sportsmanship & character.

NOTE: All information should be supplied by the nominator. Nominations are due for 2024 by Sun., June 30th

Background & Inductees

In 1999, the USTA Heart of America District started a District Hall of Fame. The HOA Hall of Fame will be used as a springboard to nominate selections for the USTA-MV Hall of Fame.

In 1999, the HOA selected the current members of the USTA-MV Hall of Fame who live or have lived within the District boundaries as they now exist to be the initial inductees. They are: Ed Doane, Tustin, CA; Marvin Richmond, KCMO; Lucile Davidson, Independence, MO; Len & Nora Prosser, Merriam, KS; Keady Campbell, KCMO; Hal Surface, KCMO.

Other inductees are: 2000, Wilbur "Junior" Coen; 2001, Bill Guilfoil, Gene Land & Marian Petersen; 2002, Jacque Croft, Eva & Mary Etta Fine, Terry Miller; 2004, John Bregin; 2005, Billie Owen; 2006, Patricia Graham; 2007, Jim Mathis, Paul Smith; 2008, Francis Lemery, Joseph McGuire, Mark Rosewell; 2009, Wilbur Jones, Jim Pfeffer, Pat Wiedenmann; 2010, Helen Elliott, Glen Moser, Jennifer Waterman; 2011, Bob Bates;

2012, John Shaw, Sue Krizman; 2013, Scott Hanover, Ken Veney; 2015, Bob Boulware, Kilmeny Waterman Connor, George Morton; 2016, Pam Sloan; 2017, Bruce Baldwin, Susan Nealy; 2018, Henry Graf, Mary Greef Harris; 2019, Jenny (Hopkins) Dent; Ben Ford; Kathy Loepp; 2020, Karen Bunag, Susan True; 2021, Sam Fotopoulos; 2022, Sid Kanter, Cheryl Lady, Dan Wellington; 2023, Pam Richmond

The highlights represent those from USTA HOA who have also been inducted into the five-state area USTA Missouri Valley Hall of Fame.

Recognition

An annual ceremony will be held at the HOA Annual Meeting in November of each year. Approved by the Kansas City Parks & Recreation Department, a perpetual plaque is permanently displayed at the Plaza Tennis Center, a public facility. This traveling plaque can also be displayed at the home club of the inductees from that selection year for an amount of time as determined by the committee.

Information

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