



Stories of Great Sportsmanship

Adult 40 & Over Section Championships

So many great sportsmanship nominations to read below. A big thank-you to everyone who nominated someone!

Player(s): Lisa Marquart (Team 2.5W Harbor Square)

Nominated by: Koleen Morris (Team 2.5W Bellevue TA)

Reason for Nomination: When she left the court to fill up her water bottle during the match, someone cheered her on. Her comment was, "this is pure joy." That is what this weekend is all about!

Player(s): Mark Nash (Team 3.0M Independent)

Nominated by: Chris Martin (Team 3.0M Mercer Island)

Reason for Nomination: Mark twice over-ruled his partner's line call and always gave the benefit of the doubt. Most fun I've had losing in awhile!

Player(s): Cynthia Wyer (Team 3.0W Eastside)

Nominated by: Wendy Laing (Team 3.0W Eugene)

Reason for Nomination: Joy to deal with. When things got tense, you kept everything positive. Joy to play against.

Player(s): Marlys Morton (Team 3.0W Alaska)

Nominated by: Zhe Li (Team 3.0W Eastside)

Reason for Nomination: Very friendly. Good line calls. Cheer up for opponent.

Player(s): Bob Wyda & Mark Sorenson (Team 3.5M Gold Creek)

Nominated by: Darin Shedd (Team 3.5M Tacoma Lawn)

Reason for Nomination: We were playing the D3 match against Bob & Mark. I forgot score and turned score to 4-3 and we switched ends of the court. We almost started and they said no it was 4-2 and they were behind, so we switched back and corrected score. They could have went with it but were very honest and honorable.

Player(s): Randolph Crescini (Team 3.5M St. Johns)

Nominated by: Richard Mar (Team 3.5M Gold Creek)

Reason for Nomination: Even though his team was down in a lopsided loss, he was friendly and complimentary throughout.

Player(s): Paul Hirt (Team 3.5M Salem)

Nominated by: Unknown

Reason for Nomination: Called a ball out on himself at match point.

Player(s): Fred Wurden (Team 3.5M Central Park)

Nominated by: Mark Nuss (Team 3.5M MAC)

Reason for Nomination: Good sport.

Player(s): Scott Mullet (Team 3.5M Central Park)

Nominated by: Mark Nuss (Team 3.5M MAC)

Reason for Nomination: Complimentary, easy going.

Player(s): Mark Nuss (Team 3.5M MAC)

Nominated by: Scott Mullet (Team 3.5M Central Park)

Reason for Nomination: Extremely friendly. Very complimentary on all points.

Player(s): Karen Hood & Kristin Nelson-Sick (Team 3.5W Eugene)

Nominated by: Kim Wilson & Lori Nehls

Reason for Nomination: In the heat of battle, Karen and Kristin were complimentary and encouraging every point of the way. The respect they had for us is what this sport is about. The respect they earned from us belongs to them. They are what makes tennis worth working for. Thank you.

Player(s): Stacia Green & Cathy Stone (Team 3.5W Alaska)

Nominated by: Emily Barrett (Team 3.5W Sand Point)

Reason for Nomination: We had such a tough match...very close and super competitive. The kind where every point counts. In the first set, I flipped the scorecard to 3-2, and they corrected me that it was actually 4-1. So classy!

Player(s): Lori Nels & Sue Jarvis (Team 3.5W Tacoma Lawn)

Nominated by: Leigh Perks (Team 3.5W Mercer Island)

Reason for Nomination: Lori and Sue exemplify good sportsmanship. They had the goods. They were very fair. They were complimentary. I wish all my matches were with such lovely women. That is what tennis is supposed to be! Thank you Lori and Sue!!

Player(s): Shannon Roarke (Team 3.5W Lake Oswego)

Nominated by: Paula Cates (Team 3.5W Eugene)

Reason for Nomination: Very fair line calls! Complimenting opponent on good shots. Having fun and friendly to all other players.

Player(s): Shannon Roarke (Team 3.5W Lake Oswego)

Nominated by: Holly W. (USTA Official)

Reason for Nomination: Always gracious to those around her. On court and off court courteous when losing or winning a point. Great job showing your love of tennis - the sport and people as a whole.

Player(s): Brett Aggen (Team 4.0M Nordstrom)

Nominated by: Tony Hernandez (USTA Official)

Reason for Nomination: He touched the ball with his racquet, just barely, as it was going out. He immediately stopped the point and mentioned it as he recognized he touched the ball, without the official needing to step in.

Player(s): Manny Brar (Team 4.0M Vancouver)

Nominated by: Pete Aleman (Team 4.0M Vancouver)

Reason for Nomination: Manny is a class act that is always courteous and accommodating to opponents. He plays, win or loss, with a smile and is an excellent example of sportsmanship.

Player(s): Linda Brecke (Team 4.0W Stafford Hills)

Nominated by: Antje Volk (Team 4.0W Sand Point)

Reason for Nomination: Always smiling on changeovers, including handing the balls to me at each changeover. Fair line calls. Just an overall pleasant match experience, which made it fun! :)

Player(s): Antje Volk (Team 4.0W Sand Point)

Nominated by: Linda Brecke (Team 4.0W Stafford Hills)

Reason for Nomination: Antje's line calls were generous. She's a great player and showed grace and humor on the court, even when the game was tight.

Player(s): Sheri Borden (Team 4.0W Sprinker)

Nominated by: Seri Schutt (Team 4.0W Hood River)

Reason for Nomination: Sheri was a delight to play against. She was smiling and laughing and having fun the entire time. That is what it should be all about!

Player(s): Sheri Borden (Team 4.0W Sprinker)

Nominated by: Jane Eidsaune (Team 4.0W Sprinker)

Reason for Nomination: Always smiling. Friendly. Very fair. Called the match point ball in when it was very close and caused her to lose the 3rd set tiebreak.

Player(s): Katherine Karlson & Karen Bureker (Team 4.0W Hood River)

Nominated by: Chenoa Haluptzok (Team 4.0W Sprinker)

Reason for Nomination: Pleasant, kind, fair, great sports and good fun.

Player(s): Stacy Crites & Constance Marley (Team 4.0W Sand Point)

Nominated by: Sheri Vogt (Team 4.0W Lakewood)

Reason for Nomination: Just nice players with great sportsmanship.

Player(s): Karin Brown (Team 4.0W Lakewood)

Nominated by: Cathy Valentine (Team 4.0W Stafford Hills)

Reason for Nomination: Just great sportsmanship.

Player(s): Mpaleng Khothule (Team 4.5+M West Hills)

Nominated by: Jon Cannell (Team 4.5+M Nordstrom)

Reason for Nomination: Complimented on good shots. Fair calls throughout the match. Shook our doubles team's hands after a tough match.