

Awards

TENNIS INDUSTRY MAGAZINE'S

Champions of Tennis Honor Roll

Our January 2019 issue marked the 18th year that we've named our Champions of Tennis. As this industry continues to be challenged on a variety of fronts, we'd like to recognize the hundreds of past Champions—people, businesses and organizations—that have helped to make a difference in our sport, and in the business of tennis.

As you can see on this list, many of our past Champions of Tennis winners are still at it, continuing to making this sport the best it can be, bringing in new participants, supplying players with equipment and places to play, and making tennis businesses grow. We salute our past Champions for their continuing dedication to tennis!

Person of the Year

2018: Larry Ellison

2017: Ajay Pant

2016: Don Tisdell

2015: Mike Woody

2014: Bahram Akradi

2013: Virgil Christian

2012: Susan DiBiase

2011: Pat Freebody

2010: Jon Muir

2009: Eric Babolat

2008: Dave Haggerty

2007: George Napier

2006: Kirk Anderson

2005: Max Brownlee

2004: Arlen Kantarian

2003: Jim Baugh & Kurt Kamperman

2002: Alan Schwartz

Tennis Industry Service Award

2018: Doug Cash

2017: Michele Krause

2016: Randy Futty

2015: David LaSota

Pro/Specialty Retailer of the Year

2018: Tennis Plaza

2017: Sturtevant's

2016: Game-Set-Match

2015: Indianapolis Racquet Club

2014: Your Serve Tennis

2013: Serious Tennis

2012: Tennis Town

2011: All About Tennis

2010: NYC Racquet Sports

2009: Tennis Express

2008: Tennis & Golf Co.

2007: Michael Lynne's Tennis Shop

2006: Swetka's Tennis Shop

2005: Racquet World

2004: Players Choice Tennis

2003: Advantage Yours

2002: Chicago Tennis & Golf

2001: Dale Queen

Private/Commercial Facility of the Year

2018: The Club at Ibis

2017: Five Star Tennis

2016: Sea Colony Tennis Club

2015: Bonita Bay Tennis Center

2014: Army Navy Country Club

2013: Tennisclub of the Low Country at Rose Hill

2012: Life Time Fitness

2011: Western Racquet Club

2010: The Polo Club

2009: Reynolds Plantation

2008: Boar's Head Sports Club

2007: Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness

2006: Midtown Tennis Center

2005: Brookhaven Country Club

2004: Indian Creek Racquet Club

2003: New Albany Country Club

2002: Woodfield Country Club

Municipal Facility of the Year

2018: A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center

2017: Cooper Creek Tennis Center

2016: Oklahoma City Tennis Center

2015: Gates Tennis Center

2014: Indian Wells Tennis Garden

2013: Baseline Tennis Center (U. of Minn.)

2012: Southlake Tennis Center

2011: Roger Scott Tennis Club

2010: Copeland-Cox Tennis Center

2009: Reffkin Tennis Center

2008: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

2007: Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis & Education

2006: Cary Tennis Park

2005: John Drew Smith Tennis Center

2004: Lexington County Tennis Complex

2003: Midland Community Tennis Center

2002: Cooper Tennis Complex

2001: George E. Barnes Tennis Center

Builder/Contractor of the Year

2018: McConnell & Associates

2017: Competition Athletic Surfaces

2016: Court One

2015: Lower Brothers Co. Inc.

2014: Trans Texas Tennis

2013: Fred Kolkman Tennis & Sport Surfaces

2012: Baseline Sports Construction

2011: Leslie Coatings Inc.

2010: Pro-Sport Construction

2009: DeRosa Tennis Contractors

2008: Boston Tennis Court Construction

2007: Sportsline Inc.

2006: Courtsmiths

2005: Fast-Dry Companies

2004: Zaino Tennis Court

2003: General Acrylics

2002: Cape & Island Tennis and Track

2001: Welch Tennis Courts

Sales Rep of the Year

2018: Tom Kelley

2017: Stan Oley

2016: Tim Miles (Babolat)

2015: Carrie Cimino (Head)

2014: Allan Iverson (Babolat)

2013: Richard Mennig (Babolat)

2012: Joe Habenschuss (Head)

2011: Lee Sponaugle

2010: Rick Walsh (Babolat)

2009: Tracy Lynch

2008: Jim Haneklau (Wilson)

2007: Hunter Hines

2006: Jim Willwerth

2005: Kay Barney

2004: Dustin Perry

2003: Bob Strimel

2002: Bob Pfaender

2001: Sheri Norris & David Blakeley

Grassroots Champion of the Year

2018: Toni Wiley

2017: Delaine Mast

2016: Scott Hanover

2015: Tim Blenkiron

2014: Ellen Miller

2013: Carla O'Connor

2012: Danice Brown

2011: Brenda Gilmore

2010: Robert Pangrazi

2009: Lisa Stone & Susan Chambers

2008: Sue Jollensten

2007: Dan Vonk

2006: Beverly Bourguet

2005: Shirley Ruane

2004: Gwen & Dan Ramras

2003: Scott Biron

2002: Mark Platt

2001: Donna Owens

Junior Tennis Champion of the Year

2018: Lornie Kuhle

2017: Rita Gladstone

2016: Colette Lewis

2015: Phil Parrish

2014: Jack Newman

2013: Vesa Ponkka

2012: Todd Dissly

2011: Jeff Rothstein

2010: Butch Staples & Leah Friedman

2009: Dan Faber

2008: Chuck Kuhle

2007: Craig Jones

2006: Bwana Chakar Simba

2005: Wayne St. Peter

2004: Emma Hubbs

2003: Phyllis Greene

2002: LaMont Bryant

2001: Ned Eames

Wheelchair Tennis Champion of the Year

2018: Kevin Heim

2017: Annette and Jim Buck

2016: Dan James

2015: Randy Ortwein	2005: Scalzi Park	2016: Marty Hennessy Inspiring Children Foundation
2014: Paul Walker	Mass Merchant / Chain of the Year	2015: Portland After School Tennis & Education
2013: Nick Taylor	2016: PGA Tour Superstores	Adult Tennis Provider of the Year
2012: Curt & Lynn Bender	2011: PGA Tour Superstores	2018: Drop Shots Tennis League
2011: Jeremiah Yolkut	2008: Sport Chalet	2017: Social Nets
2010: Harlon Matthews	2007: The Sports Authority	2016: Jack's Abby Social Tennis League
2009: Dean Oba	2006: PGA Tour Superstores	2015: Sets in the City Southwest
2008: Michael Mercier	2005: Golfsmith	Innovative Tennis Event of the Year
2007: Jason Harnett	2004: City Sports	2018: USPTA Leadership Academy
2006: Bruce Karr	2003: Sport Chalet	2017: TOM Conference
2005: Karin Korb	2002: Dick's Sporting Goods	2016: New Balance High School Championships
2004: Julie Jilly	2001: Galyan's	2014: The Tennis Congress
2003: Dan James	High School Coach of the Year	Public Tennis Facility of the Year
2002: Tina Dale	2018: Todd Rubinstein	2017: USTA National Campus
2001: Nancy Olson	2017: Art Quinn	USTA Section of Year
Community Tennis Association of the Year	2016: Mark Faber	2018: USTA Midwest
2018: People for Palmer Park	2015: Danny Espinosa	2017: USTA Northern
2017: Advantage Kids	2014: Laurie Martin	2016: Missouri Valley
2016: San Antonio Tennis Association	2013: Ken Griffith	2015: Florida
2015: Corpus Christi Tennis Association	2012: Terry Valdez	2014: Intermountain
2014: InnerCity Tennis Foundation	2011: Jim Neal and Jim Solomon	2013: Eastern
2013: Dallas Tennis Association	2010: Bill Wagstaff	2012: Northern California
2012: Tri-County CTA	2009: Rich Johns	2011: Middle States
2011: Bucks County Tennis Association	2008: Sue Bordainick	2010: Southern
2010: Southern Crescent Tennis Association	2007: Marian DeWane	2009: Midwest
2009: Western Wake Tennis Association	2006: David Steinbach	2008: Pacific Northwest
2008: Lee County Tennis Association	Online Retailer of the Year	2007: Florida
2007: Grants Pass CTA	2005: Tennis Warehouse	2006: Texas
2006: Montgomery County Tennis Association	Tennis Advocate of the Year	2005: Florida
2005: Baltimore Tennis Patrons	2018: Jane Morrill	2004: Pacific Northwest
2004: Pikes Peak CTA	2017: Jane Gamble	2003: Southern
2003: Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation	2016: Cindy Huether	2002: Northern
2002: Macon Tennis Association	2015: Rex Maynard	2001: New England
2001: Homewood-Flossmoor	2014: Shima and Joe Grover	PTR Member of the Year
Stringer of the Year	2013: Robert Walsh	2018: Bert Cole
2018: Diane Hamm-Vida	2012: Nancy McGinley	2017: Larry Haugness
2017: Ray Wendeln	2011: Mike Woody	2016: Kirk Anderson
2016: Philip van Asselt	2010: Robin Jones	2015: Mark Kovacs
2015: Julian Li	2009: Ellen Doll	2014: Nigel Pugh
2014: David Yamane	Park & Recreation Agency of the Year	2013: Robert Carlbo
2013: Chuck Hakansson	2018: City of Roswell, Ga.	2012: Roy Barth
2012: John Gugel	2017: City of Irvine, Calif.	2011: Jorge Capestany
2011: Todd Mobley	2016: COR Tennis/Reading Rec Commission	2010: Rodney Harmon
2010: Tom Parry	2014: Washington, D.C. Parks & Recreation	2009: Ken DeHart
2009: Ron Rocchi	2013: Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission	2008: Jorge Andrew
2008: Nate Ferguson	2012: Reston Association	2007: Luke Jensen
2007: Tim Strawn	2011: Tualatin Hills Park & Rec District	2006: Ajay Pant
2006: Grant Morgan	Youth Tennis Provider of the Year	2005: Lisa Duncan
2005: Bob Patterson	2018: Craig Morris	
2004: Randy Stephenson	2017: Mark Platt	USPTA Member of the Year
Public Park of the Year	2016: Sammy Giammalva	2018: Mark Faber
2018: Burns Park	2015: David Colby	2017: Fernando Velasco
2017: Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park	2014: Simon Gale	2016: Kirk Anderson
2016: North Main Athletic Complex	Adaptive Tennis Champion of the Year	2015: Jorge Capestany
2015: Peter Igo Park	2018: Lisa Pugliese	2014: Randy Mattingley
2014: Mercer County Park Tennis Center	Youth Tennis Facility Developer of the Year	2013: Avis Murray
2013: BNA Bank Park	2015: Zaino Tennis Courts Inc.	2012: David Porter
2012: Kiest Park	2014: Signature Tennis Inc.	2011: Feisal Hassan
2011: Cadwalader Park	2013: Fast-Dry Courts Inc.	2010: Ron Woods
2010: Dwight Davis Tennis Center	2012: Top-A-Court Tennis	2009: Robert Greene Jr.
2009: Darling Tennis Center	2011: Hinding Tennis	2008: Tom Sweitzer
2008: Roswell Park & Rec	NJTL of the Year	2007: Mike Van Zutphen
2007: Fort Lauderdale Park & Rec	2018: New HYTEs	2006: Brett Hobden
2006: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center	2017: A's and Aces	2005: Bob Reed

Send Us Your TI Champions of Tennis Nominations

We are currently accepting nominations for Tennis Industry's 2019 Champions of Tennis awards. Email info@tennisindustrymag.com and put "Champions" in the subject line. In the email, include the award category, the name of the person or organization you are nominating, contact info (phone and email) for the nominee, and—briefly—some information about the nominee, including a website address if appropriate. All nominations will be kept confidential, but please include your name and contact info, in case we have questions. Deadline for nominations: Sept. 1, 2019.