

Cincinnati Tennis

Hall of Fame List of Enshrined



Bill Talbert

U.S. top ten player, nine-time Grand Slam doubles winner including four U.S. doubles titles, two-time U.S. singles finalist, Davis Cup player and Captain, winner of three singles titles and six doubles titles at Cincinnati's world-class tournament, high school state champion, U.S. Open tournament director, author, enshrined in International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1967. Enshrined in 2002.

Tony Trabert

U.S. No. 1 player, five-time Grand Slam singles and doubles champion, Davis Cup player and Captain, two-time singles champion at Cincinnati's world-class tournament, NCAA singles champion at University of Cincinnati, three-time high school state champion, television commentator, enshrined in International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1970. Enshrined in 2002.



Alvin W. Bunis

Founder of the first senior tour of any kind in tennis or golf (The Grand Masters circuit), nationally ranked as a player and participant in numerous international tournaments including Wimbledon and U.S. National Championships, doubles winner and singles semifinalist (1943) at Cincinnati's world-class tennis event, writer for Tennis Magazine. Enshrined in 2003.

Nathaniel C. Emerson

First Cincinnati ever ranked in U.S. Top 10 (ranked No. 7 in 1908), ranked in U.S. Top 10 in doubles (1907), first singles champion (1899) and five-time doubles champion at Cincinnati's world-class tournament, singles semifinalist (1908) and two-time doubles finalist (1906 & 1908) at the U.S. National Championship, Ohio adult singles champion (1899). Enshrined in 2003.



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Paul M. Flory

His direction, leadership and dedication over three decades helped Cincinnati's international tennis event grow into one of the top 13 tournaments in the world while raising millions for charity in Cincinnati, started a charity to help teach tennis to children who otherwise couldn't afford to learn, recipient of the ATP's Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award. Enshrined in 2003.

Kathy Graeter

Winner of seven Cincinnati Met Tennis Tournament singles titles and 17 doubles titles, winner of numerous junior, adult and senior national titles, No. 1 singles player at the high school (Mariemont) and college (Northwestern University) level, mixed doubles winner at Tennis Masters Monte Carlo, Junior Whiteman Cup coach, co-founder of GCTA & NJTL. Enshrined in 2003.



Barry MacKay

Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. in 1960, Davis Cup player from 1956 to 1960 (earning a 26-4 record and helping to win the Davis Cup in 1958), 1957 NCAA singles champion at Michigan, two-time Ohio State High School singles champion, 1955 doubles winner at Cincinnati's world-class tennis tournament, player on Jack Kramer's pro tour, television commentator. Enshrined in 2003.

Thomas E. Price

Two-time Ohio High School singles finalist, nationally ranked as a junior and adult player, varsity collegiate player at the University of Texas, coach of individual players and teams, director of numerous tournaments including Cincinnati's world-class tournament, volunteer leader for numerous Midwest, Ohio Valley and Cincinnati tennis associations. Enshrined in 2003.



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Ruth Sanders Cordes

Winner in singles, doubles and mixed doubles at the 1917 National Clay Court Championships and singles semifinalist at 1914 National Clay Courts Championships, winner of five singles titles and one doubles title at Cincinnati's world-class tennis tournament, 1913 singles champion at Bi-State (Ohio & Kentucky) tournament, former champion at University of Cincinnati. Enshrined in 2003.

J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer

First Ohioan ever to be President of the USTA (1993 and 1994), former chairman of Cincinnati's international tennis tournament, enshrinee in the USTA/Midwest Section Hall of Fame, served on numerous tennis boards and organizations including the USTA, the International Tennis Federation, and the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Enshrined in 2004.



Bill Lofgren

Singles and doubles player on the pro circuit in the 1970s and 1980s playing in all four Grand Slam tournaments, winner of a National 40 & Over doubles title and a National USPTA title, two-time singles champion of Cincinnati's Met Tournament while in his 30s, coach of numerous junior players who became college or pro players. Enshrined in 2004.

Marty Wolf

Winner of five singles titles and 10 doubles titles in 25 finals appearances at Cincinnati's Met Tournament, ranked No. 2 in singles in the world in 1993 in the International Tennis Federation's 35-and-over division, winner of the National 35s Grasscourt title (1993), enshrined into Xavier University's Athletic Hall of Fame in tennis and basketball. Enshrined in 2004.



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Clara Louise Zinke

Winner of 12 titles (five singles, six doubles and one mixed doubles) in 18 finals appearances at Cincinnati's international tennis tournament, one of the top players in the Midwest during the 1920s and 1930s, ranked No. 1 in what is now known as the USTA/Midwest Section in both singles and doubles, star player at Hughes High School. Enshrined in 2004.

Jim Brockhoff

Head tennis coach at Xavier University for more than 40 years. Nation's No. 1 active collegiate coach in terms of wins (combined men/women). Won city championships in singles and doubles in the Open and Senior divisions. Umpired and volunteered for more than 40 years for many tournaments in Cincinnati, including international and national events. Enshrined in 2005.



Andrea Farley

The only player to win the Ohio High School singles title four times, compiling a record of 119-1 from 1985-1988. As the No. 7 ranked junior in the world, won two rounds in the main draw at the Australian Open. A three-time All-American and Hall of Famer at the University of Florida, captaining the Gators to the national championship in 1992. Enshrined in 2005.

Jack Guggenheim

Former director of Cincinnati's international tennis tournament, and the one generally regarded as the person who saved it from extinction in 1974. Continued high-level involvement with tournament for decades, as a volunteer. Former president of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association, coach/mentor to several players, doubles winner in Cincinnati's Senior Met. Enshrined in 2005.



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Reuben Holden

Winner of the NCAA singles championship while at Yale in 1910. Won numerous local and regional titles, and at Cincinnati's international tennis tournament, won two titles in six doubles finals appearances between 1909 and 1932 – the last coming when he was 42. Also reached the singles final in 1912, and was a semifinalist in 1908, 1910 & 1913. Enshrined in 2005.

Caroline Kuhlman

Was the top junior in the United States in 1981 and 1982, and was a two-time U.S. Open junior champion. She went on to be an All-American at the University of Southern California, where she was the top collegiate player in the nation. She turned pro, won five titles, and reached a career-high ranking of No. 57 in the world on the WTA Tour. Enshrined in 2005.



Carol Brestel

A volunteer for more than 30 years for every tennis tournament played in Cincinnati from junior events to the city's international tennis championship, the first person - male or female - in Cincinnati to be certified as a tennis umpire, the namesake of the city's junior championship, and a teacher and coach of numerous other sports on the high school level. Enshrined in 2006.

Henry Bunis

A two-time All-American at Columbia University, named all Ivy-League all four years (1971 to 1975), a player ranked as high as No. 95 in the world during his pro tennis career (1975 to 1978), the Ohio State High School singles champion in 1971, a member of the U.S. Junior Davis Cup team, the winner of city junior championships at the 12s, 14s and 16s divisions. Enshrined in 2006.



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Winona Closterman

A finalist in doubles at the U.S. National Championships in 1902 with Maud Banks, a 14-time finalist at Cincinnati's international tennis tournament and a winner of singles titles in 1901 and 1903 (beating future International Tennis Hall of Famers Juliette Atkinson & Marion Jones en route), and a singles winner of the 1901 & 1903 Southern Championship. Enshrined in 2006.

Steve Contardi

The first certified USPTA master teaching pro in Cincinnati, named Ohio Pro of the Year (twice) and Wisconsin Pro of the Year (once), successful high school coach and tennis club operator, founder of many tennis camps and clinics, a frequent speaker, author, and tennis commentator, and has received awards from the USTA/Midwest, the OVTA and the GCTA. Enshrined in 2006.



Heather Hairston-Prop

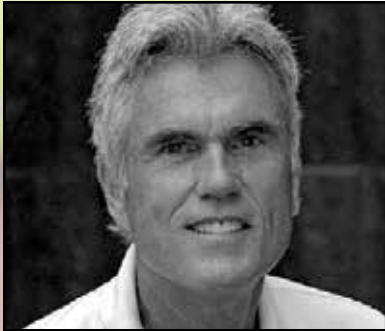
Player at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and on the women's professional tennis tour (WTA), winner of five singles titles in 10 finals appearances at the Thomas E. Price Metropolitan Adult Championship. As a junior, won the United States Tennis Association National 14-and-Under Clay Court Championship and earned a national ranking of No. 5. Enshrined in 2007.

Joe O'Brien

A top-ranked player in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, winner of approximately 125 tournament titles, 511-13 in match play, winner of the Kentucky High School singles title, player on the University of Kentucky tennis team, ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Valley Tennis Association on multiple occasions and member of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame. Enshrined in 2007.



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Dave Power

A two-time All-American and Hall of Fame enshrinee at Indiana University, played the world circuit, reaching the doubles semifinals at the Australian Nationals in 1967, and winning his biggest singles title in 1966 at Cincinnati's international tennis tournament, master teaching professional and an owner and operator of many successful tennis clubs and camps. Enshrined in 2007.

Carol Tanner

Head tennis coach at the University of Cincinnati, reached 14 doubles finals and won five titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Adult Championship, winner of seven United States Tennis Association Gold Balls (for winning a national championship) and six Silver Balls (for reaching the finals in a national tournament). Enshrined in 2007.



Carl Lindner

A decades-long supporter of the sport of tennis from the grass roots in Cincinnati to professional events around the world; tennis facilities from Lunken Airport Playfield to Sawyer Point to the world-class professional facility in Mason are named in his honor; patriarch of ranked tennis players and recipient of the USTA/Midwest Section's Family of the Year. Enshrined in 2008.

Rich Lindner

A quiet but passionate supporter of tennis on all levels from high school to college to the professional game - in Cincinnati and elsewhere for many years; The Athletic Village at the University of Cincinnati named in his honor brought tennis courts back to Clifton, and his companies helped sponsor Cincinnati's international tennis tournament since the early 1980s. Enshrined in 2008.



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Charles Thomas

A top-ranked player in the 1940s and 1950s, winner of five singles titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Adult Championship and a six-time singles finalist; ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Valley, in the top 10 in the Midwest, winner of singles and doubles at the Ohio adult tournament, and an outstanding player on the University of Cincinnati tennis team. Enshrined in 2008.

Jeff Wolf

Winner of a tournament record six singles titles and a record 15 doubles titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Adult Championship; also won five mixed doubles, for a total of 26 titles at the Met. Winner of National titles as well, including the 35 Grass Court doubles title, and the Indoor Father & Son Senior title, and played on the pro tennis tour. Enshrined in 2008.



John Cook

Michigan High School singles champion, honorable mention All American at Western Michigan University, taught tennis since 1960 to more than 800 students who won more than 30 national titles, three international junior titles, two pro titles, and earned more than 200 college scholarships, named Coach of the Year by numerous organizations. Enshrined in 2009.

Angela Farley Wilson

Winner of an Ohio High School doubles title, two-time Cincinnati Enquirer high school player of the year, two-time captain at Indiana University where she was All Big Ten and helped the team win Big Ten titles, winner of city titles, USTA/Midwest titles, and coach of the University of Cincinnati tennis team. Enshrined in 2009.



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Lynn Nabors-McNally

Winner of an Ohio High School doubles title, All Big Ten player at Northwestern University and qualifier for the NCAA Championships, player on the pro tour against the likes of Lindsay Davenport and Mary Pierce, coach of numerous teams and individuals who have won city, state and professional titles. Enshrined in 2009.

John Peckskamp

Two-time Ohio High School singles champion, No. 1 in singles for four years at the University of Cincinnati, four-time qualifier for the NCAA tournament, player on the men's pro tour against the likes of Jimmy Connors and Roscoe Tanner, member of the University of Cincinnati's Athletic Hall of Fame, and ranked nationally and internationally as an adult player. Enshrined in 2009.

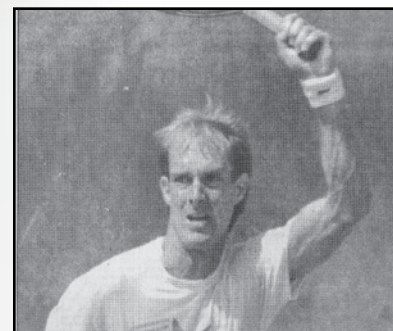


Kara Molony-Hussey

A nationally ranked junior player and a four-time regional high school tournament champion (three in singles and one in doubles) at Notre Dame Academy in Northern Kentucky. She played the NCAA Championships while at the University of Cincinnati and is the Bearcat's all-time winningest female player, and then went on to the women's pro tour. She won five singles titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Championships as well as four doubles titles with sister Lyndsey and two mixed doubles titles. Enshrined in 2010.

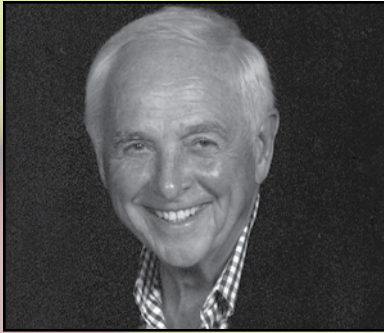
Joe Leytze

A semifinalist in the Ohio High School Championship in 1979 and was the Cincinnati Enquirer's player of the year that year. He went on to the University of Kentucky where he was ranked as high as No. 22 in the nation and was twice named to the All-SEC team. He played on the pro tour, is a teaching professional, and won two singles titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Championships. Enshrined in 2010.



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Bill Pendl

Won titles at the high school, college and international level. He won an Indiana state high school title in doubles, then went on to DePauw University where he won two conference singles titles and eventually would be enshrined in the school's Hall of Fame. He won two ITF European Senior Mixed Doubles titles and three doubles titles, and was internationally ranked in seniors singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Locally, he played in more than 35 consecutive Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Championships, winning five doubles titles and reaching the singles final in 1967. Enshrined in 2010.

Jim Meakin

Was a long-time tennis official in Cincinnati and a co-founder of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Umpires Association. At one time he was the head referee for the W&SFG Masters, and an official at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He also was the head referee for the USTA National Father & Son Clay Court Championship, and in 1995 the City of Cincinnati renamed the local Metropolitan Father & Son Championship in his honor. Enshrined in 2010.



Dan Kronauge

Kronauge was a nationally ranked junior player and a 1986 high school champion in doubles while at Archbishop Alter High School in Kettering. He was ranked as high as No. 1 in doubles and No. 18 by the NCAA in singles while at Ball State University, and then went on to the men's ATP pro tour, achieving a career-high ranking in doubles of 175 and winning six titles. He was a singles finalist in 1998 and seven-time doubles titleist (1998-2004) at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Championships. Enshrined in 2011.

John Rauh

Rauh won two Ohio high school singles titles (1949 & '50) while at Walnut Hills and then went on to captain the Harvard tennis team (in '54). He paired with Jim Brockhoff to win doubles titles at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Championships in 1960, '64, & '65, and reach four other Met doubles finals. Outside of tennis, Rauh was the CEO of Clopay from 1975 to 1985, was involved in Cincinnati's Charter Party, as well as national efforts to reform political campaign financing. Enshrined in 2011.



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Bobbie Farley

Bobbie & Jim Farley have dedicated a great deal of their lives to the sport of tennis and its promotion both inside and outside of Cincinnati. The parents of two Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Famers (Andrea & Angela Farley), both have volunteered and supported tennis at the international, national and local level. Among numerous other accomplishments, Bobbie has served many years as Chair of both the United States Tennis Association's Constitution and Rules Committee and the National Membership Committee. Both Bobbie and Jim have taken active leadership roles with the USTA/Midwest, the Ohio Valley Tennis Association, and the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association. Enshrined in 2011.

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Bruce Flory

Flory spent 17 years in management with the Western & Southern Open during its evolution from one of many events on the U.S. summer schedule to the biggest summer event in the nation. He served as Tournament Director for 13 years and Director of Marketing for four years, while helping the tournament raise millions of dollars for the tournament's charitable beneficiaries: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, The Barrett Cancer Center and Tennis for City Youth). Flory, the son of long-time tournament chairman and Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Famer Paul Flory, also has served on the board of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association. Enshrined in 2012.

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Phil Smith

Smith spent 22 years in senior management with the Western & Southern Open during its greatest period of growth. He's also the author of *From Club Court to Center Court, The Evolution of Professional Tennis In Cincinnati*, which reached the Cincinnati Enquirer's best-seller list for non-fiction and has sold nationally and internationally. Smith is a former president of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association, former marketing committee chair of the USTA's Midwest Section, and area chair of the Ohio Valley Tennis Association. He's received the USTA/Midwest's Fred Burns Award for promotion of tennis in the Midwest and the Queen City Advocate Award for promotion of the City of Cincinnati. Enshrined in 2012.

George McCabe

McCabe has been ranked as high as No. 4 in seniors singles by the International Tennis Federation, and is a near-perennial No. 1 in seniors tennis in the Midwest. He won the 2007 US Open singles title in his age group, and the 2010 USTA National Public Parks title. In international team competition, he captained the 2010 Gardner Mulloy Cup (80s Division), and the winning 2008 Bitsy Grant Cup (75s Division). In 2006, he won singles titles in the 75s division at both the Midwest Super Seniors Championships and the Midwest Clay Court Championships. McCabe started playing tennis later in life and is a member of the athletic hall of fame for soccer, basketball and baseball at New York's SUNY Cortland. Enshrined in 2012.



Joann "Jo" Frazer

Frazer distinguished herself as a volunteer for tennis on the local, national and international levels. In addition to volunteering for 22 years with the Western & Southern Open, she spent 23 years as chair of the USTA's National Men's Ranking Committee. She also chaired the USTA's Father & Son Ranking Committee as well as many other committees. Frazer, the wife of Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Famer J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer, was a former member of International Tennis Hall of Fame Awards Committee, and was the recipient of the USTA's Samuel Hardy Award, the USTA's highest honor in recognition of volunteer service. Enshrined in 2012.

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Wallace Holzman

Holzman (of Wyoming) co-captained the University of Cincinnati tennis team in the 1950s where he went undefeated his senior year and was ranked as high as No. 16 by the NCAA. He attended The Hill School in Pennsylvania, where he won the 1951 National Interscholastic Boys title. Holzman has been a long-time member of the Tennis for Charity Board of Trustees and has held board positions with the Ohio Valley Tennis Association and with the United States Tennis Association's Midwest Section. Enshrined in 2013.

Jerrold M. Levin, M.D.

Levin (of Indian Hill) won the Ohio State boys singles championship in 1957 and reached two other finals (1958 & 1959) while at Cincinnati's Country Day High School. He went on to Cornell University where in 1963 he went 10-0 at No. 1 singles and won the Eastern Intercollegiate title. He then went 2-1 at the '63 NCAA Championships. Dr. Levin also reached one singles final (1963) and won two doubles titles (1961 & 1962) at the Cincinnati Metropolitan Championship and has been enshrined in both the CCDS and the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. Enshrined in 2013.



Tracy Barton Ramirez

Barton Ramirez (of Indian Hill) won the Ohio State high school singles title in 1984 and reached two other singles finals (1985 & 1987) before moving on to the University of Notre Dame. In South Bend, she was ranked as high as No. 9 in doubles and No. 34 in singles by the NCAA, qualified for the NCAA Championships two consecutive years, and won conference singles titles in '88, '89 & '90. Ramirez also was a team captain and reached the round of 16 at the '91 National College Indoors. Enshrined in 2013.

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Russell Schubert

Schubert (of Anderson Township) won a Mid-American Conference doubles title while at Ball State University in the early 1980s. Since then, he's coached Cincinnati's Junior Davis Cup team to six Midwest titles and coached USTA/Midwest teams to two 16-and-under USTA National titles. Schubert authored a book on junior tennis, is long-time board member of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association and has been a teaching pro (at the Cincinnati Tennis Club and Eastern Hills Indoor) for more than 30 years. Enshrined in 2013.

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