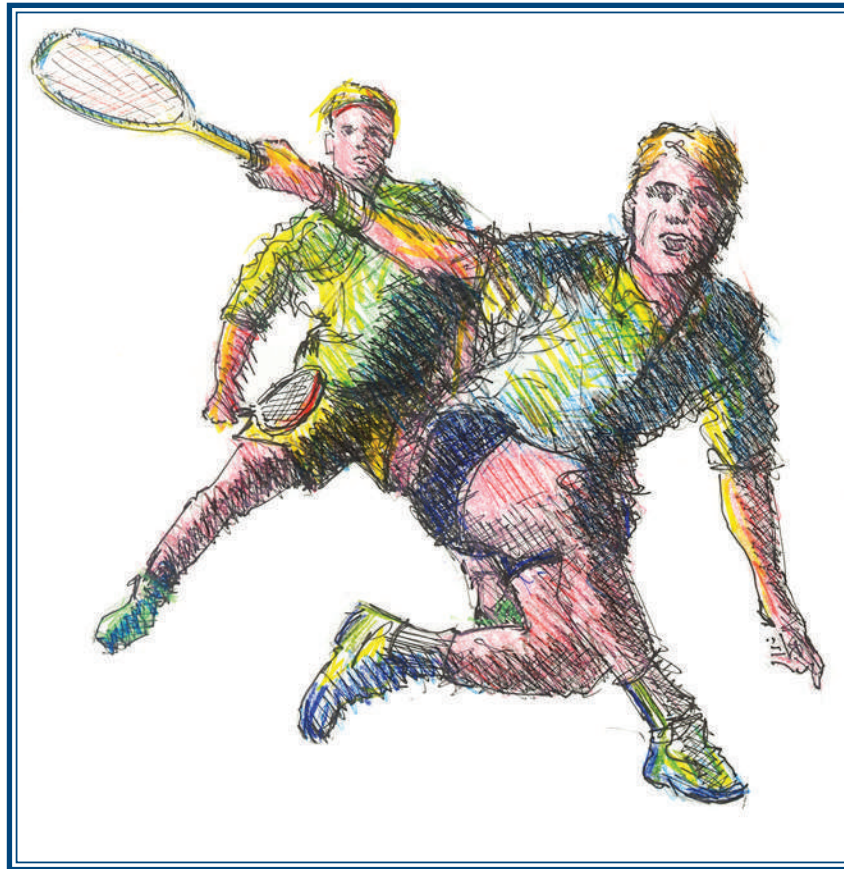


# Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



## and the Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award



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# Letter from the President

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Welcome:

On behalf of the officers and board of directors of the MSSRA, Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, I want to welcome you to the Hall of Fame dinner at Baltimore Country Club. Tonight we welcome three new additions to the MSSRA Hall of Fame and I would like to personally congratulate Stan (Scooter) Dorney, Robert (Bob) Travers and John Voneiff on their election to the Hall of Fame. I have had the opportunity to play doubles with each of the inductees and have had many spirited battles on the doubles courts in Baltimore with them over the years.

In addition, tonight we are presenting the Outstanding Achievement Award, newly renamed in honor of Robert (Bob) Everd, the first winner of the award and to thank Bob for his many years of outstanding service to the MSSRA and Maryland Squash. Bob will present the award in person to this year's winners Andrew Cordova, Peter Wolf and Paul and Kay Deitz. Peter had been honored in the past with the Outstanding Achievement Award, but tonight he is here in person to be officially recognized by the MSSRA and we are delighted that he made the trip.

Tonight, we are also recognizing people who have made significant contributions, in a lot of cases financially, to MSSRA over the past twenty years and hope they will continue to contribute to MSSRA in the future. We hope to host the US Squash Nationals in the next 3-5 years as one of our goals and part of the reason for tonight's event is to bring the greater Maryland squash community together and honor people who have made contributions to promote, grow and administer the sport of squash in Maryland.

I want to thank Andrew Cordova, Bob Everd, Bob Travers and John Voneiff for their efforts in making tonight's event possible. I also want to thank Baltimore Country Club for agreeing to be our host and allowing us to combine the Hall of Fame dinner with their Member-Guest tournament dinner. Thank you for coming tonight to the MSSRA Hall of Fame dinner, to honor our award winners, to celebrate friendships made through squash and the sport we love to play.

Peter Heffernan

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## Hall of Fame

Squash remains a great amateur sport. Over the years Maryland has had its share of champions. In 1997, John Voneiff, Bob Travers and Bob Everd, representing the Board and Officers of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association and its membership, found it fitting to honor those who have exhibited extraordinary playing skill and dedication to the game of Squash Racquets.

The formal announcement was made, and candidates introduced at the home of Ambassador William H.G. FitzGerald on the occasion of the 50th FitzGerald Cup Matches, a tournament Ambassador FitzGerald founded in 1948 to recognize exceptional playing ability and good sportsmanship between the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Squash Communities. On that night, in recognition of his fifty plus-year commitment to the Game of Squash Racquets, the Association presented the late **William H. G. FitzGerald** with a certificate of election as the 1st Honorary Member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

On May 1st, 1998 the First Class of inductees was introduced at the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament Dinner, held that year in their honor at Baltimore Country Club. These state and national champions are: the late **Gene O'Connor**, the late **Jim Lacy**, **Joe Lacy**, the late **Bill Lamble**, **Sandy Martin**, the late **Tommy Schweizer** and the late **George Doetsch**.

On May 1st, 1999, **Nancy Cushman**, founder

of Meadow Mill Athletic Club and nationally ranked champion, was the eighth individual elected to the Hall of Fame.

In 2001, the Baltimore Invitational Tournament was held in honor of four national champions who consistently supported Maryland State Squash, won the Baltimore Invitational Tournament and competed in Maryland ten or more times. These four Hall of Fame honorariums were presented at the BIDS Dinner Dance to: the late **G. Diehl Mateer, Jr.**, **Thomas M. Poor**, **Michael J. Pierce** and **Morris W. Clothier**.

In 2003, **Douglas C. Rice** was elected the thirteenth member of the Hall of Fame, effective the night of the Maryland Club's annual Clarke J. Griffin, Jr. Member-Guest Tournament.

On January 8th, 2005, on the occasion of the 57th FitzGerald Cup Matches a Dinner reception, at the Maryland Club, was held in honor of **Raja Riaz Arshad**, **Jervis S. Finney**, **T. James Hense, Jr.** and **Alva P. Weaver III**, the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th state and national champions elected to the Hall of Fame.

On February 10th, 2007, **Patrick A.M. Miller** was the 18th champion inducted into the Hall of Fame. The certificate of election was presented at the Baltimore Invitational Dinner/Dance held in his honor that year at Baltimore Country Club.

**Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Jr.** and **Geoffrey Ewing**

**Kennedy** receive their certificates on February 9th, 2008 at the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Dinner at Baltimore Country Club to become the 19th and 20th inductees.

At a dinner reception held in their honor at the Maryland Club on April 16, 2011, **Andrew Cordova, Dave Bennett** and **Narelle Krizek** became the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> recipients.

**Paul D. Assaiante, Albert C. Hubbard, Jr., Gilbert Brien Mateer, David Jonathan Rosen** and **Lissen Thompson Tutrone**, all United States Squash National Champions, were honored as the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> inductees at a dinner celebration held in their honor at the Center Club on March 10, 2014.

This year on March 12, 2016 upon the occasion of the Baltimore Country Club Member Guest

Tournament, Maryland State Squash is co-hosting a dinner celebration in honor of **Stanley H. Dorney, Robert S. Travers** and **John Voneiff**, the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> inductees.

All inductees have been ranked No. 1 in their respective age categories. Each has been ranked No. 1 for multiple years in the State of Maryland. All have sustained multiple year top ten United States Squash and/or Maryland State Squash rankings, individually or as a doubles team member. Four have received world rankings as playing members of professional tours. The Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame was founded in 1998 by and is administered through the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association through the Hall of Fame Committee that in 2016 includes Peter Heffernan, President of the MSSRA and Robert Everd representing the MSSRA Board of Governors.

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2011-13	Andrew Cordova
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## Stanley H. "Scooter" Dorney

In the most recent Boys Latin School newsletter it is highlighted that BL Athletic Hall of Famer, Scooter Dorney '72, is being inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. It went on to say that "in every sport Scooter played, football, basketball and lacrosse, he rarely left the field or court. Opposing coaches and opponents usually focused on him and altered their game plans to stop him". Scooter went on to the University of Virginia where he was a first team varsity lacrosse player known for conditioning, hard work, focus and determination. These same inborne qualities are behind his meteoric rise from squash novice at the age of forty-two to national champion 2014 Boys Latin School Athletics. "I am very proud", Scooter recently wrote, "of my record against champion players who grew up with a racquet in their hands - even some professionals." Scooter has played in thirty national tournaments. He has been a semi-finalist ten times; finalist eight times and champion six times. He is additionally a local club champion at Meadow Mill Athletic Club, Maryland Club and he has been a six time Maryland State Champion in division play; and he has been selected as a member of three United States vs. Canada Can-AM Cup teams. John Voneiff, a fellow 2016 inductee, said, "Scooter may be the toughest competitor I have ever played against but just as importantly he is always fair and honest." In the game of Squash Racquets, in Maryland and nationally, Stanley H. "Scooter" Dorney is a true champion known for his intensity of play, sportsmanship and for being a great friend of the game and the people who play it.



# **Robert S. Travers and John Voneiff**



Bob and John at the 2002 Baltimore Invitational Professional/Master Doubles Championship

Bob Travers and John Voneiff met each other in the first round of the Baltimore Country Club "A" Doubles Championship in 1978. They have been close friends ever since. In 2002, they were jointly awarded Maryland State Squash's Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award for assuming the leadership of Maryland State Squash in 1996 when they co-chaired the National Doubles Championships held in Baltimore that year. By 1996, both were established state "A" players in singles and doubles. In 1981, John teamed up with T. James Hense and for the next fifteen years Voneiff and Hense were among the top five teams nationally in division play. An article in a 1984 national program rated them as: "a well-balanced hard-hitting team". In 1982, Hense and Voneiff won eight out of nine national tournaments". A profile in the 2002 Baltimore Invitational Doubles brochure recognized Bobby Travers as a state champion in hard ball, soft ball and doubles squash. "At the Baltimore Country Club alone Travers has won eight singles and four doubles championships (now eight total) and he has been a five time state champion in open and division play...Bob was Baltimore's FitzGerald Cut team captain for 25 years where he has posted a winning record".

"As an MSSRA management team", an article in the 2008 MSSRA Baltimore Invitational Doubles program recounted, "Bob Travers and John Voneiff have raised more money than has ever been previously gathered for the benefit of Maryland State Squash and in doing so have enhanced every aspect of amateur and professional competition in Maryland. They have advanced junior programs, women's events, developed an MSSRA financial plan, since 1996 have chaired the Baltimore Invitational, introduced professional doubles to Baltimore, founded (with Robert Everd) the Maryland State Hall of Fame, have been representatives to the USSRA and chairman of Baltimore Country Club Squash where they were instrumental in the club building international courts." They are members of the US Jesters Club, an international organization dedicated to the promotion of racquet sports worldwide founded on the principles of accomplishment, volunteerism and sportsmanship. Bobby and John are quick to point out that it was their great good fortune to have found squash. Because they did, their lives have been forever enriched beginning with their own heartfelt friendship.





# Maryland State Squash

## Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award

In 1992, **T. James Hense**, President of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, its officers and Board of Governors found it fitting to create an award that recognized those who volunteered their time and resources to advance Squash Racquets in Maryland and nationally. Maryland State Squash, incorporated in 1907, was the fourth state association (after associations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York, New York and Boston, Massachusetts) created after the founding of US Squash in 1906. From this inaugural group, the Game of Squash Racquets has expanded throughout the United States and is played competitively in more than 400 colleges and Universities. National Championships are played across America and the game has matured into an international sport involving tens of thousands of players, patrons and sponsors. For the most part, it is a game managed by volunteers and in this regard a long line of volunteers have worked for the good of Maryland State Squash through associated institutions and clubs. Some of these volunteers have been great players others have been focused on advancing all aspects of the game. Each shares the commitment to give back to a game that has enriched the lives of so many. Because of them, Squash has prospered. The Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award acknowledges these most faithful stewards of the game.



Left to right: front row - Pierce and Macy  
Middle row - Brian, Aidan and Brennan  
Back row - Robert Everd

This year the name of the award has been changed to honor **Robert Everd** who has worked for Maryland State Squash in every capacity, tournament chairman, and officer and board member of the association for the better part of his adult life. He has been a notable player and state champion. He is presently board member and treasure of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association. In 1993, Bob was the first recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing fifteen years of volunteer services; fifteen years later in 2008, he received the Award a second time. No volunteer has been more dedicated to the advancement of Squash in Maryland.

## RECIPIENTS

In 1994, the late **Sam Silber** and the late **Tommy Schweizer** were honored for leading squash in Maryland through the 1940's and 1950's respectively.

Beginning in the 1960's through the 1980's no individual had a greater impact on advancing Squash in Maryland than **Haswell Franklin, Jr.** He modernized the structure of Maryland State Squash, brought national events to Maryland, sponsored and organized a strong tournament agenda in Maryland and was the long time captain of Baltimore's Fitzgerald Cup Team. Haswell was also an outstanding player who after injuring his right arm played high level squash left handed. Haswell remains a bigger than life energetic benefactor of the game.

In 1996, **T. James Hense** took over the reins of Maryland State Squash. He was a distinguished volunteer in Philadelphia and Maryland where he not only proved himself a champion single and doubles player but a tireless volunteer. Jim advanced junior squash and women's squash in Maryland and nationally. For Jim Hense, working with junior players became a passion. He was one of the first to recognize that the international version of the game would become the national standard and was a strong advocate and sponsor for international squash in Maryland.

The late **Robert H. Hicks** won the award in 1997 for focusing on bring national doubles championships back to Baltimore as co-chairman of the 1981 and 1986 national championships. Bob founded the Robert H. Hicks Doubles Championships, one of the first national tournaments for senior players.

**Nancy Cushman**, a national champion, who began playing squash in Maryland at the Dietz Club and her husband **Frank Cushman** won the award in 1998 for operating the Racquet Club of Roland Park and then founding Meadow Mill Athletic Club, the largest public squash facility in the United States. Meadow Mill has been a key factor in cultivating the popularity of the game among all age groups but especially Juniors, High School and College Squash in Maryland and nationally. Meadow Mills is the home of SquashWise, a program that nurtures underprivileged children.

In 2002, **Robert S. Travers and John Voneiff II** won the award together. They developed a financial plan for the MSSRA, with Bob Everd, established the Hall of Fame, brought professional doubles to Maryland, were representatives to US Squash, served as BCC Squash Chairmen where they were instrumental in building new international courts, are members of the US Jesters dedicated to the promotion to of racquets sports worldwide, have co-chaired two national doubles championships and fifteen national events held in Baltimore and have served as officer, president and board

members of the MSSRA.

In 2005, the award was presented to **Roberts S. Gaines** and **Vaughan Schmidt** for a decade of service as volunteers and officers of the MSSRA. Bob Gains, as MSSRA president (2000-2002), expanded communications and was an advocate for increasing funding for junior programs. Vaughan, a great state and national player, has been a volunteer for every MSSRA event since 1996.

**Margaret Riehl** won the award in 2007 for being the catalyst for women's squash in America. In 1975 Margaret was elected national president of the US Women's Squash Racquets Association and was instrumental in uniting this association with US Squash. For her two decades of service she was awarded US Squash's highest volunteer award, the United State Squash Presidents Cup. At the 2007 Baltimore Invitational Double's dinner celebration, held that year in her honor, Mrs. Riehl was additionally presented with a special US Squash Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2008, **Robert Everd** won the award for a second time.

2016 recipients are: **Andrew Cordova, Paul and Kay Deitz** and **Peter Wolf** (See included write-ups).



# Andrew Cordova



If international politics had worked out differently in the late 1950's, Andrew Cordova would most likely never have played squash or ended up in Baltimore. But Fidel Castro led a successful revolution and formed a communist government in Cuba that compelled entrepreneurial citizens like Andrew's parents to abandon everything they owned and flee to the United States. In 1993, Andrew graduated from Fordham University where he was a standout four year varsity squash player and captain of the Fordham team. After graduation, his love of the game took Andrew to Atlanta, Georgia where he earned certifications as a USSRA and PSA squash professional. In 1994, Andrew found his way to Baltimore Country Club where he assumed the position of Racquets Director and began his remarkable career as one of the most influential and successful players and managers of squash in Maryland. In 2000 Andrew became Squash Professional at the Maryland Club.

For his prodigious play as a 13 time State Champion (10 times as State A Doubles Champion with his great partner David Rosen) and for being highly ranked among the world's top doubles professionals, Andrew was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame on April 16, 2011. Championship play is one thing but it does not begin to enumerate the huge contribution Andrew has made to Maryland State Squash as an officer and president of the association, as a key manager of national championships, as a promotor of Maryland Squash nationally, for bringing the highest level of professional doubles squash to Maryland and for, at the same time, running an exceptional program at the Maryland Club, one of America's great clubs with a one-hundred year squash tradition. For all he has accomplished in Maryland and nationally, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association thanks Andrew as best it can with its highest volunteer honor: the Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award.





# Paul H. and Kay Deitz

In 1980, Paul H. Deitz became president of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association. That year Paul wrote: "Our premier spectator event this year will be the USSRA National Doubles Championships. Although we will miss the exciting (hard ball) singles flight that has become part of the annual Baltimore Invitational Doubles/

Singles event, the breadth of play that we can expect from the quality and diversity of nationally acclaimed doubles players is something to which we all look forward".



Jim McCaslin was MSSRA Director of staffing for tournament events. The late Bob Hicks was Treasure and Director of the National Doubles. Randy Torr was Director of MSSRA junior programs held every Saturday at Towson University. Future Hall of Famer T. James Hense, was MSSRA Historian and a top player at the Racquet Club of Roland Park. Jeff Carlson, Bill Rice, John Minkowski and Sandy Martin were the best hard ball singles players. Mary McGuirk, Helen Lacy, Toby Gordon, Margaret Riehl and Laurie Stieff were some of the best women players.

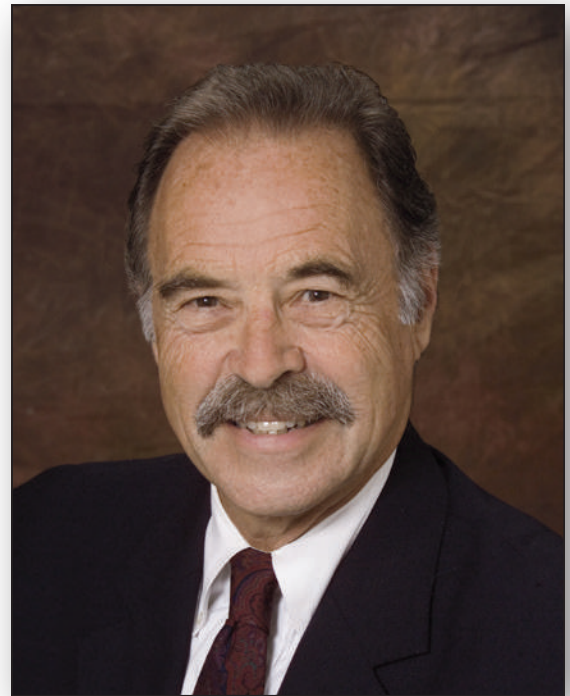
Meadow Mill Athletic Club, still a vision of Nancy and Frank Cushman, would not exist until 1992. At the Dietz Squash Club in Belair Maryland, Bob Everd and Darryl Palmer dominated club play. Top lady players were Nancy Cushman, Kay Deitz and Sandy Noland. Club founder Paul Deitz won the state "B" singles and was runner-up in "B" doubles. Fourteen clubs and universities participated in MSSRA tournaments and programs and Dr. Paul Deits, with the considerable help of his wife Kay, was the catalyst that lead Maryland State Squash through these busy and exciting years (1980-1982) plus the many additional years Paul and Kay were important MSSRA volunteers beginning in the early 1970's when they moved to Belair, Maryland and opened the Dietz Racquet Club that became the home of the first Maryland State soft-ball championships and a crucible for many of Maryland's future players and MSSRA volunteers.

It was a court that Paul purchased and installed himself and a club that promoted the game and in turn built friendships still strong today. Paul and Kay say it was because of their love of the game but their dream thus realized became so much more for the advancement of squash and we thank them for it. Paul closed his 1980 letter to the membership: "If there is a way in which we can help make this wonderful game of greater joy and satisfaction to you, please let us know".



# Peter Wolf

Peter Wolf was introduced to squash at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall of 1955. At MIT, Peter was given the opportunity to compete in the early days of Ivy League college hard ball squash. A converted MIT tennis player, his intercollegiate squash record was less than stellar but Peter fell in love with the game.



After MIT, Peter returned to his home town of Buffalo, NY where he undertook his first project as a volunteer; he organized and played in the Buffalo interclub league and headed up Buffalo's first junior squash program. In 1963, Peter moved to Philadelphia where with a group of friends he converted the abandoned Philadelphia Country Club facility into the Philadelphia Squash Club with two singles and one doubles court.

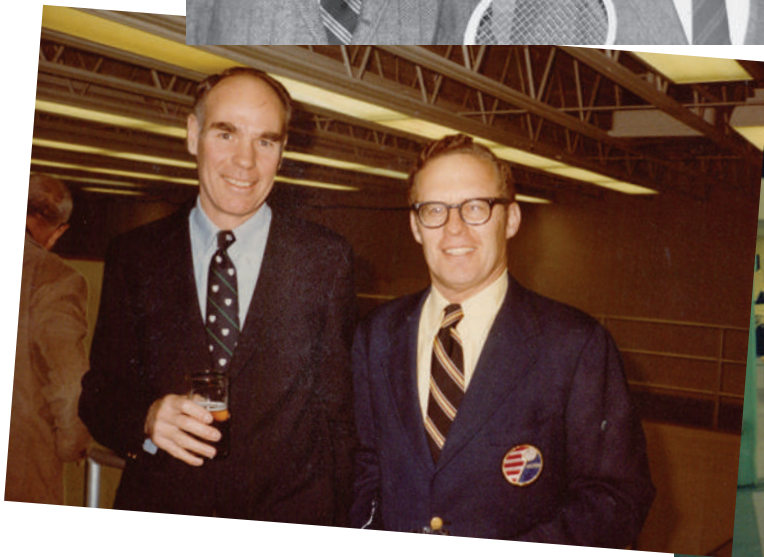
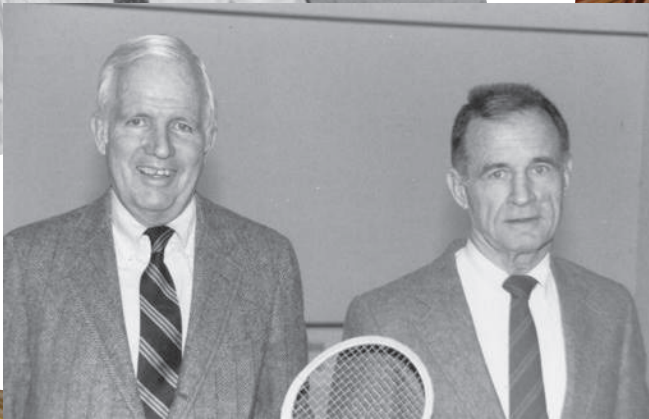
In 1968, his profession brought him to Baltimore and Peter immediately signed up to play at the new Towson YMCA. He joined the MSSRA's squash leagues and within a year became a member of the Racquet Club of Roland Park where he was one of Maryland's standout players. But he couldn't help himself; Peter was a volunteer at heart. In 1969, he became an MSSRA volunteer under the association's dynamic president, Haswell Franklin Jr., who appointed him Maryland's representative to US Squash (then USSRA).

In the 1970's, with the national proliferation of squash, US Squash recruited Peter as its first Southeast regional Vice President. In 1980, US Squash added the role of Chairman of the United States Rules and Referees Committees to Peter's volunteer duties. As Chairman of Rules and Referees and by working closely with state associations, clubs and colleges to define the rules for "soft ball" – the international version of the game, Peter had a substantial and lasting impact on the evolution of soft-ball squash in America.

In 1983, in a very successful effort to generate a love for the international game in Maryland, Peter persuaded the USSRA to bring the (then experimental) National Singles Soft Ball Championships to Baltimore, even though Baltimore only had narrow hard ball courts. Now, of course, there are no hard ball singles courts in Maryland. Peter's vision of where the game was going within the United States is a big part of the reason why Maryland and especially Baltimore has become worldwide hub for the international singles version squash racquets. And along with his focus on US Squash throughout the United States, he remained an active volunteer for and officer of Maryland State Squash. For his high stature as a crucial pioneer for the advancement of squash in Maryland and nationally he is a long overdue recipient of the Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award.



# Through the years:





# 1996 & 2010





### ***The great “Gentleman Jim Lacy “***

*February 17, 2014 - by Jacques Kelly, The Baltimore Sun - James J. Lacy Jr., who set a national scoring record as a standout All American basketball forward at what is now Loyola University Maryland and was a retired insurance broker, died of complications from melanoma Saturday at his North Roland Park home. He was 87. For more than a decade, from 1957 to 1970, Jim Lacy, Jr. was one of the best amateur tennis players in America. The same held true for squash. He was the first athlete voted into Loyola’s Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1998, Jim and his brother Joe were two of the inaugural seven elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.*

## **1907— 2016 PLAYERS, PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE GAME**

We come together to meet, to talk, to enjoy each other’s company and to compete. We come to do exactly what is best about the great games Americans play, to keep the spirit that is the competitive fire within us engaged in ways that build lasting friendships – friendships that transcend distances and generations, burning on through the years of our lives.

