

# 2022 Championships and Awards Celebration



**Sage Platt**  
Impact Award



**Douglas M. Hoffberger**  
Outstanding Achievement  
Award



**Wade Johnstone**  
Hall of Fame



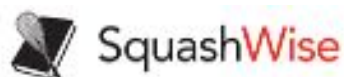
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The Maryland Squash Hall of Fame, Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award and Nancy Cushman Impact Award are managed by the Board and Officers of Maryland Squash through their respective committees. Maryland Squash members are invited to submit prospective candidates for consideration.

Maryland Squash has a new website ([www.marylandsquash.com](http://www.marylandsquash.com)) that is still being developed. Members are encouraged to review the website, make recommendations and contributions.



## From Chris Haley, President Maryland Squash

Good day fellow Maryland Squash enthusiasts.

Thank you for your support and engagement in these 2022 Maryland State Squash Championships. This year's participation exceeded last year's and is a continuation of increased play and events coming out of the Covid-pandemic period. To add, though we had a relatively quick turnaround from the Summer to Fall court season, we are thrilled to have 24 separate draws played for a wide swath of age- and skill-level play, including our first Parent-Child Doubles division.

These Championships are our signature event for both our adult and junior Maryland squash members and the integration of both junior and adult makes our celebration that much more special. Enclosed in this booklet are a number of key partners which have been instrumental in the execution of this tournament and I trust you'll take the opportunity to thank them.

This tournament and the events surrounding the play, including the Championship Awards Banquet could not have been as successful if it were not for

our Sponsors and financial supporters - which are noted in this booklet. On behalf of Maryland Squash - we thank you for your financial support and commitment to Maryland Squash.

Please also extend your gratitude to the numerous clubs and facilities that have opened their doors for us to play this wonderful game. Let us take this lead and do our best to expand the game by sharing a racquet and promoting these facilities for squash use to an ever-wider player community. As much as we experience joy with the game squash, let us be grateful for the opportunity to share it with more people. For the Awards Banquet and the Championship Dinner, additional appreciation is extended to the Baltimore Country Club.

I wish to share my appreciation with our volunteer Draw Captains and volunteers which helped with promoting the tournament, seeding the various players/draws, and engaging and responding to needs or questions from our participants and their families. The day-to-day management of these events could not have gone so smoothly without you.

Stepping back, the financial condition of your Maryland Squash Association is quite healthy and is prepared to continue these Championships, promote additional Junior opportunities in our Maryland community, and assisting a growing number of clubs and squash players in our state - including the expanded facilities in Columbia, at the Calvert School, and also in Annapolis. We remain enthusiastic to receive your recommendations for additional tournaments, get-togethers, leagues and other fun events, to further engage our membership and expand our membership.

Finally, we are honored to present Service and Achievement awards to two of our most esteemed Maryland members, Doug Hoffberger and Sage Platt; and being inducted into our Hall of Fame is one of our most accomplished professional players and most-esteemed coaches, Wade Johnstone. Congratulations to each of these special Marylanders for their contribution to Maryland squash and may we follow their lead in their enjoyment and expansion of our game in Maryland.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.



## REMEMBERING JERVIS SPENCER FINNEY



### THE GREAT ONE TOURNAMENT

Jerve Finney was a left side – left handed doubles champion who had a killer reverse corner. He used that shot effectively to win both the United States and Canadian National (55+) Doubles Championships with his partner, Al Weaver. Jerve was also a Maryland State singles and doubles champion. He was introduced to squash (after serving as an Army paratrooper) while attending Harvard Law, in the 1950s. Jerve was a President of Maryland Squash, Maryland Club squash chairman and board member, managing partner of Ober Kaler Law Firm, Maryland State senator, United States Attorney, General Counsel to Governor Robert Ehrlich and, for his playing ability and volunteer leadership, a member of the American Jesters Club. In 2005, Jerve Finney was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall

of Fame. Jerve passed away on April 9, 2017 – two weeks after playing a final match with his good friend Read Knox. Jerve and Read won.

Later in life, Jerve had a little difficulty remembering names. He began to refer to just about everyone as, “The Great One”. Andrew Cordova, fellow Hall of Famer and Director of Squash at the Maryland Club, thought it fitting to host a memorial tournament in Jerve Finney’s honor. What better name for the tournament than “The Great One”. It was to be played with old style wooden racquets. Unable to locate enough wooden relics, Andrew commissioned Harrow to produce a modern version.

In the photograph, along with the finalists, Pat Finney, Jerve’s wife, and Jack Finney, Jerve’s son, are crossing the “Great

One” Harrow replacement racquets. Jerve’s oldest son and name sake, Spencer Finney (third from right) won the Open Century Flight with his partner, Maryland Club Squash Chairman and President of Maryland Squash, Chris Haley (fourth from right). In the finals, Chris and Spencer defeated the very capable team of Jamison Miller and his cousin, J.B. Miller. In the Century 60+ Flight, Peter Austin and Lawson Devries defeated Joel Rothwell and Jon Saunders. And in the Century 70+ Flight, Orlando Springs and Jack Buendia overcame Charlie Fenwick, Jr. and Andrew McGuirk.

The Great One was held September 28-30, 2022, at the Maryland Club and BCC. All Maryland Squash members were invited. Worthy competition, good food and great fun was had by all.



*Nancy Cushman and her daughter, Krista*

## Nancy Cushman Impact Award



Presented, from time to time, to those individuals who by virtue of their unselfish dedication to the game of squash racquets have had and will have a lasting impact on the game that transcends generations. Over the past forty years, Maryland Squash and U.S. Squash have endeavored to acknowledge Nancy Cushman's immense impact on the game of squash racquets in Maryland and nationally: 1981, U.S. Squash's Feron's Wedgwood Sportsmanship Trophy; 1995, U.S. Squash's Achievement Bowl; 1998, Maryland Squash Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award; 1999 Maryland Squash Hall of Fame; 2014 and 2015, Top 50 Most Intriguing, Interesting and Influential People in Squash by Squash Magazine; 2017, U.S. Squash's highest honor, the President's Cup; April 7, 2018 – On the occasion of Maryland Squash's 2018 Hall of Fame presentation ceremony, Nancy Cushman was presented the first Maryland Squash Impact Award – established because of her example and hereafter presented in her name.

**2018**

Nancy Cushman

**2019**

Abby Markoe  
Peter Heffernan

**2022**

Sage Platt

## 2022 Recipient – Sage Platt

Baltimore SquashWise Executive Director, Abby Markoe, recently said, "I'm so glad Sage is being honored as the recipient of the Nancy Cushman Impact Award! He is a huge part of SquashWise's success. Sage is thoughtful, kind, and a responsive leader who as Board Chairman and President, is shaping the future of SquashWise."

Sage said, "My father, Dwight, introduced me to the game by getting me up before school and taking me to the Maryland Club where we would play. He



still claims I was half asleep the whole time. But something clicked and I've been playing

ever since."

When St. Paul's School was

## 2022 Recipient – Sage Platt (con't)

beginning to build a team in the 1990s, Sage joined the Roland Park Squash Club on Tower Lane in Roland Park. It was owned by Nancy and Frank Cushman. That's when," Sage said, "I began to really learn the game." After graduating from St. Paul's, Sage went to Haverford College where, as a freshman, he joined the squash team. Sage explained, "For the first two years, it was a club team, but when I was a junior, Squash was declared a varsity sport. That is when I began to understand the hard work and discipline required of a varsity player – virtues I have tried to live up to ever since my college days."

Certainly, hard work and discipline are a big part of the mission of SquashWise. Sage has been the Board Chairman and President of SquashWise since 2009, the year after it was founded. He said, "SquashWise is a long term support system that creates opportunities for aspiring Baltimore youth. Using Squash as a motivator we assists students to realize their academic, athletic and personal potential with the goal that each student graduates from high school and is prepared for

the next step – college, continuing education and the workplace." Although he resists accepting credit, Sage is the cornerstone of this remarkable program. Abby remembers in the early days of SquashWise, "Sage helping to teach squash to students at Booker T. Washington Middle School and partnering with our staff to underpin organizational strength and strategic planning. He has also been a generous doner and fundraiser."

When asked about Squash in Maryland Sage said, "I think Baltimore took a big hit when Meadow Mill Athletic Club closed. But there is a lot to be positive about. The roots of junior squash, which Nancy Cushman built through many years at Roland Park and Meadow Mill, are still there. St. Paul's School, Roland Park Country School and now Calvert School have built marvelous squash facilities. And SquashWise will soon add six more international courts that will not only support our traditional SquashWise programs but the wider squash community. And with three new doubles courts at the Maryland Club and the doubles court at Baltimore Country Club, it won't be

long before Maryland hosts another national doubles championship."

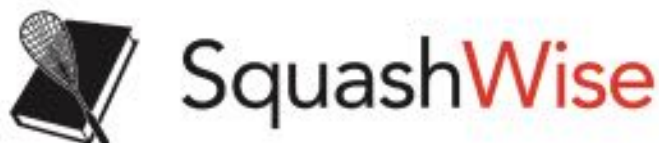
For Sage, it hasn't just been about SquashWise. If there was a need, Sage has stepped up - ready to fill the void. He was a major patron of the St. Paul's School Ensign C. Markland Kelly squash facility, served on squash committees, assisted with Maryland Squash initiatives, and helped make the new Maryland Club squash courts a reality. His present volunteer calling has been the acquisition of the old Greyhound Bus Terminal at Center and Howard Streets and turn it into the new home of SquashWise. He has accomplished all this without accolades. For his decades of quiet service, Maryland Squash, through the Nancy Cushman Impact Award, acknowledges its appreciation for Sage's selfless dedication to SquashWise and the game of squash in Maryland and nationally.







Abby Markoe



## From Abby Markoe, Executive Director of SquashWise and 2019 recipient of the Nancy Cushman Impact Award.

Dear friends of Maryland Squash,

I hope you are all doing well! It has been great to see many of you as the squash season picks up. Many of you know that SquashWise purchased the former Greyhound building in Mt. Vernon to be developed into our permanent home as a youth and community center for squash and education. We would love for you to help us build our new home. Thanks to Sage Platt, Doug Hoffberger, and our entire SquashWise team, we are well underway. For information about SquashWise or to see the old terminal in transition, you can contact me at [abbym@baltimoresquashwise.org](mailto:abbym@baltimoresquashwise.org). We are also hosting several "Community Squash Nights" at our current location in Remington. We have set four dates: Nov. 2, Jan. 11, March 8, and May 17 to visit, play squash, or just socialize. These events are free and open to all, so please spread the word. Everyone is invited to build and broaden our squash community. Contact me to get involved.



The official beverage of the 2022 Maryland State Squash Championships Friday night awards dinner is Sagamore Rye Whiskey. If you love rye whiskey, give Sagamore Rye a try.

Inspired by the legacy of Maryland Rye and today's spirit consumer, Sagamore Spirit is driven to craft the world's best Rye Whiskey while strengthening our collective communities. Its award-winning five-acre waterfront distillery in Baltimore is reclaiming the city's rightful place in America's whiskey history, where storied distillers perfected rye whiskey for more than 150 years before Kentucky was founded.

Maryland Rye Whiskey was known to be full bodied yet notably more balanced than other regional rye styles, and Sagamore Spirit has picked up the torch. Its American Rye Whiskies have earned more than 100 awards internationally, including "World's Best Rye Whiskey" in 2019 at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Sagamore Spirit's distillation team blends two different rye mash bills – a high rye and a low rye – and then adds pure Maryland limestone- filtered spring water, transported 22 miles from Sagamore Farm, to craft the brand's Signature 83-proof Maryland-Style Rye Whiskey.



## THE MARY JEAN AND OLIVER TRAVERS, Jr. FOUNDATION

Mary Jean (1932-2017) and Ollie (1926-2019) live on through their charitable foundation. Bob Travers has taken over where his parents left off. Over the years, the Travers Family has been immensely generous to causes in Maryland that include educational, hospital and nonprofit programs. Kernan Hospital, Notre Dame Preparatory School, SquashWise, the community focused Irvine Nature Center in Baltimore County, and Calvert School's new Luetkemeyer Athletic Center are examples. The Center's Squash Hall is named for Mary Jean and Ollie. But as far back as the 1980s, Bob and his family, have been steadfast patrons of Maryland Squash. In 2002, Mary Jean and Oliver Travers were awarded the first Maryland Squash Distinguished Service Award.

Bob, who has been a Maryland State Squash volunteer leader for three decades, received the Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award in 2002 and was elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame in 2016. In 1996, when Maryland Squash was in financial need, Bob formulated a financial plan and since then, has led the fundraising campaigns that have restored the Association's prosperity. For two decades, he personally



funded and was captain of Maryland's Fitzgerald Cup Team. Bob was a founder of the High School Junior Championships, Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and Nancy Cushman Impact Award. He is a past president and long serving board member of Maryland Squash.

When recently interviewed, Bob evaded accepting credit. He said, "I couldn't have done anything without John Voneiff and Bob Everd. Everything we did for Maryland Squash,

over the past thirty years, we did together. John, Bob and I have been a great team. I have been blessed and am grateful for the many friends I have made through Maryland Squash. It has been a pleasure to serve. I look forward to a bright future under new leaders like our current association president, Chris Haley."

Bob and Arden Travers are the sponsors for the 2022 Maryland Squash Awards Celebration.



Bob & Anna Everd

## Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award

In 1993, Bob Everd was the first Maryland Squash board member and officer to be awarded the Maryland Squash Outstanding Achievement Award for his many hours, days, and years of volunteer service. He was the recipient of the award again in 2008. Finally, after more than three decades of continued service to Maryland Squash, in all facets of managing the game, the Board of Governors named this most significant volunteer award in Bob's honor: **The Maryland Squash Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award.**

Bob remains very much engaged in Maryland Squash – as a player and as a volunteer.

*The **Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award** acknowledges those who have been the most faithful stewards of the game.*



Since 1907, a long line of volunteers have worked for the good of Maryland State Squash. They foster and manage Squash Racquets in Maryland. Some have been great players, some not. All share the mutual commitment to give back to the game that has enhanced the lives of many. Because of them Squash has prospered in Maryland. The Outstanding Achievement Award acknowledges these faithful stewards of the game.

1993 — Bob Everd  
 1994 — Sam Silber †  
 1994 — Tommy Schweizer †  
 1995 — Haswell Franklin, Jr.  
 1996 — T. James Hense †  
 1997 — Robert H. Hicks †  
 1998 — Nancy Cushman  
 1998 — Frank Cushman  
 2002 — Robert S. Travers  
 2002 — John Voneiff  
 2005 — Robert S. Gaines, Sr.

2005 — Vaughan E. Schmidt  
 2007 — Margaret Riehl †  
 2008 — Bob Everd \*  
 2016 — Andrew Cordova  
 2016 — Paul Dietz  
 2016 — Kay Deitz  
 2016 — Peter Wollf  
 2017 — Peter Heffernan  
 2019 — Nancy Wolf  
 2022 — Douglas M. Hoffberger

† Deceased

\* Received the award for the second time in recognition of 30 years of continuous service as an officer and board member of the Maryland State Squash Association.

## 2022 Recipient - Douglas Millard Hoffberger



In Maryland and nationally, Doug is known as an accomplished player. At the Maryland Club, Doug's home club, he has won eight singles and eight doubles championships. He won the Maryland State Open Singles Championship in 2005, the Open Doubles Championship in 2009 and two Veteran Doubles Championships. He has won three veteran titles at Merion's famous William White and he and his partner Dave Rosen were World Doubles Champions. In 2018, Doug was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. But the Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award isn't about play. It's about service – more specifically, a meaningful long-term volunteer commitment to the game of Squash.

Fellow Hall of Fame member and Maryland Club Racquets Director, Andrew Cordova said, "Doug Hoffberger has been instrumental in advancing the game of squash in Maryland. He was one of the founding members of SquashWise and has supported this important program, that creates opportunities for aspiring Baltimore youth, ever since. He currently serves as the Chairman of the SquashWise Capital Campaign to convert the old Greyhound bus terminal, in Mt. Vernon, into a home for SquashWise and a community center." Doug said,

"I am very pleased to report that over the past sixteen months, we have raised eight million dollars." He has been a volunteer manager and generous patron of all Maryland State Squash events including two National Doubles Championships. On a national level, Doug has been equally generous. Outside of squash, he serves on the boards of Teach For America, the "SEED" school of Maryland, Garret Fund for Pediatric Surgery and the Harriet Land Home Foundation, Inc.

For seven years, Doug was the chairman of the Maryland Club Squash Committee. "In this capacity," Andrew Cordova said, "Doug was a strong leader who got things done – not only for the Maryland Club but for Maryland Squash in general. This is especially true when it came to junior squash – not just through his support of SquashWise but for his dedication to all Maryland junior programs."

Doug was a founder and ten year chairman of "The Maryland Club Open" that brought the highest level of professional doubles to Baltimore. During the ten years he served as Chairman of the tournament, over one million dollars was raised to insure a great event for players, spectators, patrons and sponsors. The Maryland Club Open was voted "Tournament of the Year" four times by the members of the (SDA) Professional Squash Association. In doing this, Doug built upon previous efforts by Maryland Squash to bring professional doubles to Baltimore. "Because of Doug Hoffberger," Andrew continued, "Marylanders, not just Maryland Club members, were afforded the opportunity to watch some of the best squash doubles ever played."

Doug was born in Baltimore on April 18, 1972. He grew up on Mt. Vernon Square in a townhouse not too far from the Maryland Club. He attended Gilman School until the eighth grade and is an honorary member of the Class of 1990. Doug is a graduate of the well regarded Peddie (boarding) School in Hightstown, New Jersey and a graduate of Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. In 1974, he earned his MBA at Johns Hopkins University's Carey School of Business.

He is President of Keystone Realty Company, Inc., CPC, Inc., and serves on the board of Hoffberger Holdings, Inc. Doug has three grown children – Olivia (23), Charlotte (21) and Henry (17).

Doug continues to harbor a love of the game. A few years older than when he was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, he remains a serious amateur squasher. Most importantly, he has been steadfast in his support of Maryland Squash, as a volunteer leader and patron of the game. "Beginning a wonderful new phase in my life," Doug said, "I am marrying my fiancé, Beth Elser, on November 11, 2022 - only seven days after the 2022 Squash Championships and Awards Celebration."



*Doug and Beth*





## Welcome to the US Junior Squash Season in Maryland and Nationally

Narelle Krizek (left) and her sister Natarsha playing as a PSA professional team. Narelle is a (PSA) World, National and Maryland State Champion. She and her husband Rob were squash professionals at Baltimore Country Club and live in Maryland. In 2011, Narelle was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

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*From Narelle Krizek, Director of Women and Girls and Assistant Director of Advancement ([narelle.krizek@ussquash.org](mailto:narelle.krizek@ussquash.org))*

Good morning Junior Squashers, I hope this message finds you well and off to a fantastic start to your school year and junior squash season. First, I wanted to congratulate all juniors (boys and girls) on starting this year's junior squash journey. This is a memorable time in your family's life, playing a lifelong sport while competing in structured tournaments, sometimes all across the country. We know the process can be equally exciting and exhausting and encourage you to enjoy this unique ride along the way. As a squash mum, I know this journey can seem

overwhelming and, at times, confusing. Please know that all of us, at U.S. Squash, are here to help your family through this process and are confident you will love being a junior squash player.

Second, we know you see lots of different names associated with US Squash in various emails, registration pages, etc. So, I want to briefly mention the two teams I work with who you are most likely to interact with in your junior squash journey.

### Our Junior Squash Tournaments Team:

Kim Clearkin – US Squash Chief Programs Officer

Harry Smith – Senior Director of Junior Squash Development

Ryan Leslie – Manager of National Events

Our Tournaments team can be reached at [tournaments@ussquash.org](mailto:tournaments@ussquash.org)

### Our Advancement Team:

Nick Kokiko – Vice President, Advancement

Narelle Krizek – Assistant Director, Advancement

Julia Thompson – Manager, Advancement

Our Advancement team can be reached at [development@ussquash.org](mailto:development@ussquash.org)

Office: 267.969.3274

For any specific questions on junior squash, rankings, scholastic squash, junior squash talks, and more, please visit <https://ussquash.org/junior>. As you may know, US Squash is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which relies on the generosity of the squash community to provide our array of national programming and infrastructure. If you see any US Squash staff at your next tournament, please come up to us and say hello. I will be at many events myself with my boys and would love to meet you!

Best of luck in your junior squash journey and hope to see you at the courts soon,

*Narelle*





## MARYLAND'S TOP NATIONAL JUNIOR PLAYERS IN EACH AGE DIVISION



In the United States, thousands of juniors (both boys and girls) compete in five age divisions (below 11 years of age - below 13 years of age - below 15 years of age - below 17 years of age and below 19 years of age). For each age division, U.S. Squash sponsors Bronze, Silver, Gold and ACT level Tournaments. (Bronze being the lowest skill level and ACT being the highest). By playing in each of these skill levels, (within an age category) a junior player earns points. Ranking is based on a point average over the two years a junior is in each age category. For example, 261 boys, under 15, are currently ranked by U.S. Squash. Average points range from 125 for No. 261 to 3,080 for No. 1. The top ranked juniors, in each state, are also listed.

Following are the names of Maryland's top juniors based on the US Squash national ranking system. Some are playing in the 2022 State Championships.

### **GU19**

- 1 – Avery Park
- 2 – Abigail Schuster
- 3 – Brigid Brandon

### **GU17**

- 1 – Eliza Schuster
- 2 – Brigid Brandon
- 3 – Fionnoula Brandon
- 4 – Aisha Tarar
- 5 – Linley Grosman
- 6 – Clara Dawn
- 7 – Sabina Sitwat
- 8 – Piper Block

### **GU13**

- 1 – Alina Sitwat
- 2 – Evlyn Park

### **GU11**

- Audrey Park

### **BU19**

- 1 – Thomas Soltanian
- 2 – Hao Cui
- 3 – Isaac Mitchell
- 4 – Nicholas Gilman
- 5 – Charlie Fenwick IV
- 6 – Obed Roman Garcia
- 7 – Brett Poles
- 8 – Mathew Sullivan

### **BU17**

- 1 – Parker Davis
- 2 – Jacob Li
- 3 – Andrew Ko
- 4 – John Rockefeller
- 5 – Jonathan Li
- 6 – Christopher Woo
- 7 – John Andrew Fones
- 8 – Ashton Seeman

### **BU15**

- 1 – Jack Paternotte
- 2 – Mathew Chi
- 3 – Keenan McPhail
- 4 – Carter Holland
- 5 – William Baranano

### **BU13**

- 1 – John Russell
- 2 – Jad Bydon
- 3 – Ali Zaheer
- 4 – Asad Zaheer

### **BU11**

- Theodore Baranano



*Hoffberger*  
*Family Philanthropies*



## From Patrick Bedore Director of Squash at Calvert School

Calvert's Luetkemeyer Athletic Center, the largest secondary school squash facility in the United States, opened this September. It features a 13,000-square foot turf field, updated fitness center, and 10 state of art international squash courts. These courts, which include spectator viewing areas, will allow Calvert to move squash practice and competition on campus for the first time in the program's history. As the Director of Squash at Calvert, my responsibilities include coaching fifth grade intramurals, the middle school squash team (that competes at the U.S Middle School Squash Championships)

and provide programming for all ages and levels. With 10 international courts, Calvert plans to host large national events and help grow the sport, in Maryland and nationally. In addition to squash, our new athletic center will be a valuable practice facility for more than two dozen other sports, including soccer, lacrosse, football, and field hockey. Accordingly, Calvert is looking forward to building and expanding after school club and camp programs that will benefit, not only Calvert School, but Baltimore City and surrounding communities.

Patrick, a former topped ranked (PSA) Professional from Canada, came to Baltimore to be Rackets director at Baltimore Country Club, in 2010. In 2014, he became the coach at the new St. Paul's School Ensign C. Markland Kelly Squash Center. As of September 2022, he is Executive Director of Squash at Calvert School. Now an American citizen, Patrick and his wife, Alexandria, have two very young children - Brenton and Juliet. Patrick serves as a Vice President of Maryland Squash.

## THE ALEXANDER B. MARTIN OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



*Alexander B. "Sandy" Martin*

In 2021, the Officers and Board of Governors of Maryland Squash named the Maryland State Doubles Open Championship in Sandy's honor. The Alexander B. Martin Open Doubles Trophy was commissioned to be presented annually to the state doubles open champions. In 2021, Mark Price and Dave Rosen were the first recipients of the Alexander B. Martin Trophy.

For twenty-five years, beginning in the 1970s through the 1990s, Sandy Martin ruled hardball singles and doubles squash in Maryland. Competing with several different partners, Sandy rose to the top of the national rankings. Over the years, in addition to seven national championships (in the United States and Canada) Sandy amassed a local, regional and national record that surpasses any other Marylander. In 1998, Sandy was one of the first seven champions to be inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

## THE MARYLAND CLUB



Founded in 1857, the Maryland Club is one of the oldest private clubs in the United States. Its large Romanesque clubhouse, dating to 1891, is located in Baltimore's historic Mount Vernon neighborhood. In 2018, the Club underwent major renovations that resulted in the construction of a centralized squash center featuring, in addition to its three international singles courts, three doubles courts, squash shop, lounge and members' bar. Locker rooms were rebuilt, and a modern workout facility added. Six United States National Doubles Championships have been played on Maryland Club Courts as well as all Maryland State Doubles Championships since 1965. The Maryland Club is a patron and host of the 2022 Maryland Squash Championships.

### From Maryland State Squash Hall of Famer, Andrew Cordova



I am honored to be part of Maryland State Squash as a past President, administrator of numerous state championships, and fortunately, as a multi time state champion over the years. The pride of competing and representing our great state in the sport of squash in our championships is recognized on a national level and should be celebrated. Especially now, as we continue to experience challenging times in the sport due to the pandemic. Maryland has always demonstrated great vision in squash, matched by

consistent participation from the junior ranks up to the adults. Our current President, Chris Haley, has exhibited an incredible amount of time and passion to the position, and has recruited countless volunteers representing incredible diversity in our membership. A clear thank you to Chris is in order for his hard work in continuing to push Maryland State Squash forward!

We are also very fortunate to recognize some key figures in our community who will be receiving awards this evening. The Outstanding Achievement Award, the Impact Award, and the Hall of Fame, represent three exclusive categories in our rich squash history. Even though these awards are being given to three different individuals, they all share the same passion for the game and for our state organization. To Doug, Sage, and Wade, I commend you for

your great talents and for sharing your experiences with us. I look forward to celebrating with you on your evening of achievement and look forward to reminiscing of the experiences we have shared together. Relish the moment, you have earned it!

Finally, thank you to the entire Board of Maryland State Squash for their continued commitment to the game and to the membership. Volunteerism is difficult and you have shown time and time again how important our state championships and awards celebrations like these are to Maryland State Squash. Good luck to all the players, and I look forward to seeing you at the party!



## Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



The Maryland Squash Hall of Fame was conceived in 1997. Ambassador William H.G. FitzGerald, founder of the FitzGerald Cup Match between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. , was the first Honorary Member. In 1998, at the Baltimore Invitational Dinner Celebration, held in their honor, seven of Maryland's greatest champions became the First Class of inductees. Since then, twenty-eight additional Marylanders, plus four honorees, have earned their place in Maryland's Squash Hall of Fame. Wade Johnstone, this year's inductee, is number twenty-nine. Bob Travers, one of the founders of the Hall of Fame and Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, is pictured with his wife Arden. Bob became a Hall of Fame member in 2016. Bob and Arden are Sponsors of the 2022 Awards Celebration. Over the past twenty four years, ten Hall of Famers have passed away. Their names are marked with crosses. The Maryland Squash Hall of Fame is a lasting tribute to their remarkable lives.



### William H. G. FitzGerald †\* — First Honorary Member

#### 1998

Eugene F. X. O'Connor †  
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James J. Lacy, Jr. †  
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#### 2003

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#### 2005

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#### 2007

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#### 2008

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#### 2011

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#### 2016

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Mark Drake Talbott  
James W. Zug

#### 2019

Denis L. Bourke  
Elizabeth Ann Everts  
Vaughan E. Schmidt

#### 2022

Wade Peter Johnstone

† Deceased

\* Honorary Member



## 2022 Inductee - Wade Peter Johnstone



Wade Johnstone has been the Director of Squash at Baltimore Country Club since 2014. Before that he was a teaching and touring professional at Meadow Mill Athletic Club. And it was at Meadow Mill, in 2005, that Wade met and fell in love with Heather Fulkoski. Heather and Wade were married in 2009 and in 2018 were blessed with the birth of their son, Jaxon. The Johnstones purchased a home in the Loch Hill neighborhood of Baltimore County, and according to Wade, are living the American Dream.

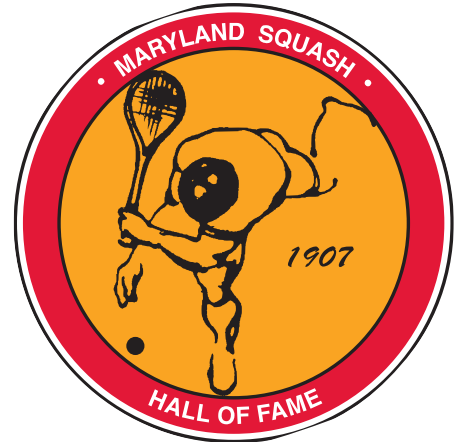
During an interview Wade said, "I'm married to the love of my life and four year old Jaxon keeps both Heather and me hopping in the best of ways. I love what I am doing at Baltimore Country Club and the boys and girls I coach. Heather and I have made wonderful friends and in 2020, I became

an American citizen. What could be better than this."

How Wade ended up in Baltimore is the rest of the story.

Wade Peter Johnstone was the youngest of three sons born to Trish and Peter Johnstone. The Johnstones lived in Perth, the capital and largest city of the Australian state of Western Australia. Their mother played squash in a local interclub league. Wade and his brothers, Mason and Scott, would tag along. Wade said, "my brothers and I would hit the ball around in the courts, in the halls and at each other."

Thinking he was "really good," Wade played in his first junior tournament when he was 12. Crushed in his second match against the No. 1 seed, Wade realized he had a lot to learn about playing squash. Two years later, at the Western Australia Junior (Titles) Championships, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. "After that," Wade said, "I just knew I enjoyed squash and wanted to get better." By age 15, Wade was being trained by his first serious coach, Mike Cornish, who ran a squash center that included a racquet and clothing business. Under Cornish, he became a polished player, attended junior college and worked for his coach's squash business – even helped with lessons. Failing to make the Australian Junior Team,



Wade doubled down on preparation and fitness. He traveled to Melbourne to train under Roger Flynn, head coach of the Victorian Institute of Sports.

After four years under Flynn's tutelage and working any job he could get at the Institute, Wade joined the (PSA) Professional Squash Association. With only \$800.00 to his name, he set out competing on the Professional World Tour. Because of travel cost, Wade decided to make the United States his base. But to do this and continue playing professional squash, he needed a job. A friend and fellow touring professional, Mark Price, now teaching professional at the Maryland Club, told him about an opening at a squash club, in Baltimore City, called Meadow Mill Athletic Club. During the interview, Wade met Nancy Cushman, founder of Meadow Mill, who invited him to join the Meadow Mill professional team. Working at Meadow Mill, for the next seven years, as a teaching professional, Wade toured the world playing on the PSA and PST professional tours.

In an era when few Americans were ranked below 100, Wade attained the ranking of No. 65 on the (PSA) World Tour and No. 2 on the U.S. based (PST) Professional Squash Tour. "Looking back on my career," Wade said, "I'm extremely happy and proud of my playing achievements. I was only ever a semi-professional. I needed to work to cover my tour expenses." Other tour pros had sponsors.

After he retired from the professional touring ranks, Wade won five Maryland State Squash Open Singles Championships and two Open Doubles Championships. He is one of the very best international squashers to call Baltimore home. More than this, according to Wade, he loves teaching the game. "Coaching, especially juniors," Wade said, "is the most rewarding part of my career."

Wade at work – coaching two of U.S. Squash's top juniors, in Maryland and nationally, after a joint lesson, at Baltimore Country Club.



Left to right: Gilman's Jack Paternotte (BU15), Wade, and McDonogh's Clara Dawn (GU17)

## BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB

### *Host of the 2022 Awards Celebration*



*Original 1898 Roland Park Clubhouse*

the BCC Squash Committee. Wade Johnstone, who is the 2022 inductee into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, is Director of Squash.

Baltimore Country Club, founded in 1898, was the first club in Maryland to build squash courts. Three courts were located in the 1904 annex building of the original clubhouse that was destroyed by fire in 1932. BCC was also a founding member of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association – now Maryland Squash. In 1964, the Club built a new squash facility that included two hardball singles courts and one doubles court. In 1998, the hardball singles courts were removed and replaced with two international courts. BCC has been a host of twelve National Doubles Championships, hundreds of club, interclub, state and national tournaments and is a generous supporter of Maryland Squash. Jenifer Hern is Chairman of

## The Hartman Family

### Silver Sponsor of the 2022 Maryland State Squash Championships



Wade, on behalf of the Hartman family – congratulations for going into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. You deserve this honor. For not only what you have accomplished on the court but for making the game fun for recreational players like myself. You have always been willing and able to jump into our matches and somehow raise our level of play while (no matter who is in the game) getting us to an exciting 5<sup>th</sup> game – for which I am very grateful. You are a great player, coach and pillar of our Club and Maryland squash community.

*Brian*

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## The Redfield Family

### Gold Sponsor of the 2022 Maryland State Squash Championships



My family is so pleased to help sponsor the 2022 Maryland Squash Championships and Awards Celebration. I love playing the game and it is an honor to have Wade Johnstone as our head professional at Baltimore Country Club. He is a skilled master of the game and true friend. Wade approaches squash as a competitor, manager and coach with the upmost professionalism. Greeting everyone with a smile, he is always ready to help. For my family, it is “icing on the cake” to be present when Wade is inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATIONS WADE!

In the photograph: Dan and his family – from left to right: Ford, Lindsay, Duke, Dan and Read



# Roland Park Country School

*Pictured: Roland Park Country School's Division II US Squash National Championship Team.*



Roland Park Country School was the first school to build its own squash facility – located at 2 Tower Lane in Roland Park. Pat Wong, RPCS Squash Coach, said, “The photograph of our 2021 national championship team is from the courts on the University of Pennsylvania where RPCS played at the US High School Nationals last February. It was an exciting well-earned moment for our girls. The new IAAM squash season begins on November 7. We plan to have 8 schools playing junior varsity and varsity squash in the IAAM league this year - Bryn Mawr, Garrison Forest, Notre Dame Prep, Park School, RPCS, St. Timothy's and St Paul School for Girls.”



The St. Paul's Ensign C. Markland Kelly Squash Center celebrated its 10 year anniversary this past spring with a pro/am event and ceremony commemorating a decade of squash at St. Paul's. The Squash

Center features 4 state of art international courts and an upper mezzanine area for viewing. The Squash Center was officially opened in October 2011, and since then, the squash programs for boys and girls have grown exponentially.

This fall, St. Paul's welcomed Mohamed ElSherif as the new Director of Squash. Elsherif, a PSA (World Tour) professional with over 10 years of experience, has coached top PSA players such as world #1 Nour ElSheribini and U.S. juniors who have been recruited by Stanford, Princeton and Columbia Universities. ElSherif emphasizes his belief in the value of squash as a team sport where team members train together, travel to tournaments together and support each other. Under Coach Mo, St. Paul's Schools (girls and boys) will expand its programs to enhance year-round lessons and clinics, with camps for beginner, intermediate, and advanced players.



*Mohamed Elsherif*





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# Navy Squash



*Team Photo for the 2021/2022 Season including Baltimore's own Ben Korn and Ryan York*

Squash has a proud tradition at the United States Naval Academy, located in Annapolis, dating back to 1948. Its history has consisted of 3 national team championships (1957, 1959, 1967), 35 All-Americans and 6 Intercollegiate Doubles National Championships (due in a large part thanks to the Baltimore doubles community for being a valuable resource in our preparations). Most recently, Navy has joined the first ever squash specific conference (the Mid-Atlantic) which has provided a sense of stability and the home to create and grow new rivals in our local area. Already Navy has produced 3 all conference members, including Baltimore native Ryan York this past season. This upcoming season is another opportunity for the program to continue to build upon its rich heritage and continue to uphold the tradition of squash success that has been cultivated by those alumni who have come before us. The season gets underway in November.

Two years ago, the Prager Family supported an entire facility renovation which included the construction of the only current all glass squash doubles court in the world. This court will hopefully be a pioneer in the continued evolution of the doubles game in the US, by greatly enhancing live stream and viewing capability, needed for the speed of the doubles game. We couldn't have been more grateful for the support we received in making this possible. Having the only court like this in the world has opened the door up to evening clinics and tournaments, which has allowed members of our greater community to try it out for themselves. Accessibility is something that the squash world is consistently trying to expand upon, and the hope is that these clinics can provide an opportunity for those in our area to play, learn, and enjoy the sport that we all love.

To keep up to date with all things squash at the Naval Academy, you can follow along via social media: Instagram @navymsquash, Twitter @navymsq, Facebook @navysquash

Tyler Osborne  
Naval Academy Head Coach





# JACK LUETKEMEYER



When approached by Calvert School to be the lead donor for the Calvert School Squash Courts, it was an easy decision. The School had acquired the last contiguous parcel of land adjacent to its somewhat new Middle School. It just seemed like a perfect complement to the changing world of squash.

Over the past seventy years, squash has been transformed from an elite sport to a very popular form of exercise, camaraderie, and competition. Meadow Mill Athletic Club was closing down with its sixteen international singles courts and two north American doubles courts, at a time when the sport was gaining popularity - especially among juniors. Calvert School has always catered to competitive students, so such a new athletic center fits hand in glove with the culture of the School.

As I reflected on all the sports I have played, I thought about how much I enjoyed squash, at the Maryland Club, the Baltimore Country Club and other places throughout the country, in tournaments and for fun. The intensity and conviviality of squash always reminded me of the cliché: “Sound Body and Sound Mind”. To me that slogan says it all about squash.

I built the squash courts to insure the highest value for Calvert School. Accordingly, Gordon Anderson of Anderson Courts (with thirty years of experience) oversaw everything. I only hope the kids, playing at Calvert, will get the same enjoyment I did from the game.

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Jack Luetkemeyer was a talented squash player and Maryland State Champion. He has been a generous patron of the game. Over the years, his philanthropy has enriched the lives of thousands of Marylanders – not just in squash but through his support and leadership of institutions like McDonogh and Calvert schools. Maryland Squash awarded Jack with the Maryland State Squash Distinguished Service Award for his many years of loyalty and friendship.

