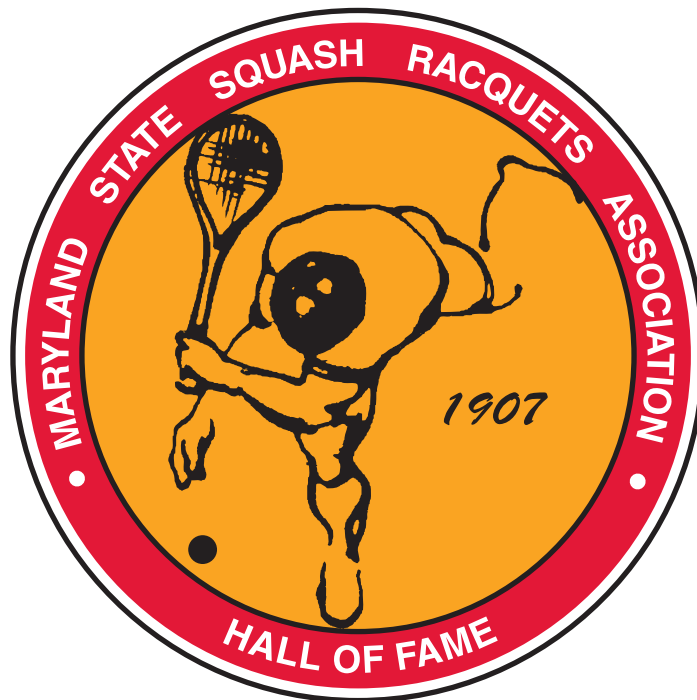


# Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



## 2018 Inductees

*Patrice McConnell Cromwell*

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*Mark Drake Talbott*

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# The Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



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## 1998

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Alexander B. Martin  
Tommy Schweizer †

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## 2003

Douglas C. Rice

## 2005

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## 2007

Patrick A.M. Miller

## 2008

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## 2011

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## 2014

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Albert C. Hubbard, Jr.  
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David Jonathan Rosen  
Lissen Thompson Tutrone

## 2016

Stanley H. "Scooter" Dorney  
Robert S. Travers  
John Voneiff, II

## 2018

Patrice McConnell Cromwell  
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## Letter from the President

Welcome:

On behalf of the officers and board of directors of the MSSRA, Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, now simply "Maryland Squash", I want to welcome you to the 2018 Hall of Fame presentation dinner celebration at the Maryland Club. Tonight we welcome five new inductees to the Maryland Squash Hall of Fame. I would like to congratulate Patrice McConnell Cromwell, James W. Zug and Douglas M. Hoffberger on this the occasion of their election and welcome their guests, friends and family who are here to support our honorees.

There are two inductees who could not be here tonight because of prior commitments. David and Mark Drake Talbott began their professional careers here in Baltimore during the 1970s. Dave especially, as Baltimore Country Club professional, had a big impact on the quality of play here in Baltimore. In fact, Dave gave our Nancy Cushman her first squash lesson at the Dietz Club in Belair, Maryland. Mark, who was hardly a teenager at the time, honed his game everywhere in town.

In addition, tonight we are making the first presentation of the Nancy Cushman Impact Award, an award that will be given to individuals who have made an extraordinary impact on squash here in Maryland and nationally. Fittingly, Nancy is the first recipient.

Please take the time to read about the Maryland State Hall of Fame, our 2018 honorees, and remembrances of the nine Hall of Fame members who have passed since the Hall of Fame was established in 1998.

I would like to recognize the Hall of Fame committee, headed by Bob Travers that includes John Voneiff, Bob Everd, Patrick Miller, Nancy Cushman, Jimmy Hense and Andrew Cordova for their efforts in selecting tonight's 2018 Class of Inductees and also for planning tonight's dinner. I would like to acknowledge the Maryland Club for being the host of tonight's celebration; and a big thank you to Andrew Cordova for all the time and work he has undertaken to make this evening memorable. Most of all, a sincere thank you to our sponsors and patrons whose financial support helped make this evening possible and all of you, friends and guests, here tonight to honor these great champions, to celebrate friendships made through squash and to promote the sport we love to play.

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## Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame

Squash remains a great amateur sport. Over the years, Maryland has had its share of champions. In 1997, the Board and Officers of Maryland State Squash and its membership, found it fitting to honor those who have exhibited extraordinary playing skills and dedication to the game of squash racquets. Robert S. Travers, Bob Everd, and John Voneiff were charged with forming the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and to begin the process of identifying candidates.

A nominating committee was formed, the historical record was investigated, and the membership polled to ascertain deserving nominees. Seventeen individuals were considered. Of these, one honorarium and seven Maryland State Squash champions were selected to be members of the First Class of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

The formal announcement was made, and all of the candidates introduced, at the Washington D.C. home of Ambassador William H.G. FitzGerald on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> FitzGerald Cup Matches, a tournament Ambassador FitzGerald established in 1948 to recognize exceptional playing ability and good sportsmanship between Washington D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland.

On that night, in recognition of his more

than fifty-year commitment to the game as a benefactor and accomplished player, officers of Maryland State Squash presented Ambassador FitzGerald with his certificate of election as the 1<sup>st</sup> Honorary Member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

All seven champions who made up the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame's 1<sup>st</sup> Class were officially elected and recognized individually on May 1, 1998, at the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament dinner and dance celebration held in their honor at Baltimore Country Club.

To date, including the 1st class, thirty-two members (five honorariums and twenty-seven Maryland State standout regional and national champions) have been chosen and presented their "Certificates of Election" during ten Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. This 2018 celebration, hosted at the Maryland Club, recognizes the extraordinary playing achievements of **Patrice McConnell Cromwell, Douglas M. Hoffberger, James Zug, Sr., and Mark and Dave Talbott.**

**Nancy Cushman**, elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame in 1999, is being additionally honored with Maryland Squash's first "Impact Award" hereafter presented in her honor.

# Patrice McConnell Cromwell



*David and Patrice*

In March 2010, the United States National Doubles Championships were hosted in Baltimore, Maryland for the twelfth time since 1940. Patrice and her sister, Alicia McConnell, played the women's forty division finals match at Meadow Mill Athletic Club, in the presence of a sizeable assemblage of cheering supporters. Patrice and Alicia emerged "2010 National Champions". That close-fought win against a great national team was a high point in a stellar amateur squash career that began in the 1970s, when Patrice was a talented junior competitor.

In 1980, as a high school senior, Patrice was selected to be a member of the U.S. Junior Team that traveled to Sweden to play in both the team and individual events. That year, the United States won its first World Junior Team Championship. Patrice went on to play [#2] on the Princeton women's varsity team. In 1983 and 1984 the Princeton team became national collegiate champions. For those two championship years, Patrice was junior and senior team captain.

She completed her college career ranked #6 and was selected as a member of the "All Ivy Team" (top ten players) in each of her four college years.

Patrice was born and raised in Brooklyn Heights, New York, not too far from the legendary squash mecca, Heights Casino, where she first learned to play. In addition to graduating from Princeton University in 1984, Patrice earned a degree from the Yale School of Management. While at Yale, Patrice was assistant coach of the women's varsity team.

Patrice has spent most of her professional career managing philanthropic enterprises and is presently a director at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Patrice and her husband David, a gastroenterologist, met at Yale. They were married in 1989 and relocated to Baltimore that same year, when David was invited to be an intern at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Patrice and David have three grown children – Caitlin, who lives in Montana; David who plays on the PSA Tour after graduating from Middlebury, where he was team co-captain; and Mae who is currently co-captain of the Amherst College team.

Patrice, teamed with her sister Alicia, has a notable national playing record in both women's 40s and 50s national championships as well other U.S.

Squash tournaments. Patrice was selected to play on the U.S. Can-Am Team – 1# in women's 55s, and was a Howe Cup team member and a (Washington DC vs Baltimore) Lacy Cup team member. In Maryland, she has twice been State Women's Singles Champion, Maryland State Woman Doubles Champion with Cecily Matthai, Mixed Doubles Champion with Peter George, and numerous times singles and doubles champion at Meadow Mill Athletic Club, her home club.

As a volunteer, Patrice has served as co-chair of Friends of Princeton Squash, Member of Women's Squash Revolution, supporter of Baltimore SquashWise, a squash and educational foundation for Baltimore youth, and was McDonogh School's junior varsity (2011-2013) and varsity (2013-2017) team coach.

Altogether, over the past four decades, Patrice has proven herself to be a prominent Maryland State and national champion who has moreover given meaningfully back to the game she has played so well.



*Alicia, Patrice and Family*

# Douglas M. Hoffberger



*Catherine and Doug Hoffberger*

For a champion who did not pick up a squash racquet until he was twenty-six years old, Doug has an impressive record of competitive accomplishments. Over the past decade, Doug has dominated squash at the Maryland Club where, beginning in 2003, he won eight “A” singles championships and eight “A” doubles championships. He was state singles champion in 2005 and state doubles champion in 2009 and state Veterans champion in 2015 and 2016. Nationally, Doug and his partner, Hall of Famer, Dave Rosen, were World Doubles champions in 2017 and United States national 40 + Division Finalists for four consecutive years, beginning in 2013. Doug won the prestigious William White and McCrory-Tully 40+ Division championship with Rob Whitenhouse in 2016, with Dave Rosen in 2017, and was a finalist in 2015. Doug is currently ranked Number 1 nationally in the Men’s 40+ Doubles Division by United States Squash.

Doug’s non-playing accomplishments are equally impressive. He was one of the founding members, and remains a board member, of Baltimore SquashWise, a local non-profit, dedicated to the educational advancement of

underprivileged Baltimore kids achieved through the disciplines required of squash. Doug has been a volunteer manager and generous patron of all Maryland State Squash events including two National Doubles Championships. For ten years, Doug was Chairman of the Maryland Club Squash Committee where, with assistance from Andrew Cordova, Maryland Club’s professional and Maryland State Squash Hall of Famer (2011), he created the Maryland Club Open, ensuring that professional doubles has a permanent home in Baltimore.

Outside of squash, Doug is past president of “Hoffberger Family Philanthropies”, a foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for those in need. He further serves on the boards of five other philanthropic foundations benefitting the welfare of Marylanders, including The Robert Garrett Fund for the surgical treatment of children.

Doug was born on April 18, 1972, and grew up in and around Mt. Vernon Square, in a townhouse not too far from the Maryland Club, where he achieved such a notable impact on the game of squash. Doug attended Gilman School until the eighth grade, is an honorary member of the Gilman Class of 1990, and is a graduate of the prodigious Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey. He received his diploma from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, in 1994, and earned his

MBA from the Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business.

Doug married the former Catherine van Ogtrop in 1996. Catherine and Doug have three children – Olivia, a senior at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who plans to attend Colorado College in 2018 and play lacrosse; Charlotte, a junior at Bryn Mawr School; and Henry, a seventh grader at Gilman School, who, unlike his father, is getting a head start in squash. Catherine points out they are a highly competitive family who enjoys being together and absolutely love to play all kinds of sports – baseball, tennis, paddle tennis, lacrosse, skiing, even ultimate frisbee, and of course, squash.

Doug has earned his place as an outstanding squash champion and a selfless advocate for the game within Maryland and throughout the United States.



# David Talbott and Mark Drake Talbott



Mark, Polly, Doc and Dave Talbott

Dave and Mark Talbott are from Dayton Ohio. They were raised in a house constructed by their grandfather in 1922 that included a built-in squash court with concrete walls. A ladder operated by a pulley was needed to enable the boys and guest players to climb into and out of the court. Their father, the late Dr. G. Douglass Talbott, who played on the Yale squash team (Class of 1946), was a top-ranked state and national champion. Dr. Talbott competed regularly with the great world champion Hashim Khan at the Detroit's Racquet Club, before Hashim relocated to Denver. Dave played in his first Junior Nationals when he was nine years old (at the time everyone under 18 years of age). The boys' first coach was their dad who everyone called "Doc". In those early Dayton days, no one imagined that Dave and Mark would, each in their own way, become two of America's greatest champions, coaches, and advocates of the game.

Dave, who gave Nancy Cushman her first squash lesson, is now in his 23<sup>rd</sup> season as Yale's varsity squash coach. He has built

the Yale team into a national powerhouse that since 1983 has won 83% of its matches. As a professional, Dave achieved the ranking of 12<sup>th</sup> in the United States and Canada. In addition to winning his share of professional events (singles

and doubles), Dave won the 1989 and 1990 World Professional Squash Associations Legends Championship. Dave spearheaded raising the money and oversaw the construction of Yale's incredible squash complex, considered one of the very best facilities in North America. Yale, with Dave heading up the program, has become a pivotal place in fostering the growth of collegiate and junior squash. Because of his telling impact on the ever increasing popularity of squash, Dave was awarded the US Squash President's Cup in 2006.

Dave's younger brother Mark is heralded as one of the all-time great professionals. With 160 professional tournament wins, Mark is the most titled American champion ever. He joined the World Professional Squash Association hardball tour in 1980 and was ranked #1 in the world for thirteen consecutive years – fifteen years overall. He was the PSA Player of the Year eight times, Olympic Athlete of the Year in 1991, '92 and '95, and was awarded the United States Squash President's Cup (US Squash's

highest accolade) in 1989. He was the Yale women's coach for seven years and over a three decades plus career has managed numerous intercollegiate and junior championship events. In 2000, Mark was inducted into the United States Squash Hall of Fame. In 2005, he initiated Stanford University's varsity squash program. He remains the coach; his son Nick, a touring professional, is his dad's assistant. His wife Michelle is a world class performing cellist and their daughter Maya is a third year medical student at Duke.

There was a time, however, when the Talbotts lived in Baltimore and had a notable bearing on the game in Maryland. Dr. Talbott and his wife Polly moved to Baltimore in 1972. Dr. Talbott was one of the first to concentrate his medical practice on "recovery from addiction". Doc Talbott joined the Roland Park Racquet Club that was founded by John Riehl and Bob Voelkel and eventually acquired by Nancy Cushman, leading to the founding of Meadow Mill Athletic Club. Dave remembers playing everywhere – Baltimore Country Club, Maryland Club, Hopkins, Downtown Racquet Club, and the Dietz Club, usually with the people he refers to as the "keepers of the sport" – his dad, John Riehl, Bob Voelkel, Bob Everd, Haswell Franklin, Jim and Joe Lacy, Jim Hense, Joe Fitzpatrick, John Minkowski, Bobby Travers, John Voneiff and Tommy Schweizer remain familiar names. "I would pick up my brother Mark, who was only in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, every Tuesday and Thursday", Dave reminisced,

“and we would go to Annapolis and play the whole Navy team.”

In 1977 Dave became Baltimore Country Club’s squash professional. Mark was often at the BCC destroying the egos of members who considered themselves top-notch players. Dave especially had a credible influence on raising the skill level of just about all of Baltimore’s tournament players. Along the way, he won a state championship (the only one he entered). Dave declined to sign up for state events in order to give others a chance to get their names on the boards. “Baltimore,” Dave explained, “is a big part of our family’s story. My wife Ann and I lived at the old Gun Club in Monkton. Our daughter went to St. Paul’s. I played a lot of left wall at

Meadow Mill, BCC and Maryland Club, and made a ton of friends. In many ways, Baltimore was our start as professionals. All and all, Mark and I, and our whole combined family, have been very fortunate.”

In 1975, Doc Talbott and Polly left Baltimore and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Doc founded the Talbott Recovery Center. “The TRC” Dave deferentially points out, “is my father’s big legacy”. The Talbott Recovery Center has saved, and continues to save, thousands of lives”. Doc also established the Southeast Squash Racquets Association for US Squash. In 1979, Dave moved back home to Detroit to become the professional at the Detroit Athletic Club, where he and Mark were very involved in

getting the World Professional Squash Association underway. “Mark”, Dave proudly re-counts, “was just starting-out on his incredible rise to becoming the association’s greatest star.

That, of course, was forty-years ago. Dave and Mark continue to be actively involved in squash; their great ride is a long way from being over. But for this occasion, the 2018 celebration of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, Maryland is grateful that Dr. G. Douglas Talbott and his wife Polly came to Baltimore in 1972, even if only for a few years, and brought along their two sons, David and Mark, who made a lasting mark in Maryland that propelled both brothers into their standing as worldwide legends in the game of squash racquets.

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## Alexander B. Martin



**The last first Hall of Famer from the Class of 1998 – Sandy Martin** was just about a generation younger than the other six inductees of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame’s first class – May 1, 1998.

Sandy who won his first [A] state doubles championship in 1973 rose to be the greatest state champion of his generation. He would go on to be Maryland State doubles champion ten times and Maryland State singles champion six times. When the Maryland Club regularly invited professionals or nationally ranked amateurs for a doubles exhibition, Sandy Martin would always stand in as one of the two right siders. He had a spinning double boast from both sides of the court that would reach the opposite side wall, a foot or so from the front of the court, then kiss the front wall dropping softly to

the floor barely inches from the tell-tail for a sure winner. Although many tried, no one else has been able to duplicate this signature shot. It was just one weapon from his very deep basket of winners. In 1975, Sandy teamed up with Tom Poor of Boston and began to play nationally. Over two decades he amassed the best national championship record of anyone ever from Maryland, a record that still stands. Tom Poor, US Squash Hall of Famer, once complemented his national partner saying: “Sandy’s court awareness, arsenal of shots and canny choice of them may only be over shadowed by his innate ability to back up his partner. He knew instinctively where to be for every point of every game in every match. He can make a fair partner look good and a good partner great. I never really appreciated this until he was no longer there.” Heart issues and old sports injuries have kept Sandy off the competitive court for the better part of a decade. But when he was on top, Sandy’s racquet skill was nothing less than magical.

# James W. Zug *By James Zug, Jr.*



*Jim Zug Sr. and Jim Zug Jr.*

Growing up, my father played a lot of soccer. As center midfielder on Princeton's soccer team, he was selected as an All American (second team) after the Tigers won the Ivy League title his junior year.

But squash became his lifetime sport. He picked it up at Merion Cricket Club when he was fourteen and switched from basketball to squash at Episcopal Academy his sophomore year. He eventually played No.2 in the EA team and won the Philadelphia & Districts junior tournament his senior year.

His freshman year at Princeton he was still young enough to enter the National Juniors, which he did for the first time over the winter holidays in 1959.

Unseeded, on the Ringe Courts at Penn, he beat Ralph Howe in the semis and then Bob Hetherington in the finals 13-16, 15-10, 15-7, 15-12. Sports Illustrated put him in its Faces in the Crowd segment but ran Hetherington's photo. Someone wrote a letter to SI saying, "The plug for Zug was the wrong mug."

That was the first of his nineteen U.S. national titles. He earned two National Doubles victories in 1972 and 1973. Unseeded,

he grabbed the 50+ hardball in 1991, taking six hard-fought matches in less than three days. I talked to him the next day and he said could barely get out of bed to go to work. For hardball singles, he also won the 55+ hardball singles in 1996; 60+ in 2003 and 2004; the 65+ in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; the 70+ in 2013 and 2015 and the 75+ in 2017. In doubles, he also captured the 50+ in 1991; the 55+ in 1996 and the 65+ in 2008. He also notched three World Doubles titles.

But Dad's greatest wins might have been in tournaments he ended up not capturing: he toppled Henri Salaun in five in the Massachusetts states, with his fiancée and her mother in the gallery (Niederhoffer won the tournament); and in the 1963 U.S. Open he stunningly upset the defending champion Azam Khan 15-14, 9-15, 10-15, 15-9, 15-6 in the opening round (he lost the next morning to Charlie Ufford). The victory of Khan earned him another Faces in the Crowd appearance, this time with the correct photo.

He taught me tennis, golf, paddle, skiing, sailing, soccer—all these sports we have done together for almost a half century. But most of all squash. When I was thirteen, he started taking me to Merion late on Sunday evenings and we'd hit crosscourt volleys to each other for hours. He's always been a supportive coach, training partner and mentor. He often sends short notes with advice: one I have is on the back of a Maryland Club form: "Don't get mad—

concentrate." "Depth—work on it; notice it."

We have played in the Father & Son a half of dozen times and won the century draw there twice—all special memories. He now coaches his grandchildren and sends them notes of advice. He is still going strong at age seventy-seven. Last year he reached the finals of both the hardball and softball National Singles and he still plays in the Philadelphia doubles league in the fall and the winter, usually facing players half his age.

Baltimore was an amazingly fertile and fun sojourn for Dad. Like his father he went to Harvard Business School and then worked his entire career at Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers). In 1986 Coopers transferred him to Baltimore. and for seven years he ran the Baltimore office. With an empty nest, he and my mother got deeply involved in local civic affairs. Dad was on the board of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Walters Art Museum and Goucher College. He chaired the Fund for Educational Excellence for Baltimore's public schools, the Academy of Finance and the Private Sector Advisory Committee for the governor. He was also president of the U.S. Jesters at the time.

He played squash at the Maryland Club and won a slew of MSSRA titles: A singles in 1989; the 40+ singles in 1989, 1990 and 1991; the 50+ singles in 1991 and 1992; the A doubles in 1990 with Patrick Miller; the 40+ doubles in 1988 with

## **James Zug (continued)**

Charlie Fenwick, Jr. and in 1991 with A.C. Hubbard; and the 50+ doubles in 1993 with Peter Wolff. He also won the BIDS four times.

He is, as he sometimes jokes, the real Jim Zug. He's right. And I couldn't be prouder.



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The Officers, Board of Directors and Membership of Maryland State Squash are truly grateful to all of you who, over the years, have been so generous to Squash in Maryland. Your underwriting of twelve National Doubles championships, a host of US Squash men's and women's singles championships, professional events, Maryland State championships, SquashWise and numerous National Juniors Bronze, Silver and Gold Championships is testimonial to your enduring support. On this, the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Maryland State Squash 2018 Hall of Fame celebration, we must say it one more time – thank you one and all!

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**THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2018**



# Nancy Cushman



*Nancy and Grandson, Logan*

On November 5, 2017 Meadow Mill Athletic Club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That evening, Kevin Kllipstein, President and CEO of United States Squash presented U.S. Squash's prestigious President's Cup to Nancy Cushman, founder and proprietor of Meadow Mill. The President's Cup is the highest U.S. Squash accolade given to an individual. Nancy is the 47<sup>th</sup> recipient. The President's Cup is presented in recognition of extraordinary and substantial contributions to the game of squash. It is a decoration given in appreciation for one's service to the game, thousands of U.S. Squash members, and, in fact, anyone who plays squash in America.

In addition to Nancy, five other great players and stewards of the game, who have lived in Maryland and have had a consequential impact on United States Squash, are recipients of the President's Cup. They are: Anthony G. Rytina – 1974; Margaret K. Riehl -1981; Mark and Dave Talbott - 1989 and 2006 respectively; and Paul Assaiente - 2003. But no individual born and raised in Maryland has had a greater influence on the advancement of squash in Maryland, especially junior squash, then Nancy Cushman.

Ironically, it is only by chance that Nancy chose squash as a game she would learn to play. Her first choice was tennis, but Nancy wanted to do something that would provide a good physical workout during the winter months. Nancy was born and raised in Harford County, Maryland where she told a good friend and neighbor she was looking for a local tennis facility. Her friend suggested she take a look at the nearby Dietz Racquets Club and consider squash instead. In the early 1970s, Dr. Paul and Kay Deitz built a squash court adjacent to their home in Belair, Maryland. The Dietz Squash Club became the crucible for many of Maryland's future standout players and the site of Maryland's first soft ball championships.

Nancy walked into the Dietz Club one day in 1974 to learn what squash was all about and found herself hitting the ball around the court with Kay Dietz. "It wasn't pretty", Nancy remembers, "but I loved it." Nancy took her first lessons from Dave Talbott. Within a few years, she was one of the top women players at the Dietz Club, outplaying most of the men. Seeking broader competition, Nancy joined the Racquet Club in Roland Park, founded by John Riehl and Bob Volkel. At the Racquet Club, she honed her game along with some of the standout regional women players: "Mary McGuirk, Linda Denton, Lauri Steiff, Margaret Riehl, Joyce Hogan, and Mary Brooks", Nancy remembers, "were some of the best.

By 1985, when Nancy and her husband Frank purchased the Racquet Club, Nancy had become one of the best women players

in the United States, competing throughout the country and compiling a national championship record. As much as Nancy enjoyed competition, her true passion was teaching the game to others, most of all - juniors. In 1985, with the exception of a few small programs at private clubs in Washington D.C. and Baltimore, there was virtually no organized junior squash in Maryland. Nancy set out to change this.

In 1992, Nancy and Frank, with the help of other patrons like Ken and Anne Katz, founded Meadow Mill Athletic Club in the old London Fog Company's vacant warehouse building along the Jones Falls river. Meadow Mill Athletic Club became (and remains today) the largest commercial squash facility in the United States. In an era when the squash powers-to-be were still advocating for the continuation of hard ball singles, Nancy undertook an enormous gamble. With the exception of two North American doubles courts, all of the singles courts at Meadow Mill would be international courts.

Many, at the time, doubted that such a club, dedicated to international squash, could be successful. The doubters, of course, were long ago proven wrong. One fact is crystal clear - Meadow Mill Athletic Club became, and remains, the home of junior squash in Baltimore and the reason all of Baltimore's private schools, and even some local colleges, have instituted squash programs. Meadow Mill is the primary reason so many nationally ranked juniors hail from Baltimore. In terms of numbers, about 1,000 juniors play squash at Meadow Mill and

## Nancy Cushman (continued)

eighteen schools run their junior varsity and varsity programs on Meadow Mill's sixteen courts. Meadow Mill Athletic Club was moreover the genesis of Baltimore SquashWise, an educational based curriculum for underprivileged kids grounded in the disciplines required of learning to play squash.

Of course, Nancy didn't do all this by herself, but her faithful dedication over the years and love of the game is responsible for a very big part of it. From time to time, Maryland Squash and U.S. Squash have endeavored to

acknowledge her immense impact. In 1981, Nancy was presented with U.S. Squash's Feron's Wedgwood Sportsmanship Trophy; in 1995, she was awarded U.S. Squash's Achievement Bowl; in 1998, Nancy was presented the Maryland State Squash Bob Everd Outstanding Achievement Award; in 1999 she was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame; in 2014 and 2015, Nancy was voted one of the "Top 50 Most Intriguing, Interesting and Influential People in Squash" by Squash Magazine; and finally, last March, U.S. Squash presented Nancy with its highest

honor, the President's Cup.

This year, the officers and board of governors of Maryland Squash created the "Maryland State Squash Impact Award". Nancy Cushman is its first recipient. It is fittingly presented to her at the 2018 Hall of Fame presentation ceremony. Thereafter, from time to time, the Maryland State Squash Impact Award will be bestowed, in Nancy's name, to those who have excelled in an extraordinary way as a player and as a lifetime benefactor to the game of squash racquets in Maryland and nationwide.

## 2018 United States National Doubles Championships



Two members of the Maryland State Hall of Fame won their respective division championships hosted at Cynwyd Club, Bala Cynwyd, PA – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



**Douglas C. Rice** (Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame – Class of 2003) and his partner Tim Griffin of Lathrup Village, MI won the 60+ Division in three straight games against defending champions Andrew Nehrbus of PA and Christopher Gould of NY. In the third and final game, Rice and Griffin found themselves behind 7 to 14 and managed to fight back and win the game and the 2018 - 60+ National Championship.



**Lissen Thompson Tutrone** (Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame – Class of 2014) and her partner Kathryn C. Grant won the 40+ Division. Lissen and Kat dominated their division; they did not lose a single game in their three matches that earned Tutrone and Grant their second 40+ National Championship. Lissen is a four time National Champion.

***Congratulations to Doug Rice and Lissen Tutrone  
Two great (state and national) Maryland State Squash Hall of Famers.***

## In Remembrance

Since the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame was founded in 1998, nine of its members have passed away. Following is a brief remembrance of each of these remarkable champions.



**William H.G. FitzGerald**, United States Ambassador to Ireland and generous philanthropist, especially to the games of United States Tennis and Squash, was himself an outstanding player in both

sports. After attending the Severn School in Maryland, he entered the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1931. Bill left the Navy in 1934 to enter Harvard Law School; but in 1941, when the United States entered World War II, he returned to the Navy as a member of the Submarine Service. The annual FitzGerald Cup, a squash competition among the best players from Washington D.C. and Baltimore, founded by the Ambassador in 1948, was thereafter held in his honor. ,first among the 1<sup>st</sup> Class of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

Ambassador Fitzgerald passed away on January 5, 2006.

1<sup>st</sup> Hall of Fame Class - 1998



**George L. Doetsch**, beginning in 1949 with his partner Bill Lamble, won thirteen consecutive state doubles championships. Doetsch and Lamble seemed unbeatable throughout the 1950s and

first-half of the 1960s. In 1972, George and Bill won the National Senior Doubles Championship. Like many of Baltimore's early squash luminaries, George learned to play at the Baltimore Athletic Club located across Charles Street from Penn Station. The building is now part of the University of Baltimore.

For more than twenty years, George and others officers of the United States Squash Racquets

Association promoted North American Doubles and refereed tournaments around the country. George authored the original doubles rulebook. He was team captain of the first American/South African and Australian matches, Chairman of U.S. Squash Referees, President of Maryland State Squash, and President of the American Jesters Club, an international organization dedicated to the management, promotion, and enhancement of racquet sports throughout the world.



**Eugene F. X. O'Connor**, who graduated from Loyola College in 1947, was the youngest son of former Maryland Governor Herbert R. O'Connor. Gene was a ceramic chemist who also learned to play squash at the

Baltimore Athletic Club. He quickly became a standout competitor, winning multiple state titles in hard ball singles and North American doubles. In 1975, Gene won the National Senior Doubles Championship with his partner, and fellow Hall of Fame member, Tommy Schweizer. Gene was one of the few national hard ball champions who embraced the international game and in 1985 won the National Seniors Soft Ball Championship. James J. Lacy Jr., himself one of Maryland's greatest champions, said in his remembrance of Gene, "He had the most raw talent of anyone I ever played against."



**James J. Lacy, Jr.** played basketball for Loyola College. During his four years at Loyola, beginning in 1946, Lacy scored more points than any other college basketball player in the United States, a record that

stood for fifty-five years. Jim played #1 on the Loyola tennis team for all four of his college years and was additionally a Maryland State Tennis Champion. He was a six-time Maryland State squash singles champion and won twelve

state doubles championships, eight with his brother Joe. He was ranked #1 in national doubles for three years in the Veteran's division and three year as a senior. Jim was the first person elected to Loyola University's Hall of Fame, is in the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame and, in 1998, Gentleman Jim, as he was known to be called, was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.



**Joseph J. Lacy**, Jim Lacy's younger brother is the only player in the history of Maryland State Squash to win the Open, Veteran's, and Senior's doubles championships in the same year – 1984. Over

a span of twenty-one years, Joe won the state doubles championship thirteen times with five different partners – eight times with his brother Jim. As a team, Jim and Joe Lacy (both lefthanders) were never defeated in a state tournament. Nancy Cushman, a fellow Hall of Famer, and proprietor of Meadow Mill Athletic Club, said when referring to an imperative playing quality "Always be a good sport." Nancy might as well have been talking about Joe Lacy. From the mid-1960s through the 1970s, tournament squash in Maryland was spoken of as the "Lacy years".



**William E. Lamble Jr.** was Maryland's most titled state singles and doubles player. He won for the first time in 1945. Beginning in 1947, Bill captured the Maryland State squash singles championship

nine successive years – ten times total. Bill won his first Maryland State doubles championship in 1946 with Jack Morrison. He won in 1947 and 1948 with the talented Frank Gould, founder of the Gould Cup Matches. In 1949, Bill teamed up with big George Doetsch. Between 1949 and 1965, in addition to a myriad of club and regional titles, Bill and George were Maryland State doubles champions thirteen times and national

champions in 1972. At his memorial service in April, 2007, his wife of forty-two years, the former Florence Garth, reflected on her husband's success in tennis, golf, and squash. "Bill always had confidence in his ability to overcome any odds. Even as he aged and his skills declined," Flow continued, "he played with the heart of a champion."



**Tommy Schweizer** left the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant in 1946 and moved to Baltimore to work for the Equitable Trust Company. It was in Baltimore that Tommy discovered the game of squash

at the Baltimore Athletic Club. He became the Maryland State singles champion in 1955 but fell in love with the game of squash doubles in which he excelled. Between 1972 and 1984 Tommy won a plethora of regional and national titles with six different partners. He won the Canadian nationals in 1973 and 1974 with Newt Mead of Philadelphia. Tommy and fellow Hall of Famer, Gene O'Connor, won the United States Senior Championship in 1975. In 1984, Tommy and Newt Mead teamed up once again to win the national championship in the newly-created Masters division. Along the way, Tommy volunteered to manage local and national tournaments, was president of Maryland State Squash, and Chairman of Squash at the Maryland Club.

(2001 Class - Honorarium)



**George Diehl Mateer Jr.** was one of the leading squash players in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. He is the only amateur player to have won two U.S. Open squash titles (1955 and 1959).

He also won three U.S. National Singles titles between 1954 and 1960 and a record eleven U.S. National Doubles titles between 1949 and 1966. He was runner-up at the U.S. national doubles championship on nine other occasions - three times with his son Gil who is also a

Maryland State Squash Hall of Famer. In 2001, Maryland State Squash elected Diehl as an honorary member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame in recognition of his steadfast support of Maryland State Squash. Diehl competed in twenty-two Baltimore Invitational Doubles tournaments, including eight national championships played in Baltimore. He was a friend, player, volunteer, and patron of squash in Maryland for more than thirty years.

(2005 Class)



**Jervis Spencer Finney** had a killer reverse corner from the left side of the court in singles and doubles squash. He used that shot effectively to win both the United States and Canadian national (55 Division)

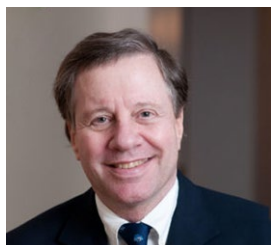
championships with his partner and fellow Hall of Famer, Al Weaver, in 1985. Jerve was introduced to squash while at Harvard Law

School. He went on to play locally in Maryland where he won state championships in singles and doubles. Between 1980 and 1990, Jerve and Al won twelve U.S. National Doubles tournaments. Jerve, who served on the Board of the Maryland Club and was a President of Maryland State Squash, became a noteworthy advocate of the game in Maryland and nationally. For his playing skills and volunteer contributions, Jerve was invited to become a member of the American Jesters Club.

Among other accomplishments, Jervis Finney was a Maryland State senator, Managing Partner of Ober Kaler Law Firm, United States Attorney appointed by President Gerald R. Ford, and general counsel to Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. Two weeks before his passing, on April 9, 2017, Jerve played in his regular Tuesday doubles game at the Maryland Club. Jerve and his partner, Reed Knox, won the match.

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## T. James Hense Wins the Brauns Award



No one ever question Jimmy's playing ability. He has been the state doubles champion in every division he has entered and much the same can be said for

singles. He has also earned a distinguished national championship record primarily with his longtime partner, John Voneiff. In recognition of his record of play, Jim was elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame – Class of 2005. But before that, in 1996, Jim was presented Maryland State Squash's Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award. Only seventeen volunteers have received the Achievement Award since its establishment in 1993. It is an accolade that recognizes the most faithful stewards of the game in Maryland. More recently, Jim was awarded US Squash's W. Stewart Brauns, Jr. Award that

acknowledges his lifetime of administrative volunteer commitment to the game of squash racquets. Kevin Killipstein, President and CEO of US Squash, presented the Brauns trophy to Jim on the occasion of Meadow Mill Athletic Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Since the early 1970s, Jim has been a strong advocate for the advancement of women's and junior squash as well as moving from hardball singles to the international game. Jim served as longtime US Squash's Chairman of the National Juniors and he was additionally Chairman of the INSILCO Tournaments that introduced thousands of D, C and B level men and particularly women to competitive squash. Despite crippling health issues that have kept Jim off the courts for the better part of a decade, he remains an active contributory volunteer for the advancement of junior squash in Maryland. Jim is a member of the United States American Jesters Club.



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# The Maryland State Squash Robert Everd Outstanding Achievement Award



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

2005 — Robert S. Gaines, Sr.

1994 — Sam Silber

2005 — Vaughan E. Schmidt

1994 — Tommy Schweizer

2007 — Margaret Riehl

1995 — Haswell Franklin, Jr.

2008 — Bob Everd \*

1996 — T. James Hense

2016 — Andrew Cordova

1997 — Robert H. Hicks

2016 — Paul Dietz

1998 — Nancy Cushman

2016 — Kay Deitz

1998 — Frank Cushman

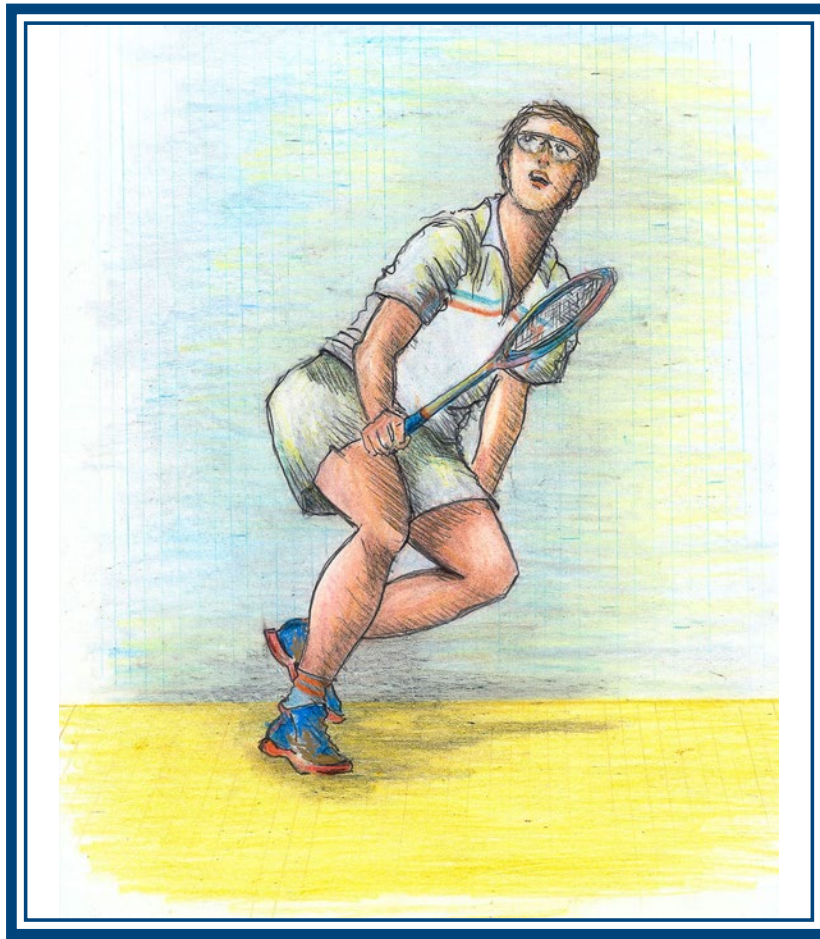
2016 — Peter Wolff

2002 — Robert S. Travers

2017 — Peter Heffernan

2002 — John Voneiff

*\* 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.*



## Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame

### 1907—2018 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.

