

2019 APTA Board Meeting

Hall of Fame Nominating Committee

Mission Statement: Induction into the Platform Tennis Hall of Fame is the highest award that can be earned in platform tennis. It is presented to individuals who have achieved truly exceptional results in the play of platform tennis and/or have made truly exceptional contributions to the growth, development and leadership of the game. Recipients have also demonstrated a high level of integrity, sportsmanship, and consideration for others and thus earned the respect and admiration that they deserve for their endeavors in platform tennis. The HOF committee seeks input from the entire platform tennis community to identify candidates who meet this criteria.

Accomplishments: The committee is pleased to announce the nomination and induction of a very deserving candidate this year. The induction ceremony into the Platform Tennis Hall of Fame was held at the 2019 APTA Nationals at the Fox Chapel Golf Club in Pittsburgh. There are now 89 members of the Hall of Fame.

- 1) Michael G. Stulac is this year's class of 2019 Hall of Fame Inductee. Hall of Famer Tim McAvoy delivered the induction speech. Mike is the first Canadian to be inducted into the APTA Platform Tennis Hall of Fame.
- 2) Pittsburgh's three Hall of Famers (deceased) "Wooley" Birmingham, Pam Bermingham and Phillip Osbourne were also honored at this year's ceremony in a brief tribute delivered by Steve Baird.

Goals:

- 1) Continue to identify truly exceptional players and exceptional leaders worthy of the HOF recognition.
- 2) Expand outreach to APTA membership for HOF Nominations.
- 3) Celebrate the history of the game at Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. Partner with Curator Christi Hays and Virtual Museum Chair Jo Rogers.

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