

## Honors Received

- 1992 USPTA Midwest Division “Individual Coach of the Year” award.
- 1993 USPTA Midwest Division “35 & Over Playing Professional of the Year”
- 1998 USPTA Midwest Division “Ohio Professional of the Year” award.
- 1999 USPTA Midwest Division “Midwest Professional of the Year” award.
- 1999 Tipp City “Business of the Year” award presented by the Tipp City Chamber of Commerce.
- 2000 USPTA Midwest Division “Midwest Facility Manager of the Year” award.
- 2003 Flagler College Alumni Association “Professional Achievement Award”. This award is given out once a year to the alumni that shows outstanding professional achievement in their profession.
- 2004 USPTA Midwest Division “Men’s 45 and Over Playing Professional of the Year” award.
- 2006 USPTA Midwest Division “Men’s 45 and Over Playing Professional of the Year” award.
- 2010 OVTA “Howard Dredge Award” given to the person in the OVTA that has done the most to grow the game of tennis.
- 2016 Tipp City Chamber of Commerce “20 Years of Outstanding Service” award.

## Contributions to the USPTA

- USPTA Elite Professional. USPTA member # 10196. Became a USPTA member in 1989. 28 years of service, all in the Midwest Section.
- Southern Ohio District Vice President 1990, 1997
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- Attended 2 USPTA Midwest Division Board Meetings as District President in 2000 in Indianapolis.
- Organized and Played in 2 Southern Ohio District Pro Events at Schroeder Tennis Center in 1998 and 1999. 16 USPTA and non USPTA Pros attended each. Played doubles and held a district meeting afterwards.
- Held USPTA Tennis Across America Day from 1995 to 2005. Many of these were held at Schroeder Tennis Center to promote tennis to the surrounding communities.
- Organized and held 2 USPTA Southern Ohio District meetings each year in 1997, 1998 and 1999. One of the things we talked about was holding some Mini Conventions in our district.
- Organized and started 2 USPTA Mini Conventions in Southern Ohio District and held them at Schroeder Tennis Center. One in August 1997, and one in August 1998.
- Served on USPTA Midwest Nominating Committee in 1998, headed by Jorge Capestany.
- Captain of 1992 USPTA Midwest Division National Team for National Convention held in Tucson in Sept 1992. Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Played on the USPTA Midwest Division National Team in 1991, 1992, and 1993.
- Wrote article for USPTA Midwest Connection for October 1992 issue. Article was about 1992 National Convention and Midwest team.

## Contributions to the USTA

- President of the Dayton Area Tennis Association, the local arm of the USTA, from 1990 to 1998. During that time ran at least 3 local meetings a year and ran the DATA Local Junior Qualifier, the tournament for juniors to qualify into the OVTA district tournament.
- Organized and attended USTA Umpires Clinic in Dayton in January 1992 . Purpose was to certify area USPTA pros and others at all local clubs so that we would have certified umpires on hand during junior tournaments run by the DATA at the local clubs.
- Head Coach and Administrator of the USTA Dayton Area Training Center from 1991 to 2000. Organized ATC, selected players, and coached center at various locations around the Dayton Area.
- USTA Midwest Section National Zonal Coach from 1991 to 1999. Head Coach for 6 of those years. Oversaw the Midwest National team of 30 junior players, 14 & under division, playing at various locations around the country, including Asheville, Indianapolis, Houston, Ft Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, etc.
- USTA Verifier from 1991 to 2000. Ran many local verifying clinics to get new local players a rating so they could play in USTA Adult League.
- As a USTA Verifier went to OVTA District Adult League Championships from 1991 to 1999 at various tournament locations throughout the OVTA.
- Lifetime USTA member. Member # 329224. Member since 1970.
- Have started and ran over 125 USTA junior and adult tournaments at the clubs I have worked and at other locations in the Dayton area since 1990.
- Have played in well over 250 USTA sanctioned junior and adult and senior tournaments since 1971, in Baltimore (my home town), Florida, Ohio, and a throughout the country.
- Captained and played on USTA Adult League Men's Open Teams from 1990 to 1994 playing out of Dayton Center Courts.
- Captained over 20 USTA Adult League Teams of various levels, playing out of Schroeder Tennis Center from 1997 to 2017.
- Attended 3 meetings a year of the OVTA from 1998 to 2000 as Dayton Area Delegate.

## Other Contributions and Achievements

- About 9 years ago I started focusing on 10 and under tennis, sparked by the USTA Midwest Section, Chad Docktor, Jim Amick and their program Midwest Youth Team Tennis. I attended the MYTT Workshop and Summit in Indianapolis and Columbus 6 or 7 times and used that info to build the program in my area. Everything is run through my CTA and all my work as administrator and coach is volunteer. I have 7 locations of MYTT now in local parks and are getting many young players started. I have used many of those ideas to grow the 10 and under program at my club, following up on the summer MYTT programs with play days, classes and leagues. I fully embraced the new 10 and under program with all the different balls and court sizes. According to Jim Amick of the USTA I was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> in the state of Ohio to put down painted blended lines on my courts and our programs for 10 & under players has grown substantially, primarily because the kids are more successful and having more fun.
- Getting Junior High School Tennis going in my area has been a big goal of mine for a long time. I felt there was still a big gap between the 10 & under programs and High School tennis. Very few school districts in our area had Middle School Tennis. Very often we would get young players started in tennis and then once they got to Middle School there was no tennis team and so they would sign up for the Cross Country team or the Volleyball team because they wanted to play a sport. Then many times they would stay with that sport in high school, and tennis had lost them forever. This was one reason many local high schools were hurting for players and 3 local schools lost their teams altogether because they did not have enough players. A couple years ago I was finally able to get some Middle School teams started, basically as a club sport with no cost to the school. To do this I would offer a free middle school tennis class that I would teach at my club and advertise it at the schools. This was a big help getting new middle school players playing and enabling some schools to field a team. This past spring of 2016 I started a tennis team at Tipp City Middle School. I was the volunteer coach and we had 18 players the 1<sup>st</sup> year. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and I will have over 48 players that have signed up to play on the

team! I am involved with starting 3 more Middle School teams this spring at Sidney Jr High, Vandalia Butler Jr High, and West Milton and I am looking forward to keep it growing!

- Probably the most difficult thing I did and something I would look at as a contribution to tennis would be when I built Schroeder Tennis Center in 1996. It was a dream that I had 40 years ago and something that I used to joke about with my friend and tennis buddy Jeff McDaniel back in my college days, never thinking it would ever happen. Kirk Anderson and I were at the 1994 USPTA National Convention and we were talking about our clubs we were working at and future ideas and Kirk said “Why don’t you build your own club.” That conversation got me thinking and two years later Schroeder Tennis Center was built. I expanded in 1999 and expanded again in 2014. This past November the club celebrated 20 years in business. There has been some very tough days and some scary times. Because of the demographics at my club we were hit especially hard by the recession in 2009 and just started recovering 2 years ago. But the good days far outnumber the bad ones and I am looking forward to the next 20 years!