

**To:** USPTA Midwest Hall of Fame committee

**From:** Jorge Capestany

**RE:** Bud Schroeder

I am happy to write this reference letter for **Bud Schroeder** to be in the USPTA Midwest Hall of Fame.

I have known Bud for many years as an active member of the tennis community.

Bud and I both served as Zonal coaches for the Midwest in the first 3 years of the programs existence.

Bud lived his dream of opening a tennis club and unlike most tennis pros, he actually accomplished it with the opening of Schroeder Tennis Center in 1996.

Bud has been active in the USPTA as the Southern Ohio President 3 for years

Bud has also been involved as described below:

- USTA ATC Head coach 10 years
- Played High School and College tennis and many USTA tournaments.
- Won USTA Midwest Section Men's 35's and 45's.
- Ranked top 3 nationally in USPTA men's singles 3 times.
- USTA National Zonal Coach 7 years.
- Spoke at 2 Midwest USPTA conventions.
- Spoke at USPTA national convention.
- Served on USTA Midwest section Jr Rec committee.
- Served on USTA National Seeding committee for 2 years.
- Has started and runs 6 sites of Midwest Youth Team Tennis (MYTT) for the past 7 years, getting over 1,200 kids started in tennis.
- Started 3 Jr High tennis teams at local schools in the past 2 years, and working on getting 3 more programs off the ground this year.

Thanks,

Jorge Capestany

January 19, 2017

As the Director of Sales, Industry Relations and Client Services, I would like to offer my support for the induction of Bud Schroeder into the USPTA Midwest Hall of Fame. I have had the privilege of working with and getting to know Bud over my eleven years as an employee of the USTA/Midwest Section.

The mission of the United States Tennis Association, governing body of tennis in the United States, is to grow tennis participation to all levels and abilities. Bud has consistently helped to increase tennis participation at the grass roots level. Over the past seven years he has planned, promoted, started and run six sites of Midwest Youth Team Tennis (MYTT). These programs have resulted in over 1,200 youth being introduced to tennis.

Bud's interest in growing tennis participation continued in 2016 with the formation of a new Jr. High League in his area. As a volunteer coach in the league, Bud continues to grow the league and is looking to add three more teams to the league in 2017.

The countless numbers of volunteer hours that Bud has dedicated toward youth programs, assemblies and events have been recognized by both the Ohio Valley Tennis Association and the USTA/Midwest Section.

Since building and operating Schroeder Tennis Center in 1996, his vision of making this facility the focal point of tennis in the community; offering new tennis programming; play opportunities and community engagement are just a few of the ways Bud has introduced an immeasurable number of players of all ages to tennis.

It would be an honor to attend Bud's introduction into the Midwest Hall of Fame this August in Mason.

Sincerely,

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Letter of recommendation for Bud Schroeder  
January 19, 2017

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for including Bud Schroeder into the USPTA Midwest Division Hall of Fame. I worked side by side with Bud while we were at the same club in Dayton, Ohio. Bud was and is a very accomplished player and even a better teacher of the game. He connected exceptionally well with students of all ages and ability levels.

Bud is one of the very few people in the country who was willing to take huge risk and go from a club pro to a club owner. All of us would like to have control of our destiny and Bud was all in to take the risk and financial burden so he could build a club that would allow him the freedom to share his love for the game on his terms.

Bud Schroeder did what others only dream about and took charge of his tennis career. As a result, he has been able to make a huge impact on the lives of people in his community, and has been instrumental in growing and expanding tennis through schools and high school teams in the Dayton area.

The Hall of Fame should be based on excellence as a tennis professional and Bud has lead by example and has walked the walk to make an impact on the lives of thousands of people in his long and very successful career. Bud is on my very short list of teaching professionals I would choose to work with my children and grandchildren. He is the example and role model we should recognize in our USPTA Midwest Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

Kirk Anderson

January 20, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

If only every community had a tennis enthusiast like Bud Schroeder. Over the past 20 years he has been the driving force for the growth of tennis, not only in Tipp City and Greater Dayton, Ohio, but in many other communities that he may not even be aware of.

I got to know Bud at a National USTA Area Training Center Conference in 1996 in Key Biscayne, Florida where we were assigned to be roommates. During the conference, he described to me how he was in the process of building and opening a new indoor tennis club in Tipp City, Ohio. This was something I had often thought of doing, but had no idea how to get started. It has to be one of the hardest things a teaching pro could do. Bud planted the seed and encouraged me to go for it.

Since that fortunate meeting, Bud proved to be an invaluable colleague and mentor in many ways. He shared his business plan with me, arranged for me to meet with his builder to learn about the building process, advised me on the advantages, disadvantages and operation of a domed facility and provided countless other insights. I'll never forget him saying: "Once you start building your club, something will come up nearly every day that will make you want to give up, just keep going."

As it turns out, he was right, but I was ready. In 2004-05, I built and opened my own indoor club, New Albany Tennis Center, in New Albany, Ohio. We are now in our 11<sup>th</sup> indoor season. My club and all of the amazing success of so many of our tennis players would most likely never have happened if it were not for all of the support from Bud.

Since opening in 2005, I knew I could always call Bud about indoor club operations and he would have already figured out the best solution. Our conversations expanded to cover programming and community tennis and what was working well for him and for me. If there were any new USTA programs worth starting in New Albany, Bud was probably already doing them in Tipp City. We consulted each other about Midwest Youth Team Tennis, Area Training Centers, Junior Team Tennis, starting school teams, USPTA activities and my involvement as a USPTA Board Member for Columbus, Ohio.

I often receive phone calls from tennis enthusiasts all over the Midwest about how to go about building a "bubble." Like Bud, I do everything possible to help them grow the game wherever they are. There is a good chance they are the Bud Schroeder for their community, just getting started, just needing someone to plant the seed and provide encouragement to take the next step.

It is with great enthusiasm that I support the nomination and acceptance of Bud Schroeder into the USPTA Midwest Hall of Fame. His many contributions to community tennis in the Midwest, both highly visible in Tipp City and behind the scenes in many other communities, has had a tremendous impact on the growth and success of our sport and will last for years to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Kobelt, USPTA

Owner, New Albany Tennis Center, New Albany, Ohio

