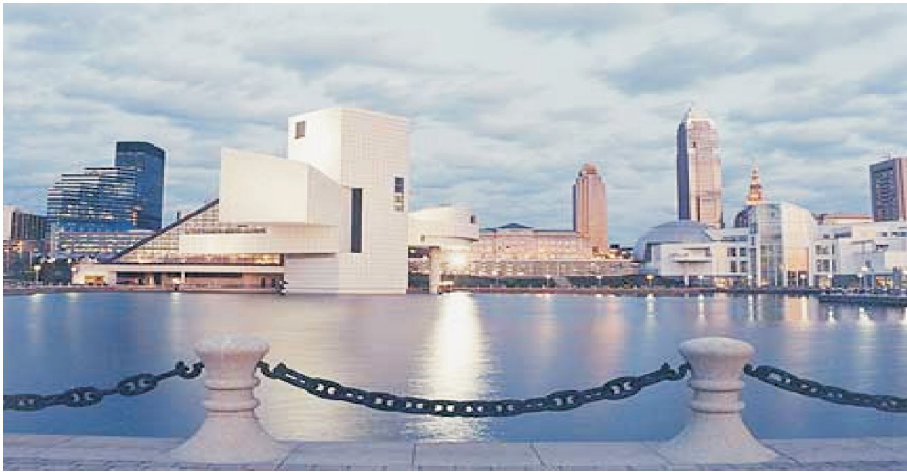


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TO PADDLE TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS:

The Greater Cleveland Platform Tennis Association (GCPTA) is pleased to have been selected to organize the 2004 American Platform Tennis Association's National Championships to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in March, 2004! This will mark the first time the competition will return to the mid-west since Cleveland last hosted the event in 1993. The GCPTA sought to hold this tournament here, not only because we wanted Clevelanders to see the world's best players exhibiting their skills, but also because we hope that we can show our visitors the vitality of Cleveland, its people, and its first class facilities.

We hope you'll agree to get involved in the community in which you live and/or do business by supporting our effort. The information herein will describe the event in more detail and outline available sponsorships. Of course, with an event of this magnitude, we're also looking for volunteers to help run the event. Please contact Maureen Hole at (216) 283-5197 or Brian McCreary at (440) 343-3063 if you are interested in volunteering.

A total of four tournaments will be played, including a Men's and Women's National Championship and Men's and Women's Presidents Cup. The matches will involve more than 300 contestants from throughout the United States and Canada.

We hope you share our enthusiasm and choose to be a part of these championships as a sponsor, volunteer, player, host or spectator.

Cheers,

The GCPTA Tournament Committee

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GOLD PATRON.....PRICE \$1,000

- * Name displayed on signs in Paddle Hut
- * Advertisement - full page ad in program
- * Two tickets to Saturday evening party
- * Invitation to all Mens & Womens receptions and events
- * Commemorative paddle

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- * Mentioned in program
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- * Company name & logo displayed on Womens President's Cup favor
- * Name on letterhead and entry forms
- * Advertisement - full page ad in the program
- * Four tickets to Saturday evening dinner
- * Invitations to Womens reception Wednesday evening and party on Thursday evening
- * Commemorative Paddle

SPONSOR OF THE MENS PRESIDENT'S CUP.....PRICE \$3,000

- * Name on sign on and off court
- * Company name & logo displayed on Mens President's Cup favor
- * Name on letterhead and entry forms
- * Advertisement - full page ad in the program
- * Four tickets to Saturday evening dinner
- * Invitations to Men's reception Thursday evening and party on Friday evening
- * Commemorative Paddle

SPONSOR FOR WOMENS OPEN - MAIN DRAW.....PRICE \$3,000

- * Name on one sign on and off court at each Club
- * Company name on Main Draw tournament favor
- * Name on letterhead and entry forms
- * Advertisement - full page ad in the program
- * Four tickets to Saturday evening dinner
- * Invitation to Womens reception and party Friday evening
- * Commemorative Paddle

SPONSOR FOR MENS OPEN - MAIN DRAW.....PRICE \$3,000

- * Name on one sign on and off court at each Club
- * Company name on Main Draw tournament favor
- * Name on letterhead and entry forms
- * Advertisement - full page ad in the program
- * Four tickets to Saturday evening dinner
- * Invitation to Mens reception and party Friday evening
- * Commemorative Paddle

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**THE GREATER CLEVELAND
PADDLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
2004 NATIONALS**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3rd

7:00 PM Women's President's Cup Registration & Reception
The Cleveland Racquet Club

THURSDAY, MARCH 4th

9:00 AM Women's President's Cup
Various Clubs

7:00 PM Men's President's Cup Registration
&

Women's Open Registration & Reception
The Cleveland Racquet Club

FRIDAY, MARCH 5th

9:00 AM Men's President's Cup
Various Clubs

9:00 AM Women's Main Draw
Various Clubs

7:00 PM Men's Open Registration & Reception
The Cleveland Racquet Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th

9:00AM Men's Open
Various Clubs

9:00 AM Women's Semis & Finals
The Cleveland Racquet Club

7:00 PM Dinner Dance
The Country Club

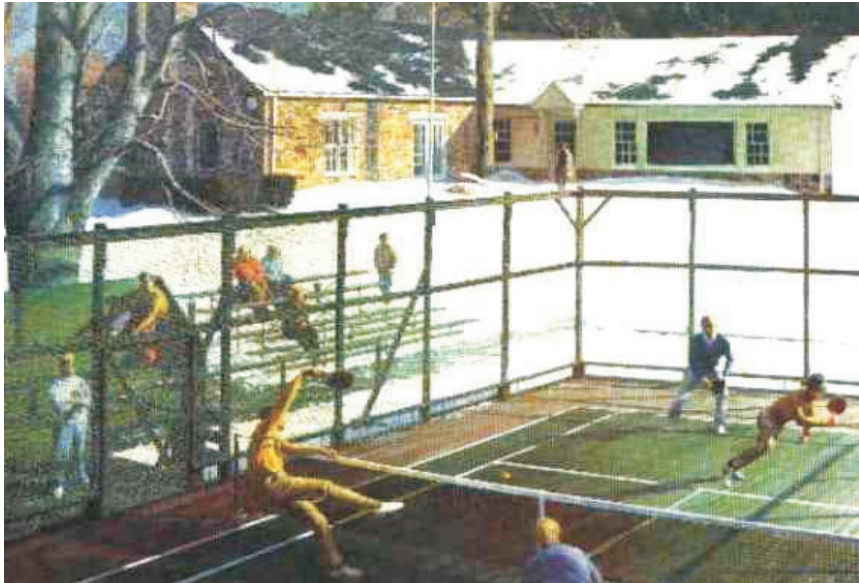
SUNDAY, MARCH 7th

9:00 AM Men's Semis & Finals

the Cleveland Skating Club's 50th anniversary. Walt brought the Nationals to Cleveland again in 1993 after an eastern committee decided they weren't up for the task. He also brought three Senior Mens National events here in 1990, 1996 and 2000.

In 1988, Walt reorganized and renamed Cleveland Tournaments, Inc. into what is now The Greater Cleveland Platform Tennis Association and he served as its President for 12 years. The purpose of this organizational move was to bring together the tournament committees and interclub organizers into one functioning entity. Today, Brian McCreary and his wife Beth keep this group together.

The history of Cleveland Paddle could not be complete without acknowledging the contributions of the nationally ranked players of John Brownlow, Scott Rogers, David Lowe, Dan McLaughlin, Gordon Newell, Anne Kline, Ruth Sadler, Dick Haverland and Dud Humphrey. Chet Kermode heads the list of men including David Dickenson, Dick Haverland and John Brownlow who have won National titles in the 45's, 50's, 55's, 60's, and 65's, winning seven titles and being inducted into the Platform Tennis Hall of Fame in 1998.



PARTICIPATING CLUBS

Acacia Country Club



Canterbury Country Club



Chagrin Valley Athletic Club



Chagrin Valley Country Club



Chagrin Valley Hunt Club



The Cleveland Racquet Club



The Country Club



The Cleveland Skating Club



Kirtland Country Club



Mayfield Country Club



Shaker Heights Country Club



The Wembley Club



PRESIDENT'S CUP

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The President's Cup was established in 1978 in order to create a national competition for amateur paddlers. Platform tennis had begun to be increasingly professionalized, especially in the East, and good regional players were losing interest in this type of competition. Increasingly, separate regional tournaments were held for these non-professionals (defined as not nationally ranked.) Each Region held its own qualifying tournament to determine which four teams from its Region would be sent to the President's Cup.

Initially four Regions competed:

Region I: Downstate New York, New Jersey, Connecticut (Fairfield County)

Region II: Massachusetts through Maine, Connecticut

Region III: Pennsylvania and Southeastern states

Region IV: Mid-United States and Pittsburgh

They participated in a "round robin" tournament with the #1 team from each Region playing its counterparts from the other Regions. The #2, #3, and #4 teams had comparable "round robins" and the Region which scored the most victories received the sterling silver President's Cup.

From 1978 to 1981, this competition remained a two-day event. In 1979, players from the West Coast, Region V joined the competition.

In 1982, the format of the President's Cup changed, when it became a one-day tournament immediately preceding the National Championships. The top regional players could travel in for the Cup, then enter the Nationals. At the same time, the APTA abolished distinctions between amateurs and pros, allowing each Region to select its strongest teams for the Cup.

The Women's President's Cup was established in 1983, with three regional teams competing.

In 1984, a sixth Region was established – Region IV (upstate New York and Canada.) To accommodate players from the six Regions without exhausting them the day before the Nationals, a modified scoring system was devised.

Wooden courts were replaced by aluminum and the Cleveland Invitational evolved into the prestigious "Masters" tournament. National Champions Jennings/Steele, Fitzgibbon/Irvine, and Chip/Steve Baird dominated the early Masters Championships, and in the eighties, Steve Baird and Rich Maier won the Masters, continuing the tradition of bringing the best players in the world to Cleveland. The Women's Masters was making a name for itself too through the wins of National Championship teams like Hilary Hilton/Louise Gengler and Wendy Chase/Linda Wolf.

In 1975, a Senior Masters, including teams from other cities, was inaugurated and conquered by Jim Kline and Bill Gunton. The next year saw the arrival of the first professional event, which was sponsored by Tribuno Beverage. Passport Scotch sponsored another professional tournament in 1976, but professional paddle quickly ceased its association with the Masters. The Masters continues to attract the very best paddle teams to Cleveland for its annual National Ranking event.

Paddle tennis in Cleveland was certainly growing, but still lacked a city championship until Bill Nook and Walter Dimling founded the Cleveland Cup in 1977. The Men's Championship was unique in the respect that five different teams won in the first five years of play. In the eighties, the Cleveland Cup was dominated by the team of Dick Haverland and Dud Humphrey, the number one ranked team in the the Midwest region and 8th nationally in 1983. The joint effort of the Cleveland Skating Club and Higbee's Department Stores produced the Higbee Cup Women's Championship that same year, with the support of Bonne Bell, Inc.

In 1984, Cleveland Tournaments, Inc. under the direction of Dick Haverland, brought the APTA Open Nationals back to Cleveland for its second appearance here. Dick and his committee changed the look of the National Championships forever with the hosting of a week-long party involving several social events for both men and women and a serious party on Saturday night. Just three years later, in 1987, Cleveland again hosted the Nationals under the direction of Marilyn and Walt Peckinpaugh as part of

HISTORY OF PLATFORM TENNIS “PADDLE” IN CLEVELAND

Platform tennis made its debut in Cleveland shortly after World War II when the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club built the first courts. Even with the arrival of Witherbee Black, the 1940 National Champion from Rye, New York, could not stir the interest in “paddle”, so the facility faltered from neglect until 1968 when two new courts were built and the “modern era” of platform tennis began. Members of the Hunt Club then arranged a paddle exhibition and clinic featuring four top ranked players from the East, Roger Lanckenau, Don Miller, Oliver Kimberly and Dick Squires. Members of all east side clubs attended the exhibition and from cooperative relationships, paddle began to gain momentum in Cleveland.

A most important contribution to the growth of Cleveland paddle was the decision by John Bernet, Carrington Clark, David Dickenson and Will McFarlane to create a major platform tennis event in Cleveland. Along with Dick Taylor, Bob Bartholomew and Jack Turben, these men served as the directors of Cleveland Tournaments, Inc., The non-profit organization created to support major paddle events in Northeast Ohio.

Oliver “Kim” Kimberly and Jesse Sammis, each national champions with other partners, defeated Cleveland’s first nationally ranked team (6th) of David Dickenson and Carrington Clark in 1970 at the Cleveland Invitational. The Men’s event continued to be held annually and 1972 saw the birth of the Women’s Invitational with Peggy Stanton and Charlotte Lee establishing themselves as perennial National Champions.

The spring of 1973 brought the Mens National Championship to Cleveland and away from the metropolitan New York area for the first time in 40 years of paddle. John Mangan and Bob Kingsbury were the champions and Cleveland Tournaments, Inc. Had accomplished its goal -- the very best platform tennis was being played in Cleveland.

MENS PRESIDENT’S CUP

WINNERS:

Year	Location	Winner
1978	Montclair, NJ	IV
1979	South Euclid, OH	IV
1980	Paoli, PA	I, IV (tie)
1981	W. Newton, MA	I
1982	Allendale, NJ	I
1983	New Canaan, CT	IV
1984	Cleveland, OH	IV
1985	Scarsdale, NY	III
1986	Scarsdale, NY	I
1987	Cleveland, OH	IV
1988	Rochester, NY	III
1989	Scarsdale, NY	III
1990	Chicago, IL	III
1991	Philadelphia, PA	III
1992	Long Island, NY	III
1993	Cleveland, OH	V
1994	Scarsdale, NY	III
1995	Montclair, NJ	I
1996	Rochester, NY	I
1997	Pittsburgh, PA	V
1998	Chicago, IL	V
1999	New York, NY	IV
2000	Rochester, NY	III
2001	Summit, NJ	IV
2002	Long Island, NY	IV
2003	Philadelphia, PA	III

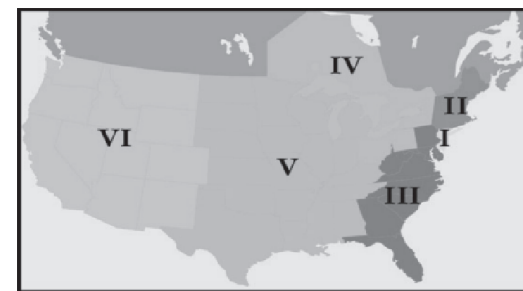
WOMENS PRESIDENT’S CUP

WINNERS:

Year	Location	Winner
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1983	New Canaan, CT	IV
1984	Cleveland, OH	IV, V
1985	Scarsdale, NY	IV, V
1986	Scarsdale, NY	IV, V
1987	Cleveland, OH	IV, V
1988	Rochester, NY	IV, V
1989	Scarsdale, NY	III
1990	Chicago, IL	II
1991	Philadelphia, PA	I
1992	Long Island, NY	III
1993	Cleveland, OH	V
1994	Scarsdale, NY	III
1995	Montclair, NJ	III
1996	Rochester, NY	IV
1997	Pittsburgh, PA	V
1998	Chicago, IL	V
1999	New York, NY	V
2000	Rochester, NY	III
2001	Summit, NJ	I
2002	Long Island, NY	I
2003	Philadelphia, PA	I

Regions

The APTA divides North America into six regions of play:



Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Region V	Region VI
New York, New Jersey, Connecticut through Fairfield County	Connecticut (North of Fairfield County), New England & Upstate New York	Eastern Pennsylvania & South along the Atlantic	Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Western New York & Ontario, Canada	Midwest	West & Far West

HISTORY OF THE PLATFORM TENNIS

HALL OF FAME

Introduction 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 distinction in the play of platform tennis and /or who have otherwise contributed to the growth, development, and administration of the game through the Association. Recipients have also demonstrated a high level of integrity, sportsmanship, and consideration for others and thus earned the respect and admiration for their endeavors in platform tennis.

The award was originally established as "The Honor Award" by the APTA Board of Directors in 1965. Between 1965 and 1979, 33 individuals were honored. The program was not administered from 1980 to 1991. It was revived in 1992 when three honorees were inducted at the National Championships held on Long Island.

In 1993, the presentation was made at the Annual Meeting of the Association at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club in Scarsdale, New York. In 1995 three honorees were inducted at the National Championships at the Montclair Golf Club. In 1997 the presentation was made at the National Championships in Pittsburgh, and in 1998 four honorees were inducted, one at the Senior Nationals in Scarsdale, New York and three at the National Championships in Chicago. In 1999 three honorees were inducted at the National Championships at the New York Athletic Club on Travers Island.

The Hall of Fame Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to include past Presidents of the Association, former Hall of Fame inductees, and past and current Directors of the APTA.




HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM TENNIS

HALL OF FAME

- 1965 Fessenden S. Blanchard, James K. Cogswell, Jr., Kenneth Ward, Earl Gatchell, Mrs. T. Edmund Beck, James Hynson, Mrs. Percival Fuller, Clifford Couch, Charles O'Hearn, Richard K. Hebard
- 1966 Harold Holmes, Fred Walker, Charlotte Lee, Don K. Evans, Mrs. William Koegel, Mrs. C. H. Walker, James Carlisle
- 1967 John A. Stephenson, Clifford S. Sutter, Walter Close
- 1968 Oscar Moore
- 1969 George Harrison, William Pardoe
- 1970 Alexander Carver, Mary Moore, Mrs. Ronald Carroll
- 1972 Philip W. Osborne
- 1973 Gordon S. Gray
- 1974 Richard J. Reilly, Jr.
- 1976 John R. Moses, Mrs. William Wasch
- 1979 Eldredge L. Birmingham, Peggy Stanton
- 1992 Charles Baird, Nancy Mangan, Lucie Bel McAvoy
- 1993 Robert A. Brown
- 1995 Bradley C. Drowne, Hank Irvine, John P. Ware
- 1997 Pamela M. Birmingham
- 1998 Yvonne Hackenberg, **Chet Kermode**, Hilary Hilton-Marold, Jack L. Watson
- 1999 Mrs. W. Bradford Briggs, Steven W. Baird, Richard K. Maier
- 2002 B.J. DeBree
- 2002 Robin Rich Fulton
- 2002 Paul G. Sullivan
- 2003 Dick Squires, Don Kingsbury



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