

Builders of the Viewpoint Tennis Club

In 2012, with the help of the Awards & Recognition Committee (Ron Stewart, Pat Stewart, Ann McLeod, Sharon Smith and Duane Dehne) and a task team of long term members of our club (Ruth Nelson, Al & Helen Salloum, Lee & Larry O'Hare, Harold Moss, Dick Johnson, Jean Wheatley, Ed DeWald, Nancy Nicola, Don Foley, Cyrene Moore and Betty Dawson) 35 of our members were selected as Builders of the club and worthy of being recognized at our annual end-of-season dance and their names inscribed on a plaque mounted at the East Courts. These names were submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee.

Al Salloum

Joined in 1986; one of Founders of VPTC; President of VPTC; 3.0 team captain; started past presidents' dinner; started (with his wife Helen) the Valentine's Sweetheart tournament at Viewpoint. Along with Joe Carijuana (Sunland Village) and Ted Ryan (Apache Wells, then Viewpoint) started the East Valley Tennis League in 1979.

Michael Brampton

Joined in 1987; Sunday tennis coordinator; coached many teams; paid professional.

Bill Dolan

Joined in 1988; team captain over 6 years; court maintenance for 10+ years; instigator for 3+ team; VP & President, EVSTL President.

Ken Andrews

Joined in 1988; did ball machine maintenance for 10 years; in charge of court washing for 10 + years.

Tom Rucker

Joined in 1988; team captain; chef; court scheduler for many years.

Judy Dehne

Joined in 1988; non-player; worked in kitchen; looked after team shirts; cooked for in-park tournaments.

Duane Dehne

Joined in 1988; team captain many years; helped with team shirts many years.

Dorothy DeCelles

Joined in 1988; coordinated food for all Saturday events.

Ruth Nelson

Joined in 1989; team captain 6+ years; kitchen duties; club historian; Secretary and President VPTC; active participation in Spring Fling Shows.

Don Foley

Joined in 1989; ran casino night for years; team captain for 4+ years; captain and coach for 2.0 team for 3 + years; inspirational player.

Dick Johnson

Joined in 1989; President; team captain many years.

Ralph Bell

Joined in 1989; Vice-President; club engraver; in charge of sound systems; filmed all Spring Flings.

Wally Dawson

Joined in 1990; responsible for building black jack tables; helped create Breakfast in the Desert event; court maintenance.

Betty Dawson

Joined in 1990; team captain 6 + years; helped create Breakfast in the Desert event; ran round robins for years; helped distribute Court Courier & directory.

Garnet Hammer

Joined in 1990; VP & President; team captain 3 years; helped rewrite by-laws.

Edna Stewart

Joined in 1991; first Treasurer of VPTC...so early that she in fact kept all funds in her purse!

Bill Moore

Joined in 1992. team captain; co-organizer of Stars group & Star coordinator for 3 years; made coffee for all teams for 4 years; in charge of buying and distributing balls for all teams.

Cyrene Moore

Joined in 1992; co-captain 3 years; worked on directory for 7 years; editor for the Court Courier (early tennis newsletter) with Clare Feiereisel for 3 years; helped to start Star Group & in 2011 was Viewpoint liaison (along with Roger Vigland) for East Valley plus 75 league.

Russ Eldridge

Joined in 1992; oldest player; taught many his 6 different serves.

Marcine Williams

Joined in 1994; team captain; coordinator of Star Group adding 3.0 to the mix; directed many of the Spring Flings.

Jean Wheatley

Joined in 1994; team captain; team coach at all levels; inspirational player.

Nancy Nicola

Joined in 1994; President, VP and Treasurer; President of EVSTL; scheduler for EVSTL for 15 years; captain; wrote original captain guidelines and end of season tournament guidelines; on committee for self-rating; special recognition as an outstanding Builder in 2012.

Larry Warnke

Joined in 1995; team captain; VP & President; tireless work on player statistics, rosters and team logs; support to teams (even other East Valley teams) to use computer programs for team matches; supported by wife Patty who has looked after sale of team shirts for years.

Jerry Gowan

Joined in 1996; father-in-law was Russ Eldridge; 1.5 coordinator and coach for 5+ years.

Al Colter

Joined in 1999; liaison and coordinator with tennis pro; coached many teams; on self-rating committee.

Dale Bowen

Joined in 1999; VP & President; scorekeeper & trainer for years; team captain; "pediatrician for all the geriatrics"; along with wife Pat hosted many tennis functions; captain and coach for 1.5 team.

Doug Korver

Joined in 1999; tireless work on court maintenance; made all coffee pot holders and cup holders.

George Peck

Joined in 1999; team captain for 6+ years ; Treasurer and scorekeeper for many years.

Bev Latrace

Joined in 1999; currently 1.5 coach and has done for years; Star Group social chair; supporter of all levels; contributes a lot "behind the scenes".

Ed DeWald

Joined in 2002; VP & President; team captain; coach for 1.5 & others; involved in creation of website; scores matches tirelessly; worked on self-rating guidelines; special recognition as a Builder in 2011.

Judy DeWald

Joined in 2002; kitchen coordinator for many years and still going strong.

Jerry Farr

Joined in 2001; team captain for 6+ years.

Judy Farr

Joined in 2001; VP & President; huge contributor to fundraising events (Sunshine Acres) & organizer of Casino Night for many years.

Bobby Oakley

Joined in 2005; has worked tirelessly on court maintenance and new construction projects.

Larry Beres

Joined in 2006; helped Marcine Williams with Stars in '07 & '08 and coordinator of Stars since then; involved with new website.

2013 Builders**George Carson**

George joined the tennis club in 1998. He lobbied vigorously for a non-competitive group that was to play outside of league. He did not start the Stars Group but his vision was exactly what Stars has become. George is a perfect example of how a great club evolves; someone brings forth a new idea, the idea is fine-tuned and our Club becomes better for it.

Tom Barton

Joined in 2006. Tom has been tireless in helping maintain our courts and equipment. He has initiated many ideas to improve our courts, such as designated golf cart parking, bike stands and painting. He updates our website, responds to on-going requests and is the go-to person for maintenance of the wind screens.

2015 Builder**Ralph Sharp**

Joined in 2004. Since then, he has made incredible contributions to our Club including his role as president, past president, rating of new members, member of PPAC, team captain and VP of the EVSTL. He has shown extraordinary involvement and commitment to our Club, has played tennis at a high level from 1.5 to 4.0, and has been a truly visionary leader. He once said: "I hope I get to play this game long enough so I have a chance to play 1.5 again!"