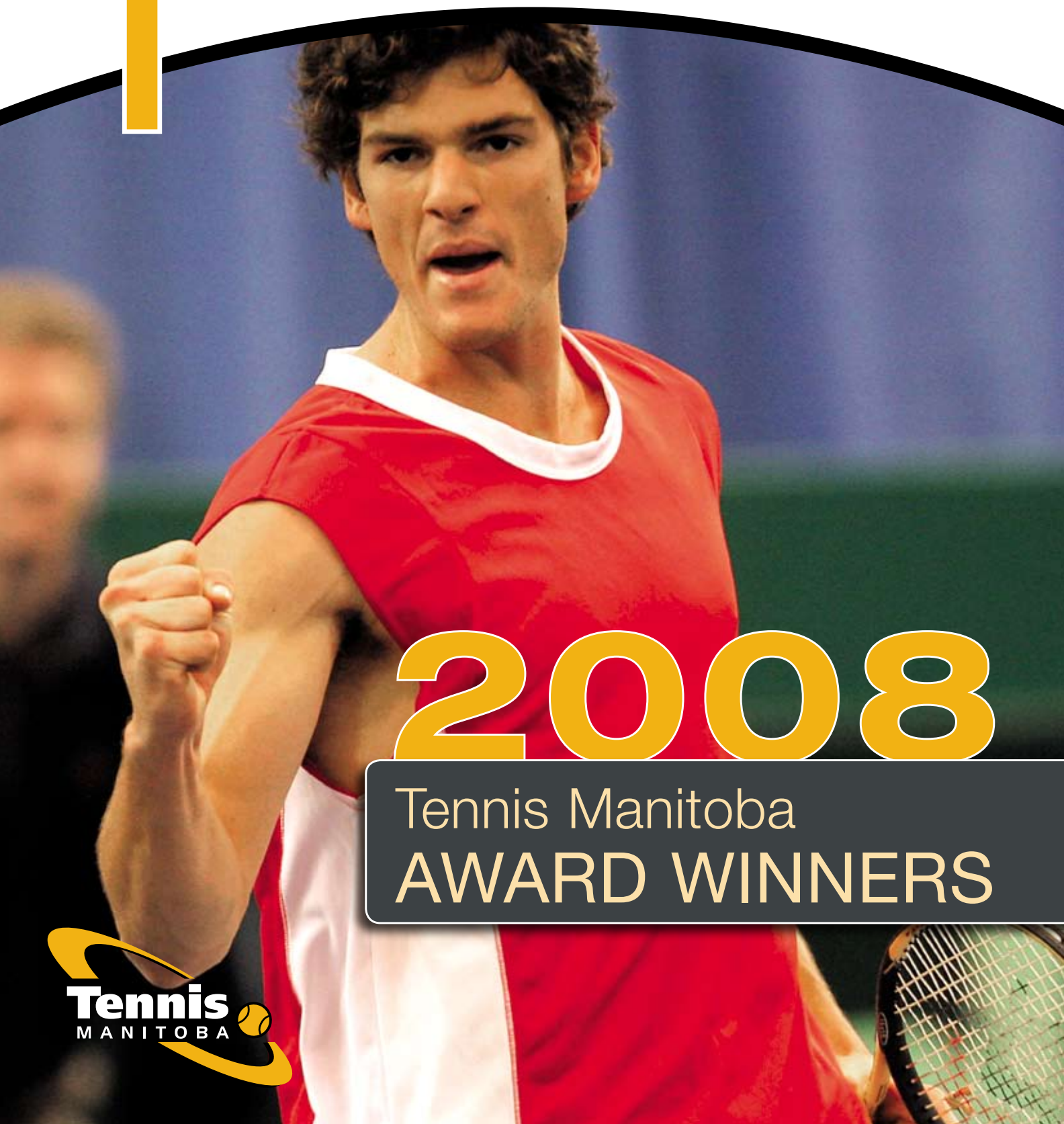


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## Lynette Hamid

VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR

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### When and how did you become involved in tennis?

"I don't have a long history with tennis. I saw a league flyer two years ago and my daughter wanted to join. I had never played tennis before, but giving back to the community is important to me, so I asked if there was somehow I could volunteer. When they told me I'd make an awesome coach, I laughed at first. But then I set my mind to learning and I've been getting better ever since. I think I do a pretty good job!"

### What's your proudest moment as a tennis coach?

"That's easy! Three of the kids I coach got tennis scholarships for fitness or education. They had to write an autobiography, attend regular matches, and maintain a B average in school. They did it all with no help from me. When they got their scholarships, it was an amazing moment, one of the best in their lives. I thought, Wow! This is really worth it, doing what I do."

### How did you feel when your fellow coaches nominated you as best coach?

"I just couldn't believe my peers had chosen me! Here I was, with just two years experience in tennis, and yet they saw something in what I was doing as a volunteer coach. It was a proud moment, and a humbling one, too."

### What message would you give non-players about tennis?

"I'd say, if you get the opportunity to play, do it. Not only is it a great way to stay fit, it will teach you and your kids so many great skills that apply to life as well. Unlike other sports, you don't need much to play. A racquet, a ball, a wall and you're set!"

### How has your experience with tennis been as a mom?

"I still remember the day my daughter hit that 'sweet spot'. The look on her face was like, wow. You could see how much she loved learning and playing tennis, how much she was getting out of it. That was a really great moment for me as a mom."

### How has tennis impacted your family's life?

"Tennis is a family affair. My 11-year-old daughter plays, I coach and my husband also started coaching in 2007. Tennis has become the thing we do as a family on Sunday afternoons. It's really brought us all much closer together."

### How important is health and nutrition to you as a mom?

"Keeping my family healthy and happy means everything to me. Staying active and eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes nutritious milk products are also important to me personally, so I can be there for my kids and go out and do things with them. Besides coaching tennis, I also work as a yoga and fitness instructor, so my healthy lifestyle reflects my livelihood."

### What values do you think tennis instills in young players?

"Coaching lets me see the values kids acquire from the game on a daily basis. They're learning fair play, hard work, team skills and honesty, on and off the court."

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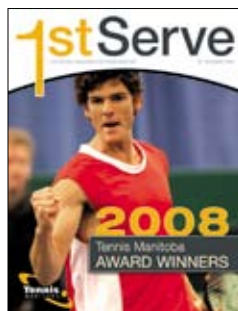


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Frank Dancevic, Top Canadian ATP Player  
Photo courtesy of Tennis Canada

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Jim Millican  
Tennis Manitoba President



It's my pleasure to welcome you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Manitoba Tennis Hall of Fame celebration and induction ceremony. It's the time of year on the calendar when our tennis community comes together to recognize the achievements of the top players and volunteers in the province and remember the long history of the game in Manitoba.

Tennis is strong and growing in Canada with close to two million regular participants across the country and we contribute to that statistic through grassroots play on public courts, school participation, recreation and competitive play at community tennis clubs across the province and through year-round programs at dedicated private tennis facilities.

As we look back, 2008 has been a great year for tennis in Manitoba both indoors and outdoors. Manitoba's Lee Carter showcased his great skill and competitive fire at the Paralympic Games in Beijing and finished the year ranked #1 in wheelchair singles in Canada with a win at the Birmingham National Wheelchair Championship. The Manitoba Open boasted the highest quality of play and the greatest number of out-of-province players in recent years and the Tennis Manitoba supported schools programs showed continued growth bringing new recruits who will become our future stars into the game.

A special welcome to our guests from the national and international world of tennis. Frank Dancevic, Phillip Bester and Ellis Ferreira brought us an exciting and entertaining tennis exhibition of the highest caliber earlier today. Thanks to the volunteer board of Tennis Manitoba and our dedicated staff for their efforts, skills and support. Congratulations to tennis players across Manitoba at all levels who enjoyed personal bests in the game this year.

Finally, our thanks to the major corporate sponsors of Raising a Racquet for Kids. The Birchwood Automotive Group, CIBC Wood Gundy and The Derksen Group are generous and committed contributors to our efforts to raise funds that will enable us to support and grow junior tennis development programs in Manitoba. We're grateful for their investment and belief that tennis matters in Manitoba. 🎾



Michael S. Downey  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Tennis Canada

Tony Eames  
Chair, Tennis Canada

## Welcome from Tennis Canada

On behalf of the board of directors and staff members at Tennis Canada, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2008 Tennis Manitoba Awards Banquet.

This event itself is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the provincial association; they have brought tennis to the forefront of the sporting community. Tennis Manitoba has continued to work tirelessly this past year to foster and promote the game to new heights throughout Manitoba and their efforts should be applauded.

Tonight we honor four remarkable individuals who have made a lasting legacy within the tennis community. Rick Borland, Matthew Akman, Judy Peake and Lloyd Borland have proven to be genuine ambassadors to the sport, as well as noble citizens of Manitoba. We are proud of their achievements and the contributions they have made in growing the game throughout the Prairies. Together, let us celebrate the impact these four individuals have made in tennis, as we welcome them as inductees into the Manitoba Tennis Hall of Fame.

While tonight is about celebrating friends of tennis who have made a difference in the sport throughout Manitoba, we should also take a moment to congratulate a Manitoba athlete who is currently making a mark on the global tennis scene. Paralympian and two-time defending national wheelchair champion Lee Carter is an example of excellence from this great province. A native of Winnipeg, Lee has represented his province and country in exemplary fashion, climbing to a world ITF ranking of No. 21 in a relatively short period of time.

By recognizing the greatness of our Hall of Fame inductees, we collectively celebrate our tennis past. This evening we also recognize the outstanding contributions from our present tennis ambassadors. Heartfelt congratulations are sent to the 2008 Manitoba Male and Female Player of the Year, club champions, club volunteers, junior scholarship recipients, Most Improved Player award winner and Most Sportsmanlike Player recipient. Your passion for tennis and dedication to excellence makes you deserving recipients.

Finally, a special thank you should be directed towards Birchwood Automotive Group, the presenting sponsor for tonight's festivities. As a strong corporate partner, you have displayed your leadership in the sport and business world and we are very appreciative of your contribution to this wonderful event.

The sport of tennis throughout Canada is growing rapidly, and the Tennis Manitoba Awards Banquet is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to celebrate the growth of a game we all hold near and dear.

Enjoy the evening and continued success. 🎾



# MEMBER CLUB AWARDS

## Club Champions

**Kildonan Tennis Club** ..... Mark Arndt  
**Portage Tennis Club** ..... Rob Gamache  
**Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club** ..... Trevor Borland & Lisa Bayko

## Volunteers

**Kildonan Tennis Club** ..... Darlene Lee  
**Portage Tennis Club** ..... Helena Kot  
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Nike	Bikram Yoga
Nygaard	Dr. Ken Zayac

# 2008

## TENNIS MANITOBA POINTS LEADERS

### Open Tour

<b>Men's Open Singles</b>	Doug DeVriendt
<b>Women's Open Singles</b>	Evann Waschuk
<b>Men's 4.5 Singles</b>	Ion Ursatanu
<b>Women's 4.5 Singles</b>	Lori Mann
<b>Men's 3.5 Singles</b>	Gary Ma
<b>Men's Open Doubles</b>	Jared Connell
<b>Women's Open Doubles</b>	Alexa Zayac
<b>Mixed Open Doubles</b>	Geoff Kirbyson
<b>Men's 4.5 Doubles</b>	Glen Ziprick
<b>Women's 4.5 Doubles</b>	Darlene Lee

### Junior Tour

<b>U12 Girls Singles</b>	Kylie Waschuk
<b>U14 Girls Singles</b>	Kylie Waschuk
<b>U16 Girls Singles</b>	Evann Waschuk
<b>U18 Girls Singles</b>	Evann Waschuk
<b>U12 Boys Singles</b>	Jeremy Gunn
<b>U14 Boys Singles</b>	Kevin Kylar
<b>U16 Boys Singles</b>	Igal Mostkov
<b>U18 Boys Singles</b>	Sean Bailey

### Senior Tour

<b>Men's 35+ Singles</b>	Jason Whittaker
<b>Women's 35+ Singles</b>	Debra McKinnon
<b>Men's 40+ Singles</b>	Dave Wilken
<b>Men's 45+ Singles</b>	Tony Weekes
<b>Men's 55+ Singles</b>	Jim Gillies
<b>Women's 35+ Doubles</b>	Hiroko Kumagai
<b>Men's 50+ Doubles</b>	Alix Jean-Paul

*Note: The 2008 Tennis Manitoba points leaders were determined by tallying points earned at each of the sanctioned tournaments over the past 12 months. An event had to have results from at least 3 tournaments in order to declare a points leader in that event category.*



Kylie Waschuk



Jeremy Gunn



Kevin Kylar



Evann Waschuk



Igal Mostkov



Sean Bailey



Alexa Zayac



Doug DeVriendt



Geoff Kirbyson



Ion Ursatanu



# Rick Borland

## Hall of Fame: Player

Rick was born in Winnipeg on July 12, 1945. Since his dad Lloyd and mother Olga were very involved at the Wildewood Club, he was playing tennis and badminton as soon as he could hold the racquet. He continued with badminton until the age of 13, when finding winters too busy, he dropped out of badminton to continue with hockey and curling. Two years later, hockey was dropped in favour of curling, which became his winter sport. At the age of 16, Rick skipped his high school curling team undefeated into the finals of the Provincial High School Championship, only to miss out representing the Province at the National championships, by a last shot loss. Seven years later, he led his team from the Granite Curling Club into the semi-finals of the Provincial Consol's Curling Playdowns.

Despite his interest in other sports such as badminton, hockey, curling, and football (in 1962 he was a Winnipeg High School All Star from Kelvin High School, at the guard position), tennis was to be Rick's primary sport throughout his school and university years. By the time he was 10, Rick was winning the Provincial 13 and under championship. At the age of 11, Rick won his first 18 and under title, taking the Junior 18 and under Boys Singles Championship at the Clear Lake Tournament. By the time Rick was 13, he was winning or making the finals of the singles, doubles and mixed events in most age categories at the Manitoba Junior Championships.

In his final year in the 13 and under category, Rick made the finals of the Canadian Closed Tennis Championships. Two years later, he was successful in taking the 15 and under Canadian Tennis Championship at the Rideau Lawn Tennis Club in Ottawa. He also reached the finals of the 15 and under doubles in the open event, playing with partner Tim Walker, also of the Wildewood Club. That same year Rod Laver took the 18 and under singles Championship in the "Open" tournament! That summer, Rick was chosen by Tennis Canada to travel to Lake Placid with the Canadian Junior Team to compete against the United States team. He was also sent to Kalamazoo to compete in the U.S. Junior Championships.

At the age of 17, Rick was funded by Tennis Manitoba to compete in the Pacific North-West Circuit with tournaments in Victoria, Vancouver, Portland, Tacoma, and Seattle. Rick was unable to reach the finals of the National Championships in either of his final two years in 18 and under, because of the emergence of several players from the Victoria/Vancouver area who were superior to all players from anywhere else in Canada. Throughout his junior career, Rick was successful in winning a significant number of singles, doubles, and mixed titles in the Winnipeg and Clear Lake tournaments.

In 1964 Rick won the first of his 4 Manitoba Open Singles Championships. The others occurred in 1966, 1969, and 1971. During this period, he also won a number of "City and District" singles titles as well as many doubles championships with partners Geoff Dyer and Gerry Parkinson, and mixed doubles titles with his sister Judy Peake, and wife Heather Borland.

In 1969, Rick represented Manitoba at the first ever Canada Summer Games held in Halifax. He played singles and finished 4<sup>th</sup> behind only the powerhouse Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia. Four years later, he again represented Manitoba at the Summer Games held in Burnaby, British Columbia. He played doubles with Geoff Dyer and again finished fourth. In 1970, Rick and Geoff Dyer played doubles together in the Canadian Championships in Toronto, and lost a tough hard fought match in three sets to the team representing Canada in the Davis Cup.

In 1973 and 1974, Winnipeg hosted the Canadian Tennis Championships at the Winnipeg Canoe Club. On both occasions, Rick acted as the Drawmaster for the tournaments, which were Chaired by his friends Eleanor O'Gorman in 1973 and Gerry Parkinson in 1974.

Rick attended the University of Manitoba to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1967. In the fall of 1969, Rick and Heather moved to Waterloo, Ontario where Rick attended the University of Waterloo to earn a Master's Degree of Engineering in Transportation Planning. They

returned to Winnipeg in December 1970, where Rick had a Transportation Engineering job with the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg. In 1972, Rick was appointed Transportation Planning Engineer for the new unified City of Winnipeg. In 1980, Rick was appointed Director of Transit for the City, a job he held for 24 years until his retirement in 2004.

Rick was President of the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club in 1972 overseeing the move from the Roslyn Road site to the Wildewood Club. He was President again for two more years in 1974 and 1975. In 1988 Rick was the Commodore of the Winnipeg Canoe Club.

Because of the demands of his work and his growing family (Jonathan and Trevor), Rick did not play much tennis for many years after 1975, but instead took up squash as a new challenge. In 1978, Rick won the A event at the Manitoba Open Squash Championships. In subsequent years, he won a number of Manitoba Championships in the Veterans category. In 1996, Rick played in his first Canadian Squash Championships, winning the 45+ age category. Since then, to date he has successfully won a total of 10 Canadian Senior Squash Championships in the 45+, 50+, 55+, and 60+ categories. He has also played a key role in Manitoba winning 4 Western Canadian Senior Team Squash Championships.

In recent years, Rick has returned to playing a bit of tennis, primarily "to get outside on nice days." Although he plays mainly doubles, he has entered a few tournaments, winning the 40+ singles event at the 2006 Manitoba Open Tennis Championships. One of Rick's most gratifying wins since returning to the tennis scene was winning the Men's Doubles in the Club Championships with his youngest son Trevor. In doing so, Rick set a Club record for the greatest number of years between wins! In 2005, Jonathan brought Lisa Fontaine into the Borland family. Together, they have produced the next generation of tennis playing Borlands. Rick is looking forward to his 2 1/2 year old grandson Owen being 8 years older so they can enter the 80+ doubles event as a team at the Manitoba Open! 🎾

# JUNIOR

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### KYLIE Waschuk

Kylie finished the year as the #1 ranked player in Manitoba in the U12 and U14 Girls Singles categories. She won 8 Junior Tour singles titles this past year and the Women's Doubles event at the Tuxedo Open. Kylie represented our province at the U12 Indoor and Outdoor Junior Nationals and was recently selected for the 2009 Canada Games training team.



### SEAN Bailey

Sean is the top junior player in Manitoba and represented our province at the U18 Indoor and Outdoor Junior Nationals. He also finished the year as the # 2 ranked player in Men's Open Singles, Men's Open Doubles and Mixed Open Doubles. Sean won 5 Junior Tour singles titles and 4 events on the Open Tour in 2008. He has been selected as a member of the 2009 Canada Games training team.



### EVANN Waschuk

Evann represented Manitoba at the U16 Indoor and Outdoor Junior Nationals, and the U18 Outdoor Junior Nationals. She finished the year as the top ranked player in the province in both the U16 and U18 Girls Singles categories. Evann captured 7 Junior Tour singles titles and 2 Open Tour singles titles in 2008. She was recently selected for the 2009 Canada Games training team.

# Matthew Akman

## Hall of Fame: Player

**M**atthew Akman was born in Winnipeg in February of 1967. Tennis was a family game from early on. Matthew, his brother Andrew and father Bob played in the summer at Winnipeg Beach on the weekend. Bob eventually joined the Canoe Club and Matthew and Andrew took lessons from the local pro, Bob Moffatt, who eventually became President of Tennis Canada.

Matthew was playing casually until the age of 13 but not taking tournaments or training at all seriously. But the following year, his father and other Unicity Racquet Club enthusiasts hired two young pros from California – Mike Klarr and Paul Press. The pros started a more serious training program for the kids at Unicity and Matthew improved dramatically.

Some competitive breakthroughs came at the age of 15 after his second year working with Klarr and Press. That summer, Matthew won the Prairie Regional junior championship and the Winnipeg City and District. He then went

to the U16 Nationals in Vancouver and beat the first seed in the quarter-finals and had match points in the semi-finals. Having lost a close 3-set match in the semis, however, he easily won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff.

The following year he moved to Vancouver to join a tennis academy headed by national coach Joseph Brabenec Sr. Matthew's game continued to improve rapidly as he played every day for the first time in his life. At 16, he was a top 5-ranked Open player in B.C. He went to Europe with the national junior team and finished that year ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Canada in his first year of U18.

Tennis Canada offered Matthew a full-time scholarship playing the tour full time but he instead decided to take a tennis scholarship in the U.S. and pursue academics as well as tennis. He played #1 singles at Northwestern University. He was ranked in the top 50 NCAA division #1 and had wins over several top 10 players during his college career. In his

senior year, he had an 8-1 winning record at #1 singles in Big-Ten conference play.

Matthew finished university and decided to play the pro circuit for a year. He achieved a Canadian ranking of #11 in 1989 and a world ranking on the ATP tour but decided to go back to graduate school instead of continuing to play pro. He did a Masters in Economics at Queens and ultimately an MBA at the University of Toronto. His career was in energy and then in finance where he currently works as Managing Director of Infrastructure at Macquarie Capital Markets Canada.

During the past 15 years while building his career, Matthew has continued to play tennis as a hobby. Last year at the age of 40, Matthew decided to play several Open tournament events. He reached the semi-finals of the Ontario Open and was ranked #19 in Open in all of Canada at the age of 40. This summer, he continued playing well and easily won the O40 men's nationals, defeating last year's world #1 in the category – Karl Hale. 🏆



# Judy Peake

## Hall of Fame: Player

Judy was born to Olga and Lloyd Borland on January 1, 1942. Naturally, she was slated to be a tennis player, and swears to this day that her first recollection upon leaving the hospital was seeing a can of Dunlop tennis balls and a Junior "Bluebird" tennis racket in her baby crib.

Early life, and the elementary school years, were taken up with piano lessons, school, reading as many books as she could get her hands on - and last, but definitely not least, tennis in the summertime on the courts at the old Wildewood Club. For a while she excelled at the piano, winning several Manitoba Music Festival classes - but as sports became more important and more fun, practising the piano became more of a chore than a pleasure. She consequently learned to sight read very well, winning three sight reading competitions in a row. However, her music teacher finally laid down the law - piano or sports - and so the tennis career began.

By the age of ten, due to the coaching of her father Lloyd, Judy was beginning to show championship calibre and was often invited to play with the older generation on the "seniors only" courts - quite an honour!

As she wended her way through the junior ranks, at various times Judy collected every title that was available to her in the Manitoba Junior Open, the City & District, and the Clear Lake tournaments - in all three events. Before she was out of the juniors she was also collecting titles in the senior events of these championships.

Her first trip to the Canadian Junior Championships in Ottawa was a great success - she won the Canadian Closed Thirteen & Under Girls' Singles championship and was runner-up in the Fifteen & Under division. Two years later she won the Canadian Fifteen & Under Girls' Singles and was runner-up in the Eighteen & Under division. Two years after that she was again runner up in the Eighteen & Under championship, losing to Vicki Berner of Vancouver who later was

to become a player on the Virginia Slims circuit. She also acquired two ladies' doubles trophies in the Canadian Junior Open Championships, on both occasions partnering with Pam Dewis of Halifax.

A highlight of her junior years was being chosen in 1959 by Tennis Canada to play in the United States Junior Tennis Championships in Philadelphia - there she met and hobnobbed with Billie Jean King, but thankfully didn't have to play against her.

Tennis was not Judy's only sport. During her early years she also played badminton at the Wildewood Club - winning the Canadian Junior Ladies' Doubles Championship twice with Ann Murray and once with Maria Stubbs. In junior high school, she was captain of the girls' softball team, and also won the Citizenship award for sports and scholarship in grade nine. In high school she was captain of the girl's volleyball team and a member of the basketball team.

After grade 11 at Kelvin, she enrolled at United College (then an affiliate of the University of Manitoba) in the Bachelor of Arts program. During the four years at United she was twice named University of Manitoba Female Athlete of the Year.

After earning her Arts degree, she worked for several years in the reference department of the old Winnipeg Public Library on William Avenue. She then ventured out to the University of British Columbia and acquired her Master of Librarianship degree. Upon arriving home she returned to the Public Library as head of the West End Branch, the bookmobiles, and elementary school libraries.

In 1967 Judy was a member of the Manitoba badminton team sent to the First Canada Winter Games in Quebec City. She and Connie Blamey lost a close match for the bronze medal in ladies doubles - but enjoyed themselves thoroughly.



Later that year she married Ron Peake, a golfer and tennis player at the Winnipeg Canoe Club. In due time they produced two strapping boys, Bryan and Riley, who themselves have excelled in both badminton and tennis. Since then Ron and Judy have acquired a wonderful daughter-in-law, Aimee Noyes, and a beautiful little granddaughter, Rosa Peake.

In 1969, Judy outdid herself, winning Manitoba Open Tennis and Manitoba Open Badminton Championships in all three events - ladies' singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. She also won the silver medal in tennis ladies' doubles at the first Canada Summer Games in Halifax, partnered with Eleanor O'Gorman. She was named Manitoba's Female Athlete of the Year in 1970, nominated by both the tennis and badminton organizations.

In 1970 Ron and Judy entered into their own business - Dominion Antique & Auction Sales. This, and her young family, drastically cut into her leisure time, but nevertheless over the next twenty or so years she did acquire many more Manitoba tennis and badminton titles. She and her family played their sports at the Winnipeg Canoe Club, and its demise a few years ago made a huge difference in their daily activities. Since then, Ron and Judy have not played much tennis in Winnipeg, but do continue to play in Florida where they have vacationed for two months each winter over the last fifteen years. As she says "we mainly just hit the ball around". 🎾

# Carole Corona

## Community Champion Award

Carole truly loved the sport of tennis and had a strong desire to help others. She put those two passions together and became heavily involved in charity tournaments to raise funds for many worthwhile causes.

Carole travelled to Toronto for 19 years to participate in tennis tournaments for various charities. She also travelled to Burlington more recently to take part in their charity tournament. Every tournament involved charities for children or families in need.

After many years of travel to Toronto to participate in the Toronto Lawn Tennis Tournament for *Save the Children* she was approached by *Save the Children* to start a tournament in Winnipeg. The tournament

has been a regular part of the September schedule in Manitoba for 11 years and has raised over \$150,000 for Manitoba children in need. The original committee was co-chaired by Carole Corona and Marlene Collett.

The Tennis for Charity Committee changed the format of the tournament this year and it has now been named the Carole Corona Cup in memory of Carole.

Carole also loved the lake and her cottage at Victoria Beach was a second home to her. She spent the summers there and was always very active in the Victoria Beach Tennis Club.

Carole was a wonderful friend whose love for tennis lasted a lifetime. She is truly missed by family, friends and members of the tennis community. 🍷



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# Lloyd Borland

## Hall of Fame: Builder

Lloyd was born on a farm near Crandal, Manitoba on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1906. There was not a tennis court within 250 miles! After attending local schools, he moved on to Wesley College (the current University of Winnipeg) and attended the Arts program. He was elected Senior Stick in 1926/27. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, he attended Normal School for his teacher's training.

Lloyd's first teaching assignment was Birtle High School in the western part of Manitoba. Shortly thereafter, he took a teaching assignment in Minnedosa, Manitoba. There, two good things happened: 1) he met a local girl named Olga McAdam who later became Olga Borland, and 2) he was introduced to tennis. He was fascinated by this game played on two rough grass courts just off Main Street in downtown Minnedosa.

Not long after, Lloyd and Olga were married and moved to Winnipeg, where Lloyd began teaching at Kelvin High School, where he taught for 37 years. Judy was born in 1942 and Rick in 1945.

The family joined the Wildewood Club in Fort Garry, and became heavily involved in tennis. Lloyd quickly became Mr. Tennis at the Wildewood Club. Since tennis was not a thriving sport in Winnipeg during the 1940s and 1950s, it was a bit of a lonely job. He was responsible for preparing the courts for play in the spring, maintenance and operation during the summer, and preparing the courts for winter, all this done on a volunteer basis. The spring work involved – removing the layer of silt left behind by the flooding Red River (heavy work), putting down the iron water pipes, preparing the red shale courts, putting down the tapes, and putting up the nets. The summer work involved – hiring a groundsman, maintaining the courts, running leagues and tournaments, etc. The fall work involved – taking down the nets, taking up the tapes, taking up the iron water pipes. After many years of undertaking the difficult task of taking up the water pipes to prevent them from splitting in the freezing weather, Lloyd invented a method of “blowing out” the pipes to make this task redundant. All of these tasks

were undertaken with the grudging assistance of family members!

The tennis courts at Wildewood consisted of 4 “front courts” and 2 “back courts” located where the present day curling rink and swimming pool sit. Lloyd was instrumental in getting the 2 “back courts” designated as “junior courts,” where junior members had priority and could play at all hours of the day, and all days of the week.

Lloyd was never much more than a “club player,” but he was intensely interested in the game, and in particular the development of junior players. He read extensively about the game and how to teach it. The house on Jessie Avenue was always full of “World Tennis” magazines.

Being a school teacher, Lloyd had summers available to spend at the Wildewood Club. In addition to being Mr. Tennis, he was President of the Club in 1949 when the Club was destroyed by a devastating fire. That was a very busy year!

Lloyd took an intense interest in the development of young tennis players. If any young kids from the Fort Garry community happened to drop in at the Club, Lloyd would show up the next day at their parent's door, asking if their child could be allowed to play tennis at the Club. He would provide a junior racquet free of charge until such time as the youngster made the decision to stick with the game.

He was available from dawn till dusk to provide lessons at no cost. He was a self taught tennis pro, learning it all from books.

Lloyd started the Manitoba Junior Tennis Tournament and put the arm on many former tennis champs and companies to donate to the cost of trophies. The winner of every event, got to keep the trophy for the year, and also received a pair of itchy white wool tennis socks. The runner up just got the itchy white socks. These socks were a **very** sought after item.

After a number of years of real “grass roots” development, Lloyd began to develop a number of very competitive junior players on the national scene. Trips to Ottawa in August, with a group of juniors to compete in the Canadian Junior Championships at the Rideau Tennis Club, became a fixture

of the local tennis scene. Over a short period of time, Lloyd developed a number of juniors who won Canadian Tennis Championships – Judy Borland, Maria Stubbs, Nancy O'Brien, Eleanor O'Gorman, and Rick Borland. Not bad for a “club player” who learned the game from a book! It was also a very impressive feat since these juniors were competing against players from cities like Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal where indoor courts allowed them to compete and train all year long. A number of his other young protégés like Geoff Dyer and Isabel O'Gorman became multi-time Provincial Champions. Another one of his young students during this time was a cute little blond named Heather Holmes, later to become Heather Borland. Rick remains very thankful to this day for Lloyd's interest in the development of this aspiring young tennis player.

During this period Lloyd also took on the roll of President of the Manitoba Lawn Tennis Association. In later years he headed up a number of Sub Committees for the MLTA.

In 1962, the red shale courts at the Wildewood Club gave way to a curling rink. As a result, Lloyd's “tennis factory” went out of business. Tennis was non-existent at the Wildewood Club for 10 years until the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club moved from its Roslyn road site in 1972, and reintroduced a very successful tennis operation into Fort Garry.

Tennis was not Lloyd's only passion. He was an avid curler at the Granite Club. Not only did he himself curl competitively, he ran the junior program there (and at Kelvin High School) for many years. He was president of the Granite Curling Club, the year that Don Duguid and his team from the Granite won the Briar and the World Curling Championships. In addition, for several decades Lloyd was the coach of the Primary Boys shuttle team at Kelvin High School, as well as being involved in many other school related activities.

Lloyd remained a very loyal supporter of tennis in Manitoba for many years. In 1985, Lloyd entered the Meadowood Personal Care Facility as a result of Parkinson's Disease. He passed away on November 18<sup>th</sup> 1995, and will be forever missed by his family and the many young people whose lives he touched in a very positive way. 🟡

# PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

## KYLIE Waschuk

### Most Improved Player Award

Kylie showed steady improvement throughout the past season and this was reflected in her tournament results. After winning 4 tournaments in 2007, she captured 8 singles titles in 2008, including 5 in the U14 age group. Kylie finished the year as the top ranked player in both the U12 and U14 Girls Singles categories. She also showed improvement at the U12 Junior Nationals, placing 20<sup>th</sup> at the Indoor Nationals in April and then earning a 15<sup>th</sup> place showing at the Outdoor Nationals in August. Kylie also made an impact on the Open Tour in 2008, finishing the year as the # 3 player in the Women's 4.5 Singles rankings after reaching the finals at Deer Lodge and the Manitoba Open.



## KYLA McNicol

### Female Player of the Year

Kyla completed a very successful college tennis career this year as a team leader at the University of Central Florida. She will be missed by her Golden Knights teammates after four strong seasons at the Orlando based school. On home soil in 2008 Kyla twice earned the Triple Crown, winning the singles, doubles and mixed titles at the Deer Lodge Classic and the Arby's Manitoba Open. Her victory in the Women's Singles event at the Manitoba Open was her fifth.



## LEE Carter

### Male Player of the Year

Lee had an exceptional year highlighted by his trip to Beijing to represent Canada at the 2008 Paralympics. He is the only tennis player from the province of Manitoba ever selected to represent his country at the Olympics or Paralympics. Lee is currently the #1 ranked player in Canada in both singles and doubles. He recently captured his second consecutive National Championship, winning both the singles and doubles titles in early November. Lee is presently # 21 in the International Tennis Federation Singles rankings and # 40 in the Doubles rankings.

# MOST SPORTSMANLIKE PLAYERS

## MUZEEN Ismath

### Art Foster Most Sportsmanlike Junior Award

Muzeen always shows respect for his opponents, coaches and officials and displays a positive attitude on and off the tennis court. His great work ethic and desire to win, combined with his focus on fair play, make him a complete player. Muzeen is a great role model for the young junior players that are competing in our sport. In addition, his recent selection to the 2009 Canada Games training team is evidence of the fact that he continues to play at a high level.



## MARC Lloyd

### Most Sportsmanlike Player Award

Marc's friendly smile and pleasant demeanor have been a welcome sight for tournament directors and officials at tennis tournaments in Manitoba for many years. Marc continues to be a calm and steady player on the tennis court and he has the utmost respect for the game which is reflected in his attitude toward his opponents. His conduct on the court sets a great example for our junior tennis players. Marc also continues to post good results, finishing the year as the # 3 player in the Men's 4.5 Singles rankings.





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