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# NC TENNIS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019

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Bea Burnette, Henry Hostetler, and  
Matt McDonald to be inducted into  
the NC Tennis Hall of Fame.

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**Bea Burnette** of Tarboro, NC began playing tennis at the age of 17 while attending East Carolina Teacher's College (now East Carolina University). From the first time she picked up a racket, she was captivated by the sport. Burnette continued to play as she moved from Greenville to Chicago to New York City.

During the early 1970's, Burnette played in five events on the Virginia Slims Circuit, placing her in a pivotal time for women's tennis. While Burnette jokingly confesses she lost to everyone on the Virginia Slims Circuit, including Billie Jean King, her amateur career has been nothing short of extraordinary. At this writing, Burnette has won 16 USTA National Championships in her age group.

Claiming titles on multiple surfaces in both singles and doubles. Burnette also has 29 second place finishes and 21 third place finishes, making her the most decorated North Carolinian in USTA Championship play.

As a member of Team USA, Burnette has won three International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Championships. Burnette has been selected to compete as a member of the USA ITF Super Seniors Team every year since 2010. Burnette has participated and won numerous awards in tournaments in Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Great Britain, Turkey, and all across the United States. She is an ardent ambassador for tennis and what tennis can do for each of us.

**Henry Hostetler** was born in Raeford, NC where he began his tennis career as a distinguished junior player. After high school, Hostetler attended East Carolina University where he earned a spot on the varsity tennis team and was selected team captain in 1977. After graduating, Hostetler served as the Director of Tennis for the City of Greenville. In addition to his work with the city, Hostetler served as the USTA Adult Local League Coordinator in Eastern NC for over 20 years. Hostetler has been a member of countless USTA North Carolina and USTA Southern committees. Hostetler served as President of the North Carolina Tennis Association (NCTA) from 2004 to 2006 and President of the North Carolina Tennis Foundation in 2007 and 2008.

During his time as NCTA President, Hostetler and fellow NC Tennis Hall of Fame Member, Paula Hale, spearheaded the efforts to relocate the USTA North Carolina offices.

Together, Hostetler and Hale launched a successful fundraising campaign collecting over \$1.8 million dollars. These funds were used to purchase USTA North Carolina's current building at 2709 Henry Street in Greensboro and to relocate the NC Tennis Hall of Fame.

Throughout his illustrious tennis career, Hostetler has received several USTA North Carolina awards. Some of his accolades include Carlton Harris Tennis Professional of the Year, the Mary Milam Achievement Award, and the John and Dottie Peddycord President's Award.

Today, Hostetler resides in Winterville, NC, where he works as the Owner and Manager of Baywood Racquet Club.

**Matt McDonald**, born and raised in Charlotte, NC, picked up his first tennis racket at age nine. Throughout his junior career, McDonald was consistently ranked top 15 in the state. During his senior year at East Mecklenburg High School, McDonald finished with a 35-1 record losing his only match in the NCHSAA state finals.

McDonald enrolled at NC State University and kick started his hall of fame career in Raleigh. As a member of the Wolfpack, McDonald won three doubles titles, playing at No. 3 in 1977, No. 2 in 1979, and No. 1 in 1980. In singles, McDonald won two ACC titles, playing at No. 4 in 1978 and No. 3 in 1979. During his senior season in 1980, McDonald went undefeated playing the No. 2 singles spot. McDonald reached the NCAA quarterfinals alongside fellow NC Tennis Hall of Fame member, Andy Andrews, and earned NCAA All-American honors. McDonald was named as one of the top 50 tennis players in the ACC's first 50 years.

Following a successful collegiate career, McDonald went on to play professionally. McDonald reached a career high ranking of No. 273 in the world. McDonald reached the finals of five satellite tournaments and finished with a career best win over No. 48 ranked Christophe Rober-Vasselin.

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The North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame now includes 99 members with the addition of Bea Burnette, Henry Hostetler, and Matt McDonald for the class of 2019. The inaugural class was inducted in 1975. The North Carolina Tennis Foundation selects two or three members each year to add to the Hall of Fame during Tennis Weekend. This class will be inducted on Saturday January 26, 2019 at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club. For more information, visit [www.nctennisfoundation.com](http://www.nctennisfoundation.com).

About the North Carolina Tennis Foundation  
The North Carolina Tennis Foundation was organized in 1961 for the purpose of promoting tennis and serves tennis players in North Carolina with its sister organization, the North Carolina Tennis Association. The Foundation provides financial support to many worthwhile tennis programs across the state. These programs include the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) Network, the NC State High School Championships, Wheelchair Tennis, and numerous grants. The NCTF is also responsible for maintaining the North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame.