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CY KING: 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Cy King retires after more than 50 years of service to tennis in North Carolina.

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After more than 50 years of service to growing the sport of tennis in North Carolina, Cy King is retiring at the end of April 2020.

King, a lifelong resident of Raleigh, joined the USTA/Southern/North Carolina staff in July 2006 as the Tennis Service Representative (TSR) for North Carolina to promote and develop the growth of tennis programs by establishing working relationships with local community tennis organizations, parks and recreation departments, tennis clubs and industry organizations.

"My favorite part is all of the people that you meet," King said. "You sometimes get to know three – maybe four – generations of the same family."

King's experience comes from many years of involvement as a player and in his work in the tennis industry as a tennis professional, college tennis coach, club manager, and USTA volunteer. He served as Tennis Director for the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department for thirty years. As a volunteer he has served on state, sectional, and national USTA committees including serving as President of USTA North Carolina and as President of the North Carolina Tennis Foundation. King also spent time as General Manager of the Raleigh Racquet Club and served as head tennis coach at Peace College in Raleigh from 2003 to 2009.

Kelly Gaines, USTA North Carolina's Executive Director, said she is thankful King has given his life to tennis in North Carolina.

"From the player he was on the old NC State courts as a kid, to leading our organizations he has embodied all that is good about what tennis in North Carolina means," Gaines said. "He has been mentor, role model, and leader to so many of us."

King is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he competed as a student-athlete for the tennis program. Additionally, King was selected as North Carolina USPTA Pro of the Year in 1996 and was inducted into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame in 2004.

"It's been special to make a career out of my hobby of playing tennis," King said, "but it's more than that. You make a difference."

King recently purchased a home in the North Carolina mountains to kick off his retirement. He will continue to play tennis and is looking forward to trying new things and exploring new places.