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## **USTA Georgia recognizes standouts among state tennis community with Annual Awards**

**MARIETTA, GA** – USTA Georgia today announced the recipients for the organization’s 2022 awards, which recognize outstanding achievements statewide in tennis both on and off the court. Twenty-eight awards comprise the full list of honors, and the award winners will be officially recognized at the USTA Georgia Community Tennis Development Workshop in February.

This annual awards ceremony seeks to distinguish outstanding individuals in discipline categories. Winners are nominated by their peers, with the USTA Georgia Awards Committee having the final authority on awards selections. This year’s selections are highlighted by Jim Hamm receiving the prestigious Ruth Ryner Lay Lifetime Achievement Award.

The awards ceremony will take place the evening of Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott Buckhead. Below is the list of the 2022 winners:

- Adult Tournament of the Year – USTA Atlanta Combo Doubles Tournament
- Al Parker Award for Junior Player of the Year – Chase Fralick
- Charles H. Cox, Jr. Award for Adult Player of the Year – Maxime Buyckx
- Dr. Robert Bunnan Community Tennis Association of the Year – USTA Atlanta
- Hardie Family Award for Junior Sportsmanship of the Year – Aidan Atwood
- Iberia Bank Tennis Professional of the Year – Jaleel Riaz
- James Kincaid Family Award for Family of the Year – The Sungwoo Jung Family
- Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Coordinator of the Year – Wendy Chadwell
- Jerry Baskin Scholar Athlete of the Year – Kennedy Bell
- John Callen “Excellence in Leadership” Award – Robin Stevens
- Junior Tournament of the Year – Peach State Junior Closed
- Kathleen & Cannon Carr High School Coach of the Year Award – Derek Lashley
- Local League Coordinator of the Year – Sara Dismuke
- Mac MacDougal Tennis Official of the Year – Darren Potkey
- Marc Kaplan Media Excellence Award – Talking Tennis Southern Style podcast
- Member Organization of the Year Award – Central Savannah River Area Tennis Association
- NJTL Chapter of the Year – Atlanta Youth Tennis & Education Foundation
- Presidents Award – Marcy Hirshberg
- Randy Stephens Award for State Volunteer Service – Stewart Atkins
- Richard C. Botsch Educational Merit Award – Sandy Rodney
- Ruth Ryner Lay Award for Lifetime Achievement – Jim Hamm
- Signature Tennis Courts Award for Tennis Director of the Year – Dave Neuhart
- Special Tennis Event of the Year – Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble (Columbus)
- Team Tennis Event of the Year – USTA Georgia Junior Team Tennis State Championships
- USTA Junior Team Tennis Captain of the Year – Diane Freeman
- USTA League Female Captain of the Year – Arrie Lugar
- USTA League Male Captain of the Year – Paul Farrington
- Wheelchair Excellence Award – Cole Wooten