



The NC Tennis Foundation Announces the 2022 Hall of Fame Class

**UNC Charlotte Coach, Jim Boykin, and Winston-Salem's Dr. Harold
Pollard to be inducted into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame**

Coach Jim Boykin and Dr. Harold Pollard (pictured with wife Louise)



Coach Jim Boykin began his coaching career as a High School coach at South Carolina's Edmunds High School and quickly jumped to the intercollegiate level where he spent the rest of his career aiding the Appalachian State University Mountaineers for one year and then on to Anderson Junior College where he spent the next 13 years. At Anderson Junior College he guided his teams to 2 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championships in 1986 and 1987. He was named NJCAA Coach of the Year in those same years and inducted into the NJCAA's Tennis Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Anderson College Hall of Fame in 2000. In 1986, Boykin was named Twelve-time Region X Coach of the Year, South Carolina Coach of the Year, and Wilson's Intercollegiate Coach of the Year.

Coach Boykin spent the next 17 years at UNC Charlotte where he retired in 2010 as UNC Charlotte's all-time winningest coach with 200 total wins. His teams were Atlantic 10 Conference Champions in 2007 and he was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 2007. His UNC Charlotte teams appeared in the ITA Top 75 for the first time in school history in 2000 and began the season in the top 75 in 2002, a 49er first.

In his "spare time," Boykin taught at Anderson Cardinal Racket Club in Anderson, SC; Olde Providence Racquet Club and Charlotte Country Club in Charlotte, NC; and the Belton Tennis Center, in Belton SC. Coach Boykin developed junior talent with many receiving NCAA Division I scholarship opportunities. He did a one season stint (1990) as Head Coach of the World Team Tennis' franchise, the Charlotte Heat. During that season, he produced the league's Rookie of the Year, Trevor Kronermann.

Dr. Harold Pollard, Burlington native and Winston-Salem resident will be inducted posthumously into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame. Harold was president of Winston-Salem Tennis Inc. in 1991-1992. During Harold's tenure as president, Winston-Salem Tennis was named NC Tennis Organization of the year. Harold was key to taking Young Folks Tennis (a tennis outreach program designed to broaden tennis's popularity in the Winston-Salem area) to new heights by broadening instructional opportunities for minorities as well as assisting with the procurement of used rackets for young players.

Harold was a board member of the Flow Motors Invitational which began in 1987 and

ran for 13 years on the Wake Forest University courts. The Flow was a non-sanctioned event, officially listed as an exhibition, but was able to draw nearly all of tennis's up and coming players at the time. Harold assisted with every part of the tournament as a director and an advisor. His entire family volunteered, and he drew many other families to do the same.

In 2001, Harold utilized all his years of experience from The Flow and became an integral part of the organizing committee that conducted the Davis Cup tie against India. This was the first international sporting event involving an American team after September 11, 2001. Harold's efforts helped Winston-Salem become known not just for hosting, but for providing a blueprint of sorts for how Davis Cup ties all over the country should be run.

The U.S. Davis Cup team returned to Winston Salem in 2007 and again in 2008 against France and Spain, respectively. In each of three Davis Cup ties held in Winston Salem, Harold worked tirelessly to raise sponsorship money, coordinate with the press, and he went out of his way to make sure that the players and their fans had a great experience.

In December 2010, the USTA decided to move an ATP World 250 Tournament (held each year a week before the US Open) from New Haven, CT. Due to Winston-Salem's success with the Davis Cup ties, the city was a target of the ATP. It was announced that Winston-Salem would be the city selected due to the efforts put forth by Harold, Don Flow and others to create a stadium and venue on the Wake Forest University campus. In August 2011, just a few short months after the decision, the first ball was hit. Harold was the heart and soul of the event. Harold passed away suddenly in 2017, but he left a giant legacy of hospitality and excellence.

The North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame now includes 107 members with the addition of Coach Jim Boykin and Dr. Harold Pollard for the class of 2021. 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. Currently, this class will be inducted on **Saturday January 22, 2022** at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club. For up-to-date information, visit www.nctennisfoundation.com

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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, Adaptive Tennis, and numerous grants. The NCTF is also responsible for maintaining the [North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame](#).

If you know of someone you would like to nominate for future consideration, [click here](#). Any questions, please contact Kelly Gaines at kelly@nctennis.com.

