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Recipients Recognized at North Carolina Tennis Awards Luncheon

Greensboro, NC – February 22, 2006 – USTA North Carolina and the North Carolina Tennis Foundation held an exciting Awards Luncheon at the prestigious Pinehurst Resort on Saturday, January 28th. Recipients were applauded by over 200 guests as they were marched into the Luncheon behind the North Carolina state flag held by Awards Committee Chair Bonnie Vandegrift. After the “grand march,” recipients were called to the stage individually and Mistress of Ceremonies Kelley McHenry Taylor detailed their personal accomplishments and contributions towards tennis in the past year. First-year awards are noted in the table below.

For more information on each recipient, please visit <http://www.nctennis.com/awards>.

The 2005 Award Recipients are as follows:

New!	Coach Don Skakle High School Tennis Male Player of the Year	David Hopkins, Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy
New!	High School Tennis Female Player of the Year	Kasey Mabe, North Stokes HS
New!	James H. Leighton Junior Tennis Male Player of the Year	Andrew Orban, Fayetteville
New!	James H. Leighton Junior Tennis Female Player of the Year	Reka Zsilinszka, Fayetteville
New!	Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Winner - 12s	Hunter Schlacks, Raleigh
New!	Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Winner -14s	Pierce Hoover, Durham
New!	Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Winner -16s	Bill Bobbitt, Raleigh
New!	Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Winner - 18s Given by Billy and Jean Trott	Tareq Alani, Chapel Hill
New!	Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Winner -12s	ReeRee Li, Waxhaw
New!	Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Winner -14s	Christin Newman, Greensboro
New!	Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Winner -16s	Caroline Mauch, Durham
New!	Coach David L Lash Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Winner - 18s	Neils Barringer, Durham
New!	J. S. Love Adult Tennis Male Player of the Year	Fred Robinson, Charlotte
New!	Adult Tennis Female Player of the Year	Anne Clark, Concord
New!	Adult Tennis Male Sportsmanship Winner In Honor of John T. (Jack) Warmath	Gregory Taylor, Charlotte
New!	Adult Tennis Female Sportsmanship Winner In Honor of John T. (Jack) Warmath	Janet Moseley, Elkin
New!	Walt Stamer, Sr. Male Senior Player of the Year	Bill Weathers, Whispering Pines
New!	Female Senior Player of the Year	Mildred Southern, Winston-Salem
	Junior Tennis Council Award Given in Honor of John Peddycord	Ted Reese, Holly Springs
	Adult/Senior Tennis Council Award	Ellen Lyon, Greensboro
	Educational Merit Award Given by Buster & Karen Brown	Cris Avila, Winston-Salem
	Family of the Year Given by Dargan and Blount Williams	The John & Anna McLean Family, Durham
	High School Coach of the Year Given In Honor of Coach Ron Lee	Calvin Davis, Charlotte Day School
	Junior Tournament of the Year In Memory of John Allen Farfour	Burlington Junior Novice – John Walton, Burlington
	Adult/Senior/NTRP Tournament of the Year	Crown NC State Closed Championships – Mike Belangia, Greensboro
	Charity Tennis Event of the Year	Brain Tumor Fund for the Carolinas Event – Donna Barger, Hickory
	Special Tennis Event of the Year Given in Honor of Bev Earle	Racquets for Kids Hispanic Tennis Carnival – Becky Greene, Greensboro

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	Team Tennis Event of the Year	USTA Adult League State Championships in Pinehurst – Susan Foster & Nell Barksdale
	Local League Coordinator of the Year	Ruth Bondurant, Pinehurst
	League Volunteer Service Award	Kay Cook, Cary
	Tennis Official of the Year In Memory of Penny Brawley	Wayne Tesh, Greensboro
	Tennis Professional of the Year	Mark Byrd, Raleigh
	Outstanding Parks and Recreation Department of the Year Given by Metaltek	Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department – Dana Hughes, Carrboro
	Member Organization of the Year	Greater Wilmington Tennis Association – Yona Bar-Zeev, Wilmington

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