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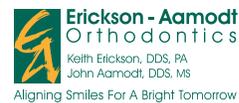
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 The online auction is open to everyone—even those that don't attend the tournament. Please help us spread the word about this opportunity to help raise funds for childhood cancer research.

WELCOME!

The Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) is a premier mixed-doubles tennis tournament. Held annually in August, the PTATC features more than 110 of the area's top men's and women's tennis players.

Funds raised benefit the cancer research program at Children's Minnesota. Your generosity in supporting the PTATC helps provide vital information to cancer specialists around the world and supports the healing of the patient's whole body when receiving treatment at Children's Minnesota.

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A Message from the Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Board



Friends of Pine Tree,

Thank you for supporting the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC)! We are excited to celebrate our 33rd year of the event and first operating as our own non-profit organization.

The Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund's (PTACF) mission is to be a positive force in the health and well-being of children with childhood diseases and their families, by providing funding, programming and other events and activities to further research around childhood diseases.

With your generosity, the PTATC has truly become one of the most unique charity tennis events in the country, raising over \$5 million that has produced research outcomes that were unimaginable 33 years ago. These funds have led to the development of two cutting-edge tumor registries, the discovery of the DICER 1 gene which has a far reaching impact on other types of cancers as well as multiple studies for improving the physical function of children who have gone through treatment. These outcomes, generated by Children's Minnesota and other partner institutions, have benefitted children with cancer and their families all over the world! While tremendous strides have been made, our mission is not done.

We formed the PTACF to ensure the long-term sustainability of the PTATC and targeted research efforts. Since starting this journey at the beginning of the year, we have:

- Established a new Board
- Created a non-profit entity and received formal tax exempt status from the IRS in June.
- Outsourced our Event Coordinator role to Karin Glick of KL Glick Marketing Communications to help us run the event in conjunction with our committee volunteers. Karin has done an amazing job for us already and we are so pleased to have her as part of the Pine Tree family.
- Set up financial accounts, controls and other tools/resources to operate cost effectively and efficiently as a non-profit organization.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone that makes Pine Tree possible including: The Peterson's (our Founding Family), The Jacobson's (our Founding Sponsor), Life Time Fitness (our Site Sponsor), all the tennis players, sponsors at all levels, volunteers, 2018 Co-Chairs, former PTATC Advisory Committee members and Children's Minnesota research team. You are all critical to our success and we appreciate everything that you do.

Let us know if you have an interest in joining this tremendous team of volunteers....we need you! Enjoy the great tennis, food, fellowship and our continued fight for a cure.

With sincere gratitude,

Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Board:
Bruce Humphrey, Director; Kevin Werwie, President; Jason Albrecht, Secretary; Dee Gaeddert, Director; Nancy Jacobson, Treasurer

A Message from the Founding Family

The Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) was initially started in 1986 to fund research so that the oncology community could share treatment data as it relates to age, weight, etc. of young cancer patients and the successes and failures of those treatments.

When Julie, our youngest daughter, was diagnosed there weren't any "hard and fast" recommendations as to what type and how much chemotherapy to use. In those early years of Pine Tree, it was reported that 50% or more of the young patients died from the chemotherapy and/or other supplemented treatments that were used to cure young people. Since then, the PTATC has provided funds, not only to supply the research money to set up a national network of critical data that oncology doctors can use to better treat the young cancer patients, but also to support research into other childhood diseases and improve the physical function of children who survive treatment (see Pine Tree website, PTATC.com).

There are many people that Mary Ann, Julie, and I will be eternally grateful to for their support. First, to the tennis players who not only put on an incredibly entertaining sports event but are also voracious fundraisers. Equally important is the Pine Tree Apple Orchard, who stepped up early on when there was a great chance of failure. The Jacobson family has donated more than \$800,000 since the event started and also provide a tremendous "soft" contribution with their time and energy. Someone once said to me, "Everywhere you look, there is a Jacobson doing something from cooking and directing traffic to picking up trash, and always with great big smiles."

Jim and Ginny Anderson were the "everlasting food cooks" for many years with many competent helpers.



White Bear businesses did what they could to help us and gave what they could. Believe me, we could not have done it without them.

I recall watching the semi-finals in 1986 below the stands and there was a husband and wife picking up trash. No one asked them to do it, they just did. That is so typical of the White Bear community spirit.

The current Board, Kevin Werwie, Nancy Jacobson, Bruce Humphrey, Jason Albrecht and Dee Gaeddert are working through some difficult logistics. They have spent an inordinate amount of their personal time to set up a new infrastructure.

It's all of these efforts and more that have made the PTATC one of the longest lasting, most successful local charities ever. I know there are many, many appreciative parents of children with cancer who thank you for your contributions.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Ron and Mary Ann Peterson

A Message from the Founding Sponsor



Dear Spectators,

Nearly 34 years ago, Ron Peterson and Dan Aberg invited us to join with them by lending financial support to their effort to establish a tennis tournament as a means to raise money for research into childhood cancer. We readily agreed to provide the seed money they were looking for and the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic was born.

As the 2018 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (the 33rd year!) is about to begin, we are thrilled at its continuing success and happy to reiterate our position as founding sponsors. It's been a rewarding experience for our family to work with the many volunteers who make this tournament possible and exciting to be a part of the continuing enthusiasm that they generate.

We're proud to be the founding sponsors of an event that, in just 33 years, has raised over \$5 million for the cancer research and oncology programs at Children's Minnesota, and we look forward to continuing our support in the future.

Thanks for joining us in our goal - to earn the last dollar ever in the fight against children's cancer.

Sincerely,
The Jacobson Family
Pine Tree Apple Orchard



Although 2018 has seen some exciting changes with the forming of our own 501c3 nonprofit organization, the Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund (PTACF), two things remain unchanged: the mission and the need. With the help of all our wonderful volunteers and donors, we continue to be committed to making a difference in the lives of children and families who have to deal with the most heartbreaking illnesses.

Great strides have been made in pediatric cancer research thanks to the support you have supplied through the past 32 years of this fundraising event. We hope to keep this success going through the 33rd year and beyond. With your help, we envision a day when every child can say, "I am a survivor."

2018 Pine Tree Co-Chairs:
Katie Resch, Susan Rudd, Stephanie Davis, Bob Marolt, Kathy Bjornson

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A Message from the Research Team

Dear Pine Tree Players, Sponsors, Volunteers and Honored Guests,

Our sincerest thanks to all of you whose ongoing support continues to result in worldwide impact! For more than 30 years, your dedication and hard work have improved the lives of children with cancer in the state of Minnesota and throughout the world.

We continue to marvel at how the parents of a child treated for leukemia held fast to their mission to design an event that would raise funds for childhood cancer research at Children's Minnesota. In 1986, Ron and MaryAnn Peterson and Jacobson family, held the first Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) to fund cancer research. Thirty-three years later, the annual PTATC now hosts more than 110 of the area's top men's and women's tennis players and has raised over \$5 million for children's cancer research.

Since last year's Pine Tree event, the funds raised have led to significant discoveries including new information about the connection between ovarian tumors and DICER1, streamlined therapy for adolescents with ovarian cancer and the publication of international consensus guidelines for the testing and surveillance of individuals with DICER1. Our current work also includes efforts to detect lung and ovarian tumors through blood testing, allowing us to decrease the amount of radiation and sedation that children require when undergoing screening.

Children who undergo treatment for cancer deserve to not only survive their disease, but also to thrive both during and after treatment. PTATC funded research supports both of these critical goals. In the supportive care research arena, we have developed measures of nerve damage caused by some of the curative drugs in hopes that we will eventually be able to prevent or treat this important side-effect. These measures are used by us to improve children's care, but also in both national and international treatment trials. Additionally, we have trials underway to examine the impact of physical activity and exercise on health and well-being during treatment and survivorship.

All of these discoveries were made possible through your hard work and generosity. Yes, advances in childhood cancer research are being made, but there are miles to go before we rest. Children with solid tumors including PPB still face poor prognoses and side effects of intensive therapies. More research is urgently needed to cure more children and improve quality of life for cancer survivors. More than 10,000 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer each year, and despite major treatment advances, 20% of children with cancer will not survive.

The areas of research that PTATC supports receive little or no national attention or funding. We believe that no parent should ever hear that their child's cancer is too rare to receive any research dollars. Likewise, all children should have the opportunity to receive the best available care to prevent chemotherapy side effects. Quality of life, and the longevity of each life, should be the goal as we work to improve cure rates for children diagnosed with cancer.

Generous support from PTATC is a significant part of the funding we rely upon to do this work. None of the tremendous advances in PPB/DICER1 and chemotherapy related neuropathy would have occurred without the PTATC.

The past year has been filled with both more challenges and more advances than we had anticipated. As we reflect on these shared challenges and successes, we are grateful for the contributions of each of you who made these advances possible. At the same time, the beloved children who were diagnosed with late stage PPB or died despite best available care teach us that we have a long way to go. We're grateful for the opportunity to continue this work in their honor and with your support.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Williams, B.S., CCRP,
Kris Ann Schultz, MD, Yoav Messinger, MD,
Laura Gilchrist PT, PhD, and
the rest of the Children's Minnesota research staff

Honored Angel: Lainee/Audriana Wallin



In a world with very few absolutes, the word "special" is universally reserved for parents who have lost their beloved sons or daughters to pediatric cancer. Through no fault of their own they experienced a deeply personal loss that most of us cannot imagine. Yet, experience shows that many bravely and unselfishly continue to cheer the rest of us on in the fight against pediatric cancer.

This is one of those stories. It is the story of Lainee and Audriana Wallin of Brainerd. It is a special story. Here, in her own words, Audriana honors her beautiful daughter Lainee -- our Honored Angel -- by recounting their last days together and the wonderful love they shared.

"A Mother's Love for her Beautiful Daughter"

"On Sunday, September 19th, 2015 my family and I were enjoying a beautiful autumn day outdoors. We were on a paved trail, surrounded by nature. The adults were walking and the kids were all riding along on their bikes. An offer on my dream home was accepted that day. After years of hard work we would finally have our family home.

Fast-forward three days. What started as growing pains abruptly turned into symptoms very similar to Lyme Disease. Lainee was fatigued and achy, but still in good spirits. Little did I know that, at that time, my daughter's body was completely filled with a pediatric cancer I could hardly pronounce.

We soon learned that Lainee had a 15cm by 4cm tumor in her lung that had not only collapsed it completely, but had also pushed her heart to the right side of her body. She had tumors on her spine, her femur, her hip, and her kidney.

We spent 109 days in the hospital. She had three rounds of chemo, countless other procedures, several surgeries, a complete physical therapy rehab before we were finally able to go home and reunite as a family.

Every time we started a new treatment regimen, she would respond for a while. We would have so much hope and then shortly thereafter her tumor would progress. We Did Everything. She Did Everything.

When we finally found out that her time was limited we reached out to our community to help us honor the remaining life Lainee had. We found out she was terminal in July 2017. We were able to obtain a lake house for the entire summer. Wonderful people were willing to let my child die in their incredible home that was big enough to house the people that Lainee loved the most.

We had a princess party. One day she caught - I am not exaggerating - 28 fish with her father, Gary. During breakfast one day, I asked her what she wanted to do that day. She told me she wanted to learn how to fly a plane. Again, I reached out to my community and, within a couple hours, we were in a single-engine plane with an eager pilot.

My daughter died in the arms of a woman who owns the daycare that she had gone to for her entire life. She was reading her the book "Green Eggs and Ham", the same book that she read to her son 30 years earlier while he battled stage 4 Neuroblastoma. Lainee died so peacefully that she did not even know that she had passed away.

In every sense Lainee was the light of my life. She was my genetic twin. She was my greatest love. She was my best friend. She is my hero.

It has been 309 days, 1 hour, 50 minutes and 32 seconds since I had to let go of my child. I promise you that I will never experience a greater pain in my life. I will dedicate the rest of my life to honoring her, and learning from my greatest and most effective teacher, my daughter. She taught us how life is to be lived. How people are to be treated. How "courage is when you're a little scared but very brave." And, how 'In this family we never give up!'

Lainee deserved to live. More than anyone I have ever met. She was not gifted with the life I so desperately hoped she would have.

Forever in her corner,
Lainee's Heartbroken Mother, Audriana

Thank you Audriana for so powerfully reminding us why we are all here today.

Honored Patient: Danny Valerius



File this profile under “a young adult being strong and wise beyond his years.” In addition to navigating his own diagnosis of High Risk TAL leukemia, 14-year old Danny Valerius of Stillwater also provides welcome comfort to another strong cancer patient that’s very near and dear to his heart – his own mom.

First, we’ll start with Danny’s Story. A talented athlete, he noticed that he was getting easily winded at basketball and soccer. Some dark spots on his scalp added to Danny’s concern. That concern turned to reality on September 22, 2015 when Danny was diagnosed with pediatric cancer at Children’s Minnesota.

Danny missed his entire 6th grade year due to his treatments and the side effects that compromised his immune system. Students and parents from Danny’s school, St. Croix Catholic, came to his house to tutor Danny, read to him or play games when he was up to it. Danny eventually went back to school, worked hard and was able to stay with his classmates at 7th grade. Not an easy accomplishment.

Danny’s mom, Jackie, filled in some of the background details of Danny’s journey. “He told me the scariest part of the treatment was being impaired mentally and physically. This kept him from the things he loved to do. For us, it was hard watching him suffer so many side effects in the first year. He lost so much weight and was in and out of the hospital spending more than 40 nights there the first year. Danny had multiple surgeries and his esophagus was burned by the chemo, so he was unable to eat. He also wore a feeding backpack for 18 hours a day for 6 weeks.”

Clearly, Danny rose above it all. This past school year he ran for and was elected student council president. He received straight A’s, was one of the

leads in the 8th grade play and received several awards at his graduation. His family credits his ability to keep putting one foot in front of the other, no matter how murky the path seemed to be.

Danny will be a freshman at Stillwater Area High School in August. He expects to be finished with his treatments in January 2019. He wants to be a zoologist and has always been interested in animals.

Jackie knows it took “a village” to get Danny this far. “We are very blessed to be so close to such amazing medical care. Danny spent a lot of time in the hospital but if it weren’t for a focus on home care and quality of life, he would have spent triple the time there. We were able to have him at home thanks to IV fluids and feeding packs with timers delivered to our home. With training, we were able to mix them up and attach them through Danny’s port so he could be at home as much as possible. The nurses that would come to our house to take Danny’s vitals and administer chemo were wonderful. It was a relief not to have to be in the hospital any longer than necessary.”

In addition to his medical team and school chums, “Danny’s village” also includes a tight-knit family led by his parents Jackie and Paul Valerius. The four boys in the family are named Andy (20), Ben (17), Charlie (15) and, of course, Danny (14). Around Stillwater, some people refer to them as the “ABCD Boys” because of the first letters in their name.

Now to the other critically important part of this story – Jackie’s Story. In May of 2017, Danny’s mom was diagnosed with Stage Three Breast Cancer. Since then, she has undergone 16 rounds of chemo, 6 weeks of radiation and a double mastectomy. “As much as I did not want to put my family through another cancer journey, Danny was an amazing mentor to me,” said Jackie. “He held my hand and told me it was okay to cry, even if I had no idea why I was sad.”

Those few words speak volumes. Sometimes comfort comes from unlikely sources. You never know who in your village will step up with just the right comforting words. Or, who will step up with just the right comforting touch at just the right time. The Valerius Family has this concept pretty well covered.

Honored Patient: Elsie Phillips



Each pediatric cancer journey is uniquely different and deeply personal. Different experiences result in different blessings.

For young Elsie Phillips and her family, there was the complete joy of conquering her initial cancer diagnosis. Then came the less obvious, but important, task of effectively addressing a disability resulting from her cancer treatments. Elsie has been able to utilize a portion of PTATC research dollars that are focused on rehabilitation treatment after chemotherapy.

Elsie's mom, Anna, shared a very honest and forthright observation when families are diagnosed with cancer, particularly children. "A cancer diagnosis for your child splits your life in two. There's everything that happened before the diagnosis. And, there's everything that happens after the diagnosis. For our family this day was Thursday June 19th 2014."

At Elsie's 3-year check-up her pediatrician felt an irregularity while she palpated Elsie's stomach. After a series of x-rays and scans it was determined that Elsie likely had a Wilms tumor, a type of kidney cancer. They met with Dr. Johanna Perkins, who would become Elsie's primary oncologist, and Dr. Lindig, the surgeon who would remove Elsie's tumor four days later.

"We went home stunned and devastated. Elsie had been entirely asymptomatic. There are no words to describe the terror of knowing your child's life may be in danger. We spent the weekend trying to get our footing, arranging time off of work and spending time together as a family," continued Anna.

Elsie's surgery went well. The surgeon was able to remove the tumor in its entirety as well as nearby lymph nodes to see if the cancer had spread. The diagnosis they received later was Stage 1 Wilms tumor, favorable histology. Plans were for Elsie to have a 20-week chemotherapy protocol with no radiation.

Elsie was incredibly resilient through out her treatment and had relatively minor side affects.

Her blood counts dropped, but never to the point where she needed infusions, delayed treatments or isolation. She attended preschool three mornings a week, only missing days when we were in clinic.

About 3 months into Elsie's treatment she showed symptoms of significant neuropathy or damage to the nerves in her hands and feet caused by the chemotherapy drug Vincristine. Anna best described it as "Elsie's feet got "floppy" affecting her gait and her hands weakened so much that she had a difficult time opening them. Because physical therapy had been following Elsie since the first week of treatment we caught it quickly. She moved to weekly PT and OT sessions and was fitted for orthotics."

Elsie completed her treatment on October 30th, the day before Halloween. She had her end of treatment scans 3 weeks later. "They showed she was NED -- no evidence of disease!," said Anna. "When Dr. Rawas came in the room and reported that the scans looked good Dan and I both just about collapsed with relief. Life post-treatment has presented some challenges but we are so incredibly happy and relieved."

Elsie is now over three years post treatment and remains cancer-free. "We know how blessed we are. Elsie's cancer had a very specific and clear protocol, she responded well to it and we believe that she is cured. When the National Institute of Health only dedicates 4% of their dollars to pediatric cancer research, it is imperative that events like PTATC fund critical research being done at hospitals like Children's Minnesota."

Anna's view of the care and expertise found at Children's Minnesota are not unique. "Based on my extensive experiences, they are at the forefront of treating long-term physical effects from chemotherapy. The therapists were on top of them from the first week of treatment. Elsie was not a textbook patient. She still requires orthotic leg braces and physical therapy. But we believe she is going to recover from the disability that chemotherapy left her with. Lynn Tanner, her physical therapist has been her champion the whole way. Lynn knows Elsie's feet and her gait better than anyone reasonably should."

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone associated with PTATC. Your work has helped fund the research that Lynn does that has helped make Elsie's recovery from the long-term effects possible. This is in addition to the research being done to find better treatments and cures for all people."

Healthy blessings abound.

Honored Patient: Maeve Krein



The story of Maeve Krein is not a new one to those connected with the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic. We pick up the story in July of 2017. The Kreins are a beautiful, young family living a blessed life of health and happiness. Then, without warning, a pediatric cancer diagnosis intervenes and life as they knew it took an abrupt turn. Suddenly, life is more complicated.

Maeve Krein, was born healthy on April 15, 2017. A sweet, laid back, happy baby, she didn't show any signs or symptoms of having a lung tumor. "It was completely incidental that we ever discovered this when we did," said her mother, Bridget.

Maeve was born with a sacral dimple – an indentation on the lower back. Sacral dimples are common but Maeve's seemed a little "deeper." Dr. Strong, their pediatrician, urged them to have scans and x-rays to rule out a tethered spine. They went to Children's the next day where a radiologist told them that her spine looked fine but they did see a large "cystic lesion" in her right lung.

"Dr. Strong asked us to come in and have another x-ray done," said Bridget. "It was then that we learned the lesion was 2 inches long. Dr. Strong further urged us to meet with a surgeon so we met with Dr. Short from Children's. He was concerned it was cancer. That thought had not even crossed our minds, so it was hard to comprehend."

After further testing, the Kreins were told Maeve would need to have immediate surgery to perform a complete lobectomy of the middle lobe in her right lung. "This is when we met Dr. Kris Ann Schultz and that's when Justin and I realized this was a lot more serious than we had thought," continued Bridget.

On July 18th, Maeve underwent surgery and it was later confirmed that she had Pleuropulmonary blastoma (PPB) type I. "I'll never forget that

phone call," said Bridget. "I felt like the room started spinning, like I was falling down a tunnel and all I kept saying in my head was 'my child has cancer.' We all felt it was best to undergo another surgery to remove her entire lobe in case there were any cancer cells left from the first surgery."

After Maeve's PPB diagnosis the Kreins learned about DICER1 and the entire family was tested. Maeve, her brother Liam (almost 3) and her father, Justin, tested positive.

In March 2018, Maeve's second routine post-surgery scan revealed two new tumors in her left lung. Because of their small size, Maeve's family and doctors feel comfortable monitoring them with routine CT scans and x-rays. Their most recent follow-up scans in late June showed that they have not grown.

Since Liam also has DICER1, he went in for a CT scan on April 10th. His scans also found a small tumor in his left lung that will also be monitored with routine scans moving ahead.

The Kreins are thankful for the entire team that has contributed to Maeve's and Liam's health. In particular, Dr. Strong at Central Pediatrics for pushing to meet with their surgeon Dr. Short right away. "She could have easily told us how common a sacral dimple is, that it was nothing to worry about, and left it at that. But she didn't."

"Some days are easier than others, but Justin and I remain positive," said Bridget. "We lean on each other and all of our family and friends around us. Finding Maeve's tumor when we did is a complete miracle. We constantly remind ourselves of that."

Pine Tree Apple Orchard has always had a place in Bridget's life, now more than ever. "I grew up going to the Pine Tree Apple Orchard every year. It is surreal that the orchard I grew up going to as a child has been so instrumental in raising money for a cancer that now challenges both of my kids. We are fortunate that the registry is based here in Minnesota and we get to work directly with some of the greatest doctors in the world at Children's!"

There will be challenges ahead for sure. But with their confident resolve, positive approach and the world-class medical and research teams behind them, Maeve, Liam, Bridget and Justin have every reason to smile about the future ahead of them.

Since 1986, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic has raised more than \$5 million for cancer research at Children's Minnesota. Through these efforts, Children's Minnesota has become internationally recognized for rare cancer and supportive care research which benefits children in Minnesota and throughout the world.

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Children and teens will be diagnosed with cancer this year in the U.S.



Nearly two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors experience significant medical problems resulting from their original cancer treatment.



Early diagnosis of childhood cancers is difficult because symptoms are often similar to common ailments in kids.



The length of childhood cancer treatment ranges from 3 months to over 3 years.

Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children and adolescents.

Supported Research Programs

Funds raised by the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) are used primarily to support research areas where there is little or no national attention and can be broken out into three main categories: DICER1 Rare Tumor Research, Preventing Cancer Treatment Side Effects and Promoting Quality of Life.

DICER1 Rare Tumor Research

While advancements are being made for the most common childhood cancers, the same is not true for rare tumors. Pleuropulmonary blastoma (PPB) is a rare but aggressive lung tumor that occurs in very young children, usually children under age 7. In 1987, PTATC began supporting the International PPB Registry. In 2011, PTATC funding helped launch the opening of the International Ovarian and Testicular Stromal Tumor (OTST) Registry to study additional rare childhood tumors. Under the leadership of Dr. Kris Ann Schultz, the Registries seek to define optimal care for children with these rare diseases and develop more effective and less toxic therapies for children and adults throughout the world.

Combined, the Registries have enrolled more than 600 individuals from more than 40 countries and are now considered the model for other rare tumor registries.

DICER1: The needle in the haystack. In 2009, work conducted by the PPB Registry led to the discovery of the first known relationship between human cancer and DICER1, a critical gene in cellular processes. With a nearly infinite number of possible gene sequences in the human body, the ability to isolate this mutation is groundbreaking. The DICER1 findings have implications throughout all cancer research.

In May 2016, over 60 attendees gathered at the Minneapolis campus of Children's Minnesota to discuss the biological, clinical and translational aspects of tumors related to DICER1. Medical professionals representing rare tumor groups from around the US, France, Canada, Germany, England and Russia discussed possible new and better treatment options for those diagnosed with the worst types of PPB. This work has the potential to impact many, many people – even those without PPB or ovarian tumors – and may help oncologists around the world understand how to treat a wide variety of other tumors. During this Symposium, new guidelines for the testing and surveillance of individuals with DICER1 were developed and refined. Using these guidelines, DICER1 tumors are now being found in their earliest and most curable form.

Preventing Cancer Treatment Side Effects

Going through cancer treatment is difficult at any age. But because kids' bodies are rapidly growing and developing while they undergo treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation, they are more susceptible to long-term side effects that can hinder physical, cognitive and emotional development. These impairments begin early in treatment and can cause physical limitations into adulthood.

Many children with the most common childhood cancers are surviving their diseases. In 1960, only 10% of children survived acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common type of childhood cancer. Today, over 90% of children diagnosed with ALL are cured. With survival rates rising, emphasis in pediatric oncology research is being placed not only on the cure but also on improving the long-term function of pediatric cancer survivors.

Dr. Laura Gilchrist has held a PTATC-endowed research position focused on this cause since it was established in 2007. Dr. Gilchrist and her team at Children's Minnesota collaborate with staff at other hospitals to do research designed to improve physical functional outcomes. They investigate issues that may arise due to treatment—such as muscle weakness, balance impairment, ankle contractures and neuropathy — a weakness, numbness and/or pain in hands and feet caused by nerve damage, estimated to occur in 80 percent to 90 percent of pediatric patients with cancer.

One focus is determining which changes persist long-term and which are preventable. Many families accepted such deficits as "normal" during cancer treatment. However, Dr. Gilchrist and her team have uncovered a number of interventions, including embedding physical therapy activity into patients' treatment plans, to bring fun, engaging activities that help patients lead an active lifestyle with their peers. This unique physical therapy program begun at Children's Minnesota and has now been implemented at many children's hospitals around the world.

Promoting Quality of Life

Childhood development is a dynamic process. If cancer and subsequent treatments occur during a critical point of development, the average development process may be interrupted. Many children with cancer are at risk for poor health-related quality of life and chronic health conditions. To address these issues and provide kids with the best opportunity to thrive during and after cancer treatment, care teams shared new research and approaches aimed at promoting resilience in childhood cancer patients and reducing illness and the stress of cancer and its treatment.

Dr. Alicia Kunin-Batson seeks to improve pediatric cancer survivors' quality of life during and after treatment, relieving families of their perception on the fear of what their child could or should do during cancer treatment, which may limit movement and exercise. Published research has shown adolescent survivors who reported being more active had significantly higher quality of life scores, and exercise not only to be safe and feasible during pediatric cancer treatment but that it can improve physical functioning and various aspects of quality of life.

Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Hall of Fame Award

Established in 1989, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) Hall of Fame Award honors an individual or family that has made an outstanding and long-term contribution to the PTATC. Each recipient has shown significant dedication to the PTATC for more than three years. We are humbled by all those who have demonstrated such commitment and extend our sincere gratitude.

Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Board

Past Year's Hall of Famers

1989 – Patty Kurtz	2004 - Bruce & Denise Humphrey
1990 – Mary Patterson	2005 - Willy & Patty Paulson
1991 – Colleen Richard	2006 - Susie Hanson
1992 – Linda Brandt	2007 - Sam Mairs
1993 – Nanc Westlund	2008 - Deb Meath
1994 – Jim & Ginny Anderson	2009 - Anne Zink
1995 – Mike & Kathy Fleming	2010 - The Jacobson Family
1996 – Judith & Jeff Young	2011 - Mary Cornell
1997 – Ric Yates	2012 – Debbie Daniels
1998 – Sandy Martin	2013 – Kevin Werwie
1999 – Paul Steinhauser	2014 – Chris Combs
2000 – Nancy Jacobson	2015 – Kris Premo
2001 – Jack Priest	2016 – Jerry and Mary Ann Kidd
2002 - Peg Brenden	2017 – Dr. Yoav Messinger
2003 - Barb Jacobson	



**Please
join us in
congratulating
Dan on this
well-deserved
honor.**

Dan is the Pied Piper of tennis coaches! He has given advice, formed friendships, coached players and teams of all ages and levels for over 35 years. His quick and clever sense of humor, paired with his uncanny ability to remember facts and figures, makes him a most personable and effective mentor.

Teaching kids led to his long-term dedication to improving children's health and well-being through the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic. He knew two children, Abe and Maddy, who both lost battles to childhood cancer. Through the years, Abe and Maddy have stayed in the forefront of his mind on the court and when fundraising. His appreciation of all the doctors, therapists, staff, and researchers is evident in his love for this event as well.

Dan will play in his 20th Pine Tree tournament this year, winning seven championships along the way. As fun as it is to watch Dan play, his fundraising efforts are even more spectacular. His passion has drawn in a wide-reaching spectrum of donors. In the past 20 years, he has raised over \$260,000!

In addition to playing and fundraising, he has also spent countless hours volunteering. He has served on the player liaison committee for three years and the advisory board for four years.

Dan has completed the trifecta of commitment: participate, fundraise, and volunteer.

To paraphrase a quote by Knute Rockne,

**“One person practicing
good sportsmanship
is far better than
fifty others
preaching it.”**

Each year since its inception in 2000, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) Sportsmanship Award has been bestowed upon a player that exemplifies this spirit.

2000 – Kevin Werwie

2001 – Julia Mars

2002 – Mike Olson

2003 – Dan Shannon

2004 – Michelle Olson

2005 – Chris Combs

2006 – Mary Cornell

2007 – Marc Miller

2008 – Robin Coverdale

2009 – Craig Gordon

2010 – John Trondson

2011 – Justin Seim

2012 – Eric Donley

2013 – Imke Reimers

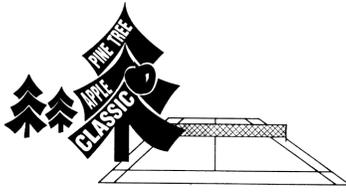
2014 – Bob Marolt

2015 – Katie Resch

2016 – Tobias Wernet

2017 – Julian Dehn

Tournament History



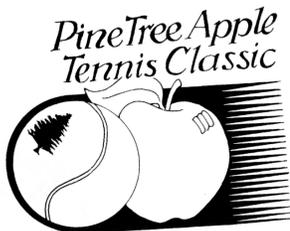
1986
 Chairs: Ron & Mary Peterson
 \$15,000 Raised
 Artist: Doug Ellis
 Tournament Winners:
 Janet McCutcheon & Bill Sternard



1987
 Chairs: Dan & Linda Aberg
 \$33,000 Raised
 Artist: Lisa Buck
 Tournament Winners:
 Jackie Moe & Mike Ach



1988
 Chairs: Colleen & Ken Richard
 \$44,000 Raised
 Artist: Lisa Buck
 Tournament Winners:
 Janet McCutcheon & Bill Sternard



1989
 Chair: Sue Wolsfeld
 \$70,000 Raised
 Artist: Tom Ashworth
 Tournament Winners:
 Andrea Holikova & Marc Miller



1990
 Chairs: Mike & Kathy Fleming
 \$118,000 Raised
 Artist: Lisa Buck
 Tournament Winners:
 Andrea Holikova & Marc Miller



1991
 Chairs: Ginny & Jim Anderson
 \$120,000 Raised
 Artist: Gail Speckmann
 Tournament Winners:
 Jacki Moe & Marc Miller



1992
 Chairs: Dick Blackburn,
 Ann Kochsiek, Linda Seierstad
 \$120,000 Raised
 Artist: Nanc Westlund,
 Visual Expressions
 Tournament Winners:
 Steve Paulsen & Claudia Brisk



1993
 Chairs: Laurie Blackwell,
 Joanie Mellgren, Jeff Young,
 Ric Yates
 \$130,000 Raised
 Artist: Kent Anderson, St.
 Croix Screen Printing
 Tournament Winners:
 Kevin Werwie &
 Cathy Birkeland



1994
 Chairs: Sandy Espe-Sorenson,
 Dave Sorenson,
 Paul Steinhauser, Todd Zabel
 \$148,000 Raised
 Artist: Lisa Buck
 Tournament Winners:
 Ross Loel & Dana Peterson

Tournament History



1995

Chairs: Sandy Martin,
Ann Helgeson, Steve King
& Liz Jaeger

\$166,292 Raised

Artist: Troy Shilison

Open:
Kevin Werwie & Jackie Moe

Masters:
Ric Yates & Peg Brenden



1996

Chairs: Bruce & Denise
Humphrey, Nancy Jacobson,
Jamie Young

\$185,000 Raised

Artist: Pam Kurts

Open:
Jackie Moe & Kevin Werwie

Masters:
Peggy Brenden & Ric Yates



1997

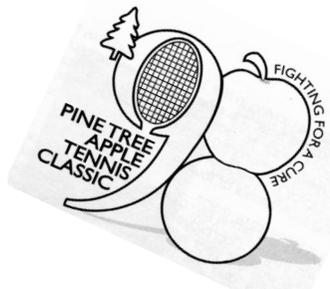
Chairs: Jim & Gail Menne,
Deb Meath, Dave Kahl,
Mary Cornell

\$164,000 Raised

Artist: Chris Dummermuth

Open:
Robin Coverdale & Marc Miller

Masters:
David Nash & Pam Sommer



1998

Chairs: Peg Brenden,
Dottie Hoel, Carol Whitaker

\$170,000 Raised

Artist: Dick Stuck

Open: Kirstin Sanderson &
Mike Husebo

Masters:
Peg Brenden & Ric Yates



1999

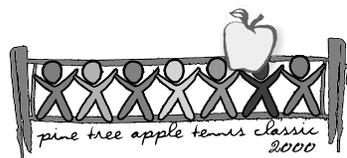
Chairs: Peg Kelly,
Barbie Sheehan, Vicki Sperry,
Deb Daniels

\$180,000 Raised

Artist: Joe Schroeder

Open: Alice Ransithienchai &
Mike Husebo

Masters:
Pam Sommer & David Nash



2000

Chairs: Bruce Vassar,
Carol Danielson,
Keith Erickson,
Mike Greenbaum

\$170,000 Raised

Artist: Jennifer Vee

Open:
Anne Gorde & Chris Combs

Masters:
Pam Sommer & David Nash



2001

Chairs: Diane Pearson,
Mary Patterson,
Colby Carlson,
Mike & Tonya Olson

\$212,000 Raised

Artist: Christopher Dow

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters:
Pam Sommer & Dave Nash



2002

Chairs: Jodi Brandtjen, Libby
Brown, Sarah Kennedy,
Brenda Werwie & Kevin
Werie

\$175,000 Raised

Artist: Joni Lantz

Open Division:
Chris Sheldon & Mickey Maule

Masters Division:
Fred Budde & Bernie McCann



2003

Chairs: Chris Combs, Sam Mairs,
Deb Meath & Mary Patterson

\$223,000 Raised

Artist: Kent Anderson

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters: Susan Rudd &
Mark Brandenburg



2004

Chairs: Vickie Baker,
Kate Booth, Trisha Connors,
Layne McCleary, Lori Nichols

\$233,000 Raised

Artist: Jeff Hagen

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters: Susan Rudd &
Mark Brandenburg



2005

Chairs: Vickie Baker,
Kate Booth, Trisha Connors,
Layne McCleary, Lori Nichols

\$209,500 Raised

Artist: Jeff Hagen

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters: Greg Wicklund &
Kathy Hayden

Grand Masters:
Su Oertel & Ron York



2006

Chairs: Dean and Allison
Hlushko, Layne McCleary,
Denise Rutkowski

\$210,000 Raised

Artist: Kent Anderson

Open: Erik Donley &
Meghan Donley Kimber

Masters: Marc Miller &
Robin Coverdale

Masters 9.5:
Ron York & Su Oertel



2007

Chairs: Jenna Hedquist,
Dean and Allison Hlushko,
Kris Premo, Denise Rutkowski,
Debbie Shearen

\$220,000 Raised,

Artist: Kent Anderson

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters: Felicia Tebon &
Dan Shannon

Masters 9.5: Bernie McCann
& Fred Budde



2008

Chairs: Joe Miller,
Kris Premo, Denise Rutkowski,
Debbie Shearen,

\$189,000 Raised,

Artist: Kent Anderson,
St. Croix Screenprinting

Open: Chris Sheldon &
Mickey Maule

Masters: Felicia Tebon &
Dan Shannon

Masters 9.5: Bernie McCann
& Fred Budde



2009

Chairs: Joe Miller,
Kris and Jessica Premo,
Keri Pakonen, Debbie Shearen

\$163,000 Raised,

Artist: Jeff Hagen, St. Croix
Screenprinting

Open: Imke Reimers &
Erik Donley

Masters: Janet Hoffmann &
Bill Sternard

Grand Masters:
Bernie McCann & Fred Budde

Tournament History



2010

Chairs: Joe Miller, Keri Pakonen, Jessica Premo, Kris Premo, Carly Schroeffer

\$192,000 raised

Artist: Nels Femrite

Open: Imke Reimers & Erik Donley

Masters: Robin Coverdale & Marc Miller

Grand Masters: Bernie McCann & Fred Budde



2011

Chairs: Joe Miller, Matt Narr, Keri Pakonen, Carly Schroeffer

\$181,000 raised

Open: Lindsay Risebrough & Harsh Mankad

Masters: Tory Borovsky & Mehdi Benyebka

Grand Masters: Susan Rudd & Dan Shannon



2012

Chairs: Joe Miller, Keri Pakonen, Matt Narr, Tricia Moorhead

\$170,000 raised

Open: Caitlin Burke & Ishay Hadash

Masters: Geoff & Dana Young

Grand Masters: Susan Rudd & Dan Shannon

2013

Chairs: Charice Crockarell, Joe Miller, Jacquie Mudge, Matt Narr

\$166,000 raised

Open: Erik Donley & Imke Reimers

Masters: John Trondson & Betsy Cionca

Grand Masters: Dan Shannon & Susan Rudd



2014

Chairs: Charice Crockarell, Joe Miller, Jacquie Mudge, Matt Narr

\$199,000 raised

Open: Tony Larson & Imke Reimers

Grand Masters: Dan Shannon & Susan Rudd

2015

Chairs: Bruce & Denise Humphery, Bill Jacobson, Nancy Jacobson, Jamie Young

\$367,000 Raised

Open: Imke Reimers & Mathieu Froment

Masters: Tory Borovsky & Gordon Reid

Grand Masters: Felicia Raschiatore & Mike Olson

Masters 9.5: Ron York & Su Oertel



2016

Chairs: Stephanie Davis, Anne Krmpotich, Bob Marlot

\$254,000 Raised

Open: Alexa Palen & Nick Crossley

Masters: Larissa Mavros & Kevin Werwie

Grand Masters: Felicia Raschiatore & Mike Olson

2017

Chairs: Kathy Bjornson, Stephanie Davis, Bob Marolt, Katie Resch, Susan Rudd

\$270,000 Raised

Open: Jessie Any & Jack Hamburg

Masters - Larissa Mavros & Kevin Werwie

Grand Masters: Susan Rudd & Dan Shannon



Thank you for participating in the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC)!

Whatever your role...player, sponsor,
financial donor, volunteer or
spectator, we would love
to hear from you!

Please take a moment
to tell us what you like best
about the PTATC and offer any
suggestions for next year.



Go to PTATC.com to complete our brief survey.

33rd Annual Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic

August 2 – 5, 2018

Thursday, August 2

All Day	Online Auction on PTATC.com
5:00 PM	Masters – 3 matches, Round of 16
6:30 PM	Masters – 3 matches, Round of 16

Friday, August 3

8:00 AM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 32
10:00 AM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 32
12:00 PM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 32
2:00 PM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 32
4:00 PM	Grand Masters – 4 matches, Quarterfinals
6:30 PM	Players & Sponsors Appreciation Party at Inwood Oaks (formerly Envision) <i>by invitation only</i>
8:30 PM	Online Auction closes

Saturday, August 4

9:00 AM	Masters – Quarterfinals
11:00 AM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 16
1:00 PM	Open – 4 matches, Round of 16
3:00 PM	Masters & Grandmasters – Semifinals
5:00 PM	Open – Quarterfinals

Sunday, August 5

10:00 AM	Open – Semifinals
12:00 PM	Masters & Grandmasters – Finals
1:30 PM	Program & Awards
2:00 PM	Open - Finals