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# Welcome to the 2022 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic!

The Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic is the premier mixed doubles tennis tournament in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest. Traditionally held the first weekend of August, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic features more than 100 of the area’s top men’s and women’s tennis players. And new for 2022 is a Junior Tournament with 40 of the best young players participating and supporting the cause!

Funds raised during the weekend benefit targeted cancer research efforts at Children’s Minnesota and over 200 hospitals around the world. Your generosity supporting the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic helps provide vital information to cancer specialists around the world and supports the healing of a patient’s whole body when receiving treatment.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the weekend!

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# 37th Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic

## August 4-7, 2022

### Life Time White Bear Lake



- game, set, cure -

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, August 4

4:00 p.m. - "First Serve" Happy Hour: Come have dinner and watch the matches.

Enjoy a Brat/Hot Dog, Chips, Water/Soda, Apple Donut Meal for only \$6!!!!

5:00 p.m. - Matches Start!!! Masters Round of 16

6:00 p.m. - Grand Masters Round of 16

### Friday, August 5

8:00 a.m. - Food Tent Opens

8:00 a.m. - Masters Round of 16

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Open Round of 32

4:00 p.m. - Grand Masters Quarterfinals

6:00 p.m. - Friday Appreciation Party - Vadnais Heights Commons (*Invitation Only*)

### Saturday, August 6

9:00 a.m. - Food Tent Open

9:00 a.m. - Masters Quarterfinals

11:00 a.m. - Children's Craft Area Opens

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Open Round of 16

3:00 p.m. - Masters & Grand Masters Semifinals

5:00 p.m. - Open Quarterfinals

### Sunday, August 7

10:00 a.m. - Food Tent Opens

10:00 a.m. - Children's Craft Area Opens

10:00 a.m. - Open Semifinals

10:00 a.m. - 11 & Under, 17 & Under Junior Pine Tree Finals

12 Noon - Masters & Grand Masters Finals

12 Noon - 13 & Under Junior Pine Tree Finals

1:45 p.m. - Special Recognition Ceremony

2:00 p.m. - Open Finals

## How To Find Updated Tournament Schedules and Results

All tournament schedules and results are available via [www.ptacf.org](http://www.ptacf.org) or on our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram) at Keyword: PTACForg.

## A Message from the Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Board

For each of the past 37 summers, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic (PTATC) has been an August gathering you don't want to miss. A mixed doubles tennis event that started in 1986, the tournament has now raised over \$6.4 million supporting groundbreaking outcomes by the doctors and researchers at Children's Minnesota and over 200 hospitals around the world as they discover better care treatments, and some day, a cure for childhood cancer.

The PTATC's long-standing tradition is a testament to the power of our Founding Family's vision, and the steadfast commitment of so many dedicated people over the years - everyone from the players, sponsors, volunteers, donors, staff at Children's Minnesota, the patients, and more. We are especially grateful for all you do in making this event the premier mixed doubles tournament and fundraiser in the upper Midwest.

In 2021, we welcomed you back to PTATC in a familiar format for some amazing tennis, delicious food and drink and much-welcomed community. We enjoyed a record-breaking year in supporting the cause, raising over \$350,000 and presenting a check for \$256,000 to Children's Minnesota in December. We also added new elements to the tournament including a very successful Art Crawl featuring pieces created by patients at Children's Minnesota and local artists. We celebrated the late Jason Albrecht - an incredible man who was the first-ever PPB patient, and who dedicated his life to helping other patients and families affected by rare cancers - by inducted him into the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Hall of Fame posthumously. We met our 2021 Honored Patient Owen and his family at the Sunday ceremony, as well as Molly and Roy Santa Croce who introduced us to the incredible legacy of their daughter Megan (our 2021 Honored Angel) at Friday's party, and reminded us to spread our arms wide, look to the sky and "Live Like Megan."

Finally in 2021, together with our partners at Children's Minnesota, we celebrated the establishment of the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Endowed Chair in Cancer and Blood Disorders Research, and the appointment of Dr. Kris Ann Schultz as the inaugural holder of the position. This Chair, which is only the third-ever endowed chair at Children's Minnesota, is a direct result of your generosity and ensures dedicated research continues in eventually finding a cure to rare cancers for many years to come.

This year's tournament promises to be even better, with over 150 players participating, the return of the Junior Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic in which 40 of the best junior players in the area are competing and raising over \$15,000 for the cause and the introduction of the NEW Match Point Mimosa Signature Drink! Also, thanks to an anonymous donor and USTA Northern, the Volunteer Give Back program for high school and college teams was born. For every hour worked by the students, our donor is awarding their tennis program \$10, with USTA Northern matching it, while also giving Pine Tree \$10 for the cause. A true win-win!

This event would not be possible without the support of our many generous sponsors and donors including the Peterson Family (our Founding Family), the Jacobson Family Pine Tree Apple Orchard (our Founding Sponsor), Life Time White Bear (our Site Sponsor), our Event and Presenting sponsors, and all of our sponsors, donors, tennis players and volunteers who make the PTATC happen.

We continue to be amazed by the dedication of the research team at Children's Minnesota, whose work not only helps children survive, but also thrive during and after treatment. We are so proud of their work in developing two world-renowned tumor registries, the development of an international prospective clinical trial to translate findings from the lab into clinical care, and the creation of a nationally-recognized model of rehabilitation for childhood cancer patients. The team has published countless research papers, delivered numerous presentations on research findings and collaborated on a regular basis with researchers and care providers all over the world to help children with these rare cancers in the hopes of finding a cure.

The Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Board is enthusiastic about our mission to be a positive force in the health and well-being of kids with childhood diseases and their families and strive in continually making a difference. We want to thank Dee Gaeddert for her tremendous contributions and service on our Board since the creation of our 501(c)(3), and welcome Shannon Matson, our newest Board Member, to the Pine Tree family. There is always room for more. If you have an interest in joining this wonderful team of volunteers, please let us know.

**Thank you again for being an integral part of this event! We could not do it without you!**

**Kevin Werwie, President; Nancy Jacobson, Treasurer; Norm Longsdorf, Director; Shannon Matson, Director; Matt Narr, Director; Cheryl Yasis, Director**

## 2022 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Tournament Committee

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we recognize and say THANK YOU to our 2022 committee leads and members. Most of these incredible people have been with the tournament in some capacity for a decade or more, and are the reason the tournament is celebrating its 37th Anniversary this year.

Throughout the weekend, please take a moment to say thank you for their passion and unwavering dedication (even through a pandemic) to not only the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic, but in supporting the pediatric cancer research initiatives at Children's Minnesota and around the world.

### THANK YOU!

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#### Art Crawl

Nancy Ekvall

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## A Message from the Founding Family



Dear Friends of Pine Tree,

Since our founding of the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic in 1986, I feel incredibly grateful and proud of the ongoing support provided by the tournament in bringing the latest advancements in research and treatment options to children afflicted with cancer.

A parent should never have to worry about the lack of treatment options available to their child. When our daughter, Juliann, was diagnosed with leukemia at a very young age, there were many unknowns and it was apparent that more was needed to answer the questions we had concerning pediatric cancer. We were so grateful for all the doctors, nurses and other care providers at Children's Minnesota that we wanted to give back in a meaningful way.

Thanks to the Jacobson Family for believing in our fight to end pediatric cancer by contributing the seed

money to start the event - which raised \$15,000 in 1986 - and has since raised over \$6 million in supporting two main initiatives to improve outcomes for children with cancer - rare tumor research and activities to keep kids active and healthy during and after treatment.

The inception of the International PPB Registry in 1987 was a direct result of our vision and funding. The establishment of this global research program based here in Minnesota and now used in over 40 countries, directly resulted in the discovery of variants in the DICER1 gene as a cause of PPB - the most common lung cancer of children. Since this pivotal discovery in 2009, the mission and vision of Registry research has expanded and now includes study of ovarian, kidney, thyroid and brain tumors and has become a model for other registries to help identify best treatment outcomes. The spectrum of tumors under study has expanded even further within

## A Message from the Founding Family - continued

the past 2 years to include three other previously unrecognized tumors now known to be associated with DICER1.

These new discoveries have led to an expansion of the Registry name - now known as the International PPB/DICER1 Registry - and the founding of a parallel sister registry called the International Ovarian and Testicular Stromal Tumor Registry. The greater understanding of this spectrum of tumors has led to the creation and refinement of surveillance guidelines facilitating detection of these tumors in their earliest form. The lives of children and adults here in Minnesota and around the world have been saved by early detection made possible by these pivotal discoveries!

Unfortunately, not all tumors can be found early, so Children's Minnesota is studying new methods of tumor monitoring and novel therapies. They have learned they can detect circulating DICER1 tumor DNA in the blood from children with tumors and are now working to understand how accurate such a test would be in guiding therapy for children with PPB. For novel therapies, they have identified multiple potential targets expressed on DICER1 cancer cells that are not expressed in normal tissues. New findings in 2021 include information on the role of p53 (the Guardian of the Genome) in DICER1 cancers and an assessment of markers for immunotherapy response in PPB tumors.

Children's Minnesota is also developing an international prospective clinical trial to translate findings from the lab into clinical care. The goal is to translate new discoveries into less toxic and more effective therapies for childhood and adult cancers. Researchers at Children's are honored to work directly with families and physicians around the world, ensuring the latest research results are placed directly into the hands of those who need it most.

More recently, new therapies for children who have been compromised by cancer treatments have brought greater opportunities for improved physical outcomes and have been duplicated in many other children's hospitals. Children's Minnesota has developed a nationally-recognized model of rehabilitation for childhood cancer patients. This evidence-based model is being taught to cancer centers both nationally and internationally by recognized experts Lynn Tanner PT and Laura Gilchrist PT, PhD - both based in Minnesota.

Our support has also developed a measure of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy used in clinical trials both nationally and internationally to reduce the long-term consequences of cancer treatment.

But perhaps our greatest accomplishment occurred last year when we established the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Endowed Chair in Cancer and Blood Disorders Research at Children's Minnesota and the appointment of Dr. Kris Ann Schultz as the inaugural holder of the position, marking only the third endowed chair position established in history at Children's Minnesota. Truly remarkable!

I want to thank all of the players and the tennis community for sharing our dream through your enthusiasm surrounding the event and your donations to care for our children. It's not necessarily how much you raise in dollars, but how you spend those dollars. All of you have contributed to something very special and our family is proud to continue our support of this event and be a part of this truly unique and worthwhile mission. Without all of you, we wouldn't have much.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Peterson

## A Message from the Founding Sponsor



Dear Supporters of the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic,

Nearly 37 years ago, Ron Peterson and Dan Aberg asked us to partner in their efforts to establish a tennis tournament as a means to raise money for research into childhood cancer by lending financial support. We readily agreed to provide the seed money they were looking for, and soon the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic was born.

As we now celebrate the 37th Anniversary of this amazing tournament in 2022, it is so reassuring to know that we continue helping these special children and their families affected by childhood cancer. It is not often in life one gets the opportunity to make such a difference.

We are honored to continue as the founding sponsor of the event and thrilled at its continuing success. It has been such a rewarding experience for our family to work with the many volunteers who make this tournament possible, and be a part of the continuing enthusiasm they generate in the fight against this horrible disease. It still amazes us that our initial investment in 1986 has turned into more than \$6.4 million for the cancer research initiatives at Children's Minnesota and around the world.

We look forward to continuing our support in the future. Thank you for joining us in helping achieve our goal - to earn the last dollar ever in the fight against children's cancer.

**Game, Set, Cure!**

Sincerely,

The Jacobson Family Pine Tree Apple Orchard



## A Message from the Research Team

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

You are amazing! Your support continues to make cancer research happen at Children's Minnesota, improving outcomes for kids and families here in Minnesota and around the world.

We're excited to tell you about the amazing progress that has happened since last year's Pine Tree event! The International PPB/DICER1 Registry has continued to work with children and families across the U.S. and around the world. We continue to collect medical data and tumor samples, and test conventional, novel and holistic medications against these tumors, searching for the most effective and least toxic therapies. The protocol we brought forward last year to work with Children's Oncology Group, a cooperative group consisting of more than 200 institutions that treat childhood cancer, to develop a prospective treatment trial for children with Types I, II and III PPB, continues to advance, and our work with the European rare tumors groups now opens this protocol internationally.

Some of our current research focuses on validating new ways of monitoring treatment response and detecting minimal amounts of residual disease. Our team is working hard on this endeavor and has collected more than 900 samples from across the globe for this research. We hope this new blood test-based strategy will reduce the number of times a child must be sedated and exposed to radiation in order to understand their tumor's response to treatment.

We also are learning more each month about additional tumors linked to DICER1 - and this year in addition to PPB, we've focused especially on ovarian Sertoli-Leydig cell tumors and sarcomas, kidney tumors and new types of liver and chest tumors, recently found to be associated with DICER1.

One of our goals this year has been to ensure that despite the limitations of COVID, the findings from this research quickly reach the people who need it most - treating teams and families. We've given presentations at scientific meetings and Grand Rounds, published several manuscripts and abstracts, including new research on health-related quality of life in children with PPB and hosted an international scientific symposium with scientists, treating physicians and researchers from around the world.

Additionally, on August 4, deliberately in conjunction with the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic event that makes this work possible, we brought together patients and families for our 7th Registry family meeting.

Our goal continues to be strengthening our collaborations so that we can spread the word about how to care for kids and adults with DICER1-related conditions and learn more - a true win-win for everyone. Along the way, we meet many families whose world has just been turned upside down by a cancer diagnosis. Like you, they look ahead, to see how their own journey could help someone else. For them, and for you, we are forever grateful.



## A Message from the Research Team continued

Children who undergo treatment for cancer deserve to not only survive their disease, but also to thrive both during and after treatment. Research funded by Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund supports both of these critical goals. In the supportive care research arena, Lynn Tanner PT and Laura Gilchrist PT, PhD have teamed together to improve physical function in children both during and after cancer treatment. Work on measuring and treating chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy continues, with ongoing trials of bracing to improve outcomes and development of a measure for very young children. In collaboration with St. Catherine University, we are also striving to understand the long-term impacts of cancer and its treatments, including its influence on muscle fatigue and balance control. All of these efforts will help us reach our long-term goal of healthy and high functioning childhood cancer survivors who have minimal long-term impact from their disease.

This year, we were also able to share our research and clinical knowledge through team-based educational courses. We had international audiences composed of therapists, physicians, nurse practitioners, and researchers, learning how to improve the lives of children with cancer using rehabilitation. In addition, we published a journal article on the necessary components of a cancer rehabilitation program to assist others in the development of essential supportive care services.

All of these discoveries were made possible through your hard work and generosity. Advances in childhood cancer research are being made, but there are miles to go before we rest. 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. Children with advanced solid tumors, especially rare tumors, 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. We believe all children deserve the same chance of survival and long-term happiness.

Thank you for your support of this tournament which allows us to pursue this research. Generous support from PTACF 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 you. We value and appreciate the support you provide to children and families across the country and around the world. As we reflect on our shared successes and challenges, we are grateful for the contributions of so many individuals who made this possible. At the same time, the beloved children who were diagnosed with late stage PPB or died, despite the 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.

With gratitude,

Kris Ann Schultz, MD, Yoav Messinger, MD, Laura Gilchrist PT, PhD, Lynn Tanner, MPT, Anne Harris, MPH, Paige Mallinger, MS, Nicole Frederickson, CRA, Anna Dybvik, CRA, Melissa Abraham CRA and Alexander Nelson, BS



## Honored Patient: Ben



“Ben stopped walking twice and needed to relearn how to put one foot in front of the other, how to hop, how to skip, how to jump and how to run. Today, Ben is 14 years old, cancer free, and remarkably, a cross country runner ...”

It has been a long journey for 14-year-old Ben and his family. When his mother, Laura, noticed her active 2 ½ year old son starting to limp, not wanting to put any weight on his leg and only wanting to be carried, she immediately became concerned. After many doctor visits with not many answers, they eventually ended up at Children’s Minnesota where Ben was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on June 16, 2010.

Ben immediately started chemotherapy and rehabilitation treatments, but 6 weeks later, he was unable to walk again because the chemotherapy caused him to experience neuropathy from his toes to his hips. Ben started routinely seeing a physical therapist and wearing orthotics, but future chemo treatments combined with natural growth caused him to endure hours of physical therapy with Lynn Tanner at Children’s Minnesota, be fitted for multiple types of orthotics and different soled shoes, and sadly, spend limitless hours at home.

Ben also experienced some rare side effects during chemotherapy as the mercaptopurine caused his body to become hypoglycemic. He was only the third patient treated at Children’s Minnesota to have such a severe response to the drug which ultimately inhibited Ben’s liver from storing enough glucose overnight and causing his body to shut down and stop working. His glucose was tested every morning and his evening food choices were carefully planned to give his body a chance at being functional when he woke up the next morning. He also experienced steroid pulses which caused him extreme pain, as he could only lay in the fetal position until the pain went away. After many tests, the doctors experimentally tried the drug Celebrex to ease his pain, and thankfully it worked.

Cancer treatment affects so many more than just the patient. Ben had a number of friends and family who helped during his journey, but none more than his older brother Calvin, who always encouraged Ben to do his physical therapy exercises - oftentimes

doing them with him. Calvin came up with creative ways to add physical therapy components to the board games they played and encouraged Ben every step of the way.

“Most of the other kids at school had no idea what Calvin endured,” Laura said. “If they did, I am sure they too would admire the strength he possesses at such an age. I credit Calvin with much of Ben’s physical therapy successes.”

With the encouragement of Calvin during the last three-plus years of treatment, followed by four years of post-treatment complications, Ben’s last dose of chemo was in August of 2013 and his final physical therapy treatment was in January of 2017. During those seven years, Ben stopped walking twice and needed to relearn how to put one foot in front of the other, how to hop, how to skip, how to jump and how to run. Today, Ben is 14 years old, cancer free, and remarkably, a cross country runner and track athlete who specializes in the hurdles at his high school in Wayzata, Minn.

“Thank you to everyone at Children’s Minnesota who helped make Ben who he is today,” Laura said. “I know Ben would not be the active guy he is if he did not have a premier, inquisitive medical team who searched around the world to understand why Ben’s body responded the way it did to the chemotherapy. The Children’s Minnesota rehabilitation team worked with Ben’s body tirelessly trying to predict how it might break down next and how to support what little they had to work with to keep him walking. Without these teams of physicians, nurses and rehabilitation specialists, Ben would not be the kid standing in front of us who chooses to sprint around a track in his spare time. For his life and his life’s successes, we are forever indebted to Children’s Minnesota. Thank you.”

## Honored Patient: Neesa



Seven years ago, Neesa was not feeling well. Our 2022 Honored Patient was overwhelmed with nausea and letharginess, leading to an initial diagnosis of acid reflux. Not seeing improvements, and now struggling to maintain her weight, Neesa was then told she had celiac disease - an autoimmune disorder that occurs in genetically predisposed people where the ingestion of gluten leads to damage in the small intestine.

After changing her diet, removing gluten first and then dairy, Neesa was hopeful she would get back to being that sassy and fun-loving teenager she had been. She joined the high school soccer team, but immediately started gaining a substantial amount of weight and noticed her stomach protruding out much farther than normal. She struggled with stamina too, barely making it through the first half of a game before being completely exhausted and unable to continue.

Like many 16-year-old girls, Neesa was also having menstruation and reproductive health issues that were extremely painful and often times debilitating. Neesa was told not to worry as “women have irregularities.” Her “irregularities” and health issues continued to the point where she was unable to go to the bathroom any longer. After a night in the emergency room, the Fergus Falls, Minn., resident was finally sent to the Masonic Cancer Center in Minneapolis where it was discovered she had a four-and-a-half pound tumor in one of her ovaries.

A month later, Neesa had surgery to remove the tumor and began chemotherapy. After completing chemo and being declared “cancer free,” Neesa enjoyed 3 ½ years in remission and was back to being that effervescent teenager everyone loved.

But then ... a second tumor was found. This tumor was much different from the first as it was very aggressive and growing at hyperspeed. Only a week after discovering the second tumor, it had already attached to her bladder and emergency surgery was needed.

“If I have one message to share, it is to live everyday like there is a tomorrow.”

Doctors soon diagnosed Neesa with Sertoli-Leydig, a rare ovarian cancer that only three people in the entire world, on average, are diagnosed with annually. Sertoli-Leydig cancer cells produce and release testosterone which can cause the development of male characteristics including facial hair and a deep voice. These cell tumors are so rare that they account for less than 0.5% of all ovarian tumors found.

“I honestly laughed when Dr. (Peter) Argenta told me I had Sertoli-Leydig.” Neesa recalls. “I remember Dr. Argenta saying the odds of me having this rare form of cancer were less than being struck by lightning AND being attacked by a shark.”

After trying three different treatment plans, including having a hysterectomy, Dr. Argenta broached the idea with Neesa of meeting with Dr. Kris Ann Schultz - the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Endowed Chair of Cancer and Blood Disorders Research at Children’s Minnesota and one of the leading Sertoli-Leydig researchers in the world.

“Of course I said I would meet with her,” Neesa said. “I could not believe one of the leading Sertoli-Leydig research doctors in the world was right down the road from me in St. Paul.”

Now 23 years old, Neesa and her boyfriend, Brody, who has been with her since first being diagnosed in high school, have moved to Moorhead, Minn. She continues her chemotherapy treatments both at home, taking three pills a day, and by receiving intravenous chemo once a week for three-weeks-on, one-week-off at the Roger Maris Cancer Center in Fargo, N.D. She also meets with Dr. Schultz every 2-3 months, but sadly, another spot has been found on her left pelvis, which could indicate the development of a third tumor. Only time will tell....

Still continuing to fight each day, Neesa - remarkably - remains incredibly strong and hopeful that more research can be done in hopes a cure can be found soon as she knows her life depends on it.

“I definitely have my good days and my bad days, and there are some days I do not know how I stay so positive,” Neesa said. “I have an incredible village helping me through all of this, especially my boyfriend’s mom Maranda. If I have one message to share, it is to live everyday like there is a tomorrow.”

## Honored Patient: Yonel



It was the spring of 2021. Nine-year-old Yonel, of St. Paul, Minn., had been sick for 3 weeks with multiple fevers, pale skin, vomiting and bruising. Thinking it might be COVID, he was taken to Urgent Care and diagnosed with strep throat. Relieved it was only that, Yonel's parents - Amparo and Aaron - were looking forward to getting past this and having their little boy feel better once again. Unfortunately, he did not get any better, and was soon taken back to Urgent Care for further evaluation. This time, the doctors said he had influenza. Again relieved, Amparo and Aaron looked for a quick recovery after pinpointing the problem.

Then on March 26, Yonel could not get dressed or walk, causing them to quickly hop in the car for a third trip to Urgent Care. Praying the third time would be the charm, the doctors noticed something was seriously not right with his blood work. They immediately directed Yonel and his family to Children's Minnesota in Minneapolis where he was finally diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-cell.

"It was definitely an eye opener," Amparo said. "This is something you never prepare for. Yonel was the kid who never got sick, always positive, and for him to be diagnosed with cancer was something very surprising and hard. There was a whole plate of emotions for him, and for us as a family."

Once Yonel was first diagnosed, he immediately started a chemotherapy regimen. The hospital also had a physical therapist come to his room to discuss the different side effects that come with chemotherapy and how it affects the body. He soon began a physical therapy program, and educated our family on how Yonel would be affected. They taught us how we could help reduce little things such as bone aches and tightness, as well as monitor the amount of exercise he was doing.

"As a parent, you never realize how much these medications can debilitate their body to the point where they can't walk, are crawling, or can't help themselves up off the bed." Amparo said. "The physical therapists helped encourage Yonel to constantly move his body to avoid cramping and stiffness after sitting idle for hours on end during the day."

"We must be mindful and appreciative for the blessing of the orthotics being donated to us and the huge difference they were making."

As part of physical therapy, Yonel and the family received a set of orthotics courtesy of the funds raised by the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic each year. Although clunky and difficult to put on and take off at the beginning, the orthotics soon gave him strength, confidence and balance so he could walk and slowly even start jogging.

"There were days the orthotics seemed like such a burden to not only him, but to me as well," Amparo said. "Yonel would always remind me that not many in his situation can even walk so we must be mindful and appreciative for the blessing of the orthotics being donated to us and the huge difference they were making."

Now cancer free, Yonel is in the maintenance portion of his journey. He goes to the clinic once a month and is receiving on-going treatment with three different medications to make sure his cancer does not return. Recently, it was discovered that one of Yonel's chemo medications inflamed his liver and affected its functioning so he has reduced his chemo at home to half a dose each day. He also undergoes spinal taps on a regular basis and continues to do physical therapy to maintain the strength in his legs, regain his range of motion and assist with his balance and coordination.

"All the doctors and therapists at Children's Minnesota are experts in their field. Along with being caring and empathetic with the patients, they are smart, diligent and understanding. These are young kids who don't know their feelings, or how to express them throughout their journey, but these specialists are always understanding and supportive of them and their families."

Cancer is hard on everyone. As a parent when you hear your child has leukemia, you think of the worst, but Yonel and his family have bonded together and have learned to take it day-by-day, seeing the positives in the journey..

"Yonel was the one feeling the pain and needing transfusions, but he was - and still remains - positive," Amparo said. "Although there were nights where he would cry and let me know his worries and fears, we all stayed strong and remained resilient. We have such great faith in him and his journey, and are grateful for everything we are given - especially his health. Yonel has come so far and has healed drastically thanks to the wonderful staff at Children's Minnesota."

In just a few weeks, Yonel will be a sixth grader at St Pascal's. Like any typical 10-year-old, he loves to read, draw, play video games and go to the park with his sisters Yamile, Yanise and Yoselyn. Yonel was also part of his school's running club last year, and plans to participate again this coming fall.

"Thanks to the researchers, doctors, nurses, and physical therapists who research, assist and experiment with young children like Yonel, they are able to provide better innovations and resources to younger cancer patients. We are so grateful, and have so much love for all the staff at Children's Hospital!"

## Honored Patient: Eloise



Sometimes the saying “it runs in the family” can be a good thing, and sometimes not so much. In the case of 2022 Honored Patient Eloise and her parents Ian and Kelly, from Fargo, N.D., being diagnosed with the Dicer-1 gene mutation was one trait the family could have lived without.

Eloise’s family had been prepared for such a diagnosis. Due to family history on Ian’s side as his sister and nephew also have the Dicer-1 gene mutation, many of the Costellos, including Ian, participated in a research study five years ago at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., to understand the likelihood of his children inheriting the gene. At that time, Kelly was 8 weeks along in her pregnancy with Eloise.

Eloise was born symptom free, but knowing the family history, Ian and Kelly had Eloise tested immediately. Unfortunately, the test results showed she did indeed inherit her father’s gene mutation.

“We were not surprised as her odds were the same as the flip of a coin,” Ian said. “Of course, we were concerned, but we had direct connections with Children’s Minnesota and the National Institute of Health which had already prepared us if indeed she tested positive for the mutation.”

Hoping to carry out her care in Fargo, they quickly learned that Eloise’s pediatrician and genetic specialist there were unfamiliar with the Dicer-1 mutation. Having other family members go through treatment at Children’s Minnesota, they started making the trek down I-94 to Minneapolis every 3-6 months.

The Dicer-1 gene mutation is known to cause tumors in the lungs, kidneys, ovaries, thyroid and brain. Over time, most of these tumors become Type 1 Pleuropulmonary Blastoma or PPB. Eloise started doing lung CTs and ultrasounds to the ovaries and kidneys every 6 months at Children’s Minnesota. Initially, two cysts were found in her lungs, so they accelerated her scans to every 3 months. Two more cysts were then found and the family discussed whether they should do surgery to remove the cysts.

“...getting pictures of ‘her tummy’ and that some people grow extra “bumps” in their bodies and some do not.”

Due to her young age, and the good possibility that more cysts would form according to previous research findings, they decided to hold off on surgery. Thankfully, Eloise’s last scans in June of 2022 showed no growth in those four cysts.

For the most part, her treatment journey has been linear to the other members of her family. However, Eloise has experienced many physical challenges along the way. She has a gross motor delay, requiring her to wear ankle orthotics and do physical therapy. She also has had ups and down with asthma-like respiratory symptoms that make them watch her more closely. Still unsure if these are related to the Dicer-1 gene or not, they make Ian and Kelly think twice about what path they should take and whether they should pursue surgery.

With many other brave family members going through a similar journey already, the Costellos have a great support system in place and know the importance of the research being conducted at Children’s Minnesota, believing that “knowledge is power.” They also know how lucky they are to have Dr. Kris Ann Schultz, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Endowed Chair of Cancer and Blood Disorders Research and one of the world’s leading doctors in PPB and Dicer-1 cancer cases, overseeing their medical care.

“From talking us through the early stages of the diagnosis at 11 p.m. as she was on vacation with her own young family to taking our questions throughout the last 4 years, Dr. Schultz has been the rock for our family,” Ian said.

Eloise just completed her first year of preschool and is very excited for the fall when she starts Pre-K five days a week. She loves princesses, learning, swinging and knows the words to every song. She also wants to be an artist when she grows up saying, “So I can teach people how to paint and they will love it!” She is also a great big sister to her younger sibling, Gradyann (2).

With so much uncertainty facing their oldest daughter, you would think Eloise would live with a constant cloud hanging over her head, but actually, it is quite the opposite.

“Eloise’s eyes and smile say it all,” Ian said. “She lives life with a sparkle and exudes joy. She is observant, smart, creative and emotionally intelligent. From the start, she has shown kindness and empathy to those around her. She cannot yet understand the purpose of all of these trips to Children’s Minnesota, getting pictures of ‘her tummy’ and that some people grow extra “bumps” in their bodies and some do not, but these trips are also time spent with family.”

## Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Establishes Endowed Chair; Dr. Kris Ann Schultz Named Inaugural Chair



In August 2020, Children's Minnesota and Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund (PTACF) announced the establishment of the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Endowed Chair in [Cancer and Blood Disorders Research](#) and the appointment of Dr. Kris Ann Schultz as the inaugural holder of the position. Children's Minnesota has the largest pediatric cancer and blood disorders program in the Upper Midwest, caring for more than 58 percent of children diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders in Minnesota.

"Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund is proud to fund an Endowed Chair in Cancer and Blood Disorders Research at Children's Minnesota and could not be more excited by the appointment of Dr. Schultz for the Chair position," said Kevin Werwie, President of Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund. "Dr. Schultz is a talented clinician, researcher, collaborator and leader and so deserving of this honor. This Endowed Chair ensures the targeted research we have supported through our Pine Tree donor community over the past 35 years continues for many years to come."

Dr. Schultz is the first Endowed Chair holder in the Cancer and Blood Disorders program of Children's Minnesota. She is the Principal Investigator for the International Pleuropulmonary Blastoma DICER1 Registry and the Principal Investigator and founder of the International Ovarian and Testicular Stromal Tumor Registry. Both Registries are based at Children's Minnesota. Pleuropulmonary blastoma (PPB) is a rare lung cancer that occurs in young children. Research from Children's Minnesota and other collaborating institutions has shown that PPB is linked to changes in a gene called DICER1, which serves as a dimmer switch for cell proliferation. Dr. Schultz leads a global team to discover how to best treat the three main types of PPB and other DICER1-related cancers in children and adults with the goal of developing treatment plans tailored to the individual needs of patients. This work has also led to the development of surveillance guidelines with the ultimate goal of detecting DICER1-related cancers in their earliest and most curable form. Dr. Schultz is the principal investigator of an R01 grant funded

## Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund Establishes Endowed Chair; Dr. Kris Ann Schultz Named Inaugural Chair - continued

by the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health focused on the role of circulating tumor DNA in management of PPB.

“Congratulations to Dr. Schultz on this distinguished honor which will provide consistent financial support for her research and transform the lives of our patients and patients around the world,” said Dr. Marc Gorelick, president and CEO of Children’s Minnesota. “We are grateful to Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund for their long-standing support. Their generosity helps accelerate Dr. Schultz’ research to pursue breakthrough treatments and care for patients.”

“This work has been a remarkable partnership between very inspiring kids with childhood cancer, their families who have so generously shared their journey and this amazing group of dedicated volunteers and donors,” said Dr. Schultz. “This partnership is the key to Pine Tree’s mission—to lessen the suffering caused by childhood cancer. I feel so honored and grateful to be a part of the amazing stories of these children and this remarkable organization. I also remain so inspired by this dedicated group of volunteers, tennis players and donors whose generosity and hard work has led to groundbreaking discoveries for children and adults with cancer including DICER1 related cancers. It’s exciting to think of the amazing advancements yet to come, thanks to this incredible partnership,” said Dr. Schultz.

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## Cancer Facts

Since 1986, the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic has raised more than \$6.4 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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In a given year, 40,000 children and adolescents are being treated for cancer.



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.

Source: Children's Minnesota

## 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.

### 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. Thanks to research funded by Pine Tree, the genetic link between these tumors and other cancers including kidney, thyroid and brain tumors has been found. This gene, called DICER1, is a critical regulator of cell growth. Thanks to this finding, we have expanded this research to include all DICER1 related tumors and have a new name, the International PPB/DICER1 Registry to reflecting this expanding work. 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 700 individuals from more than 49 countries and are now considered the model for other rare tumor registries.

This work has the potential to impact many, many people – including those without PPB or ovarian tumors – and may help oncologists around the world understand how to treat a wide variety of other tumors. Thanks to this research, new surveillance guidelines have been developed and are now in widespread use, allowing the diagnosis of many of these tumors in their earliest and most curable form. Our work continues to ensure early diagnosis whenever possible and to ensure that novel therapies are developed for those children and adults who still face the most aggressive types of these tumors.

## Supported Research Programs

### 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.



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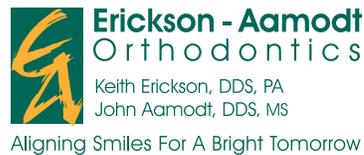


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## Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Hall of Fame Award

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	2006 - Susie Hanson
1990 – Mary Patterson	2007 - Sam Mairs
1991 – Colleen Richard	2008 - Deb Meath
1992 – Linda Brandt	2009 - Anne Zink
1993 – Nanc Westlund	2010 - The Jacobson Family
1994 – Jim & Ginny Anderson	2011 - Mary Cornell
1995 – Mike & Kathy Fleming	2012 – Debbie Daniels
1996 – Judith & Jeff Young	2013 – Kevin Werwie
1997 – Ric Yates	2014 – Chris Combs
1998 – Sandy Martin	2015 – Kris Premo
1999 – Paul Steinhauser	2016 – Jerry and Mary Ann Kidd
2000 – Nancy Jacobson	2017 – Dr. Yoav Messinger
2001 – Jack Priest	2018 – Dan Shannon
2002 - Peg Brenden	2019 – Denise Rutkowski
2003 - Barb Jacobson	2020 – Keri Pakonen
2004 - Bruce & Denise Humphrey	2021 – Jason Albrecht
2005 - Willy & Patty Paulson	

## 2022 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Hall of Fame Award: Mike Greenbaum



The Hall of Fame Award honors an individual or family that has made an outstanding and long-term contribution to the Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic. Mike Greenbaum has been a steadfast contributor for over 27 years and has always kept us grounded in the importance of our targeted research and positive impact to children and their families all around the world.

Mike's involvement in Pine Tree started back in 1995, as a volunteer when he worked for Lake Area Bank, one of our early Presenting Sponsors. As a tennis player new to the community, Mike was excited to get involved with this amazing event, and as a bank employee he volunteered in a variety of ways including handling the daily cash collections/banking for the event.

After Mike's initial exposure to the event, he was hooked and took on greater leadership roles over the years including:

- Joining the PTATC Committee Team as the Sponsorship lead. Mike was instrumental in securing new Event and Presenting Sponsors, many of which still sponsor today.
- Co-Chairing the PTATC in 2000, raising over \$170,000 that year with fellow Co-Chairs Keith Erickson, Carol Danielson and Bruce Vassar.
- Starting the Junior Pine Tree tournament. Mike is excited to see the Junior tournament back - and flourishing again - this year!
- Serving on the PTATC Advisory Committee/Board for 6 years.
- Participating in several important strategic planning sessions over the years, helping shape the successful growth trajectory of the event and research.
- Helping form our own 501(c)(3) - the Pine Tree Apple Classic Fund.

Mike is a great listener with a strong strategic orientation. He kept the group grounded in the importance of our mission, and the need that still exists for this research to continue. He is a great guy that got involved, and is making a difference for an amazing cause. We are so grateful for Mike's friendship, support and commitment to our organization and the cause.

Finally, Mike is pretty certain that he and Dr. Yoav Messinger are the only two people to have run all of the Pine Tree 5k/10k run events. Now that's dedication!

**Congratulations Mike, and welcome to the  
Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic Hall of Fame as our 2022 inductee!**

## Sportsmanship Award

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

2018 – Marla Zitelman

2019 – Matt Narr

2020 – Meghan Kimber

2021 - Bruce Gullikson

# Tournament History



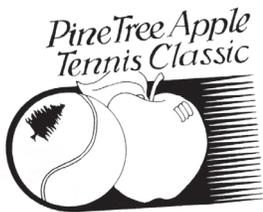
**1986**  
 Chairs: Ron & Mary Peterson  
 \$15,000 Raised  
 Artist: Doug Ellis  
 Tournament Winners:  
 Janet McCutcheon & Bill Sternard



**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



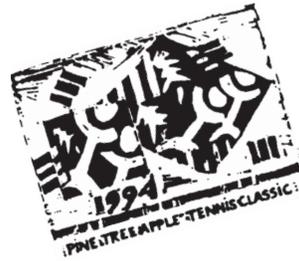
**1991**  
 Chairs: Ginny & Jim Anderson  
 \$120,000 Raised  
 Artist: Gail Speckmann  
 Tournament Winners:  
 Jacki Moe & Marc Miller



**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 Steinhauer, Todd Zabel  
 \$148,000 Raised  
 Artist: Lisa Buck  
 Tournament Winners:  
 Ross Loel & Dana Peterson



**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

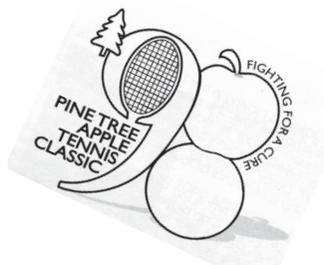
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**1996**  
 Chairs: Bruce & Denise Humphrey, Nancy Jacobson, Jamie Young  
 \$185,000 Raised  
 Artist: Pam Kurts  
 Open: Jackie Moe & Kevin Werwie  
 Masters: Peggy Brenden & Ric Yates



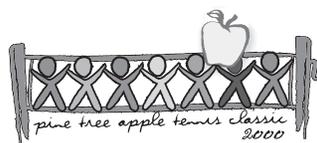
**1997**  
 Chairs: Jim & Gail Menne, Deb Meath, Dave Kahl, Mary Cornell  
 \$164,000 Raised  
 Artist: Chris Dummermuth  
 Open: Robin Coverdale & Marc Miller  
 Masters: David Nash & Pam Sommer



**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 Werwie  
 \$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

## Tournament History



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 Starnard

Grand Masters:  
Bernie McCann & Fred Budde



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

# Tournament History



## 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

Masters: Tom Olmscheid & Amy Jamieson

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



## 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



## 2018

\$310,257 Raised

Open: Diana Bukajeva & Andres Osorio

Masters: Meghan Kimber & Kevin Werwie

Grand Masters: Susan Rudd & Dan Shannon



## 2019

\$324,000 Raised

Open: Nitooli Wilkins & Julian Dehn

Masters: Meghan Kimber & Kevin Werwie

Grand Masters: Kathy Bjornson & Bob Marolt

# Tournament History



2020  
\$270,000 Raised  
Open: Lexi Nelson & Tobias Wernet  
Masters: Meghan Kimber & Kevin Werwie  
Grand Masters: Leslie Gale & Bryan Bieber



2021  
\$360,000 Raised  
Open: Hayley Haakenstad & Nick Beaty  
Masters: Marla Menne & Brett Morse-Karzen  
Grand Masters: Leslie Gale & Bryan Bieber



