

Hall of Fame display finds new home, is rededicated

“Michigan High School Tennis is family, and now our family has a home in which we can take great pride,” said Tiger Teusink. He was speaking at the dedication -- actually a rededication of the MHSTeCA Hall of Fame display. Originally housed at the Midland Community Tennis Center and dedicated in 1991, it was moved last year to the Geneysis Athletic Club in Grand Blanc. Once the display was finished last fall, past inductees -- those still living -- were notified.

At the November 2009 meeting, it was decided that the next gathering of the board on June 19th should take place at the new site so that officers and directors could see the display. But alas, “The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley” (Scottish poet Robert Burns). A severe storm that crossed the Flint area the night before left the Geneysis club without electricity. Those who journeyed to Grand Blanc had to see the impressive display by flashlight.

Hastily arranged by Doug Adams, the meeting was transferred across the parking lot to a conference room on the third floor of the Geneysis Medical Center where Tiger gave his dedication speech as he gestured to the pretend display behind him. “Our Hall of Fame has traveled a lot,” he said. “Several basements and the Midland Community Tennis Center. We presently have 107 members -- 107 ambassadors of our great life-time sport.”

Prior to Tiger’s talk, President Peter Militzer read a statement from Geneysis Director of Tennis Kyle Canada who could not be present. “We here at Geneysis are honored to have such a great exhibit to show tennis enthusiasts what great coaches we have had in the state of Michigan,” Kyle wrote.

Kyle pointed out his own association with some of the inductees. “I personally can state



how deserving some of these coaches are in being honored in such a select group. Growing up in the Flint area, I witnessed coaches like Art Vince, Bill McDaniel, Doug Adams, and especially Jim Fowler make huge impressions on so many young people. These coaches gave themselves to others, not only on the tennis court but off the court as well.”

Tiger concluded by praising the efforts of Doug Adams in making the display a reality at Geneysis. “This display is soooo first class, soooo professional, soooo dynamic,” he said. “This home here in the Geneysis Athletic Club is awesome.”