



**DICK JOHNSON WINS GOLD AGAIN...  
AND, WAS ALSO INDUCTED INTO THE  
HALL OF FAME OF THE HUNTSMAN  
WORLD SENIOR GAMES!**

The prestigious award was presented to Dick by the CEO of the Games at a special dinner ceremony at the Hilton Convention Hotel in St. George, Utah. Three other pickleball players, Alice Tym and Yvonne & Jim Hackenberg were also inducted.

The Huntsman World Senior Games is the largest annual multi-sport event in the world for athletes age 50 and over. 11,000 athletes in 30 different sports competed in the two week event this year. The Hall of Fame inductees are chosen from the 230,000 athletes from 86 countries which have competed since the Games began 35 years ago. Besides world class athletic success, selection is based on things like service, character, etc. The Games' goals continue to be to foster worldwide peace, health, and friendship. It is a seriously competitive, but very enjoyable atmosphere with Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Parade of Athletes, Olympic Torch lighting, concerts, renowned guest speakers, free medical screenings, etc.



The Games' CEO, Kyle Case, said, "The Hall of Fame recognizes the extraordinary men and women who foster the vision of the Huntsman World Senior Games. The examples of determination, teamwork, dedication, sacrifice, and excellence shown by this select group are the standards that set them apart and raise the Games to a higher level. The individuals honored with this induction are the kind of people that you want on your team when the going gets tough...Never stop over-achieving and exceeding expectations wherever you go."

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## **At the ceremony, it was noted that Dick:**

- Won state tennis titles in every decade, except the current decade, since age 14. He is also one of the few to have competed in both the pickleball US Open, which he has won 6 times, and the tennis US Open.
- Is one of the most medaled players in the sport, winning 240 medals in 120 sanctioned tournaments in just the past 7 consecutive years.
- Personal Best! Award from the National Senior Games (chosen from 110,000 athletes in 35 sports)
- 2018 Male Athlete of the Year.
- All American Award three times from the National Congress of State Games.
- Grand Slam winner in 2018 and on track to repeat in 2022 (Golds in all 6 Majors in the same year).
- Triple Crown Winner (golds in singles, mens' & mixed doubles) at the USAPA Nationals, SSIPA World Championship, National State Games of America, and Idaho Senior Games.
- Has been a leader in the community, church, family, academics, athletics, business, and government.



**Gold & Silver Medals at  
2022 Nationals in Indian Wells**

In his acceptance speech, Dick said, "Thank you for this wonderful honor...and, to the Huntsman Games for its' admirable goals of world peace, friendship, and good health... I'm especially grateful for Lawana, my sweet bride of 58 years, who has been my greatest cheerleader. She knows more about the sport's rules than I do because she has refereed at all the Majors and traveled to all the 150 tournaments I've played. I'm also grateful to our wonderful friends around the world in "Pickleball Nation." Finding this great sport has been a great blessing to us in our sunset years. Most of all, I'm grateful for a loving God, a wonderful family, and the freedom of America."



**The Gleasons & Johnsons under  
Huntsman Olympic Flame.**

**Additionally,** Dick says one of the most enjoyable things at Huntsman this year was not only winning the needed Gold medal to continue his Grand Slam pursuit, but also to win it in mens' doubles with his long time Boise High buddy, Tim Gleason!