

**Tennessee Senior Olympics
Hall of Fame
Class of 2018**

**Bo Deaton
Jackson**

Bo has been participating in the Tennessee Senior Olympics since the 1990s, and competes in several sports, including softball, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, track and field, tennis, table tennis, basketball free throw and pickleball. Many medals have been earned by this gifted multi-sport athlete. He has participated in six national senior games, and was a member of the board of the Tennessee Senior Olympics until last November, even serving as chairperson and vice chair. Bo tries to stay as active as possible, and when he's not busy with tennis or softball, he enjoys cooking. He's fed local church groups and the TSO board on trips out to West Tennessee. He says he's met a lot of great people and made a lot of lasting friendships through the TSO, and he credits his wife, Gaye, for her constant support.

**John Disterdick
Chattanooga**

John grew up in the Los Angeles area and began his swimming career at Purdue University. The 76-year-old athlete is a gifted swimmer and also participates in triathlons, including the Ironman triathlons in Kona, Hawaii and Santa Monica, California. Aside from swimming, John also competes in track and field and cycling events at the Tennessee Senior Olympics. Between these sports, he enters about 20 TSO events each year, and he's set several state records in swimming and earned multiple medals. His interest in track and field goes back to his service in the Army. John says his favorite things about the Tennessee Senior Olympics are the camaraderie, the uplifting atmosphere and the people. He loves to see so many people focusing on their health and forging friendships.

Bill Lauer
Knoxville

Bill is a talented and gifted swimmer. He's set **several** state and national records, most recently in the 400 IM and 200 fly in Birmingham. At last year's state meet, he set state records in **all** 16 events. He learned to swim at his local YMCA as a child, and he began open water swimming while serving in the Navy. After his service was completed, he walked on to his college swim team in 1956 and he's been swimming ever since. Bill is a US Master Swimmer and was introduced to the Tennessee Senior Olympics by a friend in the swimming community. He believes staying active keeps you healthy, and he loves the competition and the new friends he's made through the program. If he's not swimming, he's enjoying ballroom dancing or staying busy with his 12 grandchildren.

Georgia Phillips
Henderson

At 89 years young, Georgia competes in multiple sports with the Tennessee Senior Olympics, including bowling (which she's been doing for 25 years), shuffleboard, horseshoes, track and field (including shot put, discus, and javelin), and the basketball free throw. Bowling is her favorite sport, and her average score is 130. She's been a part of the TSO for around 30 years, and she began participating after she retired from GE. Georgia says the people she's met through the Senior Olympics are like her family, and she enjoys the exercise she gets by participating in the games. For her, the TSO is a family affair. Her daughter has competed in the district games in bowling and pickleball, and she even got to play shuffleboard with her. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and delivering meals with Meals on Wheels.

Christine Dewbre
Executive Director

This induction was a complete surprise to Christine as we knew this was the only way to award her with this honor.

Christine is a member of the TSO leadership team. She's a strong, dedicated leader who's always willing to go the extra mile. She's built relationships that have helped make the Tennessee Senior Olympics the

successful program it is today. Under her 25 years of leadership, the TSO has grown from approximately 900 participants to 1,600+, the largest year just under 2,000. She is always willing to listen, and she brings fun, laughs and kindness to everyone around her. She's there to motivate others and has a positive, can-do attitude that inspires those around her.



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