

Super volunteer Meltzer wins Porter Award

The Carl Porter Award was established in 2005 to honor those who have performed outstanding service to the USHA at the national level.

The award is named after the USHA's second president, Carl Porter, who is considered the architect of the modern USHA. This year's winner was Mike Meltzer. Here are excerpts from his acceptance speech:

"To be placed in the same category as [former winners] Dr. John Aronen, Ray Chronister and Kevin Regan, our crack medical team, makes me extremely proud.

"First, I want to thank Bob Peters, who nominated me for this award. Bob was my mentor. Roughly 25 years ago, Bob asked me to join the USHA volunteer team.



Hall of Fame Chair Dau honors Meltzer.

Since that time, I continue to volunteer at tournaments all over the country.

"Second, I would like to thank the guy

who has put up with me as his handball partner for over 20 years, Dick David. Together we've won five national titles.

"Third, where would we be without Keith Thode, our volunteer photographer? As my roommate at the tournaments, he puts up with my snoring.

"Next, working with Vern Roberts has been and will continue to be a pleasure. He is truly dedicated to handball.

"I would like to thank my wife Jen for encouraging me to keep on playing handball despite a double hip replacement.

"Lastly, I accept this award on behalf of the many volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making every tournament run as smoothly as possible."