

1991 Hall of Fame Inductees: Milton Coggins, Marguerite Chesney, and Russell E. Ball

Milton Coggins: Milton started playing tennis at the age of 14 on the clay court that was put in by his father in the backyard of their family home. He had a desire to make tennis thrive in Phoenix. He had a successful tennis career in high school and went on to play college tennis at Phoenix College. He then went on to win Men's Open Singles titles of the Southwestern Section in 1926, 1927, 1928 and then in 1931. Milton then went on to coach tennis wherever he could find an open tennis court and he exhibited good sportsmanship and character as he became a role model for the young high school players in the 1930s.

Marguerite Chesney: Marguerite was a Southwest Tennis Association player for over 19 years. She won 6 Southwestern Open Annual Championships in Women's Open Singles. She demonstrated great dedication to the game when she started the Racquet Club Tournament in 1946 making each Tucson school, public and private, eligible to send two boys and two girls under 15 years to participate. She was then elected vice president of the Southwest Tennis Association in 1939 and the first woman president in 1940.

Russell Ball: Russell's tennis career began in 1928 and lasted about 60 years. He was ranked in the top ten nationally 6 times at various age classifications. He won 29 Southwestern Sectional Championships and won championships in 18 different states. Russell's contributions to tennis were not limited to playing on the court but included significant achievements in leadership of several tennis organizations throughout the US. He served as president of the Greater El Paso Tennis Association from 1979-1980, then president of the Southwestern Tennis Association from 1982-1986. Furthermore, he served as a umpire for many matches.