

1994 Hall of Fame Inductees: Winslow “Mike” and Florence “Flo” Blanchard

Mike Blanchard: Mike’s involvement with tennis began back in the 1930s. He was an official at the Longwood Cricket Club in Massachusetts. He went on to referee the USTA Women’s tour in 1973, as well as the US Davis Cup, Fed Cup, National Collegiate matches and later served as Chairman of the USTA Umpires Committee for 6 years. Furthermore, he refereed the US Open from 1975-1987, except for 1976 when he was the Tournament Director for the Open. From 1988-1991, he was a commentator for CBS Sports for the US Open.

Flo Blanchard: Flo’s tennis career began in 1950 when she married Mike. She too became a tennis official and went onto referee many matches. In 1973, she was appointed tour umpire of the USTA Women’s Circuit. However, she was also a fine player. In 1960, she was ranked #9 in women’s senior singles. She has won many awards as an umpire, winning the McGovern Award for the top umpire in the US in 1975, being the first woman to receive this award. Furthermore, she was awarded the USTA Service Bowl in 1983, for being the “person or player who makes the most notable contribution to the sportsmanship, fellowship and service of tennis”.