

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees: George Druliner, Dick Gorman, and Walter Driver



(Pictured from L to R: Tom Gorman, former Davis Cup Captain with 2002 Hall of Fame Winners, Walter Driver, George Druliner, and Dick Gorman)

George Druliner: At age 14, George picked up a racquet and taught himself how to play tennis. He reached the finals in his first tournament and tennis has been a huge part of his life ever since. He was a top player in Southern California, winner of 3 USTA National Championships, and 246 Southwest Section Championships. Furthermore, he has always been generous with his time and talent as he coached clinics and exhibitions in high schools, colleges, public parks, and military bases. He is a great ambassador for the Southwest.

Dick Gorman: Dick has been involved with Southwest tennis for more than 35 years. He was the first president of the Community Tennis Association of Albuquerque and has been the backbone of adult/senior tennis in Northern New Mexico. Among his contributions, he has initiated many new programs, is well respected in Europe for the game, has served on the Board of Directors for Northern New Mexico and the Southwest Section and is the founder, editor, and reporter for Sun Country Newspaper, the major source of tennis news for all players in the Northern New Mexico area.

Walter Driver: Walter's tennis career began in the 1930s. He became a junior champion very quickly with his most memorable win being over H.E. "Slew" Hester, who later became the USTA President. He went on to play at the University of Texas, was ranked #10 nationally in the juniors in 1941 and later ranked #1 in Men's Singles for the Southwest Section. Walter has served on national committees and has been President of the Southwest Section and a member for the Executive Committee for many years. He claims that "Tennis has been a wonderful part of my life, and it has been very easy and natural to give something back".