



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SENIOR NEWS

Stellar Husband & Wife Grass

(Stories by Mark Winters)

In early April 2006, Mission Hills Country Club hosted the quarterfinal US-Chile Davis Cup tie. US captain Patrick McEnroe wanted to play on grass and the resulting 4-1 victory, along with the courts at the facility, drew rave reviews.

Fast-forward almost ten years and the praise for the lawns, (which now number ten if the croquet courts are converted), was even more expansive following the Tennis Channel National Husband & Wife Combined 100, 120 & 140 Grass Court Championships, March 6-12.

"The number of entries was very close to our record setting participation last year," said Tournament Director, Steve Solomon, who staged the event with his wife, Abby. "The grass was in great shape and even when we had a delay because of a rain shower in the first round, it actually worked out fine."



Brent Abel and Mai Ichikawa-Abel with Penne and Jamil Atcha and John and Jennifer Lyons

Andrew and Ann Stanley edged Grant and Laurie Helgeson, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6, in the Combined 120 title round. "The 120 had almost a full 64 draw," Solomon said. "The Stanleys won the championship, but a new entry in the age division, the Helgesons from Scottsdale took them to a third set Tie-Break."

Solomon continued, "In the Combined 140 final, Dave Willauer injured his foot, which resulted in him and his wife Diane defaulting to Don Keenen and Colleen Burns Keenen from Naples, Florida."

He concluded offering, "The tournament is the largest doubles event in the world. This year there were a lot of new entries in each of the age divisions. From what was said, everyone is looking forward to next year's championships, which will begin Sunday, March 5, 2017."

"Bob and Michelle Williams from Knoxville, Tennessee, who won the last two Combined 100s they entered, were only able accomplish a fourth place finish. Jamil and Penne Atcha defeated Jennifer and John Lyons, 6-2, 6-2, in the final. Our grass event is much deeper than other tournaments so teams play many more rounds against tough competition."



Steve Solomon with Penne and Jamil Atcha

National Men's 60 Hard Court Championships Entry Record

The Tennis Channel & Crabel Capital National Men's 60 Hard Court Championships, played at the Mission Hills Country Club, in early April, was Guinness World Record worthy. As Tournament Director, Steve Solomon explained, "The tournament attracted 103 players, which should make it the largest national championship in the country. All the top players, except Dan Waldman, who won the inaugural Crabel Masters Invitational last year, (but had a previous April commitment), were on hand. The draw was extremely deep, and there were some outstanding matches played in every round."



Winner Maxime Buyckx, finalist Toby Crabel

Maxime Buyckx of Marietta, Georgia edged Toby Crabel, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the singles final. Len Wofford and Paul Wulf, a Portland and Salem, Oregon tandem, downed Randy Berg and Doug Ditmer in the doubles title round. Ditmer injured his hand and had to retire with the score 1-1 in the first set.

"This year's tournament was the first event on the Crabel Capital Men's 60 Masters Invitational Championships circuit, which includes the hard, grass, clay and indoor national tournaments," Solomon said. "In addition, Crabel Capital is donating \$10,000 in prize money to each of these events. It is expected that a substantial amount of that money will filter into the consolation round which should boost entries and interest in the nationals during the year."

Play Matches Weather At National Father/Daughter & Mother/Son

The National Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Hard Court Championships, presented by Hersh and Sheryl Herschman and hosted by the Springs Country Club, May 6-8, featured standout play in pleasantly cool temperatures.

Tournament Director, Sheryl Herschman pointed out that in a first, Desi and Dina McBride each won gold balls with their children.

Desi and Jordyn defeated Bruce and Sabrina Man-Son-Hing, 6-1, 6-4, in the Father/Daughter Open final. Dina and Parker were undefeated in the four team Mother/Son round robin. In the end, it was a "golden" Mother's Day for the McBrides.



Parker and Dina McBride with Jordyn and Desi McBride

Cary and Cassy Fabiani downed Rob and Kasey Knox of Richland, Washington, 6-3, 6-4 in the Father/Daughter Senior 60+ final. Robert and Lauren Archer were 4-0 perfect in Father/Daughter Super Senior 70+ play. In the Father/Daughter Ultra 80+ division, Eileen Christin won her first gold ball, playing with local legend, Graydon Nichols.



Cary and Cassy Fabiani

The Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Open divisions did not have age require-



Sheryl Herschman with Tatum Buffington and W.T. Mathes

ments. All the other divisions required that the parent's age be equal to or more than the age specified.

Other notable results included 11-year-old Tatum Buffington enjoying a first round victory with her father, Brett in the Father/Daughter Open. W.T. Mathes of Johnson City, Tennessee was the tournament inspiration. He turned 96-years young on May 19th, and participated in the Father/Daughter Ultra 80+ division, with his daughter Myra O'Dell.

In honor of Mother's Day, all of the mothers and daughters playing or attending on Sunday were presented with a Pink Carnation bouquet created by tourney volunteer Rodee Pausz.

Herschman said that participants traveled from across the country to experience the competition and camaraderie the event offered and to enjoy the beautiful desert surroundings. The tournament organizers and the volunteers, along with the Springs Country Club staff, did their utmost to make the championships the best family tennis event in the country.



Lauren and Robert Archer



Graydon Nichols and Eileen Christin

Fedderly, Karwasky & Nichols Represent US

The International Tennis Federation Seniors World Team Championships take place June 19-24 in Helsinki, Finland, and will be followed by the Individual World Championships. Mike Fedderly is a member of the Men's 55 Austria Cup team. Tina Karwasky and Carolyn Nichols are local standouts that will lead the pursuit of the Women's 60 Marble Cup trophy.



Mike Fedderly
Photo cameraworkusa



Tina Karwasky
Photo J. Fred Sidhu



Carolyn Nichols

Successful Run Come To An End

Everyone has memorable dates on their life's calendar. Some involve "Don't forget" activities such as birthdays, weddings or the passing of special people. For Kurt and Ana Haggstrom, the husband and wife team that put their hearts into making the Plaza Racquet Club a thriving Palm Springs tennis facility, June 30th will be a monumental day.

As Kurt explained, "The City of Palm Springs sent us a letter to vacate the property on June 30th. We did everything imaginable to keep the club, but in the end we couldn't win out over \$8.5 million dollars from a developer. It looks like they will bulldoze the facility as soon as we vacate, and the property will sit empty for a year or two. They wouldn't even give us a month-to-month lease."

Palm Springs has been a tennis haven for ages. It was a place that offered a perfect escape. One could find captivating resort venues and intriguing dining opportunities. Some of the luxurious hotels had tennis courts, but for the most part, entry to a



Photos Markku Lahdesmaki

specific club was the only way to guarantee a memorable "play away" weekend or vacation.

The Plaza Racquet Club, with its nine courts, was the "Everyman" exception. "Though we have over 300 members, we are a public facility," Kurt said. "When hotel guests didn't have a place to play, they came here. We have had 'Snowbirds' coming in the spring for the weather and all that can be found in the desert for ages."

For almost 30 years, the location had a "Player friendly" reputation. This was the result of the

Haggstroms' care and concern for their clientele, along with the way tournaments were organized, particularly the Plaza Senior Tournament, one of the four Desert Circuit annual events, and the staging of the first USTA Same Gender National Championships.

The Haggstroms did everything possible to save the club. "More than 250 letters were written to the Palm Springs City Council and the Parks & Recreation Department," Kurt pointed out. "Rosie Casals and Billie Jean King wrote a guest editorial in the Valley Voice. Sadly, nothing worked.

"Right now, we are doing a lot of soul searching. We really don't know what our plans are for the future."



In Memoriam

Arnold Belinsky

Arnold Belinsky pioneered with his wife, Esther, the "From Our Family To Yours" retail approach that made Arnold's Furniture & Interiors, in San Diego, fabulously successful. His upbeat personality and the way he cared for people transcended his business involvement and carried over to tennis. He was an avid player and fan of the sport. When he passed away on April 24th tennis lost a dear friend.

Jane Kellogg Baggott

Jane Kellogg Baggott, a.k.a. Desdy Kellogg, was an accomplished horsewoman and sculptress. Having married William (Will) Crowe Kellogg in 1950, the couple had four children – Bill, Bob, Fred and Jane – who have made an impact in tennis. After Will Kellogg's passing in 1989, she married Charles Baggott. She was a member of the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Valley Hunt Club and Altadena Town & Country Club, to name just a few of her social activities. She was "a force to be reckoned with", a compassionate and caring individual who made a positive difference in the lives of those with whom she interacted. Having lived life to the fullest, she passed away on March 31st.

Ty Metcalfe

Ty Metcalfe invigorated tennis programming at the Griffith Park/Vermont Canyon facilities where he had the City of Los Angeles concession. Co-owner of LA Tennis, Inc, his focus was community tennis. He went out of his way to make sure that any youngster with an interest in the game would have an opportunity to learn more about the sport. His passion for tennis matched his gregarious personality. His death on May 4th left a gap that will be extremely difficult to fill.

Richard Mosk

Richard Mosk was a storied jurist. A California Court of Appeals Justice, he was a member of the Iran-US Claims Tribunal at The Hague, where he served as a judge from 1981 to 1984 and 1997 to 2001. He was a member of the Warren Commission staff, responsible for investigating Lee Harvey Oswald's background. He was also involved with the Christopher Commission that investigated the LAPD following the Rodney King beating. Impassioned about people being treated fairly and with respect, he was similarly ardent about tennis and Stanford University where he did his undergraduate work. He passed away in mid-April.

Senior Hall Of Fame September Induction

The sixth Southern California Tennis Association Senior Hall of Fame induction will take place on September 14th at the Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel, in Newport Beach.

John Bennett, Kathy Bennett, Donald (Don) Bly, Roger Hing, Robert (Bob) Seymour, Edwin (Eddie) Tyler, Fran Wakefield Hunter and Norma Veal will be honored at the ceremony that begins at 11:30 a.m.

Those who have been recognized in the past include:

2014

Richard (Dick) Doss, Bob Isenberg, Eleanor Harbula, Patricia (Pat) Fraser, Debby McCormick, Roz King, Charlie Lass, Chuck Nelson, Jim Perley and Bev Winans

2012

Jim Bisch, Ellen Bryant, Vincent (Vince) Fotre, Robert (Bob) Galloway, Catherine (Cathie) Hall, Julie Sampson Hayward, Dee Williams Horne, Ron Livingston and George Yardley

2011

Cathie Anderson, Sinclair Bill, Gordon Davis, Tina Karwasky, King Lambert, Hank Leichtfried, Lenny Lindborg, Judy Louie, George Sarantos and Robin Willner

2010

Bob Duesler, Virginia Glass, Charleen Hillebrand, Joan Johnson, Ed Kauder, Mel Lewis, Dorothy Matthiessen, Jim Nelson, Ben Press and Suella Steel

2009

Phyllis Adler, Willis Anderson, Dodo Bundy Cheney, Robin Hippenstiel, Evelyn Houseman, Verne Hughes, Gracyn Wheeler Kelleher, Bill Lurie, Merwin Miller, Corky Murdock, Mary Arnold Prentiss, Carol Schneider, Bob Sherman, Bill Smith, Walter Westbrook and Pat Yeomans

For information about the salute to those who have made Southern California senior tennis the best in the country, contact Martha Katsurakis by calling (310) 209-5912 or e-mail marthak@scta.usta.com

ITF Young Seniors Showing

Umag, Croatia, May 7-14, was the setting for the ITF Young Seniors (ages 35-45) Team Championships. Players from the section were part of the effort to earn the US honors in the Davis/Fed Cup-like competition. The Men's 35 Italia Cup team that Ross Duncan captained, on which Marcio Pepe also played, finished ninth. Michael Chang was the captain and Tony Bujan was a member of the Men's 40 Trabert Cup team that was eighth in the standings. Jennifer Dawson's Women's 40 Young Cup team earned sixth place. Alissa Finerman and Debbie Spence-Nasim were on the Women's 45 Court Cup squad that also ended up sixth.

Crabel Capital Men's Masters Invitational Championships Set

On Monday, November 28th, Crabel Capital, Steve Solomon and the Tennis Channel will stage the second Crabel Capital Men's 60 Masters Invitational Championships, on the exceptional grass courts at Mission Hills Country Club. Solomon said, "The tournament expects to showcase the 16 top Men's 60 players and the best eight age division doubles teams competing in a round robin format culminating in a draw of eight players.

"The winners and finalists of the four Men's 60 National Championships, this year, will be automatic selections. Players who perform exceptionally well at major Men's 60 tournaments during the season will fill the remaining singles spots.

"The Crabel Capital Men's 60 Masters Invitational Championships basically follows the competitive format used in the ATP Tour final in London. Players and teams will be divided into four divisions and will play matches against those in their groups. The two players in each group with the best results will then compete in an elimination tournament. The remaining eight players will also compete, but in a separate tournament to determine their final positions."

Solomon concluded, "In addition to the prestige of participating in this one-of-a-kind tournament, there will be a minimum \$25,000 of prize money, (donated by Crabel Capital) that will be dispensed based on player results. The tournament will also cover hotel accommodations, and the players will be considered members of Mission Hills Country Club and be able to take advantage of all the amenities that make the facility unique."

90th National Public Parks Tennis Championships

The City of Irvine will host the 90th National Public Park Tennis Championships, July 30th-31st and August 6th-14th. Entries close Wednesday, July 20th.

To register for the tournament go to
www.cityofirvine.org/npptc

For more information contact
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130th Southern California Senior Sectional Championships

MEN'S 40

(Photo Not Available)

Michael Chang vs. William Casas
Winner TBD



MEN'S 45

Kevin Quinn d. Esteban Altuna
6-2, 6-3

MEN'S 50

(Photo Not Available)

Craig Hiddleston vs. Jaime Barajas
(It will not be played because finalists live in different cities.)

MEN'S 55

(Photo Not Available)

Tom Schlack vs. William Konya
Winner TBD



MEN'S 55 DOUBLES

Gary Salazar/Douglas Mathews d.
Ken Van Amringe/Jack Horne
6-2, 6-2

MEN'S 60

(Photo Not Available)

Ronald Green vs. Emmanuel Acholonu
Winner TBD



MEN'S 65

Boris Katz d. Mario Cernousek
6-3, 6-3



MEN'S 70

Jack Metalsky d. Jess Torres
6-3, 7-6



MEN'S 75

Wes Simmons d. Ed Lynch
6-4, 6-1



MEN'S 80

Saul Snyder d. Seymour Moskowitz
6-4, 6-1



MEN'S 80 DOUBLES

Snyder/Richard Haskell d. Dennis Nielson/
Chuck Nelson
7-5, 0-6, 7-6

Upcoming National & Sectional Tournaments

Ted Smyth National Men's 50 Hard Court Championships

July 10th-16th

Entry Deadline: July 5th

Tournament ID: 651705516

Contact: Larry Mousouris (805) 682-4722

90th Pacific Southwest Championships

September 11th-18th

Entry Deadline: September 1st

Tournament ID: 651756716

Contact: Ken Stuart (949) 644-6900

National Women's 35, 45, 55, 65, 75 & 85 Hard Court Championships

September 26th-October 2nd

Entry Deadline: September 12th

Tournament ID: 6500031215

Contact: Andi Polisky (760) 836-9155