



***2014 North Dakota Tennis
Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony***

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***Choice Health & Fitness
Grand Forks, N.D.***



Welcome to the Inaugural North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

Today is the start of a new tradition in North Dakota tennis with the establishment of the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame. Today marks is the inaugural Class of the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame, which will be housed permanently at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks, N.D.

The seven distinguished members making up the class of 2014 include long-time coach and community tennis leader **Robert “Bob” Cordova** (Bismarck, N.D.), tennis playing legend **Larry Dodge** (Fargo, N.D.), tennis advocate **Warner McNair** (Fargo, N.D.), tournament player and high school coach **Sandy Wald-Clooten** (Bismarck, N.D.), standout competitor **Phil Woledge** (Fargo, N.D.) and coaching legends **Tim Wynne** (Grand Forks, N.D.) and his brother **Tom Wynne** (Grand Forks, N.D.).

North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame

The North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame was established in 2014 with the inaugural class today. Nominees may be either natives of ND or have participated extensively in tennis activities within North Dakota. Candidates can be players, administrators, teachers, coaches, media, volunteers, supporters, contributors, professional players, umpires, active members of USTA or CTAs, wheelchair or disabled athletes, USTA employees, club owners, Park & Recreation employees, among others. Candidates do not have to be living or members (past/current) of the USTA.

Choice Health and Fitness, Grand Forks, ND, will be the permanent home of the ND Tennis Hall of Fame. Located at the entrance of their indoor tennis facility, the ND Tennis Hall of Fame will serve as a tribute to those who made a lasting impact on tennis in ND.

For more information or to nominate someone for the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame in the future, please contact Susan Kringlie at skringlie@me.com.

North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Committee

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We would like to thank the following people and organizations for helping us get the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame off the ground including:

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The 2014 North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Class

Robert “Bob” Cordova Bismarck, N.D.

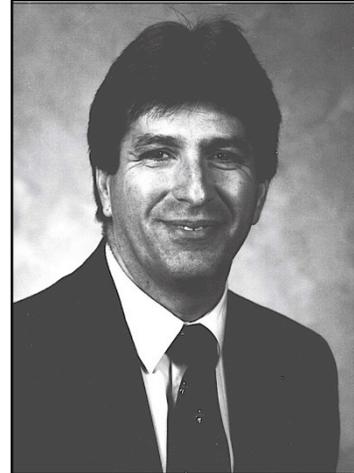
Bob Cordova has been a tennis leader in the Bismarck and Mandan communities for many years serving as a player, coach, teacher, volunteer and community tennis organizer.

Cordova coached at Bismarck High School in the mid '70s as both the boys and girls teams won state championships. Individually, his players dominated the regional tournament and **Carol Finck** (singles) and **Jane Heintzman** and **Denise Glaser** (doubles twice) won state titles. He moved on to Bismarck Junior College in the mid '80s where his teams won many conference titles and qualified for nationals. He did this while working as a tennis teaching pro at Apple Creek Country Club. Finally, he was the head women's tennis coach at the University of Mary in Bismarck from 2006-10.

Cordova founded what is now the Bismarck-Mandan Tennis Association in 1972. This group has been active for over 42 years, and in 2012, was named the USTA Northern Member Organization of the Year and was a candidate for the USTA National Member Organization of the Year award. Cordova has promoted and organized tournaments sanctioned by the group since the mid '70s. He has also run regionals and the state high school tournaments for many years and has volunteered as the tournament director for Bismarck's largest adult and junior tournament, the Jackie Dockter Memorial Tournament, which is now in its 14th year.

Although he did not start playing tennis until his late 20s, Cordova won numerous tournaments over the years, mostly in doubles. In 1976, Cordova won the men's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles titles of the local Bismarck tournament, which started a run of six consecutive years of doubles championships in the event. Cordova also won the men's doubles title in the Bismarck Fall Classic two years in a row while in his 60s, and later, his team participated in the USTA Northern League Section Championships where he and his partner went undefeated.

Cordova's love of tennis has spread to his family as well. His children all played high school tennis and continue to play regularly. His son, **Paul**, teaches private tennis lessons and his granddaughters play at Mandan High School.



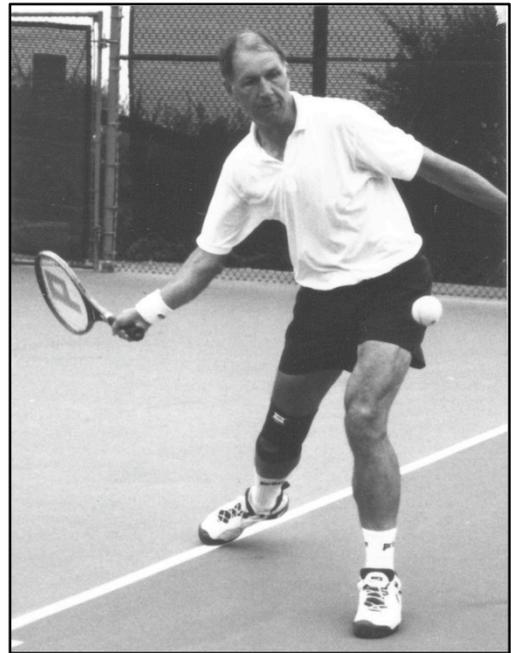
Larry Dodge Fargo, N.D.

Larry Dodge is arguably the best player to come out of North Dakota before relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area in the late '60s. He attended North Dakota State where he won the North Central Conference men's singles title in 1961. He won six consecutive North Dakota Closed singles and doubles titles from 1957-62 and won the Red River Valley Open five times in his career. He was ranked as high as #2 in the Section for men's singles in 1967.

After moving to California, Dodge won 11 national senior titles (gold balls) and eight silver balls. His highest national rankings were #1 in USTA Men's 60 Singles and 50 Doubles. He represented the United States on USTA Senior Cup and International Club teams and at International Tennis Federation events in Europe, Mexico, Central America, Africa, Australia and the United States. Career highlights include winning the 1994 USTA National 55 Hardcourt singles title, defeating **Alex Olmedo** in the final, and the 2000 USTA National Grasscourt singles title, taking out **Eugene Scott** in the final.

He was owner, architect and managing partner of La Madrona Swim and Racquet Club in Santa Cruz, Calif., from 1978-2012. He was also an architect, in conjunction with other architects, for a number of public and private tennis facilities in California including The Taube Family Tennis Stadium at Stanford University, Hellman Tennis Center at the University of California at Berkeley and the Golden Gate Park Tennis Center Upgrade in San Francisco.

Dodge was inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 2013.



Warner McNair
Fargo, N.D.

Warner McNair and his family were involved in Fargo and North Dakota tennis for well over 80 years and the Island Park Tennis Courts in Fargo are dedicated in his name.

McNair volunteered in a number of different capacities including teaching tennis to juniors at Courts Plus in Fargo where he was hired in 1976 after he retired from the grocery business. He worked at Courts Plus until he was 90 years old. In addition, he served as a Past-President of the North Dakota Tennis Association and the Fargo Tennis Club. He founded and coordinated many local leagues and tournaments in Fargo and was a member of the Northwestern Lawn Tennis Association's Board of Directors (now USTA Northern).

An avid player, McNair won the North Dakota High School Singles Champion in 1928 representing Fargo Central. He played college tennis at the University of Texas at Austin and was a three-time letterwinner. In 1930, McNair won the North Dakota State singles crown, and in 1931, he claimed the doubles title. He also was ranked in singles in the Northwestern Lawn Tennis Association.

McNair was inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 2002. He passed away on October 13, 2009, at the age of 100.



Sandy Wald-Clooten
Bismarck, N.D.

Sandy Wald-Clooten started playing tennis at the age of 7 when her dad gave her an old wood racquet and told her to hit against the garage door. She never took a

lesson, but would ride her bike to the local courts in town and ask players if she could warm them up until their opponents arrived.

Wald-Clooten is an avid local league and adult tournament player, She has been ranked number one in USTA Northern and has represented North Dakota in many national tournaments including the National State Games of America where she brought home nine gold medals. She also plays USTA League Tennis where her 3.5 women's team and mixed doubles team both advanced to Nationals.

She has served on the Board of Directors for the Bismarck-Mandan Tennis Association for several years and has held various offices within the organization. She volunteers at Capital Racquet and Fitness, teaching beginning tennis lessons to adults, and volunteered as tournament director for the Prairie Rose State Games tennis tournament for two years.



Also the tennis coach at St. Mary's High School in Bismarck the past 26 years, Wald-Clooten has taken her teams to the state finals once and placed third or been consolation champions numerous times. Her teams have advanced to the state tournament 20 of the 26 years she has coached, and in 2014, she had a state doubles champion in **Alicia Beck** and **Mary Roller**, while being named the 2014 North Dakota Girls Tennis Coach of the Year. After the state tournament in October, Wald-Clooten announced her retirement from coaching.

In 1995 and 1996, Wald-Clooten was named the Prairie Rose State Games Athlete of the Year out of 6,000 entries, and was inducted into the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

Phil Woledge Fargo, N.D.

Phil Woledge of Fargo was the 1929 North Dakota State High School Champion at Fargo Central High School before winning the Northwestern Interscholastic Championship at the young age of 15 in 1930. He was the youngest champion ever of the tournament and was the first non-Minnesotan to take home the title. He won the event again in 1931, and finished the year as the No. 1-ranked junior player in the Section and 10th nationally.



He was a three-year letterwinner at the University of Southern California (1933-35) and in 1934 led his team to an undefeated season (16-0). In 1935, he reached the doubles quarterfinals at the NCAA Championships with partner **Vernon John** and finished the year ranked seventh in the nation.

Woledge was a three-time North Dakota State singles champion and a two-time doubles winner. He won the Red River Valley singles title three times and was the junior singles champion as well. From 1960-62, he was the Red River Valley veteran singles winner.

Woledge, who is now deceased, was inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 2003.

Tim Wynne
Grand Forks, N.D.

Tim Wynne, a native of Grand Forks, has been playing tennis for over 45 years. He began his high school career playing for Grand Forks Central, where he placed second in doubles at the North Dakota State High School Tournament. Wynne played collegiately at the University of North Dakota and was a four-year letterwinner from 1974-77.

Wynne is currently the Tennis Coordinator and Head Teaching Professional at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks where he has been the head pro for 30-plus years and was the pro shop manager for 20 years. He has been a tennis teaching professional for over 40 years and a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) certified pro for 35 years. He has volunteered countless hours promoting and developing the game in Grand Forks through serving on the Community Tennis Association Board with the USTA, driving and coaching juniors at USTA Tournaments, and serving as a high school coach for both Grand Forks Central and Red River High Schools.

Tim (left) began his high school coaching career as an assistant girls coach at Central High School for 2 years and Red River for 3 years. He then served as head coach 10 years at Red River, claiming the state team championship all 10 years and going undefeated. Adding to his team championships, Wynne coached 10 state singles titles and 8 state doubles titles in his time with the Roughriders. Tim was the head coach for a single season with the Grand Forks Central high school boys' team, taking the state team title that year. He was nominated for High School Coach of the Year each season he was the head coach for Red River and won the honor in 2008. Tim was a finalist for the National High School Coach of the Year in 2010.



He has played in countless USTA tournaments and has held rankings in the top 20 for doubles and top 10 for singles in the Men's Open Division within USTA Northern.

In 2000, Wynne and his brother, **Tom**, were named winners of the USTA Northern Ward C. Burton Junior Development Award for their work with the local junior tennis program. Tim has also won the USPTA Jr. Development Award (2006), USTA Northern Frank Voigt Tennis Professional of the Year (2008) and in 2008, the *Grand Forks Herald* named both Wynne brothers as its Sportspersons of the Year.

Tom Wynne
Grand Forks, N.D.

A Grand Forks native, **Tom Wynne** was a four-year tennis letterwinner at the University of North Dakota. He was the North Central Conference's No. 1 singles champion in 1976, and was runner-up in 1975 and 1977. He also qualified for the NCAA

national tournament in 1977. After graduating in 1978, Wynne became UND's men's and women's tennis coach from 1979-81. He coached the 1979 UND men's team to its first NCC title in 42 years. Wynne also played professional tennis on the Marlboro Tour in France for three months in 1980.

Wynne served as an assistant coach for five seasons, leading UND to conference titles in 1984 and 1985. Wynne was then named head coach of both men's and women's teams in 1986, a position he held until 1990, when the tennis programs were discontinued. When women's tennis returned to UND in 1998, Wynne was named head coach. Wynne guided UND to North Central Conference championships in 2004, 2006 and 2008, and NCAA Division II postseason appearances in each of the program's final seven seasons of D-II competition. He was named the North Central Conference Tennis Coach of the Year three different years, and after UND moved up to Division I in 2008, he was the Great West Conference Tennis Coach of the Year in 2010. He also coached the men's team at UND which was reinstated in 2012.

Wynne is a tennis professional at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks. He served as head pro and pro-shop manager for 10 years and still works part-time. He has been a tennis professional for over 40 years and has volunteered many hours serving the facility and community alongside his college teams through annual free tennis drills to help the local food shelf and other free drills to gather school supplies for kids in need. Tom also served a number of years on the Northwest Coaches Association. Wynne has been playing the sport for over 45 years and is a 35-year member of the USPTA.

In 2000, Wynne and his brother, Tim, were named winners of the Ward C. Burton Junior Development Award for their work with the local junior tennis program by USTA Northern. Tom has also won the USPTA Jr. Development Award (2006) and USTA Northern Frank Voigt Tennis Professional of the Year in 2008. Later in 2008, the *Grand Forks Herald* named both Wynne brothers as its Sportspersons of the Year. Tom was inducted into the University of North Dakota Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.