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Dorothy (“Dodo”) Bundy Cheney

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Dodo Cheney, a daughter of tennis royalty who wore lace and pearls as she rolled through generations of competitors on the way to winning 391 tennis championships in the United States, most of them after she turned 55, died in Escondido, California, at the age of 98.

At her induction ceremony to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, in Newport, R.I., in 2004, Cheney, who played competitively well into her 80s, chose John McEnroe to be her presenter, then hit balls back and forth with him afterward. Cheney –who acquired the nickname Dodo because her younger brothers couldn't pronounce Dorothy-- was the first American to win the Australian championships, now known as the Australian Open, a feat accomplished in 1938. She was runner-up three times in women's doubles at Grand Slam tournaments and four times in mixed doubles.

In singles, she reached four semifinals of the United States championships and one semifinal each at Wimbledon and the French championships. She was ranked third in the United States in 1937, 1938 and 1941. Her highest world ranking was No. 6 in 1946.

But it was on the senior circuit where she shined the brightest. After turning 55, she competed in two or three age groups in the same year and won titles into her late 80s.

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President's Message

by Cindy Babb



I write this letter to you two days after the completion of a very successful and fun Intersectionals 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. The weather was cold, windy, and sometimes rainy but our competition and spirits were hot. Many of you have commented on my banquet remarks and some have said they wished that all of our members could have heard them. Well, here goes.... The NSWTA believes that "Tennis teaches you a lot about life and most of it happens in the third set." I first heard these words over fifteen years ago when Shelby Torrance, Texas, stood up at an NSWTA annual meeting where we were pondering our response to the efforts of the USTA to shorten our game to two sets and a match break. The *action* that the members of NSWTA took was a unanimous vote to go on record in opposition to that change to the game. Leagues moved to the match break. We still play two out of three sets.

Our NSWTA membership lives the above-spoken words at every tournament. We embrace the full three sets. Let's break it down...

First set: Not fully engaged. Life distractions in the way. Trying to figure out how to do it all.

Second set: Beginning to figure it out. More time to develop a game plan.

Third set: Got it figured out but now exhausted both mentally and physically. Despite triumph or disaster, appreciative of both the opponent and the opportunity to compete.

There are those who think only the first set has value. The members of the NSWTA respectfully disagree. We will continue to take *action* that enhances play opportunities for all of our

membership, from those in their first set of life to our players who are enjoying tennis well into their third set. We are committed to being certain that when our younger players reach their second and third set that there is still a viable game to be played.

The November/December issue of *Tennis* arrived in our homes the middle of November. Please read the many fine articles written about seniors in this issue. The subject of the *Warrior Spirit* article, John Powless, is a lifetime member of NSWTA. Be aware that *Tennis* magazine is published by Tennis Media Company and that the group publisher is Jeff Williams, a Director at Large on the USTA Board of Directors. We appreciate the kind *words* about third-setters and we look forward to USTA *actions* that will back them up.

I have appointed a committee composed of all levels of players as well as Category 1 and 2 tournament directors to explore options that are open to the NSWTA should the USTA continue in their *actions* (for example, slashing of cup team travel budget and eliminating prizes for Category 2 tournaments) to diminish the value of senior tennis. The men are beginning to organize themselves to join us. The exploratory committee will have a report for us at the NSWTA meeting in Houston, TX, on March 3, 2015. I hope you will make plans to join us at the meeting to discuss these important topics and to play in the National Senior Women's Clay Court Championships. It is a week that is well worth your time and your money. At this tournament we hold our largest fund raising event—a silent auction. We ask you to think about donating any tennis items, trips, tickets, or interesting ideas that you think other tennis players might bid on. Please contact suebramlette@comcast.net to find out where to send the items.

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Cindy

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations To:

Lu Fendig was awarded the NSWTA's prestigious Margaret M. Russo Sportsmanship Award at the San Antonio Intersectionals tournament banquet. Lu was unable to come to the event but addressed the assembled tennis players and friends via FaceTime.



Lu Fendig

Lu's tennis career spanned 30 years. Lu was one of the first female athletes to receive a scholarship at the University of Georgia, where she played No. 1 and 2 singles and No. 1 doubles for the Lady Bulldogs. Lu turned professional after college, played on various tennis tours, and was a two-time winner of the Southern Open 30s. She was ranked #11 nationally in singles ages 40 and 45 the same year. She most recently won the national clay court Mother-Daughter Championships in 2003.

Due to her illness, Lu has not been able to compete for about ten years. She was known as an exceedingly fair competitor with a contagious smile and a kind word for everyone. Any NSWTA member can nominate someone for the The Margaret M. Russo award. Lu's selection was one of the most popular in recent memory.

Trish Faulkner, BallenIsles Country Club's Director of Tennis, has been named USPTA Florida Professional of the Year by the United States Professional Tennis Association. The award comes in the wake of Trish serving as Tournament Chairperson for the 2014 ITF Senior World Championships, one of the largest international amateur tennis events in the world. An international tour player from 1962-1974, winning nine international titles, Faulkner was ranked No. 1 in three senior age divisions - 45s, 50s and 55s - for eight years in a row and won 36 U.S.A. national senior titles. She's also a five-time winner of the World Team Championship for Team U.S.A., ITF Veterans. The recipient of a WTA Special Service Award as well as the Margaret M. Russo National Sportsmanship Award, Faulkner has previously earned special recognition from the USPTA Florida Division and has served on its Board of Directors. She has served as the WTA Tour liaison for the USPTA Women's Committee and was named the USPTA national women's 45-and-Over Player of the Year in 1998 and 2001. Off the court, Trish has organized tournaments and teamed with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to give inner-city kids the opportunity to get instruction and play in facilities



Trish Faulkner

they wouldn't have access to otherwise.

Mona Anne Guerrant was inducted into the Southwest Hall of Fame in November. A former WTA Tour professional player in the 1970's, Anne ranked as high as No. 11 in the world in singles in 1976, and won four WTA Tour titles. She was a former top player on the WTA Tour in doubles, winning several doubles crowns, including the Australian Open doubles title in 1977. Guerrant was also a stalwart performer on the World Team Tennis professional leagues in the heydays of WTT tennis, playing alongside former world No. 1 Billie Jean King. Anne was one of few high school girls in the country to receive a scholarship to play college tennis before Title IX took effect. She lives in Gilbert, Arizona with her husband, Terry. The two founded the Guerrant Foundation (<http://guerrantfoundation.org>) that raises money to help the poorest of the world's poor in Africa, Asia and Latin America through small loans to start businesses. Guerrant continues to remain a passionate tennis player and advocate, recently winning the USTA Women's 65 Grass Court National Championships for the second consecutive year. She is a past team player for United States in international senior competitions and annually runs a charity tennis event in Phoenix that raises money for her foundation.



Anne Guerrant

Brenda Carter will be inducted into the 9-state Southern Tennis Hall of Fame in January. Besides being a beloved past President of the NSWTA and Ambassador of 'FeelGood' tennis for years, Brenda has been the #1 player in the country eight times in her age group and has won 43 USTA Gold Balls, including 24 national singles titles. She was #1 in the world in 2007 in her age group. She won a Grand Slam (all four surfaces) in the 65 and over age group in 2013. She ended that year ranked #1 in the nation in both singles and doubles. A former math teacher, Brenda resides in Charleston, SC with her husband Harry. Before moving to Charleston, she was associate athletic director at Georgia Southern University and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. She was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame and was named 2001 and 2006 USTA South Carolina Adult Female Player of the Year. In 2003 Brenda received the USTA Southern Slew Hester Adult Achievement Award in recognition of her outstanding tennis performance and ranking.



Brenda Carter

In Remembrance

Dodo Cheney (continued)



Dodo Cheney being inducted in the International Tennis Hall of Fame, 2004

For Cheney, tennis stardom was practically a birthright. Her mother, the former May Sutton, won the United States championships in 1904 and went on to become the first American to win the women's singles title at Wimbledon, in 1905. She won it again two years later. Her father was Thomas Bundy, who won United States Nationals doubles titles from 1912 to 1914.

Dodo was not hypercompetitive at first. She was disqualified from a junior tournament for not showing up; she had met some teenage boys and gone fishing.

"I wasn't that competitive as a youngster," she said years later. "Now, though, I'm quite a bit more fierce. As I've grown older, I've grown much more competitive. I really love to win." At 5 feet 1 inch, Cheney never had a lot of power, but she would stay in the no-man's land between the net and the baseline and slice and chop every ball that came her way. "Dodo land," her opponents called it. "She's very cagey," the (late) Patricia Yeomans, a frequent senior opponent, told *The Times* in 1999. "She doesn't move more than she has to, but she makes you move all over the place. She is just a relentless competitor."

A refined appearance was important to Cheney. She made her own tennis outfits: a lace

dress with lace sleeves, lace socks, lace wristband. If she wore a knee bandage, it was lined with lace. When she played, she always wore a pearl necklace. Cheney's husband, Arthur Cheney, was a former pilot for Western Airlines who arranged a lifetime pass for his wife to accommodate her tennis travels. She is survived by her daughters Christie Putnam and May Cheney; a son, Brian; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Excerpts from her granddaughter Robin Boshaw's post on Facebook:

Although she was well-known for her accomplishments on the tennis court, I knew her as my grandma; however,

I was never allowed to call her that. I remember when I was a kid, I asked her, "All of my friends call their grandmas 'Grandma.' Why don't we?" She clucked, as she often did when she disapproved, and said, "Because 'Grandma' sounds so old!" To her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she has always been "Dodo." Dodo was young at heart and never outgrew her love of playing or inventing games. Wherever you found Dodo, you would be sure to find many children and a game being played.

I had the opportunity to live with her while I was in college. She encouraged me to take science classes because they weren't just for the guys. She wanted all of her grandchildren to take on the world with passion. She wanted us to find what we loved and do it. Thank you, Dodo, for teaching me that being myself is the greatest gift I can give the world, teaching me that lace can be added to any article of clothing, teaching me to use a chain saw, and that love belongs everywhere except your score on the tennis court.

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From the Los Angeles Times

It was after turning 40 that Cheney really made her mark in tennis, racking up victories at the senior level. "Dodo was a great tennis player as a young woman," then-U.S. Tennis Assn. President (and NSWTA member) Judy Levering told *The Times* in 1999. "But what she has done these past 40 years shows that life really does begin at 40."

Cheney played dozens of tournaments every year, dominating her age group as the years rolled on. In 1976 she and her daughter Christie Putnam won the USTA mother-daughter grass-court championship. They repeated the feat in 2002, when Cheney was 85. "She is the least likely looking

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champion one could imagine," William J. Kellogg, president of the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, told the San Diego Union-Tribune in 2004. "She comes onto the court with her pearls and her lace and she totally disarms people. But she has an amazing zest for competition. She thrives on it. She loves it. She has a joy of life that is wonderful to see."

Cheney also devoted considerable time to tutoring Los Angeles youths on the tennis court. "Everything wonderful that has happened to me has been because of tennis," she told the Union-Tribune. "I like to put something back into the game for what it has given me. I hope to be sort of an inspiration for some of the younger kids that are coming along."

From Boots Van Nostrand

Dodo loved to play bridge.....before and after her tennis, even arranging games on her way out to play a tournament match. She played her cards well but her heart of gold occasionally got trumped by her notorious iron will and stubbornness. Her amazing career on the tennis court has been well chronicled so it is not at all surprising that at the bridge table she was the same determined, impatient and tough competitor, and always on the lookout for a better partner. If one appeared in the room she would summarily dismiss her current partner, while in the same breath insist the new one sit down across the table from her. This was not done out of spite, it simply was to provide her with a better chance to prevail.

Dodo's home was filled with puzzles and board games so it is my guess she played all of them, even with her grand kids and great grand kids, in that same aggressive, no-holds-barred, spirit.

When I first visited Dodo, who was then in her early eighties, I found her perched high in a fairly large back-yard tree, pruning away with a hand saw. No old fruit tree was going to get the best of her. Nor did anyone or anything else.

Rest in peace, Dodo. You made life fun.

To catch Dodo in action:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7dHndpxdJU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1Ou1gVfEuE>



Raymond Machoian

Peggy Machoian's husband Raymond died of bone cancer October 14 at the age of 80. He was not a tennis player himself, but was extremely supportive of Peggy in all that she did.

Peggy also recently lost her mother. Our condolences to Peggy and to her daughter Lady Jane.



Marion Chester Read

October 12, 1919-October 28, 2014

Marion passed away at age 95 of aplastic anemia at her home, surrounded by family. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Marion loved athletics. While at Bryn Mawr she earned 20 varsity letters in 4 years in field hockey, basketball, swimming, softball and tennis, which she captained. Marion was a tennis star, licensed pilot, skier and mountain climber. She and her husband Verne climbed the Alps and led 3 expeditions to the Himalayas.

Marion had numerous philanthropic interests including the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin. Wanting to protect the environment, she and Verne founded Bat Conservation International, an organization that led to the creation of the first National Park in American Samoa to protect the little mammal.



Marion's lifelong love of tennis led her to many singles and doubles championships and ultimately to be ranked 2nd in the nation as an octogenarian. But she never wanted to simply succeed on her own. In the 1950s she brought indoor tennis to Milwaukee in an Armory. (Note: Marion and Winnie Gilliford, former Pro at the Merion Cricket Club, participated in the same 18 and under grass court championships!) Despite her many accomplishments, Marion preferred to express her love and gratitude for those around her.

If a life must have a motto, Marion Chester Read's might well have been: Just meet every challenge, according to her daughter, who added, "She was just such a vital life force." Marion will be deeply missed by all those who were fortunate to know her.

Barb Mueller

Anne (Nancy) A. Hambleton

1928-2014

Nancy Hambleton, 86, died on September 22 of renal failure. Nancy had not been well for several years and had recently moved to Ginger Cove. But this latest health issue was quite a surprise and she went very quickly. Surgery was not an option as she had lost a lot of weight and was not strong enough to survive surgery.



Lots of credit to her daughter, Jane, who allowed her to die with dignity and in peace.

We all remember Nancy as a wonderful woman and a great tennis player. Tennis was her passion in life and she was devastated when her back issues prevented her from continuing to play. She was our role model for so many years – one of our oldest friends who was still playing tennis.

Nancy was active in AACTA, playing on the singles ladder and doubles with Susan Darnley and in USTA league tennis, serving as a captain of our first 70&Over Super Duper Seniors from 2006 to 2010.

Nancy continued to play singles and doubles with the National Senior Women's Tennis Association and was on a select team sent to Europe to represent the US. The only thing that stopped her was back surgery when she was 80. She even continued to be a ranked player after open-heart surgery. We will all miss her.

You may send condolences to Jane Barba, 1787 Beachfield Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409-6042. And if you choose to send memorial contributions, Jane is sure that Nancy would want contributions to support the Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County in their efforts to build a community tennis center in AACo. There will be a special plaque commemorating Nancy's contribution to tennis in our county.

Tennis Alliance AAC, 839 Bestgate Rd, Suite 400, Annapolis, MD 21401. This is a fundraising organization that will build a facility that will allow open access to all who wish to play the game of tennis. Mark checks: In Memory of Nancy Hambleton.

Peggy Sange

My good friend and long time doubles partner, Nancy, passed away September 22 after a brief and unexpected illness. Nancy grew up in Philadelphia, where she learned to play on grass, her forever-favorite surface. She ended up spending most of her life in Annapolis, MD, where she continued to play.

Nancy faced many obstacles in her life: divorce, loss of a 16-year-old daughter, and the loss of her second husband. In recent years she had many

health issues but continued to fight to the end, never losing her love of life and sense of humor.

Nancy had many facets: a natural athlete, excelling in all her school sports, an office administrator, hospital volunteer, world traveler and gardener, but her greatest love (outside of family and friends) was tennis – wielding a wicked forehand to end a point as fast as possible.

Those of us who knew her will miss her vivacious spirit, her "Dixie," the cat stories and the many laughs we shared.

Joan Brisbin

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the NSWTA and read Cindy Babb's letter to Mr. Haggerty and his response. I have shared the letter with several of my colleagues who do not belong to NSWTA. Many of us "seniors" here in Southern California have felt the same thing Cindy wrote about. League ages were changed in 2013 and it has felt like seniors are being pushed out. In addition, the SCUSTA is piloting a Sip and Serve for ages 18-35. I wrote a letter to Madeline Segura as to my concern as to the message this was sending especially since the drinking age is 21. I wanted to introduce myself and say I agree with everything Cindy wrote. I wanted to say thank you for writing the letter to Mr. Haggerty and for printing his reply. His reply did not surprise me.

Cherie Olson

Dear Editor:

I just got back from Turkey and read both Cindy's letter to Haggerty and his response. Bravo to Cindy for her letter! As one of the participants involved in the stipend cut I thought I should write to you. I went to Turkey this year but probably shouldn't have, as it certainly did not fit into my budget. I feel it was my last Cup unless the USTA changes its policy. As it was, I couldn't stay for the Individual because of my finances.

Haggerty's reasoning that the Cups represent a small number of players is absurd. Positions on the teams are hotly contested and players will play an extra tournament to try to improve their results in order to fill a last spot on a team. This can only improve the numbers of entries in a tournament. Not to mention that players should be rewarded for good play, which leads other players to try to improve their standard of play. Didn't Serena get rewarded for her excellent US Open win to the tune of \$3,000,000? And that is one player, not 80.

Charleen Hillebrand

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HEALTH & FITNESS

How I Stay Fit:

Sylvie Galfard-Kirsten

by Lee Delfausse

Sylvie Galfard-Kirsten, even at 70, floats around the court like a feather, “une plume.” As # 2 on the French Althea Gibson Cup team and #4 in the world, she did not lose a match in the ITF World Team Championships.



“I really started playing tennis competitively at the age of 44 after my husband died in my arms,” she said. Her two children had grown and she needed something to fill her time. As a child, she had played a little tennis but had focused more on a career as a ballet dancer. Her tennis career began in mid-life when she hired a tennis coach and started playing 3-4 times a week (1.5 hrs each), working out with yoga (3 times a week) and doing a moderate routine with weights. “I am not a very competitive person, but I just love hitting the ball,” she said with a wry smile. A year later she won the French championships and as they say, “The rest is history.”

And hit the ball she does, both consistently and hard. In her match with Cathie Anderson, Sylvie not only kept the ball in play, she dominated the match with her penetrating groundstrokes, winning 6-1, 6-0. She admits that the game of doubles still baffles her, so, for this reason, she would love to return to the States and learn doubles. Her command of the English language, tinged slightly with a lovely French accent, was learned mostly from her travels to New York City years ago while her son, an architect, was working on the Ground Zero memorial.

To stay fit and light as *une plume*, Sylvie remains very disciplined about her diet. She eats no sweets and enjoys mostly fruits and vegetables and, “bien sur,” a glass of wine at night. She also attributes her youthfulness to her longtime relationship with a man 15 years her junior. (Wouldn’t we all? ☺) She has been relatively injury free because of her litness and yoga. She doesn’t believe in supplements.

Sylvie has been a dominant force on the French Cup teams for twenty years and will continue so because of her zest for life and tennis.

I’ll Have What Sylvie is Having...

“There is evidence that the diseases of aging like cardiovascular disease, cancer and neurodegenerative disease appear to have a common root of inappropriate levels of inflammation,” reported Andrew Weil, M.D., Director of Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona last year.

A body of evidence indicates that what you put on your plate can have an impact on inflammation. In a state-of-the-art study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology in 2006, researchers found that diets high in refined starches, sugar, saturated fats and trans fats, and low in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and omega-3 fatty acids appear to turn on the inflammation response. However, a diet rich in whole foods, including healthful carbohydrates, fat and protein sources, along with regular exercise and not smoking, cools down inflammation.

Dr. Weil recommends that you choose mostly monounsaturated fats found in olive oil, avocados and nuts, and sources of omega-3 fatty acids found in flax, walnuts, fish, omega-3-rich eggs and grass-fed beef to keep inflammation levels at bay. The majority of your carbs should be in the form of unprocessed, low-glycemic foods, which do not produce a rapid, quick rise in blood sugar levels. For example, biting into an apple is better than drinking apple juice, and dishing up bulgur is a healthier choice than bread made with refined flours.

Dietary patterns low in red meat, such as found in the Mediterranean diet, are linked with lower levels of inflammation. Weil suggests that instead of planning your meals around meat, you should plan them around plant foods, while still leaving room for omega-3-rich fish in your diet.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Game Changers: Judy Dixon

by Molly Hahn

Confronting inequity and opportunities squandered as the Yale university women's tennis coach and full-time athletic coordinator, 26-year old Judy Dixon felt compelled to make a bold move. She sued Yale for discrimination under Title IX, the first time a major university had been challenged in court under that landmark legislation. Who could have anticipated the impact her action would have on Yale and on the history of college athletics? As a result of her 1975 lawsuit, female student athletes are now provided with trainers, full-time coaches, upgraded facilities, and expanded budgets. Judy challenged Yale not for personal gain but from a sense of fair play and the difference it would make in the lives of her students.



Tennis is the vehicle, but education is the prize.

Who was the first woman to provide pro sports color commentary? It was Judy, for the Boston Lobsters of World Team Tennis. Who was the first woman ever nominated for an Emmy in Sports Broadcasting? You guessed it.

However, these accomplishments are only the tip of the iceberg. She has dedicated the last 20+ years at UMass Amherst pioneering a transformation of college tennis. I believe that what Judy has created could have a profoundly positive impact on the college experience and maybe on all of society, if implemented more broadly. The remainder of this article focuses on Judy's approach.

As a Division 1 coach Judy perpetually challenges herself to create opportunity for each of her players. She is motivated by the idea of being able to offer a chance at a better life through education and sports. Tennis is the vehicle, but education is the prize.

Judy has one of the more diverse teams on the UMass campus, and this is by design. She considers herself truly fortunate to be able to select young women for athletic scholarships that allow them to step into a life they could not have imagined. Many of her players would not have been able to attend college without a scholarship. She has coached many first generation collegians. One of the greatest joys of Judy's life has been to watch her players grab hold, to stand with them both on and off the court as their confidence soars and as doors open in all aspects of their lives. Because Judy feels so strongly that academic success and athletic accomplishments must go hand in hand, signage around the UMass varsity courts honors both sets of achievements equally. Conference Championships and All Conference selections stand alongside

NCAA Academic All American honors. Two stories illustrate the results of Judy's efforts with her athletes:

In 2005, Judy benched one of her players for a semester for achieving a less than stellar GPA. As a star athlete in high school, that player had been allowed to coast, missing classes but still competing on various high school sports teams. When Judy pulled her from competition, she did so with the hope that the player would rededicate herself to both her team and her education. This athlete went on to captain the team her senior year and has since earned a graduate degree while coaching the Men's and Women's teams at Endicott College.

In 2009 Judy recruited a player from the West who announced during the first week of school that her favorite high school subject was recess. The player had left a large extended family in Las Vegas, none a college grad, to attend UMass. When Judy asked her why she chose UMass, the player responded that she knew that Judy wasn't scared of her and would hold her to the real goal, getting the education that would change her life. This player went on to earn a graduate degree and coach at James Madison University. Today she is back at UMass working in the Academic Support Office, a far cry from recess.

Judy realizes that college athletic coaches have more direct interaction with students when they are practicing, training, playing under pressure, traveling, and socializing than perhaps any other college employee. Thus, her potential influence on their lives can be enormous and it is. Her dedication to her players as a coach, mentor, counselor, advocate and more has resulted in long hours on and off the court, often being at most a phone call away.

The college experience could be enhanced and transformed if college coaches dedicated themselves, as Judy has, to these principles:

- 1) Tennis is the vehicle that provides the first step. Often that first step is a college scholarship.
- 2) The coach's job is to ensure that tennis ability is the portal to the game-changing opportunities offered by higher education.
- 3) Life is a team sport. The goal is that players complete their college tennis careers valuing their team over individual accomplishments. Junior tennis is a solitary sport. Many tennis players have never experienced the joys and benefits of being a committed and responsible team member.
- 4) The coach's responsibility is to create high standards, helping the players adopt strong ethical values: self-discipline, honesty, fairness, respect, and appreciation of diversity.
- 5) Coaches are most effective as role models when they "pay it forward," giving to their successors the benefits of our great game that their own mentors gave them.

Just think about the impact on the players, the college experience, and society if Judy's principles were implemented across the landscape of college coaching!

CATEGORY I TOURNAMENTS

National Women's 35-85 Hard Courts
Chamisal Tennis Club, Salinas, CA
 September 15-21

Chamisal 35s

Denmark-born Amanda Parson Siegel from Henderson, Nevada, was the winner of this age group, beating Yulia Bolotova 6-2, 6-3 in the finals. Amanda dispatched #1 seed Fanny Gamble in the semies, 0 and 1. She has played WTA as recently as 2002. Amanda and Yulia combined to win the 35 doubles round robin.

Chamisal 45s

Julie Cass won this age group with a decisive win over Anna Zimmermann in the finals, 6-1, 6-3. Shelly Works won Bronze over Manola Colter, who retired early in the third set due to injury. Julie Cass and Beverly Bowes-Hackney won the doubles, 6-1, 6-3 over Kristen Hildebrand and Anne Kerwin-Payne. Alissa Finerman and Erika Smith took Bronze over Vesna McKenna and Judy Newman, 1-6, 6-0, 6-1. Shelly Works/Anna Zimmermann won the backdraw.



55s-Susan Wright turns 39 again, just like Jack Benny

Champions entered. Early rounds on outer courts had wonderful matches of unseeded players battling it out in the hot California sun. Only one seed was defeated in the round of 16 (Anne Lowry def. #5 Donna Drosner in three long sets). The top 4 seeds (#1 Diane Barker; #2 Susan Wright; #3 Carolyn Nichols; #4 Tina Karwasky) prevailed to the semi finals. After the semi finals it was anybody's match ... well, except for the strong, precise, focused, talented, hard working Diane Barker. Chamisal's Gold belonged to her this year. Diane lost a total of 8 games in 4 matches. Awesome. Congratulations, Diane.

In the semi finals Carolyn N upset Susan W 7-6(4), 6-1 and for the Bronze Ball, Tina K defeated Susan W in a close 3-set match 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The Back Draw singles finals went to Jane Pascoe. Congratulations to Jane Pascoe for coming in 5th, for playing the most rounds and... surviving! (2 rounds of main draw, 4 rounds of back draw)

The doubles draw was small but strong. The first four seeds (#1 Karwasky-Wright; #2 Cooke-Nichols; #3 Davis-Thompson; #4 Boynton-Lackey) proceeded to the semi finals. Then, if you were a betting person, you would have put your money on Susan W and partner for the gold. Susan W has won every Gold Ball doubles National in 2014. And, guess what? Yes, Susan W and Tina K defeated Una Davis and T. Thompson in the finals, 3 and 2.

Doubles 3rd and 4th playoff match was Cooke-Nichols v Boynton-Lackey. I believe the match was scheduled for a Guinness Book of World Records – a Carolyn N marathon match. Did it make the Book (3 plus hours)? This could have been Carolyn's longest played

doubles match on hard courts, but maybe not. Cooke-Nichols won the first set 6-3. They were up in the second set 4-1 (after the match Carolyn remembering the one point lost that would have given them a 5-1 lead) before Boynton-Lackey made a comeback to win the second set 6-4. After the match Lackey remembered the set point shot of Boynton getting slammed at close range by Cooke's huge racket. Boynton made a great save by hitting the ball off her racket frame for an alley



45s Shelly Works with friends



45s-Susan Dent (2nd place) Vyki Shimizu (1st place) in the Art Contest

Chamisal 55s

by Kim Lackey

A National tournament in Northern California. How Nice. I didn't even have to book a flight, nor a car for this tournament. How about that Ms. SC, NJ, FL, Toronto etc.? Guess that is what one gets for growing older and moving up to a new age group.

Chamisal 55, 2014 reminded me of a mini US Open. Singles and doubles draws drew unbelievable talent with so many World



55s-Carolyn Nichols (Silver), Diane Barker (Gold)



55s -Cooke/Nichols (Bronze) with Lackey/Boynton

shot winner. Tides changed for the third set with Boynton-Lackey coming out strong, up 5-2 before Cooke-Nichols came back to win the third set 7-5. Boo.

The Doubles Back Draw final match was a three-set battle, too. David-Rector won the first set 6-0 over Lowry-Murveit. Lowry-Murveit were down in the second set, but came back to win it in a tie breaker (5) and won the final set 6-1.

It was a week's worth of great tennis and great tournament hospitality by director Scott Krueger, his staff and many club volunteers. Thanks to all for the wonderful player events, entertainment and great food. Come out and play and/or watch Chamisal 2015. Oh yes, remember to bring your fly swatter! Great weather, great friendships and good health to you all.

Chamisal 65s

by Marie Allman

September is a perfect time to play a tennis tournament in the lovely Monterey area. Chamisal is also a pretty, secluded location with plenty of courts and amenities like good food, wine, massage and good organization. Many interesting players had signed up, many new even in other age groups. I was blown away by the quality of tennis in the 35's singles final.



65s=Martha Downing, Brenda Carter

In 65 singles we had the top seeds in the final and Martha Downing beat Brenda Carter 6-4, 6-3 after a spirited battle. I will be sorry when Brenda ages up, as she's so good at entertaining us all! Carolann Castell, who had a wonderful tournament, beat Carol Gay for the bronze. Yours truly played too many long matches, really fun though, but gave out to the very fit Mary Alice Pisani in the final of the BD.

The most interesting part was the doubles where we had many excellent "local teams" and new combos. There were a number of fantastic 3-setters: Castell/ Sheila Johnson against steady Gay Finch/ Hilda Fischer in the semis, won by the latter. Castell /Johnson then regrouped and won the bronze over a new pairing Linda Bucklin/MA Pisani, 6-1, 7-6(6). #1 seed Carter /Downing won the final 0 and 0 over the exhausted (?) Finch/ Fischer, using their excellent drives and precise volleys. The BD provided many good matches also and that final was played by the determined duo Annett/Dam against new combo Heather Fiscalini/ Carmen Almodovar, who ended up with the win.

Chamisal 75s

by Linda Friedlander and Lola O'Sullivan

Each of us has different sensitivities to the sun, heat, cold, wind, animals and insects. All participants at Chamisal Tennis Club agree, however, that Director Scott Krueger and his committee go "all out" to entertain the players. For three consecutive evenings, for example, the club offers food and activities for us. To top it off, fellow competitor Michaelin Watts generously invited the 75s to dinner one night in her elegant home at the Santa Lucia Preserve.



75s-Ria Graham, Carol Wood, Bonnie Champion, Betty Hill

Located in the Salinas hills between Monterey and Carmel, Chamisal also offered us a chance to explore John Steinbeck's Pastures of Heaven and the valleys and peaks beyond.



75s Lyn Tietz

Let us not forget with all the above attractions that we do go to play tennis. In tournament play the Californians dominated. Top-seed Dori DeVries of Rancho Mirage won the singles finals against Burnett Herrick, yet her most difficult match was her 3-setter against Lynn Little in the quarters. Lynn of Palm Desert then continued to beat her long-time doubles partner Dorothy Matthiessen of Pasadena to capture 3rd place.



75s-Norma Veal, Dori DeVries, Linda Friedlander

Gaining a 5th place finish, Judy Janc of San Diego won the consolation, 6-5, by virtue of the retirement of Lyn Tietz.



75s Dorothy Matthiessen with 55s Susan Wright, Tina Karwasky

The Californian doubles team of Claudia Giacomini and Norma Veal defied the seedings by confronting the favored DeVries/Little in the finals. The latter remained on top, nevertheless, with a close 6-4, 7-5 victory. Reversing that score for 3rd and 4th place were Burnett Herrick/Matthiessen over Ria Graham/Carol Wood.



75s-Burnett Herrick

The solid team of Judy Smith/Michaelin Watts proved its worth in the back draw. Judy's fine net play, quick and intelligent placement combined with Michaelin's deep lobbs and persistent base line play earned them consolation winner and 5th place over Lola O'Sullivan and Carol Shields in a tough 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 match.

We were pleased to welcome new locals in the doubles draw: Merrilyn Mancini of Seaside with Patsy Nicholson of Monterey; local Ingrid Peters played with Lake Placid's Linda Friedlander, Margaret Marcroft of Salinas teamed up with Yvonne Merrick of Oakland.

Getting back to sensitivities, co-author and friend Lola relates the following:

Once, many moons ago, picking flowers in my friend's yard, I was stung by a bee. I ran home screaming and my grandmother had me put my swollen thumb into salt water to soothe it. Many years later, as I dusted off my pocket, another bee stung me. This time I was having trouble breathing. Luckily the friend I was with took me to the closest pharmacy where I got a shot and was sent to see my doctor. He told me I must always carry a "bee sting kit" with me because each time the bite would be worse and could cause death!

I do always carry a kit with me, and have not had to use it yet...but in Chamisal, I was put into frenzy from the very first match. I remember telling Dori that I wanted to go home when the yellow jackets zoomed around me as we played. Because I was there with a doubles partner, I stayed and persevered but there was never a moment when I didn't have a piece of paper as a fan to keep away whatever little buggies surrounded me. They even made me run away from the yummy looking omelet station one morning. I couldn't risk sharing their space.

I had one of those evil little things zoom up my nose. A couple others dived into the mouths of two women. One friend had one sit on her lip and as she went to slap it, the insect evaded her and all she got was a hand imprint on her face. I loved the tournament; the people running it are so nice and hospitable. I think they enjoy having us and we love being there, but I can never return. I promised myself I would not go there again...it is too nerve-wracking.

Lola's story is indeed a sad one. When we North Country people ingest a bug or two, we just mark it down to a little extra protein. I also drink Manhattans instead of Martinis. Maybe that's the secret!

Chamisal 85s

by Brenda Carter

What a thrill it was to get to Chamisal and see Cathy Hall!

During the tournament in Houston the first week of April, we were without Cathy because she had been involved in an auto accident (not her fault!), receiving a severe leg injury. We didn't know if Cathy would be able to play tennis again.

Lo and behold, she's back. She only played doubles, but she's back and she looks as cute as ever. She teamed with Elaine Mason, who is a comeback kid in her own right. Rita Price's comment regarding Cathy's play in their match against her and Jane Lutz – "you should have seen her – the Energizer Bunny out there running down everything. It was fantastic!"

When Cathy was describing the accident to the writer, it seems it was a chain reaction of cars being hit from behind. Cathy was the proud owner of a new Lexus. She said this was the last car she would buy and she planned to "go out in style." Not only did we get Cathy back, but Cathy is still driving in style in another brand new Lexus. You go, girl.

Yes, Jane Lutz was double gold, teaming with Rita Price for the doubles in the 85's. If I had to guess, Cathy's gold is in the fact that she's back out there and able to have fun with her peers. We all want to be like these ladies "when we grown up."



85s-Cathy Hall and her last skin graft



85s Elaine Mason



85s-Price (Silver) with Lutz (Gold)



85s- Hubbards



85s-Louise Russ, Pat Wiedenmann

National 40, 50, 60 Mixed Clay Courts

Seabrook Island Club, SC

October 1-6

by Sherri Bronson

If you are looking for the best in Southern Hospitality DO NOT miss the Alan Fleming Clay Court National Mixed Tournament. Held at beautiful Seabrook Island in perfect weather, it is one to put on your schedule. There are also other events to play, though they are not Nationals.

The draws may have been small but the competition was fierce. In the 60s, Mel Collazo and Sherri Bronson were the number one seeds and lost in the semies to the great team of Brenda Carter and Hugh Thompson in a long 3-setter. Jan Kirkland-Cochran and Marty Pearson came through to win the tournament and Gold Balls with a straight set win over Carter and Thompson. Cindy Babb and Andy Steingold won the Bronze.

The dinner was worth another whole story. This tournament may well be worth going to for the food and the Southern Hospitality alone.

Other results:

In the 40s, Floridians Carlos Gomez-Diaz and Margaret Lumia won Gold balls over unseeded Deanna Vroman and Brian Burke (from the greater Charleston area) in a crowd-pleasing finals, 6-7(9), 6-3, 6-3. Unseeded Charlotte Hartsock and Garth Thomson took the Bronze.

In the 50s, Diane and Jack Barker won the Bronze by beating Betsy Savitt and Martin Colin, 6-3, 6-4. (Todd Hall and Lisa Gnann won Gold; Mark Mogul and Laurie Yarbrough got Silver.)

National Mother/Daughter Clay Courts

Club Med Academies, Port St. Lucie, FL

October 10-12

Mother/Daughter: Maddox Bandy/Meg Bandy won the round robin. Denee Massie/Kylee Shipley got Silver. Seniors: Susie Nelson/Jamie Nelson beat Elizabeth Bornt-Davis/Marsha Bornt in the finals, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Susan Boyer/Irene Mueller won Bronze. Super Seniors: Betty Watson and daughter Katherine, both from Bloomington, IN beat Amy Gordon and Nancy Stoller of West Palm Beach, FL in the finals, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.



National Women's 70, 80 & 90 Indoors

Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA

October 15-21

by Joyce Jones

Nancy Ansbury did her usual excellent job of running this tournament, which was different from all of the others. Since it was scheduled at the same time as the USTA Super Senior Cup matches in Turkey, four of the top players from both the 70's and 80's couldn't attend. This opened it up for a lot of other players to try to win a ball. Consequently, we had many excited new winners.

In the 70S, Ruby Jenkins gave #1 seed Anne Russ a run for her money in the quarterfinals before succumbing at 6-4, 6-4. Then she went on to win the FIC 7-5, 6-3 against Brooks Byrd. Nancy Garcia lost a hard fought match to Dorcas Miller 7-5, 6-4 in the

semis. Grace Woo withdrew with an injury in the semis to Russ, and then defaulted to Garcia for the Bronze. In the finals, Russ defeated Miller 7-5, 6-1.

In the 70D everything went according to the 2 seeds, with Jane Pang/Anne Russ winning over Heather Fiscali/Andrea Polisky in

In the 80S June Wurden won her first Gold Ball and in the 80D Boots Colwell/Carolyn Shumake were very excited to win their first Gold Ball!

the finals. Byrd/Sue McCandless won the Bronze. Miller/Woo won the FIC over Joy Conrad-Rice/Janet De Morgan 7-6, 6-3.

The 80 divisions were tough, because there were 6 singles players and 6 doubles teams in each event. So, whomever it is who makes these decisions, decided to have RR's in both events. This meant those playing in both events had to play 2 matches a day for 5 days straight. Personally, I think that's too much to ask of 80+-year-old players. In my lowly opinion, anytime there are 6 in an event, it should be a straight draw. You could see the players wilting day by day. But I must admit that it WAS fun playing EVERYONE.

In the 80S June Wurden won her first Gold Ball defeating Irene Bretzel in a super tough match that could have gone either way. But June persevered 5-7, 6-1, 7-6. Betty Brunette won the Bronze over Rosemary Buker 6-4, 6-3.

In the 80D Boots Colwell/Carolyn Shumake were very excited to win their first Gold Ball! They

devoured everyone, including Angie Ray/Joyce Jones, who won the Silver. No one got more than 4 games off them in their 5 matches. I have no one to blame but myself, since I got them together. I've enjoyed partnering both of them, and told them that they would enjoy playing together and should team up. Boy, did I ever create a monster! Wurden/Brunette won the Bronze.

Can you believe that there were 4 doubles teams entered in the 90's? But because Phyllis Adler couldn't attend due to doctors orders, that left Betty Cookson having to drop out as there were no other 90 players available. So that left 3 teams in a RR. Betty Eisenstein/Marion Tyrell won over Joyce Vanderpol/Lucille Trefzger in a very exciting 3- set match with long, long rallies, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6. Martha Frederick/Jane Howard took the Bronze.

In the 90S, Vanderpol won the Gold and got even with Eisenstein for beating her in the doubles. Martha Frederick won the Bronze.

I'd recommend this tournament to anyone. Nancy outdoes herself by furnishing snacks throughout the day, super lunches through the whole tournament, and a magnificent, stupendous dinner at the party. The entertainment consisted of a song composed by Joyce Jones and sung with Carolyn Shumake (who was a music major in college), and Angie Ray (who is good at harmonizing). It was fun working on it, and was very well received.

Here is the song:

To the tune of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

*Put your hands around the racket
 Make your body move
 Watch the ball & serve & volley
 Just get in the groove
 You'll greet old friends and then you'll meet some new ones,
 Oh what fun
 In Vancouver Washington*

Refrain

*Enjoy the courts, yes- halleluiah
 Lots of fun, yes - halleluiah
 Good for you yes-halleluiah
 Indoor Nationals they're great!*

*You have heard it said that you can't teach an old dog a new trick.
 The brain cells are all withered & the blood is just too thick.
 Well, we are here to tell you that old adage is not so,
 You can still get up & go.*

Refrain

*Get out and practice tennis with vitality for sure
 Nancy will make fun for you just joke along with her
 You'll add new color to your cheeks & quickness to your pace,
 And a smile upon your face.*

Refrain



70,80,90 Indoors- party time



Indoors having a good time



Indoors 80D-Carolyn Shumake/Boots Colwell (Gold), Director Nancy Ansbury, Angie Ray/Joyce Jones (Silver)



Indoors ladies and their token man



70s, 80s, 90s Indoors group

National 40, 50 Clay Courts

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

October 22-26

by Yvette Kruger

The National Women's 40's and 50's Clay Court Championships were blessed with dark gray skies and seventy-five degree weather while the rest of southern Florida, just a few miles away, was drowning. By the semis, the Florida sun reappeared with its attendant humidity and challenges in full force.

In the 50's, first seed Fran Chandler won the Gold without dropping a set and defeated Shelly Works in the final 6-3, 6-4. Third seed Marianna

Hollman toughed it out for the Bronze, winning in three sets against fourth-seed Susan Boyer 3-6, 6-1, 6-3. This author was felled by Miss Shelly second round but managed to slog through the two-



National 40,50s-Foulk, Klitch, Loomis, Hollman, McKenna

matches-a-day consolations (heretofore believing that the one privilege of being "old" was having to play only one singles match per day) for fifth place – an unexpected, but tired, thrill. In the doubles, everyone was very happy to see Myke Loomis-Landauer back out on the court and playing with Fran Chandler in the first seed position. Landauer and Chandler were upset, however, by the unseeded team of Cheryl Keller and Susan Kirby from Jacksonville, Florida. Marianna Hollman and Shelly Works took the Gold late Sunday afternoon over the Jacksonville pair in a tough match, 7-5, 6-2. (Shelly broke the sound barrier and made her plane by 5 minutes, I learned.) Lynn Ellis and Susan Carol Whiteside took Bronze.

In the 40's, Patricia Zerdan from Texas dropped a total of eight games to win the Gold, defeating Simona Bruetting of Colorado in the finals. Mutsumi ("Sumi") Shirai won the Bronze over Marlo Carruth 6-4, 6-4. The doubles final was a tough, back and forth, nail-biter with second seeds Leeza Morris and Patricia Zerdan triumphing in the end over first seeds Simona Bruetting and Vesna McKenna 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-4. Mary Dailey and Trish Riddell of Florida won the Bronze over Vermonters Kristin Hartley and Jeanne Hulsen 6-3, 6-3. What an amiable, fun and supportive group of women; it is more than fair to say that as much fun was had off the court as on.

National Father/Daughter 80+ Clay Courts

Jupiter, FL
November 7-9

from Carolyn Nichols' website blog

Dad and I played Susan Wright/Enver Mehmedbasich today and lost in just over 3 hours 6-3, 3-6. 7-5. We were down a match point (on Susan's serve) at 5-3 and then broke. I held but, as he did all day, Enver served brilliantly and Susan was opportunistic on any floating returns. Enver held and then Dad



F-D 80+ Carolyn and Graydon

went down 40-0. We came back to deuce but that was our last stand. It was a good match, though. Susan and Enver play the 2nd seeds, the Fechtors, to whom they lost at the Grass, in the final (assuming it's dry enough to play). We play for third against Fenasci/Bienvenue.

(Next day...) Florida calls itself the Sunshine State...maybe it is a reference to "liquid sunshine" aka rain? Because it rained all day in Jupiter or at least it was still raining when we left around 3pm.

(Next day...) There was only a final and a 3/4 playoff today in Jupiter, both in the 80+ division. Neither was played. Dad and Mom and I arrived at the courts at 9 and Dad and I warmed up till it started raining hard. The rain never stopped and finally



F-D 80+ Enver Mehmedbasich-Susan Wright with the Fechtor team

play was called at 2pm, when it was still raining and the courts were sopping.

After a discussion Susan Wright and Enver Mehmedbasich and their opponents, the Fechtors each

took one gold and one silver ball (Enver appropriated the gold ball from Susan!). Once our opponents Fenasci and Bienvenue returned from lunch we also agreed to split the bronze balls and 4th place tray (but borrowed each others bronze ball for the photo).

So it was a disappointing end to the tournament, since we didn't get to try to finish on a win, but it was a good week with my parents, visiting, playing tennis and relaxing.

(Editor's Note: For those keeping track of this family-family rivalry, in the Hard Courts in May, the Nichols defeated Susan and Enver in the finals, 7-6, 6-3. The Nichols team did not play the Grass Courts in August nor the Indoors in March. In those two competitions, Susan and Enver got to the semies and won in the finals, respectively.)

National Husband/Wife Combo (140+) Hard Courts

Palm Desert, CA
November 16-20

by Elizabeth Barnhill

As a NSWTA member, I have enjoyed competing in women's singles and doubles tournaments for many years. This year, my husband Chuck and I were able to compete in 3 of



H-W 140s-Elizabeth and Chuck Barnhill

the 4 Husband/Wife nationals. What a wonderful group of people to socialize with and compete against.

As with all age levels, there are some players who stand out. Kathy Bennett, winner of many Gold balls in women's doubles, and her husband Richard Doss are the undisputed #1 seeds in the combined age of 140 years and over. But when they forego a tourney, the victor is often NSWTA member Frances Dickens and husband Dave from Ohio.

Such was the case in mid-November on the hard courts at Palm Valley CC in Palm Desert. While much of the country got their first taste of winter, we played in beautiful mid-70s temperatures.

The Dickensens won gold over the Girards of SoCal. My husband and I played off for 3/4. It was not our day but we were delighted when our opponent Dana Zesbaugh said, "My husband plays lots of tournaments and has never won a ball." It was good to see the Bronze go to a deserving couple.

The first time I hosted the H/W, I thought I might need a divorce lawyer...

Husband/Wife tournaments welcome players of all levels. The Grass Courts in March has so many applicants that registration had to be closed early this year. So I encourage more NSWTA members to join the fun. As Oliver Vorwald, TD at Palm Valley, said, "The first time I hosted the H/W, I thought I might need a divorce lawyer in addition to the trainer and referee. But I was wrong and now enjoy this group more than any other."

National Women's 30 Clay Courts

Ft. Lauderdale, FL
November 30-December 7

Susie Brown and Rocio Rodriguez took Bronze in the doubles in this four-entry tournament. Rocio and Mario Tabares placed fourth in the mixed.



National Husband/Wife Combo (120+) Indoors

Charlottesville, VA
December 10-14

by Sue Kimball

It was a sunny day in 2006 when I noticed an announcement in Tennis magazine about a new USTA National family event for husband and wife. It was to be held in March on the grass courts in Rancho Mirage, CA at the Mission Hills Country Club. I confessed to my husband Mas that I really wanted to win one Gold Ball before I died and, even though he had never played on grass before, he was game ... we decided to go.



Sue and Mas

The tournament categories were combined ages 100, 120 and 140. Our ages that first year only totaled 118 so we had to play the combined age 100 event. Losing in the first round wasn't so bad as we managed to reach the final of the back draw in which Sue and Todd Sprague prevailed. They have since become good friends. The finals of the 120 event happened to be still going on after our defeat so we wandered over to watch. Good decision – things on that court were considerably more gentle. Balls were being hit with less pace, less topspin and we looked at each other, saying, "We could win this!"

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So in 2007, off we toddled for another week in the desert only to find to our amazement that we were seeded #1 in the 120 event. The tournament director,

Steve Solomon, was fairly non-plussed on hearing our astonished words – "I've seen you guys play, you're going to win it." And win we did. Having fulfilled a lifetime ambition of mine by winning one Gold Ball, why not another? So, here we are, each the proud owners of 9 Gold Balls, 6 Silver Balls and 3 Bronze Balls - all won together. What a privilege to be able to win a National USTA Tournament with one's life partner.



H&WClay in April-Spragues (Bronze), Kimballs (Silver), Stanleys (Gold)

That initial grass court tournament was augmented in 2008 with a hard court venue at the Riviera Club in Los Angeles. In 2009 a clay court event was added at Olde Providence Racquet Club in Charlotte, NC and finally last year, an indoor event at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, VA. We were fortunate enough last year to win both the clay court and hard court events, the Bronze at both the grass and indoor events. Those victories earned us the # 1 year-end ranking for 2013.

This year so far, we have one Bronze Ball and one Silver Ball. It is getting more difficult to win as younger players come into our age group every year. Anne Stanley and her husband Andrew recently "graduated" to the 120's and beat us in the finals of the Clay Courts. We work all the time on our games to keep up our level of play but it is another 3 years before we can move into the 140's. These events have given us a whole different perspective on aging. I remember when Kathy Bennett and Richard Doss moved up into the 140's, thereby leaving us behind. They were ecstatic to move up and get away from us (we were beating them regularly) and they have been tearing up the 140 age bracket every since.

We have made really good friends on the Husband and Wife "Tour." We have stayed with couples who caringly make us breakfast only to have to play us that very day. We look forward to seeing the same friends at each tournament, having dinner together and playing each other the next day.

We've skipped the hard court event in Palm Desert this year but will go to the Indoor at the Boar's Head Inn. It is a great location where the University of Virginia team plays and thus has the best indoor lighting I have every seen. The Boar's Head Inn is a lovely place to stay. Unfortunately, it takes place just before Christmas ... not a great time with the holidays upcoming. But we will go, play hard for another Gold ball and chase those ranking points.

Editor's Note: At presstime, Sue reported that she and Mas won the Gold. Betsy Savitt and her husband Marty Colin won the backdraw.

The Kimballs' Ball List		
2007	Grass Court	Gold
2008	Grass Court	Gold
	Hard Court	Silver
2009	Grass Court	Silver
	Clay CourtGold	
	Hard Court	Gold
2010	Clay CourtSilver	
2011	Grass Court	Gold
	Clay CourtSilver	
	Hard Court	Gold
2012	Grass Court	Silver
	Clay CourtGold	
2013	Grass Court	Bronze
	Clay CourtGold	
	Hard Court	Gold
	Indoor	Bronze

CATEGORY II TOURNAMENTS

Barbara Cooper Cup/Les Grandes Dames

Winter Park, FL

October 1-5

by Toni Novack

This year's Les Grandes Dames "Barbara Cooper Cup" was held the first week in October. Although the weather was perfect, the timing of the event with the date change made for draws that were smaller than in previous years. Round robins were played in all events except for the 45 and 55 singles categories.

Florida clay court specialists were everywhere, though. Erin Nevin of Palm Beach Gardens ruled the day with her 5-hour-plus marathon match over Sue Boyer in the 45 singles final. Hometown favorite Kerry Young lost a tough 3 setter in her final against Californian Yvonne Gallop in the 55s. She and partner Ligia Bottinelli won the round robin doubles. Tournament Director Ellen Goodman had her hands full losing to Toni Novack in the 65 final but teamed with Novack to win the doubles over Bunny Smith and Margy Edmunds in three sets. Judith Smith defeated her Massachusetts compatriot Jessie von Hippel to take the 75's singles title, and then teamed with her opponent to win the doubles. Kay Merrell unfortunately could not complete her doubles matches due to breaking her wrist with a fall during one of her matches.



Cooper Cup: Novack and Goodman

This tournament is always noted for its generous hospitality afforded the players – Mary Ann Plante, Ellen, Kay, Nancy Miles and their sponsors are extremely generous. Margie Cooper was sorely missed due to knee surgery. Hopefully this tournament will continue next year with more player support, especially from our NSWTA members.

World of Tennis

Austin, TX

October 23-26

Gloria Melendez won the 55 round robin.

First seed Hilary Marold won the women's 60s singles, beating second seed Barbara Starnes in the finals, 6-1, 6-0. Hilary and Barbara also won the 55 doubles round robin.

Intersectionals San Antonio, TX November 10-16

San Antonio 35s

by *Simona Breutting,
Intermountain*



35s-Intermountain

This year's National Women's Intersectional Team Event was held in San Antonio, Texas. We were hoping for warmer weather, coming from Colorado where it was two degrees and snowing when we left. We knew it was supposed to be colder than normal, but I don't think anyone was ready for what we got. Like most people I know, when I think of San Antonio I think of a sunny and warm city. It is not winter yet, after all! The format for the 35s draw was a two-group round robin with three teams in each group. One group had the Southern, Midwest and Eastern teams and the other group had Texas, Intermountain and Southern California teams.

The first match we played was against the team from Texas. It was early in the morning with a temperature of thirty-six degrees. It was that cold and windy and I never played in so many layers. I saw some ladies using hand warmers that are supposed to be used for skiing, not playing tennis! Our team lost 4-1 in the tough conditions. Our only point was winning the Number 1 doubles line.

The next day got a little warmer at about forty-two degrees, but it was still not warm enough to take your warm-up pants and long-sleeved shirt off. We played against Southern Cal and it was a battle. We ended up winning that round, 3-2. Our Number 2 and 3 singles lines won along with the Number 1 doubles to claim the win. We had a day off the following day. It was cold again and it started to rain just to make conditions more uncomfortable.

After completing the initial rounds, the winners of each group played for the 1st and 2nd place, which was Southern against Texas from our group. The second place teams played for 3rd and 4th, which was our team, Intermountain, against the Eastern team. The last two teams played for 5th and 6th and that had the Midwest team playing against Southern Cal. Because of the rain, the playoffs for all the final standings were not completed. While warming up for our match against the Eastern team, the rain came again. The Eastern players had a flight to catch, so they could not wait and had to default the match in our favor. Southern was awarded 1st and Texas ended up with 2nd by factoring in the preliminary round records.

Overall, we had a great time even with the cold weather and the rain. The official dinner was very nice and we got to meet a lot of new ladies from different age divisions. It is always very interesting to meet the older ladies and listen to their stories. We will be back next year, this time in Boca Raton, and we will be looking forward to warmer weather. And hopefully no rain.

San Antonio 45s

by *Judy Newman, Northern California*

The women's 45 division of the 2014 Intersectionals had some great competition and surprising results. Despite biting cold weather and oft-wet courts, 10 teams

completed all but the last round. Top-seeded So Cal, lead by former touring pros Debbie Spence-Nasim, Ros Nideffer and



45s-Texas

Jennifer Dawson, cruised to the finals without losing a set. Meanwhile, 4th seeded Mid Atlantic narrowly upset second-seeded Texas, 3-2 to earn their berth in the final. Reduced to 8-game pro-sets, the Mid-Atlantic win over Texas included a clinching 9-8 victory in the #3 singles position by Julie Osborne over Texan Cynthia Rice. Texas' top player, Gretchen Rush held back Mid-Atlantic's hard-hitting Alicia Wise, 8-2, while the Texas energizer-bunny Shelly Works fell to Mid-Atlantic's Andrea Rice, 8-3.



45s-MidAtlantic

In another remarkably close match, #2 seeded Southern beat Nor Cal 3-2. The #1 singles match was a show-down between current 50's world singles champion, Fran Chandler and Nor Cal's Judy Newman. After 3 hours of battling in contrasting styles, the all-court Newman upset baseliner Chandler 6-4 in the 3rd. In the #2 position, Southern's Charlotte Hartsock edged Nor Cal's Michelle Chapple 6-4, 6-4, while in #3 singles, British-born Sue Webb defeated former tour player, Lindsay Bartlett-Montero, 7-5, 7-5. Going in to the doubles, Nor Cal's Newman & Chapple tied the score by winning the #2 spot



45s-NorCal team

6-4 in the 3rd, but Southern's Courtney Allen & Michael Ballard won the deciding match over Nor Cal's Hildebrand & Kerwin, 6-2, 6-2.



45s-Southern

The 3rd day of the tournament was rained out, giving rest to the weary who competed so hard the day before. Several players were spotted strolling the famous River Walk, while others were found shopping for winter clothing at local malls. Team Texas, lead by Trinity's Tennis Coach, Gretchen Rush, invited both So Cal & Nor Cal to a home-made spaghetti dinner and earlier in the week, to a French café for lunch. The "Gala" player-party, held next to the Mac Farlane Tennis Center, was well-attended with a fun mix of nearly 300 players. Though the final of So. Cal vs. Mid-Atlantic and 3rd-4th play-off between Southern and Texas were never played due to rain, the 45's division will remember a great week of tennis and Texas hospitality.

San Antonio 55s

by Abbi Neuthaler, Eastern

(Reporting from just-as-cold New York.... except we play Indoors!)

This year it was "Outward Bound," "Profiles in Courage," and an organization called the NSWTA. There was a successful membership drive and the annual Margaret Russo award went to our beloved Lu Fendig. Fashion was pushed to the brink as a players had to surrender their color-coordinated tennis outfits to accommodate wool hats, ear muffs with visors on top, leggings, fleece pants and high socks. One of my team members took pride in her 9 layers!

We were hit by a freeze that persisted during our part of the tournament. We found hallways to cuddle in, hot chocolate to sip. We took blankets to swaddle in, sat in pods to combine body heat. This was about survival! The bold, the brave and the determined took to the courts at 8:00 am with temps in the 30's.

I would like to single out a few women and their accomplishments.

- From Southern section Diane Barker pushed herself to the limit to find a matching hot pink muffler to play a brilliant final against Tina Karwarsky (Southern California), who sported her USA track suit above an unknown number of layers.
- Kathy Vick (Texas' team) found her exercise bike at 5:30 am and then hit the courts for warm up at 6:30 each day in darkness and frost; she was most comfortable in

layered hoodie sweatshirts.

- Kris McDonald, a new member of the Florida team, played singles and doubles each day. As she found the brilliance of her youth in San Antonio, she bared her legs regardless of the temperatures.
- Southern California's Colleen Ferrell Clery showed her guts wearing real tennis clothes and survived the cold. Colleen was 3-0 and brought home Southern California's only singles win to keep the team alive going into the afternoon doubles final. Una Davis, Diane Barker, and Kim Lackey were undefeated.

When we finished our last matches, at 6:00 on Thursday, we raced to the banquet. We found 300 elegant athletes bathing in the warmth of a hot meal and the glory of wins and losses, triumphing over the weather. At the banquet, Cindy Babb began to describe this year's recipient of the Margaret Russo award when Carol Clay bounced up to the podium with her iPad and, low and behold, Lu was on FaceTime.... able to experience the moment with us all. The women at my table were brought to tears.



55s-LuFendig on Facetime

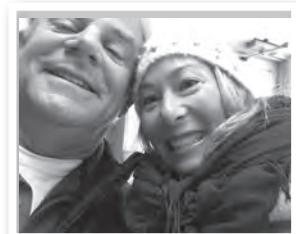
This is why we leave the comfort of our homes and drag our tennis gear to courts all over the country: to challenge ourselves, to grow, to participate, to be a small part of this wonderful organization.

Another touching moment came when Southern California 65's captain Carol Gay introduced her two daughters playing for the 35's team. (Wrote Carol: "We have played Mother/Daughter events all of our lives... Katy and I won the M/D Indoors Open 4 years ago and Christy and I placed 3rd in the senior division... I don't know if either daughter is a member of the NSWTA as they just got back into playing a bit. But they will be.)



Carol Gay's girls- Katy and Christy

Larry and Teresa were able to handle all circumstances with equanimity. I even got my annual photo with Larry and it was a frozen selfie! Mary Lynn Gaylor, tournament director and her staff and volunteers at McFarlin Tennis Center were at the hostess table early each morning with hot coco and sweet treats.



55s-Larry and Abbi

To sum it up, Southern was Golden, Southern California wore Silver, and Leslie Murveit's Northern Californian gals held their heads high, defeating 3rd-seeded Texas for Bronze. My Eastern team proudly and surprisingly finished fifth over a strong Florida group. Irrespective of the chill, we were warmed by old and new friendships and the privilege of playing with and against each other each year.

San Antonio 65s

by Heather Fiscalini, NorCal, aka The Cheese Lady

Weather or Not: The weather outside was frightful, but oh the tennis, how delightful! There were 13 sections represented in the 65s this year. We women persevered through amazingly cold weather. The first two days were beautiful but the worst Arctic cold in 20 years descended on Texas and we ended up playing in 30 and 40 degrees with an additional wind chill factor for three days. Not fun but miraculously we made it fun all bundled up in the hotel comforters and blankets. Among the sections represented, Pacific Northwest, captained this year by Carolann Castel, had four newbies to Intersectionals; Mugs, Sue, Suzanne and Nancy and ended up placing sixth.



65s NorCal

I am pleased to report that there were two new sections in the finals this year --New England and NorCal. Not a S in sight, not Southern or SoCal or that other S, Florida. In the semi-finals New England (seeded second) beat Southern (fourth seed) decisively with three singles wins and then added a doubles as well. NorCal reached the finals with more drama, defeating the first-seed team of SoCal, 3-2. Martha Downing beat Carol Gay handily while Heather Fiscalini prevailed three sets before losing to Cathy Andersen. But the third singles between Anne Russ for SoCal and Mary Alice Pisani was a fantastic surprise win for NorCal. Anne Russ took the first set 6-1 before Mary Alice came back and took the second 6-4. NorCal watched the third set as Anne Russ took 5 games in a row and things looked very dim. At 0-5 down, Mary Alice began her comeback and as her NorCal teammates cheered her on, she methodically won game by game to win 7-5 and the match. Then it was up to the doubles teams to decide the victory. NorCal needed one point and SoCal, both points. Downing/Zauher finished first, losing to Louie/Bennett so all eyes were on the second doubles of Harris/Vallejo vs Bryson/Steele. Harris/Vallejo came through with a patient and deliberate two-set victory over SoCal to put NorCal in the finals. It was "vintage" Mary Harris with Leslie Vallejo ground stroking deep and consistently crosscourt from the baseline.



65 New England

The finals pitted NorCal vs. New England. Downing downed Dixon in two sets. Hahn honed

her drop shots over Fiscalini in two sets and Weinstock won over Pisani. Therefore NorCal needed both doubles for the win. The #1 doubles team of Downing/Fiscalini was up 2-1 over Hahn/Dixon when Fiscalini fell down on the court, was taped by trainer and continued the match, compromised. But New England prevailed in a well-played match. Delfausse /Simons came back from a 0-6 first set to win second doubles in three sets over Harris/Vallejo. Interviewed after the match, Molly Hahn was asked New England's secret to success this year and replied...Bern Lehman. Nancy Garcia, captain of NorCal, when asked the same question, answered without hesitation... Fiscalini Cheese and wine every night.



65s-Bern Lehman

Bern's Tips for Injury and Inflammation

Bernadette Lehman, Master Masseuse, Kinesio-Tape Queen, and the MVP on the 65 New England Intersectionals team has a magical ointment, which she pulled out of her bag many times during the San Antonio tournament.

Says Bern: It is a topical pain reliever called Voltaren Emulgel and it contains a pain relieving medicine called Diclofenac. In Europe it is an over the counter product. In the USA we have to have a prescription. It a good product and I have used it for many years with good results. Its applications are for relief of aches and pain associated with acute localized muscle injuries. I have had relief from sports injuries, soft tissue shoulder injuries, sprains, low back pain, Achilles tendon inflammation, to name a few. Anyone traveling to Canada or Europe, pick up a tube for pain relief needs and put it in your bag.

The playoff for third was won by SoCal over Southern. Russ/Louie triumphed over Hunt/Green in three sets and Andersen/Bryson won handily over Carter/Childress. Ciao until Naples.

P.S. Upon returning home from San Antonio, I found out that I had broken a bone in my foot in the last match and sprained my wrist and ankle. It was all worth it! I am in a cast, however, until surgery.

San Antonio 75s

by Carol Wood, Captain Mid-Atlantic

The team from Southern California was a hot item on the court in spite of the cold surroundings. They gave nobody else a chance, taking every single one of their

individual matches and my team, Mid-Atlantic, was the first to fall. When I came back from the captains meeting I asked which piece of bad news they wanted to hear first--our time for the next day or our opponents? But, really, we should be proud that we have such talented world-class senior



75s SoCal breakfast

players in our group. Congratulations to Dori DeVries, Roz King, Lynn Little and Norma Veal - the "dream team"- the 2014 75s National Team Champions.

There were certainly many fine players among the other 10 sections participating and there were lots of very close matches. In the top half of the draw the # 1 seed Southern Cal and # 3 seed Southern faced each other for a place in the finals and in the bottom half the #2 seed, Florida, beat the unseeded Eastern team to advance to the finals. In the 3/4 play off Southern prevailed.

The consolation rounds, which are adapted by Larry Eichenbaum from a compass draw feed-in, were also hotly contested and I believe that everyone had plenty of tennis by the end of the event. On the first freezing day of the consolation the players were sent to the courts at the University of the Incarnate Word --possibly to atone for our sin of losing? The courts were fine and play was completed. One very bright NE player, Judy Smith, had an "aha" moment after the matches, found the University's book store and bought each member of her team nice bright mittens and ear warmers to give them comfort for the remainder of the week. The finals of the consolation saw Texas beat Mid-Atlantic in 3 close matches. The singles split (both in 3 sets) and Texas won the doubles 6-4, 7-6. Our Nor Cal friends lost a player right before the event and lost their captain Michaelin Watts after their first match when she came down with an infection and spent the rest of the event in bed. Her teammates Mary Brinton and Carol Shields carried on playing all of the remaining matches.

Time spent viewing matches was dependent on how well one was prepared for the cold, which did include what blankets one could borrow from her hotel. In spite of the exceptional cold nobody suffered from frostbite. The pro shop became the warm refuge where, if you were lucky, you could watch some of your teammates play on the courts in front. Most of us



75 Mid Atlantic

alternated between watching outside and spending 10 minutes getting warm so we could watch again. Our lunches were very good but I did think that the dining area looked like an après ski lunch area with hats, scarves, and jackets still being worn.

Tournament Director Mary Lynn Gayler and Referee Larry Eichenbaum organized this event extremely well and we all appreciate the enormous amount of work they did to make our 2014 Intersectionals another great one.

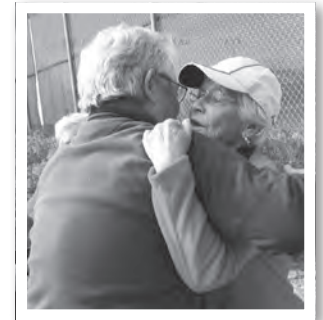
San Antonio 80s

by Sally Utiger, Captain 80 New England

First things first: Texas takes gold for the third straight year, with Florida winning silver each time. Very impressive, ladies. Congratulations from all of us.

Teams from 9 sections came to San Antonio this year. The aforementioned winners were joined by New England, Southwest, Pacific Northwest, Southern, Middle States, Missouri Valley and Southern Cal.

I guess the next most mentioned subject has to be the weather. We all had the same conditions but wasn't it a hoot to see the various outfits that appeared on the courts? Inventive, to say the least. Thanks to Larry's warning email, more mittens and scarves were packed than usual, so we were somewhat prepared, but it was difficult to imagine beforehand the bite of that early morning wind. One resourceful player on the 75 New England Team even brought hand warmers, items familiar to us northerners, but I doubt they even sell them in some of our southern states!



80s-Sally and Larry

Margaret Canby, in addition to her first place tennis, also wins "Hostess of the Year" award, providing two teams with fleeces and blankets in addition to warm housing. She apologized for the temperature, but noted that it originated north of Texas, so definitely not the norm for that area. However, as Pat Wiedenmann (Missouri Valley) says, "We're tough old gals!" I know of only one documented weather related injury: Margaret Anderson (Pacific Northwest) who is OK now and at home dealing with another weather result—a tree falling on her garage, totaling her car.

As a USTA certified official, I have been trained as a referee and have made hundreds of tournament draws over the years. Our 80's draw was a work of art, thanks to Larry Eichenbaum. He had to

deal with 9 teams, providing most with three matches. Granted the main draw was straight forward with the semi-final losers playing off for third and fourth place – New England taking 3rd and Southwest 4th. Then there was this amazing combination of sections, North, Northeast, Northwest and Southwest, providing for losers, lucky winners, top, bottom, etc., etc. See what I mean? The genius did it and we are all grateful.

And speaking of amazing, it was brought to my attention that during our 80's doubles finals, Texas vs. Florida, all four of the USTA World Cup team members were competing. Jane Lutz and Rose Austin (Florida), Margaret Canby and Mary John Lynch (Texas). How great is that?

If we were charged for court time, Carla Rolde (New England) would have a big bill. She played 3 singles and 3 doubles matches, 4 of which went 3 sets. I am so proud of Carla and partner Mercy Wheeler who were undefeated at #1 doubles, scoring three-set victories over top seeded Texas (Margaret Canby and Carol Cofer) and 4th place finishers Southwest (Angie Ray and Claire Zoeller) and a straight set win over Middle States.



New England staying warm inside

All of us super seniors got our money's worth for a wonderful week of tennis. Our thanks to the Texans for making our visit memorable in every way. We all second Belmar's comment, "As always, Larry and staff Mary Lynn and Teresa did an outstanding job of keeping play going in difficult conditions." Many thanks to everyone.

Fiesta Bowl Scottsdale, AZ December 4-8

This was a small tournament again this year and yet several age group categories were virtually filled with NSWTA friends, ready to compete and party before heading home for the holidays.

Kathy Vick, Mary Firek and Leslie Airola Murveit played the 55 singles. Kathy won it and Mary lost in the ¾ playoffs to Ann Pellow.

Kandy Chain won the 60 singles, beating Yodi Therrien, Sherri Bronson and Fay Matsumoto in a round robin.

Terri Eggers won over Penny Maag, 8-2, in the only

match in the 70 singles.

Cathy Kestle and Claire Zoeller faced off in the only match of the 75s with Cathie taking the prize, 7-5, 6-4.

Claire Zoeller went on to win the only match in the 80s, defeating Janet Hubbard, 6-4, 6-4.

Susan Wright, Pam Cooke, and Abbi Neuthaler made up two of the five teams entered in the 50 doubles.

Cooke/Neuthaler were the victors, beating Susan and her doubles partner Marianne Robertson in a dramatic finals, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (5)

In the 55 doubles, Tina Karwasky joined Susan Wright to win this competition with little contest. In the ¾ playoffs, Leslie Airola Murveit and Kathy Vick vanquished unseeded Sherri Bronson and Carolyn Lane, 0 and 3.

Karwasky/Chain took the prize in the 60 doubles round robin.

Betty Hill and Cathie Kestle won the 75 doubles, beating Angie Ray and Claire Zoeller, as well as Janet Hubbard and Andree Schaeffer in a round robin. (Marie Tierney and partner withdrew with injuries).

There were several mixed doubles entries: Sherri Bronson and partner spun out in the semies of the 50s; it took three sets for Susan and husband Tim Wright to be defeated in the finals of the 55s; Kandy Chain and partner won the 60s round robin handily; Terri Eggers and partner and Marie Tierney and partner came in second and third, respectively in the mixed 70s round robin.

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The Alice Marble Cup (60s)

by Sue Bramlette

The women's 60s won the silver medal for the Alice Marble Cup at the Ali Bey Resort, Manavgat, Turkey. Our star captain, Tina Karwasky, competed at #1 singles and won all of her matches in straight sets. Sherri Bronson played #2 singles and finished 3/2. With their



60s Marble Cup-Bramlette, Giles, Bronson, Karwasky

extensive Cup experience, Tina and Sherri played the decisive doubles when necessary. Rita Giles and I played doubles when the match was already decided

by two wins. Our team was extremely convivial, supportive of each other, drilled together all week, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of representing the USA.

Match Results

USA defeated Norway 3-0: Tina defeated Erna Brieland 60, 61; Sherri defeated Ellen Juel 60, 61; Rita and Sue defeated Monica Thompson/Brieland 63, 60

USA defeated Spain 2-1: Tina defeated Encarnacion Gomis 60, 62; Sherri lost to Marta De La Rica 62, 46, 75; Sherri and Tina defeated Gomis/Rosa Maria Togores 61, 62

USA defeated Switzerland 3-0 Tina defeated Isabelle Enz 60, 61; Sherri defeated Annemarie Wicky 62, 67 (5), 62; Rita and Sue defeated Enz/Edith Hess 61, 62

USA defeated Australia 2-1: Tina defeated Adrienne Avis 62, 60; Sherri defeated Helen Worland 26, 61, 62; Rita and Sue lost to Adrienne/Sue Walter 64, 62

USA lost to Great Britain 1-2: Tina defeated Frances Candy 75, 63; Sherri lost to Sally Freeman 61, 75; Sherri and Tina lost to Freeman/Pauline Fisher 61, 46, 75

Although Turkey might not have been the destination of choice during these difficult political times, our experience in Manavgat (which is near Antalya on the Mediterranean) was very positive. The resort was busy with many European families. The weather was lovely (80-65), sunny, and breezy. We hired a taxi a few times and visited the seaside town of Side and the Roman Empire ruins at Aspendos and Perge. Surely this was a lifetime experience for which I am very grateful to Tina, Sherri, and Rita, as well as the USTA.



The Kitty Godfree Cup (65s)

Excerpts taken from Brenda Carter's blog on Carolyn Nichols' website

Club Ali Bey is a resort beautifully situated on the Mediterranean Sea. Among many other things, the club has 60 well-kept red clay courts, which makes it a perfect venue for an event such as this. Everyone is housed on-site, and we have everything we need in the confines of the

complex. My teammates (Martha Downing, Northern California, Carol Clay, Florida, Kathy Bennett, Southern California) and I competed against 15 other countries.

We feel so honored to be representing the USA in this incredible event. We meet people from all over the world. Even though we might not always understand a person's speech, we understand smiles, hugs, and tennis.



65s with Great Britain team

The KGC-USA (our team) was seeded #2, France #1, Great Britain #3, Germany #4. Australia led the pack of the teams not receiving a top 4 seed. The 16 teams are divided into 4 groups of 4, with one top-four seed in each group. Each day's play consists of two singles matches and one doubles match. Winning two of the three matches constitutes a win for the day. At the end of round robin play, the teams having the best record in each group will then play each other in semifinal play, followed by the final and 3/4 playoff.

The opening ceremony was in the afternoon. No, it wasn't the extravaganza quite like the Olympics, but it was still exhilarating and humbling. Each country entered the stadium court to music, following their country's flags. We Americans were also waving our small flags as we proudly marched in together, wearing our red, white and blue warm-up uniforms. After the ceremony, there was a social time and we could spend time with our friends from USA and other parts of the world. The evening concluded with a terrific dinner at the beach restaurant. From our table (open-air) we could step off and walk a very sort distance down to the water. It was a beautiful evening, which capped a beautiful day.



65s Carter (right) with Finnish friend and her homemade cap

A little more about Ali Bey -- there is something for everyone. The resort boasts a huge water park with many water slides and play areas, there is access to parasailing, and there are maybe 5 pools. One of the pools is the "silent pool" -- a nice way to say that no children are allowed. And of course, it's nice just to go and sit on the beach if there is time. Once a week they bring in a Turkish bazaar. Oh yes, you can ride on a camel! I'm sorry I didn't get a photo of that.

We beat Brazil, and Switzerland by lopsided scores. Austria was the strongest team we've played so far. However, we as a team have adjusted daily to the competition and have been able to "hunker down" and get the job done. By defeating the Austrians, we earned a spot in the semifinals v #3 seed Great Britain.

That night, at 7:00 PM, all participants and spouses/guests gathered around one of the AliBey poolside plazas for the Gala Dinner. We all looked



a bit different than we do on the court! You can imagine how large the area is if over 700 people could be seated. There was plenty to eat, music, socializing and dancing. It was a gorgeous night and beautiful occasion. There were sculptures of huge squash sculpted by a food artist!! It was quite amazing.

The next day, in the number two position, I played GB's Shirley Fox, a very good all court player with a vicious forehand and a very nice slice backhand. I felt fortunate to win the match 6-2, 7-5. Somehow, I came back from being down 2-5 in the second! Next up, Martha took the court against GB's #1 player, Marjory Love. Boy, did we see some serious backhand slices and super play. Martha seemed in control, winning the first set 6-2, but Marjory had other ideas in the second. She kept it close the whole way and every game was tit for tat. Martha played very smartly and closed it out 7-5. By winning both singles, we knew we were in the finals. Carol and Kathy played beautifully against Shirley and Marjory and they almost pulled out a win, losing in 3 sets.

When we are playing, we are allowed to have one teammate sitting on the court with us for coaching and support. Carol has been sitting on the court with me and has been a great help. As she has everyday, she had on her flip-flops. Well, when playing GB I noticed she pulled out her tennis shoes and was going to put them on after I'd won a string of games. Superstitious me said, "Please, Carol, don't put them on yet. Wait." She said "fine." As I'm preparing to serve, the official appears at the fence and calls my name, telling me to wait. I did not realize Carol had been asked to put on her tennis shoes by the umpire! We had a big laugh about it, but I did proceed to lose a few games after she was properly clad. Whew, I'm glad I didn't have to blame Carol's shoes for a loss.

Kathy has been sitting on the court for Martha and has done a great job keeping Martha in winning ways. But when the second set got close against Marjory Love, I was afraid I would have to find her an

airplane bag. Occasionally, she would drop her head in nervousness, then, immediately pass on her words of encouragement. You see, it's all a great team effort--no one ever gives up. We even have a necklace that reminds us to never give up, made by Tracy VieBrock.

Another Ali Bey tidbit -- there are two open-air stages and each night a live musical show is performed on each one. In years past, I have seen a few of the shows, but none so far this year. They don't start until 9 -- we always need to be at the courts by 8 AM for warm-up.

It was a glorious day when we won the Cup. We defeated the French team, winning both singles matches, to seal the deal. I played Martine at the #2 position. We had never played each other. In fact, this is the first year I've ever seen her on the French team, so she was a surprise to everyone. I knew she was strong, based on the players she had beaten all week. She played a strong first set, which I lost 6-1, however I fought back and took the second and third sets 6-4, 6-4. After almost 3 hours, I jumped for joy in victory, because it



was important that we win at least one singles match. Martha followed my match, playing Gail, whom she had never played. Gail is certainly

not an unknown, as she has led France to many Cup victories over the years. Martha played an incredible match, mixing drives, loops, drop shots, volleys, overheads and strong serves to take Gail out of her game. If you like watching tennis, you would have loved seeing this match. Carol and Kathy tried not to be nervous as they held Martha and me together during our matches. Since we had won the two singles, the French preferred to not play the doubles. Hence, we won the tie 2,0.

At the awards ceremony, it was with great USA pride that we stood in the #1 position to receive our gold medals and the Kitty Godfree Cup. We felt like we were at the Olympics. It



65s Godfree Cup- Clay, Carter, Downing, Bennett

was a wonderful week and our team had lots of fun together. All of us are wondering if we will be able to adjust back to our own "all you can eat" kitchens after what we've gotten accustomed to here at Ali Bey. Thanks to Martha, Carol and Kathy for being such awesome teammates.

Althea Gibson Cup (70s)

From Carolyn Nichols' website

The USA Althea Gibson team of Cathie

Anderson, Charleen Hillebrand, Suella



70s Gibson Cup-Delfausse, Hillebrand, Steel, Anderson

Steel and Lee Delfausse was stopped in its tracks by France in the first tie. Cathie Anderson was outplayed at #2 singles by Sylvie Galfard-Kirsten, losing 6-0 6-2. Charleen Hillebrand took on world #1 and current world 70s champion Michelle Bichon and blitzed her the first set 6-1, then led 5-3, match point in the second before Bichon rallied to force a third set. Hillebrand hurt her knee at 1/2 down in the third and retired. Suella Steel/Lee Delfausse won the doubles point easily, but France won 2/1.

In the other sections, Great Britain lost to Germany 2/1, winning only the doubles point. Heide Orth played great to beat Frances Maclennan 6-2 6-2 in singles.

In the 3/4 playoffs versus GB, the USA team split its singles with Suella Steel losing to Jackie Boothman before Cathie Anderson leveled the match with a win over Frances Maclennan at #1. Anderson/Steel lost the doubles point though and the USA finished fourth.



Queens Cup (75s)

From Carolyn Nichols' website

The team: Ria Graham, Dori DeVries, Roz King, Burnett Herrick

Canada, USA and Germany were in a three team round robin for the Cup. Germany beat Canada. USA dropped the #2 singles as Evelyn Hustwit played well to beat Burnett Herrick in



75s Queens Cup-Graham, DeVries, King, Herrick

straight sets. Dori DeVries, the 2011 World Champion faced Inge Weber, the 2012 World Champion. (Herrick was the 2010 World Champion and Roz King the 2013 World Champion). Weber got off to a quick start, leading 4/1 before DeVries rallied to force a tiebreak, won by USA. DeVries won the second set more easily and DeVries/King won the doubles point and the tie. Hustwit unfortunately injured her Achilles tendon and couldn't play the doubles.

The USA was seeded #1 but had to fight hard to beat a determined German team. Roz King beat Annetraut Bauwens in three sets 6-3 6-7 6-2. Dori DeVries lost the first set 7-6 to Nanda Fischer at #1 singles and barely held on to win the second and force a deciding set. However, one game into the third set Nanda retired to give the match and the Cup to the USA. Burnett Herrick/Ria Graham won the doubles point.

Doris Hart Cup (80s)

From Carolyn Nichols' website

Mary John Lynch, the #1 player on the 80s team, traveling for the first time out of the country in 50 years, with her husband, had a freak accident on the airplane...reached under her seat, ripped open her hand and had to have stitches in it...



80s Hart Cup-Lutz, Lynch, Canby, Kyvallos

can't play for 2 weeks. Last year the #2 player, Lucille Kyvallos, fell on the first day and broke her elbow and had to have surgery. I really feel sad for Mary John more than anything, but at least her injury isn't as bad as that Lucille had, but the timing sure is awful.

In the Doris Hart Cup, Jane Lutz won a hard fought victory at #2 singles though to start off the tie positively against Australia. Margaret Canby played #1 singles and lost convincingly to Ann Fotheringham...6-0 6-0. Margaret's comment before the doubles was that if Ann played the doubles, her partner was going to see every ball! However, Ann didn't play the doubles point, Rose Austin and Margaret did. Rose was making her Cup debut on her 80th birthday and had a nice birthday present: a victory in her first Cup match and a deciding one at that! The USA plays Argentina tomorrow. Argentina upset #1 seeded Germany 2/1 today...in fact every tie in the Doris Hart Cup today was hotly contested, with all four going to the deciding doubles match and three out of four being decided by a match tiebreak in the doubles.

Next Post: The USA Doris Hart Cup team fell to Canada 2/1. Jane Lutz lost a tight match to Rosie Asch 6-4 7-5 at #2 and current world champion Muffie

Grieve took out Margaret Canby at #1 singles. USA then won the doubles in a match tiebreak, but USA lost 2/1.

Next Post: The USA Doris Hart Cup fell to Australia in the 3/4 playoff. Again Jane Lutz won at #2 singles, though in a match tiebreak this time, 10-8; Margaret Canby played a much better match at #1 singles, losing in a match tiebreak to Ann Fotheringham, to whom she lost earlier in the week 6-0 6-0; this time however, the Aussies put Ann and Fisher in for the deciding doubles match and the Aussies prevailed over the Americans.

Gardnar Mulloy Cup (Men's 80s)

From Carolyn Nichols' website

The USA Gardnar Mulloy Cup team steamrolled Australia 3/0 behind powerful singles performances by (NSWTA member) John Powless and King Van Nostrand. They will play the finals against Germany, which upset Canada 3/0.

Next Post: The first Cup of the day to finish was the Gardnar Mulloy Cup (Men's 80). The Super Duper USA team easily swept the singles from Germany and finished with a win in doubles. John Powless (#2) and King Van Nostrand won the singles and George McCabe/Neil Hurlbut took the doubles point. Van Nostrand beat German #1 Herbert Althaus 6-1 6-1 and often surprised the German with his accurate shots.



John Powless (third from left) and other members of the Mulloy Cup

ITF Individuals

Antalya, Turkey

October 19-26

The week following the team event, the ITF held the Super Senior World Championships. Rain wreaked havoc over the semies and finals, forcing several matches to be abandoned and some participants to head home early.

In the Women's 60s, Tina Karwasky and Nora Blom (NED) were 3/2 in the second set tie breaker (Tina won the first set 7-5) when rain stopped everything. Both

left without a medal. The 60 doubles was also abandoned and as Tina put it:

The matches were abandoned due to rain so we get a RU (Runner Up) finish. I had won the first set in singles- due to live scoring the umpire couldn't reverse the score. I was up 3-2 in the second set tie break. It was 8:26 pm when it rained again. We were supposed to play doubles finals after that. I had 3 matches scheduled Sunday. I won the semis of the singles in 3 sets. It was a rough day. ... It feels empty either way! To try so hard and not be able to finish after I had been playing in the rain for 4 days! ☺.

Tina

Also in the 60s, Sue Bramlette and Sherri Bronson got to the quarters but after several rained out days, went home.

In the Women's 65 singles, Martha Downing lost in the round of 16 to the eventual champion from Germany. She was a bronze medalist in doubles with Kathy Bennett.

In the women's 70 singles, Ellie Krocke (NED) defeated third-seed/NSWTA member Heide Orth (GER) in the finals, 6-1, 6-2.

In Women's 75s, NSWTA member and Canadian player Inge Weber won the Gold, defeating top seed Roz King. Ria Graham and Burnett Herrick were put out in the quarters. Dori DeVries was eliminated in the semies. Dori and Roz King got to the finals in the doubles but had to default.

In Women's 80s doubles, Doris Jane Lutz and Rose Austin were eliminated in the first round; Margaret Canby and Rosemarie Asch got to the quarters.

In Women's 85 singles, Doris Jane Lutz won the Gold. She also won the Gold in the 85 Mixed, playing with Doug Corbett (AUS).

In Men's 80s, John Powless got to the semies of both the singles and doubles.



Shots from Intersectionals



Tennis Etiquette by Margaret Anderson

Do you consider yourself a courteous player? Are your actions on the court always thoughtful of other players? Here are some ways you can be more thoughtful and courteous as well speed up the time between points.

In The Code (#41) it says, "When a player returns a ball that comes from an adjacent court, the player shall wait until their point is over and then return it directly to one of the players, preferably the server." Too often players just roll the ball back to the fence behind the adjacent court. No point, in tennis, lasts longer than thirty seconds, so it is not a problem to wait until their point is over.

When returning the ball to the server between points on your own court, it is much more courteous and thoughtful to pick up the ball and toss (or hit) it to the server on one or two bounces. Just rolling the ball back in the general direction of the server is inconsiderate and thoughtless. Then she has to go pick it up!

Picking it up and getting it to the server on one or two bounces is also faster. I liken it to, in baseball, having the catcher roll the baseball back to the pitcher. This would be very disconcerting to the pitcher!

Think about it! Let's see if we can all become more considerate in our actions between points! Tennis players pride themselves in our good manners on the court, and this is an area where we can make some improvements!

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2015 National Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament	Age Division	Surface
Jan 21-25*	BallenIsles, Palm Beach Gardens, FL	30-80	Clay
Jan 24- Feb 1	ASICS Classic, Rancho Mirage, CA	35-80	Hard
January 24-Feb 1	National Mixed Hard Courts, Rancho Mirage, CA	50, 60, 70	
Feb 4-8*	Crawford Cup, Ft Lauderdale, FL	35-85	Clay
Feb 27-March 2	National Hard Courts, Austin, TX	30 (S,D,Mixed)	
March 2-8	National Clay Courts, Houston, TX	35-85	
March 8-14	National H/W Grass Courts, Rancho Mirage, CA		
March 16-21	ITF Young Seniors World Team Champs, Antalya, Turkey	35, 40, 45	
TBA	Countryside, Clearwater, FL	30-80	Clay
March 13-15	National F/D, M/S Indoors, South Barrington, Illinois		
April 11-17	National Clay Courts, Huntsville, AL	60,70,80	
April 15-19	Bocage, Baton Rouge, LA	30-75 (S,D,Mixed)	Clay
April 22-26*	NSWTA Champs, Alexandria, VA	35-75	Clay
April 27-May 1	National H/W Clay Courts, Charlotte, NC		
May 1-4	National Indoors, Gold River, CA	30 (S, D, Mixed)	
May 11-17	National Hard Courts, La Jolla, CA	40-90	
May 14-18	National Indoors, Homewood, IL	35, 45, 55	
May 20-25	Pacific Coast Srs, Berkeley, CA	35-75	Hard
May 21-25*	Westwood Sr Champs, Austin TX	35-80 (S,D,Mixed)	Hard,Clay
TBA	Mission Hills, Rancho Mirage, CA (Grass)	30-90	
May 29-31	National F/D, M/S Hard Courts, San Diego, CA Open	60, 70, 80+	
June 4-7	Senior Slams, Yale, West Haven, CT	check website	Hard
June 8-13	ITF Seniors World Team Champs, La Baule, France	50, 55, 60	
June 10-14	National Indoors, Lakewood, CO	40, 50	
June 10-14	Marin Sr Champs, Mill Valley, CA	35-70	Hard
June 19-21	National M/D Indoors. Vancouver, WA		
June 22-28	National Indoors, Kansas City	65,75,85	
TBA	Nike Champs, Portland, OR	30-80	Hard
July 13-19	National Grass Courts, Forest Hills, NY	30-80	
July 19-26	National Grass Courts, Germantown, PA	35-85	
August 2-4	National F/D Grass Courts, Chestnut Hill, MA		
August 10-12	National M/D Grass Courts, Chestnut Hill, MA		
August 17-22	National Indoors, Seattle, WA	60	
Sept 21-16	ITF Super Seniors World Team Champs, Croatia	65, 70, 75, 80	
TBD*	Barbara Cooper Cup, Winter Park, FL	35-85	Clay
October 5-11	National Hard Courts, Chamisal, Salinas CA	35-85	
Oct 7-11	National Mixed Clay Courts, Seabrook, SC	40, 50, 60,70	
Oct 9-11	National M/D Clay Courts, Port St. Lucie, FL		
Oct 14-20	National Indoors, Vancouver, WA	70,80,90	
Oct 15-18	World of Tennis, Austin, TX	55-80	Hard
Oct 21-25	National Clay Courts, Palm Beach Gardens	40, 50	
Nov 6-8	National M/D Hard Courts, Montgomery TX		
Nov 6-8	National Father/Daughter Claycourts, Jupiter, FL		
Nov 27-Dec 2	National Clay Courts, Ft Lauderdale	30 (S, D, Mixed)	
Nov 30-Dec 6	National Hardcourts, La Jolla	40 (S, D, Mixed)	
Dec 2-6	Fiesta Bowl, Scottsdale, AZ	30-85 (S,D, Mixed)	Hard
Dec 9-13	National H/W Indoors, Charlottesville, VA		

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