



Class of 2006

Bill Bond	College Great, Junior Stand-out, Coach, Mentor, Teaching Pro, World Class
Maureen Connolly Brinker	World Class, Junior Stand-out
Michael Chang	World Class, Junior Stand-out
Dodo Cheney	World Class, Senior Success
Wilbur Folsom	Coach, Teaching Pro, Mentor
Jeanne Doyle Garrett	College Great, Junior Stand-out, Senior Success, Teaching Pro, Coach
William Scripps Kellogg	Community Service
Fred Kinne	Community Service, Coach, Mentor
Ben Press	Junior Stand-out, Coach, Teaching Pro, Senior Success, Community Service
Karen Hantze Susman	World Class, Junior Stand-out



Bill Bond (1942– 2013)

Selected in the top 10 for all-time male junior tennis rankings in Southern California (1960-1995). Also, a member of arguably the greatest college team that ever was; the 1963 USC Trojan squad which included Dennis Ralston, Rafael Osuna, Tom Edlefsen, and Ramsey Earnhart. At the time, Bill was ranked individually in the top 10 in the U.S. In 1964, he and Ralston defeated Charlie Pasarell and Arthur Ashe for the NCAA Doubles Championship. Bill went on to become a world-class player from the late 50's to the mid 60's and also made his mark as a veteran teaching pro at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club for thirty-five years. Among notables he has coached are: Alex O'Brien, Raul Ramirez, Terry Holaday, and Chico Hagey. A USPTA Master Professional, Bill recently retired and moved to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii with his wife Suzie of forty-one years. They now have two grown children, Bill Jr. and Cindy.



Maureen Connolly Brinker (1934 -1969)

"Little Mo" (a tribute to her firepower that compared favorably with the artillery of the battleship Missouri, "Big Mo" of WW II fame) was born and raised in San Diego, California. She developed some of the best ground-strokes in the history of tennis; she had exceptionally powerful drives for her size, as well as a keen court presence. In her late teens, she was the dominant force in women's tennis, sweeping three straight U.S. and Wimbledon championships, and becoming the first female to capture the "Grand Slam" in 1953. Maureen's competitive zeal was something that distinguished herself from all the others. Her career ended prematurely at the age of 19 due to a horseback riding accident. She was elected to enshrinement in the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1968, a year before she died of cancer at the age of 34. She is survived by two daughters, Cindy and Brenda.



Michael Chang (1972-)

Perhaps the youngest male (an 8th grader at Oak Crest Junior High) to have ever won the San Diego CIF high-school championships, defeating older brother Carl in the final. From there, he went on to win the National Boys 18. Not yet 16, Michael dropped out of high school and turned pro. In 1987, he became the youngest male to win a main draw match at the US Open when he defeated Paul McNamee in four sets in the first round. At age 17 in 1989, he became the youngest grand slam champion with his French Open title defeating Ivan Lendl in the Rd. of 16 and Stefan Edberg in the final. Later that year he also became the youngest-ever men's player ranked in the top five in the world. Michael's professional tennis career came to a close in his 2003 Farewell Tour but continues to impact the international community as a tennis ambassador and through his active participation in the Chang Family Foundation. He makes his home in Mission Viejo, California.



Dodo Cheney (1916 - 2014)

"Dodo" was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2004. She was the first American woman to win the Australian National Championships in 1938. She was a member of the winning Wightman Cup teams, 1937-39, until WWII cut her amateur career short. In Grand Slam events, she also reached the mixed doubles final at both the French and Wimbledon in 1946. Cheney, competing in tennis events for 8 decades, currently holds the record for the most United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Senior titles-well over 300 -and has won more than 20 Senior Grand Slam titles, another USTA record. She has a winning streak that may never be equaled. In 2002 at age 85, Cheney and her daughter Christine Putnam won the USTA National Grass Court Super-Senior Mother Daughter Championships held at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Dodo has been quoted as saying that this title ranks as one of her happiest and proudest achievements. She has resided in La Jolla, California for many years.



Wilbur Folsom (1908– 1968)

The name Folsom and the word Tennis are synonymous in the San Diego Community. Wilbur Folsom taught scores and scores of children and shared a love for tennis and a way of life which taught his students values that are remembered by those students to this day. During the final years of his teaching career he began to focus on the "small fry," and encouraged many people to play the game. He charged \$1 per hour and was known for his generosity in handing out new balls, shoes, and rackets to juniors whose parents could not afford the expense. It is interesting to note that out of this grassroots program came the likes of Maureen Connolly, Karen Hantze Susman, Kathy Chabot Willette, Ben Press, Steve Avoyer, and many others. During the Depression and after, nobody had any money and Wilbur let people charge and run a tab. Accounts were paid as best they could and "payments" were made sometimes by picking up balls for Wilbur. Folsom's Tennis Shop became a meeting place for juniors and adults alike; a place where one could have some "tennis magic" rub off on them!



Jeanne Doyle Garrett (1927– 2013)

A native San Diegan, Jeanne began her long tennis career in the eighth grade, when she won her first title at the Harper Ink Tournament. By the time she graduated from Point Loma High School in 1945, the following titles were added to her resume: San Diego Athlete of the Year, Captain of the SoCal Junior Wightman Cup Team, #1 U.S. junior doubles ranking, and #2 U.S. junior singles ranking. One of her greatest honors was to entertain servicemen at military camps and bases by playing exhibitions with the great Bill Tilden. She played collegiately at SDSU and at the University of Arizona. She was the Ojai Intercollegiate champion in 1950, singles and doubles. In 1955, Jeanne earned her MA in physical education at UC Berkeley. Returning to San Diego, she taught and coached tennis at the YMCA, Cal Western University, and ultimately for twenty years at the San Diego Yacht Club. As a senior tennis player, Jeanne has won 47 national doubles titles for a lifetime total of 50 national championships!



William Scripps Kellogg (1897-1985)

Perhaps for San Diegans, Mr. Kellogg's greatest contribution was building the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. It has been the stage for countless historic events since it was built in 1935. The LJBTC has continued with a rich tradition of being host to several USTA National tournaments, the venerable Pacific Coast Doubles tournament, and several professional events. Bobby Riggs, Pancho Gonzalez, Ted Schroeder, Jack Kramer, and Bill Tilden all played at the Beach Club. Mr. Kellogg and the late Perry T. Jones ran tennis in Southern California for close to half a century. He also served on the Committee of Management of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and, also, was the longest serving USLTA Regional Vice President for the Pacific Region. Mr. Kellogg was inducted into the All England Club (AEC) as an Honorary Lifetime Member. He was also the first Federation Cup Captain. His legacy has continued and promises to do so for generations to come!



Fred Kinne (1916- 2009)

In 1952, when Fred began free youth clinics at Morley Field, the game of tennis was more "innocent" and those who played did for the sheer love of it. Teaching kids was Fred's passion and he never charged for a single lesson. He was part-founder and first president of the San Diego Tennis Patrons and served as its guiding force for nearly twenty-five years. In all, more than 2,000 local youngsters have benefitted from Kinne's instruction and counsel. Many feel that Fred did more for San Diego tennis than any other individual and regard him as the most giving person they know. When he moved to San Diego after serving in the military, he worked at the Evening Tribune as a newspaper reporter, then in a management role, and finally as editor of the paper. The most rewarding achievement that Fred will tell you is that the kids he taught credit him for changing their lives for the better. "They realized, as they got older, that tennis had a positive effect on the way their lives turned out. Many of the kids tell me they thought of me as a father figure, and I'm proud of that."



Ben Press (1924-)

Often referred to as "Mr. Tennis," Ben has been teaching tennis for 58 years (Kona Kai, Hotel Del Coronado, and San Diego Hilton). He is credited for teaching San Diego's only Wimbledon champions, Maureen Connolly and Karen Hantze Susman. Other notable former students were: Brian Teacher, Marita Redondo, Kristeen Kemmer, Angelica Gavaldon, Steve Avoyer, Randy Thomas, and Alexandra Stevenson. As a player, Ben was a top ranking junior as well as a senior stand-out. His name is on the prestigious "champions list" of the 1951 La Jolla Tournament. He claimed three USTA Senior National doubles titles and represented the United States four times in the Gordon Cup, an international competition. Ben served two terms as President of both the SDDTA and SD division of the USPTA. And finally, he is recognized as the only San Diegan who has been awarded the National Community Service Award from both the USTA and the USPTA.



Karen Hantze Susman (1942-)

A native of San Diego, Susman began playing tennis when she was eight, under the tutelage of the famed coach Eleanor "Teach" Tennant. She was blessed with outstanding coordination and a natural athleticism. Mix the above with high level instruction, it wasn't long before she hit the "big time." After she graduated from Mission Bay High in 1960, she won the Wimbledon Junior title. The following year, she and Billie Jean Moffit (King) won the Wimbledon doubles. She rates that as her favorite moment in tennis, rating it above her singles triumph at The Championships in '62. She and Moffit defended their title that year. They also won two U.S. Doubles Championships (now the U.S. Open) during their partnership. She played the inaugural year of World Team Tennis in 1974 for the L.A. Strings which she found very rewarding. Although she does not compete today, it does not keep her from training and keeping abreast of the changing nuances in the sport.