



## **Roz King (1937 - ) Senior Success and Community Service**

Roz King is a doer. She was born in Quincy, CA but grew up in Oroville, CA. Always athletic, Roz was a member of the Girls Athletic Association. She played field hockey (not tennis), and was a drum majorette for Oroville High School. Roz also excelled in the classroom. She was a member of the California Scholastic Federation, and the Latin Club.

Roz received a full scholarship to the Kaiser School of Nursing and graduated in 1959 as a registered nurse. After moving to San Diego in 1969, Roz continued her vocational education. She earned her Nurse Practitioner degree and license, as well as her bachelor's and master's degrees in 1974. Not one to rest on her laurels, Roz graduated from the Leadership Program at USC in 1995.

Roz retired in 1998 as Director of Primary Care Services at Kaiser Medical Group.

Roz finally took up tennis at age 45 with the encouragement from friends such as Virginia Glass. She credits her coach Tad Yamaguchi (former UCSD tennis coach) for her rise in tennis. Roz says Tad, "took me from club player to world class." Later, Ben Press was instrumental

in developing her potent serve.

Some highlights of Roz's late starting, but extraordinary tennis career:

- Won Gold Balls, National Clay Court Doubles.
- Won Gold Ball, Grass Court Doubles.
- Won Gold Ball, Grass Court Singles.
- Won Gold Ball, Indoor Singles.
- Won Gold Ball, Indoor Doubles.
- Wilson Friendship Cup winner; Portschach, Austria; Captain of the USA Team vs International Team.
- Winner of the European Super Senior Championship; Austria: Women's 75 Singles and Doubles.
- World Team Championship Queen's Cup winner; Villach, Austria.
- World Individual Championship winner; Villach, Austria, in 75 Singles and Doubles.
- All told, Roz has won 9 Gold Balls in Singles, 22 Gold Balls in Doubles (Women's and Mixed), a bucket full of Silver and Bronze Balls. 3 World Championships, and 5 Team Cups. Roz is still winning awards.
- City of San Diego Special Commendation, 2002 & 2012.
- Appointed by the Mayor to the San Diego Park & Recreation Board (1998 - 2012).
- Inducted into the Southern California Tennis Association Senior Hall of Fame, 2013.
- San Diego Player of the Year, twice (2008 & 2013).
- Roz considers her "San Diego Sportsmanship Award" (1993) her highest honor.

One of Roz's most memorable matches was against 393 times Gold Ball winner (and ITA Hall of Famer), Dodo Cheney. Still a new competitor, Roz didn't know who Dodo was. All she knew was Dodo was at least 15 years her elder; and that she probably had an easy win. Roz lost that day, but learned a lot.

Off the court, Roz followed her parents' example in being community and civic minded. She served 17 years on the San Diego District Board; 20 years on Balboa Tennis Club's Board. Six years on a USTA National Committee, and is still active on its 501C3 (non-profit) Board. Roz has been Secretary/Treasurer (and its longest serving member) for the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council since its inception.

When Roz is not traveling to play tennis, she travels the US to play bridge tournaments. Roz is a Master level in the American Contract Bridge League, and in American Bridge Association tournaments. In addition, Roz has served with the San Diego Police Department's RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol).

Roz and her USTA Balls and awards collection live in Encanto. Her son, Gerald Toliver also enjoys tennis.