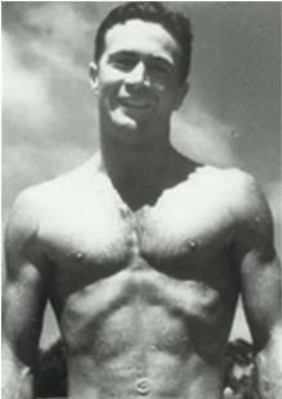




Left to right: Kathy Willette, Bill Stack, Lucy Gordon Conway, Suella Steel, Pancho Segura

<b>Alex Gordon (posthumously)</b>	<b>College Great, Coach, Teaching Pro, Mentor, Senior Success</b>
<b>Pancho Segura</b>	<b>World Class, College Great, Coach, Teaching Pro,</b>
<b>William Stack</b>	<b>Coach, Mentor, Community Service, Senior Success</b>
<b>Suella Steel</b>	<b>Coach, Teaching Pro, Senior Success</b>
<b>Katherine Chabot Willette</b>	<b>World Class</b>



**Alex Gordon (1920– 1976)**

A native of Montreal, Alex Gordon spent much of his formative years in University Heights. He was a two-time Southern California Interscholastic doubles champion and went on to captain the team at UCLA where he played number one singles. After serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII, he became the head professional at the Hotel Del Coronado in 1946 until 1956. He resumed teaching at the hotel in 1960, and he also became the tennis coach at Bishops School in La Jolla, positions he held until 1976. His girls' teams captured three Griggs Plates at the Ojai Championships, and in 1966, Bishops fielded the top girls' high school team with 6 national junior champions. Among his pupils were Patti Hogan, Janet Newberry, Kris Kemmer, Marjorie Gengler, Nancy Ornstein, Vicki Rogers, Bunny Bruning, Susie Hagey, Margaret Teague, Kerry Appleby Payne, Shelly Stillman, Lucy Kable and Jackie Geller. Alex was a three-time USPTA national 45s doubles champion with Ben Press. He served as the President of the USPTA San Diego Division 1969-1974, and was President of the USPTA national Board of Directors in 1976 until his passing. Surviving are his children, Joey, Lucy Conway and Andy as well as his sister Shirley Berryman.



**Francisco "Pancho" Segura (1921-)**

When the greatest shots of all time are listed, the singular two-fisted forehand of Pancho Segura is sure to be mentioned. With equal dexterity, he could whistle a powerful winner, a masterful lob or a well-disguised drop shot, all with the same swing. It was this cunning that propelled Pancho from the streets of Guayaquil, Ecuador to the upper echelons of tennis. He became the only three-time winner of the intercollegiate singles while at University of Miami. He was ranked in the top 10 in the U.S. six times and won the World Pro singles title three years in succession 1950-52. He reached four semis of Forest Hills. In 1972 he won the USLTA Men's Senior Hard Courts in the 45 singles, the 45 doubles with Miguel Olvera and the USTA National Father/Son indoors in 1979. A long-time resident of San Diego, he began instructing at La Costa Hotel and Resort in the early 70's and put the resort on the map. Celebrities and world class players alike, from Johnny Carson to Jimmy Connors frequented La Costa for lessons from Pancho. The resort has seen many world-class events: Davis Cup, the Acura Tennis Classic, WCT Pro tournaments, all because of an outstanding tennis ambassador for San Diego in Pancho Segura.



**Bill Stack (1915– 2009)**

Bill Stack was born in Vienna and excelled in tennis, skiing, ice and field hockey, representing his country in international competition. He immigrated to the United States in 1941 and served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Colonel. Bill retired from the service in 1965 and settled in Washington D.C. where he became Director of the Washington Hilton's Racquet and Swim Club. He was ranked #1 in the 50 singles for the Middle Atlantic USTA section. After moving to San Diego in 1969, he became the Sales Director and Manager of the Point Loma Tennis Club. Although he had his own business, Stack Limited, which sold office equipment, Bill found time to completely immerse himself in San Diego tennis, as he founded the San Diego District Tennis Association, the San Diego Umpire's Association and the Greater San Diego Tennis Council. He also served as the President of the Balboa Tennis Club. Bill was ranked #1 in San Diego in the 55 singles in the 70's and was a member of the Gordon Cup of international competition. Robin Harris Ogburn, Nancy Ornstein, Marita Redondo, Colleen Cleary Ferrell, Ann Lebedeff, Vicki Lareau, Liane Marquez Bryson and Larry Belinsky were all under his tutelage. San Diego tennis would not be where it is today without the big heart and tireless efforts of Bill Stack.



**Suella Steel (1941- )**

A native of Atlanta and an Auburn University alumna, Suella began playing serious tennis at 33. A USPTA pro, she was a member of the teaching staff and Social Director at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club since 1987 until her retirement in 2003. She currently teaches part-time at La Jolla Alta Club and continues to compete around the world. As of December 2006, Suella has won 60 USA national championships in singles and doubles on all surfaces. In 2006, she won the "Golden" Slam- all four USA National 65 doubles crowns and the World ITF 65 doubles championship, and was runner-up in the ITF 65 singles. She has won ITF championships in 55 doubles in 2000, in 60 doubles in 2001, 2002 and 2003, and was ranked number 1 in the World ITF 55 singles in 2001. Suella was ranked number 1 in the USA women's 60 singles and doubles in 2004 and number 1 in the USA 60 doubles in 2005. For the past 16 years, she has been named by the USTA to the Bueno, Connolly, Marble and Gottfried Cups in representing the US worldwide. Her awards include SDTTA Female Player of the Year for 1994, San Diego USPTA Female Senior Player of the Year for 2000, 2001 and 2002 and San Diego Female Pro/Coach of the Year in 1999. Suella has coached 9 teams from Lomas Santa Fe in national championship play. Quite a resume for one whom got into the sport relatively late.



**Katherine Chabot Willette (1943-)**

A native of San Diego, Kathy has a long and distinguished tennis record. She won the USTA National Junior doubles with fellow Hall of Fame member, Karen Hantze Susman 1959 through 1961 and was ranked #3 nationally in the 18 and under singles in 1960. That same year, Kathy was the Junior Wimbledon finalist, and she went on to attain singles rankings of #4 in the USTA in 1961 as well as #6 in the world. Kathy was the USTA National Hardcourt Champion in 1961, the Ojai Open Champion in 1962 and the USTA Champion at the US Open in 1984 in the 35s. In 1984, she was ranked number one in the 35 singles in both USTA and SCTA. Kathy has been an invaluable asset regarding community service locally, most notably with Youth Tennis San Diego. She was Co-Chair of the Campaign to build the Barnes Junior Tennis Center 1989-1996, and has since served in numerous capacities there including Director of Junior Development, Vice-President, Director of Marketing, National Junior Tennis League Coordinator, President of the Board 2002-2004 and Chair of the Board 2004-2006. Kathy was the USTA Chair of the Community Tennis Association 2000-2002 and the Council Chair of the CTA 2005-2006. A tireless community volunteer, her service includes work with Say No to Drugs, Hall of Champions Say Yes to Sports Program and the Ronald McDonald House of San Diego. Clearly, Kathy Willette has given much back to tennis and to San Diego.