



Left to right: Karen Chausee (accepting for Harper Ink), John Martin (accepting for Bobby Riggs), Gretchen Magers, Valerie Ziegenfuss, Angel Lopez

Harper Ink, Sr.	<i>Community Service, Philanthropy</i>
Angel Lopez	<i>Teaching Pro, Coaching, Community Service, Senior Success</i>
Gretchen Magers	<i>World Class, Coaching, Teaching Pro, Senior Success</i>
Robert "Bobby" Riggs	<i>World Class, Senior Success</i>
Valerie Ziegenfuss	<i>World Class, Junior Stand-out, Teaching Pro, Coach</i>



Angel Lopez (1955-)

For a man who didn't take up tennis until his senior year in high school, Angel Lopez has covered much ground. The native San Diegan quickly showed his prowess as he played on a full scholarship at the University of Arizona from 1976 to 1978. Lopez went on to play ATP tour events at the Volvo International and Washington Star International and he competed on various satellite circuits. Angel has made a name for himself in San Diego tennis as the director of tennis operations at the San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club where he has taught since 1979. He established the Angel Lopez Tennis Academy there in 1997 where he has supervised eight USPTA certified assistants. Angel directed the USTA competition training center for San Diego from 1996 to 2007. His impressive list of students includes Zina Garrison, Angelica Gavaldon, Kelly Jones, Tami Whitlinger-Jones and Lupita Novelo just to name a few. In 1994, Lopez was the head coach of the Newport Beach Dukes of World Team Tennis, a squad that had the distinction of being the only undefeated team in WTT history, and for this effort, he was the WTT Coach of the Year. The next year, he was named National USPTA Professional of the Year. In 1999, Lopez was the United States Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year. Lopez's other honors include: 2001 Decade Education Merit Award from the USPTA, 2005 Professional Tennis Registry International Professional of the Year, 2006 "Serving the Future Award" by Youth Tennis San Diego and the 2007 Southern California Tennis Association Award for his efforts in junior player development. Lopez has served on the USTA Player Development Committee, USTA Public Parks Committee, the USTA National Diversity Council, the SCTA, the YTSD, the San Diego District Tennis Association and the USPTA National Diversity Committee. Angel has had much success in singles and doubles nationally and internationally in the 45 and 50 age groups, including being a member of the 2006 world champion USA Fred Perry Cup Team. He continues to give back to the community as he sponsors tennis programs at Montgomery, Lincoln, Calexico, Clairemont and Hoover high schools. Lopez helps young players by awarding the Angel Lopez Scholarship for \$1000 through YTSD to a graduating senior for the college of their choice.



Robert Larimore "Bobby" Riggs (1918-1995)

There are few names in tennis more iconic than Bobby Riggs, fewer still as charismatic. Born in Los Angeles, Bobby quickly showed tennis prowess as he competed in the 13- and -unders in Southern California, with his first title coming at the La Jolla Community Center, before winning the U.S. Junior Championships in 1935. Much more was to follow as he became the only person to win the Wimbledon singles, doubles and mixed on the first try in 1939. What made this trifecta all the more impressive was the fact that Bobby placed 100 British pounds on himself to win all three, and he came away with well over \$100,000. In 1940, he won the U.S. Men's Indoor title in singles, doubles and mixed. Riggs won the U.S. National Championships at Forest Hills in 1939 and 1941, prior to turning professional. On the pro tour, Bobby won U.S. professional championships in 1946, 1947 and 1949 as well as several world titles. When tennis became open to the pros in 1968, Riggs won the 45 and over senior championships on grass. He moved to San Diego permanently in 1969, became an active member of the tennis community and continued to compete at the national level in singles and doubles in the 45s, 50s, 55s, 60s and 65s. Riggs held most of the titles in each division. Sometimes referred to as the "Clown Prince of Tennis", Bobby helped usher in a new era of tennis when in May, 1973, he decisively defeated Margaret Court at the San Diego Country Estates in the first of the "Battle of the Sexes" matches. This match was the precursor to his famous defeat at the hands of Billie Jean King several months later at the Houston Astrodome. Instantly, Bobby Riggs became a household name and America had a renewed interest in women's tennis in particular, and sports in general. Prior to his passing of prostate cancer, Bobby had a vision of a foundation that would provide a home for tennis memorabilia with the proceeds going towards cancer prevention as well as the funding of educational scholarships. That dream has been realized in the Bobby Riggs Tennis Museum at the tennis club that bears his name in Encinitas.



Harper Harry Ink, Sr. (1888- 1953)

Harper Ink was born in Canton, Ohio, attended Oberlin College and served in World War I. The eldest son of Harry Harper Ink, inventor and founder of the Tonsiline Company that made cough syrup, Ink married Fern Robinson and they had one son, Harper Ink Jr. who was born in 1920. Harper Sr. became president of the company upon the death of his father, a position he would hold until 1953. Ink also directed completion of the Palace Theater in Canton, a project that had been started by his father. Poor health necessitated that Ink move his family to San Diego in 1929. Although he was not a tennis player, he encouraged his son to play tennis among other sports. When his son was ranked number two nationally in singles in 1935, Harper Ink started the Harper Ink Memorial Tennis Tournament in Balboa Park. Ink continued to support the tournament and to assist young tennis players financially after his son went to Stanford and then the Army. Among the players of national note who competed in the tournament were Bob Carrothers, Maureen Connolly and Karen Hantze. Later USTA president Franklin Johnson was also an Ink champion. After Connolly first won Wimbledon in 1952, San Diego held a parade in her honor with Harper Ink, Sr. serving as the Grand Marshall. The Ink tournament was unusual and a breath of fresh air for San Diego tennis in several ways. It was an all-comers' interscholastic championship held during the Easter vacation at Morley Field. Ink decided against having an entry fee. Losers were allowed to keep the balls, and the trophies came from Tiffanys. Ink worked with school principals to promote entries, and he rewarded winners by paying for their trips to Los Angeles to compete in the Southern California Junior Championships. Harper Ink's contribution to San Diego tennis renews itself every year with the Ink Tournament which is now played at the Barnes Tennis Center, and the Bob Carrothers Sportsmanship Award which Ink created upon Carrothers' death in 1940. Right up until his own passing in 1953, Harper Ink's generosity touched hundreds of San Diego juniors.



Gretchen Magers (1964-)

Gretchen Magers has been involved with tennis in many ways for much of her life. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she began her competitive career when she was eleven, a career that would take her to the biggest stages in tennis. Gretchen was a four-time All-American at Trinity University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. She was the 1982 World Junior Champion and won the 1983 NCAA All-American doubles championship. During her pro career, she won three singles titles, six doubles titles and was quarterfinalist at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Magers continues to compete in the 35 and over events at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She has competed in three International World Senior Championships and has captained the gold medal U.S. team at the ITF World Championships in Durban, South Africa. Gretchen began teaching tennis at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club in 1992 after retiring from the pro tour. She ran the social events, tournaments and coordinated catering. Other teaching stints have been at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and for the last thirteen years the Peninsula Tennis Club. From 1992 to 1996 she served as the International Tennis Director for the Special Olympics. Magers administered the USTA "Grow the Game" initiative for San Diego County, overseeing the free lesson program and tracking new entrants into the sport from 2002 to 2004. She has coached Division I tennis at SDSU, high school tennis at Our Lady of Peace and is now the women's tennis coach at San Diego City College. Gretchen also serves as President of the San Diego Beach Tennis Association. She resides in Point Loma with her husband of 24 years, Steve Magers and their children Matthew, Marin and Katie.



Valerie Ziegenfuss (1949-)

Valerie Ziegenfuss brings many years of distinguished tennis to the Hall of Fame. A native of San Diego, her first recollection of the sport occurred at Morley Field in November 1959, where she got to the finals of the San Diego Tennis Patrons Thanksgiving Tournament. Under the guidance of her father, George Ziegenfuss, she won the Harper Ink girls high school division. Valerie was ranked number one in the SCTA in both the girls 16 and 18 and under singles and doubles. She won the National 16 doubles with Peaches Bartkowicz and captured the National 18 doubles three years in succession. Ziegenfuss played Junior Wightman Cup on the winning SCTA team, and she received sportsmanship awards at the Girls 18 Nationals as well as the Margaret Weckerly Sportsmanship Award from the San Diego Tennis Patrons. Valerie played on the professional circuit from 1968 to 1978, and is one of the original nine of the Virginia Slims tour, established in 1970, joining Billie Jean King and Rosie Casals, among others. She represented the U.S. in the Federation Cup in 1972, and the Wightman Cup in 1969 and 1971. Ziegenfuss was semifinalist in the Wimbledon doubles twice, was a doubles semifinalist at the U.S. Open and won the U.S. Clay Court Doubles Championships. She won the Mexico City Women's Singles Championships and once ranked as high as 7 in the U.S. in singles. She played World Team Tennis for the Hawaii Leis, Boston Lobsters and Los Angeles Strings from 1974 through 1976. An owner of 16 USTA gold balls, she has played the U.S. Open and Wimbledon Senior Invitational events for 16 years. From 1979 through 2002, Ziegenfuss coached at the Pacific Beach Tennis Club, San Diego Tennis & Racquet, Helix South and the Hilton Hotel. Valerie was the USTA National Coach from 1998 to 2002 in charge of player development. Her daughter Allison Bradshaw has been on the pro circuit and her son Michael has served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Valerie currently resides in El Cajon and works at Century 21 Award in San Diego.