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James (Chico) Hagey (1953- )

Chico Hagey a native of Chicago, started tennis at the age of 4 under his father's supervision. His dad built a backboard in their backyard, handed him a small wooden paddle and urged him to constantly practice. The Hagey family moved to San Diego in 1962. Chico continued his tennis growth at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, the La Jolla Recreation Center and the family's private court, as well as occasional lessons under Lester Stoefen and Pancho Segura. Chico won 17 National titles, and he was ranked #1 in the National 16 Singles, 16 Doubles (over Jimmy Connors and Brian Gottfried), 18 Doubles, and the National Amateur Singles and Doubles. Chico and his father Bob captured 2 National Father/Son Championships in 1971 and 1972. He played on the powerful La Jolla High School Teams in the Early 70s under Coach Russ Lanthorne. It might be argued that the Viking Team of 1971 was the most powerful High School team in tennis history, with Raul Ramirez, Chico, Steve Mott, John Holladay, Alex Hernandez, and brother Ted Hagey making up the top six. This team lost 5-4 to USC, the third best college team in the nation. Chico defeated Ramirez in the finals of the CIF that year, just one of his 3 CIF triumphs. Chico entered Stanford and then earned the interesting distinction of competing in the shortest grand slam match, having broken his leg on the first point of the first round at the U.S. Open in 1972. The following year he redshirted at Stanford. Chico earned the Bronze Medal at the 1973 World University Games in Moscow. He then reached the final of the NCAA Singles in 1974, the same year Stanford won the team championships. In a large draw of 256, due to his signature second serve, he was unbroken in service games until the final. Chico's highest world ranking was #69, and his best result on the Men's Pro Tour was losing in the Hong Kong semifinals in 1976 to Ilie Nastase. Hagey graduated in 1984 from the University of Virginia Law School and is a member of the Washington, DC Bar Association. In 1989 he founded the San Diego-based Red Leaf Village Company, a real estate development and brokerage company. Hagey and Steve Avoyer are currently working together on a 20 acre mixed-used project in Ramona. Chico lives in San Diego with his wife Krisztina, daughter Sabina, and son Henry.



Leland Housman (1942 - )

Leland Housman, born October 30, 1942, grew up in El Paso, Texas. After playing other sports, Leland found tennis in the 9th grade. Enjoying success from the game, he went to UTEP on a tennis scholarship. Leland graduated from UTEP in two and a half years (biological sciences) and went to Baylor College of Medicine from 1963-67. Having interned at Baylor 1967-68 he then did a five year residency in General Surgery at UCSD School of Medicine from 1968-73. Leland continued to the University of Oregon Medical School for a two year fellowship in Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery 1973-1975. Returning to San Diego to practice Cardiac Surgery at Mercy Hospital, Leland served as Chief of Surgery and Head of the section of Cardio Thoracic Surgery. The year 2000 saw him join the group at Scripps Clinic Medical Group where he continues to practice full time. He also holds an appointment as an associate professor of Cardiac Surgery at UCSD while participating in training fellows in areas of Vascular Surgery at Scripps. Housman started playing tennis again in 1977 and it took about two years for him to regain his feel for the game. Over the next forty years his tennis game took an upward swing and Leland won many local and sectional events including multiple La Jolla Championships and multiple Morley Field Championships. He entered his first National Championship in his third year of the 50 and over division. His first year in the 55 and over division, Leland won his first gold ball (National Championship.) Up to now he has been fortunate enough to win 15 National Championships (15 gold balls) including 3 doubles titles with three different partners. Leland Housman is the only Californian to have won the US National 55 and over Clay Court Championship in Knoxville, Tennessee. Leland has won two World Championships, competing on the US National Senior Team. He has been chosen to represent the US six times but was only able to accept twice because of his demanding work schedule. In my opinion, whether Leland plays for relaxation or is seriously practicing for an event, he always tries to play well and correctly in order to improve, not merely to win at any cost. This is the reason he has been successful in big events while only playing infrequently.

In 2013 Leland Housman combined his talent, focus and determination to achieve the number one ranking in the United States in Men's Singles 70 and over. Leland lives with his wife Carolyn in San Diego. They have two children, Scott and Keith and three grandchildren. Leland enjoys the fact that he has met many wonderful tennis players and hopes to meet many more.



Kathy May (1956 - )

Kathy May a native of Los Angeles got into tennis early at age 3. She practiced every day at her father's tennis court in Beverly Hills, and by age 7 she was competing in tournaments. For 5 years she was coached by Carl Earn, and was ranked #1 in southern California in the girls 12s at the age of 9. Kathy took lessons from Pancho Segura for 2 years until his move to La Costa. Kathy's father was good friends with tennis great Jack Kramer, who suggested another great in Tony Trabert to coach Kathy. In the 10 years they worked together, Tony helped develop May's all around style which helped with her success. Kathy was ranked #1 in the 18 and under nationally and got to represent the U.S. at Junior Wimbledon. Subsequent to that she turned professional and was on the tour for 6 years. Her highest world ranking was 10 in 1977. She was ranked #7 in the U.S. in 1977 through 1979. Kathy made the Quarterfinals twice in singles at the French Open and once at the U.S. Open. Her biggest win on the tour was over Martina Navratilova. Her doubles partners included Tracy Austin and Terry Holladay. After retiring in 1980, she did not play tennis for 10 years. However, the layoff didn't interfere with her game, as she resumed senior tournaments and started to dominate tennis once again. Kathy has amassed 50 National Titles and 4 U.S. Open Masters Championships which include 2 Mixed doubles and 2 Women's doubles. She was inducted into the Southern California Tennis Hall of Fame in 2014. When she is not competing, she enjoys spending as much time with her sons Christopher, Kyle, and Taylor (Taylor Fritz is a current ATP Professional and is the youngest pro in history to be ranked in the Top 100 in the world). Kathy currently resides in Rancho Santa Fe.



Janet Newberry (1953- )

Janet Newberry, a Los Angeles native, has fond memories of growing up at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and playing tournaments at Morley Field. Her first lessons were with Lester Stoefen and then later with Bill Bond. The backhand that she acquired was to cut a swathe through junior tennis in San Diego, Los Angeles and later, nationally. San Diego had a brilliant tennis program for beginners, intermediates, and advanced. After advancing through those categories, the next step was L.A. At the Los Angeles Tennis Club, Janet won the girl's 14, 16, 18, women's and Pacific Southwest. On the National Junior stage, Janet won the girls 16 National Singles, was finalist to Chris Evert at the girl's 18 nationals and she also claimed National Doubles titles in the girls 14, 16 and 18's. She attended USC for two semesters and was on the Dean's List, but due to the fact that they did not have a women's team, she decided to play professional tennis. Janet played her first Wimbledon when she was 17. Her career highlights include winning the Italian Open singles, the British Hardcourt championships, and twice a singles semifinalist at the French Open and Wimbledon mixed doubles finalist with Raul Ramirez. She also captured the Swedish Open doubles, the Canadian Open doubles and she represented the US in Wightman and Federation cup competitions. Her best singles victory was defeating Martina Navratilova at the US Open in 1976. Janet's highest world ranking was #17. She was also a founding member of the Women's Tennis Association. After playing, Janet worked for the USTA as the director of women's tennis, the LTA as the director of women's national training, USTA coach and WTA player representative. Janet loves the history of the sport and collects antique tennis memorabilia. She currently reside St. Petersburg, Florida.



Walter Redondo (1958- )

Walter Redondo, was born in San Diego and raised in National City, one of the 9 children of Taquio and Martha Redondo. He started playing at age 7 under Wilbur Folsom at Morley Field and with the guidance of his grandmother Sophia Custado. Redondo was later coached by Robert Lansdorp who helped Walter develop his style and character at the age of 10. Carl Eltsholtz, Pancho Segura, and Larry Willens coached him after Lansdorp left San Diego. Walter played a style of tennis of aggressive serve and volley. He also had a topspin backhand that few have duplicated. Redondo enjoyed competition at an early age as he was inspired by watching Rod Laver, Pancho Gonzalez, and Pancho Segura while sitting at the top row of the San Diego Sports Arena. At the age of 12, Redondo started competing in open adult tournaments, and within 3 years was showing positive results. His young age and his finances prevented him from going on the world tour. Among his numerous junior tennis accomplishments, he won both singles and doubles in the SCTA, as well as the USTA in the Boys 14s. That year, 1972, Walter was ranked #1 singles in Southern California, and #1 in the U.S. doubles. He was the singles finalist at the National Hard Court Championships the next year. When he was 16 he won at Kalamazoo, Michigan and secured the #1 ranking in the U.S.A. in 1974. That year he was #1 ranked singles player in Southern California, #1 ranked player in the U.S. and #2 in the doubles nationally. Redondo represented the U.S. in the Junior Wimbledon Championships, and was a member of the Junior Davis Cup squad that defeated Germany in the Sunshine Cup. He has earned the Sophia Custado Award for dedication twice, the Roland Brock Sportsmanship Award and the USTA's Dr. Allen. Stowe Award. Walter was named Parade Magazines Outstanding Male Junior Player of the Year in 1974. He graduated in 1976 from St. Augustine High School, and was the most successful player in St. Augustine's history. Walter started playing professional tournaments on and off at age 18. As a tennis professional, he won the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern California Sectional tennis Championships, the Penn National Invitational, The Britannia Open, Mexicali Open, Oaxaca Open, the Men's Open 25 National Hard Court. He has victories over John McEnroe, Eliot Teltscher, and Bill Scanlon, and Walter got into the main draws of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in doubles. Walter began coaching at age 25. When he is not teaching tennis for ECCTA and coaching St. Augustine, he exhibits his art in galleries both locally and nationally. He currently lives in Lemon Grove with his wife Maureen.