



## **Cathie Anderson (1942 - ) Senior Success**

Cathie has always had a competitive streak. Even back in her youth in Dayton, Ohio, where she picked up tennis at the age of six, she enjoyed competing. She would compete in the local junior tournaments around Dayton. However, as her tennis game progressed, Cathie began playing the more competitive tournaments throughout Ohio.

Dayton had no indoor courts when Cathie was a junior, so when winter descended on Ohio, she would put her wooden racquets in their wooden presses and stow them away until Spring.

Cathie took tennis lessons at an assortment of locations but it was mainly Dayton. However, on her parents' spring break trips to exotic Florida, young Cathie received additional lessons. Less frequently, the family would head east to Nantucket, CT. Cathie received lessons there as well. It took a dedicated girl to successfully assimilate and implement their diverse coaching.

After high school, Cathie headed west to attend Cal Berkeley. Living in California, Cathie was able to play tennis all year long. This was before Title IX. Women did not receive athletic scholarships. So, Cathie walked onto the women's tennis team and

quickly established herself as the one to beat. In her senior season, she qualified for the NCAA Women's tournament in St. Louis. Cal Berkeley gave Cathie \$100 for expenses. She was the NCAA Women's runner up.

Cathie graduated from Cal Berkeley with a major in Economics and a minor in Cartography. She then went to work for the San Francisco Planning Department and Richmond Redevelopment for three years. Then, Cathie decided 9 to 5 was not for her. Instead, she began teaching tennis, first in Danville, and then Oakland.

In 1985, Cathie decided to follow the sun to San Diego. She joined an architect firm, but soon changed careers when Ken Walts of the San Diego Tennis & Racquet Club hired her as one of its certified pros. She taught for several years there before branching out and teaching on her own. While teaching tennis, Cathie continued to compete and grow her impressive resume:

- Cathie was voted the USPTA Senior Player of the Year in 1990.
- She won the Women's 50s World Championship in 2006.
- She has won 23 National Championships on multiple surfaces.
- She has won 30 USTA Gold Balls, 58 Silver Balls, and 24 Bronze Balls, to date.
- She has been selected by the USTA to play for the United States on 22 International teams.
- She has been inducted into the SoCal Senior Tennis Hall of Fame.
- She was selected for the Dayton Sports Hall of Fame.

Cathie smiles recalling the time she played Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, the winner of 7 Grand Slam singles titles and an International Tennis Hall of Famer. Says Cathie, "I got squished."

Besides tennis, Cathie loves animals. She has been a volunteer at Sea World, caring for their many penguins. Currently, Cathie breeds and trains Chocolate Labradors. She travels all over competing in obedience and agility trials with her dogs.

Cathie lives in Del Mar. She competes here and around the world. She has a daughter, Cindy.