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## Honorary Life Member Jean Springer

Jean Mohrman Springer, a former 50 year member of the Cincinnati Tennis Club, will be bestowed the high honor of Honorary Lifetime Member on July 23, 2010 at the annual Friday evening reception during the National Father & Son Clay Court Championships.

The Honorary Lifetime Member Award has only been presented seven previous times to: Tony Trabert, Jo and Bumpy Frazer, Edyth and Carl Lindner, Paul Flory, Al Bunis, Becky and John Mirlisena, and Brad Phillips.



Jean Springer was a member of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs), an elite group of only 1,102 WASPs flying airplanes during World War II, which was created from over 25,000 applicants. She flew everything from PT-19 trainers to B-24's during World War II providing support services to fighter pilots and troops on the ground.

On March 10, 2010, Jean Springer was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal at the Capitol Visitors Center in Washington, D.C. One Hundred Eight WASPs were able to attend the Washington ceremony, some on walkers, with U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Mitch McConnell, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi,

Congressional Representative John Boehner, and Tom Brokaw, well known television reporter and author. It had taken the government 66 years to honor the WASPs.

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## Message From the President



I am pleased that our beloved Cincinnati Tennis Club has been and continues to be very busy at this the midpoint of our tennis season. We enjoyed beautiful weather on our opening day on Saturday, April 14, with a large turnout of players eager to start our new season. Rusty and his staff ran us through an hour or so of “intense clinic training” which was combined with good food, drinks and fellowship.

Another special event was the Presidents’ Reception on Sunday, May 2, which traditionally, officially kicks off our new season into high gear. Even though the courts were dampened with rain, the grand old front porch along with the Rowland Hopple Lounge, created an enjoyable social atmosphere for much fun and laughter.

The Jean Drew Invitational, the Memorial Day Tournament, the Annual Men’s Invitational, and the Fourth of July Tournament added more enjoyable tennis. The play on the courts has been most active and perhaps more so this year than in the past with all the courts being full on numerous occasions, which is what we like to see.

Several upcoming events labeled as “Don’t Miss” include The USTA National Father and Son Clay Court Tennis Championship which is shaping up to be another major success. Richard and Teddie Curry and the large Father and Son Committee have been working consistently for many months to ensure a most successful and interesting weekend (July 22-25). The Friday evening picnic reception on July 23 will be another enjoyable event which will include an Honorary Lifetime Membership being presented to Ms. Jean Springer for her World War II services to our country as a member of the Women’s Air Force Service Pilots (WASPSs), as well as being a 50-year member of the Cincinnati Tennis Club.

Another suggested event for your calendar is Tuesday, August 17 for the CTC Night at the Net, at the Western and Southern Financial Group Master’s Men’s Professional Tournament. Margie Hardigg, Cynthia Cole and their committee members are working to make this evening special. Last year we had a large turnout under one of the main tents for a most enjoyable evening, and this year we anticipate a larger turnout for this world class tennis evening.

As we move into the second half of our tennis season, there is still lots of tennis to be played and social events to enjoy. We encourage all of you to use and enjoy our “Grand Old Club” as CTC is most unique with its history, tradition and legacy that is unmatched in this part of the country, and one that all of us can be very proud to be a member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'James L. Farley'.

James L. Farley, President  
Cincinnati Tennis Club

# Events and Tournaments

## Opening Day



Opening day was a great success with the pros running a clinic for members; amongst those members were President Jim Farley and Ted Mack, Membership Development.

## Past Presidents' Cocktail Party Sunday, May 2, 2010

The Past Presidents' Cocktail Party hosted by Board of Trustees and Ginger Kuhn.



## Ladies Jean Drew Invitational Thursday, May 20, 2010

The Jean Drew Invitational was a huge success thanks to the Hosts Cathie Momper and Noreen Daniel.

There was lots of tennis played on May 20, 2010. We had four different groups of women playing in round robins.



## Men's Invitational Saturday, May 22, 2010

The annual Men's Invitational was another huge success thanks to the Hosts Brian Gibson, Tom Flottman, and Jim Brockhoff.



### Men's "A" Flight

- Group 1: Winners Wil Lofgren and John Williams; Finalists Dan Mott and Eric Toth
- Group 2: Winners Mark Michaelson and Jim Heldman; Finalists Steve Lindheim and Jeff Jacobs

### Men's "B" Flight

- Group 1: Winners Brant Cable and Harvey Katz; Finalists Tom Flottman and Mark Morse
- Group 2: Winners Phil Hinkle and Joe Drennen; Finalists Marty Wilz and Jim Wilz



## Memorial Day Mixed Doubles- Monday, May 31, 2010



Memorial Day Mixed Doubles had a tremendous turnout with all the credit going to Sally Connelly and Cynthia Cole, the hosts of the event.

- Group 1: Winners Jim Miller and Gerri Strauss;  
Finalists Mady Gordon and Peter Koenig
- Group 2: Winners Mike Shane and Christine Meyer;  
Finalists Andy Heldman and Susanna Schwartz



Group 3: Winners Marty Wilz and Mary Jo Byrnes;  
Finalists Sally Connelly and Josh Koch

Group 4: Winners Nash and Rita McCauley;  
Finalists Joe and Michele Drennen



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Men's and Women's Doubles- Sunday, July 4, 2010

July 4<sup>th</sup> was a day filled with lots of tennis, fun, and heat! Cindy Conway, the host of the event, did a great job making this tournament a success.

### Women's Red&White Flight:

Winners: Cindy Conway and Moira Weir;  
Finalists: Mary Tebbe and Celeste Rooney



### Men's Blue&White Flight:

Winners: Don Treadway and Rick Lisak;  
Finalists: Tom Flottman and Gary Davies



## Tip from the Pro

### Return of Serve



First of all, the least practiced shot and probably the most important shot in tennis is the return of serve.

There are a lot of factors that go into this shot:

1. **Position.** I am always amused watching people return a serve because of their position. They usually stand directly in the middle of the receiving side. When in fact, most serves on the deuce side are served out wide, which leaves you reaching for the ball. For the ad out side most people tend to serve down the middle closer to the “T”. Watch the pros and see how quick they are able to react to their opponent’s serve. This tip sure beats Andre Agassi’s approach to serving. When he was playing Boris Becker, Becker would stick out his tongue in the direction he was going to serve the ball. Agassi picked up on that and always new how to return his serve.
2. **Return of Serve Technique.** I would recommend standing one step further back than you normally would and when the opponent tosses the ball up take one step in. When you take this one step in you want to split step (like hopscotch when you go from one block to two blocks). Both feet will land at the same time as your opponent is hitting the ball. This will make you be able to get to the ball quicker and help you move forward into the return. Moving forward into the return is one of the key elements to return serving.

Rusty Schubert

Club Manager and Head Tennis Professional

### Busy Times at CTC

Daytime:

**Tuesday-** 9 to 12

**Friday-** 9 to 12

**Saturday and Sunday** 8:30 to 10:30

Evening:

**Monday-** 6 to 7:30

**Thursday-** 6 to 7:30

## Get Involved

If you are interested in getting more involved at CTC, call Brooke Dorger, Membership Services, at the club 513-961-1880 or email her at [ctctennis@fuse.net](mailto:ctctennis@fuse.net).

We have so much to offer:

- Monday night is member night
- Tuesday night round robin for 4.5-5.0 players
- Wednesday night round robin 4.0 players
- Friday night socials
- Junior Clinics

We can't forget all our social events left:

- Father & Son Tournament Thursday, July 22- Sunday, July 25
- Father & Son Welcoming Party Friday, July 23
- Father & Son Finals Brunch Sunday, July 25
- CTC Night at the Tennis Masters Series Tuesday, August 17
- Labor Day Mixed Doubles Monday, September 6

There is still lots of tennis to be played and fun to have, so please call or email the club!

## **Friday Night Social Tennis** **Friendly People, Good Tennis, Good Food, Good Drink, and Good Fun**

Friday Night Socials, enthusiastically led by Bertie Hertz, are a resounding success! Held almost every Friday from 6:00 till dark (and beyond), the Socials have drawn increasingly large groups of men, women, young and not-so-young. This is a great way to meet new people and enjoy social tennis.

All Members are encouraged to join us and bring nonplaying companions and guests for whom there is no charge. Everyone provides a little something to eat and beverage of choice. Many thanks to Fred Tucker for bringing a terrific group of tennis playing friends.

Also, thanks to Charles and colleagues for staying late to watch over us and help clean up!

### 3 CTC Members to be Inducted in the 2010 Class of the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame

The Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association (GCTA) will induct four new members into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame on August 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Lindner Tennis Center, Mason, Ohio, including three who have strong ties to CTC. Three are or have been CTC members: Joe Leytze, Jim Meakin and Bill Pendl who will be introduced by Dr. Joe Gromada, a former CTC Board Member. Kara Molony-Hussey, formerly a nationally ranked junior and #1 singles player at the University of Cincinnati, will also be inducted.

The inductees will be honored during a Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame reception beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Luncheon (formerly a dinner) starting at 11:00a.m. The women's semi-final match will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by an on-court enshrinement ceremony on Center Court. All the inductees are permanently memorialized at the physical home of the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame, which is at the Carl & Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Pavilion, Lunken Airport Playfield.

Individuals wishing to purchase tickets or a table may call Carole Meldon at 513-379-7726. (A ticket to the matches is required for entry to the tournament grounds.) Tickets are \$75.00 per person for Luncheon and Match tickets, \$39.00 for Luncheon tickets only, and \$390.00 to reserve a table for 10 (\$750 for 10 Match and Luncheon tickets).

### 17 Past and Present CTC Members in the Hall of Fame

The 2010 inductee class brings the number of Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Famers to 38, and according to CTC Board Member, and Hall of Fame organizer Brian Leshner, the list of Hall of Famers includes 17 who have been members of CTC, quite a record for one club. According to Brian, "Five others were associated with the club, having won tournaments played at CTC." The list of enshrinees, with CTC members in **bold**, includes:

2002 – **Bill Talbert & Tony Trabert**

2003 – Barry MacKay, **Paul Flory, Tom Price, Al Bunis**, Ruth Sanders Cordes, **Kathy Graeter & Nat Emerson**

2004 – Bill Lofgren, **J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer**, Marty Wolf & Clara Louise Zinke

2005 – **Andrea Farley**, Reuben Holden, Caroline Kuhlman, **Jim Brockhoff & Jack Guggenheim**

2006 – **Henry Bunis**, Steve Contardi, Winona Closterman & Carol Brestel

2007 – Heather Hairston-Propp, Joe O'Brien, Dave Power & Carol Tanner

2008 – Charles Thomas, **Carl Lindner**, Rich Lindner & Jeff Wolf

2009 – **John Peckskamp**, John Cook, **Angela Farley Wilson**, & **Lynn Nabors-McNally**

2010 - **Joe Leytze, Bill Pendl, Jim Meakin & Kara Maloney-Hussey**

# New Members

CTC is enjoying another banner year in recruiting new members, with over 26 joining the Club. The list of sponsors shows that again this is a club-wide effort with many different recruiters. An enthusiastic welcome to the new members. Thanks to the sponsors for introducing so many wonderful people.

## New Members

Benjamin Alper  
Joseph A. Brant  
Kathy Claybon  
Tracy Cohen  
Joe & Michele Drennen  
Sylvia Edwards  
Hardie Family  
Patty & Marc Horwitz  
Kim Hunt  
Mary Jane Hery  
Steven Lindheim  
Steve Mahon Family  
Barry Randman  
Eric Rotttinghaus (YA)  
Amy Simmons-Neyer  
Ian R. Smith  
Esther Ossman  
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Tom Conlan  
Igor Dumbadze

## Porch/Social Member

Joe Leytze  
Mary Tebbe

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