

Cochell and Vic Seixas. Tony Trabert, a new face, was unseeded. Sidney Wood competed at age 39.

The first four ladies' seeds were Margaret Osborne, Louise Brough, Doris Hart and Pat Todd. Maureen Connolly, age 15, made her first appearance at Orange and Shirley Fry also competed. Althea Gibson also made her debut here and lost in the first round but showed good form, losing only from lack of tournament experience. Little Mo beat the second foreign seed, Mrs. Tony Mottram, before bowing out. Betty Rosenquest of South Orange beat the fourth foreign seed before losing.

Dick Savitt, chosen for the Davis Cup squad for the first time this year of 1950, had an exciting win over young Tony Trabert but lost to the eventual champ, Herb Flam.

Temperamental Earl Cochell, told just before his match with Vic Seixas that he had been dropped from the Davis Cup Squad because of his "unfortunate behavior" at Merion and Southampton, as well as in Europe, lost in four sets. Flam defeated Seixas in the finals.

After upsetting the favourite, Margaret Osborne, in the semis, Doris Hart went on to beat Louise Brough in the finals.



1950—Tom Brown, Tony Trabert, Gardner Mulloy, and Bill Talbert.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1950

*We had 44 million cars, 43 million telephones. Manufacturers in 1950 sold 12 million pounds of aspirin, 750 million pounds of hot dogs, 6 million gallons of gin and two million bicycles. Top TV programs were Jack Benny, the Goldbergs, the Lucky Strike Hit Parade and Dinah Shore. McCarthy started his witch hunts.*

## OLTC 1951



Maureen Connolly—Runner-up Women's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1951.

The 1951 Tournament was greatly enlivened by the presence of the Australian Davis Cup Squad of Frank Sedgman, Kenneth McGregor, Mervin Rose and Don Candy. But the Americans proved too strong for all of them and no Aussie reached the semi-finals.

The seeded Americans in order were Dick Savitt, now the Wimbledon and Australian Champion, Gardner Mulloy, now in his 38th year, Billy Talbert, Budge Patty, Ham Richardson of nearby Westfield and current National Junior Champion and Earl Cochell. Young Whitney Reed, who was to become U.S. number #1 in 1960, appeared at Orange for the first time. New Jerseyans in the draw were Frank Bowden, Don Hawley, Pablo Eisenberg and Robert Kerdasha.

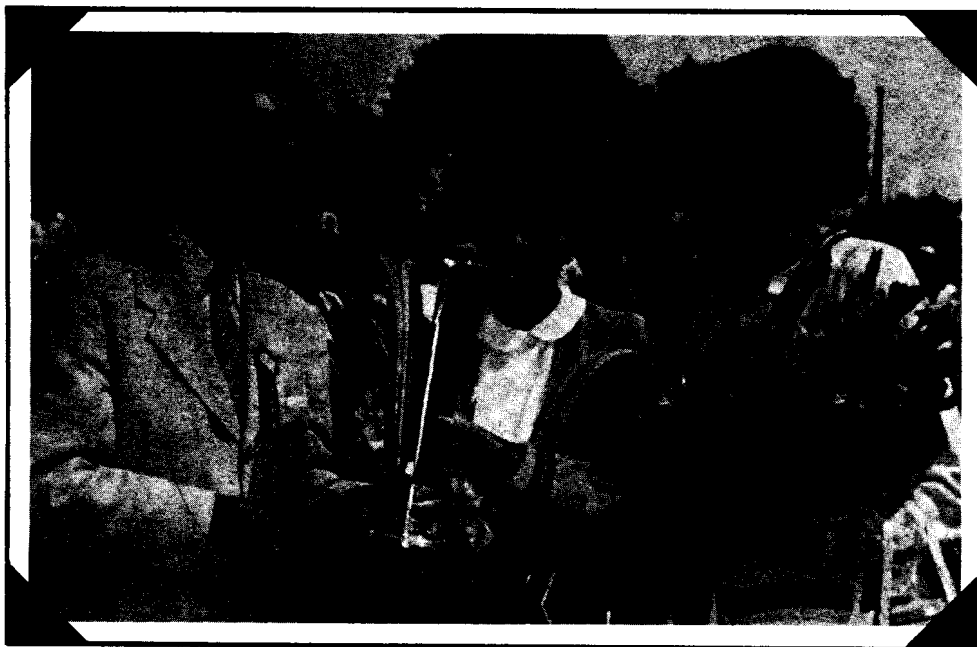
The women's lineup had the ambidextrous Beverly Baker, who defaulted, Mo Connolly, Pat Todd, South Orangeite Betty Rosenquest Pratt and Althea Gibson. Althea reached the semi-finals where she lost to Little Mo 6-4, 6-4. Little Mo ran into a misplaced chair during this match and was handicapped in the final, losing to Pat Todd.

Ham Richardson, 18-year-old, beat Kenneth McGregor but, in turn, was upset by indestructible Gardner Mulloy, over twice his age, 7-5, 11-9. Mulloy had beaten OLTC's Henry Bassford in an earlier round.

Talbert beat Tony Trabert in the semi-finals and Mulloy beat Dick Savitt in a five-set back-breaker 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1. Mulloy was so tired the next day that he put up little opposition to Talbert, losing the final.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1951

*Introduced were power steering, long distance dialing and color TV. MacArthur relieved of command by Truman. TV Soap Opera craze began with Search for Tomorrow and Love of Life. The Poodle haircut for ladies was in. Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight champ at age 37. "The King and I" smash hit on Broadway.*



James B. Dickey, Shirley Fry and Doris Hart—1952.

## OLTC 1952

Harry Hopman brought his Davis Cup Squad to South Orange again in 1952 and included Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad for the first time. The tournament became an all-Australian final when Kenneth McGregor defeated Dick Savitt in one semi-final and Frank Sedgman beat Billy Talbert in the other. Then McGregor won over Sedgman in

a match shortened by weather and court conditions. Doris Hart beat Shirley Fry in the women's final in thirty-five minutes.

Rosewall, 17-years-old, who Hopman called his "best young Australian player," won his first two matches but then drew the number one American seed, Dick Savitt and lost 6-4, 9-7 after putting up a strong fight.

Hoad didn't fare as well, losing in an early round.

Famous names among the women were Little Mo Connolly, the Wimbledon Champ in 1952, Louise Brough, Nancy Chaffee Kiner, U.S. indoor champ, and Althea Gibson, who lost in the first round. Miss Connolly lost in the semis to Doris Hart 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Little Mo may have missed the usual advice from Eleanor "Teach" Tennant, her constant companion and coach who was in Europe at the moment.

Despite unfavorable weather on several days, the attendance was consistently good and reached 4500 for the semi-finals.

\* \* \* \*

In the local interclub Tennis League, Orange Lawn Tennis Club had one of its best seasons. After the first four weeks, OLTC had won 27 of 28 matches. The team consisted of Jack Sunderland, Larry Krieger and Taber Collins playing singles, plus doubles teams of Ken Appel and Parmalee and Spencer DeMille paired with Amby Hardwick.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1952

*Introduced were Cinerama, Holiday Inns, commercial jet flights and LSD. Chlorophyl gum, mints, toothpaste, deodorants and dog food turned America green. It was the year of flying saucers and panty raids. "The Greatest Show on Earth" won the Academy Award for best picture of the year. Willie Sutton said he robbed banks because "That's where the money is".*

## OLTC 1953

The Aussies were back again in 1953 and 18-year-old Lew Hoad took charge. He beat Gardner Mulloy, Ken Rosewall and Rex Hartwig among others on his way to the singles crown and teamed with Rosewall to win the doubles final. Hoad was so explosive that his third round opponent, Tut Bartzén, said he had trouble getting his racquet even on Lew's second serve!

American stars in the Tournament were Vic Seixas, current Wimbledon Champion and winner of four tournaments in a row, venerable Gardner Mulloy, Tony Trabert, fresh from his Navy discharge, and Ham Richardson, National Intercollegiate Champ. Sidney Wood, 1933 winner of the tournament and still a great tennis stylist, returned

to play again. Pablo Eisenberg, 18-year-old from Milburn, took a set from Ken Rosewall before losing.

Well-known players in the women's draw included Doris Hart, Shirley Fry, Althea Gibson and Karol Fageros. Hart beat Fry in the final 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

In the semi-finals, before a standing room crowd of 5,000, the two 18-year-olds from Australia, Rosewall and Hoad, put on a memorable fight, battling to a 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 victory for Hoad. Hartwig subdued Richardson in the other semi-final and Hoad then beat Hartwig.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1953

*Scrabble became popular. Edmund Hillary scaled Mount Everest. Pizza began to catch on as an American snack. Bermuda shorts, worn with knee socks, were in for men and women. TV favorites were "I Love Lucy", "Superman" and "Life with Riley". Senator John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier.*

## OLTC 1954

The Australian delegation in 1954 was headed again by Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall and Rex Hartwig but also introduced for the first time the names of Roy Emerson and Neale Fraser. The first three all reached the semi-finals and Hoad went on to win the finals over fellow 19-year-old Rosewall 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

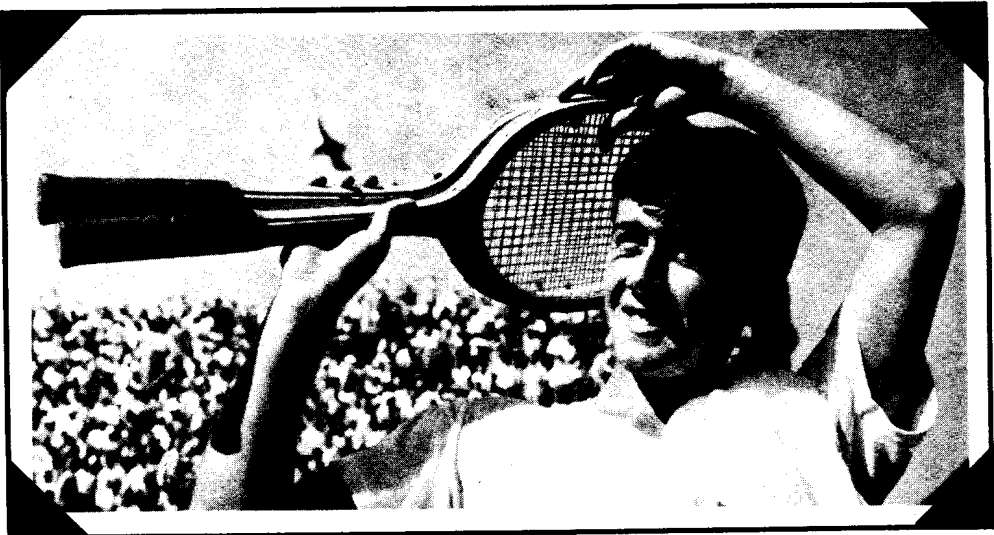
Art Larsen was the only American to reach the semis. Ham Richardson and Straight Clark, both members of the Davis Cup squad, and a young Texan, Sammy Giammalva, also competed. Sammy was so popular with the gallery that his first round opponent threatened to quit unless the crowd stopped cheering his every error.

The ladies' draw included Louise Brough,

Margaret Osborne DuPont, Betty Rosenquest, blonde Karol Fageros, now the Canadian Champ, and Althea Gibson. Brough won over DuPont in the finals. Mo Connolly was absent because of a broken leg sustained in a fall from a horse.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1954

*The U.S. had 6% of the world's population, 60% of its automobiles, 57% of its telephones, 45% of its radios. 60% of men smoked and 30% of women, 64% drank beer, wine or liquor. Roger Bannister broke the four minute mile. Jack Paar was the "Tonight" TV host. Lassie and Blondie and Dagwood starred in popular programs. Dior dropped the waistline to hip level.*



*Kenneth Rosewall, Runner-up Eastern Grass Court Championships—1954.*

## OLTC 1955

Over 100 players struggled through a week of tennis in which the temperature never got below 90 degrees and was over 100 on the courts some of the time. Twenty-one year old Sammy Giammalva stunned everyone by winning the men's singles though unseeded. The draw included such players as Vic Seixas, Ham Richardson, Eddie Moylan, Gil Shea, Herbie Flam and Straight Clark. Australian Mal Anderson appeared for the first time, as did Alex Olmedo of Peru. Alex was overcome by the heat in his first match and forced to

withdraw. Number one seed Tony Trabert defaulted because of a right shoulder injury.

On his way to his finals victory over Gil Shea, Giammalva had wins over Bob Falkenberg, now of Brazil, Vic Seixas, the number two seed, and Kurt Neilson, the Danish star.

Althea Gibson, now New Jersey's top player, defeated Lois Felix to reach the semi-finals but then lost to Barbara Breit. Barbara Davidson defeated Darlene Hard in the other semi-final and then went on to win the final over Breit.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1955

*Introduced were McDonalds' golden arches, Ford T-Birds, roll-on deodorants and filter cigarettes. Salk vaccine proved effective. Movies: "Seven Year Itch" and "To Catch a Thief". Broadway: "No Time For Sergeants", "Damn Yankees" and "Silk Stockings". Television: "Gunsmoke", "Mickey Mouse Club", "The Honeymooners" and the "\$64,000 Question".*

## OLTC 1956

Hamilton Richardson of nearby Westfield defeated four top Australian players—Roy Emerson, Ken Rosewall, Neale Fraser and Ashley Cooper—to win the 1956 Easterns Championship and became decisively the number one player of the United States.

In addition to the four Australians beaten by Richardson, the men's draw had Vic Seixas, seeded first, Eddie Moylan, Gil Shea, Herbie Flam and Sammy Giammalva. Sammy, after his sensational win here last year, became very inconsistent in his play and lost to Fraser in an early round. Roy Emer-

son, nearing the top rank of all players, gave Richardson his toughest match, losing 3-6, 6-1, 8-6. Ham won over Neale Fraser in the finals.

In the women's draw, Althea Gibson won her eighteenth tournament out of the last twenty-one she had entered by defeating Louise Brough in the finals 6-1, 6-3. Her dominance of the ladies' field was very clear.

\* \* \* \*

In 1956 platform tennis play, OLTC members Eddie Yeaw and Ed Gordon upset the top-seeded team at the Short Hills Invita-

tional Tournament to win 2-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1956

*Grace Kelly became her Serene Highness as wife of Prince Raimier III in Monaco. Most popular songs were "Around The World In Eighty Days", "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Hound Dog". Propeller beanie fad. The theatre gave us "My Fair Lady". TV gave us Steve Allen's Variety Show and "Leave It To Beaver".*

## OLTC 1957

Dick Savitt, who called himself "now only a weekend player," returned to the Easterns for the first time since 1951 to beat such stars as Mal Anderson, Ham Richardson and, in the finals, Vic Seixas, to win the men's crown. His service was superb throughout the tourna-

ment and Cliff Sproule, the Australian Coach, said "Savitt still has the best ground strokes in tennis."

The formidable roster of men, in order of seeding, was Richardson, Flam, Seixas, Savitt, Giammalva, Shea, Whitney Reed and

Mike Green. Barry McKay, National Inter-collegiate Champ in 1957, and Ron Holmberg also played. The foreign seeds were Ashley Cooper, Mal Anderson and Roy Emerson. Gone to the professional ranks were Lew Hoard and Ken Rosewall.

For the first time in twelve years, there were no semi-finalists from Australia. All four were Americans. Seixas, now 34, beat Cooper, Savitt beat Anderson, Richardson beat Emerson and Shea beat Flam.

The newly relaxed Savitt, now 36-years-old, defeated Richardson in one semi-final in five sets and Seixas beat Shea in the other. In the final, Savitt clearly tired in the third set, then coasted and came back to win in four.

With the women's draw weakened by the absence of the Wightman Cup American and British squads, the top seed was Karol Fageros, dubbed the "Golden Goddess" by the press and fresh from Wimbledon where she reached the round of sixteen and drew "mixed applause and frowns at staid Wimbledon" because of her daring dress. She lost in the third round here. Karen Hantze, 14-year-old, made her first appearance at South Orange and lost to the eventual winner Mary Ann Mitchell. Miss Mitchell beat Jeanne Arth in the finals.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1957

*The Edsel automobile was introduced. NYC retired its last trolley car. The hit dance was the Calypso. People were singing "Tammy", "Seventy-Six Trombones", "Jailhouse Rock", and "Love Letters in the Sand". The Russians launched Sputnik I. New TV shows were "Maverick", "Have Gun Will Travel", and "Perry Mason". New on Broadway were "West Side Story" and "The Music Man". In fashion, the "sack" came upon the scene.*

## OLTC 1958



Althea Gibson—Champion, Women's Singles and Women's Doubles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1956-1958.

Australian Mal Anderson, United States Singles Champion, won the Easterns crown in 1958 with victories over Ron Holmberg, Neale Fraser and, in the finals, Hamilton Richardson.

In the quarter-finals, Alex Olmedo, the Peruvian turned American, beat Barry McKay, Richardson stopped John Cranston, the young Californian with the big southpaw serve, Neale Fraser was too much for Savitt and Mal Anderson put out Ron Holmberg.

In the semis, it took Richardson 56 games to oust Olmedo 12-10, 13-11, 6-4; and Anderson beat Fraser. Then it took Anderson two hours and 53 minutes—71 games—to wear down Richardson 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 13-15, 6-4.

Both the men's and ladies' draws in 1958 had an unusual number of new names soon to be famous in the tennis world. Among the male entries for the first time were Rod Laver, Chuck McKinley and Earl Buchholz. Among the women entries for the first time were Chris Truman and Ann Haydon from Great Britain.

Althea Gibson returned to repeat her 1956 victory over a group of ladies including Dorothy Knode, Mimi Arnold, Karol Fageros, Mary Ann Mitchell, Sally Moore and the newcomer Britons Truman and Haydon. Sally Moore, 18-years-old, beat Knode to reach the finals where Gibson dispatched her in straight sets 9-7, 6-2.

\* \* \* \*

On September 10th a fire broke out in the upper floors of the Clubhouse which took two hours to subdue. Extensive structural and water damage resulted.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1958

*Everyone was saving trading stamps from the supermarket. The newest dance craze was the Cha-Cha. First class postage was 4¢. The "Chipmunk Song" and "Tom Dooley" were popular tunes. Theatregoers on Broadway saw "La Plume de Ma Tante", "Flower Drum Song" and "Two For the Seesaw". TV gave us "77 Sunset Strip".*

## OLTC 1959

Alex "The Chief" Olmedo defeated unseeded Mike Green in the finals to win the 1959 men's championship 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2. Green had upset second-seeded Tut Bartzen and the young acrobatic Chuck McKinley. Chuck had reached the quarter finals by beating Dick Savitt in a memorable match featured by his diving "stop" volleys.

New youngsters appearing in the Easterns for the first time were Frank Froehling, Arthur Ashe, Marty Reissen and Dennis Ralston, the National Junior Champion.

With the retirement of Althea Gibson, the main interest in the women's draw shifted to the cast of foreigners. Maria Bueno, the Wimbledon Champ, was on hand, plus two new faces from South Africa, Sandra Reynolds and Renee Schuurman. After winning her first match over 15-year-old high-school sophomore Billy Jean Moffitt, Maria Bueno became ill and defaulted.

Miss Moffitt, in her first interview with the press at South Orange, announced that "I'm going to be the world's best." Her future rival for many years, Nancy Richey, also appeared for the first time.

Miss Reynolds' strong forehand was too much for the first-seeded American, Sally Moore, in a semi-final. Miss Schuurman won her semi over Belmar Gunderson and went on to defeat her country-woman Sandra Reynolds.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1959

*Introduced were food stamps and American compact cars. 30 million Hula Hoops hit the market. New Songs were "Mack the Knife", "High Hopes", "Everything's Coming Up Roses", and "Climb Every Mountain". New TV shows were "The Untouchables" and "Bonanza". Broadway featured "A Raisin In The Sun", "The Miracle Worker", and "The Sound Of Music". Radio was far from dead with 156 million sets in use.*

## OLTC 1960

Rocket Rod Laver of Australia, seeded number one, made his ranking stand up and won his third consecutive 1960 tournament when he defeated unseeded Donald Dell 6-1, 10-8, 6-4. Dell had had good wins over Chris Crawford, Bob Mark of Australia and Ham Richardson on his unexpected march to the finals. In earlier rounds, Laver beat the unorthodox but formidable Whitney Reed, and Billy Lenoir, a newcomer from Arizona, had a battle defeating another newcomer, Gene Scott from Long Island 11-9, 8-6.

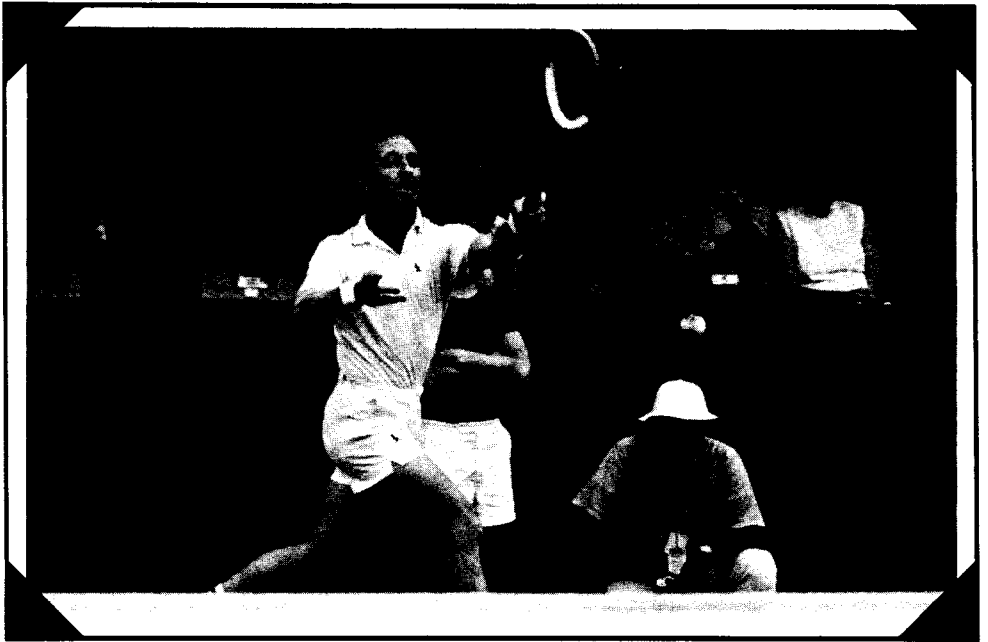
Youngsters took over from the more experienced women in their matches. Nancy Richey upset first-seeded Darlene Hard. Carole Caldwell surprised Janet Hopps and Karen Hantze, now 17-years-old, got revenge for her Wimbledon loss to Ann Haydon. Karen then went on to beat Billy Jean Moffitt

in a semi-final and Nancy Richey decisively in the final. Karen continued to be the bane of grass court groundskeepers by dragging her right foot when she served.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1960

*U-2 reconnaissance plane shot down over Soviet territory. Khrushchev banged his shoe on a table at the United Nations. Popular tunes were "Never On Sunday", "The Twist" and "The Second Time Around". Fashion: women's hair doubled in size with bouffant hairdos. On TV, the Nixon-Kennedy debates, Perry Como and The Andy Griffith Show were crowd-pleasers. Broadway introduced "A Taste Of Honey", "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Camelot".*

*Rod Laver—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1960-1970.*



## OLTC 1961

The aggressive play of Chuck McKinley was too much for lanky Frank Froehling in the finals of the 1961 men's championships. Chuck won easily in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 but it took him three deuce sets to win his semi-final match with the hard-serving Englishman Mike Sangster. Chuck had also cut down Ron Holmberg in his quarter-final.

Local interest was whetted by the presence in the draw of four OLTC members—Bronson Van Wyck, Bill Scarlett, Clyde Buck and Bill Tym.

The ladies' draw was graced by the entry of Edda Buding of Germany who won over Billie Jean Moffitt when Billie Jean was forced to default in the third set with leg cramps. In the finals, Karen Hantze won for the second

consecutive year by defeating the German girl 6-2, 6-4.

Rain delay forced the men's doubles finalists to play their semi-finals on the same day. Bill Bond and Donald Dell had to play 105 games that day to defeat Crawford Henry and Gene Scott, who played a total of 114 games. The finals score was 6-3, 6-4, 9-11, 7-5.

\*\*\*\*

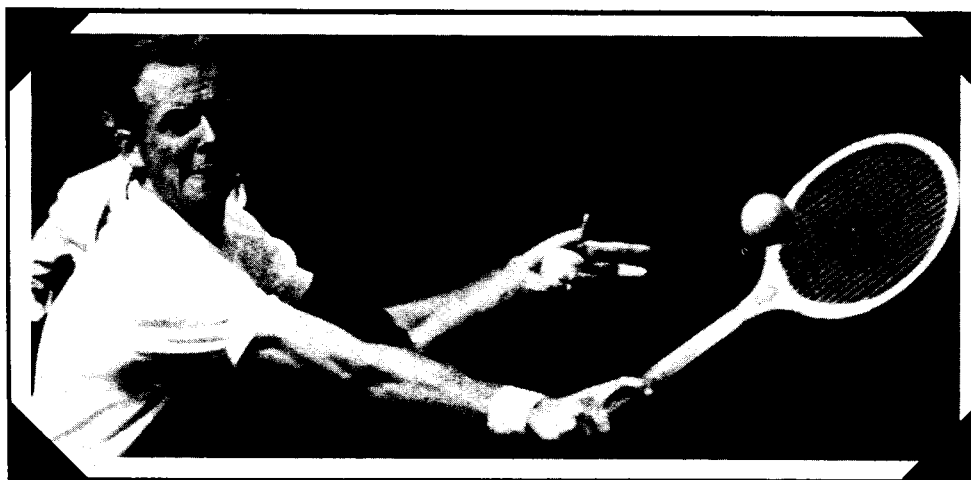
Under the supervision of member engineer Ruel Dally, 24 member platform tennis players were recruited with their hammers and saws to completely resurface number #4 court in one day! Members' wives brought sandwiches at lunch time. With the inducement of a donated keg of beer and the strict

surveillance of President Gus Wiedenmayer, the job was completed before dark.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1961

*Founded were the Green Berets, the Peace Corps. This was the year of the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Alan B. Shepard was aboard our first manned missile. President Kennedy created a mood of action and "vigguh". Radio soap opera, "The Romance of Helen Trent", ended after 7,222 episodes. New Broadway shows were "A Man For All Seasons", "The Night of The Iguana", "Carnival". TV introduced "Ben Casey", "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "Sing Along With Mitch".*

## OLTC 1962



*Fred Stolle—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1962, '65.*

Fred Stolle, an Australian bank clerk on his first American tour with his bride, was the winner of the 1962 men's Championship over Donald Dell in the finals 8-6, 14-16, 6-3, 6-4. Whitney Reed, U.S. number #1 in 1960 and seeded first here, was put out in an early round. Dell beat second-seeded Mike Sangster and then won over Frank Froehling in a marathon five-setter 3-6, 4-6, 9-7, 16-14, 6-3.

New faces in the men's draw were Cliff Drysdale and Charles Pasarell, National Junior Champ. Arthur Ashe lost to Reed 7-5, 7-5.

The great Margaret Smith made her South Orange debut an all-winning one, defeating Karen Hantze (now Susman) in the finals. Margaret had lost only two matches in the

previous ten months. She was champion of Australia, Italy, France, Switzerland and had just won at Merion. Karen had won over Carole Caldwell in her semi-final and Miss Smith had beaten Billie Jean Moffitt.

In a 1978 magazine article, Jack Stahr, dean of umpires, described his most embarrassing moment in tennis as having taken place in this 1962 Easterns Tournament. He discovered that the reason that Fred Stolle started out one of his matches by serving three consecutive double faults was that Jack had forgotten to check the net height. It was an inch and a quarter too high. Stahr, who knows all the answers to tennis problems, was stumped on this one but Stolle pulled him out of the hole by "calmly striding back to the baseline, serving himself back to deuce and pulling out the game."

\* \* \* \*

The OLTC membership was well represented in the Eastern Lawn Tennis Official rankings for 1962.:

Bill Scarlett (New Jersey State Champ) was ranked 7th.

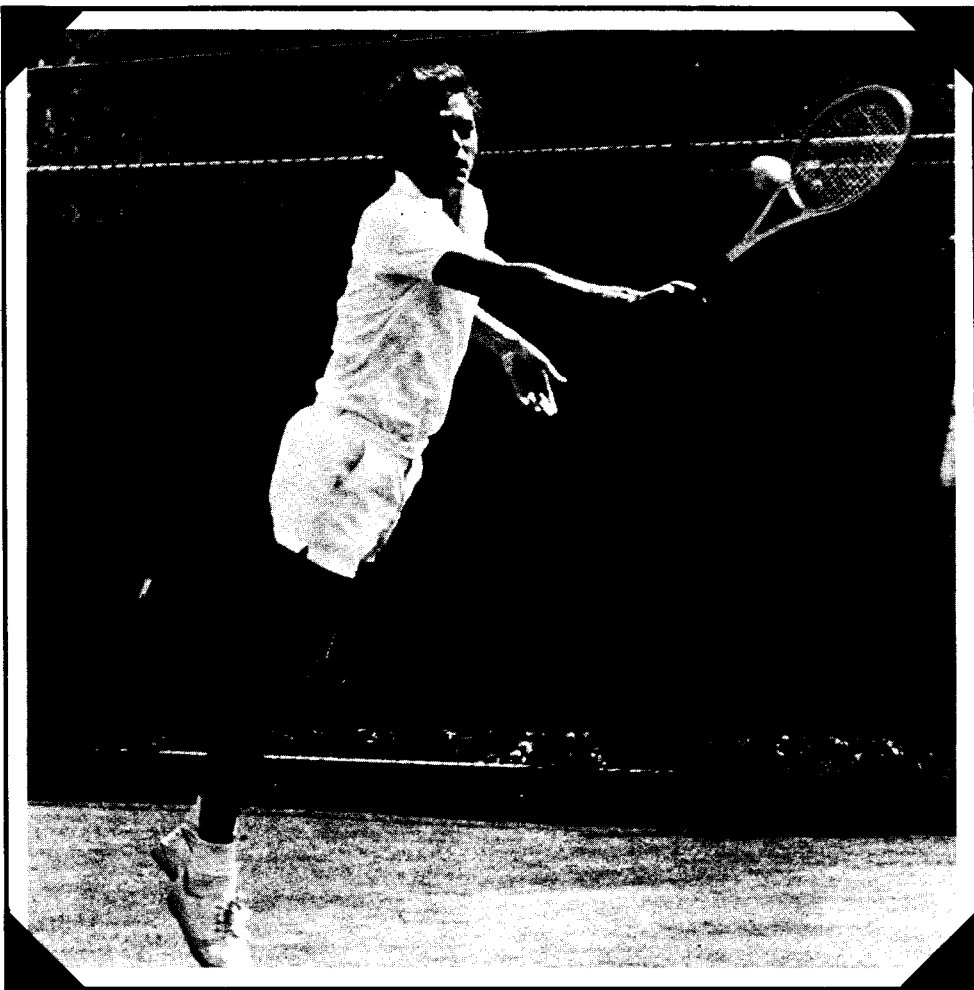
Clyde Buck was ranked 16th.

Bronson Van Wyck was ranked 5th in Boys 18 singles and 1st in doubles.

Les Buck was ranked 4th in Boys 16 singles and 1st in doubles.

Larry Krieger was ranked 6th in Junior Veteran listing.

Bill Duke was ranked 14th in the Seniors singles.



E. H. Scott, Singles Champion—1963.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1962

*The year of the Cuban Missile Crisis. John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. The Beatles burst on the scene. Fastest selling record was Vaughan Meador's "The First Family". Johnny Carson started on the "Tonight Show". New hits on TV were "The Virginian" and "The Beverly Hillbillies". Jacqueline Kennedy took us on a tour of the White House.*

## OLTC 1963

Gene Scott, University of Virginia law student and nationally ranked #8, was the winner of the 1963 men's championship singles, defeating Marty Riessen in straight sets. But Gene's toughest match was a win over Arthur Ashe, U.C.L.A. student and member of the Junior Davis Cup Squad. This quarter final match was won by Gene 6-3, 3-6, 8-6.

The dominant woman player was Margaret Smith, who again won the ladies'

crown. At the top of her game, the finest in the world, she swept through Darlene Hard in 24 minutes in the final 6-1, 6-1. Nancy Richey put up a valiant battle in her first set with Miss Smith but lost 9-7, 6-2.

The week-long tournament, under the direction of the late Don Hobart, ran off like clockwork with the help of the entire OLTC membership. One player characterized it as "the smoothest run on the circuit." Arnold Tribble and his grounds crew also came in for high praise.

\* \* \* \*

Orange Lawn won the annual Mountain Lakes Invitation Tennis Tournament over seven other teams for the second consecutive year. Captain Bill Scarlett won the singles and the OLTC doubles team of Amby Hardwick and Stu Richter reached the finals.

\* \* \* \*

OLTC won the championship of the New Jersey Tennis League for the first time since 1927. The team won 44 matches and lost 11. Bill Scarlett played number one singles. Les Buck didn't lose a match. Stu Richter and Bronson Van Wyck were an outstanding doubles combination. Bruce Newman and Doc Rigeron were a tough second doubles team.

Other players for OLTC were Clyde Buck, Larry Krieger, Bill Duke, Dean Boorman and Len Joy.

\* \* \* \*

Because of the growing interest in platform tennis, a second of the Club's four courts was lighted for night play in 1963 and a warming hut to be known as the Dally Hut was constructed under the direction of Ruel Dally, boss foreman and member of the Board of Governors.

\* \* \* \*

The new sport of lawn bowling was introduced to the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in the spring of 1963 under the chairmanship of Warren Cruikshank. Special tiled drainage was installed in time for its first season.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1963

*President Kennedy shot in Dallas and his accused assassin killed as millions watched on TV. Jack Nicklaus became the youngest person ever to win the Masters Tournament. Introduced were zip codes, cassette recorders, and measles vaccine. Great revival of interest in folk music.*

## JAMES BLOUNT DICKEY

Orange Lawn Tennis Club lost one of its most illustrious and dedicated members on October 12, 1964.

Jim Dickey, a member since 1923, was an active tennis player and member of many OLTC committees. He served as Treasurer for eight years and as President for seven years from 1946 through 1952.

Jim was Chairman of the Eastern Grass Court Championships even before they came to OLTC in 1946. Under his direction, the Tournament achieved the distinction of being one of the finest and best managed in the world. After serving as President of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association for seven years, he became the second vice president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association for two years and first vice president for two more years.

In 1954 he received the J.P. Allen Award from the Tennis Writers Association of America as the man who had most distinguished himself in the world of tennis that year.

Jim became the 26th President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association in February of 1964 and had been nominated for a second term.

James Dickey was also a member of the International Lawn Tennis Federation and a member of the Lawn Tennis Clubs of Great Britain and Sweden. He represented the United States at meetings of the International Lawn Tennis Association around the world with distinction.

A bronze tablet in honor of James Blount Dickey is mounted on a wall of the Redmond Room in the Clubhouse.



*Margaret Smith-Court-Champion, Women's Singles Eastern Grass Court Championships—1962, '63. Shown with James Dickey, 1st V.P. U.S. Lawn Tennis Assoc.*

## OLTC 1964

Arthur Ashe, loser to Gene Scott in 1963, reversed the result in the semi-finals this year, and then went on to defeat unseeded Clark Graebner in the finals. Ashe, now an U.C.L.A. senior, had won over the number one seed Dennis Ralston in the quarter finals with a much improved service. It was a triumphant week for Arthur.

In earlier rounds, Graebner had his hands full with 17-year-old Cliff Richey, in his first year here, 6-0, 6-8, 8-6. George Richey, Cliff's father and coach, was on hand to support not only Cliff but sister Nancy. Graebner also had

a tough win over second-seeded Frank Froehling in the semis 19-17, 7-5, 11-9.

Gene Scott beat Mike Sangster on the 14th match point of the third set! The hard-serving Sangster had six aces in one game but was erratic.

The ladies' play was featured by the longest women's doubles tournament match ever played! Anywhere! Since tie-breakers now preclude long deuce sets, this record will probably stand for all time! Nancy Richey of San Angelo, Tex. and Carole Caldwell Graebner (married only three weeks to Clark Graebner) of New York defeated Justina Bricka and Carol Hanks, both of St. Louis, 31-33, 6-1, 6-4 in a semi-final match.

Billie Jean Moffit took the women's singles crown by winning for the first time in her

career over Nancy Richey in a three-setter. Poker-faced Nancy came close but Billie Jean's aggressive net play was decisive.

Karen Susman, two time winner here who took 1963 off for motherhood, lost to Richey in a semi-final. Billie Jean had beaten Carole Caldwell Graebner in the other semi-final.

\* \* \* \*

Forty-three pairs entered the annual New Jersey State Platform Tennis Championships held on Washington's Birthday weekend in 1964. OLTC members or former members were prominent: Eddie Yeaw and George Schmid Jr. won the finals and defeated Amby Hardwick and Bill Scarlett in a semi-final. Stu Richter and Gerry Manhold gave the winners a hard battle in an earlier round, los-

ing in three sets after holding a 5-3 lead in the third.

In its first year of operation the New Jersey Platform Tennis League saw OLTC take second place. In addition to Scarlett and Hardwick, team members were Hans Gruenberg, John Murray, Max Soto, Bruce Newman, Jim Moore and Jack Brandeis.

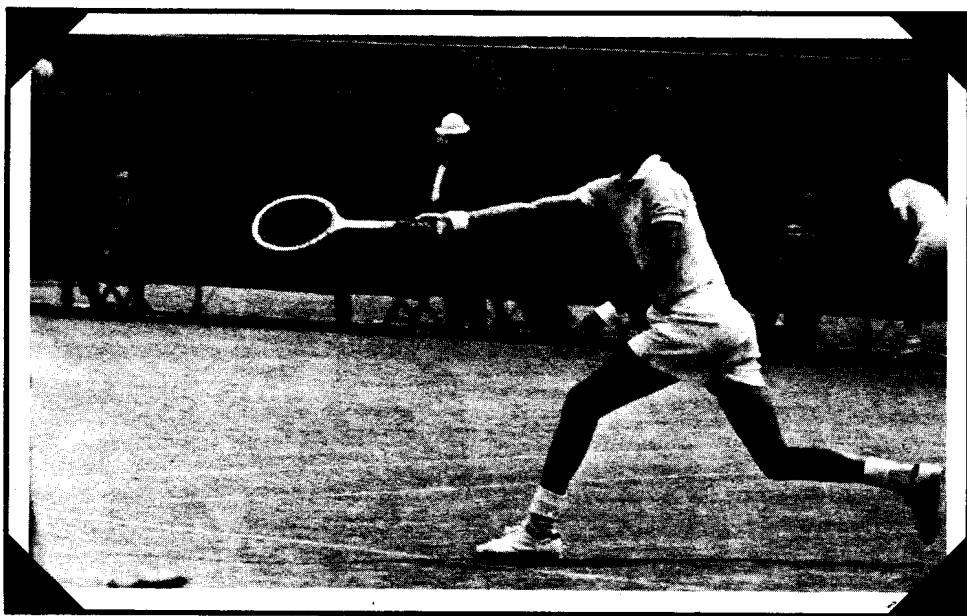
\*\*\*\*\*

High-ranking tennis officials from the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association, gathered to conduct the draw for the Eastern Grass Court Championships, ordered so many steaks that the flue in the kitchen caught fire, routing all diners. There was extensive smoke

damage in the kitchen and the bar above but service was restored in three days.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1964

*New this year were in-flight movies, touch-tone telephone dialing, go-go dancers and the Frug, the Watusi, the Surf and the Monkey. The Beatles' dandified clothes and long haircuts had a revolutionary influence on men's fashions. New songs were "Hello Dolly", "I Want To Hold Your Hand" and "What Kind Of Fool Am I". Cassius Clay, soon to be Muhammad Ali, took the heavyweight crown from Sonny Liston.*



Arthur Ashe—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1964.



John Newcombe, Championships—1965.

## OLTC 1965

Fred Stolle and Roy Emerson, fellow Aussies and members of the Australian Davis Cup team, were the finalists in the men's singles in the 1965 Eastern Grass Court Championships; and Fred was the winner 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. It had taken Emerson 11 match points to down New Zealander Lew Gerrard and Stolle had a five-setter to reach the finals over Tom Edlefson, but their paths to the finals were otherwise quite smooth.

Charlie Pasarell, fresh from a victory at Merion over both Emerson and Stolle, was cut down by South African Ray Moore in an early round. New faces in 1965 included Stan Smith, Mark Cox, Butch Seewagen and, among the ladies, 17-year-old Rosemary Casals. OLTC member entries were Bill Scarlett, Clyde Buck and Mary Gulbenkian.

The doubles team of Jim Osborne and Jerry Cromwell from California did everything the hard way. It took them 91 games to beat Buchholz and Newman 33-35, 5-3, 8-6. Then they beat Seewagen and Frank Tutvin

22-24, 6-4, 8-6, all in the same day. In the doubles semi-finals the next day, they lost to Emerson and Stolle 16-14, 11-9. In four rounds they played 230 games!

Among the ladies Billie Jean Moffitt repeated her last year's victory by beating Janie Albert. Billie Jean played with a badly stubbed toe but was spectacular in a fine match.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1965

*The Attorney General warned us that smoking could be dangerous to our healths, "Op Art" came on the scene and New York City had its "big blackout." Casey Stengel retired and Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game. New on TV were "Flipper", "Dr. Kildare" and "Get Smart". Broadway gave us "The Subject Was Roses", "The Odd Couple", "Man of La Mancha" and the movies were showing "Ship of Fools" and "Cat Ballou".*



Roy Emerson—Runner-up, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1965.



## OLTC 1966

Australian left-hander Tony Roche made his first appearance in the Easterns a winning one by defeating Clark Graebner 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Clark beat third-seeded Charles Pasarell and first-seeded Cliff Richey on his way to the finals. He had also been the champion at Merion the previous week but his power serve seemed to have deserted him against Roche and he lost in straight sets.

Another new face from Australia, the crowd-pleaser Owen Davidson, fourth-seeded, reached the semis by defeating the 18-year-old Egyptian El Shafei, before losing to Roche. Bob Lutz, 18-year-old Junior Champ, in his first appearance here, won over sixth-seeded Marty Riessen but lost to Cliff Richey.

Tournament Chairman Don Hobart and Referee Ernie Oberlander announced that the men's draw of 64 had been whittled down from 160 applicants and that the women's draw had been expanded to 64 for the first time in the tournament's long history.

The first four seeded women were all gone before the semi-finals. Top-seeded Bill Jean King was stunned by unseeded Rosemary Casals. Virginia Wade and Winnie Shaw, British stars here for the first time, lost to Carol Aucamp and Karen Krantzcke respectively. In the semis, Casals beat Krantzcke and Donna Floyd Fales, seeded eighth, downed Aucamp. Then Donna rallied to upset Rosemary Casals in the finals after losing the first set.

\*\*\*\*

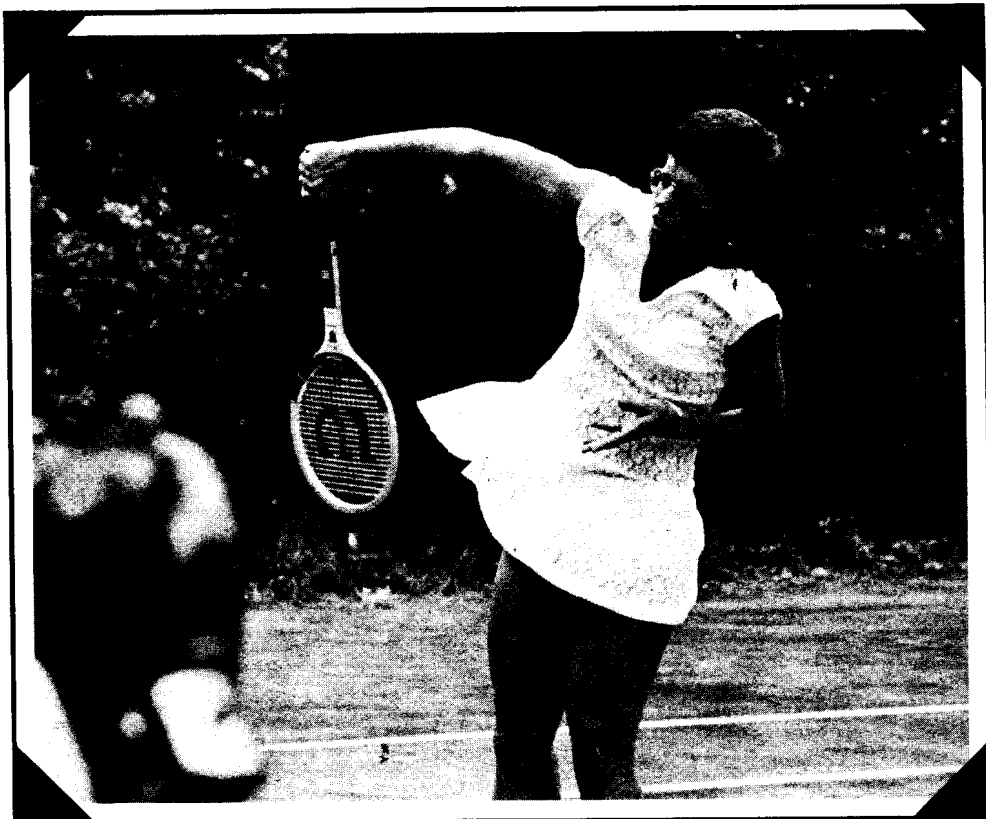
*The Newark News* used the punning headline "Thieves take net profit" to describe the midnight robbery of about \$4,000 from the Clubhouse on Friday night of the Tournament. The burglars put the 330 pound safe on wheels and loaded it on to a waiting truck. Eight upstairs sleepers heard nothing. Thieves with similar ideas today should know that a lesson was learned and that receipts are no longer kept overnight in the Clubhouse.

\*\*\*\*

OLTC won the championship of the New Jersey Platform Tennis League, going undefeated in play with Short Hills, Englewood, Indian Trail, Fells Brook, Montclair, Beacon Hill and Morris County. Team members were Bill Scarlett, Amby Hardwick, Stu Richter, Gerry Manhold, Bruce Newman, George Ball, John Murray and Hans Gruenberg.

\*\*\*\*

Before 1965 it was illegal for licensed purveyors to serve liquor in South Orange on Sunday and it was the custom of many members to stash a bottle in their lockers as a result. This Sunday Blue Law was repealed in 1966 by South Orange voters but it took long



Billie Jean King—Champion, Women's Singles—1964, 1965 and 1967; Women's Doubles with K. Susman—1964; with R. Casals—1966 and 1967.

hours of door-to-door solicitation by OLTC members under the leadership of Chuck Scranton to get enough signatures to put a petition on the ballot. OLTC members should be grateful to those solicitors for all time.

\*\*\*\*

John Strahan and C.S.A. Williams were honored at the Club and presented with scrolls commemorating their 50 years of membership since 1916. During the affair, the late Mr. Strahan returned to the Club a silver trophy put into competition in 1918, which he retired permanently in 1929. John was a Club champion in ten different years. He also won the Spring Lake Singles Tournament three times and was President of the New Jersey Tennis League in the 1930's. The late C.S.A.

Williams made outstanding contributions to the administration of the Club. He was the father of former Club president Eph Williams.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE—1966

*Medicare was introduced and ladies and girls adopted the mini-skirt. The Gemini 12 mission sent U.S. astronaut "Buzz" Aldrin on a two-hour space walk. Soviet spacecraft landing on moon followed by U.S. Surveyor I barely two months later. Broadway hits were "Mame" and "Cabaret". Muhammed Ali won all five of his title defenses.*

## OLTC 1967

Marty Riessen was the men's champion in 1967, with straight set wins in the semifinals over Australian Owen Davidson and in the finals over Clark Graebner 18-16, 6-2, 6-1. Graebner, losing finalist for the third year here, had to struggle all the way. In the third round, unseeded Gene Scott, now a lawyer and part time player, took Clark to three sets, and in a two and one half hour slugging match Charlie Pasarell took him to 50 games before losing 13-11, 14-12.

Torben Ulrich, 38-year-old, the crowd-pleasing, bearded and braceleted veteran, reached the quarter-finals where Riessen beat him. In the first round Torben had defeated OLTC champ Bill Scarlett. Other OLTC members competing were Gene Speni Jr. and Les Buck. Former member Bill Tym won two matches.

Billie Jean King took the women's crown for the third time in four years with victories over Carole Caldwell Graebner, Mary Ann