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A natural athlete, playing many sports, it wasn't until Rosie picked up a tennis racquet her sophomore year in high school that she knew tennis was the game for her. She credits tennis for teaching her how to compete, be self-confident, understand hard work and open doors to meet people around the world.

Upon graduation and after winning the Oahu Interscholastic her senior year, Rosie dedicated the next two years to developing her tennis skills. Jim Schwitters, the tennis coach at the University of Hawaii, saw Rosie play and offered her a full athletic scholarship. According to Rosie, her time spent at the University of Hawaii was "One of the happiest times of my life." There she met Rose Thomas Jones who became her doubles partner, and the two of them co-captained the University of Hawaii women's tennis team for four years. During their college years, Rosie and Rose had a record of 138 wins and 14 losses with an impressive 50 match win streak. The two of them were unbeatable from 1978 to 1987. Rosie won the singles title at the 1983 Sugar Bowl and she and Rose teamed up to win the Sugar Bowl women's doubles title. From 1991 to 1994 Rosie was recognized as the USPTA Hawaii Female Player of the Year.

In 1995, Rosie moved to Northern California to continue her career as a player and became its No. 1 Women's Open doubles player. To date, she has won 11 USTA gold balls, seven silver balls, six bronze balls, and in 2013, along with her long-time partner Rose Thomas Jones, became one of the first and only tennis players to be inducted into the University of Hawaii Sports Circle of Honor.

To continue her involvement with the sport of tennis and following her move to Northern California, Rosie became the Tennis Director at the Harbor Bay Tennis Club in Alameda, CA. Within four years of her tenure, the club won the USTA Northern California 1999 Sectional Organization of the Year award, as well as the prestigious USTA National Organization of the Year Award.

In 2003, Rosie became the Director of Tennis at the Claremont Resort and Spa in Berkeley, CA, where she still currently works. Under her management, the club has won numerous awards including the USTA NorCal Organization of the Year and her tennis programs have been featured on the Tennis Channel. In 2010, Rosie became the first and is still the only, female USPTA Master Professional in Northern California.

Dedicated to helping players grow their skills, Rosie started a tennis academy in partnership with Wayne Ferreira, a well-known ATP tour player in 2012. She has coached

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USTA leagues, junior and traveling teams, as well as many nationally ranked juniors. She coached ATP player Mackenzie McDonald from the time he was a very young junior, through a successful college career and successful start on the ATP tour. Rosie has also coached at all four Junior Grand Slams and has been recognized as the USPTA NorCal Pro of the Year more than once.

In addition to her commitment to tennis on the court, Rosie has also volunteered her time on the USTA NCTA Board of Directors, the USTA Sectional Committees and the USPTA National Committees.

PAUL GOLDSTEIN



A natural athlete from a young age, sports have always played an important part in Paul's life. The youngest of three boys, Paul participated in multiple sports to keep up with his older brothers. After a shared tennis lesson with a friend when he was 10 years old, Paul decided tennis was the sport he wished to pursue.

Paul excelled at tennis as a teenager, as shown by his playing record at the USTA National Championships for boys' 16s and 18s played each summer in Kalamazoo, MI. Paul won the boys' 16s singles in 1992, won the boys' 18s singles in 1993 and the boys' 18s singles and doubles in 1994. He held the No. 1 USTA ranking for boys' 16s in 1992 and boys' 18s in 1994. To top off his great success, he also received the USTA Sportsmanship Award.

Paul attended Stanford University, and along with his teammates, from 1995 to 1998, led the team to four consecutive NCAA team championships. On an individual level, Paul was named an All-American for the four years he attended Stanford, was the winner of the Rafael Osuna Sportsmanship Award in 1997, was the first two-time winner of the Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship and Leadership Award in 1997 and 1998 and was recognized as the Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1998. Paul also captained the undefeated 1998 Stanford NCAA Championship team that gave up only three points the entire season. Paul was inducted into the Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame in 2013.

Following graduation, Paul had a very successful run on the men's Pro Circuit for approximately 10 years. He reached a career-high ATP singles ranking of No. 58, a doubles ranking of No. 40 and won multiple "gold balls." Paul had main draw singles wins in each of the four Grand Slams; he reached the third round of the Australian Open in 1999, the third round of Wimbledon in 1999 and 2000 and was a doubles semi-finalist with his former teammate, Jim Thomas, at the US Open in 2005. Paul competed against the best and had wins over Novak Djokovic, Patrick Rafter, Greg Rusedski, James Blake, Mardy Fish, Thomas Enqvist and Alex Corretja. Paul was also elected by his peers to serve on the ATP Council. Paul retired from competitive tennis in 2007, joined the corporate world for approximately seven years, and when Stanford University offered him the opportunity to coach the men's tennis team, the offer was too good to pass up. His time as a student at Stanford and a member of its tennis team left a lasting impression of the rewarding experience of being part of a team, working toward a common goal and making lifelong friends both on and off the court. He could share his personal experience as a student and athlete with future generations of Stanford tennis athletes. He is now in the middle of his eighth tennis season as Stanford's tennis coach and all is going well.

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Known for being an aggressive baseline player, Melissa Gurney Van Ness, an outstanding junior player went on to have a very successful career as a professional player during an exciting time in women's tennis.

Encouraged by her father, Melissa started playing tennis when she was four years old. After a family move to Southern California when Melissa was eight, she began taking formal tennis lessons at the Jack Kramer Club in Rolling Hills Estates and realized how much she loved the sport. Her competitive career had begun and she took the junior circuit by storm.

In 1982, when Melissa was 13 years old, she won the USTA National Hardcourt girls' 14s Singles title, in 1983 she won the USTA National Hardcourt girls' 16s title followed by winning the girls' 18s USTA National Hardcourt title in 1984. In addition, she also won the USTA National girls' 18s in 1984. Her national rankings at this time were either No. 1 or No. 2. For her many wins at the national level, Melissa has received many "gold balls."

1984 proved to be a pivotal year for Melissa. While balancing her high school studies with her budding tennis career, she was named Sports Illustrated Junior Player of the Year, won the Easter Bowl and began earning wildcards into major tournaments. She reached the second round of a Virginia Slims tournament to face one of tennis' greats, Chris Evert. Despite losing a close match, her performance proved Melissa was ready to compete at the next level.

Melissa turned pro at 16 and went on to compete in several grand slam events. She reached the third round of Wimbledon in 1986, the third round of the U.S. Open in 1984 and 1986 and the third round of the French Open in 1988. Melissa won two titles back-to-back in 1986, the California Open, which she remembers fondly, as this was her first tournament win as a pro, and the Virginia Slims of San Diego. She also reached the finals of the Virginia Slims of Indianapolis that same year. In addition, she played main draw doubles at the French Open and Wimbledon.

Melissa reached a career-high, worldwide ranking of No. 17. A few of her notable wins included Stephanie Rehe, Anne White, Robin White, Andrea Jaeger, Diane Balestrat and Mary Jo Fernandez.

In 1995, Melissa retired from the pro circuit and transitioned into coaching. She worked as an assistant teaching pro at Seascope Sports Club in Aptos, CA, before becoming a

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volunteer assistant coach at the University of California, Berkeley in 1998. During this time, Melissa also earned her degree and graduated from Cal in 2000. Melissa credits her time at Cal for giving her the knowledge and know-how to become a good teaching pro, particularly in regards to her doubles strategy. She became the teaching pro at Imperial Courts - Aptos, CA in 2000, and to this day, continues to share her experience as a successful tennis athlete encouraged by her dad and trained by former coach, Robert Lansdorp, with her students.

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Bill Shine picked up his first tennis racquet when he was five years old. A few years later, he became involved with a summer recreation league and worked with Dick Gould, his very first coach who was then the tennis pro at Fremont Hills. To this day, Bill still attributes his success to Dick's mentorship and guidance and considers him one of the most influential people in his tennis career.

Success came early and Bill won his first trophy at age seven in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. His biggest thrill was being presented with his trophy by Jack Kramer!

With the support of his parents and coaches, Bill continued to play competitive tennis throughout Northern California and earned a top 10 junior ranking every year from 1962 to 1973. He was a four-time MVP at Los Altos High, a two-time CCS singles finalist and a member of the CCS champion 1971 doubles team. Following high school graduation, Bill attended the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA, and was named all-conference first-team in 1975-1976.

It was only after graduating from college that Bill realized his true calling in tennis. Wanting to compete on the pro circuit, he began teaching local kids to earn money to help with the expenses of playing professionally. When the kids returned from their matches sharing how he had helped improve their games, Bill realized that coaching could keep him in the sport he loved.

In 1980, Bill officially began his tennis coaching career teaching at Los Altos High School and coaching the boys' tennis team to a 19-3 record. The following year, Bill was asked to join Pinewood High School and build their tennis program. During his 14-year tenure at Pinewood High, working with both the girls' and boys' tennis teams, Pinewood High School and Bill never had a losing season while winning numerous league titles.

In 1996, Bill joined Menlo School as the coach for the girls' and boys' tennis teams. He continues there today. Under his direction, his teams have never lost a league match and have won a combined 25 Central Section titles. He is the most successful coach in San Mateo County history with over 1,000 wins!

As a coach, Bill has used techniques from the great coaches and mentors he grew up with, Dick Gould and Tom Chivington, and added a spin of his own. Bill's advice to his kids is "Respect everyone. Fear no one. Be the best you can today. Give it your best shot. And

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above all, honor the game.”

In addition to his leadership on the court, Bill is chairman of the West Bay Athletic League, a member of the Positive Coaching Alliance and the California Coaches Association.