



**THE APTA PADDLE NEWSLETTER**

This is the second APTA Paddle Newsletter. Rather than send it to you at the close of the season when thoughts were of trout, golf and lawn tennis, we thought we would send it to you in September when thoughts were again moving in the direction of walnut chips, laminated plywood and orange sponge balls (which lose their color).

1970 - 1971  
APTA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

APTA Boys Doubles	Thanksgiving Weekend Fri.-Sat., Nov. 27-28 Manursing Island Club Rye, N. Y.
APTA Seniors & Veterans	Feb. 6-7 Englewood Field Club Englewood, N. J.
APTA Mixed Doubles	Feb. 20-21 WeeBurn Country Club Darien, Conn.
APTA Mens Doubles	March 6-7 March 13-14 Fox Meadow Tennis Club Scarsdale, N. Y.
APTA Womens Doubles	March 9-10 Chevy Chase Club Chevy Chase, Md.

This year, in an attempt to build a larger draw for the boys' doubles the tournament has been moved back to Thanksgiving weekend when everyone is hopefully home and it is still too early for serious skiing and hockey.

The mixed doubles is being held one week earlier than in prior years, but it will not conflict with any other tournament.

The women's doubles is being held in Chevy Chase, Maryland this year. Chevy Chase is a prime spot for platform tennis enthusiasm and they have often asked for the privilege of holding a national tournament. Platform tennis is growing geographically and from time to time, APTA Tournaments will be held outside the metropolitan New York area. And, with the women's doubles in Maryland, we can get the girls out of town for a couple of days.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

We have been advised of firm dates for the following tournaments and request that the Chairman for tournaments not listed contact the APTA Tournament Chairman: Mr. Richard Hornigold at 212-758-9700 so that we might complete the schedule.

Buffalo Men's Invitational

November 7 - 8  
Saturn Club - Buffalo, N. Y.

Cleveland Men's Invitational

November 21 - 22  
Cleveland, Ohio

Connecticut Men's Doubles

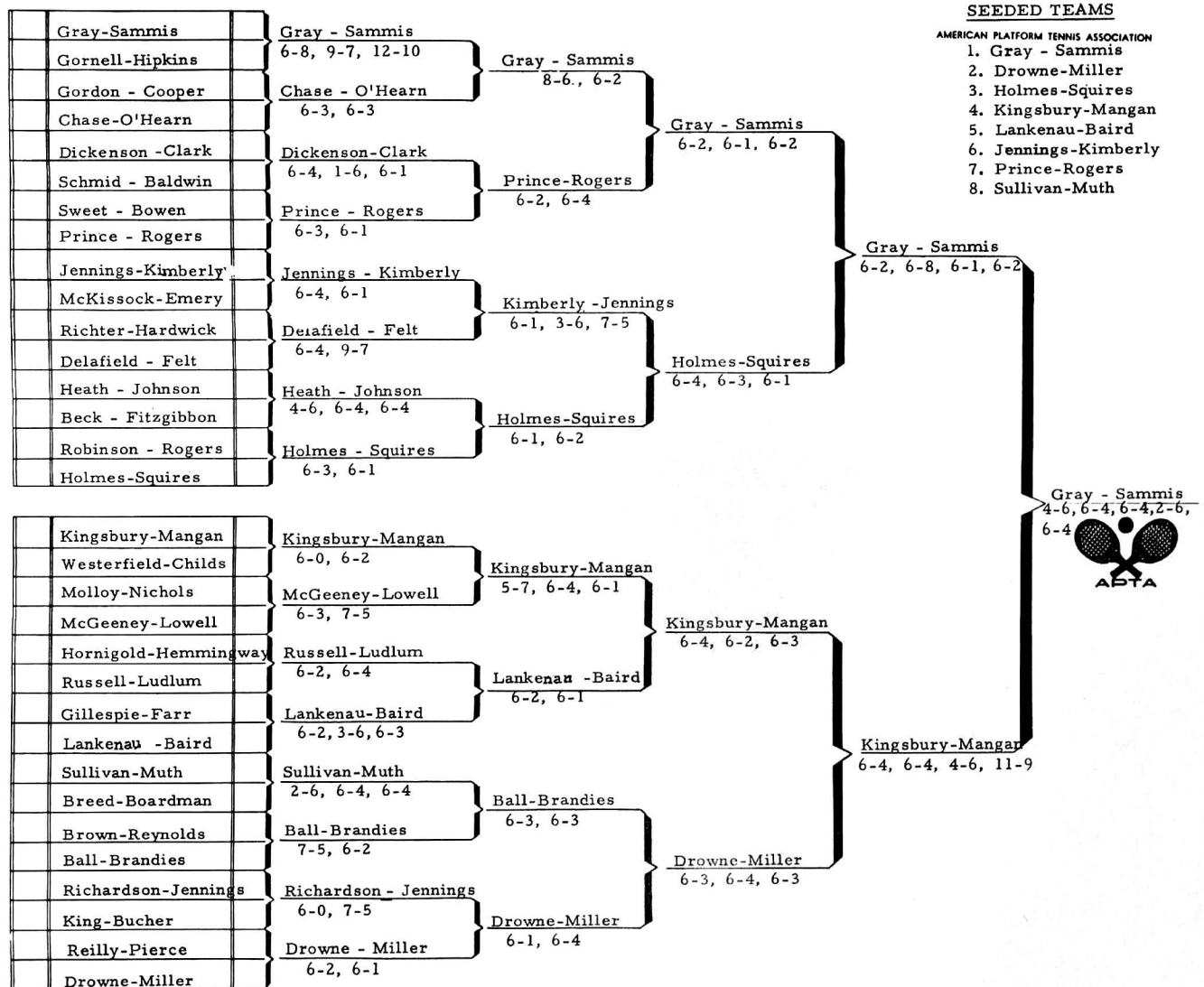
December 5 - 6

Greenwich Men's Invitational

February 27 - 28  
Greenwich Field Club  
Greenwich, Conn.

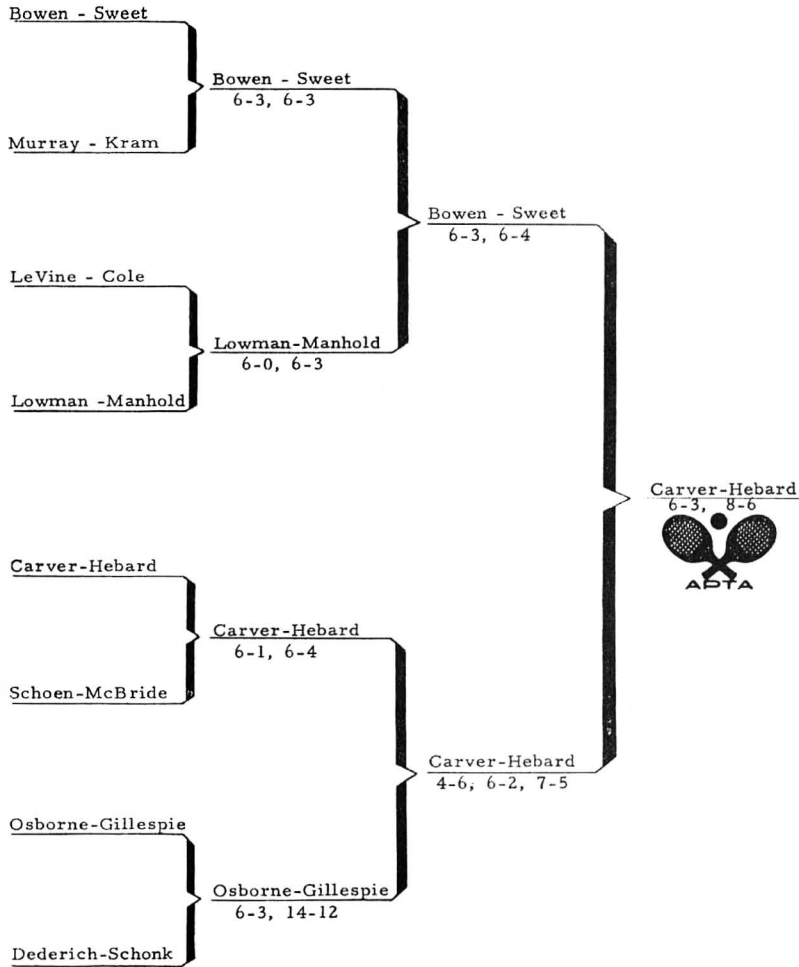
APTA MEN'S DOUBLES 1970

Last Spring marked the largest draw for the Men's doubles in history, with 128 teams entered and a dozen teams turned away due to late entry. For the second year in a row, (never change a winning game) the tournament was efficiently run by Bob Brown, the current APTA Treasurer. Michael Dunn, the Chairman of the USLTA Umpire's Committee was kind enough to again officiate for us. Jesse Sammis and Gordon Gray were in the finals for the fourth time and won the tournament for the second straight year in a magnificent 5 set match. Magnificent on both sides, with Bob Kingsbury and John Mangan as runners-up. Below is the tournament from the round of 32.

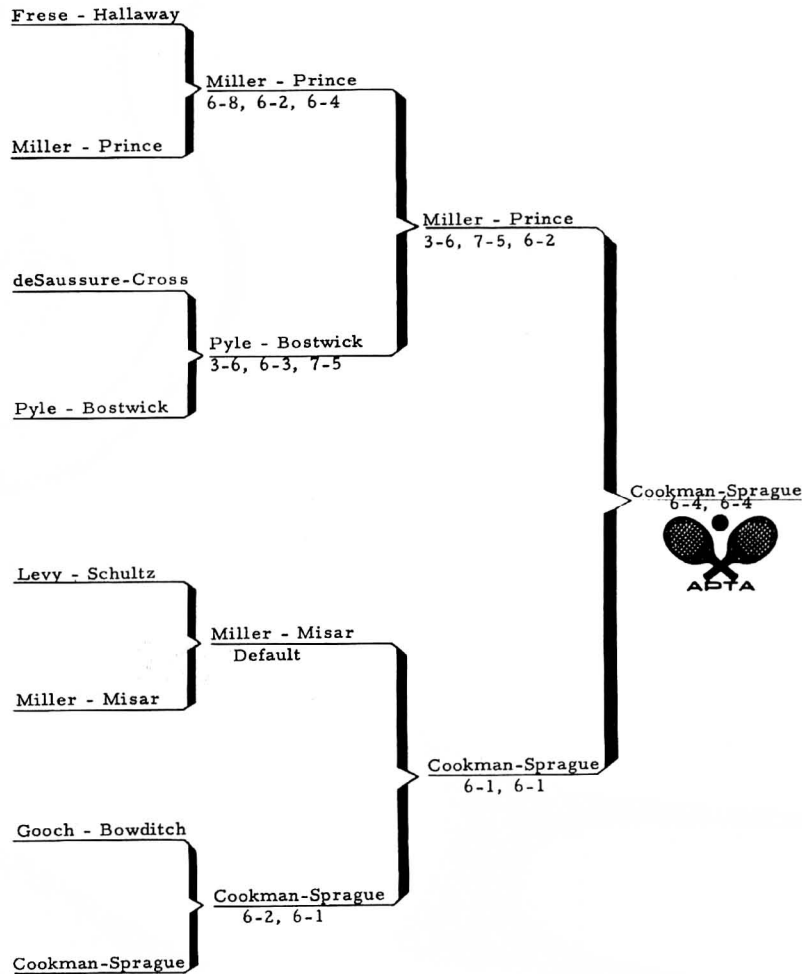


APTA SENIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

The Seniors and the Second Annual Veteran's Tournaments were held simultaneously at the Englewood Field Club and were both admirably run by Doug Thompson. Dick Hebard, who has won more national championships than anyone in the history of the game, teamed with his partner of many years Zan Carver (Dick and Zan were men's doubles champions in 1961, '62 and '63.) to win a fine match against two other grand men of the game, Tad Bowen and Sid Sweet. Below is the tournament from the round of 8.

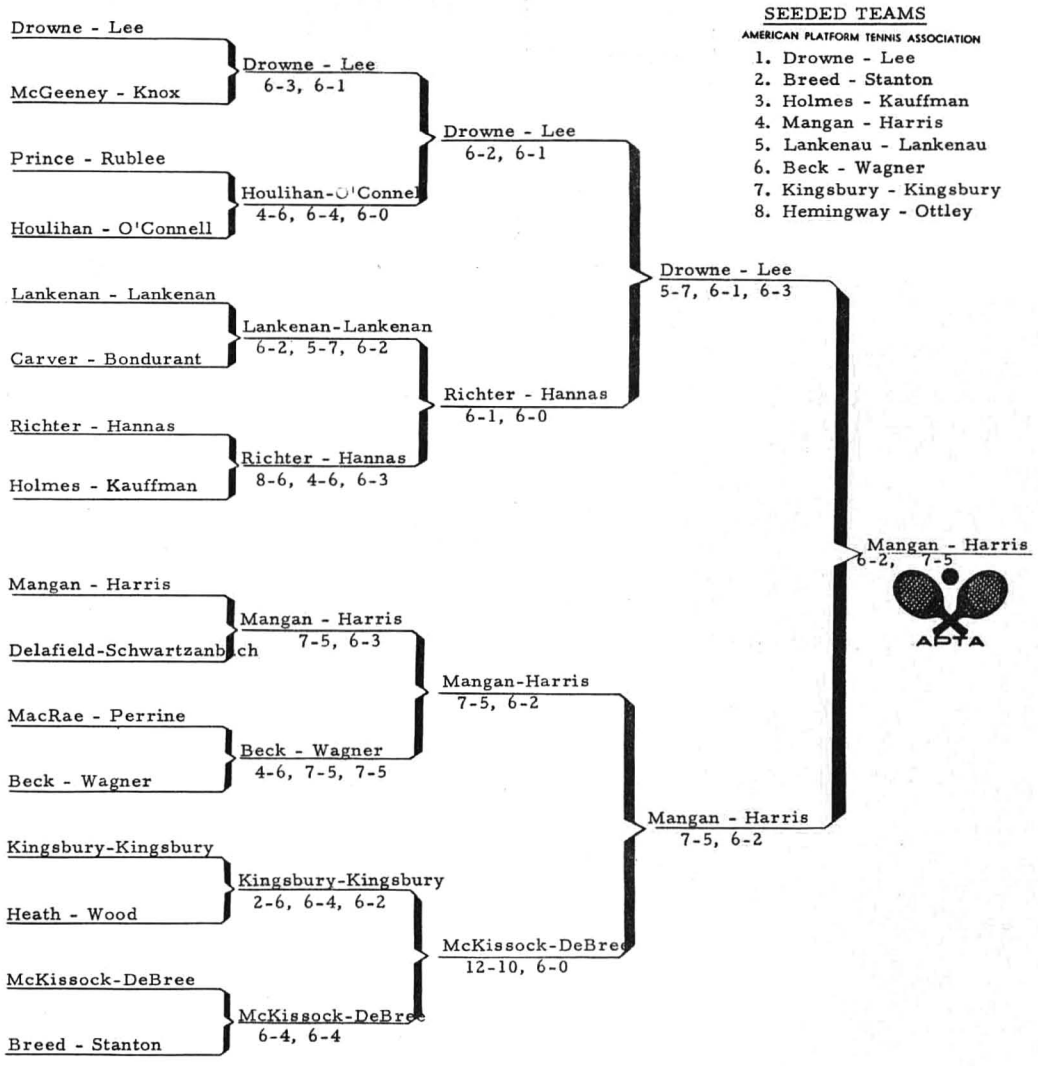


The second annual Veteran's Tournament was won by John Cookman and Mansfield Sprague in a straight set match over the team of Miller and Prince from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Below is the tournament from the round of 8.



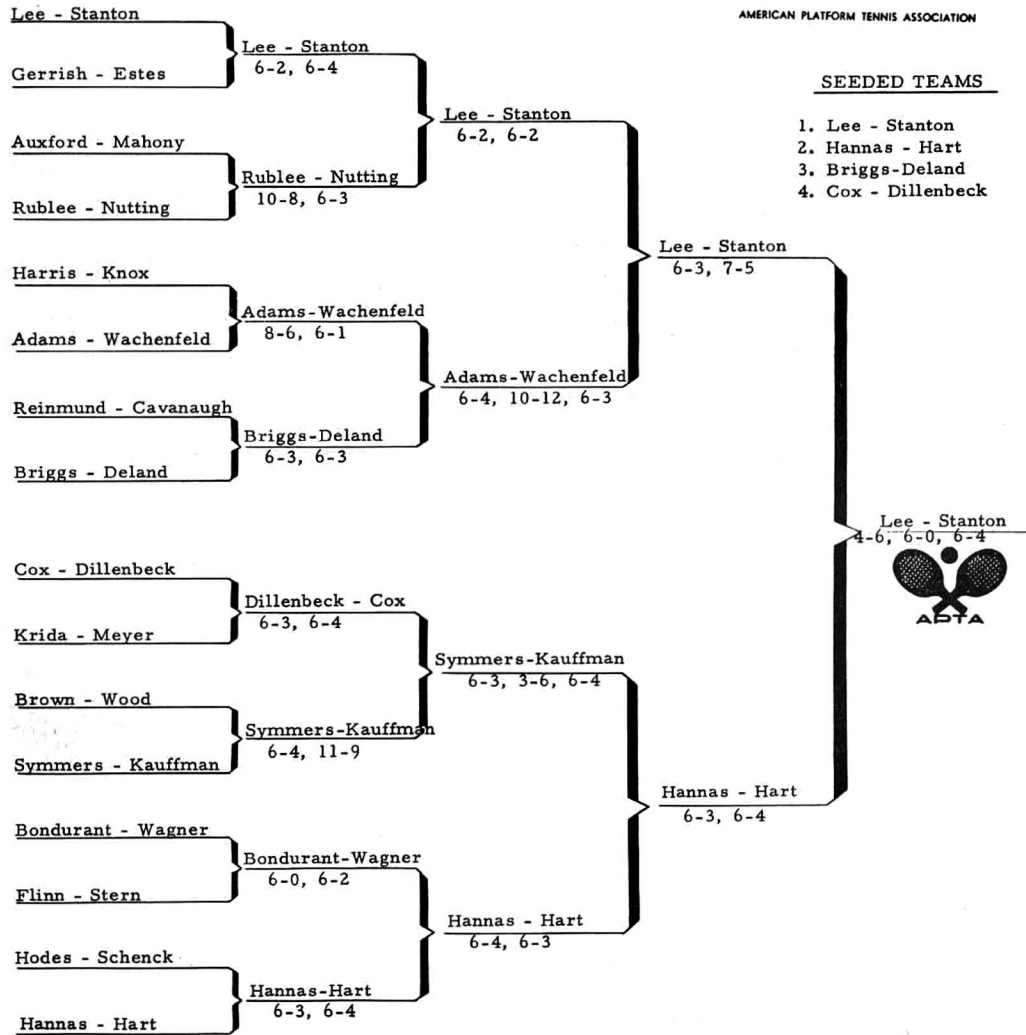
APTA MIXED DOUBLES

The Mixed Doubles was held at the Stanwich Club in Greenwich, Conn. and had as Tournament Chairman, Dick Hornigold, who chairs the tournament committee for the APTA. There were 87 teams entered. The tournament was won by the fourth seeded team of John Mangan and Sue Harris who defeated the defending champions, Bradley Drowne and Charlotte Lee. Below is the tournament from the round of 16.



APTA WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The Women's Doubles at the WeeBurn Country Club had a draw of 72 teams and was efficiently run by Co-Chairman, Mrs. Cyrus Quinn and Mrs. Rawle Deland. The team of Charlotte Lee and Peggy Stanton successfully defended their title for the fourth straight year, defeating the strong second seeded team of Joan Hannas and Harriet Hart. The match went 3 sets and marked the first time that Lee and Stanton had a set taken from them in the finals. Below is the tournament from the round of 16.



OVERSEAS, I.E. POLAND

Platform tennis overseas, Warsaw edition is on the move and we reproduce here Ambassador Stoessel's letter to us.

c/o The American Consulate Gen.,  
 APO New York, N.Y. 09757,  
 May 18, 1970.

Dear Mr. Thistle:

Thank you for sending me, under cover of your letter of April 20, a copy of the APTA Newsletter. We will look forward to receiving subsequent copies. We found particularly enjoyable the article on paddle tennis from the American Airlines magazine.

Our paddle tennis season ended this month in Warsaw with a tournament and banquet where trophies were distributed. The tournament was held over the weekend of May 9-10, with good finals games in all categories: Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles, and Scrambles. We had originally planned to have the finals the previous weekend, but a snowfall on May 2 interfered!

The paddle tennis banquet was held May 15 in the American Club at the Embassy. In addition to trophies for the champions and runners-up, the Pan American representative in Warsaw, Mr. Gene Kucha, donated a large cup which will be kept on permanent display in the Embassy. Entitled the "Stoessel Cup", it will have engraved on it the names of the winners of each year's tournament.

We feel paddle tennis has gotten off to a good start in Warsaw, and we are already looking forward to next year's season. Several representatives of American Embassies in other East European countries have already been here to inspect our court, so perhaps we can look forward to more foreign chapters of APTA in the future!

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.  
American Ambassador

Mr. Peter A. Thistle,  
Birtwhistle and Livingston,  
17 North Dean Street,  
Englewood, N. J. 07631

#### RANKINGS

In recent years, there have been requests that Platform tennis have national rankings for both the men's and women's double teams. This is somewhat of a difficult task because Platform tennis seems to be a game where the make-up of teams changes from season to season and many times from tournament to tournament. In the case of women, teams have been known to change from day to day. As Platform tennis is not a singles game, there are no singles rankings to draw upon. However, the executive committee of the APTA will attempt this year to initiate a ranking system based on the following:

Men's teams in order to be ranked must play together in 3 of the following 7 tournaments during a single season:

APTA National Men's Doubles  
Cleveland Men's Invitational  
Connecticut State Men's Doubles  
Greenwich Invitational Men's Doubles  
New Canaan Men's Doubles  
Rye Invitational Men's Doubles  
Short Hills Men's Doubles

Women's teams in order to be ranked must play in 3 of the following 6 tournaments:

APTA National Women's Doubles  
Bronxville Invitational Women's Doubles

Darien Women's Doubles

New Jersey State Women's Doubles

Stanwich Club Women's Doubles

West Pennsylvania Women's Doubles

Rankings will be published at the close of the 1970 - 71 tournament season.

#### APPROVED EQUIPMENT

In the last Newsletter we listed rackets and balls that have been approved to date by the APTA. We neglected to list as approved the Platform Tennis Racket made by the Craig & Simplex Co.

#### PUBLICITY

Accolades to our PR man, Charlie Metzger, who strived mightily to get tournament reports and listings in the New York Times. Last season, the late city edition did carry write-ups each week. Hopefully, this year the early edition will also carry them. Charlies is also working on the local Connecticut, Westchester and Essex County, N.J. newspapers. We'll mention this again to you, but individual Tournament Chairmen should contact Charlie prior to their Tournament to work out mechanics for news media coverage. He can be reached in New York at 212-679-0600 or at home, 203-966-2496.

#### MOVIE

The American Platform Tennis Association has two prints of the 1969 Men's Doubles Finals as filmed by ABC Network Sports. The match was won by Gray and Sammis over Drowne and Scarlett. The films are available for loan to member clubs of the Association as well as individual members and are available from the Secretary, Peter Thistle at Birtwhistle and Livingston, 17 North Dean Street, Englewood, N. J. 07631.

#### TIE

The official APTA tie in olive green with crossed gold rackets and orange ball is available through the APTA Treasurer at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, N. Y. 10583. The price is \$6.50, postpaid.