



## THE APTA PADDLE NEWSLETTER

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### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the APTA will be held at the Princeton Club on East 43rd Street in New York City on Monday, October 30th. There will be a cocktail hour at 5:30 followed by the business meeting of the Association at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. All members of the APTA and members of member clubs are cordially invited to attend. Cocktails are that small benefit accruing to APTA members and few, if any, have gone away unrequited. The bar will be open again after the meeting and patronage at that time will be on a cash basis. Come early!

Dinner will be by reservation and in a subsequent mailing, you will receive particulars and a reply card to reserve places at dinner. The APTA Annual Meeting is great fun, kicks off a new paddle season and we hope you'll attend.

### WPTA

This summer marked the birth of the WPTA, another regional association of the APTA. This new Association is testimony to the intensifying growth of platform tennis and interest in regional activities. President is Dick Hornigold, Regional V.P. and former Tournament Chairman of the APTA and new resident of Lake Forest, Illinois. Vice President is Carrington Clark, who is also a regional Vice President of the APTA, a prime mover of the game in the near midwest and originator of the Cleveland Invitational.

### RANKINGS

The Tournament Committee has, after exhaustive labor, compiled the Mens and Womens rankings for 1972-'73. Mens teams were ranked on the basis of play in 3 of 8 selected tournaments during last year and the womens on the basis of play in 3 of 5 tournaments. The tournaments were selected and the results weighed on the basis of the size and quality of the draw. The National Rankings are as follows:

APTA MENS RANKING 1972-73

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mangan - Kingsbury | 6. Dickenson - Clark  |
| 2. Sammis - Gray      | 7. Chase - Miller     |
| 3. Drowne - Lowell    | 8. Ball - Benedict    |
| 4. Beck - Fitzgibbons | 9. Lankenau - Baird   |
| 5. Russell - Squires  | 10. Lowell - Kimberly |

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Drowne - Mangan  
Mangan - O'Hearn  
Brandise - Russell  
Perez - Russell  
Prince - Rogers

APTA WOMENS RANKING 1972-73

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hannas - Lee          | 6. Adams - Huber         |
| 2. DeBree - Dillenbeck   | 7. Dickson - Reinmund    |
| 3. Babington - Cavanaugh | Tie 8. Kauffman - Wasch  |
| 4. Bermingham - Jackson  | Tie 8. Hill - Wachenfeld |
| 5. Stanton - Perrine     | Tie 8. Cox - Wachenfeld  |

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Stanton - O'Connell  
Stanton - Lee  
Wasch - Deland

Mens teams, in order to be ranked, must play in 3 of the following eight tournaments this year:

APTA National Championships  
Detroit Invitational  
Connecticut State Invitational  
Long Island Invitational  
Short Hills Invitational  
Rye Invitational  
New Canaan Invitational  
Greenwich Invitational

The list of tournaments for womens team rankings has been extended from 5 to 8. Womens teams must play in 3 of the following tournaments:

APTA National Championships  
Detroit Invitational  
Western Pennsylvania Open  
Stanwich Invitational  
Long Island Invitational  
Bronxville-Fox Meadow Invitational  
Darrien Invitational  
New Jersey Invitational

ETIQUETTE BOOK

Included with this edition of the Newsletter is the new APTA booklet on the "Etiquette of Platform Tennis". Much of the etiquette included are the rules of play which are not dissimilar to the USLTA rules for lawn tennis adapted to platform tennis. It is well to state them however, because platform tennis has many idiosyncrasies and its own standard of conduct. It is also played in a smaller, enclosed area and play is faster than lawn tennis. Additional copies are available from the APTA Secretary, c/o Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Scarsdale, New York 10583.

Following is the tournament schedule for the 1972-'73 season.

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

1972-73

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

1972

November 24-25      Boy's      Fox Meadow Tennis Club  
Scarsdale, New York

1973

January 20-21      Men's - 45 and over      Pending  
February 3-4      Senior Men's  
(age 50 and over)      Englewood Field Club  
Englewood, New Jersey  
Senior Veterans Men's  
(age 60 and over)      Englewood Field Club  
Englewood, New Jersey  
February 17-18-19      Mixed      Fox Meadow Tennis Club  
Scarsdale, New York  
\*February 28      Women's      Pending  
March 1-2  
March 7-8-9      Senior Women's      Manursing Island Club  
Rye, New York  
\*March 9-10-11      Men's      Cleveland area clubs  
Cleveland, Ohio

Recognized Tournaments

1972-73

MEN'S

1972

November 4-5      Saturn Club Invitational      Saturn Club  
Buffalo, New York  
\*November 18-19      Detroit Invitational      Birmingham Clubs  
Birmingham, Michigan  
\*December 2-3      Connecticut State Invitational      Lake Club  
New Canaan, Connecticut  
December 2-3      Western Pennsylvania Open      Fox Chapel Club  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
\*December 9-10      Long Island Invitational      Huntington Country Club  
Huntington, New York

1973

\*January 13-14      Rye Invitational      Rye Clubs  
Rye, New York  
January 20-21      Mid-West Invitational      Camargo Club  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
January 20-21      Indian Trail Invitational      Indian Trail Club  
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey  
\*January 27-28      Short Hills Invitational      Short Hills Club  
Short Hills, New Jersey  
February 3-4      Massachusetts Invitational      The Country Club  
Brookline, Massachusetts  
Dedham Country Club  
Dedham, Massachusetts  
February 3-4      Grosse Pointe Invitational      Grosse Pointe Clubs  
Grosse Pointe, Michigan  
February 3-4      Mid-Atlantic Invitational      Columbia Country Club  
Columbia, Maryland  
\*February 10-11      New Canaan Invitational      New Canaan Clubs  
New Canaan, Connecticut

February 23-24-25	Gould Memorial Invitational	Denver Area Clubs Denver, Colorado
*February 24-25	Greenwich Invitational	Greenwich Clubs Greenwich, Connecticut
February 24-25	New Jersey Stated Closed	Orange Lawn Club Orange, New Jersey
March 10-11	Northern New England Closed	North Andover Country Club North Andover, Massachusetts
March 24-25	Kalamazoo Invitational	Kalamazoo Clubs Kalamazoo, Michigan
March 24-25	North Carolina Invitational	Sugar Mountain Club Sugar Mountain, North Carolina

WOMEN'S

<u>1972</u>		
*November 18-19	Detroit Invitational	Birmingham Clubs Birmingham, Michigan
*December 1-2	Western Pennsylvania Open	Fox Chapel Club Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 6-7	Beacon Hills Invitational	Beacon Hills Club Beacon Hills, New Jersey
<u>1973</u>		
*January 10-11-12	Stanwich Invitational	Stanwich Club Greenwich, Connecticut
January 18-19	Mid-West Invitational	Camargo Club Cincinnati, Ohio
*January 24-25-26	Long Island Invitational	The Winter Club Huntington, New York
*January 31 February 1-2	Bronxville, Fox Meadow Invitational	Bronxville, Scarsdale Clubs
*February 7-8-9	Darien Invitational	Darien Country Club Darien, Connecticut
February 9-10	Northern New England Closed	The Country Club Brookline, Massachusetts
February 13-14- 15-16	New York State Closed New Jersey State Closed Connecticut State Closed	Various Clubs
*February 21-22-23	New Jersey Invitational	Canoe Brook Club Summit, New Jersey
March 8-9	Massachusetts Open	The Country Club Brookline, Massachusetts

MIXED

<u>1973</u>		
January 6-7	New Jersey State Closed	Montclair Golf Club Montclair, New Jersey
January 13-14	Western Pennsylvania Open	Edgeworth Club Sewickley, Pennsylvania
February 17-18	Philadelphia Invitational	Philadelphia Area Clubs Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\*Tournaments considered for National Rankings.

The Tournament Committee of the APTA has decided to institute a new Mens Doubles tournament this year, for men 45 and over. Location for the tournament is pending but it will be set well before January 20. This promises to be an exciting tournament with equally exciting paddle.

The APTA National Mens Doubles will be held in Cleveland this year. Because of this, the Cleveland Mens Doubles will be moved to Detroit for 1973.

## APTA POLICY ON RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM TENNIS COURT BUILDERS

### BASIC POLICY

- It is the intent of the APTA that the game of Platform Tennis be played under uniform court conditions wherever it is played.
- The APTA considers it appropriate to provide advice and guidance, where needed, to ensure quality and uniformity in court construction while recognizing the desirability of encouraging innovations in the use of materials and methods of construction so long as the basic nature of the play of the game is not affected.
- The APTA will offer guidance to those seeking information on plans, specifications, and builders of platform tennis courts. Such guidance is offered within the framework of this policy, the implementation of which is outlined below; while it is based upon the best information available, the APTA cannot accept responsibility for quality of construction, delays, or failure of any sort in contractual arrangements between builder and customer.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) A list of builders will be maintained, divided into two sections; Section I, "Builders of Wooden Courts to APTA Specifications" and Section II, "Builders of Courts to APTA Dimensions but Using Materials other than Wood or other Construction Design".
- (2) Any builder who wishes to be included on the list may apply in writing. If he is a new builder constructing courts to APTA specifications, a completed court (or courts) will be inspected by the APTA and, if considered satisfactory, the builder will be included on the list with a footnote indicating:

"\*New builder constructing courts to APTA specifications which have been inspected and are considered satisfactory by the APTA but which have not been in use for two full playing seasons."

If he is either a new builder or an established builder constructing courts with different construction materials or construction design, he should outline in his written application specific deviations from APTA plans and specifications. A completed court (or courts) will be inspected by the APTA and, if considered satisfactory, the builder will be included on the list with a footnote indicating:

"\*\*\*Builder constructing courts with different construction materials or construction design which have been inspected and are considered satisfactory by the APTA but which have not been in use for two full playing seasons."

In each of the above cases, after two playing seasons of use and a satisfactory second inspection, the applicable footnote will be removed from the builder's listing.

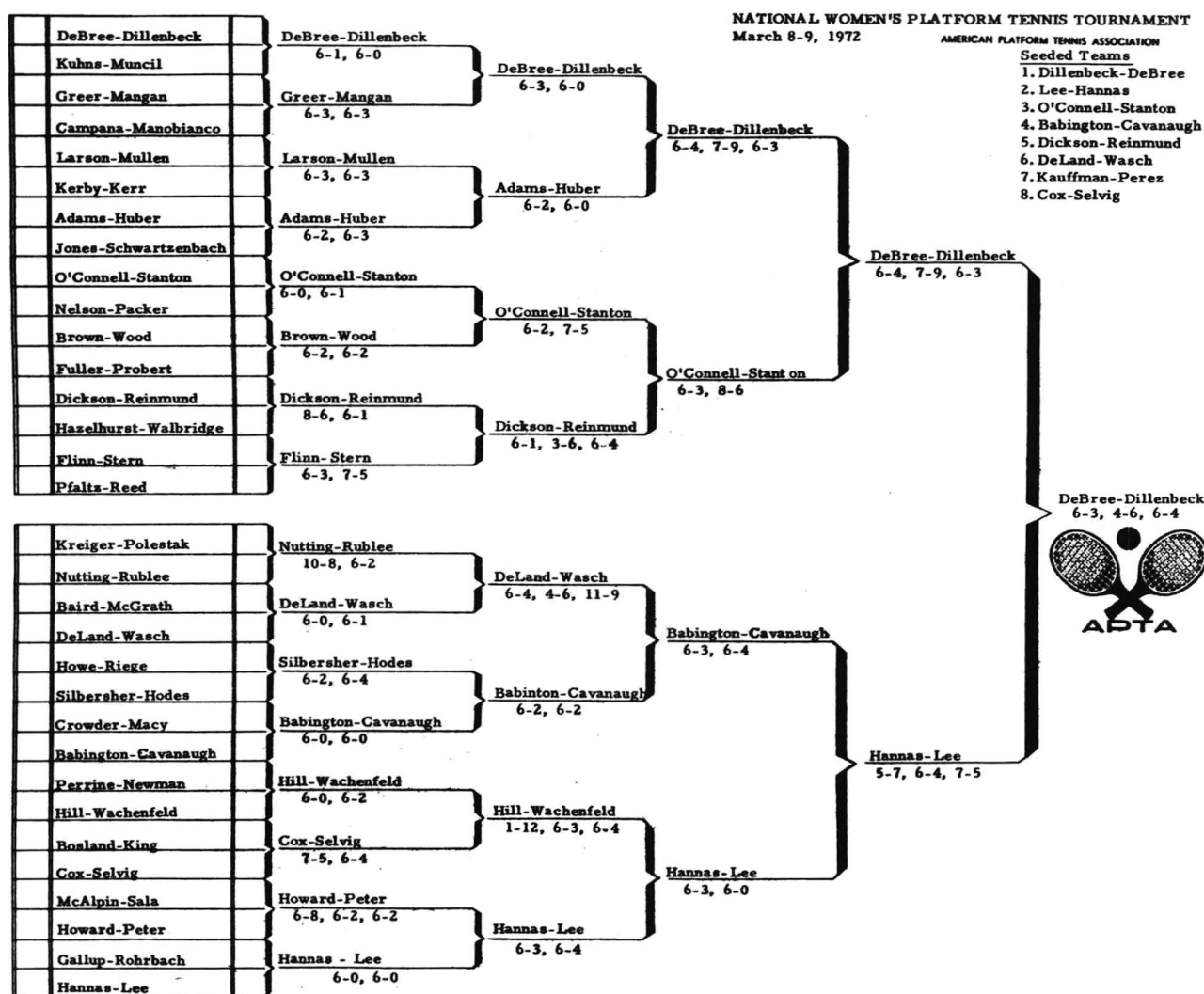
In the event that a builder who has been in the business for more than two seasons applies for listing, both a recently constructed court (or courts) as well as a court (or courts) which have been in use for two or more seasons of play will be inspected and, if considered satisfactory by the APTA, the builder will be included on the list as applicable without footnote.

- (3) Inspections will be made by APTA officials, including regional Vice Presidents, or others specifically designated. No expense may be incurred by the Association for such inspections. If in the judgment of the inspecting officials, including actual play on the court, the bounce of the ball on the deck and off the screens and the feel of the deck are similar, and provided court dimensions are according to APTA regulations, then recognition as applicable will be granted.
- (4) The APTA reserves the right to remove any builder from the list at any time if, in the judgement of the APTA, the quality of courts being constructed by that builder and/or the construction performance of that builder are considered to be below normally acceptable standards.

## APTA WOMENS DOUBLES

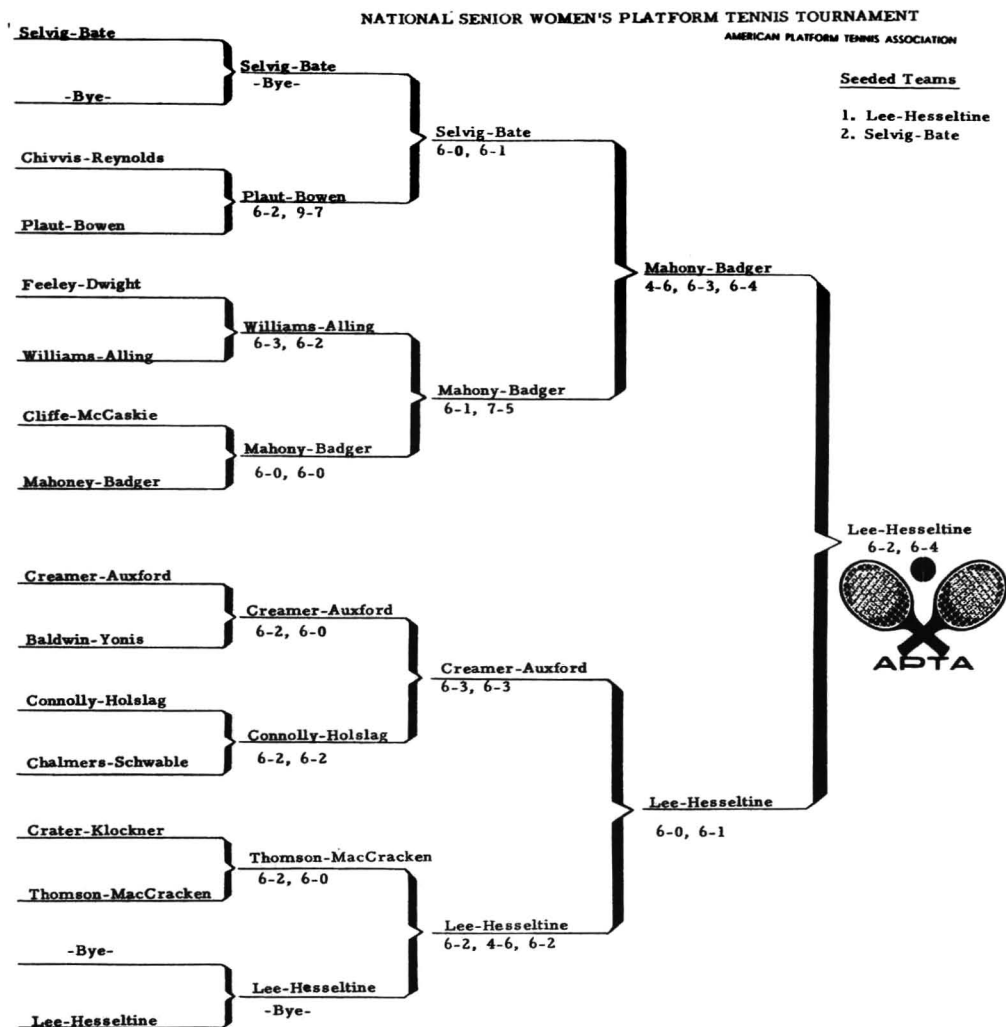
The National Womens Championships were played March 8, 9 & 10th at the Montclair New Jersey Golf Club. The tournament had a draw of 100 teams, largest in recent history and maybe ever. The defending champions and top seeded team of DeBree & Dillenbeck won in 3 sets over the number 2 seeds, Lee and Hannas, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. This was a fine win against equally fine competition. These same two teams met in the final round four times during the 1971-'72 season and DeBree and Dillenbeck were down 3 matches to Love going into the finals of the National Championships.

The 4 top seeds made the semi-finals and both matches in this round were closely contested. The unseeded team of Hill and Wachenfeld beat the eighth seeds in the round of 16 in a long 3 set match. The seventh seeded team of Kauffman and Perez lost in the round of 64 to Larson & Mullen who then played to the round of 16 and lost to Adams and Huber. Below is the tournament from the round of 32.



APTA SENIOR WOMENS DOUBLES

The second edition of the APTA Senior Womens National Championships was won in straight sets by Lee and Hesseltnine, who were defending champions over Mahoney and Badger, 6-2, 6-4. Below is the full draw.



NORTH CAROLINA

Paddle is on the move in North Carolina and Clifton Sneed writes us that the first North Carolina Mens Platform Tennis Championships was held at Sugar Mountain, North Carolina in January. There was a 16 team draw with the team of Jack Mitchell and Clifton Sneed of Brevard, North Carolina prevailing in a 4 set win over Robbie Smith and Thommy Bingham of Sugar Mountain, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

This year the tournament will be held on March 24 and 25, again at Sugar Mountain. Out of towners are most welcome to enter.

There are 14 courts in North Carolina, 10 in that most cosmopolitan and beautiful southern city, Winston-Salem.

### PADDLE BY RESERVATION

Commercial tennis facilities are very much in evidence and Norwalk, Connecticut now has what we think is the first commercial platform tennis facility. It's called "The Paddle Tennis Center" and it is located on Willard Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. Telephone 203-853-1441. They will ultimately have 8, all aluminum, Reilly courts, fully lighted for night play with built-in deck heating for all weather play. Play is by reservation only, by the hour or for an hour and a half for the season. There will also be periods set aside for general play. The Paddle Center has a detailed brochure available on request.

### APTA NECKTIES

Brooks Brothers is now cutting the official APTA tie in a 4 inch width as well as the standard 3-1/2" width. The new width ties will be available by October 1st. Price is the same, \$7.50 including postage and handling. Send your order to the Secretary, APTA, c/o Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, New York 10583. Checks should be made out to the APTA.

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