



Left to right: Ed Collins, Kelly Jones, Mrs. Homer Peabody, Mrs. George Barnes, Robert D. Carrothers, Jr. sons.

George E. Barnes	<i>Community Service, Philanthropy</i>
Robert D. Carrothers	<i>Junior Stand-out</i>
Ed Collins	<i>Coach, Teaching Pro, Community Service</i>
Kelly Jones	<i>World Class, College Great, Junior Stand-out</i>
Dr. Homer Peabody	<i>Community Service, Philanthropy</i>



George E. Barnes (1900– 2002)

An Iowa farm boy, George Barnes was born in Garner, Iowa on March 17, 1900. Upon his graduation from college in 1918, he went into the banking field and soon thereafter rose to the position of Chief Trust Officer. Despite the depths of the Depression, he co-founded the Chicago brokerage firm of Wayne Hummer and Company. His positive attitude enabled the firm to flourish, and he gained a reputation as an expert on tax matters, even testifying before Congress on such issues. Until just before his death he maintained a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and was its oldest living member. His first love was tennis, particularly junior tennis. He was elected to and served as President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association in 1956-1957, and during his tenure he initiated many national programs to attract children to the game. He moved to Rancho Santa Fe at age 92 and began engrossing himself in the tennis needs of youngsters in the area. The next year, he became a major force in the creation of a tennis center in San Diego, which was devoted to enabling children at risk to stay off the streets and become involved in the sport. To jump-start the program, he contributed one million dollars to the facility, which bears his name today, the George E. Barnes Family Tennis Center. He continued to contribute time and money to the center up to his passing. In 1999, the International Tennis Federation presented him with the prestigious "Achievement Award". Junior tennis in San Diego is much indebted to George Barnes.



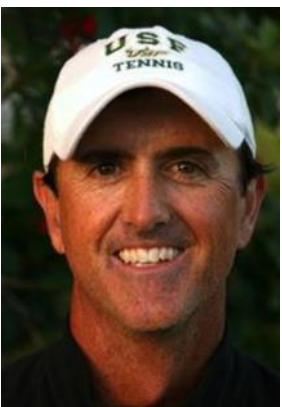
Robert D. Carrothers (1922– 1940)

Robert Donald "Bob" Carrothers was born in Pocatello, Idaho and died tragically in an automobile accident in San Diego in 1940 while a freshman at the University of Southern California. Sadly, fans of San Diego tennis will never know, but it is likely that Carrothers would have ascended the heights of the tennis world had he lived, as his achievements of four years in national competition were meteoric. No less an authority than Jack Kramer, who practiced with Carrothers said "in my opinion he would have been the best of his time." Carrothers represented Coronado High School and he won the Harper Ink Tournament four times, the Ojai Interscholastic Championship, the Dudley Cup in Santa Monica and the National Interscholastic Championship. In 1937, he won the U.S. National Boys Singles Championship at age 15. In 1940, at 18, he won the U.S. National Junior Boys Singles and Doubles Championships. He excelled in basketball, as team captain and two time all-league player for the Metropolitan League champions. He was class president and student body president as a senior and was liked by all for his friendly personality and sportsmanship. The late Perry T. Jones, President of the Southern California Tennis Association referred to Carrothers as "Gentleman Bob". The late champion, Ted Schroeder, was so respectful of Carrothers' prowess, that upon winning the U.S. National Championships in 1942, he presented his trophy to Carrothers' father stating he would not have won had Bob been alive. Appropriately, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, the Carrothers Award is in its 68th year and is awarded during the Harper Ink Tournament.



Ed Collins (1946-)

Ed Collins, a native of San Diego, is a coaching icon in the San Diego tennis scene. He attended Grossmont College and San Diego State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in 1968 and a Masters in Physical Education at SDSU. That same year, Ed began his coaching career as the Monte Vista High School boy's tennis coach, before going on to assist Dennis Van der Meer at the Berkeley Tennis Club. He assisted Bob Ray at Morley Field 1971 to 1973 and was the tennis director at the Rancho Bernardo Tennis College from 1973 to 1977. In 1978 he took over as men's coach at the University of San Diego and compiled a won-loss record of 349 - 150 until 1996. USD was ranked in the Division I top 25 nine times. Collins was the 1990 ITA Region 8 Coach-of-the-Year and a 2001 inductee to the USD Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1990 Ed founded the Julius Collins Tennis Scholarship Fund which has provided tens of thousands of dollars of financial aid for camps and instruction to deserving San Diego junior players. Ed is currently the Director of the Ed Collins Tennis Academy at the Peninsula Tennis club at Robb Field which he established in 1996. A recipient of the San Diego USPTA Coach of the Year award in 1980, 1982 and 1986, he is a 36 year member of the USPTA. Ed served on Youth Tennis San Diego's Board of Directors for 22 years. The author of *Watch the Ball, Bend Your Knees, That'll be \$40 Please!*, he also published the *Ed Collins Tennis Journal for Teachers and Coaches* from 1996 to 2000. Since 1970 over 25,000 students have attended Ed's junior and adult camps. He and his wife Judith reside in San Diego.



Kelly Jones (1964-)

A native of Augusta, Georgia, Kelly Jones and his family moved to San Diego when he was 13. Prior to taking up tennis, he played basketball and baseball, but it was the move to San Diego that inspired his tennis career. Kelly attended Point Loma High School, but didn't play a national tournament until he was 16. In his words "I went from unknown to 7 in the nation." He gives credit to Angel Lopez for guiding his junior career, which culminated with being a singles and doubles finalist at Kalamazoo, Michigan in his last year of the 18 and under division, and a number three national ranking. Kelly went on to play collegiate tennis for Pepperdine University, winning the NCAA Division 1 doubles title two years in a row with different partners, and he was a four-time All American. In 1984, he was a member of the US Olympic Team. A veteran of 45 grand slams, Jones won two ATP Tour singles titles and was ranked number one in the world in doubles in October 1992. After retiring from the tour in 1998, he began his real passion of coaching by accepting the position of USTA National Coach. He was responsible for the development of National junior champions, as well as coaching tour players Mardy Fish, Xavier Malisse, John Isner, Justin Gimelstob and Alex O'Brien. In 2007, he and his wife Tami Whitlinger-Jones, a former WTA tour professional, created Kelly Jones Tennis, a tennis consulting/coaching business. Kelly is the Director and founder of Tennis LMS Institute, a full time tennis academy. Kelly, Tami and their daughter Makenna currently reside in Tampa, Florida.



Homer Peabody (1919– 2005)

Dr. Homer Peabody was an instrumental figure in the development of Youth Tennis San Diego. He was born in Denver, Colorado and his family moved to San Diego when he was six. Dr. Peabody graduated in 1937 from San Diego High School where he was the Associate Student Body president and he lettered in tennis and basketball. He earned a basketball scholarship to Harvard where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1941. He received his medical degree in 1944 from Physicians and Surgeons College at Columbia, before joining the Army in World War II. Peabody left the Army Medical Corps as a captain in 1947 and joined the Rees-Steely staff in 1951 after earning a master in medicine from the University of Minnesota. He became medical director of their research foundation in 1967 and medical director of the group in 1977. Dr. Peabody was named Mr. San Diego in 1997 by the San Diego Rotary Club and was a past president. Meanwhile, Youth Tennis San Diego was formed in 1953, but it wasn't until Peabody befriended fellow inductee George Barnes that it really began to take hold. Homer and George had a vision of a facility for children and they made it happen. Homer spearheaded plans for what became the Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center. The 12 ½ acre center opened with 24 courts and an 11,000 square-foot youth activity building in 1995 and became the home for Youth Tennis San Diego. Not only was Homer the visionary, but he took time to play tennis with the children who so benefited from his gift. Today, Youth Tennis San Diego is named in a charitable remainder trust created by Homer and his wife Betty. It is a gift that keeps on giving.