

# Tennis Love-Ins

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The 1977 OCC Tennis Championships held at the Windward Tennis Club drew a large number of aspirants. Rick Fried had little trouble progressing to the finals in the Men's singles. Peter Balding put up a spirited fight, but eventually had to bow to Fried's versatility and perseverance.

The outstanding women's tennis player was May Balding, who won the Women's Singles crown after a hard-fought battle against Liz Keller, as well as the Women's Doubles crown with Billie Baird. The valiant runner-up team in the Women's Doubles included Sydnee Arth and Jane Affleck. The winner of the Women's Singles consolation bracket was Dr. Sharon Bintliff over Jane Affleck. The Women's Doubles consolation bracket was won by Mary Crabb Fern and Tina Berg over Barbara Norfleet and Peggy Garland.

The most flamboyant tennis players seen were Don Fowler and Dr. Gordon Dickie who won the Men's Doubles consolation bracket. Some of the fiercest tennis included the upset of last year's doubles champions Rick Fried and Monte Goldman by Harry Berger and Dean Brinkman in one semi-final, and the surprising showing of Tom Madison and Chris Crabb over Peter Balding and Dr. Jim Beardmore in the other semi-final match. Helping with the refreshments were Sparky Petre, Sydnee Arth, Jane Affleck, Anne Alexander and Phyllis Vogt.

We are also happy to announce that the OCC Tennis Team entered in the 1977 City League matches finished a respectable 2nd under co-captains Sparky Petre and Jane Affleck. Regular team players included Sydnee Arth, John Beaumont, Dennis Berg, Colin Chock, Don Fowler, Jon Haig, John Michalski, Barbara Norfleet, Bob Anderson, Dr. Niall Scully and Chuck Swanson.

We will have a friendly round-robin doubles (mixed, men's and women's) on January 15 at the Windward Tennis Club. Entry forms are available at Front Desk. Deadline