

Oregon Tennis Historical Committee
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WHERE ARE THEY TODAY: Bob Dietsche

Years ago (1970's – 1990's), Bob Dietsche was a well-known tennis personality in the greater Portland area. Bob and his wife Sue were active members of the Irvington Club during this period. Bob was passionate about tennis and was a real student of the game. He was a prominent senior player and collected every book he could get his hand on concerning tennis instruction and could be seen on occasion practicing for hours on certain aspects of the game. He also devoted time in analyzing other players games. He along with one of his playing partners Jack Neer, published a profile of the local players who had the best strokes during that period. The profile can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://irvingtonclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Irvingtons-Best-The-Neale-Era.pdf>

He also published an entertaining tennis related profile in 1980 which can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://irvingtonclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Day-I-Beat-Bobby-Riggs-Bob-Dietsche.pdf>

Bob cites the following as some of his most memorable tennis experiences:

- In 1981 won the Rose Festival men's open doubles championships with Marc Louie
- In 1986 was the coach of the Oregon Episcopal High school tennis team which won the state championship
- In 1986 was an announcer for the Portland Panthers Tennis Team along with Gundars Tilmanis
- In 1991, won the Oregon State singles championship in the age 50 category
- In 1992, won the USTA Grand Pre Championship in his age category

Bob has recently offered to donate his extensive collection of tennis books to the Oregon Tennis Historical Committee archives at the Irvington club for the local tennis history buffs to enjoy.

In 1994 he moved to Manzanita into a house overlooking the Pacific Ocean where he could concentrate his efforts on writing and researching the history of jazz. He soon became an authority on Jazz history and published the following books which can be purchased at Amazon, Broadway Books and Powell's, etc.

- Jumptown is the history of the "golden age" of jazz in Portland -1942-1957. It is a guided tour of the famous jazz places of the time
- Tatum's Town is about the greatest pianist of them all and the city where he grew up.

He is now writing a book on the late State Senator Ted Hallock, the man who saved Oregon beaches from developers.

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