

STEP, STEP, STEP IN, HIT! - BY CHARLES OSBORNE

Step, Step, Step in, Hit! That was our mantra when taking tennis lessons from John Gardiner, the much admired coach at the Beach and Tennis Club in the 1950's.



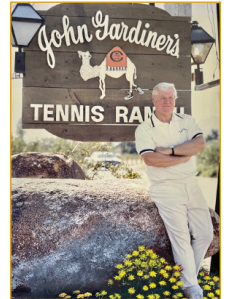
He taught us not only the game, but the etiquette and the joy of tennis. He would say, "Take your racket with you

when you travel, and you will make three new friends." He would advise us, "White is always right" in tennis apparel. Try telling that to Serena Williams today. He also felt that "Repetition is the law of learning," and drilled us endlessly.

John was born in Philadelphia in 1918 and took up tennis at an early age. He loved the sport and was well regarded as a player and instructor. He went to Pennsylvania Teachers College, and when the war started he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Afterwards, he moved to Monterey and coached the Monterey High School football team to their only undefeated season ever.

S. F. B. Morse, a former star football player himself, was impressed with Gardiner's success as a coach and asked him to come to Pebble Beach to be the sports director and run the tennis program. The sports director's job included

running the golf tournaments like the Bing Crosby Pro-Am, the sailing regattas and the road races. This was in addition to launching and promoting a full-scale tennis operation.



John had plenty of ideas on how to promote the tennis program in Pebble Beach. He staged exhibitions with stars like Pancho Gonzales, Tony Trabert, Jack Kramer and Ken Rosewall. He liked to note afterwards that he only paid them \$1,000, and they had to make their own beds. He had his friend Clint Eastwood host a celebrity tournament. In the end however, Pebble Beach was and is a golf mecca, and John knew he needed a resort focused just on tennis to fit his plans.



Clint Eastwood, John Gardiner, Merv Griffin, Monique Gardiner, and Eva Gabor

When a chicken ranch in Carmel Valley came up for sale, he saw it would be perfect for his plan. The place needed a lot of work to meet his ideas, and he needed financing. He shared the idea with Morse, who fired him on the spot! Morse was very loyal

to his employees and expected the same from them. However, the next day Morse called him back to the office, and said he would hire him back at double the salary because "you'll need that money to start your ranch." John was able to secure financing with the help of Morse, Russ Gallaway and others.

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Photos property of the Gardiner Family or Pebble Beach Company

It was here that he developed not just the kids, but also their parents, celebrities and tennis lovers. You could be playing in the court next to Clint Eastwood or John Wayne. Billie Jean King could be having a warm-up rally with Bobby Riggs while Allen Greenspan and Helen Wills Moody were playing mixed doubles with Sandra Day O'Connor and George Bush.

All of these and many more spent time at one of his ranches or clinics. Politics were not important at the tennis ranch, but it was where Ronald Reagan made his decision to run for Governor of California.

John hosted a tournament for U.S. Senators appropriately called the Senators Cup. More than 20 members joined in. Later he dedicated a wing to the Hospice of the Valley in Scottsdale where his wife died and listed on a plaque all the senators and their states that had played in the tournaments, but not their political party. Tennis is non-partisan. He had such a profound influence on the sport he was elected to the Hall of Fame for the Southwest and taught thousands of people how to improve their game and enjoy it.

His brainchild, the tennis ranch, was just as it sounds. Kids would live in dormitories and play tennis at least 6 or 7 hours a day with a break for lunch. The camps lasted 3 weeks, and it was guaranteed your game would be raised several notches. I went to

one of the first sessions at the Tennis Ranch in 1959 and my son (now 35) went to his last in 2000. I noticed the bunks in the dorm looked exactly the same...but maybe had new mattresses. After attending the camp I found every school we played against had Tennis Ranch veterans.

Adults enjoyed it too. Their food was much better, and they could relax in their casitas or play tennis

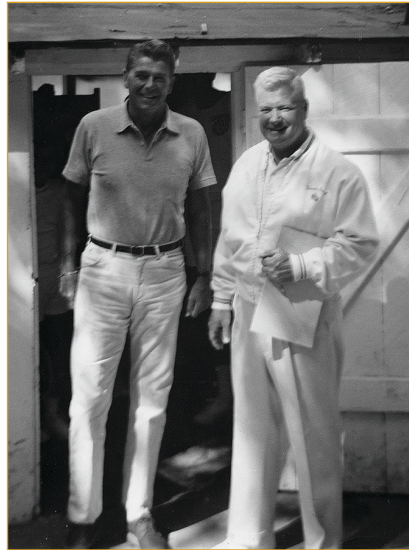
and take classes at their leisure. It was an immediate success. The casitas were booked solid as were the camps. They would have to turn away over 300 kids each year due to strong demand.

The second Tennis Ranch was in Scottsdale, Arizona and that is when his teaching methods and his tennis resorts became famous. In the end there were 11 John Gardiner Tennis Ranches and clinics in the U.S. all using John's

method of instruction...repetition, footwork, grip and stroke.

Tennis became very popular in the post war era and continued with the Kennedy fitness craze. His vision of the Tennis Ranch was perfect for this. It didn't hurt that John was a very nice man,

sociable, entertaining and a great story teller. His daily uniform of long cream colored pants, white Izod tennis shirt and a white wool sweater with "V" stripes stood out on the court. His black Irish hair turned pure white in time, but his smile never faded.



Reagan and Gardiner



Stepping in 40 years and several cocktails later

John was a firm believer in etiquette, dress codes and getting spoiled little rich kids off their rear ends and running around. We had to sweep and maintain the courts, collect balls and other tennis related tasks besides running tennis drills and playing competitively.

He was always nice to us. I remember a time on the courts one of the students complained that I was slow (I was), and Mr. Gardiner said “Charley may be slow, but he’s quick.” I loved that.



John and Barbara at the Lodge in Pebble Beach on their wedding day in 1948

John was the visionary, but it was his wife Barbara who ran the company. She was not only the business manager, but did everything from hand printing the daily menus to running the clubhouse store. All agree that without her diligence, the ranches would not have survived. The family

lived on the ranch in Carmel Valley and every evening at dinner John would ask his kids, John Jr., Tom, Tricia and Tenise, “What did you do for the ranch today?”

Two years after Barbara died from a long battle with cancer in 1978, he married Monique Ledoux. Monique was well regarded for her elegant style and her gardening expertise. She allowed others to run the mechanics of the business but was the ultimate decision maker.

By the year 2000 when John died, the popularity of tennis had started to decline and the kids’ programs were eliminated. The ranches were sold per the terms of John’s will, but his clinical methods are carried on today anywhere tennis is taught.

Those of us who had the privilege of learning from him are very thankful for that experience. Two of his former students, Bill Stahl and Jody Bunn, hosted a reunion in 1993 where over 200 people crammed into the Beach Club dining room to celebrate him...at one point the former students got up and stood in rows in front of John as they chanted the mantra and moved in unison to “STEP, STEP, STEP-IN, HIT.”

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A HISTORY OF SAILING THE MONTEREY BAY

- Hy Rothstein, Del Monte Forest Property Owners Board of Directors



In September 1542, Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo on his flagship San Salvador entered uncharted waters where no Spanish ships had been. He landed in what is now San Diego Bay. A week later he reached Santa Catalina Island, then San Clemente, Anacapa, and San Miguel Islands. He continued up the coast past Point Conception and in November he sighted and named “Cabo de Pinos,” (likely Point Pinos), but missed the entrance to San Francisco Bay probably because its entrance was shrouded in fog. Coming back down the coast, Cabrillo entered Monterey Bay naming it “Bahia de Los Pinos.” The bay was renamed “Puerto de Monterrey” in 1602 by Sebastian Vizcaino when he anchored in what is now the Monterey harbor. Not until 1769, almost two centuries after Cabrillo’s discovery of Monterey Bay, did the first European land exploration of California begin. Monterey’s past is steeped in maritime history and the spirit of the seafaring explorers of long ago lives on in today’s close knit nautical community of Monterey Bay. Yet, it is the timeless allure of the sea and the “disease” of sailing that connects the past to the present.


A few hundred years ago the sea and the people who sailed on it became something to write about. The sea even acquired a romantic aura. Writers like James Fenimore Cooper, Richard Henry Dana, Herman Melville, Jack London, Ernest Shackleton, C.S. Forester, Joshua Slocum, and Patrick O’Brian, to name only a few, were moved to tell stories about men whose way of life seemed increasingly at odds with modern ways. While technology was enabling populations to control and regulate more conditions of everyday life, the sea remained a place ruled by forces that humans could not control. Sailing can be beautiful, but it can also be treacherous.

Serious sailors know that sailing tends to increase awareness and appreciation of the fragility of life. Sailing helps to understand the fine lines between what we can control, what we can influence but not control, and the vast world that is beyond our control. Many sailboat owners participate in races, but generally sailing has come to exist as more of a relaxed hobby, and for some, a way of life.



The poet John Masefield acknowledges this disease in his famous poem “Sea-Fever” describing the mysterious compulsion to

*“...go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied...”*

The world would be a more tolerable place if more people would catch this incurable disease. 

Monterey Bay is a superb sailing venue with the opportunity to ply its waters every month of the year. Many of the local sailors have been sailing all their lives and come from seafaring families. Others are relatively new to sailing and are coached and harassed by the old salts until they reach an acceptable level of competence on the water. But the camaraderie among Monterey’s sailors is as real as their connection to Monterey’s maritime past as sailors navigate the same routes that Cabrillo and Vizcaino sailed five centuries ago.

To sail is to escape from our daily world. The sea tests our abilities and our courage. A day on the water rejuvenates the body, mind, and spirit. And when in their boats, sailors enjoy the sweetest kind of freedom. The sailing disease is incurable.



PEBBLE BEACH COMPANY
2022 COMPLETED
ROAD MAINTENANCE
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The following repaving projects were completed in 2022:

Forest Lodge Rd (Ortega Rd to Country Club Gate)
Lower Sunset Ln (Sunridge to Sunridge Rd)
Hermitage Rd (Bird Rock to Sloat Rd)
17 Mile Dr (Cypress to Cypress Ln)
Riata Rd (Forest Lake Rd to Alvarado Dr)
Porque Ln (Portola Rd to Sombria Ln)
Wildcat Canyon (Forest Lake to Middle Ranch Rd)
Sunridge Rd (Ronda to Lopez Rd)
Patio Dr (Herders to Indian Village Rd)
17 Mile Dr (Ocean Rd to Spyglass Hill)
17 Mile Dr (Carmel Wy to Crespi Ln)
Colton Rd (Lopez to Bird Rock Rd)
Congress Rd (SFB Morse Dr to Forest Lodge Rd)
Majella Rd (Forest Lodge to Congress Rd)
Palmero Wy (Sonado Rd to 17 Mile Dr)

...along with a whole host of drainage improvements along these roadway stretches. In all, the Company repaved 7.85 miles or 10% of the 75 miles of Pebble Beach roads this year, nearly one million square feet! Check for the 2023 road improvement schedule in the next *Forest News* issue.



- * The Forest has approximately 75 miles of roads.
- * Pebble Beach Company (PBC) uses a state-of-the-art road survey computer database to prioritize roads in need of maintenance.
- * For 2023, PBC has committed to spend over \$1.5 million dollars on road maintenance projects and drainage improvements.
- * In addition to its annual contractor costs, PBC employs four full-time road maintenance employees. PBC's crew handles more routine road maintenance such as patching, filling potholes, clearing drain lines, etc.
- * Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) continues to provide additional funding to repave/repair roads that are damaged as a result of its sewer and water line replacement projects, or undergrounding utility lines projects.
- * Contact PBC Roads Department, Micah Hawbaker, Ecology/Forestry/Roads Manager, or Shawn Casey, VP Resource Management, with maintenance questions or to report conditions, at 625-8414.

THE FIRST REAL SCIENTISTS TO TAKE THE DAY OFF IN PEBBLE BEACH

- Jeffrey B. Froke, Ph.D., Del Monte Forest Conservancy Board of Directors

If you were to ask yourself two questions: Who was one of the most conspicuous and impactful figures in American science in the mid-19th Century (hint: a man of Yale, where he was among the first to use the Berzelius handshake; was a Harvard geology

professor; and retired as Chair of Agriculture at Yale's Sheffield Scientific School [enough hints]), and Who was the first scientist to visit and describe the wildlife resources of the piece of California that would become Pebble Beach (?), and answer correctly, you'd come up with one name, William Henry Brewer.



William Henry Brewer [1828-1910] was a member of the Geological Survey of California, led by Dr. Josiah Dwight Whitney from 1860 through 1864. Brewer was a plant collector and astute diarist who kept a daily journal of the Whitney expedition.

Visiting the Monterey Coast was not on the expedition itinerary; however, by fortunate social circumstances and a chance meeting on a train, William Brewer in May 1861 became the first scientist to visit and describe Rancho El Pescadero on the Monterey Peninsula. His bird observations were the first recorded for the 4,426-acre Mexican Land Grant (made to Fabian Barreto in 1836). El Pescadero was later combined with Rancho Punta De Los Pinos (José Maria Armenta, 1833) to the northwest, thus completing the future Pebble Beach with its Del Monte Forest.

The Whitney Expedition visited El Pescadero on three occasions during 1861. As guests of the ranch owner, Edward Tompkins, a New York attorney who was a friend and sponsor of the expedition, the team made their headquarters at Tompkins's

log house by Stillwater Cove. To leave room for his distinguished and very trail-worn guests, Tompkins retired to his second log cabin at Cypress Point, where the Cypress Point Clubhouse is now located.

Taking the day off and relaxing where now stands the Beach Club, the professors Whitney and Brewer were impressed by the luxuriant nature and abundant sea life of Stillwater Cove. Indeed, they were the first scientists to take the day off at Stillwater Cove!

An entry from Brewer's journal for 11 July 1861 reads,

"I wish I could describe the coast there, the rocks jutting into the sea, teeming with life to an extent you, who have only seen other coasts, cannot appreciate..."

"Birds scream into the air – gulls, pelicans, birds large and birds small, in flocks like clouds. Seals and sea lions bask on the rocky islands close to shore; their voices can be heard night and day. Buzzards strive for offal on the beach, crows and ravens "caw" from the trees, while hawks, eagles, owls, vultures, etc., abound. These last are enormous birds, like a condor, and nearly as large. We have seen some that would probably weigh fifty or sixty pounds... and I have frequently picked up their quills over two feet long – one thirty inches – and I have seen them thirty-two inches long. They are called condors by the Americans. A whale was stranded on the beach, and tracks of grizzlies were thick about it."

Well, that would have been a fine day to enjoy the Cove, maybe to toast the future owners including Mimi Jenkins herself; then to challenge Brewer on his measurement skills — his feather lengths were quite a bit exaggerated! But, these gentlemen normally worked out the height of mountain ranges, so we can let the slide rule drift a little, this one time. By the way, when the old timers would talk about "condors" being a bit larger than our "condors", be not confused, because in those days the Andean Condor was the better understood - and larger - bird. 🐾



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