

HISTORY

Deva and her husband Steve were co-owners of the Barrington Bath and Tennis Club (one of the first 5 indoor tennis facilities in the Chicago area) located in Barrington, Illinois from 1965 to 1983, when they sold their interest and moved to North Carolina.

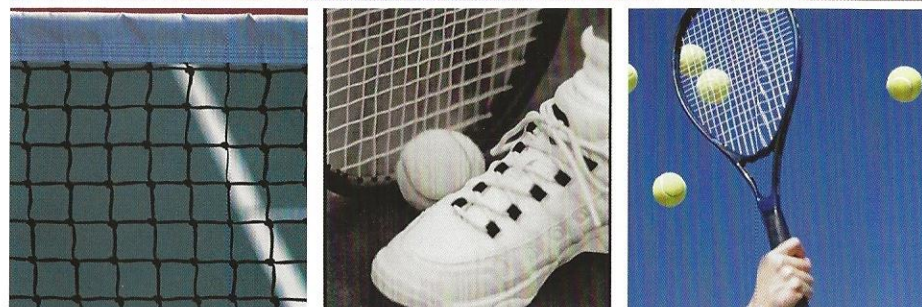
Steve passed away in 1986, and Deva moved to Bloomington and found a new home as a member at Evergreen Racquet Club in 1987. Their son Jay Morgan is currently the Executive Director of the (now named) South Barrington Club, keeping the family tradition of tennis alive and well in that community.

WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT OF DEVA:

- She was a friend, confidante, fierce competitor, gracious winner and gracious loser.
- She was on-time and always came prepared for any situation.
- She had an excellent sense of humor off the court!
- She valued and encouraged participation of every player making an honest effort to do their best to win, no matter their skill level.
- She was an ambassador of social tennis, which gave her a reputation for friendliness and inclusivity.
- When it came to helping new members become involved in the social tennis scene in Barrington or Bloomington, Deva was by their side helping them get acquainted with others as they became comfortable.



Deva Morgan Tennis Scholarship Program



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WHO IS DEVA?

Deva Morgan was an avid tennis player and tennis promoter in the Bloomington-Normal area from 1987 until she passed away in 2019. Tennis gave Deva such a great deal of social pleasure, which became the foundation for building life-long friendships and personal physical fitness. Deva finally gave up playing after she sustained an injury on the court at the age of 85.

We think she would be happy to know her children and tennis friends created this program in her honor, to help support young students who lack the financial means to develop their talents and interest in tennis which to her, was much more than a game.



Deva at her 75th Surprise Birthday Party at the Chateau of Bloomington

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each year the award committee will select 3 candidates who meet the criteria and whose essays demonstrate a strong interest in the sport and a desire to improve their skills. The essay will be attached to the application and will be 200 words or less.

Funds requested may be used for lessons, club membership, merchandise, or tournament entry fees. The request may include a combination of any of the above up to \$500.

Contribution Information

***To make a contribution to the Deva Morgan Tennis Scholarship Fund (Mindy K. Morgan; trustee), please mail or drop off checks to:
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