

Pensacola Parks and Recreation Board

January 28, 2021

Dear Parks and Recreation Board

In care of Mr. Rand Hicks,

I am requesting that a tennis court be named in honor of Terry Kellen at Roger Scott Tennis Center.

Today there is a very active ladies tennis community in the Pensacola area. The GPLTL, Greater Pensacola Ladies Tennis League, manages more than 900 women-members playing weekly matches in nine flights scheduled Mon-Fri at courts in Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Holley By The Sea, and in Alabama at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.

But in 1976, there was no organized tennis play and Terry Kellen sought to create a competitive ladder at Roger Scott Tennis. She was the first president of the SWTA, Scott Women's Tennis Association. In 1978 an intercity league was created after a meeting at Terry's home. This league had teams from Gulf Breeze, Pensacola Racquet Club, Pensacola Athletic Club, Pensacola Country Club, Naval Air Station and Santa Rosa Shores. This league became the Greater Pensacola Tennis League. Influenced by various ladies over the years this league experienced growth, a flight system structure, and rules based on Atlanta's ALTA league. Terry was the first president of the GPLTL.

I can't imagine life in Pensacola without ladies tennis. It has brought and sustained economic growth with team clinics and private lessons for the Clubs and the Pros since its inception. Personally, the lifelong friendships that I have made since my first team in 1978 are a personal treasure.

All this because Terry Kellen wanted to play fun but competitive tennis! I think the time has come to recognize Terry by naming a court in her honor at Roger Scott Tennis Center. Presently there are 3 named courts at Scott, all to remember worthy gentleman. She is in her 90's and no longer plays but the time has come for Terry Kellen to have a court named in her honor for all she has contributed to the tennis community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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