

Peter Smith & Mitch Bridge Reunite with Cathy Jacobson-Guzy at El Dorado Park Tennis Center

Former Long Beach State 49er teammates **Peter Smith** and **Mitch Bridge** have reunited with **Cathy Jacobson-Guzy** of First Serve Tennis Inc., bringing their popular Southern California Tennis Academy to the **El Dorado Park Tennis Center in Long Beach.**

"I'm so excited and proud to be working with both of these coaches again," said Jacobson-Guzy, who began teaching at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center in 1983 with Bridge joining her there in 1993 and Smith serving a stint there in 2002. "We are especially excited about the NEW junior development program for players age 5 to 16 and beyond. No matter what your ultimate goals are, from the competitive junior to high school and collegiate tennis and even for aspiring pros we now have something to offer everyone five days a week."

Partnering a year and a half ago, Smith and Bridge formerly ran their Southern California Tennis Academy out of the Seal Beach Tennis Center. "This is a busier location and more accessible to the public," Jacobson-Guzy said. "These two are both so dedicated to teaching tennis. It would be really hard to find two more devoted tennis coaches."

Smith is currently the head coach for the USC Men's Tennis team who team recently became consecutive four-time NCAA National Champions. "We're just really excited to be reunited with Cathy," said Smith, who taught at El Dorado back in the early 2000's. "Just the location of the center and how nice the facility is and especially the beautiful courts, it is just a winning combination for everyone."

Smith said his academy was looking for a bigger facility and has that with the 15 lighted and freshly resurfaced and unique purple courts. "El Dorado Park offers us a place and a great platform for us to make it great. There's a certain energy about Cathy in the way she runs her program and how she promotes it."

Added Bridge: "In just more than a week we've already exceeded expectations as far as enrollment goes. We just feel like there's a lot of opportunity to do really great things here."

The pair are being assisted on court by yet another former Long Beach State standout **Chris Ganz.**

Jacobson-Guzy hasn't stopped smiling since the first of the year knowing that she's working with two of the best in the business, and two coaches who she knows so well on a personal level. "We're all very excited to be working together again," she said. "We all really love what we do and both Peter and Mitch are so passionate about this sport and the kids they teach."

"We just want to keep growing tennis in greater Long Beach area. I know we have the opportunity and potential to do some sensational things here."

Call **Mitch Bridge at 949-439-6810**, or at **El Dorado Park at 562-425-0553** for more information on Southern California Tennis Academy.