



Tennis Postcard, Tacoma Tennis Club

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Height: 8.6 cm (3.4")

Width: 13.6 cm (5.4")

Description

Lawn Tennis Postcard, Tacoma Tennis Club.

A postcard from the U.S.A depicting a tennis match being played on the lawn of the Tacoma Tennis Club. The text to the bottom left corner 'Tacoma Tennis Club, Tacoma, Wash'. The women in the crowd are wearing wide-brimmed hats and Edwardian dresses typical of the 1900-1915 era. In the upper left, visible early motorcars with large thin wheels and open tops. In the background is the clubhouse surrounded by houses. The rear of the post card has been written upon and has a U.S postage 2 cents stamp that has been franked, TACOMA, WASH. May 22, 8.30PM, 1913 and WORLD'S PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION IN SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

Taken from Tacoma Tennis Club Website:-

A prestigious past is the only way to properly describe the Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club. In 1886, a group of women began playing tennis. In 1890, twenty men joined them officially forming their own private tennis organization. They shared four grass courts located at the intersection of Division Ave. and N. Yakima St and became one of the oldest private tennis clubs in the West.

In 1903, the Tacoma Land Company offered the current site of the Club. Seven clay courts were constructed along with the original clubhouse. During the rainy season the courts turned into a muddy field and were used as a skating rink when it froze.

After World War II, the clay courts were replaced with hard courts. The original clubhouse was demolished in 1967 and replaced. The current indoor court building was built in 1975, allowing members to play year round.

In 1991, the outdoor courts were resurfaced going from seven courts to six, allowing for a more professional space. The addition of the first two-court tennis dome was constructed in the fall of 1994 giving the Club four indoor courts. In 2012, a second two court dome was installed, giving the Club six indoor courts.

Members, both past and present, have in some way been responsible for the longevity and prosperity of Tacoma Lawn. It is due to their hard work, dedication, and love of the game that the pleasant atmosphere and beautiful surroundings of the Club have thrived over the years.