TONY MADRID

As a senior at Canyon High School in 1968, Tony Madrid led the Cougars to the North Coast Section tennis championship. He and his younger brother, Mark, won the NCS doubles title that year. During his four varsity seasons, Canyon’s tennis team had a dual-meet record of 51-1.

After high school, Madrid proceeded to Chabot College where he was named the tennis team’s Most Valuable Player and earned all-conference honors both seasons he played there. He since has been elected to the Chabot Sports Hall of Fame.

Madrid also wrestled in high school. With no previous experience in the sport, he qualified for the state wrestling tournament all four years at Canyon and as a senior won the state championship in the 133-pound division. He also won the Bay Area Invitational, the Hayward Area Athletic League and North Coast Section championships and the Northern California Invitational that year.

Much to the discomfort of his high school wrestling coach, Madrid at times would skip tournaments to compete in downhill ski races, at which he also excelled.

After college graduation, Tony briefly taught tennis at Bay-O-Vista Tennis Club in San Leandro, then partnered with his father, Peter, to purchase some new tennis courts in Livermore. The family opened the Del Valle Tennis Club, building a clubhouse and swimming pool and operating it for 11 years before selling the business in 1983. The club is still operating as the Livermore Valley Tennis Club.

Madrid also played competitive tennis with his doubles partner, Kim Fuller, winning several Northern California Tennis Association tournaments.

About 15 years ago, Tony got the golf bug and now plays to an 8-handicap. He and his wife, Geri, live in Livermore.