The late Pfister, who died in 2011 at the age of 90, was a player and promotor of North Dakota tennis. A three-time North Dakota high school singles champion from 1936-38, Pfister played at the University of Minnesota, competing at the #3 singles position. After college, he served in World War II from 1944-46 before returning to Wahpeton to start a dental practice. Pfister won the North Dakota Closed men's singles title from 1953-55 and teamed with his father, **Herbert**, to win the Northwest Tennis Association Father/Son event in 1949.

A tremendous community member, Pfister financially supported many tennis events across the state. He also donated tennis equipment to local schools in Wahpeton, as well as the spectator benches for the new tennis courts in the city. He was the President of the North Dakota Dental Association, was a 10th District Trustee for the National American Dental Association and implemented the dental hygiene program at North Dakota State School of Science. He also served as the Director of the Wahpeton National Bank, and was a member of the City Council, Special Assessment Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Community Development Corporation and Greater North Dakota Association. "Jack Pfister was an unbelievable tennis enthusiast," nominator and 2016 North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Lee Nagel said. "He was an outstanding player at the high school, college and adult levels, but it was his love and passion for the sport of tennis that, combined with his role as a community leader in Wahpeton, makes him so deserving to be in the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame."