

USTA PRO CIRCUIT STARTS STRONG IN 2013



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Throughout the first half of this year, the USTA Pro Circuit played an important role in growing the game while helping the next generation of American champions transition to the highest levels of the sport. More than a dozen U.S. players—including familiar names such as Ryan Harrison and new faces such as Brianna Morgan—captured USTA Pro Circuit titles during the first six months of 2013. In addition, a series of USTA Pro Circuit events in April were used as the proving ground to determine the American man and woman to be given wild-card entries into the French Open singles main draws. Alex Kuznetsov and Shelby Rogers emerged as the victors, accumulating the greatest number of ranking points at two Pro Circuit events to earn spots at Roland Garros.



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Shelby Rogers adds to her WTA ranking points total.

Live streaming and live scoring have also contributed to the USTA Pro Circuit's success in 2013. Thanks to these fan enhancements, it's never been easier to follow the action.

FIRST SERVES

Har-Tru Signs as Wild Card Challenge Title Sponsor

Earlier this year, Charlottesville, Va.-based Har-Tru Sports, the leading provider of clay courts, signed a three-year agreement to become the title sponsor of the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge. Har-Tru is the first title sponsor of this initiative, which awards singles main-draw wild cards into the French Open to the American man and woman who earn the most ATP and WTA ranking points at two of the three Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge events.

"We are incredibly excited to be able to sponsor the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge," said Pat Hanssen, General Manager of Har-Tru Sports. "It's a great opportunity to support the governing body of our sport, the USTA, and its efforts to promote and develop the growth of tennis in the U.S."

(For this year's Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge tournaments and individual winners, please see "Player News.")

"The USTA Pro Circuit has long been devoted to developing American world-class players, and now we have a world-class partner in that endeavor in Har-Tru," said Brian Earley, Director of the USTA Pro Circuit. "Learning to play on clay is an important part of developing the all-around player in tennis today, and Har-Tru is a top-notch, innovative company that has served the needs of American clay-court tennis for generations. We are thrilled to have them sponsor the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to give American players the equal chance to compete in the French Open—the world's most prestigious clay-court tournament."



USTA Pro Circuit Director Brian Earley is interviewed about the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge at the Dothan Pro Classic.



A sign of the times: Har-Tru partners with the USTA Pro Circuit.

New Events Added to Pro Circuit Calendars

The USTA Pro Circuit welcomed new events to the tournament calendar this year. All events will be played on hard courts.

MEN: During the week of Sept. 12, the Napa Valley Country Club in Napa, Calif., will host a \$50,000 Challenger event. And during the week of Oct. 7, Rice University in Houston will be the site of a \$15,000 Futures tournament.

WOMEN: During the week of July 15, the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton, Ore., will host a \$50,000 Challenger event. A women's \$50,000 event will be held on November 3–10 at the South Seas Island Resort in Captiva Island, Fla.



USTA Pro Circuit Staff Update

Alyse DiGaetano has joined the USTA Pro Circuit staff as an Administrative Assistant. Idelle Pierre-Louis has been promoted to Coordinator, Men's Circuit. And Scott Hausthor has joined USTA Player Development.

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 33 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. Mardy Fish, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Li Na and Andy Murray are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

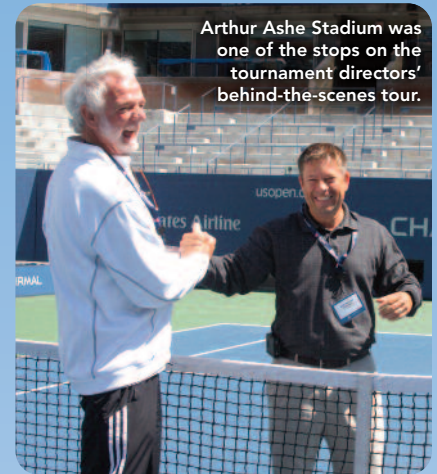


FIRST SERVES

Tournament Directors Attend USTA Pro Circuit Workshop

The USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Workshop took place at the Westin New York Grand Central in New York City in May and provided tournament directors of \$50,000 tournaments and above with the opportunity to share their success stories with one another and discuss various aspects of running a professional tennis event. Brian Earley, Director of the USTA Pro Circuit, served as host and moderator of the workshop. Among the speakers were Skip Gilbert, Managing Director, Professional Tennis Operations & US Open Tournament Manager; Patrick McEnroe, General Manager of USTA Player Development; Jay Gooding, USTA National Coach and Jeff Eccleston, Vice President, Group Director of Sponsorship Research International (Sri).

Workshop attendees sat in on sessions which covered a variety of subjects, including: Sponsorship, Marketing, Branding, Best Practices, Social Media, Publicity Relations, Media Coverage, Diversity and Inclusion, Live Scoring and Web Streaming, Community Activities and Tournament Operations. One of the highlights of the three-day workshop was a bus trip to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, where participants ate lunch in the Players' Lounge and were given a behind-the-scenes tour.



Arthur Ashe Stadium was one of the stops on the tournament directors' behind-the-scenes tour.



Attendees at the USTA Pro Circuit Tournament Directors Workshop take a break from one of their working sessions.



The opportunity to share success stories is a major incentive for tournament directors to attend the workshop.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Live Streaming of USTA Pro Circuit Men's Events Continues in 2013

The streaming of last year's Challengers proved to be a big success, giving tournaments, sponsors and the cities that hosted the USTA Pro Circuit events prime exposure, while also elevating the USTA Pro Circuit's exposure within the tennis and sporting worlds. Families and friends of players competing in the tournaments were able to watch their loved ones contest their matches live from anywhere around the globe.

After an entertaining first half of the year, live streaming of USTA Pro Circuit men's events, which has incorporated new graphics for each tournament, will be available at a total of 11 Challengers in the second half of 2013. The free, live stream is available at procircuit.usta.com. Coverage of main-draw matches on the tournament's main courts includes three unique camera angles, an on-site commentator and scoreboard graphics.

One of the many tournament highlights took place at the Challenger of Dallas in February, when Skip Gilbert, USTA Managing Director of Professional Tennis Operations, paid a visit to the commentators' booth during a live-stream broadcast.



Donald Young (left) and Ryan Harrison shake hands after their match at the Tallahassee Tennis Challenger.

Date	Men's USTA Pro Circuit Event	Location
July 1	Nielsen Pro Tennis Championship	Winnetka, Ill.
July 15	Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger	Binghamton, N.Y.
July 22	Fifth Third Bank Tennis Championships	Lexington, Ky.
July 29	Odlum Brown Van Open	Vancouver, B.C.
Aug. 5	Comerica Bank Challenger	Aptos, Calif.
Sept. 23	Napa Valley Challenger	Napa Valley, Calif.
Sept. 30	RelyAid Natomas Challenger	Sacramento, Calif.
Oct. 7	First Republic Bank Tiburon Challenger	Tiburon, Calif.
Oct. 28	Charlottesville Men's Pro Tennis Challenger	Charlottesville, Va.
Nov. 4	Knoxville Challenger	Knoxville, Tenn.
Nov. 11	JSM Challenger of Champaign – Urbana	Champaign, Ill.

DATE	PRIZE MONEY	LOCATION	SURFACE	STREAMING
January 21	\$50,000	Udell, Hawaii	Hard	Completed
February 4	\$100,000	Dallas, Texas	Hard, Indoor	LIVE & On-Demand
April 15	\$100,000	Sarasota, Fla.	Clay	Upcoming
April 22	\$50,000	Savannah, Ga.	Clay	Upcoming
April 29	\$50,000	Tallahassee, Fla.	Clay	Upcoming
July 1	\$50,000	Villmetts, Ill.	Hard	Upcoming
July 15	\$50,000	Binghamton, N.Y.	Hard	Upcoming
July 22	\$50,000	Lexington, Ky.	Hard	Upcoming
July 29	\$100,000	Vancouver, B.C.	Hard	Upcoming
August 5	\$100,000	Aptos, Calif.	Hard	Upcoming
September 23	\$50,000	TBD	Hard	Upcoming
September 30	\$100,000	Sacramento, Calif.	Hard	Upcoming
October 7	\$100,000	Tiburon, Calif.	Hard	Upcoming
October 28	\$75,000	Charlottesville, Va.	Hard, Indoor	Upcoming
November 4	\$50,000	Knoxville, Tenn.	Hard, Indoor	Upcoming
November 11	\$50,000	Champaign, Ill.	Hard, Indoor	Upcoming



Savannah Main Draw Matches live at 10am EDT

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Live Web-Streaming Available for USTA Pro Circuit Women's Events

During the second half of the year, it will be easier than ever to follow your favorite stars on the Women's USTA Pro Circuit.

Here is the full schedule of tournaments that will offer free live web-streaming. Each event will be played outdoors on hard courts and will offer \$50,000 prize money, with the exception of the \$75,000 Women's Challenger in Albuquerque, N.M. The web-stream can be accessed at procircuit.usta.com and at the tournament websites.



A web-streaming camera at the Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic.

Date	Women's USTA Pro Circuit Event	Location
July 1	FSP Gold River Women's Challenger	Sacramento, Calif.
July 8	Yakima Regional Hospital Challenger	Yakima, Wash.
July 15	The Oregon Challenger	Portland, Ore.
July 22	Fifth Third Bank Tennis Championships	Lexington, Ky.
July 29	Odlum Brown Van Open	Vancouver, B.C.
Sept. 16	Coleman Vision Tennis Championships	Albuquerque, N.M.
Sept. 23	Party Rock Open	Las Vegas, Nev.



Blended Lines for 10 and Under Tennis Are Tested for Entry-Level Events

In an effort to help promote 10 and Under Tennis, the USTA's youth initiative which scales the game to size for its youngest players, the USTA is conducting a trial to have blended lines approved for entry-level professional match play. Currently, courts with blended lines can be used for practice only. The trial includes four women's events and four men's \$10,000 events, with blended lines for 36-foot and 60-foot courts painted on the traditional 78-foot courts. Once the test has been completed and survey results have been evaluated, the ITF committees will determine if match play can be held on courts with blended lines in the future.



City of Orlando Supports Women's Event



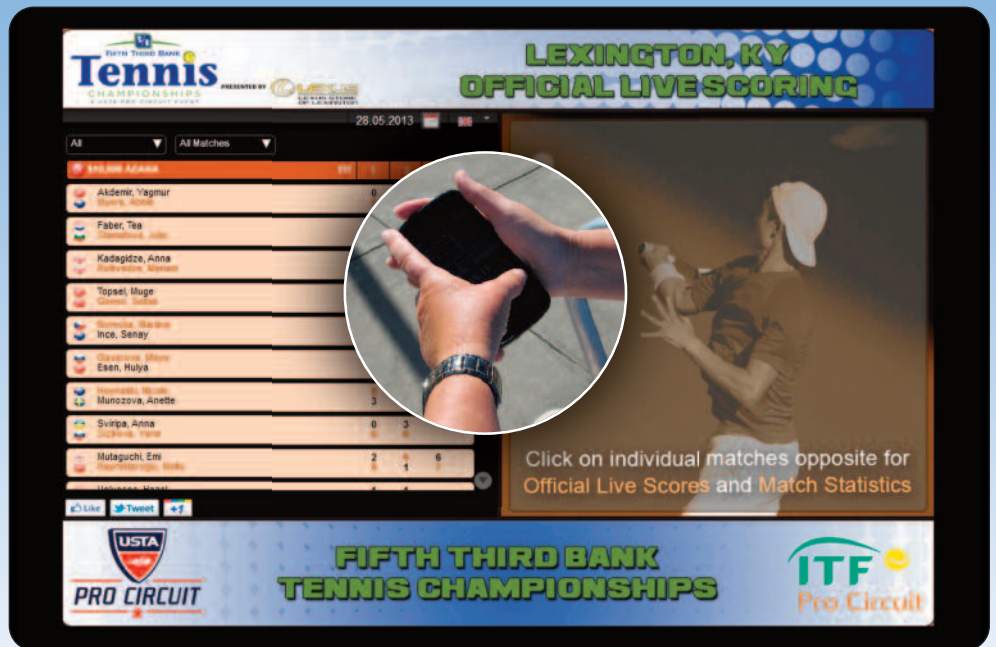
Mayor of Orlando Buddy Dyer (fourth from right) and his staff groom the courts for the first \$10,000 Women's Open held at the City of Orlando Tennis Centre.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

ITF Live Scoring Is Now Available at All USTA Pro Circuit Women's Events

The ITF Live Scoring system was launched at all USTA Pro Circuit women's events in April. The live scoring feature allows fans to follow USTA Pro Circuit women's matches on USTA.com or the tournament's website beginning with the first day of main draw action through the finals.

Chair Umpires are provided with handheld PDA devices for transmitting data. Each tournament has the option to create a customized "Live Web Scoreboard" with its tournament logo, sponsor logo and USTA Pro Circuit logo.



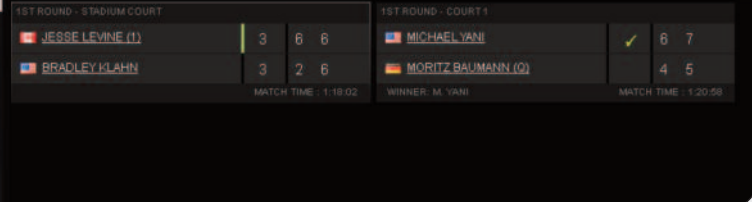
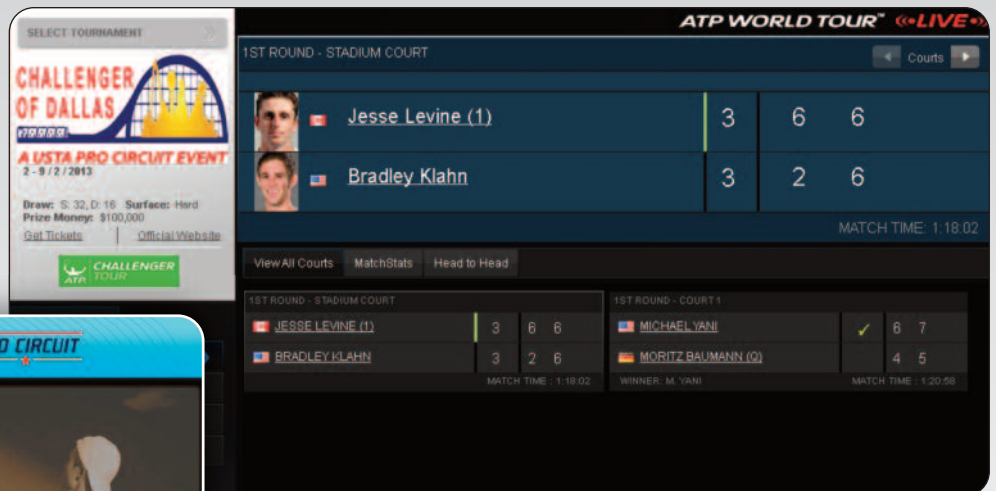
Live Scoring, Already at Men's Challengers, Is Launched at Men's Futures

If you haven't had a chance yet this year, take a look the scoreboards featured on the ATP World Tour's live scoring, which now include USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challengers. The ATP has revised the look of the live scoreboard for 2013 so it features player photos and the flag of each player's nation as well as easy-to-view scoring graphics.

In addition, live scoring at men's Futures began testing at the Innisbrook Futures and will continue for the remainder of 2013.

The testing has been successful, and the Pro Circuit is excited to have the ITF live scoring now taking place at all men's Futures for the remainder of the year.

To access each tournament's live scoring feature, go to the event's tournament website or log on to procircuits.usta.com and click on "Live Scoreboard."



USTA PRO CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT NEWS—MEN

USTA TALLAHASSEE TENNIS CHALLENGER SEES CHANGES IN 2013

Big changes were in store this year for the USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger men's event, which took place at the Forestmeadows Tennis Complex in Tallahassee, Fla., from April 27 through May 4.

The tournament switched from a hard court surface to a clay court surface and became part of the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge in which participating American players competed for ATP points to win a main draw wild card into the French Open.

The \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger represented the third and final event of the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge.

Among those present for a court dedication and press conference prior to the tournament were John Marks, Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, Pat Hansen, General Manager of Har-Tru Sports, and USTA Pro Circuit Director Brian Earley.

Tallahassee Mayor John Marks (third from left) and Brian Earley (second from right) cut the ribbon at the court dedication.

This year's singles champion was American player Denis Kudla, who defeated Germany's Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, 6-3, 6-3, in the final. In the doubles championship, the top-seeded American team of Austin Krajicek and Tennys Sandgren defeated Greg Jones of Australia and Canada's Peter Polansky, 1-6, 6-2 (10-8).



LOTS OF HAPPY FACES AT CHALLENGER OF DALLAS LATINO CHILDREN'S CLINIC

More than 200 children from local schools participated in the Challenger of Dallas Latino Children's Clinic presented by Estrada Hinojosa Investment Bankers in late April at the T Bar M Racquet Club in Dallas. The children had the opportunity to learn about tennis and spent time on court, where they received instruction from T Bar M Racquet Club teaching pros. During the clinic, Noe Hinojosa, president and chief executive officer of Estrada Hinojosa Investment Bankers, spoke with the children about the importance of staying in school and striving to achieve their goals. The event, which also provided lunch for the children, was a huge success and was great for both the community and the sport of tennis, as many of the students want to continue playing the game.

The Challenger of Dallas, a \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit men's event, took place in early February at the T Bar M Racquet Club. American Rhyne Williams won the singles title, and Alex Kuznetsov of the U.S. teamed with Germany's Mischa Zverev to win the doubles championship.

The Latino Children's Clinic was attended by more than 200 local children and gave them an opportunity to work on their game.



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MAUI CHALLENGER FEATURES TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN SPIRIT

As the only USTA Pro Circuit event held in Hawaii and the first \$50,000 Challenger of the year, the Maui Challenger, played at the Wailea Tennis Club on January 20-27, was a tournament filled with Hawaiian tradition.

All of the officials dressed in traditional "Aloha" shirts (or Hawaiian shirts, as they are known on the mainland). At the end of the tournament, some of the most unique trophies on the USTA Pro-Circuit were presented to the champions and runners-up: sculpted Tiki statues.

The tournament also hosted a School Day for children from local schools. They attended a junior clinic with the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section staff, which featured 10 and Under Tennis. In addition, the children had an opportunity to get player autographs.

This year's Maui Challenger singles champion was Japan's Go Soeda, who defeated Mischa Zverev of Germany, 7-5, 7-5. In the doubles final, Hsin-Han Lee and Hsien-Yin Peng of Chinese Taipei defeated Americans Tenny Sandgren and Rhyne Williams, 6-7 (1), 6-2, (10-5).



Vahid Mirzadeh (second from left) takes part in a question-and-answer session during a School Day clinic at the Maui Challenger."



Tournament officials dressed in "Aloha" shirts gave the Maui Challenger a traditional Hawaiian flavor.

MIRACLE KIDS TREATED TO FREE TENNIS CLINIC

Saturday, March 2, was a memorable day for the Miracle Kids of South Texas as the Harlingen Country Club Men's \$15,000 Futures in Harlingen, Texas, invited mentally and physically challenged children ages 5 to 15 for a free 30-minute tennis clinic at the country club. The kids were provided with loaner racquets to use during the clinic. All participants received prizes and had an opportunity to meet some of the players. After the clinic, the children and their families received free admission to watch the matches.



Harlingen, Texas

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SARASOTA OPEN HONORS BOLLETTIERI

The Sarasota Open, a \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event, honored coaching legend Nick Bollettieri during the tournament, which was played on April 13-21 at The Tennis Gardens at the Longboat Key Club & Resort in Longboat Key, Fla. The 81-year-old Bollettieri has coached many players over the years, including 10 competitors who reached No. 1 in the world. He was recognized by the Sarasota Open for the influence he had on the game of tennis.

During the week's festivities, the tournament honored Bollettieri by holding the Nick Bollettieri Pro-Am event and Nick Bollettieri Kids Day. A women's invitational tennis event held in conjunction with the Sarasota Open was also named after the coaching legend.



DALLAS AND TALLAHASSEE EVENTS SPORT BILLBOARDS

In addition to being part of the USTA Pro Circuit men's calendar and providing fans with some exciting tennis this year, the Challenger of Dallas and the USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger both used large billboards as part of their marketing efforts to publicize their events.



MEN'S PRO CIRCUIT EVENTS CREATE NEW LOGOS

Three \$10,000 USTA Men's Futures events unveiled new logos to help promote their tournament branding. Two of the tournaments were in Florida: the Eagle Landing Tennis Classic in Orange Park (held the week of May 6) and the Revolution Technologies Pro Tennis Classic in Indian Harbour Beach (held the week of June 7). The other event was the Pittsburgh Futures (held the week of July 1).



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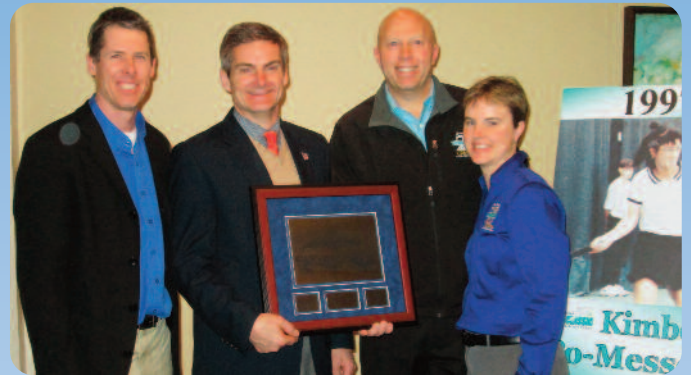
DOW CORNING CLASSIC CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1989, the USTA Pro Circuit women's tournament played its inaugural event in Midland, Mich. A quarter of a century later, the \$100,000 Dow Corning Tennis Classic, which makes its home at the Midland Community Tennis Center, celebrated its 25th anniversary this past February. One of the crown jewels of the USTA Pro Circuit, the tournament is the longest-running women's event on the USTA Pro Circuit and the third-longest running overall, trailing only men's events in Little Rock, Ark., and Aptos, Calif. It has featured future Grand Slam singles champions such as Maria Sharapova, Li Na, Francesca Schiavone and Justine Henin.

This year's fan-friendly tournament was bigger and better than ever, as it hosted a High School Play Day for more than 300 high school players across the state and a Kids' Fun Day and tennis clinic for more than 100 children ages 14 and under. A 10-and-under tennis tournament also took place.

Meredith McGrath, who reached the tournament's singles final and semis in '94 and '98, respectively, returned to her hometown to speak to students at H.H. Dow High School, her alma mater. She also participated in a press conference and was Guest of Honor at the player-sponsor dinner attended by 300 guests. Skip Gilbert, USTA Managing Director, Professional Tennis Operations, and Jack Waite, Pro Circuit Committee Chair, also attended the tournament and shared the duty of awarding the 25th Anniversary plaque on behalf of the USTA Pro Circuit.

Top-seeded Lauren Davis of the United States won this year's Dow Corning Classic singles title as she scored a thrilling 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (2) victory over unseeded Ajla Tomljanovic of Croatia. In the doubles final, Melinda Czink of Hungary teamed with Croatia's Mirjana Lucic-Baroni for a 5-7, 6-4, (10-7) victory over Maria-Fernanda Alves of Brazil and Samantha Murray of Great Britain.



L to R: Jack Waite, PC Committee Chair; Skip Gilbert, Managing Director, USTA Professional Tennis Operations; Mike Woody, Tournament Director; and Sharon Cleland, Co-Tournament Director".



Meredith McGrath (left) was a finalist in the 1994 Dow Corning Tennis Classic and reached the semifinals there in 1998.

ANDY RODDICK GIVES CHILDHHELP A HELPING HAND

"An Evening with Andy Roddick," benefiting Childhelp Merv Griffin Village, took place in Palm Desert, Calif., in early February following the \$25,000 Childhelp Desert Classic, a women's USTA Pro Circuit event, which was played at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage.

Roddick, a former world No. 1 player who retired after the 2012 US Open, answered questions and talked tennis with a gathering of approximately 65 attendees for nearly two hours during the \$1,000-per-person event, which was held in an intimate setting at a private residence at the Big Horn Golf Club. Thanks to Roddick, who won three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles early in his career, the event raised funds for the 121-acre Childhelp Merv Griffin Village in Beaumont, Calif., which has been dedicated to the treatment of abused, neglected and at-risk children since 1978.

Unseeded Sachie Ishizu of Japan captured this year's Childhelp Desert Classic singles title with a 6-3, 7-6 (3) victory over top-seeded Julie Coin of France. The American wild card team of Jan Abaza and Louisa Chirico advanced to the doubles final, where they were narrowly defeated by Great Britain's Tara Moore and Melanie South, 4-6, 6-2, (12-10).



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RALEIGH CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Merz Aesthetics Women's Challenger in Raleigh, N.C., a \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event, was presented with the Award of Excellence in early May. During the tournament at the North Hills Club, USTA Pro Circuit Director Brian Earley presented the award to Tennis Chairman Reggie Gillespie, Tournament Director Shane Wells and North Hills Club President Sam Sugg.

"The USTA Pro Circuit needs quality, consistent venues to produce the next generation of American stars," said Earley when presenting the award. "Over the years, the club has made an incredible transition into one of our finest tournament sites."



Brian Earley (second from left) presents an Award of Excellence to Tennis Chairman Reggie Gillespie, Tournament Director Shane Wells and North Hills Club President Sam Sugg.

PELHAM CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Legacy Community Federal Credit Union Women's 25,000 Pro Circuit Challenger, held at the Pelham Racquet Club in Pelham, Ala., proudly celebrated its 10th anniversary on the USTA Pro Circuit during this year's event in April. Dianne Atkinson, Senior Manager, Women's Pro Circuit, and Skip Gilbert presented the 10th anniversary award to Tournament Director Chaney Mills and the staff of Pelham Racquet Club, including Ann Etheredge, who brought the event to Pelham 10 years ago. Title sponsor Legacy Community Federal Credit Union representatives were also on hand for the presentation. Mayor of Pelham Gary Waters presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 8-14 as USTA Pro Circuit Week. The Pelham tournament is one of two USTA Pro Circuit women's events in Alabama this year.



Representing the Legacy Community Federal Credit Union were (from far left) Gina Cannaday, Senior VP Glenn Bryan, Michelle Arena and CEO/President Joe McGee.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES BENEFITS FROM USTA WOMEN'S CHALLENGER

Germany's Laura Siegemund won the USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's singles title in early April, but the big winner at the River Hills Club in Jackson, Miss., was Catholic Charities, the tournament's benefiting charity. As a result of the tournament's contribution, 24 Catholic Charities programs, which serve 65 Mississippi counties, received funding. Among the programs that benefited were two domestic abuse shelters that serve over 300 families and the children's services associated with each facility.

"Catholic Charities is so thankful for the opportunity to work with all of the sponsors and River Hills Club on the USTA Women's Challenger again this year," said Greg Patin, executive director of Catholic Charities. "This wonderful event supports our programs that are a visible sign of Christ's love for over 20,000 persons each year."

The \$25,000 USTA/St. Dominic USTA Pro Circuit Women's event returned to Jackson, Miss., for the 15th consecutive year. It is the only USTA Pro Circuit event for either men or women in the state of Mississippi.

Champion Laura Siegemund (fifth from left) poses next to finalist Florencia Molinero at the conclusion of the tournament.

"We at River Hills Club were excited once again to have a partnership with Catholic Charities and St. Dominic Hospital. The members at RHC enjoy bringing world-class tennis to the Jackson area as well as helping such a fantastic organization as Catholic Charities," said Dave Randall, River Hills Club tennis professional and Tournament Director of the event.



TESORO WOMEN'S OPEN BENEFITS HUMANE SOCIETY

The \$25,000 Tesoro Women's Open, which took place on January 14-20 at the Racquet Club at Tesoro in Port Saint Lucie, Fla., chose a benefiting charity that was sure to make animal lovers happy. The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, located in Palm City, Fla., is a private non-profit humane agency which cares for more than 6,000 animals each year and relies solely on private donations. The Society has been the leading advocate for animal welfare in the Martin County area since 1955.

During the tournament, the HSTC showcased some of the animals in need of homes at a booth. "We chose the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast to be our benefiting charity because we're committed animal lovers," said Alexandra Owen, Tesoro Women's Open sponsorship/marketing director.

It was an entertaining week of tennis at the Racquet Club at Tesoro as second-seeded Sharon Fichman of Canada defeated fourth-seeded Tadeja Majeric of Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2, to win the singles crown. In the doubles final, Russia's Angelina Gabueva teamed with American Allie Will for a 4-6, 6-2, (10-7) victory over Argentina's Florencia Molinero and Adriana Perez of Venezuela.



TWO FOR TWO

Pam Collins, tournament director of Innisbrook, Fla., and Wilson Pipkin, tournament director of Landisville, Pa., assisted the USTA Pro Circuit as both accepted the opportunity to host two events this year on the women's calendar. In addition to hosting a men's futures event, Innisbrook hosted women's 25K events at the Innisbrook Resort in January and March, thanks to Collins. Pipkin has hosted the Koser Jewelers Tennis Challenge in Landisville for six years and will host its second event, a women's 25K, on August 5-11, also sponsored by Koser Jewelers.

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USTA MID-ATLANTIC HELPS STAGE THE KIDS DAY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

This year's 2013 Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic in Charlottesville, Va., had a special twist to it. For the first time, the USTA Mid-Atlantic section participated in the Boyd Tinsley Kids Day. Seventy-five children from the Charlottesville area attended the event, including those participating in the Tinsley Fund After School Program. The Tennis Carnival was hosted by Matt Barnhart, the Mid-Atlantic's USTA Jr. Team Tennis Coordinator and Tennis Service Representative for Virginia, in conjunction with Avi Parida, Mid-Atlantic's Community Tennis & Special Projects Assistant. Boyd Tinsley commented that the event may have been the best one ever. Eight USTA Pro Circuit players participated in the event along with Tinsley, who was pleased to see the section's involvement. Tournament Director Ron Manilla noted that the partnership between the section and the event was a great opportunity to "grow the game" in a mutually beneficial way.



Boyd Tinsley (center) presides over Boyd Tinsley Kids Day.



BRANDING ITEMS ARE ADDED AT UPPER-LEVEL EVENTS

In addition to being web-streamed, women's events with prize money levels of \$50K and above will also receive USTA Pro Circuit branding items to dress up their stadium and feature courts. Items to be included are a media backdrop for interviews and photo ops, on-court player chairs, coolers, net signage and a finals ceremony tablecloth.



NEW TOURNEY LOGOS FOR OREGON AND FORT WORTH

A pair of USTA Pro Circuit women's events being held in July, The Oregon Challenger, a \$50,000 event in Portland, Ore., and the \$10,000 Ft. Worth Pro Tennis Classic, have unveiled new tournament logos.



USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

KUZNETSOV, ROGERS WIN HAR-TRU USTA PRO CIRCUIT WILD CARD CHALLENGE

Americans Shelby Rogers and Alex Kuznetsov earned wild cards to compete in this year's French Open singles main draw at Roland Garros by winning the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge. Rogers and Kuznetsov won the challenge by accumulating the greatest number of ATP and WTA ranking points in two of three clay-court events held during April on the USTA Pro Circuit. The Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge was played as the result of a reciprocal agreement between the USTA and the French Tennis Federation, which exchanged wild cards into the 2013 French Open and 2013 US Open.

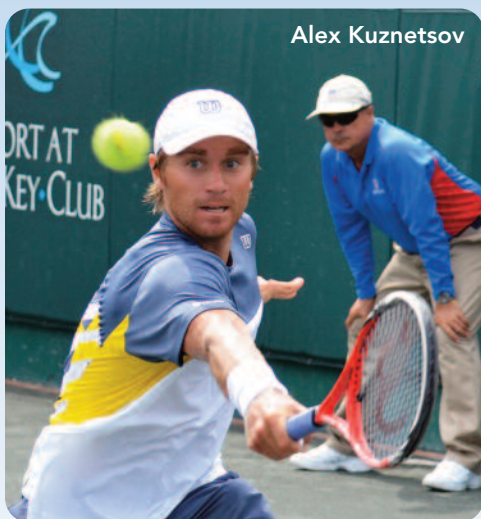
The men's events comprising the challenge included the \$100,000 Sarasota Open in Longboat Key, Fla.; the \$50,000 Savannah Challenger in Savannah, Ga.; and the \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Challenger in Tallahassee, Fla. The women's tournaments consisted of three \$50,000 events: the Dothan Pro Classic in Dothan, Ala.; the Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic in Charlottesville, Va.; and the Audi Melbourne Pro Tennis Classic in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.

All three men's events were streamed live on procircuit.usta.com. The women's events in Charlottesville, Va., and Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., were also streamed on the website.

In their French Open singles main draw debuts, Kuznetsov fell to Lucas Pouille of France, 6-1, 7-6 (2), 6-2 in the first round, while Rogers defeated Irena Pavlovic of France, 6-3, 6-4 in her first round before dropping a second-round match to 20th seeded Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.



Shelby Rogers (left) defeated Allie Kiick to win the Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic.



Alex Kuznetsov

KUZNETSOV APPEARS ON WCTV'S "THE STARTLING LINEUP"

After clinching first place in the Har-Tru USTA Pro-Circuit Wild Card Challenge in early May at the \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger in Tallahassee, Fla., Alex Kuznetsov appeared on "The Starting Lineup," a weekly sports talk show on WCTV in Tallahassee. During the show, which features former professional athletes residing in Tallahassee, Kuznetsov spoke about winning the Har-Tru USTA Pro-Circuit Wild Card Challenge.



Alex Kuznetsov (second from left) makes a guest appearance on "The Starting Lineup."

TOWNSEND MEETS A MAJOR PLAYER

During the women's \$25,000 event held in Innisbrook, Fla., Taylor Townsend, who finished 2012 as the world's top-ranked junior, was invited by Dr. Sheila Johnson to the Hospitality Suite at the Tampa Bay Championship Pro Golf Tournament. Johnson, an entrepreneur who co-founded Black Entertainment Television (BET), is the only African-American woman to own or be a partner in three professional sports teams: the Washington Capitals (NHL), the Washington Mystics (WNBA) and the Washington Wizards (NBA); she also serves on the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association. Johnson is also CEO and founder of Salamander Hotels and Resorts; Innisbrook Resort is one of its holdings.



Taylor Townsend (left) and Dr. Sheila Johnson

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

KLEYBANOVA WINS LANDISVILLE PRO CIRCUIT EVENT

Playing in only her second tournament since she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2011, former Top 20 player Alisa Kleybanova of Russia captured the Koser Jewelers Pro Circuit Tennis Challenge in Landisville, Pa. in May. Playing in the \$10,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit event at the Hempfield Recreation Center, Kleybanova won three qualifying matches and five main draw matches to capture the singles title. In her semifinal match against Japan's Hiroko Kuwata, she came back from a 5-1 deficit in the third set and saved seven match points in a thrilling 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 victory. Kleybanova went on to defeat American Natalie Pluskota, 6-3, 6-0, in the final.

After reaching the second round at the WTA event in Miami last year, Kleybanova, who turns 24 on July 15, felt she was struggling with her recovery and decided to focus on her fitness instead of playing tournaments.

"I was waiting until I really felt better. I decided that it was time to play some small tournaments just to see how it goes, and if I would recover from my matches and play every day without too many ups and downs, physically," Kleybanova said. "It was the perfect time to try to come back. I made a good start. I don't think I'll have to stop anymore."



Alisa
Kleybanova

HARRISON AIDS FOOD BANK DURING SAVANNAH CHALLENGER

In late April, Ryan Harrison won the \$50,000 Savannah Challenger singles title at the Franklin Creek Tennis Center at The Landings Club in Savannah, Ga., but it was something he did off the court that earned him praise from staff, volunteers and fans at the USTA Pro Circuit clay court event.

The 20-year-old Harrison, from Austin, Texas, took time from his tournament schedule to make a difference in the lives of people in need. He contributed to America's Second Harvest, a food bank which received proceeds from this year's Savannah Challenger. The charity feeds 500,000 families, children and adults throughout the Southeast.

"We were collecting money and food and canned goods and boxed goods throughout the week," said Tournament Director Scott Mitchell. "Over the weekend, Ryan pulled up to the front gate in his car, opened up his trunk and unloaded four or five bags full of canned goods and boxed goods that just completely filled up the whole barrel (used to hold donations).

You just don't find that from the players very often."



While Harrison, who has represented the U.S. in Davis Cup and the Olympics, won his fourth career USTA Pro Circuit singles title that week in Savannah, it was his generosity in helping people in need which fans, volunteers and tournament staff will remember.

STEPHENS REACHES AUSTRALIAN OPEN SEMIFINALS

The tennis world took notice of former USTA Pro Circuit competitor Sloane Stephens in January when she advanced to the semifinals of the Australian Open before falling to eventual champion, Victoria Azarenka. Stephens, who captured her first Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$10,000 event in Wichita, Kan., in 2008 with fellow American Christina McHale, defeated fellow American Serena Williams in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open. She was ranked No. 17 in the WTA rankings heading into Wimbledon.



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Sloane
Stevens

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

AMERICAN WOMEN SHINE AT USTA PRO CIRCUIT EVENTS

The USTA Pro Circuit has seen some familiar names and new faces among the winners in the first half of 2013.

Lauren Davis began the year on a strong note as she won the \$100,000 Dow Corning Tennis Classic in Midland, Mich., in early February. The championship represented the seventh career USTA Pro Circuit title for Davis.



Lauren Davis

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loss of a set, she also went on to finish first in the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge, earning a main-draw wild card into the 2013 French Open, where she reached the second round.

Asia Muhammad won her first career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger event in May at the \$25,000 Merz Aesthetics Women's Challenger in Raleigh, N.C. The Las Vegas resident also teamed with fellow American Allie Will to win the doubles title. It was their second doubles title of 2013 after winning the championship in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., earlier in the year.

Jamie Loeb had a fantastic week in late May after winning five straight matches without the loss of a set to capture the \$10,000 Palmetto Pro Open in Sumter, S.C. The 18-year-old Loeb defeated fellow American Brooke Austin in the final to win her third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title.



Jamie Loeb

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After losing in the singles final in 2011, **Madison Brengle** came back to win the \$25,000 Fresh Start Women's Open in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., in February with a straight-set victory over fellow American Nicole Gibbs in the final. Brengle now has four career USTA Pro Circuit titles.

Allie Kiick captured her second career USTA Pro Circuit singles title in early March after winning the \$10,000 Gainesville Women's Professional Tennis Classic in Gainesville, Fla. Kiick later followed up her performance by reaching the singles final in Charlottesville, Va., where she fell to Shelby Rogers.

Unseeded **Shelby Rogers** not only won the \$50,000 Boyd Tinsley Clay Court Classic in Charlottesville, Va., in late April without the

final of the \$10,000 ResortQuest Pro Women's Open at Bethany Beach, Del. The win was Morgan's first career USTA Pro Circuit title.

Allie Will had not won a USTA Pro Circuit doubles title since 2009; but in the first six months of 2013, the 22-year-old has already won three doubles titles. In January, she teamed with Russia's Angelina Gabueva to win the \$25,000 Tesoro Women's Open in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Will then joined Asia Muhammad to win USTA Pro Circuit doubles events in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Raleigh, N.C.

A trio of American women who have previously enjoyed success on the USTA Pro Circuit—**Jamie Hampton**, **Bethanie Mattek-Sands** and **Sloane Stephens**—all advanced to the Round of 16 at the 2013 French Open.

AMERICAN WOMEN ON A ROLL

Heading into Wimbledon, the United States had 22 women ranked in the Top 200—more than any other nation. In addition, a number of up-and-coming American teenagers—including Louisa Chirico, Samantha Crawford, Victoria Duval, Taylor Townsend and Sachia Vickery—were also making huge strides in their play and looking to make an impact on the women's game as they moved up in the rankings.



Victoria Duval

After winning the doubles title last year, **Sanaz Marand** returned to the Hunt USTA \$25,000 Women's Pro Tennis Classic in El Paso, Texas, in late May and won the singles title, defeating Japan's Naomi Osaka in the final. The victory represented Marand's first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title.

For **Brianna Morgan**, a wild card entrant, it was a week to remember in mid-June, as the 19-year-old knocked off top-seeded Jessica Moore of Australia in the singles

USTA PRO CIRCUIT PLAYER NEWS

AMERICAN MEN CAPTURE USTA PRO CIRCUIT SINGLES TITLES

A former Grand Slam semifinalist and a first-time Challenger champion were among the American men who won singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit during an exciting first half of 2013.

Robby Ginepri, a 2005 US Open semifinalist, continued his comeback after suffering a broken elbow in late 2010 by winning the \$10,000 Match Point Tennis Davie in Sunrise, Fla., in early January. In February, the 30-year-old Ginepri also reached the singles final of the \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas.

Bjorn Fratangelo won his first career USTA Futures singles title in January at the \$10,000 Audi Pembroke Pines in Weston, Fla. Then, in early May, he captured the \$10,000 Eagle Landing Tennis Classic in Orange Park, Fla. Earlier this year, Fratangelo also reached the singles finals of the \$10,000 USTA Futures tournament in Palm Coast, Fla., and the \$15,000 USTA Futures event in Harlingen, Texas.

Rhyn Williams, who established a career-high ranking of No. 117 in the world earlier this year, won his first career USTA Challenger singles title when he captured the \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas, defeating fellow American Robby Ginepri in the final.

Bradley Klahn, the 2010 NCAA men's singles champion, won his first career USTA Futures singles title in March at the \$15,000 Costa Mesa Pro Classic in Costa Mesa, Calif. The previous week, Klahn reached the singles final of the \$15,000 USTA Men's Pro Tennis Championships in Calabasas, Calif.

Alex Kuznetsov notched his fourth career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in mid-April after winning the \$100,000 Sarasota Open in Sarasota, Fla., as a qualifier. The victory helped Kuznetsov earn a main-draw wild card into the 2013 French Open, as he would go on to win the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge.



Bjorn
Fratangelo



Robby Ginepri (right) defeats
Benjamin Balleret.

Austin Krajceck enjoyed twice the success in April as he won the singles and doubles titles at the \$15,000 Tour De Paul Tennis Tournament in Little Rock, Ark. The five-time All-American at Texas A&M added another USTA Pro Circuit singles title in May, winning the \$10,000 Tampa USTA Men's Pro Circuit Futures in Tampa, Fla.

Ryan Harrison, who has been ranked as high as No. 43 in the world, tuned up his game on the USTA Pro Circuit in April by winning the \$50,000 Savannah Challenger on outdoor clay in Savannah, Ga. For Harrison, who has represented the United States in Davis Cup and the Olympics, the victory marked his second career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title.

Denis Kudla captured his third career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title, winning the \$50,000 USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger in Tallahassee, Fla., in early May. Kudla, who qualified for this year's French Open singles main draw, recently moved to a career-high singles ranking of No. 105 in the world heading into Wimbledon.

Tour veteran **Jesse Witten** won his first USTA Pro Circuit event title since 2009 in June, after winning the \$10,000 Revolution Technologies Pro Tennis Classic in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. The 30-year-old Witten, who reached the third round of the 2009 US Open as a qualifier, now owns nine career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles.