2025 USIC Fall Newsletter

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Citi Open IC Day in DC

July 22
Chevy Chase, MD

Young players were cracking serves at 120 mph, which former world #1 doubles star Richey Reneberg effortlessly returned for winners with a flick of his racquet. Needless to say, the level of play was exceptionally high among the 18 USIC members and guests participating in the IC Day of DC held at Columbia Country Club on July 22. In addition to Reneberg, Dan Waldman—current ITF Masters World Champion—showcased his world-class skills.

Bruce Lipka, coach of world #4 doubles star Erin Routliffe who was competing in the Mubadala Citi DC Open, made a surprise appearance, and Georgetown men's and women's coach Freddy Mesmer, who was sidelined with an injury, provided valuable tips and encouragement throughout the day.

Two hours of competitive doubles were followed by a buffet lunch, rounding out a fantastic event before members headed to the Mubadala Citi DC Open to attend the matches.

Thank you to David Gollob for organizing the tennis and Joe Mesmer for hosting, and thank you to everyone who generously donated to USIC Philanthropy.

Men

Tom Bender
Brian Campbell
Andrew Courtney
David Fitzgerald
Elton Hyder
Bruce Lipka
Richard Reneberg
Barton Rubenstein
Dan Waldman
David Wendt
Marc Witowski

Women

Patricia Delaney
Erin Nicholson Ortiz
Del Owens
Simmy Pell
Andrea Rice
Heather Walsh
Andrea Williams

Ted Avory Cup

August 19-22
Brookline, MA

The Ted Avory Cup was held August 19–22 at Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline, MA, hosted by USIC and Longwood member Bill White. Captained by Erika Smith, Bruce Lipka, and Charlie Hoeveler, the USIC captured its fourth consecutive victory, retaining the Cup with a 16–12 win.

True to tradition, the week demanded flexibility and good humor.Early rain forced play from grass to clay, and both sides sustained brief injuries Tuesday. Wednesday's member-guest hit-around and cocktail party were replaced with a brief clay practice and a Welcome Lunch.

Play began Thursday on clay. At the end of the singles, the USIC held a 5-4 lead, with the ICGB winning three of its four matches in the super tie-breaker. All three super-tiebreakers had a score of 10-8. In the afternoon, the USIC doubles teams dominated, ending the day with a 9-5 lead. Two of the matches went to a super tie-

breaker, this time with the USIC prevailing in both.

Thursday evening featured the IC dinner, highlighted by remarks from both captains and exchanges of pink and gray IC ties and scarves. On Friday, under perfect skies, Great Britain narrowed the margin, but the USIC's mixed doubles strength, punctuated by Captain Lipka and Francesca La'O's comeback win, secured the final 16–12 result.

The week concluded with a festive New England clambake and a memorable trip to Newport for the International Tennis Hall of Fame induction, where guests were treated to a surprise appearance by Serena Williams introducing inductee Maria Sharapova.

USIC Day at West Side Tennis Club

August 27
Forest Hills, NY

Since 2019, the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, NY, has been the venue for the USIC's highest attended IC Day, featuring a fun hit-around session followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting of Members and the quarterly Board of Directors meeting. On Wednesday, August 27, more than 30 USIC members and prospective members gathered to play on the club's beautiful grass courts. Despite the late-summer heat, the event was a great success once again, continuing a tradition of strong turnout and play. This year's gathering featured a wide range of ages and included several new participants. Led by USIC President Robb Bunnen, the day offered top-level camaraderie and friendly matches, followed by lunch on the clubhouse terrace. As in recent years, there was high attendance of women members, reflecting growing participation across the USIC.

Above: Current USIC President Robb Bunnen (middle) and former Presidents Don Tansey (left) and Dan Waldman (right)

USIC vs. Ireland

August 27-29
Old Westbury, NY

The 2025 USIC vs. Ireland fixture was another memorable occasion as the USIC hosted 13 players from Ireland at Old Westbury Golf & Country Club on Long Island. The visiting team spanned ages 30s–70s, with several returnees from the 2023 Dublin edition. During two days of competition, 17 matches were played, with the USIC winning 12–5. Captains Carlos Garcia and John Boylan ensured dynamic competition and skillful pairings. Jessica Cunningham graciously joined the Irish team alongside Irishwoman Jane Fennelly in a thrilling doubles match against Anabelle Robichaud and Daria Sekerina.

Off-court highlights included a backyard Welcome Party hosted by Jeff and Amorita Snow, complete with music, flags, and a barbecue. The Friday formal dinner was held at Diane's Trattoria, where both teams gathered in a private room for an exceptional meal. Captains introduced their teams and rookies, with first-time USIC participants Anabelle Robichaud, Patrick Emmet, and Taylor Hamilton each giving thoughtful introductory remarks. Captain Garcia presented John Boylan and Jane Fennelly with honorary USIC ties and scarves, while Jeff Snow was named an honorary Ireland IC member.

USIC Participants

Captain: Carlos García
Jessica Cunningham
Michael Cunningham
Patrick Emmet
Steve Gottlieb
Taylor Hamilton
TC Lackey
Scott Lindsey
Jason Morgenstern
Anabelle Robichaud
Fredrik Skoglund
Jeff Snow

Guest Daria Sekerina

Canada 60th Anniversary

September 1-5
Toronto, ON

To mark the IC of Canada's 60th Anniversary, Canada, Great Britain, Argentina, Barbados, Bermuda and the United States all fielded men's and women's teams at the historic Toronto Lawn Tennis Club for three days. Under captains Paula Myslivecek and Rob Principe, the USIC team won the trophy, leading from day one and sweeping doubles and mixed matches. Due to rain, the matches on the final day were moved to the indoor Queen's Club, the oldest indoor tennis club in Toronto.

Off court, players enjoyed happy hours, a festive gala dinner with remarks by Robb Bunnen and team captains, and a scenic tour of Niagara Falls with a winery lunch. The U.S. team was proud to take part in this milestone celebration, and we thank our Canadian hosts for an unforgettable week. We look forward to future matches and continued camaraderie on and off the court.

USIC Members Shine at ITF Masters Individual World Championships

Donna Fales

Jimmy Parker and Fred Drilling

From October 13–26, on the shores of Bol, Croatia, the USIC was proudly represented across multiple age divisions at the ITF Masters Individual World Championships. Donna Fales set the standard for excellence, outshining the competition with three Gold medals. Fales led the USA to the team title and swept her events, earning Gold in Women's Singles 85's, Women's Doubles 85's (with non-USIC member Roz King), and Mixed Doubles 80's (with Fred Drilling). Fales dropped just three games in singles all week. Drilling added to his Mixed Doubles 80's title with a Gold medal in Men's Doubles 80's alongside Jimmy Parker. Parker was also a finalist in Men's Singles 80's, falling in a match tiebreak to Italy's Antonio Claudi, and was the only American man to medal in singles. In Men's Doubles 75's, Brian Cheney and David Fish captured the title, defeating the top-seeded Canadians in the final.

Dues Are Due!

All active members were required to pay 2025 dues by October 1 (if you have not already done so).

Dues are $125 for Active members 35 and Over, and $60 for Junior members Under 35.

Any members who are unsure if their dues are up-to-date should log on to the USIC website and click on My Account, and then click Update My Profile to see your most recent dues year. You may also see this information when you go to the Pay Dues Page and click Subscribe For Membership Dues.

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