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## USIC Newsletter Summer 2010



### President's Cup In Paris

20 players and 16 accompanying persons made the trip to Paris where the French proved too strong on the red clay, but we succeeded in enjoying their hospitality at La Boulie and the Versailles club, took in matches at the French Open and were treated to a terrific cocktail party, consumed lunches which were by far the best at any tennis event ever, and consoled by a wonderful 3 course banquet with special French wine. The euro had retreated sufficiently for participants to even find some comfort in the Paris shops.

We threatened to host the Presidents' Cup on grass in two years' time, but the French were sanguine, claiming the reason the French were less successful at the French Open now is because they have become so good on grass! Perhaps we shall test that proposition in 2012.

Please [click here](#) for complete results and photos.

### Canadian Matches At The Piping Rock Club

The 10th meeting between IC Canada and the USIC on June 5-6 was filled with good weather, great play and exciting results.

The women's match went down to the final matches on Sunday but it was eventually the Canadians who took back the cup that the Americans had won the year before.

The weekend began with both the men's and women's teams arriving at The Piping Rock Club to get in a couple of hours of practice on the beautiful grass courts. The Canadian women, captained by Pam Olley, brought some familiar faces as well as some new players - notably two teens aged just 16 and 17 fresh from international play in Florida. The Americans also included many players from past years and invited Piping Rock Club's top junior players to participate and take on the young Canadians. After the Friday arrivals got in their practice, the women gathered at the home of Marion Gengler Melton and her



#### USIC Women's Canada Team

Top L to R: Margie Gengler Smith, Jeannie Gengler Swiacki, Margie Cooper, Sophie Barnard, Ripley Hartmeyer, Canadians Pam Olley, Dale Kozicz, Evelyn Hustwit  
Bottom L to R: Connie Jones, Simmy Pell, Mina Pell Mitby, Louise Gengler, Canadian Susanna Sekely

husband Drew for a lovely cookout and official welcome.

Although the weather threatened all weekend and we had rain plans at the Port Washington Tennis Academy, the rain fortunately held off. With generous assistance from the Nassau Country Club, all matches were played outdoors mixing in some clay at Nassau with Piping's grass.

The play was at a high level with quality competitive matches all weekend. Saturday was nip and tuck the whole day with a final tally of USA 4, Canada 7. Sunday continued to be tense with the US receiving an immense boost from Aila Main and Bridget Steers who got a big win over the undefeated young Canadians, Solomiya Zinko and Amy He. With the US keeping it close, ultimately it was Canadian captain Pam Olley and Dale Kozciz who won the decisive match for a ten to six Canadian win.

In wonderful IC fashion, the weekend was filled not only with great tennis but with new friendships and the rekindling of old ones. The Piping Rock Club provided lovely courtside lunches overlooking the golf course and croquet lawn for the men and the women each day. The Saturday banquet highlighted the weekend's social festivities with a delicious dinner, fun introductions of team members and entertaining speeches from the younger IC members.

We look forward to our return visit to Canada next year!

Please visit [www.usictennis.org](http://www.usictennis.org) for complete results. Men's recap coming soon to the website.

## USIC Wins Inaugural Match vs. Belgium

USIC team captain, Tom Sandor reports that the inaugural Craig trophy match between the USIC and Belgium was held at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, PA from August 6-8. Under clear skies and 85 degree sunshine the Merion grass courts, the finest in America, played firm and true.

Twenty-seven men and women from the two teams assembled from the northeast US, Florida and California, Belgium and Canada to play 13 highly competitive singles and 18 doubles matches in three days. There were ten matches that went to three sets attesting to the evenness of the rosters that included eight existing or former national champions.

Belgian team captain, Robert Van Malder was undefeated at #1 singles. Through the point scoring system, where one point was awarded for each set won, the US won this inaugural match 45 to 28. Joyce Craig, the wife of former USIC President Broward Craig, awarded the beautiful pewter bowl trophy to the US. Among the many gifts that changed hands including vests, tee shirts, hats, and towels, was a much prized book "The 200 beers of Belgium".

Michel de Marneffe, Belgian club secretary announced that the next rubber will be held at the Royal Leopold Club in Brussels in 2012.

 USIC and Belgium Group Photo

## USIC Members Shine At Senior Womens Grass Court Championships

The USIC was actively involved in the USTA National Senior Womens Grass Court Championships that took place from July 19-24 at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, New York.

Amateurs and professional players from all over the USA and abroad competed for singles and doubles titles in six age groups.

 Forest Hills

USIC players excelled in this competition.

Donna Fales won the 70's Singles gold; and partnered with Roberta Sung to win the 70's Doubles gold. Kerry Young won the 60's Singles gold defeating Heide Orth. Kerry Young and Hahn won the 60's Doubles gold defeating Louie and Orth. IC member Margaret Lumia and Nikola Hubnerova won gold in the 30's Doubles. IC member Vesna McKenna partnered with Julie Cass to win the 40's Doubles gold. Vesna also won silver in the 40's Singles Final. Tina Karawasky and Tracey Thompson won the 50's Doubles gold. Tina won the silver in the 50's Singles Final. Abbey Neuthaler and Carol Levine won the 50's Doubles Consolation Final.

All of the women who played in these matches deserved medals for having played in 95 degree temperature for the entire week!!

We congratulate the tournament Co-Directors Bob Ingersole (USIC) and his wife Dina for their successful administration of the 2010 tournament.

And most important, we thank Mary McLean Wilson (USIC) and her husband Ralph, for their generosity, dedication and support of womens' senior tennis and these championships.

Reported by James Wilson, Honorary Secretary, USIC

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## **USIC Outing at The Rockaway Hunting Club**

Rockaway Hunting Club, September 9, 2010.

Depart via Golden Touch Van, from Grand Hyatt, 42nd St. at 9:15 AM.

Arrive Rockaway Hunting Club at 10:30 AM.

Grass Court Tennis at 11 AM.

Lunch at 1:30 PM.

Depart from Rockaway Hunting Club at 3 PM.

Return to Grand Hyatt, 42nd St. approx. 4 PM.

To reserve a spot, please contact:

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## **Amigos Cup At La Jolla Beach & Tennis**

November 4 - November 7, 2010  
 La Jolla, California, USA  
 La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club  
 2000 Spindrift Drive, LaJolla, California  
 858-454-4600, 877-803-4670  
[www.ljbtc.com](http://www.ljbtc.com)

The USIC hosts the IC of Mexico in the Annual Amigos Cup. An all-inclusive special

rate will be available to players and guests. More information to follow shortly.

 La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club

For over 70 years at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, the twang of racquet strings and squeak of tennis shoes on the hard court have been as common as the sound of surf breaking on the shore. A virtual who's who of tennis stars have served and volleyed their way to greatness on its courts since F.W. Kellogg first strung nets and invited guests to play on four newly constructed courts in 1935.

The Club's reputation as a tennis-place-to-go was not long in coming. By 1942, the Club had attracted its first major tournament, the Pacific Coast Men's Doubles Championships, and, by the 1950s, had become a prominent stop on the tournament circuit, playing host to numerous USTA National Hard Court Tennis Championships. In 2006 the Club hosted the Davis Cup First Round Tie between the United States and Romania.

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## **THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF THE BAHAMAS IC DOUBLES WEEK - JANUARY 2011**

To celebrate 25 years as an IC, The Bahamas will stage a six-day international IC Team Doubles Competition for eight country teams from Sunday 9th January to Saturday 15th January 2011. The country IC's will compete for "The SG Private Banking" trophy who are the main sponsor.

**DATES:** January 9 - 15, 2011.

**VENUE:** Breezes Superclubs Bahamas

**COSTS:** 6 nights stay at the hotel with all meals and drinks included, plus a "Free Day" activity, Welcome Cocktail Party, Bahamas Welcome Pack and a final night Presentation Dinner at a cost of \$1,000 per person sharing a twin room. Single occupancy will be an additional \$60 per night. We anticipate including airport transfers.

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## USIC South Africa Trip and Matches

Date: Feb 7 - Feb 20, 2011

Location: Johannesburg, Durban, and  
Cape Town, South Africa.

The trip will include stops and matches in  
Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town with  
social activities in each city.

The trip will include a team of 10-12 male  
players and 5-6 female players. Details have  
not been finalized, interested players are invited to contact Gordon Aydelott.  
More details to follow.

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