

INNISBROOK WOMEN'S OPEN INNISBROOK, FL • MARCH 17-24

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Innisbrook Golf Resort & Spa – Innisbrook, Fla.

Websites: www.visitinnisbrook.com
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Golf & Spa Resort

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, March 17

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, March 19

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-Up	\$2,091	34
Semifinalist	\$1,144	24
Quarterfinalist	\$654	14
Round 16	\$392	8
Round 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,437
Runner-Up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$131

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, March 18

Pro-Am, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Junior Clinic, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Tennis Games and Recreational Activities, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Tennis Clinic for All Ages, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT COMES TO INNISBROOK FOR SECOND TIME IN 2013

The USTA Pro Circuit returns to Innisbrook for the second time in 2013 with this week's **Innisbrook Women's Open**. Both the first event, held in January, and this week's event are being played on clay and at the \$25,000 level.

The Innisbrook Women's Open is one of eight USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Florida—the most of any state—and it is the last of three consecutive USTA Pro Circuit women's clay-court tournaments held in Florida this winter, following Gainesville and Orlando. In conjunction with USTA Player Development, the USTA Pro Circuit continues to emphasize the importance of increased training for younger players on clay, this year adding four clay-court tournaments to a calendar that featured 32 events on clay in 2012.

Players competing in the main draw include:

Eighteen-year-old **Grace Min**, who won her first professional singles title in Innisbrook last year. She went on to win back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit singles titles at \$50,000 events in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and Raleigh, N.C., in the spring to crack the Top 200 for the first time in her career. This year, she has qualified for the WTA events in Indian Wells, Calif., and Acapulco, Mexico.

Tim Hartis



Grace Min won the Innisbrook tournament in January 2012 and went on to crack the Top 200 for the first time in her career that year. Min also won the 2011 US Open junior singles title.

Min was one of the top juniors in the world in 2011, defeating the No. 2 seed in the first round and the No. 1 seed in the final to win the US Open girls' singles title without dropping a set. That same year, she also won the girls' doubles title at Wimbledon and reached the singles semifinals at the Easter Bowl and the USTA International Spring Championships. Those results propelled her to No. 4 in the world junior rankings. Min has trained full-time at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., since the fall of 2009.

World No. 141 **Irina Falconi**, who has played in every Grand Slam event at least twice. Her Grand Slam highlight came at the US Open in 2011, when she upset No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova in the second round in Arthur Ashe Stadium and carried an American flag around the court following her win. Also in 2011, Falconi won a USTA playoff to earn a wild card into the French Open, where she advanced to the second round, and qualified

Dave Kenas



Irina Falconi was a standout player for Georgia Tech and then broke into the WTA Top 100 in 2011, after reaching the third round of the US Open.

for the Australian Open and Wimbledon to rise to No. 73 in the world rankings. In addition, she was selected to represent the United States in the 2011 Pan Am Games, where she won the gold medal in singles and the silver medal in doubles (with Christina McHale). In two seasons at Georgia Tech, Falconi was a two-time All-American and ranks first in school history in all-time winning percentage (.824; 70-15). Falconi was born in Ecuador and moved to New York at age 3, learning to play on public courts in Manhattan.

Chiara Scholl, who goes by the nickname “Chi Chi” and who won her first two career singles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2011, at a \$50,000 event in Lexington, Ky., and at a \$25,000 event in El Paso, Texas. In 2012, she played in qualifying of the Australian Open, French Open and US Open, and she also reached the semifinals of two USTA Pro Circuit events at the levels of \$50,000 and above. Scholl’s younger sister, 17-year old Chalena, is a world Top 15 junior who trains at the USTA Player Development Headquarters in Boca Raton.

Jill Craybas, 38, who finished in the Top 100 each year from 2001 to 2010 and reached a career-high No. 39 in 2006. She competed in the main draw of all four Grand Slams each year from 2001 through 2011, a streak of 44 straight Slam singles main draws. In 2012, she played in the qualifying of all four Grand Slam events and qualified for WTA events in Paris, Charleston, Madrid and Bastad. Her best Slam result came at Wimbledon in 2005, when she knocked off Serena Williams en route to the fourth round. Craybas won the 2002 Japan Open on the WTA tour and also has won five tour-level doubles titles. She has represented the United States in the Olympics (2008 Beijing) and in Fed Cup (2004-06). She is the only woman to be a member of a national championship team with two different schools (Texas in 1993, Florida in 1996), and she won the NCAA singles championship in 1996.

Those receiving main draw wild cards include:

Madison Brengle, who won the fourth professional title of her career in February at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. In 2011, she ascended to a career-best ranking of No. 152 and won the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Hammond, La. In her career, Brengle has played in the main draw at three of the four Grand Slam events, winning USTA wild card playoffs to earn entry into the Australian Open (2007-08) and the French Open (2008), as well as competing in the US Open main draw in 2007. An outstanding junior competitor, she rose to No. 4 in the world junior rankings in 2007 after reaching the girls’ singles final at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

18-year-old **Jamie Loeb**, a pupil at John McEnroe’s academy in New York, who received a wild card into the 2012 US Open junior tournament and won the first two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of her career last year at the \$10,000 clay-court events in Amelia Island, Fla., and Buffalo, N.Y.

Sanaz Marand, who played for the University of North Carolina, where she received All-America honors and helped lead UNC to its first-ever NCAA team semifinal in 2010. Last year, she won three doubles titles on the USTA Pro Circuit, and she holds five doubles titles overall. As a junior player, Marand reached the doubles final of the 2006 Easter Bowl with Ashley Weinhold.

Players competing in qualifying include:

Samantha Crawford, who qualified for the main draw of women’s singles at the 2012 US Open and pushed Great Britain’s Laura Robson, now a Top 50 player, in the first round. Crawford then won the US Open girls’ singles title, becoming the second consecutive American (after Min) to do so. Crawford’s big serve (she stands 6-foot-2) and aggressive baseline game helped her rise to No. 5 in the world junior rankings in 2012. Crawford, whose mother is from China, speaks Chinese. She trains at the USTA National Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton.

Taylor Townsend, who last year became the first American to finish as the year-end No. 1 in the ITF World Junior Rankings since Gretchen Rush in 1982. She achieved that ranking by winning the Australian Open girls’ singles and doubles titles and winning the girls’ doubles at Wimbledon and the US Open. She also led the United States to the 2012 Junior Fed Cup championship. Townsend recently won her first match since turning professional at the start of the year, defeating Lucie Hradecka in the first round of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif. Townsend also trains at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton.

Alison Riske, who nearly broke through to the WTA Top 100 in 2011, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 104. She qualified for the 2012 Australian Open, losing to Urszula Radwanska in the first round, and also competed in the US Open qualifying later in the year. On the USTA Pro Circuit last year, Riske reached the semifinals at the \$75,000 event in Albuquerque, N.M., and at the \$50,000 event in the Bronx, N.Y. In 2011, she reached the quarterfinals at the WTA event in Birmingham, England, and competed in the main draws at the US Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon. As a junior, Riske rose to No. 2 in the USTA Girls’ 18s national standings and was a finalist at the 2007 USTA Girls’ 18s National Championships.

Sachia Vickery, 17, who reached the doubles semifinals of the 2012 Wimbledon juniors and advanced to the third round of the 2012 US Open juniors. She is currently ranked No. 25 in the ITF World Junior Rankings and has worked with Richard Williams, Venus’ and Serena’s father. Vickery won her first pro title this year, claiming the doubles crown at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Surprise, Ariz., with Crawford.

Shelby Rogers, who reached her career-high ranking of No. 207 in October 2012 after making a run to the final of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Las Vegas, sponsored by music mogul Redfoo of LMFAO. She claimed one singles title on the 2012 USTA Pro Circuit, beating US Open junior girls’ champion Crawford in the final of the \$50,000 event in Yakima, Wash. Despite missing much of the spring and summer of 2011 due to injury, Rogers managed to reach the quarterfinals at three events. As a junior player, Rogers won the USTA Girls’ 18 National Championships to earn a wild card into the main draw of the 2010 US Open for her first appearance in a Grand Slam event (in the either women’s main draw or the juniors).

Three-time University of Florida All-American **Alexis King**, who reached two USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in summer 2012 and who has won three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in her career. At Florida, she helped lead the Gators to the NCAA national title in 2003. King is also a mother of two; her kids are often seen traveling with her and her husband/coach, Michael.

**Player field subject to change*

USTA PRO CIRCUIT

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 34 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, Sam Querrey, Victoria Azarenka and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Jack Sock** and **Grace Min**. Sock began 2012 by winning the singles title and reaching the doubles final at the \$10,000 Futures in Plantation, Fla. He then reached the quarterfinals of the \$50,000 Challenger in Honolulu. With his strong USTA Pro Circuit results, Sock received wild cards into numerous Emirates Airline US Open Series events in the summer, reaching the quarterfinals in Atlanta. Sock then achieved the best result of his pro career by reaching the third round of the 2012 US Open as a wild card. Sock followed up his US Open results by winning his first career USTA Pro Circuit Challenger title at the \$100,000 event in Tiburon, Calif., in the fall and finished 2012 ranked a career-high No. 150 in the world. After winning the 2011 US Open girls' singles title, Min moved to the USTA Pro Circuit to develop her game. She opened the year by winning the first women's tournament of 2012 at the \$25,000 event in Innisbrook, Fla. Later in the spring, she won back-to-back tournaments at the \$50,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and the \$25,000 tournament in Raleigh, N.C. She competed in qualifying in Emirates Airline US Open Series events throughout the summer and qualified in Stanford, Calif. Min, who trains at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., entered the Top 200 for the first time in her career in 2012, climbing nearly 250 spots in the rankings by year's end.



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Grace Min

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program identifies and develops the next generation of American champions by surrounding the top junior players and young pros with the resources, facilities and coaching they need to reach their maximum potential. The Player Development program is based at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and also utilizes Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a series of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the continental United States.

10 AND UNDER TENNIS

Tennis is now scaled to a child's age and size, using lower-bouncing and slower-moving balls, lighter and shorter racquets, and smaller courts. The modified equipment and smaller courts will allow kids to rally and play the game early on, increasing the likelihood that kids will return to the court and continue to improve all while having fun! For more information, visit www.10andundertennis.com

NJTL

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, the USTA/National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network is a nation-wide group of more than 660 non-profit youth development organizations that provide free or low cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 300,000 children each year, ages 6-18, making NJTL one of the USTA's largest community-based offerings.

US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

The USTA launched the US Open National Playoffs in 2010, making the US Open "open" to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. Last year, more than 1,200 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2012 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card. A mixed doubles element



also was held, with the winning team earning a main draw mixed doubles wild card. Clement Reix, a 28-year-old Frenchman living in Reno, Nev., won the US Open National Playoffs men's title and USTA Pro Circuit regular Alexandra Mueller, 24, of Abington, PA, won the women's wild card for the second time in three years. Nicole Melichar and Brian Battistone won the mixed doubles tournament. Registration for the 2013 US Open National Playoffs opens on March 15.

INNISBROOK PAST CHAMPIONS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
Jan. 2013	Tadeja Majeric (SLO)	Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)	Jan. 2013	Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR) – Chieh-Yu Hsu (USA)
Jan. 2012	Grace Min (USA)	Gail Brodsky (USA)	Jan. 2012	Darya Kustova (BLR) – Iona-Raluca Olaru (ROU)