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## Thank You Challenger of Dallas and T Bar M Racquet Club

A huge thank you to the Challenger of Dallas and T Bar M Racquet Club for bringing high quality men's professional tennis to Dallas for the 15th year! The matches were awesome, the viewing spectacular and the hospitality first class. Congratulations to this year's singles champion, Rhyn Williams, and doubles champions, Alex Kuznetsov and Mischa Zverev.

Also thanks to the tournament organizers for making the Dallas Tennis Association's Invest in a Child the official charity of the tournament. Through our silent auction booth, US Open raffle and donations, the DTA raised more than \$30,000 to support its free tennis and education programs for Dallas area low income, at-risk kids. These funds will allow the DTA to continue to improve the lives of thousands of children each year through these programs.



DTA Night was a great success with a sold out crowd and a great singles semifinal match featuring James Blake and

Robby Ginepri. Before the evening matches began, the audience was entertained by several kids from the DTA's Slam Jammers program by an on-court demonstration/drill with a few of the T Bar M teaching pros.

The DTA would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers who helped with the raffle and silent auction booth. A big thanks to Denise Lytle and Jan Beeman for heading up the committee and putting the packages and booth together. Also thanks to Laura Worsham and Sharon Chapple for all their time spent at the booth throughout the tournament.



Sharon Chapple and Denise Lytle at the DTA booth.

## More Professional Tennis Coming to the Dallas Area

Did the Challenger of Dallas leave you hungry for more up close professional tennis? If so, we have the cure. The Dallas Tennis Classic is back for the 2nd year at the Four Seasons Resort & Club March 11-17. Tickets are on sale now, and DTA members and friends can get 20% off their ticket purchase through this online link: <http://www.dallastennisclassic.com/dta.html>.



In July Irving will host its first season of Mylan World Team Tennis (WTT) as the new Texas Wild team comes to town with marquee players, Bob and Mike Bryan.



The Wild will be part of the Western Conference and play seven home matches including hosting the Washington Capitals and their marquee player, Venus Williams. Matches will be played at the Four Seasons Resort & Club in Las Colinas in July. Season tickets go on sale March 14th; individual tickets go on sale June 3rd. For more information, contact [info@texaswildtennis.com](mailto:info@texaswildtennis.com).

## Dallas Teams Sweep USTA Texas Tri-Level League Sectionals

DTA USTA Tri-Level teams won all four divisions of the USTA Texas Sectionals February 15-17. Both the men's and women's 4.5-4.0-3.5 level teams captained by Joel Pickett and Bea Demel will go on to compete at Nationals. The men's and women's 4.0-3.5-3.0 teams captained by Rene Alzuro and Claudia Urbani (the Dallas wildcard team) were also crowned Sectional Champions. Congratulations to these great teams!



Bea Demel's 4.5-4.0-3.5 Women's Team

## Thank You 2012 Donors!

The DTA is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of individuals, corporation and foundations to support its benevolent programming (Invest in a Child) and administration. The organization would like to thank and recognize all of our supporters from 2012.

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## From the President

Professional tennis just finished last month at the Men's 100K tournament at T Bar M. For those who attended was that not incredible tennis! Imagine we in the DFW area did not have to travel halfway across the world to see some of the top men tennis players in the world.



Now, it is our turn. Get your racquets out, string them up right, lace up your shoes and get ready for USTA Spring tennis.

Hard to believe, but team numbers have been sent out to the captains, new teams are being created. (Do not forget if you're a new team to email Sherri at [leagues@dta.org](mailto:leagues@dta.org) to get your new team number.) And of course players are being recruited and persuaded to play on teams! USTA age group leagues are coming to a close just in time for the Spring league to start. Is it not great to be a tennis player in Dallas Texas?!

The Dallas Tennis Association wants to thank all of you for the following:

- Playing in our USTA leagues.
- Continuing your support by not only playing leagues, but also helping us continue to always get better with your suggestions and positive comments.
- Donations to DTA as they go to our Invest In A Child program.
- Finally, your support at our Challenger booth by either donating prizes or bidding on the incredible items we had.

Remember because of you our Invest In A Child program, which provides tennis to close to 20,000 KIDS in Dallas who would not be able to play this great game without your support.

Check out our website for updates and updated news at [www.dta.org](http://www.dta.org).

Thanks again, and remember:  
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STAY IN THE GAME

*Russ Johnson*

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## Tournament News

### Upcoming DTA Tournaments

#### DTA Spring ZAT April 6-7

Entry Deadline: March 25th  
Entry Fees: \$30 (includes TennisLink fees)  
Events: Boys & Girls singles ages 10-18  
Register online at [tennislink.usta.com/tournaments](http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments).  
Tournament ID: 800037313

#### DTA Spring Super Champ Major Zone (12-14) May 18-20

Entry Deadline: May 6th  
Entry Fees: \$48.88 /1 event, \$51 /2 events (includes TennisLink fees)  
Events: Boys & Girls singles & doubles ages 12-14  
Register online at [tennislink.usta.com/tournaments](http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments).  
Tournament ID: 800036113

To volunteer to help with either of these tournaments, contact Tina Anderson at [execd@dta.org](mailto:execd@dta.org) or 972-387-1538 ext. 4.

### DTA Tournament Results

#### Cotton Bowl Super Champ Major Zone (16-18)

Boys  
Singles Champions  
16A - Grayson Broadus, Carrollton  
16B Blue - Javier Valdes, San Antonio  
16B Red - Nate Eazor, Dallas  
16B White - Chase Wood, Heath  
18A - Parker McGuinness, McKinney  
18B Red - Henry Gordon, New Braunfels  
18B White - Tillman Haynes, Dallas  
Doubles Champions  
16A - Joseph Gray & Eric Rutledge  
16B Blue - Erik Kerrigan & Eric Morris  
16B Red - Alexander Chieffalo & Parker Wynn  
16B White - Alexander Poynter & Chase Wood  
18A - Will Adkisson & Ian Dempster

18B Red - Carlos Arana & Adam Dokos  
18B White - Tillman Haynes & Hunter Scammahorn

#### Girls

Singles Champions  
16A - Priya Niezgodra, Austin  
16B - Isabelle Bergman, Arlington  
18 - Rhiann Newborn, Houston  
Doubles Champions  
16A - Chandler Carter & Elizabeth Tedford  
16B Red - Simone Spielmann & Peyton Trebisky  
16B White - Claire Embree & Tiffany Hollebeck  
18A - Kelsey Grambeau & Kaylin Kruseman  
18B - Alexis Arrieta & Lauren Reid

#### Cotton Bowl Classic

#### Men's

Singles Champions  
Open - Robert Collins, Houston  
30s - Thomas Bartzen, Anna  
3.0 - William Walston, Menard  
3.5 - Tim Baxter, Dallas  
4.0 - Doug Voss, Rockwall  
4.5 - Brandon Myers, Dallas  
Doubles Champions  
Open - Roger Anderson & Tam Trinh  
4.0 - Seth Baker & Leonard Hutchison  
4.5 - Chris Brown & Christopher Culley  
Father-Son - David & Justin Archer

#### Women's

Singles Champions  
Open - Kseniya Bardabush, Denton  
2.5 - Brenda Cox, Duncanville  
3.5 - Yvette Thomas, San Antonio  
4.0 - Heather Bartzen, Anna  
4.5 - Kristin Fudalla, Dallas  
Doubles Champions  
Open - Samantha Adams & Kenna Kilgo  
3.5 - Becky Sheldon & Gina Tallent  
4.0 - Camille Becton & Cindy Behm  
Mother-Daughter - Bridget & Nicole Stammel

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1/4 Page, color	\$125
1/4 Page, b/w	\$100
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Local tennis facilities receive a 10% discount on ad rates.

Mixed Doubles Champions  
 Open - Kally Alkire & Casey Clark  
 4.0 - Meredith Brown & William Smith  
 4.5 - Thomas & Madeleine Murray  
 Husband-Wife - Courtney & Shane Johnson

Boys Singles Champions  
 12 - Kishan Kersten, Dallas  
 12 Qualified - Arjun Kersten, Dallas  
 14 - Quillin McKenney, Dallas  
 14 Qualified - Andrew Sharnig, Dallas  
 16 - Carlos Cruz, Mesquite  
 16 Champ - Josh Newman, Rockwall  
 16 Super Champ - Zixiao Li, Coppell  
 18 - Des'mne Curtis, Dallas  
 18 Champ - Rory Samuels, Hilton Head, SC  
 18 Super Champ - Hunter Scammahorn, Tyler

Girls Singles Champions  
 10 Orange - Zoe Howard, Ennis  
 10 Green - Isabella Flodin, Dallas  
 12 Champ - Amanda Sharnig, Dallas  
 16 Open - Nya Cheatham, Lancaster  
 14 Open - Lani In, Lampasas  
 14 Super Champ - Chelsea Kung, Fort Worth  
 18 Super Champ - Abigail White, Coppell

**DTA Winter ZAT**

Boys Singles Champions  
 10 Orange A - Ritesh Patil, Katy  
 10 Orange B - Rohit Vijay, Plano  
 10 Green A - Lucas Brown, Plano  
 10 Green B - Reid Aaron, Dallas  
 10 Green C - Abraar Iqbal, Irving  
 12 Red - Parker Collins-Flores, Dallas  
 12 White - Paolo Obenita, Dallas  
 14 Blue - John Acabado, Cedar Hill  
 14 Green - Nicholas Pumper, Plano  
 14 Red - Somesh Singh, Plano  
 14 White - Logan Thomas, Frisco  
 16 Blue - Mason Taylor, Sherman  
 16 Green - Alex Simonson, Mansfield  
 16 Red - Armando Palacios, Mesquite

16 White - Christian Reyero, Keller  
 18 - Christopher Pless, Duncanville

Girls Singles Champions  
 10 Orange A - Janet Pham, McKinney  
 10 Orange B - Madison Hise, McKinney  
 10 Green A - Enya Takic, Hurst  
 10 Green B - Helga Lopez, Cedar Hill  
 12 Red - Saumya Vedula, Plano  
 12 White - Caitlin Souvannavong, Fort Worth  
 14 Red - Allison Yu, Flower Mound  
 14 White - Angela Austin, Dallas  
 16 Red - Beth Naylor, Rockwall  
 16 White - Nicole Mayer, Euless  
 18 - Karly Matthews, Rockwall

**Junior Team Tennis News**

The DTA is now accepting applications for the part time position of Junior Team Tennis & Tournament Coordinator. Candidates should submit their resumes to Tina Anderson at [execd@dt.org](mailto:execd@dt.org) by March 1st. For more information and a job description, visit [www.dta.org](http://www.dta.org).

The Winter-Spring JTT season has begun. There is still time to register for the 8 & under league. Playoffs will be held in May with Sectionals also taking place in May.

**League News**

**18 & over League Deadlines**

Men's roster deadline - March 4th  
 Women's roster deadline - March 18th

**2013 Fall Winners 18 and over ADULT:**

W3.0 - Collin County/Seaton  
 W3.5 - Collin County/Albrecio  
 W4.0 - Village/Craft  
 W4.5 - Greenhill/Paterson  
 M3.0 - Canyon Creek/Nadig  
 M3.5 - Fretz/Kaiser  
 M4.0 - Garland 1/Sisk  
 M4.5 - Village/Frick  
 M5.0+ - T Bar M/Flores

**2013 40 and over ADULT W:**

W3.0 - Huffhines/Dang  
 W3.5 - Canyon Creek/Gumbert  
 W4.0 - Greenhill/Sandlin  
 W4.5+ - LB Houston/Worsham  
 CONGRATULATIONS league winners! They are headed to Sectionals in San Antonio, September 6-8, 2013.

**2013 Tri-Level Cities:**

W4.0-3.5-3.0 - Cathy Dawson  
 W4.5-4.0-3.5 - Bea Demel  
 M4.0-3.5-3.0 - Rene Alzuro  
 M4.5-4.0-3.5 - Joel Pickett  
 Dallas received the following Wild Cards:  
 W4.0-3.5-3.0 - Claudia Urbani  
 W4.5-4.0-3.5 - Celesta Caldwell  
 M4.5-4.0-3.5 - Tony Le  
 CONGRATULATIONS to Sections Winners!  
 W4.0-3.5-3.0 - Claudia Urbani  
 W4.5-4.0-3.5 - Bea Demel (Headed to Nationals)  
 M4.0-3.5-3.0 - Rene Alzuro  
 M4.5-4.0-3.5 - Joel Pickett (Headed to Nationals)

**The Dallas Tennis Association would like to announce its 2013 League Committee:**

Beth Mahler, Stonebriar W3.5  
 Cathy Dawson, Canyon Creek W3.5  
 Lynn Hord, High Point W3.5  
 Bob Somabut, High Point M4.5  
 Michael Reiman, JCC M4.5  
 Seande Pulley, USTA Official, Dallas  
 From the DTA Board of Directors:  
 Brandon Myers (Vice President), Brookhaven M4.5  
 Jane Morrill, Northwood W4.0  
 Matt Jacob, Village M3.5  
 Katherine Lewis, Bent Tree W4.0  
 Ana Castano-Mears, Greenhill W5.0  
 Marilyn Sherman, W4.0

We are pleased to roll out this inaugural committee at the DTA and are thrilled to have such an experienced group providing input that will positively impact the growth of Adult Leagues in Dallas!

**DTA Community Calendar of Events**

*A new online calendar will be available soon at [www.dta.org](http://www.dta.org).*

**March**

2 Spring Slam Jammers I begins  
 3 Winter/Spring JTT registration deadline for 8 & under level  
 4 DTA USTA Spring 18 & over Men's league roster deadline  
 11-17 Dallas Tennis Classic tournament at Four Seasons Resort & Club  
 18 DTA USTA Spring 18 & over Women's league roster deadline  
 14 Texas Wild (Mylan WTT team) Season Tickets go on sale  
 23 DTA USTA 55 & over league playoffs  
 25 DTA Spring ZAT Tournament entry deadline  
 29 Holiday - DTA Office Closed

**April**

6 DTA USTA Spring 18 & over Men's league begins  
 6-7 DTA Spring ZAT Tournament  
 12 DTA USTA Spring 65 & over league begins  
 28 JTT End-of-Season Tournament - 10 & under divisions

**May**

4 DTA USTA Spring 18 & over Women's league begins  
 5 DTA USTA 18 & over Mixed Doubles league begins  
 6 DTA Super Champ Major Zone (12-14) entry deadline  
 17-19 JTT Texas Sectionals for Intermediates and 14 & under Beginners (San Antonio)  
 18-20 DTA Super Champ Major Zone (12-14) Tournament  
 19 JTT End-of-Season Tournament - 8 & under divisions  
 27 Holiday - DTA Office Closed

**June**

2 JTT End-of-Season Tournament - all non-advancing divisions  
 9 DTA Slam Jammers Awards Banquet  
 17 Summer NJTL begins

**2013 Fall 18 & over League Champions**



*Women's 3.0 - Collin County/Seaton*



*Women's 3.5 - Collin County/Albrecio*



*Women's 4.0 - Village/Craft*



*Men's 3.5 - Fretz/Kaiser*



*Men's 4.0 - Garland/Sisk*



*Men's 4.5 - Village/Frick*

**2013 40 & over Women's League Champions**



*Men's 5.0+ - T Bar M/Flores*



*Women's 3.0 - Huffhines/Dang*



*Women's 3.5 - Canyon Creek/Gumbert*

**2013 Tri-Level League Sectional Champions**



*Men's 4.0-3.5-3.0 - Team Alzuro*



*Women's 4.0-3.5-3.0 - Team Urbani*

## Junior Recreation News

by Bert Cole

### The Dallas Challenger Delivers Loads of Excitement to the Kids!

The Slam Jammers kids and many kids from the DISD Schools were treated with a lot of fun and excitement as they went to T Bar M Racquet Club and took part in three successful clinics. The kids had a really great time. They asked that since it was all week, did that mean they could return every day and have some more fun hitting balls and watching the Pros Play - not to mention getting those awesome hot cookies served to the kiddos. The kids cannot wait until next year's Challenger comes around!

This year the DTA presented Bob Raedisch with DTA Volunteer Pro of the Year award. Thanks Bob for all you do for the DTA, the kids and to grow the game of tennis.

Thanks to the T Bar M Racquet Club owner and the staff for a great time and the awesome experience as



Above: Kids participate in on-court activities during DTA night at the Challenger.

Below: Weston Hill speaks to the crowd during DTA night at the Challenger.



## Meet Some Invest in Child Kids

### Kalee Kuhn takes 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Robotics Competition



Kalee Kuhn is a junior at Dallas Townview School of Science and Engineering and a Slam Jammer III Championship Level player. Kalee competed in the 2013 Robotics Competition at the University of Texas Dallas on February 2, 2013, where 28 teams from the Dallas

Metroplex and surrounding communities were competing as alliance teams over five rounds of action.

Kalee and his team placed third in this competition, the highest place in the history of his school. The Science and Engineering Magnet High School (SEM) is a learning community established to provide students with a rigorous college preparatory, academic and technical program relating to the sciences, mathematics and engineering fields. SEM is a High School in Dallas ISD.

First Tech Challenge (FTC) is designed for those who want to compete head to head in robotics competition. Teams of up to 10 students are responsible for designing, building and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design and other real-world accomplishments.

Kalee and his team worked diligently through the design, building and programming phase. Since it was Kalee's first competition, he gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and promises to return next year, stronger and better. Tennis has taught him a lot about the results of being disciplined, how hard work will pay off and that to become successful at anything he must remain true to his dreams and goals! He has also learned that it takes teamwork to have a successful project. Kalee has high hopes to attend "MIT" after graduation next year.

### Cody Stewart Loves the Challenge

After 9 months of preparation, Cody Stewart and the Duncanville High School Academic Decathlon team attended a regional competition at Lamar High School in Arlington this past January 25th and 26th with 23 other schools. The theme of the competition this year was Russia and the team had to prepare extensively on all subjects from Literature to Science.

Cody Stewart, one of our seniors, is a Level III Slam Jammer Championship level Player and a past National Arthur Ashe Essay Winner, was a member of that team. No stranger to competition, Cody is used to hard work and discipline learned on the tennis court, and



that's the attitude he takes into the classroom. After 2 days of 7 different subject exams, a speech, an interview and the revered Super Quiz, the winners were announced. Cody brought home the gold medal for his division in Economics with the 4th highest score overall. Cody also earned a 3rd place in Mathematics, took 5th place in Overall Scores and also earned a medal for highest score in his division for his team. The Team placed 2nd overall and took home the Team Gold Medal for Super Quiz.

The team's 2nd place scores were high enough to earn the Duncanville team a trip to compete at the Texas Academic Decathlon State Competition on February 21st in El Paso.

Congratulations and hats off to Cody!!

### Daniela Padron-Castillo, Southlake Tournament Girls 10 Green Dot Champion



Daniela is working hard to become one of the upcoming junior standouts. She started her tennis with Coach Elizabeth Hampton at our Duncanville site. With Coach Elizabeth's help, she laid out a pretty solid foundation. Then she graduated to our 10U SJII Site and now works with Coach Vonda Harris Webb. To date, Daniela has only played a total of four ZATs and three non-sanctioned tournaments. She is doing quite well pretty quickly in the tournaments making it to two semifinals and then going for it all and coming up a winner! We are very proud of Daniela as she has a great work ethic. She is also a very good student on and off the court. Congratulations to Daniela!!

### 2013 SPRING SLAM JAMMER SEASON

The 2013 Spring Slam Jammer I, 12-week season will start on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at various locations/ sites and times.

The Slam Jammer 10U, II, & III will start on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Kiest Tennis Center for Slam Jammers II/III. Slam Jammers II-10U will meet in the Park on the QST courts located at Kiest Park in Dallas.

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## Americans Dominate Finals at 15th Annual Challenger of Dallas

by Gene Park

Except for one player, both the singles and doubles finals made this year's Challenger of Dallas an all-American affair. German Mischa Zverev, the eventual doubles champion, kept the finals an international event with players from 16 countries competing in this year's tournament. The \$100,000 Challenger of Dallas men's professional tennis tournament presented by Carpet Exchange celebrated its 15th anniversary with sold out crowds, big name players and fantastic offcourt events.

On the court, the singles final came down to a battle between former #15 world-ranked player Robby Ginepri against a young, up-and-coming Rhyne Williams. Williams, who is fresh off a strong college career at the University of Tennessee, got the best of Ginepri to win his first ever ATP professional singles title 7-5, 6-3. Williams' success was not limited to singles. Teaming up with his former college doubles partner, Tennys Sandgren, Williams became just the third Challenger of Dallas player ever to reach both the singles and doubles finals in the same year, upsetting the No. 1 and No. 3 seeded teams along the way. Only Justin Gimelstob in 2003 and Andre Sa in 2005 have reached two finals in the same year at the Challenger of Dallas. Reaching two finals did not guarantee two titles for Williams as Alex Kuznetsov and Zverev outlasted Sandgren/Williams to win a third-set super tie-breaker 6-4, 6-7(4), 10-5.

The exciting matches were not the only highlights on finals Saturday. The Challenger of Dallas proudly inducted the legendary Lamar Hunt into its Hall of Fame posthumously. In 1968, Hunt co-founded the World Championship Tennis (WCT) circuit and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1993. Hunt's daughter Sharon Hunt accepted the induction in her father's honor.

Being the 15th Anniversary of the Challenger of Dallas, new USTA Pro Tennis Operations Managing Director Skip Gilbert was on hand to ceremoniously cut the anniversary cake provided by Society Bakery alongside Tournament Chairman and host facility TBarM Owner Glen Agritella.

Another staple of the Challenger of Dallas finals is the serving contest, this year sponsored by the Official Automobile Dealer of the Challenger Auto Web Expo. In a service battle to see who could continuously hit the Auto Web Expo board, Renee Stone was champion and took home the grand prize of \$1,000.

Kicking off finals Saturday was the annual Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition. This year Austin native Dylan Baggett and Red Oak native Jeff Sale competed with two area teaching professionals showing the pros that playing tennis in a wheelchair is a huge challenge.

Challenger week was full of activities for Dallas-metroplex children. They had a blast not just watching tennis during the Challenger, but also getting on the court themselves

with ATP and club pros during the Dallas Tennis Association (DTA) Junior Tennis Festival. Kids honed their skills learning from the best as well as enjoying games, face painting, balloon animals, prizes, treats and a photo booth. Another successful junior clinic was also held during Challenger as Shannon and Scott Line once again sponsored this year's Children's Deaf Clinic. Kids also had a chance to learn the game indoors all week on the USTA's 10 And Under Court that was located just a few yards away from Center Court.

Friday was the Official USTA Texas Appreciation Day, and Friday night was DTA Night that showcased the great talent of over 30 Slam Jammer DTA Children on center court between matches.



For the adults, Baylor SportsCare once again hosted the Adult Clinics, giving sponsors an opportunity to learn from the touring pros. Baylor also teamed up with Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center to provide testing and information to the Susan G. Komen Pink Day participants on Thursday. Adults also had a chance to let loose at this year's Amicus Player/Sponsor Party as a full house packed TBarM Racquet Club. Local band Suburban Legend rocked the house with former No. 4 ranked player James Blake and Dallas Stars' champion goalie Eddie Belfour in attendance. Belfour was not the only legendary Dallas athlete to make an appearance during the Challenger of Dallas. Star of the world champion Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki, came to enjoy action once again, joined by longtime German coach Holger Geschwindner and ESPN senior writer Marc Stein.

The week also brought the Challenger of Dallas' highest attended Susan G. Komen Pink Day. Hundreds came out sporting their pink attire in support of the breast cancer organization. Mary Evelyn Raedisch came up with the idea of having the breast cancer organization tie into the men's professional tennis tournament five years ago. The event has grown from having a few TBarM women's teams show up to being a metroplex-wide annual women's event that has become a significant fundraiser for the local branch of the charity.

The Challenger of Dallas set attendance records throughout the week with sell-outs on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday even after increasing seating by approximately 15% from last year. The Challenger of Dallas originated the first webcasting of a Challenger event and once again broadcasted all matches on all courts for the entire event. This year's Challenger of Dallas was seen by over 40,000 people worldwide through attendance at the event and through the USTA's live stream. The largest indoor men's professional tennis tournament in the Southwest, the Challenger of Dallas is rated one of the top circuit stops by the USTA. Players such as Sam Querrey, the Bryan brothers, Jack Sock, James Blake, Robby Ginepri, Ryan Harrison and many more have competed over the past 15 years. The tournament has been continuously hosted by the award winning TBarM Racquet Club in Dallas, Texas since 1998.



Joel Pickett's 4.5-4.0-3.5 Men's Tri-Level Team

It was another successful turnout for this year's Challenger of Dallas/Dallas Tennis Association Deaf Tennis Clinic presented by Scott and Shannon Line; instructed by TBarm Racquet Club pros. (Photo by Melchior A DiGiacomo)



Sharon Hunt, center, accepts for her father Lamar Hunt, the Challenger of Dallas Hall of Fame induction plaque during Saturday's finals with fellow Hall of Famer Courtney Henderson, left, and Challenger of Dallas chairman Glen Agritelle, right. (Photo by Tessa Kolodny)

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