

## THE P.R.T.A. HISTORY

**1930** First participation of PUERTO RICO in the Central American Games held in Cuba.

**1952** The **TENNIS PATRONS ASSOCIATION** was founded by a group of tennis enthusiasts in Puerto Rico for the purpose of promoting the sport on the island and offering assistance to junior players.

**1954** The **PUERTO RICO LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION** was founded with the purpose of developing tennis players on an international level, organizing tournaments and having a national ranking.

**1954** The **TENNIS PATRONS ASSOCIATION** disbanded.

**1954** The **United States Lawn Tennis Association** recognized the **PRLTA** as a Direct District

**1967** The **Puerto Rico Lawn Tennis Association** increased its geographical boundaries to include the United States Virgin Islands and became a Section of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

**1968 Puerto Rico** played in the Olympic Games as an exhibition with a team composed of Stanley Pasarell, Tico Carrero, Tony Ortiz, and Héctor Cordero.

**1972** The name of the Association was changed to **PUERTO RICO TENNIS ASSOCIATION**. The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** was elected to Full Membership in the **PUERTO RICO OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**.

The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** became a Founding Member of the **JUVENIL INFANTIL TENIS INTERNACIONAL DEL CARIBE (JITIC)**, an organization dedicated to the promotion of Junior tennis in the Caribbean and Central America.

**1973** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** became a Full Member of the **CONFEDERACION PANAMERICANA DE TENIS (CPT)** an organization founded to enable the reintroduction of the sport of tennis in the Panamerican Games, the Central American and Caribbean Games and the Bolivariano Games.

**1980** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** was elected to Associate Membership in the **INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION**.

**1982** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** became a Founding Member of the **CONFEDERACION CARIBEÑA Y CENTROAMERICANA DE TENIS (COCCAT)** a Regional Body that is the successor organization to JITIC.

**1983** The **Caribbean Tennis Association** (CTA) became the Section of the **United States Tennis Association** with two districts, the **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** and the **Virgin Islands Tennis Association**. Gilberto Marxuach was the first CTA President.

**1984 Puerto Rico** was represented in tennis as an exhibition in the Olympic Games held in Atlanta with Gigi Fernandez thus being the first puertorican female player to participate in this sport in the Olympics.

**1987** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** was expelled from the P. R. Olympic Committee.

**1991** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** was granted Full Membership to **The International Tennis Federation**, by unanimous vote.

Once again the **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** was elected to Full Membership in the **PUERTO RICO OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**.

**1992** The **Puerto Rico Tennis Association** changed it's name to **ASOCIACION DE TENIS DE PUERT RICO (PRTA)**.

**1992** For the first time **Puerto Rico** participated in **Davis Cup** with Manolito Díaz, Miguel Nido, Joey Rivé and Juan Oscar Rios and in Fed Cup with Emilie Viqueira, Maribel Amadeo, Joanna Bauza, Jenny Sotomayor and Beatriz Luna.

**1992 Puerto Rico** participated for the first time in **Olympic Games** with Juan Oscar Rios and Miguel Nido.

**2002** The **Asociación de Tenis de Puerto Rico** in partnership with the **Sports & Recreation Department and the Municipality of Bayamon** inaugurated "El Centro de Tenis de Puerto Rico".