

I hope everyone is having a good summer. A lot has been happening in the world of US court tennis.

Congratulations go out to our American duo of Tim Chisholm and Camden Riviere for winning the World Doubles Championship. The Tuxedo Club hosted an incredible tournament and many thanks go to the organizing committee, supports and sponsors, and committee chairs Josh Scherer, Kevin Shea, and Diane Campbell. Tim and Cam played incredible tennis throughout the tournament and became the first American team to win the title.

The Tuxedo Club hosted a Junior Pro-Am during the World Doubles and juniors from a number of US clubs participated. This is part of the Player Development Program, an ambitious partnership of the US Court Tennis Preservation Foundation and the USCTA. At the USCTA's June Board meeting, a second year of the Player Development Program (PDP) was approved. The PDP is focusing on juniors, women, elite juniors, and top amateurs and there's a lot happening so stay tuned. Congratulations to Eric Barker for winning the Under 19 Championship in late July in Newport and to the other division winners. A big thank you goes out to the Grassi family for their PDP support and to the Preservation Foundation for its partnership.

28 players represented the United States this spring and summer in international team competitions in Australia and England. These include the Bathurst, Van Alen, Clothier, Cockram, Bostwick, and Danby Cups. Thanks go to all players and team captains Ben Cook, Paul Monaghan, Steve Hufford, Charlie Johnstone, and Michael Flinn. We faced tough competition and long odds but we competed well and our Player Development Program is building our pipeline. Thanks also go to the Preservation Foundation for its support of the Bathurst, Van Alen, and Clothier Cup teams.

All USCTA members will soon be receiving an appeal letter related to Charleston Court Tennis. They have been making great progress and I hope you can be as generous as possible.

Five USCTA Board members stepped off the board at our June meeting so I would like to acknowledge and thank Dick Brickley, Josh Scherer, Frank Oliveira, PJ Yeatman, and Barney Tanfield for all their efforts. Special thanks go to Dick Brickley for his incredible 35 years of volunteer service to our game. Taking their spots on the Board are Andy Roberts (Boston), Anders Cohen (Lakewood), Steve Fazzini (Newport), Xanthe Ranger (Tuxedo), and Tony Hollins (Professional Representative).

Best wishes for the remainder of the summer!

- Jeremy Wintersteen