

## Up and AUTUMN

*Dottie Bass senior women's team in AZ*

**W**hew! Thank goodness summer is over and the soggy days of August are gone. Time to get the tennis sweats out for temps down in the 80s. Not to worry though about the competitive heat cooling down. Au contraire. Super Seniors. Combo Leagues. State Mixed Championships. Wheelchair pros. Oh, and Davis Cup. You'll need all that and then some to get away from the presidential campaign histrionics.

Figure a bit more excitement in Super Seniors this year, considering the national invitational championship won last fall in Arizona by Hilton Head Island's 3.0 women's Spring Lake Spring Chickens and the great play by 4.0 women's Port Royal PRRPs at the Nationals.

Super Seniors 60s and 70s begin late August/early September depending on rating level, although rosters remain open to add players. If you are not on a team and want to be, contact coordinators Mary Ellen Arboe (tennisbeachbums@aol.com) or Don Grider (dmgrider@aol.com).

Likewise for Combo League play in combined levels of 5.5 through 8.5. Email Jackie Reynecke (jreynecke@hargray.com) or Susan Souder (ssouder286@aol.com) for adult and senior play.

With a couple weeks of Super Seniors and/or Combo under the belt, you will be warmed up and ready for the first of a series of end-of-the-year "fun" tournaments -- the Sept. 9-12 REMAX Children's Miracle Network Doubles at Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center.

Play in the annual charity event will be in men's and women's doubles rating levels of 2.5 through open. Also, mixed doubles will go in seven categories: 2.5 man/2.5 woman; 3.0 man/3.0 woman; 3.0 man/3.5 woman; 3.5 man/4.0 woman; 4.0 man/4.5 woman; 4.5 man/5.0 woman; and open.

Entry fee is \$35 per player for one event and \$45 if playing in two. HHI clubs have entry forms or you can contact Tournament Director Dana Andis at dandis@palmettodunes.com.

At least eight champion Hilton Head Island teams will compete in the USA League Mixed Doubles South Carolina Championships Sept. 18-20 at Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center. Adult and Senior state titlists will be crowned, with a trip to Southern Sectionals in October their next stop.

The fan-friendly ROHO/PTR \$15,000 Wheelchair Tennis Championships will return to Van der Meer Tennis Center Sept. 22-26, featuring some of the world's top wheelchair players in men's, women's, quad and junior divisions as well as teaching workshops.

Admission is free to spectators for the tournament play that begins Wednesday the 22nd and continues through Sunday.

Local volunteers are needed to work the tournament, including assisting with food and beverages and serving as ball persons on all courts. Dianne Morgan, director of volunteers, said: "We'll use everyone who wants to help." Contact her at 757-9030 or icurayz1@aol.com.

The "Instructing Wheelchair Tennis" workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday the 26th and is open to tennis teachers and coaches. Tournament sponsor Quickie will provide chairs for able-bodied coaches to use during the sessions. For additional information, contact the Professional Tennis Registry at 785-7244.

Sept. 24-26 will find a bunch of HHI Islanders camped out at Family Circle Tennis Center, Charleston, for the Davis Cup semifinals. The U.S. vs. Belarus faceoff will mark the first time any Davis Cup match has been held in South Carolina. With Andy Roddick expected to lead the U.S., two singles matches will be played Friday afternoon, one doubles Saturday afternoon and the reverse singles will be Sunday afternoon.

### Take It Tip:

Every morning (at least) you stand in front of a mirror and check how you look. Frightening. Well, apply that to your tennis game. Dig out the video camera you haven't used in ages and set it up when you next play tennis. If you have a spouse or friend to video you, fine. Otherwise, just set it up on a bench pointed in your direction. Like the morning mirror showing a surprise zit on your forehead, the camera may show a hitch in your backhand to explain your recent aching elbow. Best next step would be to show the video to your favorite teaching pro and invest a couple bucks in the health of your game.

— Dennis Malick



*Some The Port Royal PRRPs competed at Nationals. From left, Susan Lowe, Doreen Kelley, Mary Cale, Captain Dottie Bass, Sheila Parker, Chris Iulo, Julie Forbes. Missing from photo Phyllis Westerman, Phyllis Spehlmann, Andrea Collins, Barb Tapio.*

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