

February 17, 2016

Dear Members and Guests,

The World Championship Committee would like to update you on how we are progressing in developing what we hope will be a fun filled and memorable week. An updated schedule of events is shown below. The final schedule will be included in the program which will be distributed to each of you during registration.

### **2016 Real Tennis World Championship**

#### **Matches**

Tues., May 17	Club Opens	4:00 PM	Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
	Seating	5:00 PM	
	Match Starts	5:30 PM	Four sets to be played
Thurs., May 19	Club Opens	4:00 PM	Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
	Seating	5:00 PM	
	Match Starts	5:30 PM	Four sets to be played
Sat., May 21	Club Opens	11:30 AM	Bloodies and Brunch
	Seating	12:30 PM	
	Match Starts	1:00 PM	Up to five sets will be played


#### **Social Events**

Mon., May 16	Opening Cocktail Party	6:00 PM	At the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
Fri., May 20	Legends Exhibition	5:30 PM	Four Legends of our game will compete in an Exhibition. The match will be comprised of Chris Ronaldson, Jonners Howell, Barry Toates and Lachie Deuchar.
Fri., May 20	Golf Outing	8:00 AM	At the Newport Country Club - Limited to 5 foursomes.
Fri., May 20	Louis Vuitton Cup Challenge	9:30 AM	NTC has reserved 4 historic Americas Cup 12-meter yachts. Our hope is that each yacht will be comprised of a team of singular nationality ( <i>e.g.</i> , one yacht with a team of Australians, another of Americans, etc.) and will compete for the NTC's version of Louis Vuitton Cup. The winning yacht is rewarded with a free lunch at the expense of the losers at Clarke Cooke House on Bannister's Wharf after racing. Visit <a href="http://www.americascupcharters.com">www.americascupcharters.com</a> to see more about these beautiful yachts.
Sat., May 21	Championship Dinner	6:30 PM	Black Tie Dinner at Ochre Court at Salve Regina University ( <a href="http://www.salve.edu/campus-buildings/ochre-court">www.salve.edu/campus-buildings/ochre-court</a> )

#### **Court Tennis Events for Amateurs**

Mon-Fri	Handicap Doubles	8:00 AM	20 Teams will participate in a handicap doubles tournament beginning on Monday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> . draw will be published by March 15th
Mon-Fri	Pro-Am	8:00 AM	Limited to 6 players round robin first to 10 games or 45 minutes max.

In addition to the above we are planning on two trips to the Boston T&R Club, tentatively scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. The day would start at the National Tennis Club around 8:00 AM. We would board a party bus with some coffee and Danish for our trip to Boston arriving around 9:30 AM. Doubles play would ensue among the 16 players for the next six hours, after which time we would board the bus back to Newport. A sandwich lunch would be set up in the Royal Dedans and drinks signed for at the bar. Some type of liquid refreshment would be provided for the trip back to Newport in time for the opening cocktail party. The cost has not been finalized but we anticipate it being in the \$200 range for the day. Depending on demand, the same schedule would be run on Wednesday. Please express any interest you may have by return email and we'll finalize the plans.

For those who are not familiar with the Louis Vuitton Cup Challenge, Newport was the home of the America's Cup yacht races for many years. Our harbor is graced with no less than a dozen twelve meter yachts which have competed and won the America's Cup. The way the America's Cup works is very similar to the way our World Championship works. The holder of the title waits for a challenger to be decided and then faces off against that opponent in the finals. The series of races that determines the challenger is called the Louis Vuitton Cup. So our idea was to have a challenge series on Friday. Ideally we get enough participants to crew at least two boats resulting in something like US vs. Australia. Our UK brothers and sisters are free to join if they are up to it (consider the gauntlet thrown ). Each yacht requires approximately ten in crew. The yachts are professionally maintained and come with a crew of three professionals who do most of the heavy lifting. You only need a love for the water and the desire to see historic Newport and the surrounding islands from the water to participate. The winning yacht gets a free lunch at the Clarke Cooke House paid for by the yacht(s) behind them. If you would like to join us, fill out the reservation form on the website.

Please review your registration statement/invoice carefully. A number of you did not reserve tickets for the cocktail party and/or the Championship Dinner. We'd hate to see you miss out on an event you actually want to attend, but registration check-in will be too late to change the headcount for the caterers. If there is additional event you would like to register for, please fill out the form on the web site and send it in. The deadline for reservations for all events will be May 4<sup>th</sup>.

We'd like to thank you for supporting the World Championship and we look forward to seeing each of you in May.

Warmest regards,

Stephen De Voe  
Co-Chairman