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**BOAR'S HEAD SPORTS CLUB READIES FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL BOYD  
TINSLEY \$50,000 USTA WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***2008 Event to Feature Collection of Some of the Top Up-and-Coming  
Players on the Women's Tennis Scene Today***

**Seventh Heaven...**

**Tournament Set for April 26-May 3 -- Free and Open to the Public!**

Charlottesville, VA (April 2009) – This April, Charlottesville will once again draw the attention of tennis fans around the world with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Boyd Tinsley \$50,000 USTA Women's Pro Tennis Championships. This annual highlight of the USTA Pro Circuit season returns to the Boar's Head Sports Club from April 26-May 3, bringing its usual collection of world-class tennis talent from around the globe.

The tournament regularly draws large crowds to the BHSC courts throughout the week as tennis fans take advantage of a rare chance to see some of the top up-and-coming players on the international women's tennis scene up close, and FOR FREE!

"We are so grateful to Boyd Tinsley for his extraordinary generosity and support of this event," said Tournament Director Ron Manilla. "Because of this support, our entire community has an opportunity to enjoy a courtside view of some extraordinary tennis as these remarkable athletes chase their dreams of major tournament glory."

The event is part of the USTA Pro Circuit, which features nearly 100 tournaments throughout the country ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000. The Pro Circuit, now celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is known as the pathway to the U.S. Open and tour-level competition for aspiring players and a frequent battleground for established professionals.

Most of the top professionals today on both the men's and women's sides have earned their stripes on this tour, including Lindsay Davenport, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Jim Courier and Andy Roddick. Pro Circuit graduates have accounted for more than 50 Grand Slam singles titles, and overall, 14 Pro Circuit veterans have risen to No. 1 in the world.

Tinsley tourney fans are well-acquainted with the Pro Circuit's star power, having had the pleasure of seeing an all-star array including the world's No. 2 player, Jelena Jankovic, Anna Kournikova (who played her last professional match here), Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, Ashley Harkleroad, Meghan Shaughnesy, Ann Smith and many others.

However, this tournament is about far more than star power. It is about watching extraordinary athletes working hard to chase their dreams. "Last year was a great example of the excitement the tournament can deliver," Manilla said. "Alexis Gordon, who came into the tournament virtually unranked, played a spectacular week of tennis, knocking off several seeded players on her way to capturing her first professional tournament championship."

The Tinsley Tournament has become one of the true highlights of the Pro Circuit season, according to Tournament Supervisor Missy Malool, who cites the quality of the facility, and even more importantly, the warmth of the community in welcoming her players into their homes and lives year after year. "These people open their homes, and their refrigerators, to these kids year after year, and many times forge lasting relationships. This is a special, special place and our players and all of us at the USTA start looking forward to coming back every single year.

For more information on the 2009 Boyd Tinsley USTA Women's Pro Tennis Championships, visit [www.usta.com/procircuit](http://www.usta.com/procircuit). For more information or to make reservations at Boar's Head Inn call 434-296-2181 or visit [www.boarsheadinn.com](http://www.boarsheadinn.com).

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