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**VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK MEN'S PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RETURNS TO BOAR'S HEAD FROM OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 7**

**INDOOR HARD COURT USTA \$50,000 CHALLENGER EVENT TO FEATURE
OUTSTANDING ARRAY OF TOP PLAYERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE**

U.Va.'s Own Somdev Devvarman To Head Field That will Include Americans Taylor Dent, Donald Young, Ryan Sweeting and 2009 VNB Championship Champion Kevin Kim; Australian Chris Guccione, Japan's Kei Nishikori And Many Others

Charlottesville, Virginia, October 15, 2010: The second annual Virginia National Bank Men's Professional Championship will return to The Boar's Head from October 30 through November 7, bringing with it a collection of some of the top young talent in tennis today. This year's field will be headed by top-seed Somdev Devvarman, the back-to-back NCAA Singles Champion at U.Va. who continues to build an impressive professional resume that finds him ranked among the Top 100 players in the world.

Devvarman recently won his homeland of India's first-ever tennis gold in the Commonwealth Games and is currently ranked No. 95 in the world, thrilled

Charlottesville tennis fans with a deep run in last year's event. He lost to American, and eventual champion, Kevin Kim, in an exciting three-set final before a packed house at The Boar's Head.

Devvarman and Kim will be joined for the event this year by a collection of some of the top players on the USTA's Pro Circuit tour today, including American Taylor Dent. Dent, currently ranked No. 98 in the world, skyrocketed into the Top 25 before leaving the game in 2005 due to a back injury and returning three years later following surgery.

Other top Americans in the field will include Donald Young (ranked No. 111), Ryan Sweeting (No. 115) and Robert Kendrick (No. 147). The event will also feature an array of top international talent headed by Australia's Chris Guccione (ranked No. 118) and Japan's Kei Nishikori (ranked No. 119).

Play at The Boar's Head Sports Club will take place on a limited number of courts, ensuring plenty of tennis action for fans both day and night. Qualifying play begins on Saturday, October 30th and wraps up on Monday, November 1, with matches starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

Main Draw play will run Monday, November 1st through Friday, November 5th. Play will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday; 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and noon on Friday. Featured matches will be presented throughout the week, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The semifinal matches will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th and the finals will be played on Sunday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m. Admission to the tournament will be \$15 per day (\$10/day for Boar's Head members).

"We are looking forward to another great year of world-class tennis," said Boar's Head Sports Club Tournament Director Ron Manilla. "Last year's event drew great crowds throughout the week and the excitement of these matches and the talent of these players generated a real buzz in the tennis community and beyond. We think this year's event will draw even more tennis lovers and can't wait to get started."

"All of us at The Boar's Head are excited to welcome the USTA and these extraordinary athletes," said Matt Harris, Boar's Head General Manager. "We are proud to work with Virginia National Bank to give fans in our area a rare chance to see some of the rising stars of the game at The Boar's Head. Thanks to this event, our annual Boyd

Tinsley tournament, and the ITA National Indoor Championship, The Boar's Head is gaining a national reputation as a first-class tournament venue.”

The tournament is one of only 29 professional tournaments and features men that will quickly rise in the ATP tour, play in the Grand Slam Championship and represent their country at the Davis Cup and in the Olympics. Representing over 100 countries, tournament participants include some of the best young talent in the game. Past tour participants who have earned their starts on the USTA Pro Circuit Futures Tour have included Andre Agassi, James Blake, Todd Martin and many others.

Ranked one of *TENNIS* Magazine’s Top 50 Tennis Resorts, The Boar’s Head boasts 26 USTA-regulation tennis courts (10 Har-Tru clay courts, 12 indoor DecoTurf hard courts and 4 outdoor DecoTurf hard courts). The Boar’s Head Sports Club was also awarded the 2008 Private Facility of the Year by *Racquet Sports Industry* magazine.

The Boar’s Head, a 170-room resort set on 573 acres in the Virginia countryside, offers Four-Diamond dining, a state-of-the-art sports club, world-class tennis, championship golf, a luxury spa, 22,000 square feet of meeting space, and proximity to attractions such as Monticello, the Blue Ridge Mountains and numerous wineries. The Boar’s Head is owned and operated by The University of Virginia Foundation.

For more information on the Virginia National Bank Men’s Professional Tennis Championship at The Boar’s Head or to make reservations call 800-476-1988 or visit The Boar’s Head online at **www.boarsheadinn.com**.

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