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**BOAR'S HEAD AND USTA SET TO CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
BOYD TINSLEY WOMEN'S CLAY COURT CLASSIC**

**Popular Tournament Returns To Charlottesville from
April 24th-May 1st at The Boar's Head**

Admission is Complimentary and Tournament is Open to the Public

Charlottesville, VA (April 13, 2011) – Tennis fans will have the chance to celebrate a decade of world-class professional tennis in Charlottesville when the Boyd Tinsley Women's Clay Court Classic celebrates its 10th Anniversary from April 24th-May 1st at The Boar's Head.

Qualifying round play for the 2011 Boyd Tinsley Women's Clay Court Classic begins on April 24th and 25th, with Main Draw play kicking off on April 26th. Singles and Doubles finals will be held on Sunday, May 1. For dates, times and daily matchups, visit www.procircuit.usta.com.

The \$50,000 event has become one of the most popular stops on USTA Women's Pro Circuit tour thanks to its combination of outstanding facilities, top-tier players and

unique warm welcome afforded the players by host families, fans, and, most of all, the event's beloved title sponsor.

The Boyd Tinsley Women's Clay Court Classic will once again provide many opportunities for new fans to get involved in the game by bringing children from throughout the area. On Wednesday, April 27th, the tournament will host its annual Kids Day event, which brings more than 100 kids from throughout the area (including the Boyd Tinsley Tennis Program) to come meet the pros and play 10 and Under Tennis, which uses racquets, balls and courts sized right for kids so that they can enjoy and develop their game. Area students will also get to meet and interact with players during school visits.

"This event has done so much for this community over the years," said James Neiderer, Club Manager of The Boar's Head Sports Club, "from delivering a rare up-close look at some of the top young players in the game to giving countless students and kids throughout the community a chance to meet and interact with pro athletes and much more. And none of it would have happened without the incredible support of Boyd Tinsley. This year is about honoring Boyd's ongoing commitment to tennis, to kids and to the people in this community, and we can't wait to celebrate this milestone year with him."

"Boyd Tinsley is a great example of someone who has taken his huge talent, hard work and good fortune and turned it around to help others fulfill their dreams," said Tournament Director Ron Manilla. "It feels like only yesterday I first went to Boyd to talk about sponsoring this event. And now, ten years later, we are so proud that it is an event that not only carries his name but carries his heart as well."

"All of us at The Boar's Head are so excited to celebrate this 10th year landmark for the tournament," said Matt Harris, General Manager of The Boar's Head, "and we look forward to continuing to share this outstanding event with the community for many years to come."

"The USTA Pro Circuit commends the long-standing involvement of Boyd Tinsley and the entire Charlottesville community with increasing the accessibility of tennis," says Brian Earley, Director of the USTA Pro Circuit. "By hosting a top-notch

pro event and incorporating 10 and Under Tennis, their efforts enhance the USTA Pro Circuit's mission to grow the pro game in communities nationwide while developing the next generation of tennis players.”

The Tinsley tournament player roster over the past decade is filled with some of the biggest names in the game. It includes four of the Top 25 in the world today, including former World No. 1 player **Jelena Jankovic**, who was the event's runner-up in 2004; Australian **Samantha Stosur** (currently ranked No. 5); Belgian **Yanina Wickmayer** and former Tinsley finalist **Dominika Cibulkova**.

Other memorable moments and personalities over the course of the tournament's history include **Anna Kournikova**, who played in what would be her last professional match here in 2003; **Brenda Schultz-McCarthy**, a former World Top 10 player who boasted the fastest serve in women's tennis and played at two Tinsley tournaments.

This year's tournament field will be headed by former Tinsley champion **Edina Gallovits-Hall**. Currently ranked No. 105 in the world, Gallovits-Hall has finished in the Top 100 for each of the past four years and captured four tournament titles on the Pro Circuit in 2010.

With 96 tournaments throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. This year men and women from more than 50 countries will compete on the USTA Pro Circuit more than \$3 million in prize money and valuable ATP and WTA Tour ranking points. Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, James Blake, Justine Henin-Hardenne, Nicole Valdisova, Andrew Murray and David Nalbandian are among today's top stars that began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

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, children's programs, 22,000 square feet of meeting space including our new 5,600 square foot Pavilion, 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 Boyd Tinsley Women's Clay Court Classic or to make reservations, please call 800-476-1988 or visit The Boar's Head online at www.boarsheadinn.com.

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