

THE SHIPYARD CUP, A WOMEN'S \$15,000 EVENT HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC • OCTOBER 1-8



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Van Der Meer Shipyards Racquet Club
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Websites: www.vandermeertennis.com
www.procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Oct. 1

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Oct. 3

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$15,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$2,352	12
Runner-Up	\$1,470	7
Semifinalist	\$734	4
Quarterfinalist	\$367	2
Round 16	\$294	1
Round 32	\$147	0

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$955
Runner-Up	\$515
Semifinalist	\$294
Quarterfinalist	\$147
Round 16	\$74

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO HILTON HEAD ISLAND

The Shipyards Cup, A Women's \$15,000 Event returns to Hilton Head Island in the fall for the fourth consecutive year. Hilton Head held a \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in June from 1993 to 2014 at the Van Der Meer Tennis Center. This year's tournament is one of two consecutive clay-court women's events held this fall on the USTA Pro Circuit, following Charleston, S.C., which was held last week.

Notable players competing in Hilton Head Island include:

Ann Li, 17, Devon, Pa.

- The No. 15-ranked junior player in the world.
- Reached the singles final of junior Wimbledon this year in the second-ever all-American girls' final at Wimbledon, dating back to 1947.
- Won the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career this year at the \$15,000 event in Evansville, Ind.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2017 as a wild card.

Caty McNally, 15, Cincinnati

- The No. 27-ranked junior player in the world.
- Reached singles and doubles quarterfinals at the 2017 junior French Open.
- Reached the doubles final at junior Wimbledon this year with Whitney Osuigwe;



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Ann Li, 17, reached the singles final of junior Wimbledon this year. She is currently No. 15 in the world junior rankings.

also reached the doubles final at the All England Club in 2016.

- Also competed in the junior US Open this year.
- Helped the U.S. win its fourth Junior Fed Cup title (16 and under) in September in Budapest, Hungary.
- From a tennis family. Brother, Jon, is an Ohio State recruit and former Top 15 ITF world-ranked junior.
- Caty and John are coached by their mother, Lynn, who was named the Team USA Developmental Coach of the Year for 2014 after John won the USTA Boys' 16s national hard-court title and Caty won the Girls' 14s national hard-court title.
- The McNally family has been profiled in Family Circle magazine, by Tennis Channel and other publications.

Elizabeth Halbauer, 20, Daniel Island, S.C.

- Reached the final of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Daytona Beach, Fla., earlier this year.



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Caty McNally, 15, was a member of the U.S. team that won the 2017 Junior Fed Cup. She also reached the doubles final at junior Wimbledon this year.

- Also this year, advanced to the semifinals in both singles and doubles at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit women's event in Orlando in January, held at the new USTA National Campus, and the semifinals of the \$25,000 event in Naples, Fla., in May.
- Cracked the Top 350 for the first time in 2016 after winning an ITF Circuit event in Argentina in April and reaching the final at another \$25,000 ITF Circuit event in Canada in August.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2016 as a wild card.
- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in Hilton Head Island in 2013.

Ronit Yurovsky, 23, New Kensington, Pa.

- Graduated in 2016 from the University of Michigan, where she was a 2016 All-American and received four All-Big Ten honors.
- Graduated No. 3 all-time in singles wins at Michigan, with 117.
- Earned four NCAA Singles Championship berths.
- Won two USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles in 2016.

Jessica Pegula, 23, Charleston, S.C.

- Did not compete from January to August this year due to injury.
- Qualified for the 2016 US Open main draw and competed in US Open qualifying this year.
- Advanced to her first career WTA semifinal in summer 2016 in Washington, D.C.
- Played in just one tournament in 2014 after having knee surgery. Returned to competition in 2015 and, in her comeback, qualified for the 2015 US Open and won her first-round match in her first-ever Grand Slam main draw.
- Has ranked in the Top 100 in doubles.
- Peaked at No. 123 in singles in 2013 and finished the 2012, 2015 and 2016 seasons in the Top 200.

- Father, Terry, is the owner of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres and the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Alexandra Mueller, 29, Abington, Pa.

- Holds 19 career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles and seven singles titles.
- Two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.
- Ranked as high as No. 160 in the world in doubles in 2011.

Kennedy Shaffer, 20, Rossford, Ohio

- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit singles title, won in 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Evansville, Ind.
- Senior at the University of Georgia.
- Received All-America honors in doubles her junior season after reaching the quarterfinals of the NCAA Doubles Championships.
- Also received All-America honors in singles in her sophomore season after reaching the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships.
- In her freshman season, helped the Bulldogs reached the Final Four of the NCAA Team Championships.

Amanda Rodgers, 24, Bradenton, Fla.

- Graduated from Syracuse in 2015, where she earned All-ACC honors three of her four years.
- Finished collegiate career with 81 singles wins.
- In her senior season, went 27-9 in singles and doubles, including an 18-2 singles record.
- Competed on the USTA Pro Circuit this year, as well as in ITF Pro Circuit events in Belgium, Ireland and Great Britain.

**Player field subject to change*

HILTON HEAD ISLAND PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
*Oct. 2016	Tournament cancelled due to hurricane		*Oct. 2016	
*Oct. 2015	Alexa Graham (USA)	Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR)	*Oct. 2015	Madeleine Kobelt (USA) – Nika Kukharchuk (RUS)
*Oct. 2014	Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	Natalia Vikhlyantseva (RUS)	*Oct. 2014	Maria-Fernanda Alves (BRA) – Keri Wong (USA)
2014	Caitlin Whoriskey (USA)	Elise Mertens (BEL)	2014	Caitlin Whoriskey (USA) – Sonja Molnar (CAN)
*Sept. 2013	Ellie Halbauer (USA)	Alexandra Mueller (USA)	*Sept. 2013	Alexandra Mueller (USA) – Jillian O'Neill (CAN)
2013	Yana Koroleva (RUS)	Haley Carter (USA)	2013	Alexandra Mueller (USA) – Kristy Frilling (USA)
2012	Mayo Hibi (JPN)	Jessica Moore (AUS)	2012	Anamika Bhargava (USA) – Sylvia Krywacz (USA)
2011	Alexandra Mueller (USA)	Bojana Bobusic (AUS)	2011	Macall Harkins (USA) – Amanda McDowell (USA)
2010	Alexis King (USA)	Jacqueline Cako (USA)	2010	Jacqueline Cako (USA) – Erica Krisan (USA)
2009	Alexandra Mueller (USA)	Alison Riske (USA)	2009	Jacqueline Cako (USA) – Alison Riske (USA)
2008	Mallory Cecil (USA)	Theresa Logar (USA)	2008	Jennifer Elie (USA) – Nadja Gilchrist (USA)
2007	Angela Haynes (USA)	Chanelle Scheepers (RSA)	2007	Stacia Fonseca (USA) – Alexandra Mueller (USA)
2006	Julie Ditty (USA)	Madison Brengle (USA)	2006	Christina Fusano (USA) – Raquel Kops-Jones (USA)
2005	Ansley Cargill (USA)	Ekaterina Afinogenova (RUS)	2005	Shadisha Robinson (USA) – Robin Stephenson (CAN)
2004	Melanie Marois (CAN)	Natalia Dziamidzenka (BLR)	2004	Cory-Ann Avants (USA) – Varvara Lepchenko (USA)
2003	Ludmila Richterova (CZE)	Nicole Rencken (RSA)	2003	Yvonne Doyle (IRL) – Nicole Rencken (RSA)
2002	Gabriela Lastra (USA)	Lauren Kalvaria (USA)	2002	Liza Andriyani (INA) – Wukirasih Sawondari (INA)
2001	Mi-Ra Jeon (KOR)	Ansley Cargill (USA)	2001	Kristy Blumberg (USA) – Karin Miller (USA)
2000	Allison Bradshaw (USA)	Jacqueline Trail (USA)	2000	Wendy Fix (USA) – Manisha Malhotra (IND)
1999	Jennifer Hopkins (USA)	Renata Kolbovic (CAN)	1999	Dawn Buth (USA) – Vanessa Webb (USA)
1998	Holly Parkinson (USA)	Renata Kolbovic (CAN)	1998	Varalee Sureephong (USA) – Vanessa Webb (USA)
1997	Stephanie Mabry (USA)	Samantha Reeves (USA)	1997	Varalee Sureephong (USA) – Vanessa Webb (USA)
1996	Anne Mall (IRL)	Mareze Joubert (RSA)	1996	Liza Andriyani (INA) – Mareze Joubert (RSA)
1995	Kori Davidson (USA)	Mashona Washington (USA)	1995	Jane Chi (USA) – Stephanie Chi (USA)
1994	Karin Miller (USA)	Jana Nejedly (CAN)	1994	Angela Lettiere (USA) – Stacey Sheppard (USA)
1993	Halle Cioffi (USA)	Maureen Drake (CAN)	1993	Elly Hakami (USA) – Pam Nelson (USA)

*All events held in June, unless otherwise noted.