

# USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis Newsletter

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**Welcome** to the newsletter for USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis, providing you with information about upcoming tournaments, wheelchair tennis programs, tips on how to take your game to the next level, and all things wheelchair tennis. Also, keep an eye out on USTA Southern's Facebook page for Wheelchair Wednesday twice a month when wheelchair tennis will be the featured post for the day!

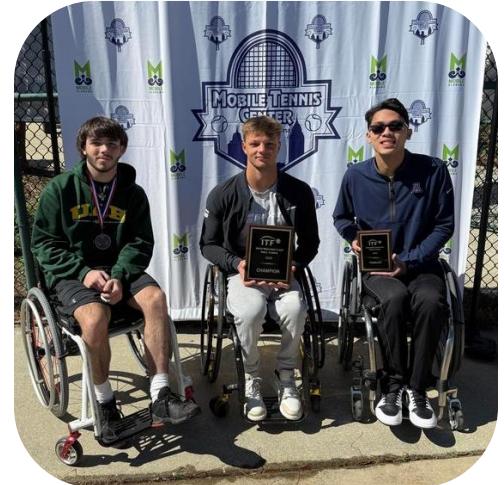
## Tournament Recaps

**The ITF Junior Winter Wheelchair Classic** was held at the Mobile Tennis Center in Mobile, AL February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Despite a small field of athletes, the talent among these junior players was strong. This tournament was held alongside a USTA Southern Level 3 Junior Winter Closed 14/16s tournament. Every day, they announced the start of the matches, and many juniors and parents of the Level 3 tournament came to watch the wheelchair players, which created an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere. Congratulations to the winners:

Tournament Winner – Tomas Majetic

Runner Up – Maximus Wong

Third Place – Zane Goodwin



**The Polar Doubles Tournament** was held February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cary Tennis Park in Cary, NC. The tournament is a partnership between Wheel Serve NC and the wonderful staff at the Cary Tennis Park, who are committed to promoting and supporting wheelchair tennis in North Carolina. There is also an able-bodied tournament held at the same time, which allows wheelchair tennis to be seen within the broader tennis community, a win-win for tennis as a whole. Polar Doubles is an Up/Down tournament, which is a favorite format among Wheel Serve NC athletes. Organizers cite that the best aspect of the tournament is the partnerships between able-bodied and wheelchair athletes.

Congratulations to tournament winners:

A Division - Nick Burnham/Mary Kay Deering

B Division Blue - Kenny Heuchert/Helen Leonard

B Division Red - Sarah Benzing/Mason Womack

C Division Blue - George Sutphen/ Robyn Merk

C Division Red - Ben Elliott/Allen Foiles

C Division Green - Mel Bussard/Megan Atterbury

D Division - Alexandra Cariboni/Diane Rode



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The 34<sup>th</sup> annual **Cajun Classic** was held March 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge, LA. The tournament is one of only six Super Series events on the ITF Wheelchair Tour, and the only one in the US, making it a premier stop for top-ranked athletes from around the world. Over 100 professional and amateur players from 20 countries and 22 states competed. With Grand Slam champions in action and intense matchups throughout the week, it was a fabulous showcase of the skill and sportsmanship of wheelchair tennis.



**The Georgia Open** wheelchair tennis tournament took place March 5th - 9th at the Rome Tennis Center at Berry College. This year's tournament included 50 athletes from 15 countries. Check out action from this year's tournament.



Congratulations to the winners:

Quad Doubles – Heath Davidson and Niels Vink

Quad Singles – Niels Vink

Juniors Singles – Tomas Majetic

Juniors Doubles – Zane Goodwin and Sabina Czauz

Men's Singles – Alfie Hewitt

Women's Singles – Aniek Van Koot

Women's Doubles – Lucy Shuker and Aniek Van Koot

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## 2025 Tournaments

Check out these upcoming tournaments within the Southern Section for players at all levels and make plans to participate!

### 2025 Southern Wheelchair Tournament Schedule

To search for tournaments, please go to [playtennis.usta.com/tournaments](http://playtennis.usta.com/tournaments). When searching for the event, please type in the CITY and STATE listed below into the appropriate search fields on the USTA website. For more steps on how to register for the tournament, please see this Customer Care article.

Date	End Date	Name	Level	State	Registration Link	Facilities
4/10/2025	4/13/2025	Montgomery Open	Level 3	AL	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>	Lagoon Park Tennis, Lagoon Park Drive, Montgomery, AL,
5/4/2025	5/5/2025	Garden City/Walton Foundation	Unsanctioned	GA	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>	Newman Tennis Center, Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA,
7/18/2025	7/20/2025	Clemson Tournament	Level 3	SC	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>	Clemson University, Sikes Hall, Clemson, SC,
10/3/2025	10/5/2025	Mississippi Rock N Roll	Level 3	MS	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>	Brandon Tennis Complex, West Government Street, Brandon, MS,

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10/24/2025	10/25/2025	<b>Lakeshore Wheelchair Tennis Classic</b>	Level 3	AL	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>	Birmingham Tennis Academy, Birmingham, AL,
11/13/2025	11/16/2025	<b>America Wheelchair Tennis Championships</b>	Level 1	GA	Link coming soon	Richard Craig Park, S Zack Hinton Blvd, McDonough, GA,
TBD	TBD	<b>Doubles</b>	Unsanctioned	GA	Link coming soon	
TBD	TBD	<b>Music City Classic</b>	Level 4	TN	Link coming soon	
TBD	TBD	<b>Wheel Serve NC Open</b>	Level 5	NC	Link coming soon	
TBD	TBD	<b>Hallowheel</b>	Unsanctioned	LA	Link coming soon	