

# USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis Newsletter

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**Welcome** to the newsletter for USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis. This newsletter provides 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 Music City Classic** was held in Nashville, Tenn., June 28-30.

Congratulations to the winners:

A Singles: Taylor Wingate

A Doubles: Jose Arriaga & Jen Mak

B Singles: Matthew Fritzie

B Doubles: Rocky Leblanc & Allen Champagne

C Singles: Jen Speer

C Doubles: Victor Vaughn & Scott Therrell

**The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United**, in its 67<sup>th</sup> year of competition, is the largest and longest-standing national sport championship event for athletes with physical disabilities. The 2024 event was held July 12-18 in Hoover, Ala., and for the second year included wheelchair tennis for both youth and adults. A wheelchair tennis tournament and a clinic were held as part of the event. Congratulations to the tournament winners:

A Singles: Jeremy Boyd

A Doubles: Jeremy Boyd/Joon Reid

C Singles: Chris Mendonca

C Doubles: Anthony Harris/ Sonja Harris and Chris Mendonca/Jake Daily  
(Tie due to weather constraints)

D Singles: Dylan Marsh

D Doubles: Tim Little/Curt Howell and Bob Lujano/Dylan Marsh

(Tie due to weather constraints)

18 and Under Singles: Noah Schepman

18 and Under Doubles: Noah Schepman/Jordan Bates

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 2024 **Clemson Wheelchair Tennis Championships** took place July 19-21 on the campus of Clemson University. The tournament was a Level 3 USTA tournament and had 41 players compete across both the adult letter and junior divisions in both singles and doubles. The two-and-a-half-day tournament was hosted at the Duckworth Family Indoor Tennis Facility. Winners across each division were:

A Singles: Jeff Kegler

A Doubles: Rob Popelka & Samir Jusupovic

B Singles: Jude Hailey

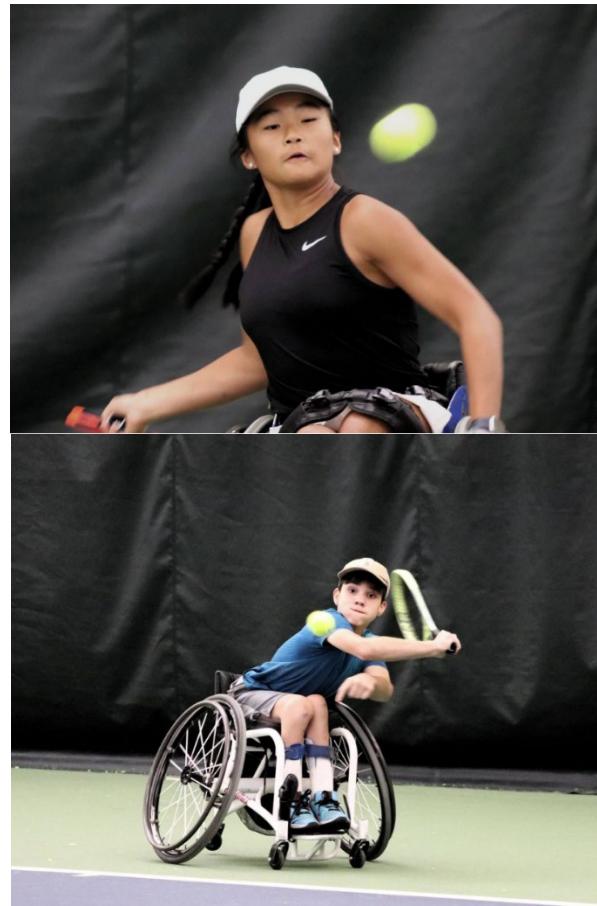
B Doubles: Spencer Davis & Jeremy Perez

C Singles: Jeremy Perez

C Doubles: Mckenna Woodhead & Jen Speer

U18 B Singles: Jordan Bates

U18 B Doubles: John Grimsley & Jordan Bates



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## Upcoming Event

The Winston Salem Open Play Day is almost here! Don't miss this annual, fun day of round robin style of play. Register at the link below.

When: Monday, August 19

Where: Wake Forest University Indoor Tennis Complex

What: Round-robin style day of play!

Price: FREE...plus free admission to the afternoon open match!

[Register HERE!](#)



## Juniors

The Southern Tennis Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2024 Junior Financial Assistance program is now open for junior wheelchair tennis players ages 12-18 in the Southern Section. The 2024 application guidelines can be found [HERE](#). A new application must be completed for each junior to be eligible for the 2024 funding, [click here](#).

If your junior is approved, you will receive an email within one week of submitting your application with instructions on submitting receipts for reimbursement. While we strive to accept as many qualified applicants as can be accommodated, funding is limited. Also, please let us know if your child recently graduated from high school, if they are attending college, and if they are playing collegiate tennis.

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## Collegiate

USTA Southern awards college scholarships to wheelchair tennis players living in the Southern Section who will be playing wheelchair tennis collegiately. In May, scholarships were awarded to the following students. Congratulations!

Jude Hiley, Auburn  
McKenna Woodhead, Clemson  
Toni Nelson, Alabama  
Sydney Fowler, Clemson



## Coach's Corner

Did you know that the USTA has a library of coaching resources and videos to help coaches learn how to work with wheelchair tennis athletes? [Check it out here.](#)

**Wheelchair Tennis Coach Development Workshop** – Montgomery, Ala., is excited to host you for a Wheelchair Tennis Coach Development Workshop on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lagoon Tennis Park. [Click here to register.](#)

### Workshop Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Classroom  
12:00 p.m.: Lunch  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on court  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., wrap-up

For those coaches interested in putting your new skills in practice, there will simultaneously be an All-Comers Wheelchair Training Camp at the same facility that weekend. Once you finish your Coach Development Workshop on Thursday, you are welcome to stay for Friday, Oct. 4 and/or Saturday, Oct. 5 to coach wheelchair athletes in action. For registration or more information, [click here.](#)

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## 2024 Tournaments

Check out the full calendar of 2024 tournaments within the Southern Section for wheelchair tennis players at all levels.

### 2024 Southern Wheelchair Tennis Tournaments

Tournament Name	Sanctioning	Dates	Location	Contact	Email
<b>National Public Parks Tennis Championships</b>	USTA Level 4	<b>Sept. 21-22</b>	Mobile, Ala.	Jace Daniel	jacedaniel30@gmail.com
<b>Montgomery All Comers Camp</b>	NA	<b>Oct. 3-5</b>	Montgomery, Ala.	Jessica Weyreuter	<a href="mailto:dreamcourtinc@gmail.com">dreamcourtinc@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hallowheel</b>	Unsanctioned	<b>Oct. 3-5</b>	Baton Rouge, La.	Jennifer Edmonson	jennedmonson@aol.com
<b>Wheel Serve NC Open</b>	USTA Level 5	<b>Oct. 19</b>	Huntersville, N.C.	Helen Leonard	<a href="mailto:hleonard@wheelsercenc.com">hleonard@wheelsercenc.com</a>
<b>Lost Mountain Wheelchair Open</b>	USTA Level 2	<b>Oct. 25-27</b>	Powder Springs, Ga.	Tony Oswald	Tony.oswald@cobbcounty.org
<b>America Championships</b>	USTA Level 1 - Adult & Junior National Championships	<b>Nov. 14-17</b>	Locust Grove, Ga.	Harlon Matthews	<a href="mailto:hmatthews@co.henry.ga.us">hmatthews@co.henry.ga.us</a>

## Wheelchair Tennis Skill Builder

We want to help you take your game to the next level by having experienced wheelchair tennis players and coaches show you skills that are important in wheelchair tennis. This month, Net Generation Regional Provider Coach and USPTA and PTR Professional Taylor Wingate show you the importance after serving of not only getting your hands on your wheels but also active hands. Having active hands means keeping your chair moving since the returner is moving in on your serve to return it. Let Taylor show you how it's done and start adding active hands in your practices and matches.

[Click here for the video.](#)



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Do you have any questions? Please feel free to reach out to any of our members.

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