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Frank Sedgman:

"I am very proud and honoured to be President of the IC Council. The Council is a true memorial of the International Club of Great Britain which was formed in 1924. Since that time the IC movement has expanded world wide with International Clubs now numbering 38 nations. And the ideals that were formed then have not changed since that time.

Players who have played internationally can form friendships for life and with programmes that enable clubs to engage socially and competitively it enhances cementing international relationships. Activities within their own clubs also keep the spirit of past achievements alive and it is very important that the history of our great game is not lost.

It is hoped the young players of today carry on the tradition the members of all the ICs have worked so hard to maintain."



Frank Sedgman, President of the IC Council, at his 80th birthday

Virginia Wade:

"I have always had very fond memories of my experiences with the IC. My first was when I was a junior and I was invited to play in a friendly match including some of the best players in the country, an event that was so inspiring to me. The IC has continued to create so many occasions which incorporate experience and talent along with a mix of ages. This has strengthened the links in the chain from one generation of tennis players to the next and formed an enduring bond between those of different countries."



Virginia Wade, Vice-President

Vijay Armitraj:

"The IC is a very special body that I am proud to have been a part of for many years. The values of the IC, bringing people together from different religions and cultures, backgrounds and nationalities, creates a wonderful friendship between countries, something that has always been very important to me. In the James Bond film "Octopussy", I wore an IC scarf in one of the best scenes in the film, just another testament to the reach and goodwill of the IC. I look forward to the work of the IC in the future, helping to make the world a better place for the generations to come."



Vijay Armitraj, Vice-President

Michael Stich:

"I am happy that I am able to address you as a member of the International Tennis Club of Germany and as Vice President of the Council.

The goal of IC's and the goal of all of us is to promote the game of tennis in the world. It is one of the best sports that you can play and we have to make sure that the beauty of our sport will be brought to people across the world.

Please help us in our work and support the game of tennis."



Michael Stich, Vice-President



A Vision became Reality

We have to go back to the early 1920's, the years after World War I, when it was simply good to be alive. It was the age of flapper and Charleston, a time when chivalry was reborn in the almost conscious effort to banish the painful memories of conflict. Among those most concerned to restore faith in the value of international friendship and the essential goodness of man was a respected tennis journalist. For many years **A. Wallis Myers** had been the



A. Wallis Myers

lawn tennis correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and the lawn tennis editor of The Field magazine. He was also a good tennis player, who loved to compete with the cream of the European society including King Gustav V of Sweden.

It was during this period that an idea began to crystallise in the mind of Wallis Myers, developing out of conversations with **Dwight Davis**, the donor of the Davis Cup. Surely, thought Myers, there should be some way of nurturing and preserving the camaraderie that existed between the

young gladiators of so many countries who met in serious but friendly rivalry at tournaments around the world each year. Another who influenced him in this direction was **Lord Balfour**, a former Prime Minister of GB (1902-1905). Balfour was keenly interested in tennis and believed that nations should come closer together. Wallis Myers knew Balfour quite well and had expressed his intention to form some sort of club or society to cement the informal ties which bound together the young tennis players of all lands. Balfour persuaded him to act.

On 26th November 1924 the **International Lawn Tennis Club of Great Britain** was founded at an inaugural meeting attended by some 50 leading international British players, held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, and presided by **Sir Leonard Lyle**. Lord Balfour became the Club's first President, Sir Leonard Lyle was the first Chairman of the IC and Myers himself the first Hon. Secretary.

The second IC to be founded was the **IC of France** in 1929. **Jean Borotra**, the Wimbledon champion of 1924 and 1926, was the driving force and first chairman. Two of his fellow "Musketeers" also held office. **René Lacoste** became the first captain and "**Toto**" **Brunogn** the first Hon. Treasurer.

The **Americans** followed one year later

on the occasion of a visit by Borotra and a French team to Philadelphia. The motivator for the formation and first Hon. Secretary was the former US Davis Cup captain, **Fritz Eugene Dixon**. **Dwight Davis** became the first Hon. President.

In 1931 the **Austrian IC** was formed, followed by the **IC of Holland**. The **Czechs** were the next to form a club, which they did in 1933, and four years later the **Swedes** followed. Thus, before the outbreak of World War II, there were already 7 clubs in existence. Many clubs followed after the war. Their arrivals are shown later on a page with all flags and stripes. Today, the IC family consists of 38 clubs and some 4'500 members.

Their vibrant activity proves beyond doubt the validity of Wallis Myers' original concept that sports and tennis, at highest level, have all the finest things of competition about it. Although man is indeed a combative animal, the better side of human nature requires him to respect his opponent and afterwards to join with him in social union. The spirit of IC tennis is perfectly described in a wonderful poem of Sir Henry Newbolt with the words ...

*..... To set the cause above
renown,
To love the game beyond
the price ...*

The modern IC movement remains a testament to the vision of our founder **A. Wallis Myers**, who all of us salute.



Jean Borotra

J. Barrett / A. Kurucz

Objectives and Outcomes

As we say farewell to the "noughties" and reflect on the challenges which face the world, it is encouraging to find elements in sport that embrace the better aspects of man's ability to endure nation to nation.



Now, 85 years old, the International Clubs have aims and objectives that have evolved to meet the needs of a changing society and to ensure that the Clubs maxim 'hands across the net, friendship across the ocean' is sustainable and remains valid.

In the second half of the 20th century, 27 Clubs were formed from all five continents of the world and in the "noughties", as the first decade of the 21st century is referred to, a further 6 Clubs were created. There are few major tennis playing nations who do not now have an International Club. In each country aspiring to have an IC, tennis needs to have reached a certain stage of maturity for a Club to be sustainable. To ensure that we can meet our objective of creating lasting international friendships, we will continue to encourage new nations to join.

The fun side of what we do is to play matches nation to nation in a series of bilateral, quadrilateral and multilateral events. The events between two nations are numerous and often have their origins going back many decades. For example, the French and the British have enjoyed bi-annual matches going back 81 years. When they play each other in the UK in the week before Wimbledon 2010 this will be the 150th match! The Americans and the Mexicans have an annual match, called the *Coupa des Amigos*, which goes back at least 30 years.

The quadrilateral events, sometimes involving Golf, include the Wallenberg Trophy introduced by Sweden where four nations play a mixed match annually. The French have recently incorporated, in memory of Robert Abdessalam, the former French IC President and Davis Cupper, a trophy for countries with which he was most closely associated, involving on a permanent basis Belgium and Spain, with one invited nation.

The Council of ICs, which administers the family of International Clubs worldwide, oversees a series of events which Clubs host on a regular basis, usually to celebrate an important anniversary. These include the Windmill Trophy (for players under 45 and veterans 45 and over); the Mercelis Trophy (for lady players under 40 and ladies 40 and over); the Potter Cup (for men veterans of 45 and over); the Caretta Trophy (for ladies of 50/60 and over); the Columbus Trophy (for men 55 and 65 and over); and the Juego de Pelota (for men over 70 and 75).

Thus, we achieve, through the promotion of these international competitions, our second objective of promoting good fellowship among international tennis players of the world.

Our third and probably most important objective, is to maintain the standard of sportsmanship and understanding among players of all nations and young players in particular. The culture of good sportsmanship is seen throughout our events. It is rare to see a moment of uncontrolled anger or a serious line call dispute in IC matches. When this happens, a simple reminder that the perpetrator is taking part in an IC event usually results in good sense prevailing.

To underscore this vital ingredient, the Council awards the Jean Borotra Sportsmanship Trophy to an international player who has shown outstanding sportsmanship on an individual occasion or throughout his or her career. This award in the last 10 years has been won by Stefan Edberg, Chris Evert, Todd Martin, Maria Bueno and Pat Rafter.

The objective of involving young players carries a more important message. Young boys and girls who have set their sights on an international tennis career, often know little of the history of tennis and play very few team matches. We ensure that in some bi-lateral matches some of the more promising young players take part in these matches. In addition, in 2004 we introduced the IC Junior Challenge, where teams of boys and girls of 16 and under representing their countries take part in elimination competitions on their continent, followed by a finals at a different venue. The boys and girls travel as a team and experience the pleasure of performing where interdependency is key. They are made aware of the requirements of 'fair play' within the community of sport. In this way, we seek to achieve our fourth major objective.

As a relatively senior institution in tennis, the notion of 'giving back' has taken hold. Recognising that, with a network of 38 Clubs around the world, we could do more, we have launched a philanthropic programme. We have benefitted over many years from private donors but we have now moved up a number of gears by incorporating the International Clubs' Charitable Development Programme that will allow us, in conjunction with ICs in different countries, to run tennis related programmes for disadvantaged children. This has already happened with clinics around IC events in Auckland, Buenos Aires, Barcelona, Sao Paulo, Florida and Tokyo.



Tennis clinic in Auckland (New Zealand)

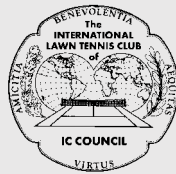
This year, with the assistance of the ITF, we are providing coaching know-how to a modern tennis facility in Burundi, where the concept of the social benefits of access to sport for all has taken root. These clinics and other programmes which are on the drawing board will allow us to achieve the important goal of helping others through tennis.

It is not possible to operate an international network without adequate income, a management structure and a professional executive. In the past decade we have totally revised our structure, developing specific disciplines of governance, finance, tennis management, marketing, IT and sponsorship and delegating these tasks to sub-committees. In addition, we have engaged the services of Paul Hutchins and his organisation to provide the professional back-up to hold the structure together. Thus, we ensure better governance and management as a prime ongoing objective to underpin our activities.

To finance our activities we have been fortunate to have the support of four sponsors. **Lacoste** who have helped us on a continuous basis since 2005; **Compass** who have contributed the lion's share of the cost of the IC Junior Challenge since 2005; **Banque de Luxembourg** who are supporting our Charitable Development Programme; and **HSBC** who this year are sponsoring the IC Jean Borotra Sportsmanship Award. We are extremely grateful to these Companies for their assistance.

I am confident that in the area in which the ICs aim to operate and with the help of my many colleagues in Clubs around the world, the ICs can bring about greater friendship and understanding between nations, provide hugely enjoyable tennis to those who participate in our activities, ensure that the objective of good sportsmanship is alive and well and provide, through tennis, a means of adding hope to the lives of disadvantaged young people.

Barry Weatherill CBE
Chairman
Council of International Clubs



The seal represents the silhouette of a tennis ball divided into four equal parts intended to represent the north, south, east and west hemispheres of the world. The four latin words around the seal mean "goodwill", "courage", "friendship" and "sportsmanship". Alongside "AMICITIA" is he oak leaf, the symbol of strength, to ensure strong friendships. Alongside "AEQUITAS" is the laurel, the symbol of victory, to associate the idea of victory through sportsmanship.

The east and west hemispheres join in two globes, showing all countries of the world, interpreted to mean that any member playing for the International Club will have, in opposition, players from all over the earth. The tennis court, which is drawn as it is viewed by a tennis player, symbolises the concept.

The oak leaf design was made from an actual oak leaf picked from an oak tree in front of Longfellow's famous "Wayside Inn". The laurel design was made from drawings of early Roman designs.

Trophies of our main events





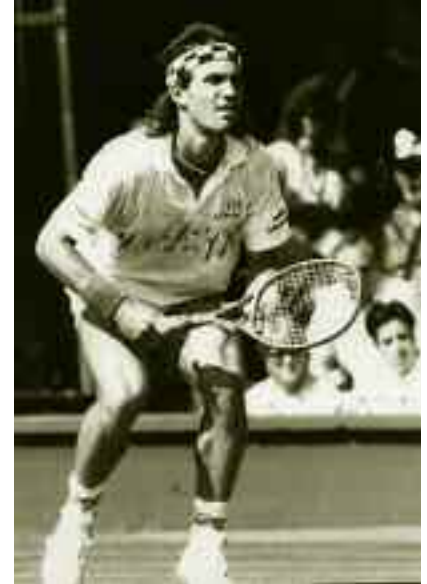
Eminent IC members

Argentina

Enrique Morea, Norma Baylon,
Jose Luis Clerc, Gabriela Sabatini,
Alberto Mancini, Ines Gorochategui,
Martin Jaite, Javier Frana



Maria Esther Bueno



Pat Cash

Australia

Frank Sedgman, Lesley Bowrey, Ken
Rosewall, Evonne Cawley, Pat Cash,
Margaret Court, Ashley Cooper,
Judy Dalton, Roy Emerson,
John Fitzgerald, Neale Fraser,
Paul McNamee, John Newcombe,
Pat Rafter, Tony Roche, Fred Stolle,
Brian Tobin, Todd Woodbridge,
Mark Woodforde, Lleyton Hewitt



Jan Kodes

Bahamas

Mark Knowles

Barbados

Martin Blackman

Belgium

Justine Henin, Jacques Brichant,
Philippe Washer

Brazil

Gustavo Kuerten, Maria Ester Bueno,
Thomas Koch, Armando Vieira



Hanna Mandlikova



Margret Court

Canada

Daniel Nestor, Lorne Main



Frew McMillan



Alex Metreveli



Wilhelm Bungert



Virginia Wade



John Newcombe



Tom Okker

Czech Republic

Jan Kodes, Hana Mandlikova,
Pavel Slozil, Iva Simunkova, Cyril Suk,
Helena Sukova, Renata Tomanova,
Vlasta Vopickova

Denmark

Kurt Nielsen, Jan Leschly, Torben and
Jörgen Ulrich, Caroline Wozniacki

France

Pierre Darmon, Françoise Durr,
Francois Jauffret

Germany

Boris Becker, Steffi Graf, Wilhelm
Bungert, Anna-Lena Grönefeld,
Dr. Christian Kuhnke, Claudia Kohde,
Rainer Schüttler, Helga Masthoff
(Niessen), Michael Stich,
Helga Hösl-Thaw (Schultze),
Jürgen Faßbender

Great Britain

Roger Taylor, Virginia Wade,
Tim Henman, Susan Barker,
Andy Murray, Greg Rusedski,
Angela Barrett, Ann Jones,
Angela Buxton, Christine Janes,
Jo Durie, Jeremy Bates, Mark Cox

Hungary

Szabolcs Baranyi, Robert Machan,
Erzsebet Ambrus-Szell, Eva Szabo,
Eva Rozsavolgyi, Geza Varga



Eminent IC members

India

Vijay Amritraj, Mahesh Bhupati,
Ramanathan Krishnan, Leander Paes

Israel

Dudi Sela

Italy

Nicola Pietrangeli, Adriano Panatta,
Corrado Barazzutti, Paolo Bertolucci,
Antonio Zugarelli, Giordano Majoli,
Sergio Tacchini, Beppe Merlo,
Paolo Cane, Francesco Cancellotti,
Simone Colombo, Omar Camporese

Mexico

Paul Ramirez

New Zealand

Onny Parun, Ruia Morrison,
Chris Lewis, Judy Tinnock,
Kelly Evernden, Brett Steven

Russia

Alexander Metreveli, Anna Dmitrieva,
Olga Morozova, Valeria Titova

South Africa

Eric Sturgess, Sheila Summers,
Gordon Forbes, Sandra Reynolds,
Abe Segal, Renee Schuurman,
Cliff Drysdale, Frew McMillan, Kevin
Curren, Johan Kriek, Wayne Ferreira,
Wesley Moodie, Jeff Coetzee



Steffi Graf



Tim Henman



from left: Ken Rosewall, Rod Laver, John Newcombe, Tony Roche



Gabriela Sabatini



Anna-Lena Grönefeld



Lleyton Hewitt



Andy Murray



from left: Patrik Kühnen, Boris Becker, Eric Jelen, Carl-Uwe Steeb and Coach Niki Pilić



Roger Federer



Rafael Nadal

Spain

Sergio Casal, Conchita Martinez, Carlos Costa, Arantxa Sanchez, Andres Gimeno, José Higuera, Rafael Nadal, Manuel Orantes, Emilio Sanchez, Manuel Santana

Sweden

Björn Borg, Jonas Björkman, Kent Carlsson, Stefan Edberg, Thomas Enquist, Magnus Gustafsson, Anders Järryd, Thomas Johansson, Magnus Larsson, Joakim Nyström, Henrik Sundström, Mats Wilander

Switzerland

Roger Federer

The Netherlands

Tom Okker, Betty Stove, Richard Krajicek, Paul Haarhuis, Jacco Eltingh

Uruguay

Marcelo Filippini

USA

Vic Seixas, Gardner Mulloy, Butch Buchholz, Rosie Casals, Tracy Austin, James Blake, Thomas Blake, Rosie Casals, Michael Chang, Jim Courier, Chris Evert, Zina Garrison, Brian Gottfried, Tom Gullikson, Julie Heldman (Original Virginia Slims Player), Kathleen Horvath, Andrea Jaeger, Billie Jean King, Jenny Klitch, Andrea Leand, Gretchen Magers, Patrick McEnroe, James McManus, Glen Michibata, Richard Reneberg, Marty Riessen, Chanda Rubin, JoAnne Russell, Monica Seles, Leif Shiras, Pam Shriver, Stan Smith, Dick Stockton, Erik Van Dillen

Quotes from all Continents

I have had the privilege to participate in activities of the ICs before and after Open tennis; in playing as a French no.1 amateur player in the Windmill Trophy along with Hoad, Rosewall, Seixas, Brichant ..., then in helping administer the French IC as a Chairman of the club.



Enrique Morea (Argentina)

As such I do appreciate the enormous evolutions by the ICs in getting adjusted to the new environment created by Open Tennis. Things had to change and did change. The no.1 players are no longer expected to play while running their tennis professional career. But when their active career has ended, a lot of them join their national IC to play with their club when convenient, but even more than anything else to join the tennis family they belong to.

I am glad to see that the friendship spirit and the solidarity among the players and ICs remain **the** major values of today's ICs.

Pierre Darmon (France)

The International Lawn Tennis Club has been part of our family for the last 62 years.



My father, who was a good friend of the great Jean Borotra, founded the IC of

Argentina in 1948 (we were the 7th country to create an IC). I always looked up to it in my playing years and enjoyed the many encounters with great friends. I was part of the Executive Committee of the Council and I have been president of the IC of Argentina for over 20 years. In 2006, my colleagues of the governing board of our IC decided to elect my son Enrique as a member. I felt deeply honoured, as he did. Three Enrique Morea's have enjoyed the privilege of sharing the camaraderie and the friendships extended by this wonderful organisation.

IC of Japan celebrated its 30th anniversary by hosting the Columbus Trophy 2009. It was a great pleasure and honour for us to welcome players and spouses from 10 nations worldwide. Amidst the newly found



and rekindled friendship, we renewed our resolve to be an active member of the IC family of the world despite the geographical limitations. We realize that it is a long way for most other IC members to travel, but please know that we are always open to visits by other clubs. IC of Japan hopes to unite its members and to explore various ways in which we can serve our community through tennis. This year, we plan to organize an event that will bring our current and potential members together.

Sakae Yoshii (Japan)

The International Club of South Africa is proud of its position as the only IC Club on



the African continent. Founded in 1950, it has consistently strived to preserve the esteemed traditions of IC tennis in a region where distance and financial restraints make such preservation all the more difficult. Nonetheless, South African members greatly value the distinction of their Club, the ideals of the IC, and the unique tennis brotherhood that it provides.

Gordon Forbes (South Africa)

Being part of the IC family creates continued opportunity for preserving the extraordinary and interdependent visions that the tennis tradition is founded upon. As a result, the expert knowledge and mutual determination shared among each Club reflects a successful integration of the honourable objectives of the IC family tree.



Although it is difficult to travel to each and every Club, our regional members are delighted to know that they are welcome at any branch. The Czech IC is humbled to be part of such a friendly assembly of champions and has been deeply rewarded

through the reception of our IC fellows. Even though it is more difficult lately due to the financial side we are happy to be able to stage our "June in Prag". The invitation goes to three different clubs every year to join us in the friendly matches' format atmosphere. We are optimistic that similar future events will be equally fulfilling in the years ahead.

In the face of globalization, the game of tennis is a beautiful example of how respectful confrontation can advance the prospects of humanity. The court is a place where players expose their characters, and, by simultaneously sharing their individual stories, they learn from each other and grow personally. The Czech IC regards this remarkable aspect of the game as the most important and will persist in keeping it alive.

Helena Sukova (Czech Republic)

The International Lawn Tennis Club of India will be celebrating the 60th year of founding in 2011. With a membership of 300+, its existence, ideals and aims are "generally" (but not quite significantly)



known amongst Tennis circuit players, as a result of inter-actions during IC India events and driven by some active members. India is a large country and we have challenges of distances, lack of financial support, participation also retention of members IC India movement in the last decade has visibly been more active in Delhi and surrounding areas; increase in IC membership activity in the other regions of India will be helpful to enhance the importance and brand equity of IC. Similarly, active involvement from well known (International and National) Tennis players in IC programs will strengthen the reputation and IC brand in India. These are key

areas we are steering through increased communication and networking. Initiatives such as Juniors Talent Search, Juniors Development schemes, Inter Regional tennis fixtures, active website are some of our other recent drives to attain visibility and friendship across the net.

Daljit Wallia (India)

As President of the International Tennis Club of the United States, it is pleasure to see the variety of different members who have benefited from the IC experience.



I have heard from juniors who have participated in the IC Junior Challenge, former top ATP and WTA professionals, men and women who have played IC events for decades and members who because of age or injury are rarely able to play at all anymore. But regardless of age, gender or level of current skill, they all report to me what a great experience the IC has been for them. Some love the top flight competition and hospitality. Others look forward to the travel and the always entertaining IC social events. Many are fondest of the opportunities the IC provides to see old friends from around the world. For me, it has been wonderful to experience both firsthand and through conversations with our many members the fellowship and international goodwill that comes from a shared love and passion for the great game of tennis. It is for that reason that It is an honor and privilege to be part of the "IC family".

Daniel Waldman (USA)

International Tennis Clubs are united by a value that is shared by each individual member of every International Club around the world; namely, a love of the game of tennis. Whether you're a member of a European IC, an Asian IC, a North or South American IC or in my case, The IC of New Zealand, the one thing we all have in common is a deeply held love of the game.



It is that love of the game that provides the rock solid foundation upon which every International Club was built. And because of that foundation, cultural barriers, language barriers, geographical isolation and political divides all pale into insignificance when IC members from different parts of the world are motivated to get together by the one thing that truly unites them, a deeply held passion for the sport of tennis.

The long-standing success of International Clubs, and the respect accorded to them are a tribute to the sum total of each individual's contribution to his or her IC. In my case, I have witnessed first hand the enormous enthusiasm and competence that fellow members of the IC of New Zealand have displayed in organizing international junior events, arranging extensive international trips, assisting promising young players, and hosting visiting IC guests.

And on that note, I'd like to say I'm proud to be part of an international organization whose members share a common love for a game that has given all of us so much enjoyment. To the IC Clubs around the world, long may you continue.

Chris Lewis (New Zealand)



A Heart for Children

We initiated the idea of the IC doing clinics for disabled and disadvantaged children in 2006.

The first one was given to a local organisation for mentally handicapped children in Pilará, Argentina in 2007 and was run by Gabriela Sabatini, who is a member of the IC of Argentina, assisted by the junior competitors and their coaches who were taking part in the S. American Junior Challenge at the time.

It was so well received that it confirmed our view that it should be the direction in which the IC should develop. The idea was mooted at the IC AGM and confirmed by all 38 clubs represented.



Clinic in Barcelona



Clinic in Barcelona



Clinic in Sao Paulo

Further clinics have now been held in Auckland, Sao Paulo, Barcelona, Boca Raton and in Tokyo in October 2009 on occasion of a Columbus Trophy.

Another is due to be held during the IC Junior Challenge World Finals, in New Delhi in 2010.

The smiles on the faces of the recipients makes it a very rewarding experience for those involved in giving the clinics, which are usually the competitors and coaches participating in the IC events during which they take place.

It reinforces the IC's resolve to ensure that it fulfils its corporate social responsibilities to the community in general.

The programme is destined to continue to grow at IC events throughout the world, which can only serve to benefit the recipients as well as the IC players who give their time and energy to present them.

Julian Tatum



Clinic in Pilará, Argentina 2007 run by Gabriela Sabatini

The IC Junior Challenge

Prior to the year 2000, New Zealand were having problems getting suitable practice for their young players, so Athol Tills of the NZ IC asked Frank Sedgman if he could get a few Australian junior players together and have a match against them. This match went on annually, alternately in Australia and New Zealand for a few years, until they decided to invite one or two other countries occasionally, like Japan, Philippines, or Malaysia to take part as well.

At a meeting of the IC Council Executive in Paris in 2004, we were talking about the age profile of the IC and I had the idea that if we could do what the Australasians were doing, but on each continent, then have a grand final somewhere, it could create a great competition. The teams could consist of two boys/two girls aged 16yrs-and-under plus an adult (preferably IC member) captain/coach.

The event would serve to reduce the "age profile" of the IC in the eyes of the tennis world, as well as giving us a greater connection with juniors, who would learn about the IC before they went on "the tour" and therefore know about it when it came time for them to finish their professional careers. This would answer another of the ICs concerns, that of players not knowing of the ICs existence during and after their playing career. Further, as the IC does not have junior members of this age, communication would be necessary with their local Federations, which could only enhance relationships between the two. Finally and arguably, most importantly, it would give young players an introduction to tennis played under the ideals of fair-play and sportsmanship in the IC spirit.

The search for a major sponsor was begun and after many months of presentations to the UK industry's top movers and shakers, The Compass Group agreed to be the sponsor for the European event for the first six year cycle. What was left over from the cost of running this event would be used to subsidise airfares for the finalists and thus, the IC Junior Challenge was born. IC volunteer officials on each continent enthusiastically recruited their own sponsors (including some generous IC members)

for the smaller regional Challenges and in 2005, Challenges were held in S. America (Uruguay) with 4 countries, N. America (Bahamas) with 4 countries, Europe (Paris) with 8 countries and Australia (Sydney) with 3 countries.

The winners of each Challenge, Uruguay, Mexico, Italy, and New Zealand were joined the following year for the finals, by Australia (host country) and GB, runners-up in Europe. The overall winner of the first World Finals was the New Zealand team.

The Challenges took place again in 2007 supplemented by both an Asian Junior Challenge and a S. African event and the finals were in Auckland NZ in 2008. The World Final was again won by the team from New Zealand.

The International Club Junior Challenge is now in its third phase with Challenges having taken place in 2009, in Sao Paulo, Florida, New Delhi and Barcelona. 19 countries took part in total and the World Finals will be in New Delhi in December 2010.

India, New Zealand (holders), Germany, USA, Brazil and GB will fight for the trophy presented by The Council of International Lawn Tennis Clubs.

Starting with the 2007 Challenges, a handicapped/disadvantaged children's clinic has been run during many of the Challenges, with the junior competitors involved in giving their less fortunate colleagues their first tennis experience. At times, these have been emotional events but very satisfying to those who gave their time and energy for this admirable cause. The smiles on the faces of the recipients make it all worthwhile.

The Compass Group have recently agreed to funding at an increased level for the next six years and so regional Challenges will again be held in 2011, 2013 and 2015, with the finals in the alternate years.

Although these events do not always feature the very best 16 year-olds in each country, it does give those who are not normally supported at the highest level by their Federations, the possibility to participate in serious international competition and reap the benefit of it. This sometimes means that they overtake their higher ranked colleagues and go on to greater achievements in their tennis careers. Often, these juniors are able to combine participating in the Junior Challenges with



Matthew Thompson of Compass and Julian Tatum prolongating the cooperation for further six years

playing ITF 18-and-under tournaments before or after the IC events and, sometimes, with considerable success. This also helps the ITF increase levels and numbers in their draws for these competitions. There is a social element to the IC Junior Challenge. Sometimes at these events there are welcome dinners/cocktails/gala dinners/area tours/local customs' exhibitions, or a combination of all of them. They are designed to ensure that the players learn more about social niceties than just coming to the tennis facility and going back to their hotel.

The overall aim is to broaden the education of young tennis players and to give them a sense of the possible. In this it would appear to have far exceeded our initial aspirations.

Long may it continue.

Julian Tatum

IC Weeks – A Brief History

I have to hand it to the Dutch. It was their initiative in the hard years after the devastation in Europe of World War II to create the concept of the "IC Week". In sunny Noordwijk by the North Sea in July 1948, they invited teams representing Great Britain, France, the USA, the Netherlands and Belgium to compete in a 'round robin' competition over four days. Great players from that era took part including Bob Falkenburg (USA) and John Bromich (Australia) respectively winner and runner-up at Wimbledon in 1948, Jean Borotra (France), Enrique Morea (Argentina), Tony Mottram (GB), Hans van Swol (Netherlands) and Philippe Washer (Belgium).

Starved of being able to watch such an array of talent 20,000 people turned out to watch the event.

The Dutch presented a silver trophy, known as "the Windmill", the other name by which an IC Week is fondly known. In the Silver Jubilee book published by the IC of GB in 1948 the Week was described as "by far the most ambitious event in IC history". The account of the event finishes with the prophetic statement "the success of the week ensured that from time to time other IC Weeks would be held". Fifty-two years on, it is remarkable to find that, in a game that has changed so much, there have been a total of 22 IC Weeks – an average of four IC Weeks each decade. I have been fortunate to have gone to 14 of these great occasions that I can best describe as festivals of tennis.

The names of the great and popular players who have taken part over the years are too many to list here but included among them are Frank Sedgman, Rod Laver, Budge Patty, Herbie Flam, Bob Abdessalam, Bjorn Borg, Betty Stove, Tom Okker, Jeremy Bates, Harold Elschenbroich and Olga Morozova. In each "Week" the names of former Davis and Federation Cup players are dotted around the draw and with the extension of the original concept to include young players and veterans, the names of many national champions from older age Groups also now appear.

IC Weeks have evolved. Recognising that the original format designed to attract the top current players would no longer work in the age of the professional, the Windmill is now competed for by a team of two men players and two veterans of 45 plus. The successful teams in these events usually include young players who are just leaving or have recently left the circuit and those who are about to join it.

In 1997 the Belgian IC introduced an event for lady players and lady veterans of 40 plus and named it after their former national champion Christiane Mercelis. Now every IC Week hosted by a Club is expected to have both the Windmill and the Mercelis included in their "Week".

In addition host Clubs can elect to have additional official competitions. So in the Roll of Honour of events played at an IC Week on the following pages you will see the occasional inclusion of the Columbus

Trophy for senior veterans and the Carreta Trophy for senior veteran ladies.

The content of an IC Week is largely a matter for the host country, provided the events played are officially recognised and overseen by the Council. Some countries, with the facilities and financial support available, prefer to have an IC Week that provides competition for more Clubs and as a result, host a much larger event. For instance in Mexico City in 2004, there were four competitions played, with 146 players and 77 supporters participating in 35 teams from 15 countries. In 1999, at Wimbledon, there were 225 players from 30 countries taking part with just two events—where 30 teams entered the Windmill and 19 teams entered the Mercelis. In Washington, in 2008, for the USIC 75th Anniversary, there were 217 players taking part in four events.

To provide a snapshot of the standard of play, at Wimbledon there were 61 former Davis Cup and 19 former Federation Cup players. In Washington there were 35 men and ladies who had played Davis and Fed Cup for their countries. In addition, there were 12 circuit players taking part. It is also interesting to note from the Roll of Honour on the next page that these wonderful weeks of testing competition have had honours won by fourteen nations.

Many IC Weeks have been smaller and more intimate occasions. They are just as competitive and enjoyable even though restricted to the core events and next year, 2011, the IC of India will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with an IC Week, probably in Delhi. Their IC Week will be the first of this decade, the first on the sub-continent of India and I am sure that countries will be queuing up to go.

The IC Weeks of the past 60 years show that this is a format that endures and is extremely popular among member countries—a trend that I am confident will continue, as Clubs fulfil our maxim "Hands Across the Net, Friendship Across the Ocean."

Barry Weatherill CBE
Chairman of Council
of International Clubs



Lord Iliffe in 1951 presenting the IC Week Silver Windmill to Frank Sedgman, Captain of the Australian team

IC WEEKS

July 1948:	Noordwijk, The Netherlands
Windmill Trophy -	IC of GB beat IC of USA – 25 sets to 23
July 1951:	Eastbourne, UK
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Australia beat IC of South Africa (in a round robin on sets)
June 1956:	Brussels, Belgium
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA (event curtailed by rain)
June 1961:	Stockholm, Sweden
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Australia (winning in a round robin tournament)
July 1971:	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Windmill Trophy -	IC of GB beat IC of Australia by 1 game
June 1974:	Edgbaston, UK
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of Sweden 3-2
May 1978:	Berlin, Germany
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Sweden vs IC of Italy (tie halved due to rain)
June 1979:	Paris, France
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of France 4-2
June 1980:	Geneva, Switzerland
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Germany beat IC of France 3-1
September 1982:	West Palm Beach, USA
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of Germany 4-2
August 1987:	Bastad, Sweden
Windmill Trophy -	IC of France beat IC of USA by 3 games
October 1990:	Yomokoko, Japan
Windmill Trophy -	IC of France beat IC of Japan 5-1
September 1991:	Wassenaar, The Netherlands
Windmill Trophy -	IC of the Netherlands beat IC of USA 4-2
April 1992:	Mexico City, Mexico
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of Mexico 5-1
Columbus Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of France 4-2
July 1993:	Berlin, Germany
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of Germany 4-0
June 1995:	Deauville, France
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of France 4-0
June 1997:	Knokke la Zoute, Belgium
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Italy beat IC of USA 4-2
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of Germany beat IC of Hungary 2-1
August 1999:	Wimbledon, UK
Windmill Trophy -	IC of GB beat IC of USA 4-2
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of GB beat IC of USA 2-1
June 2002:	Monte Carlo Country Club, Monaco
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Australia beat IC of USA 4-2
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of Switzerland 3-0
April 2004:	Mexico City, Mexico
Windmill Trophy -	IC of Germany beat IC of Australia 4-0
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of Germany beat IC of USA 2-1
Columbus Trophy -	IC of Germany beat IC of France 4-2
Juego de Pelota -	IC of USA beat IC of Israel 2-1
August 2006:	Warmond, Holland
Windmill Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of GB 4-2
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of the Netherlands beat IC of USA 2-1
August 2008:	Washington DC, USA
Windmill Trophy -	IC of GB beat IC of USA 4-1
Mercelis Trophy -	IC of Sweden beat IC of Germany 3-0
Columbus Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of France 4-0
Caretta Trophy -	IC of USA beat IC of GB 2-0

IC Weeks Roll of Honour

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
Windmill Trophy		
USA	8	8
GB	4	1
Australia	3	2
France	2	3
Germany	2	2
Italy	1 1/2	1/2
Netherlands	1	
Sweden	1/2	1 1/2
Japan		1
Mexico		1
South Africa		1
Mercelis Trophy		
Germany	2	2
USA	1	3
GB	1	
Netherlands	1	
Sweden	1	
Hungary		1
Switzerland		1
Columbus Trophy		
Germany	1	
USA	1	
France		2
Carreta Trophy		
USA	1	
GB		1
Juego de Pelota		
USA	1	
Israel		1
Totally		
USA	12	11
GB	5	2
Germany	5	3
Australia	3	2
France	2	5
Netherlands	2	
Sweden	1 1/2	1 1/2
Italy	1 1/2	1/2
Hungary		1
Israel		1
Japan		1
Mexico		1
South Africa		1
Switzerland		1



The Potter Cup

The Potter Cup, a team competition for men over forty-five, is organized by the International Lawn Tennis Club of Spain.

The event was started by John Potter in 1973. John Potter was an American who spent much of his life living in Barcelona and Biarritz. He was a good tennis player and a fine athlete. Representing the United States, he won a bronze medal in Fencing at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

It was during a friendly match between the IC of Great Britain and the IC of Spain that he decided to offer a silver trophy for a team competition between nations.



The Potter Cup

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Year	Winner	Runner-up
1973	Great Britain	USA
1974	Great Britain	USA
1975	USA	France
1976	France	USA
1977	France	USA
1978	France	Spain
1979	France	Spain

REAL CLUB DE POLO DE BARCELONA

Year	Winner	Runner-up
1980	Great Britain	Spain
1981	Great Britain	Spain
1982	Great Britain	Spain
1983	Great Britain	Spain
1984	France	Great Britain
1985	France	Spain
1986	France	Spain
1987	USA	Great Britain
1988	USA	France
1989	USA	France
1990	Spain	USA
1991	Italy	Spain
1992	Italy	Great Britain
1993	Spain	Great Britain
1994	USA	Spain
1995	Italy	USA
1996	Italy / Spain	
1997	Germany	USA
1998	Spain	Germany
1999	Spain	Germany
2000	Brazil	Spain
2001	Brazil	Spain
2002	Spain	USA
2003	Spain	Italy
2004	USA	Spain
2005	Spain	Italy
2006	Spain	Italy
2007	Spain	Great Britain
2008	Great Britain	Spain
2009	Spain	Great Britain

Initially the competition was played among the four International Clubs of France, Great Britain, USA and Spain. These teams have taken part in every competition. From 1973 to 1979 the competition took place in Biarritz, France. In 1980 it moved to the Real Club de Polo in Barcelona, where it is still played today.

The Potter Cup is supported and recognized by the *Catalan Tennis Federation*, *Spanish Tennis Federation* and *Consell Català de l'Esport*. It is also included in the official ITF veterans calendar and in the Tennis Europe calendar.

Among those who have taken part in the Potter Cup over the years are internation-

ally recognized players such as: Jean Borotra, Budge Patty, Frank Sedgman, Tom Brown, Fred Kovaleski, Abe Segal, Gordon Forbes, Beppe Merlo, Giordano Maioli, Sergio Tacchini, José Luis Arilla, Manolo Orantes, Jacques Chaban Delmas, Jeremy Bates, and many others. The nations whose teams have participated in the competition are: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Ireland, Luxemburg, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland and USA.

Our thanks to the Polo Club for allowing us to stage this event for so many years

Berta Tintoré, Secretary of IC Spain



Team of IC Italy winning the Potter Cup 2010 with Potter Cup representatives and ball-children

US IC Jubilee

Old and new tennis friends met in Washington DC in 2008 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the IC of USA with an IC week comprising all 4 major IC trophies. And once more everybody could feel the great spirit of friendship which is the unique characteristic of our worldwide IC family.

The matches were played at five of the most prestigious clubs in and around the beautiful Washington suburb of Chevy Chase. The main headquarters of the tournament was the traditional and famous Chevy Chase Club with its wonderful clubhouse. 21 IC nations participated and the level of the matches was very high. Sweden (with Asa Svensson) won the Mercelis Trophy, USA the Carreta Trophy, GB (with Jeremy Bates) the Windmill Trophy and USA the Columbus Trophy.

The hospitality of our American friends was superb. We all have to thank Les Nicholson and Broward Craig for a wonderful week.

Alex Kurucz



Clubhouse Chevy Chase Club



IC of Great Britain



Les Nicholson and Barry Weatherill



IC of France



IC of Germany



Columbus Trophy in Japan | The Jean Borotra Trophy



The IC of Japan celebrated its 30th anniversary by organizing a Columbus Trophy in Tokyo in autumn 2009. It was a very well organized event, hosting IC teams from Belgium, Canada, France, Great-Britain, Hungary, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands and USA. The winning team was IC GB beating IC USA in the final 5:1; third place went to France followed by Belgium.



The Jean Borotra Sportsmanship Trophy

The Jean Borotra Trophy was commissioned by the French International Club in October 1998 as a gift to the Council of International Clubs in memory of Jean Borotra. The French sculptor, Jean-Jacques Hamard, created this splendid bronze. It is based on a photograph of Borotra completing a running forehand, and is alive with movement.

The first winner of the Trophy was **Stefan Edberg**, whose playing career exemplified the highest standard of sportsmanship throughout. He was presented with a replica of the trophy at Wimbledon on 29 June 1999. The second winner was fittingly, **Chris Evert**, in 2001. Chris remains a living example of cool sportsmanlike conduct on the court. Further winners are **Todd Martin** (USA, 2002), **Maria Bueno** (Brazil, 2003), **Patrick Rafter** (Australia, 2005).

In June 2010 from a list of candidates chosen by a panel of international tennis journalists Kim Clijsters was presented with this Trophy in recognition of her fearless attacking game, smiling demeanour and

acknowledgement of her opponents good shots.

The statue is on loan from the Council of International Clubs to the "All England Club" and will be placed on display outside the Club only on occasions when one of the replicas is presented to an international player who has shown, either in a single match or through all or part of his playing career, the outstanding standards of sportsmanship commensurate with the objects of the International Tennis Clubs.

The Award is now sponsored by HSBC as the "ICs Partner in Sportsmanship." We are very grateful to HSBC for their support.



from left: Kim Clijsters, Barry Weatherill, Mme. Abdessalam, Vijay Armitraj

Germany's IC Nations Trophy

The first "Nations Trophy" was played 2007 in Mannheim with 8 nations on the occasion of the 40 years jubilee of the IC Germany. With this event the IC of Germany intends to contribute to the goal of the Executive Committee to lower the average age of active IC members and to create a new attractive tournament. It consists of 6 singles tournaments (ladies open and 40+, men open, 35+, 40+ and 45+) and 3 doubles tournaments (ladies, men open/35+ and 40+/45+). Points for the Nations Trophy will be allocated to each player according by their results in the tournaments described hereabove.

The event in Mannheim 2007 was won by the IC of Germany with Great-Britain runners-up and a lot of former and current top-players like Anna-Lena Grönefeld (who won Wimbledon Mixed doubles 2 years later), Jeremy Bates from GB (former Wimbledon-winner in mixed doubles), Mark Koevermans (former dutch Davis Cup-Player) and Alexander Popp (2 times quarter-finalist in Wimbledon only a few years before).

In May 2010 IC Germany succeeded in defending the "Nations Trophy" with IC of Spain and Italy runners-up. The tournament was played in Frankfurt and was perfectly hosted by the Tennisclub Palmengarten. Once more great players participated and wonderful matches were played. Germany for example was represented by the former Federation-Cup-winner Silke Meier-Heckmann and the former ATP-Top-30 and Roland-Garros-doubles-finalist Marc-Kevin Göllner. One of our pictures shows all winners, from left: D. Dier, G. Marzenell, A. Thron, S. Werner, S. Meier-Heckmann, Dr. I. Mantzke (Pres. TC Palmengarten), A. Kurucz (Pres. IC Germany), M. Shamayco, F. Castilla and S. Tintoré. The special atmosphere of IC-friendship is demonstrated by another picture, which shows the Spanish team singing and dancing at the players party. IC Germany plans to continue with the "Nations Trophy" every two years.

Alex Kurucz



Anna-Lena Grönefeld



Mark Koevermans



Jeremy Bates



Alexander Popp



Doubles finalists:
Jim May, Nick Adams, Dirk Dier and Aljoscha Thron



The winners of 2010



Singing swinging Spanish team 2010 in Frankfurt



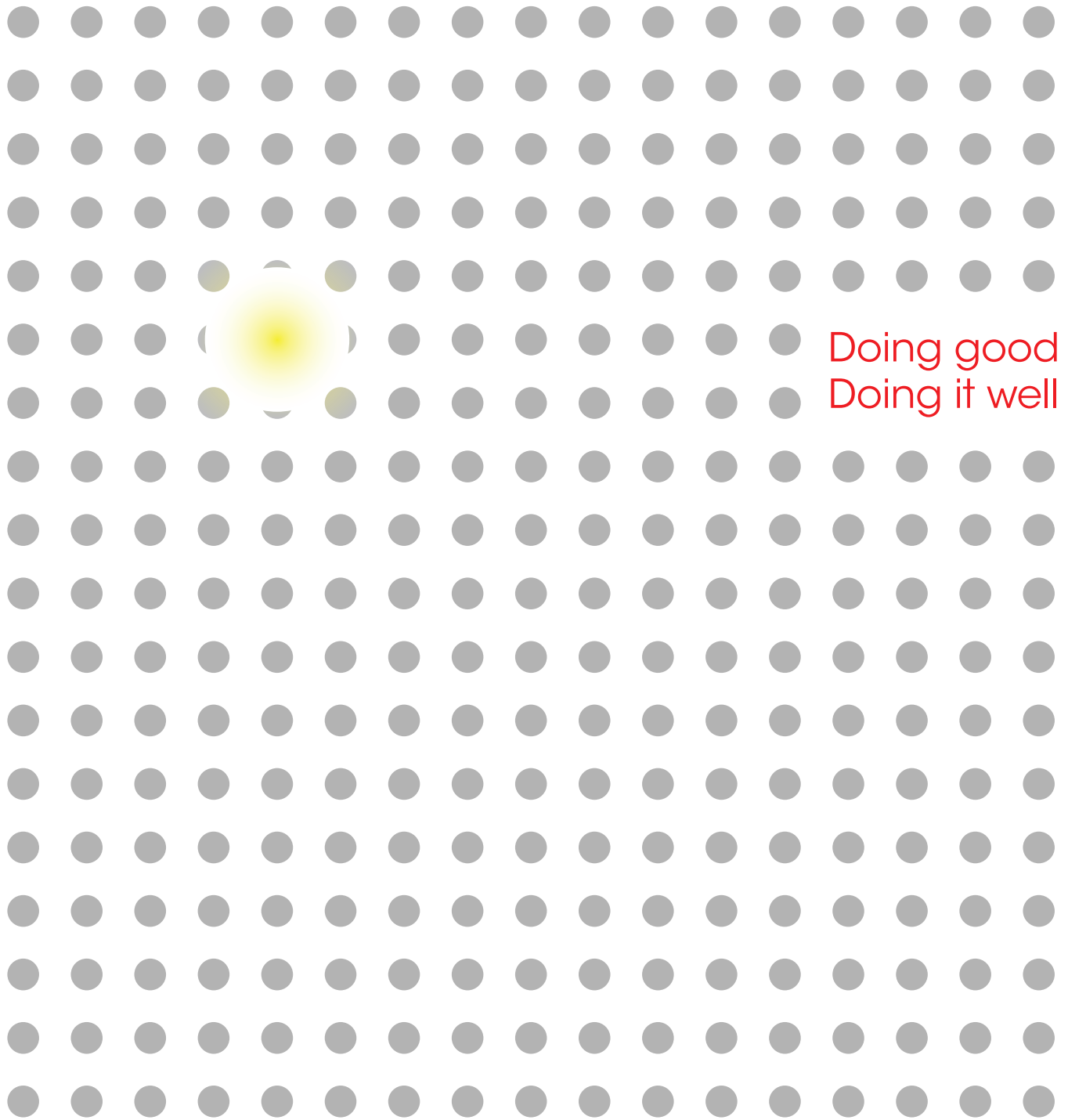
A philanthropic engagement with the Bank of Luxembourg

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world and the situation still is very fragile. The country very much depends on international help. There was a civil war between 1994 and 2005. With a successful presidential election in 2005 a certain political stabilization took place.

The **Council** of International Clubs has signed a partnership with **Sport Sans Frontières** aiming to develop a project – together with the **ITF** and the **Tennis Federation of Burundi** – a project of "Mini-Tennis" for the children of the slums of Bujumbura. The goal is the promotion of tennis as sport for everybody and the children's experience of a new sport, which creates fun and teaches respect for the opponent. Furthermore, the project enables the national federation to detect new young talent, which could and should be integrated into clubs.

This wonderful project would not have been realized without a substantial financial help from the **Bank of Luxembourg**, represented by **Henri Reiter**, Honorary Secretary of the IC of Luxembourg. Thank you so much!

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The IC Ball – November 2009 in Wimbledon



John Barrett in action

Take a bunch of enthusiastic amateurs and give them the task of devising a means of raising money for disadvantaged children through tennis and the idea of the Tennis Ball emerges.

In fact, the amateurs comprised "professionals" in finance, surveying, media, the law, leisure and sports management. The concept was to hold a Ball at Wimbledon in the week-end before the first ATP Masters Finals at the O2 Arena in London. In this way the IC would seek to carry out its traditional roles to entertain visiting tennis players when visiting from overseas.



Supporting children at the Tennis Ball

The plan was to raise money through several routes: ticket sales; the auctioning of items of potential value; and sponsorship of the event. Unsurprisingly, at the time of a severe recession the latter did not materialise but the tickets were sold out – all 300 of them – and the fantastic gifts of items from various sources, including members of the International Clubs of Argentina, Bermuda, Italy, Monaco and the USA, meant that the auction was a huge success.

The Event raised for the IC Charitable Development Programme in excess of £ 50,000 – money which the Council will disburse in clinics and programmes in IC countries willing to undertake sustainable tennis related programmes. This is a fund which will need constant replenishing and will not go far in this needy world.

We were supported in our endeavours by some great professionals: Sir Trevor McDonald, the veteran British broadcaster, introduced the occasion. John Barrett acted as Master of Ceremonies. Virginia Wade and Peter Fleming were there to give



Virginia Wade, Sir Trevor Mc Donald

support. Charlie Ross, the outstanding international auctioneer finessed the auction with great good humour and extraordinary skill and Dan Bloxham, the All England Club coach, took some of the kids from his Wimbledon Tennis Initiative through a display routine with ball and racket to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

We were buttressed by four very capable ladies, Karen Hunter, Tara Stotesbury, Ali Feaver and Elena Adams who provided the choreography and the professional finishes that no man can emulate.

After such a successful evening it is our hope and intention to make this an biennial event – certainly for as long as the Masters Final stays in London. All of this needs further evaluation but the opportunity to combine with other tennis based charities is something that the Committee will be reviewing. Above all we will try to keep the next occasion as fresh as this first experiment.



Sacha Jaffri explains painting

For me it was a fast learning curve with an extraordinary outcome. Huge thanks are due to the above ladies, the many other volunteers involved and the other members of the working Committee, namely John Beddington, Andrew Pisker and Boyd Cuthbertson, the Secretary of the IC of GB, under the Chairmanship of Nick Basing. *Barry Weatherill*



Auctioneer Charlie Ross at work



Above from left: Rene Lacoste,
Fred Stolle, Bob Howe



Mid from left: Roland Journu,
Jacques Chaban-Delmas
(former President of France),
Jacques Brugnon et Jean Borotra

IC vs. Queen's Club 1957
 Standing: R. J. Ritchie, J. E. Robson,
 C. Parker, R. Mark, C. Sproule,
 A.R.F. Kingscote, N. Sharpe, R. Emerson.
 Sitting: G. Shea, N. Kumar, H. Flam,
 G. Mulloy, N. Fraser, A. Cooper,
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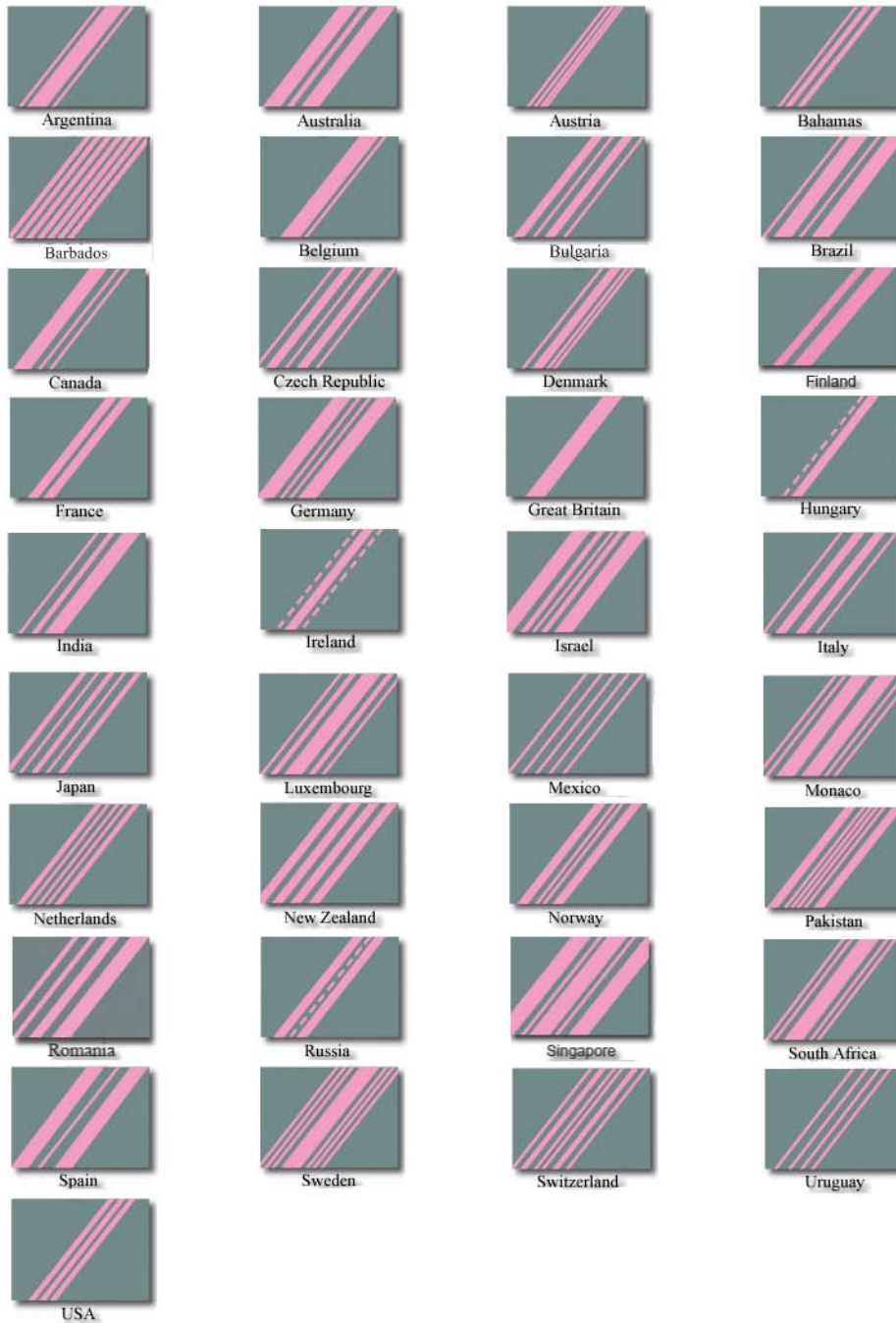
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