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FIRST REPUBLIC BANK TIBURON CHALLENGER

TIBURON, CA • OCTOBER 4-12

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Tiburon Peninsula Club – Tiburon, Calif.

Websites: www.tiburonchallenger.com
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Qualifying Draw Begins: Saturday, October 4

Main Draw Begins: Monday, October 6

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$100,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$14,400	100
Runner-up	\$8,480	60
Semifinalist	\$5,020	35
Quarterfinalist	\$2,920	18
Round of 16	\$1,720	8
Round of 32	\$1,040	-

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$6,200
Runner-up	\$3,600
Semifinalist	\$2,160
Quarterfinalist	\$1,280
Round of 16	\$720

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, October 4

USTA Kids' Play Day, 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, October 5

Pro-Am, 5:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, October 11

Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition, between matches

Sunday, October 12Junior Tennis Exhibition, between matches;
First Republic Bank Beer Tasting, following finals

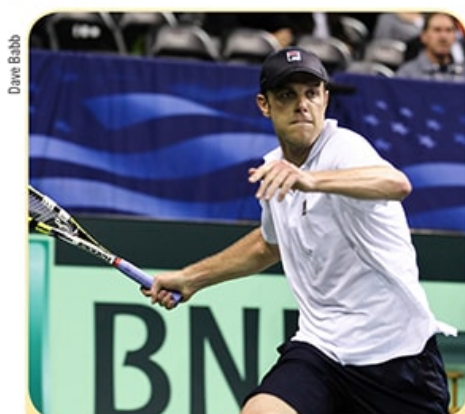
USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO TIBURON

The First Republic Bank Tiburon Challenger is taking place in Tiburon for the sixth consecutive year and eighth year overall (the tournament was not held from 2005 to 2008). It is the third USTA Pro Circuit Challenger following the US Open and the last of three consecutive hard-court Challengers being held in California, joining a \$50,000 Challenger in Napa and a \$100,000 Challenger in Sacramento, both taking place during the past two weeks.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

World No. 47 and top seed **Sam Querrey**, who peaked at No. 17 in the world in January 2011 after strong results on the ATP World Tour. Querrey, though, was forced to undergo right elbow surgery that June and used the USTA Pro Circuit to rebuild his ranking. After playing one more USTA Pro Circuit event in spring 2012, Querrey rejoined the tour and won the seventh ATP title of his career at the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Los Angeles. Subsequently, he advanced to the third round of the US Open and closed out the year having reached three ATP semifinals. This year, Querrey reached the third round of the US Open, losing to Novak Djokovic, and the semifinals at the Series event in Winston-Salem, N.C. He also won the \$50,000 USTA



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Pro Circuit Challenger in Napa, Calif., on Sept. 28. Querrey has advanced to the round of 16 at Wimbledon and the US Open in his career and has been a stalwart of the U.S. Davis Cup team, most recently winning his two Davis Cup singles matches earlier this month against Slovakia in the World Group Playoff in Chicago. He also holds four ATP doubles titles, including two with John Isner.

Ryan Harrison, who earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic team for the 2012 Games in London and has been a member of the U.S. Davis Cup team. He also has enjoyed success on the ATP World Tour, reaching three semifinals in 2012 to peak at No. 43 in the world. (He and Bernard Tomic of Australia were the only players 20 or younger in the Top 100 at the time.) In 2013, Harrison reached the semifinals of the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Atlanta, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open tune-up event in Sydney and reached the second round of both the Australian Open and the French Open (losing to John Isner in five sets).

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in Paris). Harrison also won the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Savannah, Ga. This year, he reached the second round at the ATP Master Series events in Indian Wells and Miami, and competed in the US Open and Australian Open, as well as Wimbledon, where he survived three rounds of qualifying. Harrison has played in the US Open main draw each of the last five years. In 2010, he qualified and upset No. 15 seed Ivan Ljubicic in the opening round, and in 2012, he also advanced to the second round, losing to former US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro.

Bradley Klahn, who rose to No. 63 in the world in March after winning the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Maui, Hawaii, as well as a Challenger in Australia following the Australian Open. Klahn earned a main draw wild card into the 2013 US Open based on his summer hard-court results on the USTA Pro Circuit, which included a victory at the \$100,000 Challenger in Aptos, Calif., and a runner-up finish at the \$50,000 Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y. He also competed in the US Open this year. Klahn won the 2010 NCAA men's singles title for Stanford University, and he was a collegiate All-American in 2010, 2011 and 2012. After turning pro in 2012, he received a wild card into qualifying at the 2012 US Open and subsequently won three matches to advance to the main draw, where he upset Top 50 player Jurgen Melzer in the first round. In doing so, Klahn became the first men's qualifying wild card in history to win a round at the US Open. In 2013, he led the USTA Pro Circuit in prize money after reaching five USTA Pro Circuit singles finals and winning two singles titles. He also served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team in Jacksonville, Fla., earlier that year. Klahn trains with the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center – West in Carson, Calif.

Denis Kudla, who broke into the Top 100 for the first time in 2013 after advancing to the second round of Wimbledon. Leading up to that, he had qualified for the 2013 French Open and reached the quarterfinals of the ATP Wimbledon warm-up event at Queens Club—his best ATP result. This year, Kudla qualified for the Australian Open and won his opening-round match at Wimbledon. In addition, he won his sixth USTA Pro Circuit singles title (and fourth Challenger title) at the \$50,000 Challenger in Winnetka, Ill., in July, and also claimed the doubles title. Kudla competed in the 2012 US Open as a wild card and finished the 2012 USTA Pro Circuit season as the top ATP points earner among Americans and the leader in prize money. Kudla was ranked No. 3 in the world junior rankings and reached the boys' singles final at the 2010 US Open, where he lost to Jack Sock in three sets. Kudla has served as a Davis Cup practice partner. He was born in the Ukraine and came to the United States with his parents on his first birthday. Kudla trains with the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and is playing in his second tournament since July after being diagnosed with mononucleosis.

Michael Russell, who is the men's all-time leader in USTA Pro Circuit singles titles with 24. With his victory at the \$75,000 Challenger in Charlottesville, Va., in 2013, he became the oldest USTA Pro Circuit singles champion (35 years, 6 months, 2 days). Russell upset then-No. 9 Mardy Fish en route to the semifinals of the ATP World Tour event in Houston in April 2012 and, in summer 2013, reached the semifinals of the ATP grass-court event in Newport, R.I.—his career-best ATP result. He also reached the semifinals of the ATP event in Memphis in 2014 as a qualifier and has regularly competed in tennis's four Grand Slam tournaments, playing in 33 Slam main draws in all. In 2001, Russell achieved his best Grand Slam tournament result by reaching the fourth round of the French Open,

where he held match point against defending and eventual champion Gustavo Kuerten.

Tim Smyczek, who broke into the Top 100 in 2013 after advancing to the third round of the US Open, where he lost a tight five-setter to then-No. 43 Marcel Granollers. The 2013 US Open highlighted the strongest summer of Smyczek's career; he also advanced to the second round of the Emirates Airline US Open Series events in Washington, D.C., and Winston-Salem, N.C., and qualified for Atlanta. Also in 2013, the 5-foot-9 Smyczek advanced to the second round of the Australian Open, defeating 6-foot-11 Ivo Karlovic in the opening round. This summer, Smyczek reached the second round of the US Open and advanced to the third round of the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Washington D.C. Smyczek holds three USTA Pro Circuit Challenger titles, and this year he reached the semifinals of the \$50,000 Challenger in Maui, Hawaii, and the final of last month's \$50,000 Challenger in Napa, Calif., where he lost to Querrey. Smyczek regularly trains at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Fla., and once lived with fellow American Mardy Fish for a year while training there.

Tennys Sandgren, whose name is pronounced like the sport and who, because of injury, is competing in only his third USTA Pro Circuit event since February. Sandgren turned pro following his sophomore season at the University of Tennessee, having reached the semifinals of the 2011 NCAA tournament. Sandgren won three USTA Pro Circuit Futures titles (in four finals) in 2012 to climb nearly 300 spots in the ATP rankings. In 2013, he graduated to Challengers and won the year-end \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Champaign, Ill., to break into the Top 200 for the first time in his career. Also last year, he captured the doubles title at the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Tallahassee, Fla., with Austin Krajicek, and he served as a Davis Cup practice partner for the U.S. team as it prepared to face Serbia in Boise, Idaho. Sandgren nearly qualified for the main draw at the 2014 Australian Open, falling to Steve Johnson in five sets in the final of the USTA Australian Open Wild Card Playoffs in Norcross, Ga. Sandgren's brother, Davey, was a two-time All-American for Tennessee, lettering from 2007 to 2010.

Rhyn Williams, who qualified for the main draw of the 2014 Australian Open and took the first set off of No. 5 seed and 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro in the opening round. This year, Williams qualified for and reached the quarterfinals of the ATP event in Delray Beach, Fla., losing to John Isner. Williams won three matches to qualify for the main draw of the 2012 US Open, his Grand Slam tournament debut, and, in the process, became one of just 13 qualifying wild cards to reach the main draw in US Open recorded history. At the US Open, he faced Andy Roddick prior to Roddick's retirement announcement. In addition, Williams earned a wild card into the 2013 Australian Open main draw by winning the USTA Australian Open Wild Card Playoffs, and he qualified for the 2013 French Open. Also last year, he reached the semifinals at the ATP clay-court event in Houston for his best ATP result. Williams turned pro in 2011 following his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee, where he reached the singles final at the 2011 NCAA Championships. He comes from a tennis family; his grandfather is Mike DePalmer Sr., a co-founder of the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy, and his mother, Michelle DePalmer-Williams, is a former pro and Orange Bowl 16s champion. Williams trains at the USTA Player Development Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and is coached by his cousin, Christopher Williams.

Alex Kuznetsov, who earned a main draw wild card into the 2013

French Open by winning the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge via his results on the USTA Pro Circuit. Following the French Open, Kuznetsov qualified for Wimbledon and won the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y. Those results drove Kuznetsov's ranking up to a career-high No. 120 in the world. This year, Kuznetsov qualified for and reached the quarterfinals of the ATP event in Memphis, again qualified for the main draw at Wimbledon and reached two USTA Pro Circuit Challenger quarterfinals. In 2012, he qualified for the Australian Open to make his first appearance in a Grand Slam tournament main draw since 2007, losing to Rafael Nadal in the first round. In 2007, Kuznetsov earned his first Grand Slam tournament match victory, in Melbourne, and reached the round of 16 in doubles at the US Open. He was the 2004 French Open boys' singles runner-up (to Gael Monfils). Kuznetsov suffered a severe leg injury in a 2005 car accident and needed a titanium rod and screw placed in his right leg. He came back to play in his first US Open main draw in 2006. He is a native of Kiev, Ukraine, where his grandfather was a handball champion.

Wayne Odesnik, who this year earned a wild card into the 2014 US Open by winning the US Open USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge, which awards a US Open wild card based on USTA Pro Circuit results. Odesnik, a 10-year veteran of the pro tour, returned to competition in January 2011 following a year-long suspension as dictated by the Tennis Anti-Doping Program, which is administered by the ITF. He got his career back on track by rejoining the USTA Pro Circuit, climbing more than 1,200 spots in the ATP rankings to finish 2011 just outside the Top 100. Odesnik continued to build on that success in 2012, qualifying for Wimbledon and competing on the USTA Pro Circuit and overseas in ITF Circuit events. In 2013, he again qualified for Wimbledon and reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Sarasota, Fla. This year, he qualified for the Australian Open and won an ITF Circuit event in Panama. He also reached the final of the \$50,000 Challenger in Binghamton in early July and advanced to the semifinals at the \$50,000 Challenger in Lexington, Ky., en route to earning the 2014 US Open wild card. Odesnik has won 10 USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in his career. Prior to his suspension, he reached the third round at the 2008 French Open and was a finalist at the ATP event in Houston in 2009. He has competed in the US Open main draw on five occasions, reaching the second round in 2007 and 2008.

Chase Buchanan, who competed overseas this summer and fall, reaching the singles semifinals or better at three events in Uzbekistan, Ecuador and Romania. Buchanan also spent August and September of last year competing overseas and won three ITF Circuit events, one in Ecuador and two in Bolivia. As a college player for Ohio State University, Buchanan won the NCAA doubles championship in 2012 with Blaz Rola, earning a wild card into the main draw of the US Open men's doubles event that year. In junior play, Buchanan reached the final of the 2009 US Open boys' singles. He also earned a wild card into the men's singles main draw of that year's US Open as the USTA Boys' 18s champion, losing in the opening round to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. Buchanan has won three USTA Pro Circuit singles titles in his career.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Jared Donaldson, who made his Grand Slam tournament debut this summer as a US Open wild card, who faced eventual quarterfinalist Gael Monfils in the first round. Donaldson won back-to-back USTA Pro Circuit singles titles at \$15,000 Futures events in Tulsa, Okla., and Oklahoma City this past June—the first USTA Pro Circuit singles titles

of his career. For the first half of this year, Donaldson competed in ITF Circuit events in Turkey, where he won his first pro singles title and reached one additional final and two semifinals. He also qualified for the main draw of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Challenger in Maui, Hawaii. As a junior, Donaldson has competed in the US Open boys' event, and he represented the United States in Junior Davis Cup (16 and under). He is coached by former Top 30 player Taylor Dent and has trained with Roger Federer in Dubai.

Marcos Giron, who won the 2014 NCAA singles title as a junior at UCLA and finished the year as the No. 1 college tennis player, as ranked by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Giron became the 11th Bruin to win the NCAA men's singles title and the first to do so in eight years. By winning the NCAA singles title, Giron earned a wild card into the 2014 US Open, where he lost to fellow American John Isner in the first round. He rebounded to win the men's title at the inaugural US Open American Collegiate Invitational. Also this year, Giron won his third career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 Futures in Calabasas, Calif., and served as a Davis Cup practice partner for the team's World Group Playoff in Chicago in mid-September. From July 2013 to July 2014, Giron improved his ATP ranking nearly 500 spots.

Former University of Michigan standout **Jason Jung**, who won his second professional title last summer at the \$10,000 Futures in Edwardsville, Ill. This past March, Jung reached the final of the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit Futures in Calabasas, Calif., and in January, he won his second USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$10,000 Futures in Weston, Fla. Jung spent most of this spring and summer competing overseas in ITF Circuit events in Korea and China. At Michigan, he received All-Big Ten honors in 2010 and 2011, and played in the NCAA Championships twice. He ranks fourth all-time in Wolverines' history with 88 doubles wins.

Eric Quigley, the 2012 NCAA singles runner-up who played for the University of Kentucky. Quigley is one of the most decorated tennis players in Wildcats history, earning five All-America honors between singles and doubles. In 2008, he became the first Kentucky player in 34 years to win four consecutive high school state singles titles. This year, he reached the singles final at the \$15,000 USTA Pro Circuit clay-court event in Boynton Beach, Fla., and won the first two USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles of his career.

Dennis Novikov, who was the 2012 USTA Boys' 18s national champion in singles and doubles. Those victories earned him wild-card entries into the men's singles and men's doubles main draw at the 2012 US Open, where he became just the second USTA Boys' 18s champ in 15 years to advance to the second round in singles after defeating Poland's Jerzy Janowicz in the first round. Novikov completed his sophomore year at UCLA in 2013. He turned pro that summer and won his first USTA Pro Circuit title in June, at the \$10,000 Futures in Amelia Island, Fla. Novikov has had a strong campaign in 2014, winning his third and fourth USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles and claiming two ITF Circuit singles titles in Mexico and Canada. Born in Moscow, Novikov moved with his family to the United States as a 1-year-old and, from an active sports background, chose tennis over hockey, swimming and gymnastics.

Ernesto Escobedo, who received a wild card into this year's US Open qualifying tournament and lost in the final round. Escobedo reached the quarterfinals or better at three consecutive USTA Pro Circuit events this summer: a Futures in Tulsa, Okla., where he beat 2012

USTA Boys' 18s national champion Dennis Novikov; a Futures in Oklahoma City; and a Challenger in Binghamton, N.Y., where he beat NCAA quarterfinalist Mackenzie McDonald of UCLA in three sets.

Many ATP stars have found success in Tiburon.

2012 singles champion **Jack Sock** is ranked a career-high No. 15 in the world in doubles after winning the 2014 Wimbledon doubles title with Vasek Pospisil, upsetting the top-ranked doubles team of Bob and Mike Bryan in the final. Sock achieved the best singles result of his pro career in 2012 by reaching the third round of the US Open as a wild card. He then followed up his result and reached the third round of the US Open in 2013, while also advancing to the third round of the 2014 French Open, upsetting then-No. 22 Nicolas Almagro in the first round. Sock rose to No. 55 in the world this past August after

reaching three ATP quarterfinals. He qualified for the men's singles main draw of the US Open in 2010 and 2011 by winning the USTA Boys' 18 National Championships. Also in 2011, Sock won the US Open mixed doubles title with fellow American Melanie Oudin.

2004 doubles champion **Bruno Soares** of Brazil is ranked No. 6 in the world in doubles. He has won 18 ATP World Tour doubles titles and was a men's doubles finalist at the US Open in 2013 with Alexander Peya. Soares also reached the doubles quarterfinals or better in the other three Grand Slam tournaments. In mixed doubles, he won this year's US Open title with Sania Mirza and won the 2012 US Open title with Ekaterina Makarova.

2011 singles champion **Ivo Karlovic** of Croatia peaked at No. 14 in the world in 2008 and has won five ATP World Tour singles titles, his most recent coming in 2013 in Bogota. This year, Karlovic reached four ATP singles finals.

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TIBURON PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2013	Peter Polansky (CAN)	Matthew Ebden (AUS)	2013	Austin Krajicek (USA) – Rhyne Williams (USA)
2012	Jack Sock (USA)	Mischa Zverev (GER)	2012	Rik De Voest (RSA) – Chris Guccione (AUS)
2011	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Sam Querrey (USA)	2011	Carsten Ball (AUS) – Chris Guccione (AUS)
2010	Tobias Kamke (GER)	Ryan Harrison (USA)	2010	Robert Kendrick (USA) – Travis Rettenmaier (USA)
2009	Go Soeda (JPN)	Ilija Bozoljac (SRB)	2009	Treat Huey (PHI) – Harsh Mankad (IND)
2005-08	Tournament not held		2005-08	Tournament not held
2004	K.J. Hippensteel (USA)	Kevin Kim (USA)	2004	Andre Sa (BRA) – Bruno Soares (BRA)
2003	Alex Bogomolov Jr. (USA)	Jeff Morrison (USA)	2003	Brandon Coupe (USA) – Justin Gimelstob (USA)

USTA PRO CIRCUIT

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, 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. Celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2014, the USTA Pro Circuit provides players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Mardy Fish, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Caroline Wozniacki, Sam Querrey, Victoria Azarenka and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Bradley Klahn** and **Shelby Rogers**. Former Stanford standout and 2010 NCAA champion **Klahn** was the 2013 USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$50,606 in earnings, reaching five USTA Pro Circuit singles finals and winning two singles titles: the \$15,000 Futures in Costa Mesa, Calif., in March, and the \$100,000 Challenger in Aptos, Calif., in August. The two singles titles were the first USTA Pro Circuit singles crowns of his career. Klahn also earned a USTA wild card into the 2013 US Open through a wild card challenge incorporating USTA Pro Circuit events. Klahn finished 2013 ranked in the Top 100 for the first time in his career after starting the year ranked outside the Top 250. Rogers was the 2013 women's USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$36,308 in earnings, winning three singles titles with prize money of \$50,000 or more (\$50,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Lexington, Ky., and the \$75,000 event in Albuquerque, N.M.). Rogers also earned a USTA wild card into both the French Open and the US Open by winning wild card challenges for the two Grand Slam tournaments utilizing a series of USTA Pro Circuit events. In her debut at the 2013 French Open, Rogers won her first round match. She peaked at No. 116 in the world in October 2013, rising more than 100 spots throughout the year. Both Klahn and Rogers train with the USTA Player Development program.



Joyce Tarter-Rideout

Bradley Klahn

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program identifies and develops the next generation of American champions by surrounding the top junior players and young pros with the resources, facilities and coaching they need to reach their maximum potential. The Player Development program is based at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and also utilizes Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a series of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the continental United States.

YOUTH TENNIS

The USTA is making it easier and more fun for kids to get into the game—and stay in the game. Kids are learning to play faster than ever before through the USTA's youth initiative, which is geared toward getting more kids to participate in tennis using modified equipment and courts tailored to a child's size. For more information, visit YouthTennis.com.

NJTL

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, along with Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder, the USTA/National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network is a nationwide group of more than 625 non-profit youth development organizations that provide free or low-cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 350,000 children each year. Celebrating its 44th anniversary this year, NJTL is one of the USTA's largest community-based offerings.

US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

The USTA launched the US Open National Playoffs in 2010, making the US Open "open" to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. This year, nearly 1,100 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2014 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card.



A mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a main draw mixed doubles wild card. A pair of former college All-Americans won the singles playoffs. Caitlin Whoriskey of East Sandwich, Mass., won the 2014 US Open National Playoffs women's title and Sanam Singh of Charlottesville, Va., won the men's wild card. Jacqueline Cako and Joel Kielbowicz won mixed doubles. The 13 sectional qualifying tournaments for the US Open National Playoffs began in May, with championships in August. For more information, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.