

2019 AUCTION



December 13th 2019

Racquet & Tennis Club
370 Park Avenue



Thank you for attending the 22nd Annual Dinner and for supporting the USCTA with your donations to this catalog and for bidding on the items listed in the next few pages.

Auction proceeds are essential for the Association. They help enable the USCTA to publish an annual report, our monthly e-newsletter Chase the First and a fixtures calendar and administer our active website; host our annual lunch tomorrow at the Whitney Cup; support the development of female, junior and top amateur players; conduct relations with other national governing bodies; and support U.S. teams at international competitions—especially this spring when we hosted the Bathurst and the World Masters and competed in the Van Alen Clothier Cup in England.

Lot 12, the last item in our auction catalog, is a special one. Professionals are the absolute backbone of our game. They teach us, coach us, run tournaments, make balls, string racquets, multi-task in the proshop and inspire us with their mentoring, competitive play and friendship. One of the core missions of the Association is to provide prize money for tournaments such as the U.S. Open, National Open, the U.S. Professional Singles playing for the Schochet Cup, and the USCTA National League. In working to raise our tournament purses to sustain the livelihood of the pros and make being a tennis pro something to aspire to for a career, we have created a national sponsorship program, Lot 12.

The paddle raise for Lot 12 will go to this sponsorship program. Whether it's a pro who loses in the first round of a tournament or a National League winner, the program's goal is to recognize and support both of them. We hope you will contribute as generously as possible. All donors will be listed on the USCTA's Annual Report and website.

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Lot 1 – Sleepy Hollow Country Club Golf Outing

Enjoy a round of golf (**winning bidder plus two guests**) at the historic Sleepy Hollow Country Club in **Scarborough-on-Hudson, New York**.

The club was founded in 1911 and is one of the top-rated golf courses and clubs both in New York and the United States. In 2002 the club hosted the 102nd U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. The club will play host to the **2023 U.S. Mid-Amateur. Mutually agreed dates in 2020. Caddie fees paid separately.**

Includes: Green fees and lunch



DONATED BY BRITTANY AND ZACH SACKS

Lot 2 – Black Point Inn Weekend, Prouts Neck, Maine

Weekend for two (2) at the extraordinary Black Point Inn, Prouts Neck, Maine.

Presiding over one of the most spectacular settings along Maine's coastline. A quintessential oceanfront hotel located 20 minutes south of Portland. Enjoy access to tennis courts, local cliff walk and bird sanctuary, and beach and yacht club facilities. **Dates to be agreed upon by donor and bidding winner.**

Includes:

- Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & dinner, and Sunday breakfast at the Inn
- One round of golf for two at the Prouts Neck Country Club (green fees only)



DONATED BY JEREMY WINTERSTEEN

Lot 3 – Fishers Island Club Golf Outing, New York

Enjoy a round of golf (**winning bidder plus two guests**) at Fishers Island Club. Designed by Seth Raynor and opened in 1926, this 18 hole style golf course is one of the true untouched beauties of the East Coast. **Golf Digest** rated Fishers Island Club #10 of the best courses in the country for 2019-2020. Mutually agreed dates within 18 months.

Includes: Green fees and lunch



ALL PROCEEDS FROM LOT 3 WILL BE DIRECTLY
ALLOCATED TO CHARLESTON COURT TENNIS

DONATED BY JANE VAN SCHAACK

Lot 4 – Fly fishing at the Pohaqualine Fish Assoc., Poconos

Fly fishing for two (2) on Private Water with Gourmet Dinner, Overnight Accommodations, Breakfast and Lunch

Offered is an overnight trip to and a day of fly fishing for two on one of the premier fly fishing streams in the eastern United States at the **Pohaqualine Fish Association**. The Club, founded in 1894, by a group of prominent Philadelphians features a 12-mile stream, stocked with trout from its own hatchery.

Pohaqualine Fish Association is located on Route 715 approximately 6 miles south of the Tannersville exit of Route 80, roughly 15 miles west of Stroudsburg and one hour and 40 min. from the Philadelphia suburbs.

Each rod is given a private beat of approximately 1/3 of a mile to enjoy wonderful fishing on the McMichael Creek. One of the highlights of the day will be lunch at Camp Alice, the club's outside cooking pavilion located streamside, where Chef Eric will prepare an alfresco lunch to suit the taste of the successful bidder.

Successful bidders should plan to arrive at the club at approximately 6:30 PM for pre-dinner cocktails, dinner and overnight accommodation, followed by breakfast in the AM and preparation for the stream and morning fishing to commence in the vicinity of 10 AM. Lunch is served at 1 PM, followed by afternoon fishing and refreshments before departure.

The successful bidder will have the option of inviting up to an additional 2 rods for a prorated increase of the winning bid. **Mutually agreed dates within 18 months.**



DONATED BY MATTHEW DUPEE

Lot 5 - Clara Baum illustrations from “Le jeu noir”

Whimsical court tennis watercolor print by Parisian illustrator, Clara Baum.

Clara’s latest project “Le jeu noir”, an illustrated book about court tennis is due soon. The project was sponsored by M. Antoine Delon. Clara is represented by Galerie Arcanes, 11 rue Bonaparte, Paris.

Her previous book “Le Louvre de Clara Baum”, with a preface by Catherine Deneuve, was released in January 2016. It is a witty and light-hearted illustrated exploration of the world’s largest museum.



“Paris, capitale de la Paume”, (Paris, real tennis capital city)
Print, 1/5, resized 58x28 cm. Numbered and signed.

DONATED BY CLARA BAUM

Lot 6 – London Flat for a Week

One Week in Flat #3 at Chesham Street, London SW1X 8DT.

Fantastic Location between Belgravia Square and Sloane Street. Just south of Pond Street.

One bedroom with queen bed, living room with couch folding out to queen bed. **Sleeps four**. Lots of closet and storage space. Chesham is a very quiet, one-way street. **Mutually agreed dates within 18 months**.



DONATED BY HOWARD MCMORRIS

Lot 7 – Charleston Experience Package For Two (2) Couples

3-hour private cruise on Maggie Mae, a fully restored **Hatteras 53” tri-deck motor yacht**. USCG 100-Ton Master Captain J.R. McCoy and his crew, will take you from Isle of Palms Marina down the ICW into Charleston Harbor where you will view Ft. Sumter, Battery, The Yorktown at Patriots Point and the Charleston Peninsula, then return to Isle of Palms. Beer, wine and water for **up to 10 people**, and light snacks will be provided.



Yeamans Hall Club Golf Outing. Enjoy a round of golf at Yeamans Hall Club. Tucked away just north of Charleston, the club is a **treasure and very discreet**. The course was designed masterfully by Seth Raynor in 1925.

Back Woods Quail Club. Enjoy an old-fashioned southern-style **quail shoot** at this Old Morrisville Plantation with over 15,000 acres of open fields, timber lands, and wooded areas. **One hour from Charleston.** Hunting season: October 1st until mid March.



Dinner at Henrietta’s – The Dewberry. Charleston’s new culinary hub. High-quality, ingredient-driven dishes presented in the unpretentious spirit of a traditional French brasserie.

Mutually agreed dates in the next 18 months.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM LOT 7 WILL BE DIRECTLY
ALLOCATED TO CHARLESTON COURT TENNIS

DONATED BY GREG VAN SCHAACK

Lot 8 – The Greystone Inn, Lake Toxaway, North Carolina

Escape to the civility of a bygone era. Resting on the shores of Lake Toxaway, nestled in the lush embrace of the **North Carolina mountains**, you'll find the Greystone Inn. A personal hotel where nostalgic pleasures, gracious hospitality and quiet beauty awaits you. There is nothing you have to do and a great deal you can do.

Two-night stay at the Rockefeller Suite. This magnificent two-story, oak paneled room with soaring ceiling and huge mullioned windows features a massive stone wood burning fireplace, king bed, two bathrooms, second floor loft with queen sized bunk beds, and second level and a private balcony overlooking the lake. **Mutually agreed upon dates within the next 12 months, subject to availability.** *Guests must be comfortable walking up a flight of stairs.*

Airports: 45 min from Asheville, 2 1/2 hrs from Charlotte, 3 hrs from Atlanta

Activities: Spa, *Golf, *Tennis, *Swimming, *Croquet, *Boating, Lake Fishing, Fly Fishing, Hiking, Biking, Rock Climbing | *Seasonal Activities (Apr. - Nov.)



THE
Greystone
INN

DONATED BY SHANNON & GEOFFREY ELLIS

Lot 9 – Northeast Harbor, Maine

Temple writes:

Come to Northeast Harbor, Maine for **2 nights and 3 days (mutually agreed dates in the 'summa')**. Be prepared to participate in all that NEH/Mt Desert/ Acadia Island/Acadia National Park have to offer: tennis (crass lawners), golf, hiking, biking, boating, picnicking, shopping, backgammon, croquet, cocktails (Mt Gay rum is the 'tipple' of choice) and dinner with a few of the 'local quality'.

This item is not for the 'faint of heart!'. You will be on the 'go go go' all day and well into the night! NEH is accessible by The Bangor Airport (an hour away- big planes) or The Bar Harbor Airport (20 minutes away - small planes). Jason Briggs and Ellie and Temple Grassi will provide accommodations. **This lot is for two (2) couples with a minimum bid of \$2000.**



Temple Grassi with Ryan Carey and the 1931 Ford Model A

DONATED BY JASON BRIGGS AND
ELLIE & TEMPLE GRASSI

Lot 10 – A Week at Le Crouzille, Dordogne, France

La Crouzille is a stunning 6 bedroom, 6 bathroom house set in the middle of the **Dordogne countryside** known for its rich cuisine and wines. It is within easy reach of many charming towns such as Sarlat, Brantome, Perigueux and St Emilion. Activities in the area available are golf, tennis, wine tasting, hot air ballooning and kayaking. 4-hour drive south of Paris and 2-hours from Bordeaux. **A week in May, June, September or October 2020 on mutually agreed dates and subject to availability.**

**La
Crouzille**



DONATED BY THE BRISTOWE FAMILY

Lot 11 – The Country Club Golf Outing, Brookline Mass.

Enjoy a round of golf (**winning bidder plus two guests**) at the oldest county club in the Unites States.

The Country Club, founded in 1882, is located in Brookline, Massachusetts and is one of the five charter clubs of the USGA. The club has hosted numerous USGA tournaments including the **upcoming 2022 U.S. Open**. Golf Magazine ranked The Country Club #18 in their 2019 list of Top 100 Golf Courses in the World. **Mutually agreed dates within 18 months.**

Includes: Green fees and lunch



DONATED BY BEN STEIN

Lot 12 – USCTA National Sponsorship Program

Support the U.S. Professionals. We are fortunate to have the best professionals in the world working in the U.S. and want to do all we can to support them. As part of its effort to support professionals, the USCTA launched a national sponsorship program in 2018. Three sponsors are currently enrolled and several companies and individuals are considering joining the program.

Last December, Lot 12 raised a little over \$28,000 from 26 supporters increasing the sponsorship funds added to the prize money for the U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Professional Singles playing for the Schochet Cup, Ladies U.S. Open and the USCTA National League.

Help us support our professionals and raise your hand for Lot 12.



U.S. Professional Singles playing for the Schochet Cup – Newport, June 2019



National League Match – New England vs New York @ New York, October 2019



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