



## SUB: IC ASIAN JUNIOR CHALLENGE 2009

The Asian International Clubs have taken the initiative since the year 2007 of hosting an IC Junior Challenge event for boys and girls aged 16 and under (must not have reached 17 before the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009) The Asian event was held in New Delhi in late 2007 with the support from AITA, followed by the world Finals event which was held in New Zealand in early 2008.

IC Junior Challenges are also being held in parallel, on the continents of North America, South America and Europe.

This year again the said event is being held by the International Club starting with the Asian Challenge to be held in Delhi from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 followed by the World Event which may also be held in New Delhi sometime in April, 2010. These IC India events are being held in partnership support of infrastructural facilities etc. by courtesy of AITA and DLTA.

### **HISTORY OF THE FORMATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

The idea of the International Club was conceived in 1923 Wimbledon Championships, when a former British Prime Minister, Arthur Balfour, was chatting with Wallis Myers, an outstanding writer on lawn tennis. Uppermost in Balfour's mind was the prospect of promoting international goodwill by friendship across the net. Accordingly on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1924 the IC of Great Britain was formed. In 1929 Jean Borotra was approached by Wallis Myers and Lord Lyle to form a club in France. Jean was the first chairman of the French Club. He regarded tennis as a lifetime game and hence proved to the young that it is possible to continue to play throughout a life. Other great nations followed suit, the USA and Netherlands formed their clubs in 1931, Czechoslovakia in 1933 and Sweden in 1937. The club in India was formed in the year 1951. One of the objectives of the club has always been to assist young tennis players of their own country by taking them on matches abroad or holding competitions for promising young players. The concept of the Junior Challenge is in furtherance of the said objective of the club.

### **DETAILS REGARDING THE IC ASIAN JUNIOR CHALLENGE EVENT, in New Delhi:**

**Competition:** For teams of 4 junior participants, captained by an adult member of the IC or National Tennis Federation or Coach.

**Age-group:** 2 boys and 2 girls who have not reached his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the IC Asian Junior Challenge 2009. (if players reach 17 before the

finals they are still eligible to play, but if team members are substituted for the final they must be under 16)

**Format:** A “round robin group” playing format, or straight knock out, will be decided prior to each “Challenge”, depending on the number of teams participating. Teams to be seeded on the basis of ITF 18-and-under points/rankings.

Playing format will be best of three sets with 3<sup>rd</sup> set a pro tie-break.

Matches equal at 3-3 will be decided by a single pro-set mixed doubles tie-break. This will also be used to decide, if necessary, which teams go through in the event of several teams losing by the same margin.

**Practice Day** On the day before the event, there will be a practice day which will include a short clinic for physically/mentally disabled with which all competitors are requested to assist. A captains’ meeting will be held in the evening of this day.

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

**Venue:** Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA), Africa Avenue, New Delhi.

**Accommodation:** Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, Africa Avenue, New Delhi.

**Tournament Director:** Mr. Sanjeev Kassal, Executive Member of the International Club.

**Cost:** There is an entry fee of 500 USD per team. Each team will be responsible for their return travel to New Delhi. The teams will be received at the airport and taken to the place of stay. Complementary accommodation and hospitality shall be provided i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

**The winning team from** the Asian IC Junior Challenge shall qualify to play the finals of IC world event.

The tournament will be played under the rules stated on the IC Council website : **[www.ic-tennis.org](http://www.ic-tennis.org)**

For the Asian Challenge, a total of up to 6 teams will be participating which shall be strictly on a first cum first served basis. Since IC India will be hosting the event, apart from the Indian team 5 other Asian countries can participate in the event.