

## CENTENARY TENNIS CLUBS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the new official newsletter of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association.

We will keep you updated on our latest news, events, competitions and membership and partners in this online bulletin.

### ABOUT US

The Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) is an umbrella group of clubs more than 100 years old, including some of the most prestigious clubs in the sport. Initially founded by eight European clubs, we now have an extensive and truly global membership and are recognised and supported by the sport's governing body, the International Tennis Federation (ITF). All member clubs have a history dating back at least one hundred years, with a significant sporting tradition and social role.

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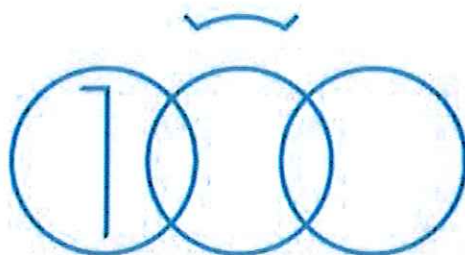
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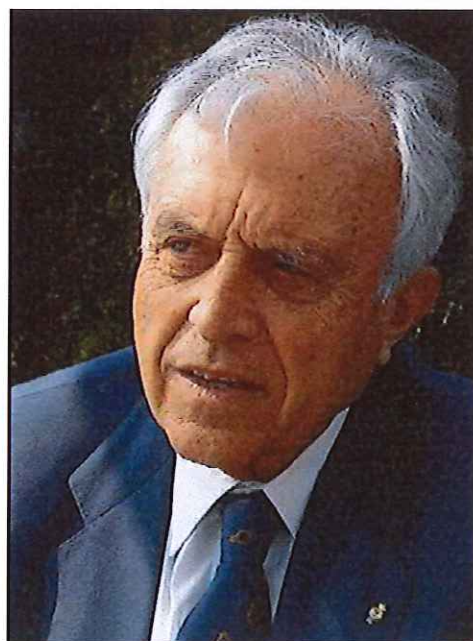
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## Foreword

It is a great honour for me as President of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association to address all the members of our Association that today can be found across the five continents. The Centenary Tennis Clubs Association (CTC) has the mission of promoting the sport of tennis amongst the clubs, organizing social, sporting and cultural events always with special attention to the values of sport, fair play and solidarity.

The Association was founded on June 11, 1996 and based at the Olympic Museum of Lausanne, counting with the support of the President of the IOC at the time, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch. Eight European Clubs were the founders of the Association and thanks to their great support and work a basis for the future was established. Mr Samaranch was especially supportive of the Association and we were privileged to have his invaluable advice. The CTC today is active in five continents and offers a unique opportunity for member clubs to foster close relationships.

The CTC is affiliated to Tennis Europe and to the International Tennis Federation. Personally I have devoted my activity with passion as CTC President to create a relevant Association for the global sports action. The desire to reach for high goals was always present in Mr.



Samaranch and I remain true to those aims. Finally I would like to state that it is my goal to be close to the Clubs and to listen to their proposals and goals in order to plan for the future with optimism and positive projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to greet all of the Clubs and their partners, and I hope that you enjoy this first edition of our newsletter.

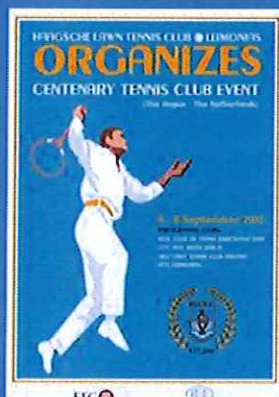
Sincerely yours,

Juan Maria Tintoré (President)





## CTC Tournaments: A Guide



The member clubs of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association organise a number of special tournaments throughout the year.

CTC senior competitions are typically held in groups, with mixed teams of male and female players. The winner of each group advances to the 'Winners' Group' for a special competition to decide the CTC champion each year.

A growing variety of junior events, player exchanges, continental competitions and special events are also staged each year and are summarised on the following pages.

The CTC encourages all our member clubs to participate at these events, which are greatly enjoyed by the players and offer a unique opportunity to travel, compete and create lasting friendships through sport.

## TC Parioli Defends Winners' Group Title

TC Parioli 1906 of Rome, Italy, has successfully defended the Centenary Tennis Clubs Winners' Group title after a busy weekend at RC Polo in Barcelona.

Four teams took part in the final rounds of the competition in which the defending champions were joined by the winners of the previous year's senior groups. Fitzwilliam LTV 1877 of Ireland also took a spot alongside the hosts and RCT Barcelona 1899 after TC Genève pulled out of the competition.

Each of the ties consisted of nine matches including senior men's and women's doubles, plus mixed doubles.

The competition began on a sunny Saturday where the TC Parioli was able to edge to a nail-

biting 5-4 win over the host team RC Polo, 5-4. The second semi-final saw the RCTB 1899 defeat the Irish team 6-3.

On the final day, the competition got an early start and was able to finish before some unseasonal rainstorms arrived in Barcelona. The defending champions beat the RCTB 1899 6-3, while Fitzwilliam claimed third place as the host club suffered another 5-4 defeat. The winning team of TC Parioli was comprised of Ugo Biagganti, M. Ribbechi, Eduardo Mazza, Luigi Scuderì, Daniela Cigna, Elisabetta Morici and Francesca Todaro.

The social side of the Competition was highlighted by a bike ride around the Barcelona night and an official dinner at the RC Polo.





# 2014 Competitions Round-up

## SENIORS - ATHENS

Clubs from Athens LTC, Real Sociedad de Tenis La Magdalena and Tennis Club Genova, gathered for a three-team Round Robin format competition of the CTC Seniors Group in Athens on the weekend of September 27.

The event began with Spain's Real Sociedad against TC Genova of Italy. The two teams were inseparable, with a mixed doubles match to decide the winner when the tie reached 4-4. Eventually Real Sociedad de Tenis La Magdalena claimed the win. The next match saw Athens LTC and TC Genova face off, with each time featuring exciting players, such as Stefano Valle and Christopher Boggetti. The host team won the tie by a score of 6 to 3.

The Tournament winner was therefore decided between Real Sociedad de Tenis La Magdalena and Athens Lawn Tennis Club, with both teams showing a great level of play. Amongst the team members were the Santander club's Vice President Mr. Enrique Teran and on the host team Mr. Konstantinos Efframoglou, the club's Secretary General. Finally the host team

was the winner by a score of 6 to 3.

The social side of the competition saw a welcome party on the eve of the Championships, where members from each team got the chance to meet each other while the captains revised the final details of the event. On the Saturday night, the Club's restaurant hosted the official dinner with a really friendly atmosphere, with players exchanging gifts and visitors having the opportunity to get a taste of local Greek products.

## SENIORS LYON

On the occasion of its 150th anniversary, the Tennis Club Lyon recently organized a CTC Seniors competition group, which saw teams from the Rot-Weiss Berlin and Carrickmines of Dublin joining the host club at the event.

Unfortunately, TC Milano Bonacossa had to default their participation the competition, so the event was turned into a round robin format, giving all clubs the opportunity to play against each other.

The sun was there during the whole week-

end and the competition was played under a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere, with all participants joining in with the host club's Saturday night celebrations of the 150th anniversary.

This was the first time that TC Lyon had participated in such a competition since joining the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association and it was a perfect debut for the club - at the end of the two day event, and captained by Jean Francois Lagloire, the hosts emerged as champions of the tournament. Carrickmines finished in second position with Rot Weiss Berlin in third.

## SENIORS PADOVA

CT Padova hosted a Centenary Tennis Clubs Senior competition from 19-21 September. The event was won by the host team, who beat Cesky from Prague 5-4 in the final. Third place went to Wiener Park from Vienna and the fourth position by Salk from Stockholm (the tie ended 5-2 for Vienna).

There were some exciting matches in the finals between Padova and Prague, the matches being very demanding with the



Photos: Players at Lyon, action in Athens



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highest levels of play on the courts. Padova's team was formed by Davis Cup player and former world number 18 Omar Camporese, Alessandro Fornaro and Dario Pizzato, the latter both backed by a best ATP ranking around the 700th position in the world; other players included Stefano Tacchini and Marta Conean. The Prague team relied mainly on the ranking of the women: a former world number 30, another former number 86, both players of the Federation Cup for former Czechoslovakia. But there were many other athletes on the courts playing the matches with a past and a present "to boast."

The event was complete not only because there have been demanding matches on the courts but also because really lovely people came over to Padova, and took advantage of the chance to socialize and make new friends. All the team members and spectators enjoyed the matches where all the players were committed to winning, but always with class and fair play.

The final night featured a Gala event with a delicious dinner followed by singing and

dancing in the mixture of countries and different languages as everybody had a great time. Vice President of TC Padova Michele Scapolo said, "For Padova it has been an honour to have hosted one of the four rounds of the Centenary Club; we are obviously happy with the results, but also of how these three days of tennis and fun have been going on. Next year we will enter the final stages of the event that will decide on the winners of the title that is biennial. Many thanks to everybody, home players and guests as well as to the staff of the club for these days of great tennis". Here's a video of highlights from the week-end: <http://youtu.be/2D8bP7iA2Qs>

## SENIORS LE TIR

On October 4-5th 2014, LE TIR (Paris, France) hosted a CTC seniors tournament gathering a Swedish team from KLTK Stockholm, a Dutch team from HLTC Leimonias (The Hague), and a French team from Villa Primrose (Bordeaux).

9 matches were played by each team on Saturday and on Sunday, with over 35 & over 45 categories men's and ladies' categories in action, plus one mixed doubles match.

On Saturday, Villa Primrose Bordeaux won over KLTK Stockholm (8/1) and Le Tir beat HLTC Leimonias, 5/4. On Sunday, Villa Primrose, whose team was comprised of former top French players or current top players in their age categories, was superior to Le Tir and won the CTC Cup by a score of 7/2.

The third-place match between HLTC Leimonias and KLTK Stockholm was extremely tight and ended up being decided by the mixed doubles match after the eight previous matches left the two teams level at 4/4. Neither team wanted to go back home with two defeats but the two teams were eventually separated when HLTC Leimonias claimed the 3rd-set super tiebreak at 10/8! The Dutch team was all the more proud because it was their first victory at a CTC competition.

The event was played in a great atmosphere between all four teams during the whole week-end with a competitive spirit blended with friendship, laughs and fair-play. After such 2 days, the teams were left hoping that the next CTC week-end will take place very soon.



Photo: The Seniors event in Le Tir