



2008 Special Olympics Georgia Summer Games

To the Victors goes the Booty!!

On May 30th at Emory University hundreds of Special Olympic athletes gathered for a fun-filled and action-packed (pirate themed) Opening Ceremony to launch the weekend of competition in a variety of sports.

The tennis competition, sponsored by the ALTA Foundation and managed by Special Pops Tennis Program, Inc., began on Saturday May 31st with 60 athletes from around Georgia competing in the Individual Skills Competition.

Also beginning on Saturday morning was “Short Court Doubles” competition with 29 athletes and 17 unified partners vying for medals in their respective divisions.

On Saturday afternoon the competition continued with 42 athletes and 42 partners competing in “Full Court Doubles”.

On Sunday June 1st the Singles competition was held. With 7 “Short Court” and 34 “Full Court” Singles athletes, the matches were played with the same tenacity and sportsmanship that was experienced at Saturday’s competition.

Volunteers Make the Difference

The 2008 tennis competition featured over 35% increase in the number of events from the previous year. The only way to make this a first class experience is the involvement of many volunteers. Volunteers performed duties that ranged from umpiring a match, to escorting an athlete, filling water coolers, being a ball person, or being a “fan” that cheered for the athletes.

Because of the quantity and quality of the volunteers that participated at this event, we were able to conduct a first class tournament for these deserving athletes.

So for those that volunteered ----- we say ----- Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

For those that may wish to get involved in the future just register as a volunteer on this website.

Athletes Make it Worthwhile

Listed below are the entire results of the tennis competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ATHLETES AND UNIFIED PARTNERS FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT AND TERRIFIC SPORTSMANSHIP! YOUR SPIRIT IN PLAYING THIS GREAT GAME EXEMPLIES THE ATTITUDE FROM WHICH WE ALL CAN LEARN!

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Record	Medal		Event
Brown	Nikki	Atlanta Public Schools	2-0	Gold	Sheena Hinton	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Hinton	Sheena	Atlanta Public Schools	2-0	Gold	Nikki Brown	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Hitchcock	Brandon	Atlanta Public Schools	0-2	Bronze	Eric Parks	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Horne	Eric	Atlanta Public Schools	1-1	Silver	Lloyd Howell	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Howell	Lloyd	Atlanta Public Schools	1-1	Silver	Eric Horne	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Love	Chastity	Atlanta Public Schools	1-1	Silver	Mamie Stickland	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Martin	Anastasia	Atlanta Public Schools	0-2	Bronze	Christopher Stanley	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Parks	Eric	Atlanta Public Schools	0-2	Bronze	Brandon Hitchcock	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Roush	Mathew	Atlanta Public Schools	10	Silver		Skills
Stanley	Christopher	Atlanta Public Schools	0-2	Bronze	Anastasia Martin	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Strickland	Mamie	Atlanta Public Schools	1-1	Silver	Chastity Love	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Cox	Brandon	Butts County Schools	75	Silver		Skills
Horton	Tommy	Butts County Schools	0	Fourth		Skills
Miller	Chris Steven	Butts County Schools	210	Bronze		Skills
Stewart	Karlithia	Butts County Schools	110	Silver		Skills
Pilgrim	Ronnie	Carrollton Parks & Rec	2-0	Gold	Doug Smith	Full Court Unified Doubles
Pilgrim	Ronnie	Carrollton Parks & Rec	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Ferguson	Jared	Chatham County Schools	245	Gold		Skills
Graham	James	Chatham County Schools	235	Silver		Skills
Rambo	Allen	Chatham County Schools	135	Silver		Skills
Reaves	Christopher	Chatham County Schools	240	Gold		Skills
Williams	Rosanna	Chatham County Schools	160	Gold		Skills
Clark	Chad	Cherokee County	25	Silver		Skills
Crowe	Billy	Cherokee County	25	Silver		Skills
Crowe	James Lamar	Cherokee County	20	Bronze		Skills
Lewis	Joshua	Cherokee County	70	Fourth		Skills
Traina	Nicole	Cherokee County	40	Silver		Skills
Barnett	Tyler	Cobb County	1-1	Silver	David Foster	Full Court Unified Doubles
Bishop	Brittany	Cobb County	0-2	Fourth		Full Court Singles

Bishop	Brittany	Cobb County	2-0	Gold	Jeanie Hamm	Full Court Unified Doubles
Golden	Jana	Cobb County	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Golden	Jana	Cobb County	1-1	Silver	Terry Eidecker	Full Court Unified Doubles
Kettles	Kelly	Cobb County	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Kettles	Kelly	Cobb County	1-1	Silver	Tommy Kettles	Full Court Unified Doubles
Long	Steven	Cobb County	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Long	Steven	Cobb County	1-1	Bronze	Mike Golden	Full Court Unified Doubles
Nichols	Jay	Cobb County	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Nichols	Jay	Cobb County	0-2	Fourth	Debra Stokes	Full Court Unified Doubles
Ottey	Lee	Cobb County	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Ottey	Lee	Cobb County	2-0	Gold	Ellen Bierbaum	Full Court Unified Doubles
Reynolds	Doug	Cobb County	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Reynolds	Doug	Cobb County	0-2	Bronze	Scott Cudabac	Full Court Unified Doubles
Reynolds	Jimmy	Cobb County	180	Gold		Skills
Rice	Billy	Cobb County	0-2	Fourth		Full Court Singles
Rice	Billy	Cobb County	1-1	Bronze	David Gillispie	Full Court Unified Doubles
Trout	Cody	Cobb County	25	Silver		Skills
Turner	Amber	Cobb County	1-1	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Turner	Amber	Cobb County	0-2	Fourth	Stacey Barnett	Full Court Unified Doubles
Ziegler	Cameron	Cobb County	80	Silver		Skills
Murer	Elliot	Columbia County Schools	10	Bronze		Skills
Zylia	Owen	Columbia County Schools	15	Fourth		Skills
Beasley	Justin	CORTA	2-0	Gold	Cindy Williams	Full Court Unified Doubles
Bleakey	Vincent	CORTA	1-1	Bronze	Carol Heywood	Full Court Unified Doubles
Crouse	Douglas	CORTA	0-2	Bronze	Susan Markovich	Full Court Unified Doubles
Taylor	Sebastian	CORTA	75	Fourth		Skills
Tutton	Jordan	CORTA	1-1	Silver	Amey Kulkarni	Full Court Unified Doubles
Dixon	Millicent	Coweta County Schools	105	Gold		Skills
Tolbert	Sharon	Coweta County Schools	250	Gold		Skills
Tolbert	Sherry	Coweta County Schools	205	Bronze		Skills
Gazaway	Tyler	Dalton City/Whitfield County	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Bynoe	Douglas	DeKalb County Schools	125	Silver		Skills
Howe	Deshawn	DeKalb County Schools	40	Bronze		Skills
Wilson	Lisa	Fayette County Schools/P&R	100	Fourth		Skills
Latour	Jackie	Forsyth County Schools	40	Bronze		Skills
Westbrook	Morgan	Forsyth County Schools	40	Silver		Skills
Enos	Jerry	Haralson County Schools	85	Silver		Skills
Fuller	Joshua	Haralson County Schools	110	Gold		Skills
Harrell	Rocky	Haralson County Schools	175	Silver		Skills
Hogsed	Jacob	Haralson County Schools	125	Gold		Skills

Long	Tracy	Haralson County Schools	30	Fourth		Skills
Moran	Gail	Haralson County Schools	55	Gold		Skills
Mosley	Stevie	Haralson County Schools	105	Silver		Skills
Weiss	Brian	Haralson County Schools	95	Gold		Skills
Wilson	Stephen	Haralson County Schools	50	Silver		Skills
Hudson	Josef	Henry County Parks & Rec	145	Gold		Skills
Minnix	Charles	Henry County Parks & Rec	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Minnix	Charles	Henry County Parks & Rec	1-1	Silver	Harlon Matthews	Full Court Unified Doubles
Childs	Deshasta	Macon Bibb County P&R	60	Gold		Skills
Collins	Phillip	Macon Bibb County P&R	240	Gold		Skills
Ellis	Omari	Macon Bibb County P&R	0	Bronze		Skills
Faulk	Clay	Macon Bibb County P&R	90	Bronze		Skills
Gilbert	James	Macon Bibb County P&R	145	Gold		Skills
Mathis	Adrieana	Macon Bibb County P&R	75	Gold		Skills
McKinney	Trellis	Macon Bibb County P&R	100	Bronze		Skills
Ogle	Michael	Macon Bibb County P&R	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Pruitt	Timothy	Macon Bibb County P&R	85	Bronze		Skills
Sandifer	Willie	Macon Bibb County P&R	215	Gold		Skills
Scott	Lequanta	Macon Bibb County P&R	65	Silver		Skills
Tagger	Jerome	Macon Bibb County P&R	40	Fifth		Skills
Thomas	Jon	Macon Bibb County P&R	75	Silver		Skills
Whitby	Wayne	Macon Bibb County P&R	80	Bronze		Skills
Cox	Tonya	Mitchell Baker Service Center	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Dixon	Travis	Mitchell Baker Service Center	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Stech	Darrell	Mitchell Baker Service Center	2-0	Gold	David Buerkle	Full Court Unified Doubles
Fagin	Rodericus	Monroe County	2-0	Gold	Marquavious King	Short Court Traditional Doubles
King	Marquavious	Monroe County	2-0	Gold	Rodericus Fagin	Short Court Traditional Doubles
Meza	Genevieve	Monroe County	0-2	Fourth	Porsha Scott	Short Court Unified Doubles
Walton	Quandralyn	Monroe County	2-0	Gold	Bre Hardy	Short Court Unified Doubles
Blair	Claude	Special K's	0-2	Fourth	Larry Weinschenker	Full Court Unified Doubles
Caldwell	Gray	Special K's	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Caldwell	Gray	Special K's	2-0	Gold	Joseph Miller	Full Court Unified Doubles
Currere	Christopher	Special K's	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Currere	Christopher	Special K's	1-1	Silver	Pam Ellis	Full Court Unified Doubles
Michaels	Courtney	Special K's	60	Silver		Skills
Pelta	Mike	Special K's	160	Gold		Skills
Riley	Tina	Special K's	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Riley	Tina	Special K's	2-0	Gold	Paula Sumple	Full Court Unified Doubles
Thorpe	Katelyn	Special K's	1-1	Bronze	Lisa Trask	Full Court Unified Doubles
Bitzer	Graham	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Martin Minschwaner	Short Court Unified Doubles

Bristow	Bayley	Special Pops	0-3	Bronze		Short Court Singles
Bristow	Bayley	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	Bonnie Miller	Short Court Unified Doubles
Brooks	Chalyn	Special Pops	210	Silver		Skills
Conrad	Kathryn	Special Pops	1-2	Fourth		Short Court Singles
Conrad	Kathryn	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Rose Thompson	Short Court Unified Doubles
Coxwell	John	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Coxwell	John	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Bobby Sanders	Full Court Unified Doubles
Coxwell	Paul	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Coxwell	Paul	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Ken Thompson	Full Court Unified Doubles
Craig	Carly	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Bill Bierbaum	Short Court Unified Doubles
Davis	Anthony	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze	Pattie Gillispie	Short Court Unified Doubles
Davis	Hannah	Special Pops	10	Bronze		Skills
Dusek	Jimmy	Special Pops	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Dusek	Jimmy	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	John Ernst	Full Court Unified Doubles
Eriksson	Michelle	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze	Betty Bailey	Short Court Unified Doubles
Gillispie	Jamie	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Gillispie	Jamie	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Mary Jo Hyder	Full Court Unified Doubles
Grissom	David	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Grissom	David	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Krista Dowling	Full Court Unified Doubles
Hinson	Shelbre	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Hinson	Shelbre	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Sue Nash	Full Court Unified Doubles
Huggins	Lana	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Huggins	Lana	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze	Yasmine Osborn	Full Court Unified Doubles
Humphrey	Ashley	Special Pops	2-1	Silver		Short Court Singles
Humphrey	Ashley	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Darlene Lentini	Short Court Unified Doubles
Jones	Dominick	Special Pops	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Jones	Dominick	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	Rachel Huckeba	Full Court Unified Doubles
Kilbourne	David	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze		Short Court Singles
Kilbourne	David	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	David Ellis	Short Court Unified Doubles
Kirby	Ross	Special Pops	45	Bronze		Skills
Lebovitz	Ashley	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth	Kate Heller	Full Court Unified Doubles
Lefebre	Amy	Special Pops	3-0	Gold		Short Court Singles
Lefebre	Amy	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Ellen Bierbaum	Short Court Unified Doubles
Lefebre	Bill	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Bill Bierbaum	Full Court Unified Doubles
Lefebre	Bill	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Luchene	Jennifer	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth		Full Court Singles
Luchene	Jennifer	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth	Betty Bailey	Full Court Unified Doubles
Merlin	Jay	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	Bonnie Miller	Full Court Unified Doubles
Merlin	Jay	Special Pops	1-1	Silver		Short Court Singles
Mireles	Simon	Special Pops	95	Silver		Skills
Mitchell	Imani	Special Pops	40	Gold		Skills
Mitchell	Rob	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Dennis Farhy	Full Court Unified Doubles

Mitchell	Rob	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Full Court Singles
Monroe	Santino	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth		Full Court Singles
Monroe	Santino	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Bill Cobb	Full Court Unified Doubles
Payne	Adam	Special Pops	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Payne	Adam	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	David Ellis	Full Court Unified Doubles
Rausch	Kristen	Special Pops	1-1	Silver		Full Court Singles
Rausch	Kristen	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Patti Roberts	Full Court Unified Doubles
Rippy	Sammy	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Becky Seay	Full Court Unified Doubles
Roberts	Joshua	Special Pops	105	Gold		Skills
Sage	Kerns	Special Pops	2-0	Gold		Short Court Singles
Sage	Kerns	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Pam Ellis	Short Court Unified Doubles
Saylor	Ashby	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	Paula Sumple	Short Court Unified Doubles
Shuler	Laura	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Shuler	Laura	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze	Janet Conrad	Full Court Unified Doubles
Sperry	Andrew	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	Joseph Miller	Short Court Unified Doubles
Turner	Steven	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth	Mary Smith	Short Court Unified Doubles
Walls	Robert	Special Pops	1-1	Bronze		Full Court Singles
Walls	Robert	Special Pops	0-2	Fourth	Mark Gupton	Full Court Unified Doubles
Whitley	Margaret	Special Pops	0-2	Bronze	Michele Goodelman	Short Court Unified Doubles
Wilson	Keith	Special Pops	2-0	Gold	Constance McMillan	Full Court Unified Doubles
Ziegler	Joel	Special Pops	1-1	Silver	David Gillispie	Short Court Unified Doubles

Year-round Training Continues

Our commitment at Special Pops to our mission *to provide a year-round meaningful tennis experience* is best demonstrated by our ongoing training at two sites in the Atlanta area. These sites are East Roswell Park in Roswell, GA and Harrison Tennis Center in Marietta, GA. For more details on this training program please contact either Jim Hamm – 404-702-5820 or Martha Pedrick – 770-667-6535 or e-mail serve@specialpopstennis.com.

Making a Difference in the Lives of these Deserving People

Other ongoing training includes a weekly training program in Douglas County. This 8-week training began on Tuesday September 9th and will continue through Oct 28th. For more details contact Jim Hamm – 404-702-5820 or e-mail serve@specialpopstennis.com.

Eight weeks of training has also begun at the Big Creek Elementary in Cumming, GA. The special needs students in Ms Pruitt's class are attending the weekly sessions. This session will continue through Oct 27th.

5th Annual Coach Matt's Charity Invitational Tournament is a HUGE Success

On August 16th and 17th hundreds of avid tennis players gathered at Country Club of Roswell to compete in this first class tennis experience. With hot and beautiful weather everyone was able to enjoy the off-court festivities including the plentiful meals, wide-range of raffle items, and ice-cold beverages of choice. On Sunday the entertainment was led by the exhibition tennis including a group of Special Pops athletes followed by the a live auction.

The generosity of all the tennis players and special guests helped insure that the monies raised for the benefit of Special Pops exceeded the record amount of \$15,000.

Many thanks to the entire staff at Coach Matt's Tennis & More – especially Tiffany and Coach Matt Grayson - for your tireless effort and overwhelming generosity at this event. This event has now provided financial support in excess of \$50,000.

This contribution will allow Special Pops to explore even more options to expand training sites, start a tennis league, and continue recruiting and training coaches for our programs.

ADAPTIVE TENNIS LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS

On Saturday September 13th Special Pops Tennis Program launched the first ever Special Pops Unified Doubles Tennis League (aka SPUD). The league features four teams each being led by a team captain and 10-12 athletes and unified partners that will be paired for competition in a weekly match against an opposing team. These weekly matches are played at two sites beginning at 2pm.

The sponsors for this unique league play opportunity are Coach Matt's Tennis & More and USTA – Southern.

The league championship is scheduled for Saturday October 18th at East Roswell Park starting at 2pm. Come out and watch these deserving athletes competing in this unique and exciting tennis league.

Special Recognition to Special Pops

Special Olympics Georgia recognized the Special Pops Tennis Programs, Inc. with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award – Local Program. This recognition is due to the commitment of our volunteers and supporters that help make a difference in the lives of our deserving athletes.

Special Thanks to Janet Conrad – volunteer and parent of Special Pops athlete - for taking the time to nominate us for such a prestigious award.

Changes in the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors wishes to announce the resignation of Board Members Judy Mapstone and Diann Shiver. The services and leadership of each of these Board Members will be greatly missed as we continue to move forward in serving our athletes. While Diann has been re-located to Belgium for the next three years, you can be sure that Judy will be seen at future Special Pops events as a volunteer and unified partner.

Special Pops is delighted to announce the addition of Jerry Carbone to the Special Pops Board of Directors. Jerry's background includes extensive marketing and advertising experiences. We are excited about Jerry's addition to the Board of Directors. His presence has been immediately felt with his creation of the colorful and quality logo for our athletes at the Summer Games. Then he followed that up with an equally eye-catching logo for the SPUD Tennis League. Welcome aboard Jerry!

With the addition of Jerry and his expertise Jeanie Hamm has accepted the responsibility as Secretary.

Registration for 3rd Annual Fall Classic Adaptive Tennis Tournament Begins

Registration for the Fall Classic has begun. See the details on the website flier. For more details on volunteer opportunities at the event contact Joan Marcinko – 770-396-2947 or e-mail serve@specialpopstennis.com.

This event is sure to be better and larger than the previous years. So come out and watch or better yet --- get involved as a volunteer. We hope to see you there.