**SHELL / TRANQUILLITY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2017**

Will be played on the courts of the Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club, Victoria Avenue, Port-of-Spain, sanctioned by The Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago. Conducted under the Rules of Tennis and run under the Conditions set out below:-

**COMMITTEE**

Ms. Beverly Corbie – Tournament Director Mr. Chester Dalrymple – Referee – 687-1781 Mr. Anthony Jeremiah – Tournament Director – 726-5330 Mr. Anthony Jameson- Assistant Referee

Mrs. Christine Alcazar – Committee Member Mr. Kendall Cuffy – Committee Member

Mr. Dion Auguste – Players’ Representative

**EVENTS**

 1. **Men’s Singles Championship** - - - -Dr. J.L. Ritchie Challenge Cup

 2. **Ladies’ Singles Championship** - - - - Tranquillity Challenge Cup

 3. **Men’s Doubles Championship** - - - - Sir Claude Hollis Challenge Cup

 4. **Ladies’ Doubles Championship** - - - - Charles Pereira Challenge Cup

 5. **Mixed Doubles Championship** - - - - Lindy Price Challenge Cup

 6. **Veterans’ Singles Championship** - - - Harold Nothnagel Challenge Cup

 (Players **45 years and over** as at **01/01/2017**)

 7. **Senior Veterans’ Singles Championship**

 (Players **60 years and over** as at **01/01/2017**)

 8. **Veterans’ Doubles Championship** - - - H.P. Urich Challenge Cup

 (Players **45 years and over** as at **01/01/2017)**

 9. **Men’s Singles Plate** - - - - - Tranquillity Challenge Cup

10. **Ladies’ Singles Plate** - - - - - Tranquillity Challenge Cup

The winners in all **EVENTS** will become the holders of the challenge trophy for one year **ONLY**. All Challenge Trophies will remain in the custody of the **Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club.** In addition, the following prizes will be offered:-

 **Winner Runner-up Losing Losing**

 **Semi-Finalist Quarter-**

 **Finalist**

Men’s Singles - - $5,000 - - $2,500 $1,000 each $500 each

Ladies’ Singles - $2,000 - - $1,000 $ 500 each

Men’s Doubles - $1,500 each - - $ 800 each $ 400 each $200 each

Ladies’ Doubles - $ 400 each - - $ 200 each

Mixed Doubles - $ 600 each - - $ 400 each

Veterans’ Singles - $ 1,000 & Plaque - $ 600 & Plaque

 *(Male/Female)*

Senior Veterans’ Singles $ 600 - - $ 300

 *(Male/Female)*

Veterans’ Doubles - $ 500 each - - $ 300 each

 *(Male/Female)*

Men’s Singles Plate - $ 200 Voucher - $ 100 Voucher

Ladies’ Singles Plate - $ 200 Voucher - $ 100 Voucher

**ENTRANCE FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT - $50.00**

**FREE ADMISSION TO GROUNDS – SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name: ……………………………………………………… …… EMAIL: ………………………

Address: …………………………………………………………. Tel. (O): ………………………

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**EVENT(S) (Please Tick Appropriate EVENT)**

Partner’s Name

**1. Men’s Singles ----**

**2. Ladies’ Singles ----**

**3. Men’s Doubles …………………………………………**

**4. Ladies’ Doubles …………………………………………**

**5. Mixed Doubles …………………………………………**

**6. Veterans’ Singles ----**

 **(Date of Birth / / )**

**7. Senior Veterans’ Singles ----**

 **(Date of Birth / / )**

**8. Veterans’ Doubles ………………………………………….**

 **(Date of Birth / / )**

***I agree to abide by the Rules of the Tournament***

**ENTRANCE FEE - $50.00 per person, per EVENT**

 **………………………………………………**

*Player’s Signature*

**Received from ……………………………………………………………… the sum of $...............................**

covering entry in the following EVENTS:-

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8**

 *(Please circle applicable number)*

**TATT Registration Fee $50.00**

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***PROJECTED FIXTURE DATES***

**Men’s Singles - - - - - - - 18th March – 25th March, 2017**

**Ladies’ Singles - - - - - - - 13th March – 18th March, 2017**

**Men’s Doubles - - - - - - - 18th March – 25th March, 2017**

**Ladies’ Doubles - - - - - - - 13th March – 18th March, 2017**

**Mixed Doubles - - - - - - - 13th March – 25th March, 2017**

**Veterans’ Singles - - - - - - - 13th March – 25th March, 2017**

**Senior Veterans’ Singles - - - - - - 13th March – 25th March, 2017**

**Veterans’ Doubles - - - - - - - 13th March – 25th March 2017**

**Closing Ceremony - - - - - - - 25th March, 2017 – after final match**

**CONDITIONS**

1. **NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS MADE ON THE APPROVED ENTRY FORM AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED FEE.** Proof must be shown of registration for the year 2017 with **The Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago** or the required fee of **$50.00** must be paid. Entry is restricted to residents of Trinidad and Tobago and invited overseas players.
2. Entries close on **Monday 6th March, 2017** and will be received up to 12.00 noon on the closing day at Harry’s Sports World, 30 St. James Street, San Fernando, and Tennis Office at the National Tennis Centre in Tacarigua up to 2:00 p.m. Up to 5.00 p.m. at the Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club, Victoria Avenue, Port-of-Spain. Up to 8.00pm with Mr Jeremiah at Public Courts.
3. The main draw will be limited to the maximum number of players listed in the following EVENTS:-

 Men’s Singles – 24 Ladies’ Singles – 16 Veterans’ Singles – 24

 Senior Veterans’ Singles – 16

 Men’s Doubles – 16 pairs Ladies’ Doubles – 16 pairs

 Mixed Doubles – 16 pairs Veterans’ Doubles – 24 pairs

Should entries exceed any of these limits, a number of players totaling 8 for the men and 4 for the ladies (or such other number as the Committee may decide) less than the maximum for each EVENT will be selected at the sole discretion of the Committee.

The last **4 (men) and 4 (ladies)** will then be determined by a Qualifying Tournament to be played by the remaining entrants up to the round of 8, who will then be included in the main draw. The Committee shall seed the players. Players in qualifying rounds may be required to play Singles and Doubles on the same day. Each EVENT is subject to a minimum entry of 8 players or pairs as the case may be.

**NO PLAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MORE THAN (3) EVENTS.**

1. The draw for the Qualifying Tournament, if applicable, will be made at the Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club on Wednesday 8th March, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and the **Qualifying Tournament Matches will be played on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March 2017 starting at 9.00 a.m**., each day. Matches in the Qualifying Tournament will be the best of three (3) short sets. The qualifying round will be the best of three (3) tie-break sets. Players may be required to play up to two (2) matches AND ONE DOUBLES MATCH in one day.
2. All matches will be played on the five (5) Clay Courts of the Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club.
3. Tranquillity Consolation will be played for in the Men’s Singles and Ladies’ Singles EVENTS if time permits. Players who qualify are those eliminated in the first round of each of these two (2) EVENTS. Players, who in the opinion of the Committee are too strong, will not be permitted to play.
4. Matches must be played at the hour and on the date (including Sundays, if necessary) and court fixed by the Committee. Players failing to be present within fifteen (15) minutes of their matches being called may be defaulted.
5. The Referee at his discretion may at any time postpone a match on account of darkness or the condition of the court or the weather. In the case of postponement, the previous score and previous occupancy of court shall hold good unless the Referee and the players unanimously agree otherwise. Players will be required to play matches under lights.
6. All main draw singles matches shall be the best of three (3) tie-break sets with the 12-point tie-break system applying at 6-6. All doubles matches shall be two (2) tie-break sets, with a 10 pt. match tie-break at set-all. In the Veterans’ Singles/Doubles and Senior Veterans’ Singles, the first two (2) sets will be tie-break sets. If a third set is necessary, a super tie-break will replace it – i.e. first to ten (10) points. **THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE FORMAT OF PLAY FOR ANY EVENT DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES DEEMED NECESSARY.**
7. The tournament will be guided by these rules and regulations, and the rules of tennis as approved by the ITF.
8. **PLAYERS MUST WEAR SUITABLE TENNIS ATTIRE. CLOTHING WITH ADVERTISING EXCEPT THAT OF THE SPONSORS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**
9. Complaints in connection with the Tournament must be lodged verbally with the Referee within one (1) hour of completion of the match and in writing to the Referee by 8.00 a.m. on the following day. Failure to confirm in writing would invalidate the complaint.
10. Players must report promptly on arrival at the Club to the official on duty on the day of play. Players are NOT allowed to use the clay courts prior to the commencement of matches but may use the hard court (provided it is available) to warm up BEFORE matches start. Members of the Tranquillity Square Lawn Tennis Club who are not in the main draw shall have preference for the use of the hard court at any time.
11. The Umpire’s Association of Trinidad and Tobago will be asked to arrange for Umpires but in the event that the Association is unable to do so, players will be expected to assist when requested by the Committee.
12. The Tournament Committee may withhold the whole or any part of any prize money otherwise offered to any player under the Rules and Conditions of this competition if in its discretion the misconduct of the player or the interests of the Club and/or the competition so require. **THE COMMITTEE ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FORFEIT PRIZES WHICH ARE NOT COLLECTED AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY BY THE WINNER WITHOUT A GOOD REASON FOR SUCH GROSS DISCOURTESY TO THE TOURNAMENT’S SPONSOR.**
13. **PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO NOTE THE DATES FIXED FOR THEIR MATCHES AS POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE TRANQUILLITY SQUARE LAWN TENNIS CLUB. While every effort would be made to ensure that the order of play is published in the press and/or announced over the radio stations, this cannot be guaranteed. PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED, THEREFORE, TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY ENQUIRIES IN THIS RESPECT.**
14. **AS A COURTESY TO THE SPONSORS, WE ARE APPEALING TO PLAYERS TO BE PRESENT FOR BOTH THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES.**