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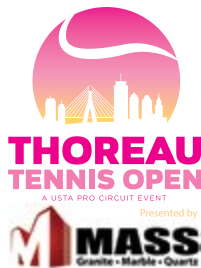
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## WELCOME FROM THE OWNERS



It is with great pleasure that we host the first, annual Thoreau Tennis Open at The Thoreau Club in Concord, Massachusetts. We are truly excited to bring together our entire community and professional tennis players from all over the world, some on their way to the 2019 U.S. Open. Being the gathering place for such energy is truly an honor.

Visitors to this area may already know that the Great-American author, Henry David Thoreau, walked the woods surrounding The Thoreau Club and pondered the bigger questions of life and our connection with nature. Thoreau famously wrote "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." These words parallel one of our guiding principles as a family-owned health and wellness organization, which is to provide the tools and resources to help people change their lives for the better. To us this may mean helping people create an active lifestyle, choose a healthier diet, or even encourage them to take up a new sport, such as tennis! These seemingly small decisions ultimately and directly influence how well we live, as Thoreau urged, the life we imagine!

With that sentiment in mind, we welcome our entire community: neighbors, friends, supporters, tennis enthusiasts and players to our home-away-from-home club nestled in Thoreau's woods. It is a privilege to be a stop on the journey for athletes competing to rise to the top of their sport, and an inspiration to all who are making those small, daily decisions to embrace their best life.

We can only believe this would have made Henry David smile!

*Faith Pulis  
CEO & her father, Todd Pulis, Owner*

## WELCOME FROM TIM MAYOTTE



When I was 12 years old, a professional tennis tournament came to my hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts. Thankfully my club was chosen as the practice facility for the event. I can still remember as clear as day when Jimmy Connors and Stan Smith came on the court next to me and began practicing. I was amazed by the way they moved so intensely and hit every single ball with such power. It was after watching that practice that I decided I wanted to be a great player. This is the thinking that has gone on to bringing the Thoreau Tennis Open to Concord. A huge part of creating great players is exposing them to the world's best in person. By setting up the Junior Masters Series along side the Open, we are hoping to inspire young players from across New England with the chance to play right next to today's stars.

And by offering a scholarship to winners, we are inviting some players to experience first-hand the exciting way we develop players at our Academy. So welcome! Play hard and may the Force be with you!

*Tim Mayotte*



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## ELITE TENNIS RETURNS TO NEW ENGLAND!

From Aug. 12 to 17, Thoreau will be hosting a women's professional tournament called the Thoreau Open, and Mayotte is excited at the prospect of having a pro event in Massachusetts for the first time since Longwood hosted its tournament from 1964 to 1999.

"It's part of a larger vision to grow tennis and create great players in the Boston area," said Mayotte. "From my perspective, what really got me excited about tennis as a junior was being able to see pro tournaments and to see great players. Those things just get you really pumped up and we haven't had that in the Boston area for more than 15 years."

The Connecticut Open, a women's-only event hosted by Yale University in New Haven annually in August, was canceled this year and was often a popular appetizer for many pros preparing to play the US Open in New York in September. The Connecticut tourney often attracted some of the top players in the world.

"That's when we got the idea of running a pro tournament," Mayotte said of the Connecticut event's stoppage. "The head of tennis here (at Thoreau) runs two spectacular events in Italy so we decided to get going and run one here. He and the whole staff here have done a remarkable job getting it going in just a few months."

Massimo Policastro, Thoreau Club's head pro, comes from an international tennis background, having played competitively in Europe, and later went on to manage numerous clubs in Italy.

Policastro says, "This will be a fun family event for both tennis fans, and anyone interested in professional sports."

While the field for the event isn't set yet, two young Massachusetts prodigies will be competing -- Brittany Collins, who plays on the Futures Tour, and 16-year-old Nastasia Semenovski.

"They both train with us," Mayotte said. "It's going to be exciting to have them get a chance to play in a tournament of this level."

Mayotte hinted at the possibility of a "former top-five" woman being in the draw, but could not disclose that name at the time of the interview.

"It's looking like it's going to be very strong," Mayotte said of the field.

"This week is so good (to host a tournament) because it's so close to the US Open and so people are really geared up to get their games ready."

The 32-player draw will have free admission for the first three rounds before a charging \$5 to \$20 for the semifinals and finals.

"The goal here is to really rekindle the excitement around pro tennis in this area," Mayotte said. "The idea of getting folks to come is the most important thing. The atmosphere is going to be fantastic."

The tournament will feature live music and a day specifically for children to come enjoy the festivities.

"What happens at tournaments like these is you see players who will likely break through a week later at the US Open," Mayotte said. "This is a chance for people to see someone that will probably be playing the US Open the next week. It's a chance to really get to see super-quality tennis just as it's about to break through to the higher levels."

The Thoreau Open will be televised on the Tennis Channel during the semifinals and finals Aug. 16 and 17. While at the tournament, food, drinks and souvenirs will be available for sale. The venue itself will offer parking, plenty of seating and close-up viewing of the action.

By Doug Hastings

## THE THOREAU CLUB



Since 1951, The Thoreau Club has been helping families and individuals live active, happy, and healthy lives. We're committed to the well-being of our community, and strive to provide the best in preventative wellness, fitness, and leisure. Nestled on 35 wooded acres in Concord, Massachusetts,

The Thoreau Club is a multi-sport, full-service membership club serving over 7,000 individuals in Concord, Acton, Sudbury, and surrounding communities. Our 11 tennis courts 7 hard surface and 4 outdoor(only) Nova Grass® provide plenty of indoor and outdoor playing options.

All courts are outdoor in the summer months. Thoreau is equipped with two outdoor pools, play-ground and snack bar in the summer, providing a wonderful space for families to enjoy themselves.

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## ON COURT



### Monica Niculescu - Romania

Monica reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 28 and has 3 singles titles to her credit. She reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon in 2015 and the US Open in 2011. She is also an accomplished doubles

player, reaching the doubles semi-finals at the Australian Open in 2018 and the finals at Wimbledon in 2017. She is best known for her trademark forehand slice.



### Yanina Wickmayer - Belgium

With a career-high singles ranking of No. 12, Time Magazine named Yanina one of the "30 Legends of Women's Tennis: Past, Present and Future." She also won the award for "WTA Most Improved Player"

in 2009. She reached the semi-finals of the US Open in 2009 and the round of 16 at Wimbledon in 2011.

## MAIN DRAW



### Christina McHale - U.S.A.

Known for an aggressive baseline game, McHale has been recognized by the New York Times for her "booming" groundstrokes and fast footwork. She reached the third round of all four Grand

Slam tournaments, and represented the United States in the 2012 Olympics. In 2016, McHale won her first WTA title at the Japan Women's Open. Her career-high ranking is No. 24.



### Sachia Vickery - U.S.A.

Sachia first entered the top 100 in 2018 and eventually reached a career-high of No. 73. She reached the semi-finals at the 2018 Auckland Open and Monterrey Open. Vickery is a former USTA junior

national champion, and won three singles and two doubles titles on the ITF Women's Circuit.

## QUALIFYING DRAW



### Olga Govortsova - Belarus

With a career-high singles ranking of No. 35, Olga participated in all of the Grand Slam tournaments and reached the 4th round at Wimbledon in 2015, the 3rd round at the US Open in 2012 and Roland Garros in 2008 and 2009.



### Sofya Zhuk - Russia

At 19, Sofya is one of the youngest players in the qualifying draw. She won the Wimbledon Junior Girls title in 2015. Her career high ranking of 123 was reached in 2018 after reaching the finals at Newport Beach's 125K tournament.

## ENTRY LIST

### MAIN DRAW DIRECT ACCEPTANCE

### WTA RANKING

1	Monica NICULESCU (ROU)	102
2	Lin ZHU (CHN)	104
3	Christina MCHALE (USA)	105
4	Danka KOVINIC (MNE)	116
5	Ana BOGDAN (ROU)	126
6	Allie KLIICK (USA)	127
7	Varvara FLINK (RUS)	128
8	Katarina ZAVATSKA (UKR)	132
9	Anhelina KALININA (UKR)	139
10	Jasmine PAOLINI (ITA)	142
11	Kristina KUCOVA (SVK)	145
12	Sachia VICKERY (USA)	151
13	Jana CEPELOVA (SVK)	153
14	Bibiane SCHOOF (NED)	155
15	Martina TREVISAN (ITA)	157
16	Yanina WICKMAYER (BEL)	158
17	Jessika PONCHET (FRA)	169
18	Johanna LARSSON (SWE)	170
19	(Special Exempt, if needed)	
20	(Special Exempt, if needed)	

## LOCAL FAVORITES



Amber Robins is one of the best female players to come out of New England in recent years. She reached as high as No. 10 in the country for college singles and was inducted into the Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017. While currently a coach at the Tim Mayotte Tennis Academy, she competes regularly and is No. 5 in the country for Father-Daughter Doubles.



Brittany Collens is a local rising star and has been a student of Tim Mayotte's since turning pro less than 2 years ago. A native of Massachusetts and a former Division 1 player at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, she recently broke through

securing coveted singles and doubles points on the WTA tour. Her work ethic and passion for the game will push her to the very top!



Nastasya Semenovskiy is one of the most promising young players to emerge from New England and the T. Horeau Tennis Open is her professional debut. At 16, she is already one of the best doubles players in the nation, and is one of the top 5

juniors in New England in singles. She's won national titles in USTA indoor and clay court championships since beginning her training at the Tim Mayotte Tennis Academy.

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## 2019 TOURNAMENT

### ORGANIZATION

The Thoreau Club in collaboration with the Tim Mayotte Tennis Academy organizes the ITF World Tennis Tour "Thoreau Tennis Open" valid for assigning of points in the ITF and WTA world rankings, with a total prize money of 60K.

### REGISTRATION

Entries must be received in writing by ITF and closes 21 days before the tournament starts.

### DRAW

Main Singles Draw 32 players with 8 seeded players. 17-20 direct acceptance, 8 qualifiers, 4 wild cards, 0-2 special exempt, 0-1 junior exempt.

Doubles Main Draw 13 direct access pairs admitted based on the best combined ITF rankings, with 3 wild cards.

Doubles Main Draw 14 direct access pairs admitted based on the best combined ITF rankings, with 2 wild cards.

### SEEDING

In singles, seeding shall be based on the following order of priority:

A. Players with a WTA Singles Ranking from Monday seven (7) days before the Tournament Week. Ties shall be randomly drawn.

B. If seed positions remain available, players with an ITF World Tennis Singles Ranking from Monday seven (7) days before the Tournament Week. Ties shall be randomly drawn.

Players without a WTA or ITF World Tennis Singles Ranking shall not be seeded.

### LIMITS MEETINGS

- Singles Main Draw The best of three (3) tie-break sets, unless a "Modified Format" is otherwise approved by the ITF. Ad scoring must be used.

- Singles Qualifying The best of three sets, with two (2) tie-break sets, and if the score reaches one set all, one match tie-break game (10 points) shall be played to decide the match. Ad scoring must be used.

## EVENT CALENDAR

### MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Qualifying Singles First Round

Qualifying Singles Second Round

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Singles First Round

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Singles Round of 16

Doubles First Round

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Singles Quarterfinals

Doubles Quarterfinals

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Singles 1st Semifinal 3:30pm

live on Tennis Channel



Singles 2nd Semifinal to follow and not before 5pm

live on Tennis Channel Plus



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Doubles Final 12:30pm

live on Tennis Channel Plus



Singles Final 4pm

live on Tennis Channel



Awards Ceremony

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Player's Party



### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Play It Forward - Pro Am and

Cocktail Party to benefit

Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Pre-Finals Party

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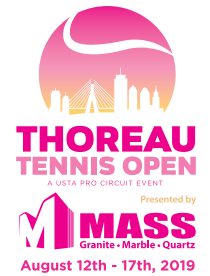
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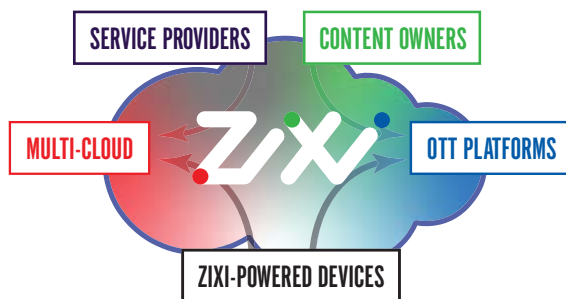


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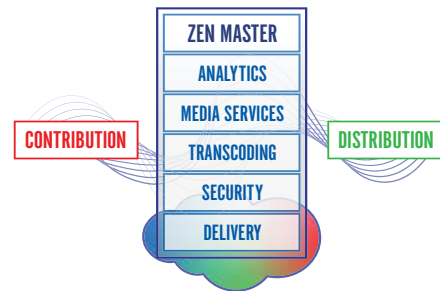
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