

## BONESHAKER WOMEN'S PRO TENNIS OF AUSTIN

AUSTIN, TX • JULY 20-27

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Polo Tennis & Fitness Club – Austin, Texas

**Websites:** [www.thepolotenniscub.com](http://www.thepolotenniscub.com)  
[procircuit.usta.com](http://procircuit.usta.com)

**Facebook:** The Polo Tennis Club

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Sunday, July 20

**Main Draw Begins:** Tuesday, July 22

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Hard / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$10,000

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### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$1,568	12
Runner-up	\$980	7
Semifinalist	\$490	4
Quarterfinalist	\$245	2
Round of 16	\$196	1
Round of 32	\$98	0

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$637
Runner-up	\$343
Semifinalist	\$196
Quarterfinalist	\$98
Round of 16	\$49

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Monday, July 21**

Pro-Am 5 p.m.; Silent Auction, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 22**

Ladies Clinic, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 26**

Kids' Clinic, 9 a.m.

### USTA PRO CIRCUIT RETURNS TO AUSTIN

The **Boneshaker Women's Pro Tennis of Austin** is taking place in Austin for the second consecutive year and was also held from 1992-98. It is one of four USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Texas this year (El Paso was held in June; Fort Worth will take place next week; and New Braunfels will be held in November) and is the second of four consecutive hard-court events to begin the summer hard-court season in preparation for the US Open.

Notable players competing in the main draw include:

Sixteen-year-old **Tornado Alicia Black**, who is No. 4 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. Black advanced to the final of the girls' singles event at the 2013 US Open Junior Championships. Immediately following the US Open, she won her first pro title at the \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Amelia Island, Fla. Also last year, Black reached the singles quarterfinals and won the doubles title at the prestigious Orange Bowl to break into the Top 10 of the junior world rankings. This year, Black reached the singles quarterfinals of junior Wimbledon and the

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doubles semifinals of the French Open. In July 2012, she made her WTA debut in the qualifying draw of the tournament in Washington, D.C.

**Mary Weatherholt**, who completed her college career in 2013 for the University of Nebraska, where she closed the greatest individual career in Nebraska women's tennis history as the 2013 NCAA singles finalist. She also reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship. With her results, Weatherholt became the first singles All-American in school history.

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**Alexa Guarachi**, who completed her college career for the University of Alabama in 2012. At Alabama, Guarachi earned All-SEC First Team honors. During her junior year, she was ranked as high as No. 14 in doubles in the ITA collegiate rankings and became part of the winningest doubles team in program history, partnering with Courtney McLane for 69 victories over three seasons. Guarachi won the first ITF-level title of her career this year in doubles at an event in Turkey, where she also reached the singles final.

**Catherine Harrison**, who was a part of the 2014 NCAA championship-winning UCLA team this past season. As a junior player, Harrison reached the doubles quarterfinals at the 2011 junior US Open with 2012 US Open girls' singles champion Samantha Crawford.

**Alexandra Cercone**, who graduated this year from the University of Florida, where she finished her college career with a 116-39 overall singles record. She ranked as high as No. 22 in singles in the ITA college rankings and No. 6 in doubles with Allie Will. In 2011, Cercone reached the quarterfinals in doubles of the NCAA Championships with Will. She holds one USTA Pro Circuit doubles title at the \$10,000 event in Atlanta in 2011.

**Danielle Mills**, who played for the University of South Florida and graduated in 2013. Mills holds two ITF-level doubles titles overseas.

*\*Player field subject to change*

## AUSTIN PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2013	Lauren Albanese (USA)	Ema Burgic (BIH)	2013	Ema Burgic (BIH) – Blair Shankle (USA)
1999-2012	Tournament Not Held	Tournament Not Held	1999-2012	Tournament Not Held
1998	Kristina Brandi (USA)	Meilen Tu (USA)	1998	Maureen Drake (CAN) – Lindsay Lee-Waters (USA)
1997	Emmanuelle Gagliardi (SUI)	Nana Miyagi (JPN)	1997	Sung-Hee Park (KOR) – Miho Saeki (JPN)
1996	Jane Chi (USA)	Olga Barabanschikova (BLR)	1996	Nana Miyagi (JPN) – Laxmi Poruri (USA)
1995	Li Chen (CHN)	Jing-Qian Yi (CHN)	1995	Shannan McCarthy (USA) – Julie Steven (USA)
1994	Tatjana Jecmenica (SRB)	Tatiana Panova (RUS)	1994	Sophie Amiach (FRA) – Tracey Morton (AUS)
1993	Helen Kelesi (CAN)	Elly Hakami (USA)	1993	Elly Hakami (USA) – Anne Mall (IRL)
1992	Elena Savoldi (ITA)	Iva Majoli (CRO)	1992	Kristen Dreyer (USA) – Stella Sampras (USA)

## USTA PRO CIRCUIT

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. Celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2014, the USTA Pro Circuit provides players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Mardy Fish, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Caroline Wozniacki, Sam Querrey, Victoria Azarenka and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit helped launch the careers of two young Americans—**Bradley Klahn** and **Shelby Rogers**. Former Stanford standout and 2010 NCAA champion **Klahn** was the 2013 USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$50,606 in earnings, reaching five USTA Pro Circuit singles finals and winning two singles titles: the \$15,000 Futures in Costa Mesa, Calif., in March, and the \$100,000 Challenger in Aptos, Calif., in August. The two singles titles were the first USTA Pro Circuit singles crowns of his career. Klahn also earned a USTA wild card into the 2013 US Open through a wild card challenge incorporating USTA Pro Circuit events. Klahn finished 2013 ranked in the Top 100 for the first time in his career after starting the year ranked outside the Top 250. Rogers was the 2013 women's USTA Pro Circuit Prize Money Leader with \$36,308 in earnings, winning three singles titles with prize money of \$50,000 or more (\$50,000 events in Charlottesville, Va., and Lexington, Ky., and the \$75,000 event in Albuquerque, N.M.). Rogers also earned a USTA wild card into both the French Open and the US Open by winning wild card challenges for the two Grand Slam tournaments utilizing a series of USTA Pro Circuit events. In her debut at the 2013 French Open, Rogers won her first round match. She peaked at No. 116 in the world in October 2013, rising more than 100 spots throughout the year. Both Klahn and Rogers train with the USTA Player Development program.



Shelby Rogers

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program identifies and develops the next generation of American champions by surrounding the top junior players and young pros with the resources, facilities and coaching they need to reach their maximum potential. The Player Development program is based at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and also utilizes Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a series of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the continental United States.

## YOUTH TENNIS

The USTA is making it easier and more fun for kids to get into the game—and stay in the game. Kids are learning to play faster than ever before through the USTA's youth initiative, which is geared toward getting more kids to participate in tennis using modified equipment and courts tailored to a child's size. For more information, visit [YouthTennis.com](http://YouthTennis.com).

## NJTL

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, along with Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder, the USTA/National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network is a nationwide group of more than 625 non-profit youth development organizations that provide free or low-cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 350,000 children each year. Celebrating its 44th anniversary this year, NJTL is one of the USTA's largest community-based offerings.

## US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

The USTA launched the US Open National Playoffs in 2010, making the US Open "open" to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. Last year, more than 1,000 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2013 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card. A mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a main draw mixed doubles wild card. Mayo Hibi, a 17-year-old Japanese player living in Irvine, Calif., won the 2013 US Open National Playoffs women's title and USTA Pro Circuit regular Jeff Dadamo of Tampa, Fla., won the men's wild card. Yasmin Schnack and Eric Roberson won mixed doubles. The 13 sectional qualifying tournaments for this year's US Open National Playoffs are in May and June, with championships in August. For more information, visit [www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs](http://www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs).

