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## Riviera Hosts Collegiate Grand Slam this Weekend

The Women's All-American Tennis Championship, which begins today at the Riviera Tennis Club, gives the public an early look at some of the top women's collegiate players in the nation—and is also the starting point for numerous friendships.

Since 1986, Riviera members have opened their homes during the WAATC (the first major collegiate tournament of the 2011-2012 season and the first leg of the NCAA grand slam) and provided players and coaches with accommodations, meals, company and encouragement.

Riviera members Serene and Ray Dillman have hosted WAATC participants for the past 15 years and started the tradition of creating a sign with each school's mascot to welcome their houseguests.

"We can't wait to meet our girls again this year," said Serene.

Meanwhile, longtime hosts Mike and Judy Tarre have housed more than 25 WAATC participants over 12 years and one player over that time stands out: Nataly Cahana.

As a freshman at Old Dominion

University in 2000, she stayed with the Tarres' for nine days. Cahana qualified for the tournament over the next three years and stayed with the Tarres' each time, making it to the finals twice.

Over the course of her stays, they formed a close friendship and the family remains close to Cahana to this day. The Tarres' attended her wedding in Virginia. Cahana later visited the family in Los Angeles with her husband Seth and the Tarres' look forward to hosting Cahana's daughter Shira if she competes in the future.

"The circle was completed," Nataly said, "when I returned a couple of years later to stay with them as a coach with my own players from Old Dominion when we participated at the WAATCs."

Everyone at the Riviera has come away impressed with the participants' playing skill, as well as their exemplary character.

Said Riviera member and tournament chair Jill Baldauf: "All the athlete scholars we've housed have been personable, bright and terrific role models, on and off the courts."

The public is invited to watch



Hilary Barte and Mallory Burdette of Stanford (left) accept the doubles' championship trophy, alongside Clemson's Keri Wong and Josipa Bek (right), at the 2010 Women's All-American Tennis Championship at the Riviera Tennis Club last October.

the Women's All-American Tennis Championships (WAATC) at the Riviera, today through Octo-

ber 9. There is no charge to attend. For further information, call the club at (310) 454-6162.



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