

Summary of November 9 to 11 North American Medical Tennis Championships

The first-time, highly competitive NAMTC at the USTA National Campus concluded with players expressing admiration for their colleagues who have maintained such a high level of tennis despite their busy medical practices, and gratitude for the chance to get together and compete. CME lectures organized by Dr. Cassidy Foley of the local Nemours Childrens Hospital were very well received, with members of the medical staff at the USTA campus and the Society for Tennis Medicine and Science sharing their views on mainly tennis medicine topics.

OPEN DIVISION SINGLES

Gold Stefan Hartmann, PA Melbourne, FL

Silver Phil Diaz, MD Ohio State University

OPEN DIVISION DOUBLES

Gold Jamie Saben, MD San Diego

Neeru Jayanthi, MD Atlanta, GA

Silver Bradley Goodman, MD Birmingham, AL

Michael Byman Melbourne Beach, FL

OPEN DIVISION MIXED DOUBLES

Gold Erin Boynton, MD Toronto, Canada

Neeru Jayanthi, MD Atlanta, GA

Silver Courtney Jenkins, PT Atlanta, GA

Reza Ghorbani, MD Chevy Chase, MD

55+ SINGLES

Gold Selim Benbadis, MD Tampa, FL

Silver Reza Ghorbani, MD Chevy Chase, MD

55+ DOUBLES

Gold Hugh Burris, MD Friendswood, TX

Ed LaCava, MD Kirkland, WA

Silver Vijay Subbanna, MD Fayetteville, NC

Yunxiang Zhu, MD Fayetteville, NC

The tournament was hard-fought, particularly the Open Division. Players competed in “Fast Fours,” an 8-person round robin of 25-minute sessions featuring incredibly contested points in the hot Florida sun to determine the finalists for the next morning’s final. The last person standing was the one woman, Courtney Jenkins, as the other seven players voted against playing the seventh Fast Four match!

The 55+ division had 16 physicians, who played a full compass draw of 10-game pro sets. Competition was tough but not as exhausting, and there were no casualties on the courts! Hopefully next year the Open group will attract enough players to have a similar format, and all of this year's players are deputized to recruit their qualifying friends with NTRPs of 4.0 and above – especially women – for the November 2019 event.