



## The IC of Russia celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

From 23<sup>rd</sup> till 25<sup>th</sup> of July, in Moscow, on hard courts of Belokamennaya School the International Tennis Championship has been held on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the International Tennis Club of Russia.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, the grand opening of the Championship and meeting of the captains took place, where the officials of the Russian Club, Yury Dmitrievich Laptev and Tatiana Lapteva, as well as the captains of the participating countries commented on the upcoming event to the mass-media representatives.

The Championship included three tournaments in the following age categories: men over 55 years – in the singles, men over 60 – in the doubles and men over 55 and ladies over 45 – in the mixed doubles. Such stars as James Nelson (USA), Manuel Monroe (Mexico), Niell Sweeney (Great Britain), Mas Kimball (Bahamas), Fernand Claude (Luxembourg), as well as our fellow nationals – Yury Khokhlov, Vyacheslav Minaichev, Michail Dibtsev, Elena Petina, Tatiana Popova and Elena Polyakova took part in the Championship.

The winner in the men singles tournament became the 55-year-old Jeff Winkler from the USA, winners in the doubles are Manuel Monroe and Raul Kontreras from Mexico, and in the mixed doubles the first place took Mas and Sue Kimball from Bahamas. Based on the total of the won matches in all three tournaments of the main draw, the winner of the Championship became team of the Club of Mexico.

There has been no similar event in Russia so far. It drew the attention of the top-level officials from the Russian Tennis Federation, the Embassy of Mexico and representatives of the international and Russian mass-media.