

Dueling Doubles reignites doubles competition

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The Guam National Tennis Federation this weekend brought back an event that has lain dormant for more than a decade, which was attended by members of the island's tennis community of all ages.

The Dueling Doubles Tournament took place on Saturday and Sunday at Hagatna's Ninete Tennis Center and the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa and featured some fierce doubles competition for tennis fans throughout the weekend in men and women's divisions in various skill levels.

Tournament director Bill Camacho said the event was a nice return for pure doubles action, and provided a good time for all involved.

"It went well," he said. "We haven't done this in 10 to 15 years and we just decided to bring it back. Of course we had some young people competing – it was a lot of fun."

With Saturday's matches serving to whittle down the competition for Sunday's final rounds, several victors were crowned with tournament wins.

The duo of Torgun Smith and Kayoko Sugahara bested their mixed open doubles competition, defeating Kimberly Borders and Camacho in two, 6-3 sets.

The group on Saturday advanced with a defeat over Chris Blalack and Diane Lee (6-2; 5-7 and 10-7), while Camacho/Borders advanced with a win against Joseph Cruz and AleaMarie Dugan.

Smith picked up another overall division win alongside Marten Lai in the men's open doubles in a match against Adam Rudolph and Clifton May, which ended in two sets, 6-4 and 6-2.

The two defeated Joseph Cruz and David McCall to earn their spot in the finals, 6-3 and 7-6,

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while their final round opponents bested Camacho and Blalack to advance.

In the mixed, 8.0 skill level doubles, the top-seeded team of Chloe Gadsden – who also picked up a women’s 4.0 win with her sister, Amber – and David McCall knocked down Benson Au-Yeung and April Flores in a 6-2 and 6-4 match to win the title. The team advanced to the finals in a match against David and Andrea Lai, which they dominated in two sets as well, 6-1 and 6-2.

Camacho said the event was also held in part to get the community ready for the end of the month’s Guam Future Tournament, a professional circuit event recognized by the United States Tennis Federation.

We wanted to ramp up and get everyone jazzed for the future,” he said. “It’s comparable to something like a minor league professional event. We’re excited.”

Additional division winners, provided by the Guam National Tennis Federation:

Men’s 2.0: John Anthony and David Okuhama
Men’s 3.0: Kevin Shibuya and Ranmaru Shimoda
Men’s 4.0: EmilChristian Penafiel and Swami
Men’s 4.5: Joven Acosta and Darryl Navarro
Women’s 2.0: Enedina Jacob and Teresa John
Women’s 4.0: Amber Gadsden and Chloe Gadsden
Mixed 6.0: Enedina Jacob and Joshua Cepeda
Mixed 7.0: Camdyn Nadler and Kenta Tanimoto