

# Mission Statement

(adopted at Strategic Planning retreat on January 18, 2012)  
Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis partners with the City of Atlanta to promote the game of tennis, and sustain and enhance Bitsy Grant's historic public tennis and recreational park.

## Friends of Bitsy Grant Board of Directors

Greg Mauldin (President) Alston & Bird LLP	Lee King Independent Tennis Professional	Scot Dimon The Westminster Schools
Philip Law (Vice President) Bank of America	William King The Commodores	Margurite O'Neal
Manning Fairey (Secretary) Jackson Spalding	Sara Siegel Pace Academy	Lee Nunnally WH Capital, LLC
Jennings Pitts (Treasurer) Bennett Thrasher	Theo Rudnak Portfolio Center	James Mills Dominium Benefits, LLC
Mary Ann Hart	Justin Boller Invesco	Job J. Milfort Prioleau & Milfort

## Friends of Bitsy Grant Board Committees\*

\*President Greg Mauldin and Barbara Howell are ex officio of all committees.  
Please let Greg Mauldin or any committee chairman know if you are interested in getting involved.

### Advisory Committee

Peter Howell (Chairman)  
Mel Locklear  
Ernie Garrison  
Dan Lyon

### Events/Programs Committee

Margurite O'Neal (Chairman)  
Peter Howell  
Job Milfort  
Lee Nunnally  
Sara Siegel  
Scot Dimon  
Lee King  
Joe Massey  
Mitchell Green  
Amy Mason (ex officio)

### Finance Committee

Jennings Pitts (Chairman)  
Philip Law  
Lee Nunnally  
Justin Boller  
Mel Locklear

### Building and Grounds Committee

Justin Boller (Chairman)  
Theo Rudnak  
Mel Locklear  
Mary Ann Hart  
Allie Cochran  
William King  
Harvey Brickley  
Tim Noonan (ex officio)

### Fundraising Committee

Manning Fairey (Chairman)  
James Mills  
Philip Law  
Sara Siegel

## Memorials

**In Memory Of Chuck Driebe**  
Charles Anderson & David Bouseman  
Susan Bridges  
Jim and Debby Driebe  
Genie Goode  
Rosemary Driebe Olofsson & family  
Richard Smith  
Marianne & Terrence Snyder & family  
Linda Summerlin  
Jack Turbiville  
State Bar of Georgia  
Anne Driebe Vari

**In Memory Of Ned Neely**  
J. Grant Wilmer, Jr

**In Memory Of Hattie Grant**  
Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Howell  
Frances Nunnally

**In Memory Of Dr. J. Grant Wilmer**  
Catherine Wilmer de Ladoucette  
Dr. Charles I. Wilmer  
J. Grant Wilmer, Jr  
Knox R. Wilmer

**In Memory of Mary Stuart Bland**  
The Henderson Family

**In Memory Of Caroline Bethea**  
Joan Keller

**In Memory Of Jimbo Howell**  
Donna Howell

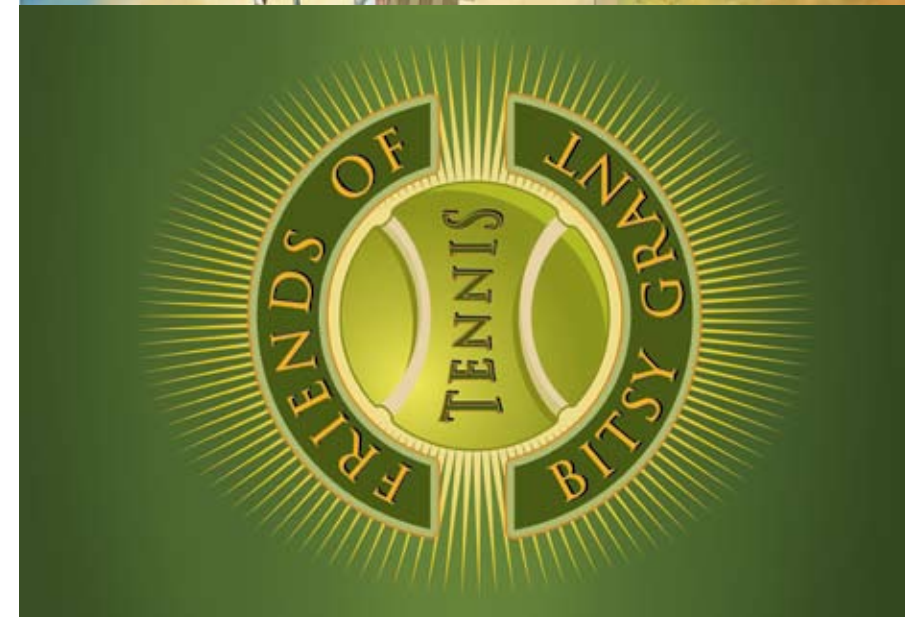
**In Memory Of Larry Shippey**  
Robert and Gayle Nichols



Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis  
1266 W. Paces Ferry Drive, NE  
Box 113  
Atlanta, GA 30327

To donate go to:  
[www.bitsytennis.com](http://www.bitsytennis.com)  
click on donate under Friends.

Questions? Call 404-575-0898  
eMail: [Bitsytennis@comcast.net](mailto:Bitsytennis@comcast.net)



## 2011 Annual Gifts

Jerry Shell  
Laura Garner  
Michael Maxwell

## Letter from the President

### 2011 was a milestone year for the Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis: Renovation

In 2011, we completed funding and construction for the tennis center renovation. This effort required partnerships with the City of Atlanta and Park Pride and contributions from over 500 individuals. I would like to thank everyone who made the renovation successful.

In particular, I would like to thank Jack Pyborn, Allie Cochran and Robbie Wanderman from LAS for their efforts. A special thank you also goes to Mel Locklear, who was our building Chairman, and who spent countless hours each day making difficult construction decisions.

### National Tournament

The renovation was completed just in time to host the American Tennis Association National Tournament on July 31, the first national tournament hosted at BG since 1988. Special thanks are due to Margurite O'Neal, who served as co-chair for the event with the Friends and ATA.

The tournament was followed by our 3rd successful Georgia State Adult/Senior Open. Thank you to Job Milfort and Peter Howell for their successful leadership on that event. And there is more good news—we have been awarded the tournament again for 2012.

Special thanks to Allie Richardson, chairman of the Bitsy Open, for the party and celebration officially opening the Clubhouse on Saturday, August 6.

### Board

I would like to thank Susan Harris who helped serving on the Board. Both Lee Nunnally and William King have been elected to their 2nd 3-year terms. I'm also very glad to welcome to the Board:

- Margurite O'Neal
- Jennings Pitts
- Theo Rudnak

Thank you to our officers for the past year:

- Philip Law, who served as Vice President and Development Committee Chairman
- Lee Nunnally, who has served as Treasurer for the past 3 years
- Manning Fairey, who served as Secretary, for her help with the website, marketing and communications

Finally, I would like to thank Barbara Howell for her work with the database and newsletters, as well as her coordination of all projects and keeping everyone on track.

### Strategic Planning & 2012 Goals

After 5 years of focusing on the restoration of Bitsy Grant, the Board began planning its new, post-renovation focus. To guide the process, the Board contracted with Cindy Cheatham from the Georgia Nonprofit Center to create a strategic plan for the Friends.

Cheatham conducted two focus groups and created a survey for our members and patrons about their future priorities. The survey results informed the Friends of Bitsy Grant Strategic Plan, now available on our website under "Friends of Bitsy Grant."

Cheatham's research also showed us that members want financial reports made available to donors, to ensure accountability and the responsible use of donated funds. So we have also included a breakdown of renovation expenses on our website, right next to the strategic plan. We hope you find both the plan and budget useful, as we begin this new chapter for the Friends.

Thank you again to everyone for another successful year,

*Gregory B. Mauldin*

## Notes from the Net

### Bitsy Grant Tennis Center Included In Historic Atlanta Landmarks Tour

The Bitsy Grant Tennis Center was featured in the Atlanta Preservation Center's annual tour of historic Atlanta landmarks. Hosted by members of DOCOMOMO's local chapter, the tour celebrated the original 1952 Aeck & Associates building's Modern architectural character, as well the building's recent restoration by Lord Aeck & Sargent (LAS). DOCOMOMO is a non-profit organization that documents and conserves the buildings and sites of the Modern Movement.

On another note, Bitsy Grant has also been nominated for an Excellence in Rehabilitation award by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Winners will be announced April 20th in Roswell, GA.

### Bitsy Grant To Host Pro-Am in Memory of Jerry Kirk

May 2, 3:00-7:00 pm

Join friends and pros for the Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis Pro-Am on May 2nd. The Pro-Am will honor longtime Bitsy Grant player and friend Jerry Kirk, who died December 19th, 2011 at his home on Overbrook. Originally from Florida, Kirk was a walk-on player at Georgia Tech, and later became a tennis pro at the Capital City Club and the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center.

He was an accomplished doubles player, winning many state, Southern, National, and International Tennis Federation titles. He could be found almost daily hitting on the wall at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center. Friends plan to dedicate the practice wall in memory of him during the Pro-Am.

Independent tennis professional Mitchell Green is chairing the Pro-Am committee, which includes Lee King, Philip Law, Eben Hardie, Peter Howell, and Hugh Thomson. The event has been scheduled to coincide with the annual Atlanta Senior Invitational, with hopes that it too will become an annual event.

The entry fee is \$100 per amateur (with pros donating their time in memory of Jerry), and proceeds will go to the Friends of Bitsy Grant for facility maintenance and improvements.



To register for the event, go to [www.bitsytennis.com](http://www.bitsytennis.com) and click "DONATE" (your contribution guarantees you a space). For questions, contact Mitchell at [MRKG25@att.net](mailto:MRKG25@att.net).

### 4th Annual Georgia State Adult/Senior Open Tennis Championship

August 4-8, Time TBA

For the 4th consecutive year, the Friends will host the Georgia State Adult/Senior Open Tennis Championship, one of 4 state championships. The tournament is open to players of all ages, and players from outside of Georgia can also compete. Prize money will be awarded in the Men's and Women's Open events, and awards given in all Senior events.

Divisions: Men's and Women's Open 25-80, singles and doubles, single elimination; there is also Open mixed doubles, father-son and mother-daughter. There will be ladies NTRP 3.5 and 4.0 doubles in the 50, 60 and 70 age groups.

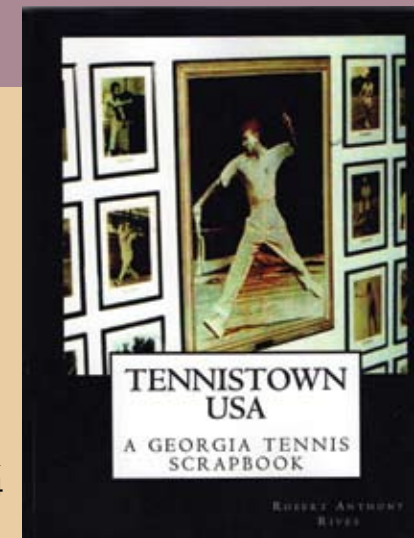
To register, visit <http://tennislink.usta.com/TOURNAMENTS/>, and search Tournament Entry ID: 700005712. For more information, contact tournament Chair Peter Howell at [pdhowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdhowell@bellsouth.net).

### Hot off the Press: Tennistown USA, by Robert Anthony Rives

May 13, 2:00-4:00 pm

Robert Anthony Rives has just put the finishing touches on his book, *Tennistown USA: A Georgia Tennis Scrapbook* (ISBN 13-9781461132806). The book covers 100 years of Georgia's tennis history, and features photos, biographies, & anecdotes about Georgia's biggest tennis heroes, including players on Bitsy Grant's "Wall of Champions." The book is 144 pages, and all profits will go to the Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis for facility improvements.

The book is currently available for \$19.95 through Amazon.com or author's E-store (<https://wwwcreatespace.com/3604148>). The author will be at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center on Sunday, May 13, 2:00-4:00 pm to sign books.



### Bitsy Grant Legacy Society

The Bitsy Grant Legacy Society was established to recognize and honor those who provided for the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center in their estate plans. Gift commitments may be made by bequest intention in a will or living trust, as well as in a variety of ways that provide tax benefits and income for life to the donor.

Your gift will provide support for the Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis' programming, and maintenance and care of the Center in perpetuity. As a Legacy Society member, you demonstrate your commitment to ensuring that the 1952 award winning Tennis Center and state of the art courts will be maintained and preserved.

