

The Tuxedo Club is proud to host the
2010 Real Tennis World Championship Final Eliminator
March 18 - 21

The Tuxedo Club, on the eve of its 125th anniversary, has won the honor of hosting the Real Tennis World Championship Final Eliminator, the oldest, existing world championship in the history of sport. The only sporting event that shares the same historical span of time is the Olympics. Championship records date back to 1740 when Clerge the Elder of France, held the title. The world championship has been handed over only 24 times in its long history on sites all over the world. Better known as Court Tennis in the US, Real Tennis is the father of the modern game of tennis played today as well as all racquet sports, and dates back to the 12th century when monasteries and courtyards of France lent their walls to the hand-ball game known as *Jeu de Paume*.

The match will be held over a four day period and will have the original world championship format of 4 sets on the 18th, 4 sets on the 20th and the remaining amount of sets on the 21st to determine a winner.

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Details of the event will be forthcoming shortly, including a schedule of events and how and when to purchase tickets.