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Those players who became a part of WCT, especially the early ones who signed on, helped to change something that was in sore need of change," said Lamar Hunt, Jr., son of the tour's owner and promoter, the late Lamar Hunt.  [[https://ci4.googleusercontent.com/proxy/utw4JmPf6y5ZsYFbwyP4hbIRjZewAvYqrhme_biwXtgV3SlQ8wUgqFk9pwWLDixy_cUjJ_lOZQzXEhJsVQOckA51P-KeLf95ofXwittw87nhx-hq=s0-d-e1-ft#http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs188/1101308282145/img/3391.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_bddYEdknAxJsNceaUMkY8-2jpHr9rn4jGdT1qisqeZJu37nWkXFqlm8SAnw2ik1AzAQD5B7iKCXfB3ymCsouMdHS-COlDZiM8px4YHlLSWYcKvGEgGITww5NeERZpqabstANAm3L6n6K4jX1_-31yc8kPc0n2Sq1BTK5neS6RAD6roKYkqTKBDbHEK59ATnSrycr1ScHn7yEAgHzMOe0MXdKUID1lqTSN5DlUfa3mbUZqIFgI6bwQ==&c=NOK0mZHbb8kCs0ffl-2HB_zWtBz7SQUzRQb7hsR8R6rJ12-gd4wQiQ==&ch=KaZWjamHMGkcGksDkWRPGNO7nfR5DAQF0NJfH3H3tm2mhgaA0E6obg==)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_bddYEdknAxJsNceaUMkY8-2jpHr9rn4jGdT1qisqeZJu37nWkXFqlm8SAnw2ik1AzAQD5B7iKCXfB3ymCsouMdHS-COlDZiM8px4YHlLSWYcKvGEgGITww5NeERZpqabstANAm3L6n6K4jX1_-31yc8kPc0n2Sq1BTK5neS6RAD6roKYkqTKBDbHEK59ATnSrycr1ScHn7yEAgHzMOe0MXdKUID1lqTSN5DlUfa3mbUZqIFgI6bwQ==&c=NOK0mZHbb8kCs0ffl-2HB_zWtBz7SQUzRQb7hsR8R6rJ12-gd4wQiQ==&ch=KaZWjamHMGkcGksDkWRPGNO7nfR5DAQF0NJfH3H3tm2mhgaA0E6obg==)The world premiere of *WCT: The Road to Open Tennis*will be held at the Casino Theatre at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I. on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 pm.   Hall of Famers Cliff Drysdale, Butch Buchholz, and Mike Davies will all attend the premiere and participate in a pre-film cocktail reception and a post-film panel discussion to be moderated by tennis historian Steve Flink.  Drysdale and Buchholz were members of The Handsome Eight of World Championship Tennis - the tour's first players. Davies served as Executive Director of WCT from 1968-1981 and was pivotal in the tour's success, putting then radical ideas into play such as television broadcasts of matches. Members of the Hunt family will also participate in the premiere, including Al Hill, Jr. and Lamar Hunt, Jr., who served as a ball boy in his father's venture.  Hunt, Jr. commented, "The film showcases the challenges WCT faced, as well as how the tour and the players who were involved in it really paved the way for pro tennis as we know it today. As WCT played such a pivotal role in the history of tennis, it was a natural fit to premiere the film at the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum, which does such a tremendous job of preserving and celebrating the rich history of the sport. We look forward to a great night in Newport."  Tickets for the film are $15 for the general public and $10 for Hall of Fame Members.  Tickets for the film and the pre-show cocktail reception are $75 for non-members and $65 for Hall of Fame Members. Tickets are available now on [tennisfame.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_bddYEdknAxJsNceaUMkY8-2jpHr9rn4jGdT1qisqeZJu37nWkXFqlm8SAnw2ik1AzAQD5B7iKCXfB3ymCsouMdHS-COlDZiM8px4YHlLSWYcKvGEgGITww5NeERZpqabstANAm3L6n6K4jX1_-31yc8kPc0n2Sq1BTK5neS6RAD6roKYkqTKBDbHEK59ATnSrycr1ScHn7yEAgHzMOe0MXdKUID1lqTSN5DlUfa3mbUZqIFgI6bwQ==&c=NOK0mZHbb8kCs0ffl-2HB_zWtBz7SQUzRQb7hsR8R6rJ12-gd4wQiQ==&ch=KaZWjamHMGkcGksDkWRPGNO7nfR5DAQF0NJfH3H3tm2mhgaA0E6obg==) or by calling [401-849-3990](tel:401-849-3990).    *WCT: The Road to Open Tennis* features historic match footage of some of the greatest players of all time, interspersed with interviews with key individuals involved with the tour. Butch Buchholz, Cliff Drysdale, and Dennis Ralston, who were among the tour's first players are featured, along with the leaders who were hard at work to make it all possible, including Mike Davies and Al Hill, Jr.  The film was produced with the support of the family of the late Lamar Hunt and his nephew Al Hill, Jr.  For additional information visit [tennisfame.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_bddYEdknAxJsNceaUMkY8-2jpHr9rn4jGdT1qisqeZJu37nWkXFqlm8SAnw2ik1AzAQD5B7iKCXfB3ymCsouMdHS-COlDZiM8px4YHlLSWYcKvGEgGITww5NeERZpqabstANAm3L6n6K4jX1_-31yc8kPc0n2Sq1BTK5neS6RAD6roKYkqTKBDbHEK59ATnSrycr1ScHn7yEAgHzMOe0MXdKUID1lqTSN5DlUfa3mbUZqIFgI6bwQ==&c=NOK0mZHbb8kCs0ffl-2HB_zWtBz7SQUzRQb7hsR8R6rJ12-gd4wQiQ==&ch=KaZWjamHMGkcGksDkWRPGNO7nfR5DAQF0NJfH3H3tm2mhgaA0E6obg==)  or call [401-849-3990](tel:401-849-3990).    ###  **About the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum**  Established in 1954, the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum is a non-profit institution dedicated to preserving the history of tennis, inspiring and encouraging junior tennis development, providing a landmark for tennis enthusiasts worldwide, and enshrining tennis heroes and heroines with the highest honor in the sport of tennis- induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. In 1986, the International Tennis Federation, the governing body of tennis, officially recognized the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum as the sport's official Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is located in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, on a six-acre property that features an extensive museum chronicling the history of the sport and honoring the 240 Hall of Famers; 13 grass tennis courts and an indoor tennis facility that are open to the public and to a club membership; a rare Court Tennis facility; and an historic 297-seat theatre. Annually in July, the venue hosts the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships for the Van Alen Cup, an ATP World Tour event. The buildings and grounds, which were constructed in 1880 by McKim, Mead & White to serve as a social club for Newport's summer residents, are renowned for their incredible architecture and preservation. The facility was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987. The Hall of Fame is supported by major sponsors including Rolex Watch U.S.A., Inc., American Express, EMC, Alex and Ani, Chubb Personal Insurance, Michelob ULTRA, and Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyards. For information on the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum and its programs, call [401-849-3990](tel:401-849-3990) or visit us online at [www.tennisfame.com](http://www.tennisfame.com/). | | | |  | | --- | |  | | |
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