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Bose Earns Silver and Bronze Balls in Singles and Mixed Doubles at USTA National Open Grass Court Championships at The International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI August 18-23, 2015

Winter Haven's Alex Bose, owner of Bose Tennis, Inc. competed in the USTA National Open Grass Court Championships held at The International Tennis Hall of Fame Museum and Club in Newport, RI August 18-23, 2015. This tournament is one of only four events hosted by the USTA annually, and considered the 'grand slams' of the organization. As the highest sanctioned non-professional tournaments they draw the country's superior level players competing for prize money as well as the prestigious gold, silver, and bronze tennis balls awarded exclusively at USTA National Events.

National open level events generally consist of elite NCAA tennis players as well as up and coming and former ATP tour players and Newport was no exception. In Men's Open Singles Bose, 39, competed in a difficult draw of 64 players. In four wins he knocked off two seeded players before being defeated in the semi-finals by #1 seed Danny Riggs, one of the nations top players and grandson of Bobby Riggs former #1 in the world. Bouncing back, Bose defeated the #4 seed, Mario Bacerra 6-4; 6-1 to claim third place and the coveted bronze tennis ball.

However, the real cinderella story of the tournament came when Alex Bose paired with Winter Haven resident Jennifer Myers, a USTA 4.0 rated player, to win three matches against top open level mixed doubles teams en route to the championship match before succumbing to #1 seeded Danny Riggs and European partner Alina Jane De Alcantra. Following the match Bose had this to say, "I am not aware of any 4.0 rated player that has ever earned a silver tennis ball in the history of the USTA Open Level National Championships. Having played at professional grand slam events all over the world, I rank this victory as one of my greatest tennis accomplishments." He went on to say about his partner, "I am very proud of Jennifer for achieving this incredible feat that so many life-long tennis players can only dream of. Jenn has worked incredibly hard on her game proving dedication and hard work open many doors to success."

Jennifer Myers is an avid recreational player captaining Women's and Mixed Doubles teams for the Polk County Tennis Association and USTA out of Cypresswood Golf and Country Club in Winter Haven.

Alex Bose resides in Winter Haven and is one of the top tennis teaching professionals in the country. He is certified at the highest level by both the PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) and USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association).

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Alex Bose and Jennifer Myers with their second place silver balls at the USTA Open Grass Court Nationals.



Alex Bose receives the bronze ball at the USTA Open Grass Court Nationals.



Alina Jane De Alcantra, Danny Riggs, Alex Bose and Jennifer Myers pose at the USTA Open Grass Court Nationals.

