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### PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA ANNOUNCED AS SITE OF THE 6th ANNUAL "LITTLE MO" INTERNATIONALS

December 7-12, 2012  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

*Open to all boys and girls from the USA and worldwide (ages 8-12)*

(Dallas, TX) The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation announced the beautiful PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida will be the site of the 6th annual "Little Mo" International Open tennis tournament. Neighboring, BallenIsles Country Club will also host many of the early round matches. The event will be held from December 7-12, 2012 and it will be the premier challenge for youngsters to compete against players from other countries who are their same age: 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

The tournament is open to any player worldwide age 12 & under. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be offered with all matches played on full 78' Har-Tru clay courts. For ages 8, 9 and 10, there will be a choice: play with the traditional yellow ball or the green dot ball. For ages 11 & 12, matches will be played with the yellow ball. (The 11's division will be "flighted" by birth year in order for players to play against others their same age with the yellow ball.)

Registration will be online: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org) and click on Tournaments. For information on accommodations at the PGA National Resort & Spa, visit [here](#).

"We are most excited to be the host site for this premier event," said Bob Wuhman, director of tennis at the PGA National Resort & Spa. "The MCB Tennis Foundation and 'Little Mo' have had a major influence on junior tennis worldwide and it is with great pride that we are able to showcase this young tennis talent at our resort and at BallenIsles."

Many champions, including Andy Roddick, have come through the "Little Mo" program in its 35 year history. Roddick won the "Little Mo" event in 1992 at 10 years of age. At that time, he lived in Austin, Texas and the event was for Texas players only. Roddick said, "The 'Little Mo' was my first big win!" He continues to be very supportive of the "Little Mo". Other former "Little Mo" champions such as Ryan Harrison and Donald Young are moving up the pro ranks.

"We are thrilled the 'Little Mo' Internationals will be held at the PGA National Resort & Spa and BallenIsles, and we know it will be the ideal setting for international players and parents," said Carol Weyman, executive vice-president of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation. "Youngsters will have a chance to meet players from other countries, gauge their skills against players their same age, learn good sportsmanship, and enjoy the game without the pressure of rankings. We also want to introduce the name Maureen 'Little Mo' Connolly and her accomplishments to youngsters worldwide."

PGA National Resort & Spa's \$65 million luxurious reinvention firmly solidifies its place as a premier AAA 4-Diamond resort, golf and meeting destination. The contemporary 379-room resort not only holds a distinguished 28-year legacy of professional golf tournament play including the Ryder Cup and PGA Championship, but also offers guests an outstanding array of luxurious amenities such as the soothing spa, expansive health & racquet club and multiple gourmet dining experiences. While BallenIsles Country Club, a Platinum Club of America, and Organization of the Year winner, will provide their impressive Sports Complex and stadium court to the participants.

In 1953, a young girl named Maureen Connolly won the Grand Slam of tennis. She was the first woman to ever capture this elusive crown by winning the Australian, French, Wimbledon, and U.S. Championships in one calendar year. She was only 18 years old when she accomplished this magnificent feat. Maureen was known as the incomparable "Little Mo".

The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation has benefitted tens of thousands of boys and girls throughout the country and the world during its 44 year history. The foundation runs multiple tournaments and programs including the "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" circuit (sectional/regional/national events for high performance players ages 7-11), and the "Mini Mo" tournament (for beginning players ages 5-10). Additionally, the foundation organizes the "Little Mo" Internationals-Forest Hills, New York (ages 8-12) and the Connolly Challenge Trophy, an international team competition between the top USA and British (girls 18 & under).

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