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## Pro tennis players Bryan brothers coming to Courtside Racquet Club

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When Ken Schapiro headed to Wimbledon in June, he had high hopes of bringing professional tennis stars Bob and Mike Bryan to Courtside Racquet Club, where he is a managing partner.

Schapiro's dream became a reality when he met up with former pro tennis player Justin Gimelstob while in England, and the Bryan brothers — one of the top-ranked men's doubles teams in the world — will highlight the first Condor Capital Charity Open on Dec. 1 at the Clinton-based club.

The pro-am tournament will benefit the Justin Gimelstob Children's Fund, which supports children's organizations in New Jersey and New York. The club will have seating for about 500 spectators.

"We are extremely pleased to have attracted world-class players like the Bryan brothers for this exciting event," said Ken Schapiro, founder and president of Condor Capital, an investment firm in the Martinsville section of Bridgewater. "As tennis fans, we admire the Bryan brothers, and as parents, we admire the work of the Gimelstob Children's Fund, so the tournament is really an outstanding opportunity to bring a special tennis talent to our community while supporting an organization that really makes a difference for children."

Identical twins who have become famous for their success on the court as well as their uncanny ability to move completely in sync when competing, the Bryan brothers are widely considered one of the best tennis doubles teams of all time.

Winners of eight Grand Slam titles, the Bryans recently won their 62nd career doubles title, breaking the all-time record they had shared with the Australian Hall of Fame team of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde.

"Like many twins, they share just about everything, but the Bryan brothers are unique," said Schapiro, who has received sponsorships for the event from AAA Worldwide Transportation, Flemington BMW, Metropolitan Seafood Company and Peapack-Gladstone Bank. "On the court, they do everything in sync — bouncing before a serve, grabbing their racket at the same time. It's almost like synchronized swimming — it's very interesting to watch."

The Bryans will compete in the tournament, participate in a 90-minute tennis clinic and take part in a private reception for sponsors.

## Additional Facts

MORE INFO

To learn more about the pro-am tennis tournament to benefit the Justin Gimelstob Children's Fund, call 908-713-1144, e-mail [infoatcourtside@courtsideracquet.com](mailto:infoatcourtside@courtsideracquet.com) or visit [www.courtsideracquet.com](http://www.courtsideracquet.com).

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