

# JAY BERGER FEELING AT HOME AT IBIS

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If you had visited The Club at Ibis a few years ago, you would have thought you were in tennis heaven, with programming and facilities that were the epitome within the member-owned, private club industry. Led by former USPTA President Chuck Gill, Ibis's tennis program flourished under his professional staff and leadership.

Which makes it all the more impressive that Gill, while seeking to improve the member experience, sought out legendary coach and player Jay Berger to add to their Ibis team in the fall of 2017. Tennis enthusiasts in this much-awarded club haven't been happier.

Berger, a South Florida native, was once ranked as high as No. 7 in the world, won three ATP tournaments, and reached the quarterfinals of the French and US Opens. During his professional career, Jay had notable wins over Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, and Mats Wilander.

Jay found his way to Ibis following a 15-year coaching career with the United States Tennis Association and was head of men's tennis for nine years.

He has served as an Olympic coach for the 2008, 2012, and 2016 Games with his players winning six Olympic medals. A Davis Cup player himself, Jay served as the Davis Cup



coach for 13 years and has coached junior, collegiate and professional players for 25 years. His son Daniel is an avid golfer who competes on the PGA Tour and represented the US in the Presidents Cup. They are the only father-son combination to have been

ranked in the top 20 in tennis and golf, and the first father-son to represent the US in both Davis Cup and the Presidents Cup.

In his role at Ibis, Jay is available for group and private lessons and works with Ibis's professional staff in creating a vibrant schedule of events. He continues to coach USA player Reilly Opelka, whose recent title at the New York Open vaulted him into a career high #56 on the ATP tour. Since his arrival, members have been thrilled to watch exhibitions and matches with the Bryan brothers, Coco Gauff, Danielle Collins, Opelka, and Jim Courier.

Gill's tenacious drive to keep improving their tennis program has not gone unnoticed by those in the tennis world. Last year he was selected to the USTA National Board of Directors and The Club at Ibis was voted the 2018 Private Tennis Facility of the Year by Tennis Industry Magazine. "We feel we won the lottery having Jay here at Ibis," said Gill. "He is the consummate professional and most importantly the members are thrilled to have Jay on the courts, whether participating in one his clinics, taking a private lesson, or just talking tennis. Jay has brought the same approach that was so successful on the tour to our club members. It has truly raised the standard of how tennis instruction is delivered at clubs."

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