



## ABOUT SCLERODERMA AND THE SCLERODERMA FOUNDATION

Scleroderma is among the least known and most devastating of autoimmune diseases, frequently leading to disfigurement, reduced mobility, failure of the body's major organ systems (primarily the heart, lungs, kidneys, and GI Track) and hardening of the skin. In its most severe forms, scleroderma can be fatal. Scleroderma is caused by the over-production of collagen in the body's major organ systems. Collagen is the primary substance of scar tissue, so as the collagen levels increase, it causes scarring (sclerosis), which leads to reduced organ functionality.

Medical experts estimate that there are 300,000 people in the United States who have scleroderma, the same number of people who have multiple sclerosis (MS), although there is less awareness of scleroderma among the general public. The majority of those affected are women, but the disease also affects men and children.

The Scleroderma Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing patient support educational services, as well as funding medical research. The Foundation has a network of more than 160 chapters and support groups throughout the United States and is the leading nonprofit organization funding peer-reviewed research to find the cause and cure for scleroderma.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Scleroderma Foundation  
300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105  
Danvers, MA 01923



The Spring Swing Doubles Tennis Tournament will benefit the Scleroderma Foundation, a national non-profit patient support, education and research organization dedicated to serving the needs and concerns of those living with the autoimmune disease scleroderma.

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1-800-722-HOPE (4673)

E-mail: [springswing@scleroderma.org](mailto:springswing@scleroderma.org)

### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Elaine Gerstein & Harriet Schiele, *Co-Chairs*

Sherry Beckman  
Joanne Hofmann  
Sherry Koban



## SPRING SWING DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*at the beautiful*

PGA National Resort & Spa  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida



Saturday  
**MARCH 21, 2009**

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**DATE:** Saturday, March 21, 2009  
Rain date, March 22, 2009

**TIME:** Breakfast/Registration  
7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.  
Play will begin promptly  
at 9:00 a.m.

**DIVISIONS:** Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and  
Open (4.5 and above)

**Women's doubles play only. Matches will be played with no-ad scoring. Organizers reserve the right to place players in appropriate levels.**

**Please call 561-339-3821 or 561-627-2627 after 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 18, 2009 or visit [www.scleroderma.org](http://www.scleroderma.org) for starting times and pairings.**



Players will receive a commemorative tote bag with goodies, continental breakfast, lunch, and awards. Silent auction and raffle will be held court-side.

Register to play by filling out the enclosed response piece or register on line at [www.scleroderma.org](http://www.scleroderma.org) or by calling 1-800-722-HOPE (4673).

Inquiries may be made via e-mail to [springswing@scleroderma.org](mailto:springswing@scleroderma.org)



- Yes!** I will participate.
- I want \_\_\_\_ number of 50/50 raffle books (5 tickets) at \$20.00 each; or \_\_\_\_ tickets at \$10.00 each. (Raffle tickets will be mailed to you upon payment.)
- No, I will be unable to participate, but here is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### ENTRY FEES

\$65.00 per person

### DEADLINE TO ENTER: MARCH 15, 2009

Checks payable to: **Scleroderma Foundation**

#### Credit Card Contributions (check one)

VISA    MasterCard    American Express

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as it appears on the card)

Credit Card # : \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_

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**For questions, call 800-722-4673  
M - F. 8:30-5:00, Eastern Time**

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