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## **Cascade and Berke Host First Volley in Portola Valley**

October 22, 2010 – Waterloo, Iowa - OPAF, along with local sponsors Cascade Orthopedic Supply and Berke Prosthetics hosted a First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinic at Alpine Hills Tennis & Swimming Club in Portola Valley, California on Saturday, September 18, 2010. The clinic was led by First Volley instructor and amputee tennis coach, Stan Backovsky and assisted by Alpine Hills Director of Tennis, Nigel Pugh. USTA Northern California Bay area Tennis Service Representative, David Hong was also present, along with sponsors, Gary and Brenda Berke and Andy May, Southwest account manager for Cascade and renowned amputee athlete.

Five amputees attended the event, along with volunteers and staff from Berke and family and friends. Clinic began with Stan Backovsky giving a small presentation on his abilities on the court and the fact that he had chosen tennis as his rehab tool when he lost his leg six years ago. Participants were put through their skills and drills, both in a group and one on one. Live ball action followed with play among the adults participating. Christa Berry, whose main interests currently are books and horses said she really enjoyed herself and would continue to pursue tennis in the future. Our youngest attendee, Quinn Bossow and his mom got a chance to socialize with other parents and attendees of the event. “My now 19-month old son lost his leg (above the knee amputee) at birth due to cancer. We attended the First Volley tennis event in Portola Valley, CA just to see what will be possible. Everyone was incredibly welcoming and it was really inspiring and heartwarming. He actually had a great time chasing tennis balls around the court. When he is older, we will certainly take him to future events.”

This was the second First Volley Tennis Clinic that Berke Prosthetics has hosted for their patients, their practice and their community.