



A Desert Tennis Association Newsletter – Winter 2014

2013 – Year in Review

As the DTA Board reflects back on 2013, we are happy to say it was our most successful year as a member of the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA). Combined, almost 550 players participated in our three (3) tournaments this year – including more than 300 for PS Open 20 over Thanksgiving weekend, making it the largest draw of any GLTA tour event in 2013. More importantly, as a non-profit organization, we are pleased to announce that the DTA recently donated \$12,000 to local area charities (\$10,000 – AIDS Assistance Program; \$1,000 – Well In the Desert; \$1,000 – Orphan Pet Oasis).

In addition to our tournaments and donations, other accomplishments for the year include obtaining our IRS 501(c)(7) exemption status, participating in West Coast and Pacific Cup competitions, and experiencing more of our members participating in tournaments and some bringing home hardware.

Thank you for your support and efforts throughout the year. Your continued participation in the Desert Tennis Association is much appreciated.

2014 EVENTS

- March 8-9** **Palm Springs Doubles***
- May 1-4** **GLTA Grass Court***
- June (TBD)** **DTA Championships**
- Sept/Oct (TBD)** **West Coast and Pacific Cup**
- October (TBD)** **Cal Cup**
- November 28-30** **PS Open 21**

The DTA spring tournaments are just around the corner. Palm Springs Doubles (March 8-9) and the always popular GLTA Grass Court Championships (May 1-4). We will start accepting entries for these two tournaments in January. Check gltatournamentsoftware.com regularly as the Grass Court tournament draw fills quickly.

DTA To Host West Coast Cup!!!

Palm Springs will be the host city for West Coast Cup 2014 - a team competition for members with GLTA rankings C or lower. Dates for West Coast Cup are TBD – sometime in September or October.

For more information, contact Jason Freed at maverickstennis@aol.com.

WELL DONE!!!

A few of our DTA members brought it at the PS Open. Congratulations to:

- Ashley Elliott – A Doubles Champion
- Jason Freed – C Over 40 Singles Finalist
- Charlie Grigg – A Doubles Finalist
- Duke Kulas – A Singles Semi-Finalist; A Doubles Finalist
- Jim Novak – B Over 40 Singles Finalist
- Shawn Robertson – A Doubles Champion
- Brian Weatherman – B Over 40 Singles Semi-Finalist