



A Desert Tennis Association Newsletter – Winter 2015

Look Back at 2014 – Looking Forward to 2015

Happy New Year! Looking back on 2014, the Desert Tennis Association (DTA) highlights include:

- Over 450 players participating in our annual tournaments (PS Doubles – 130 players; Grass Court Championships – 98; PS Open – 227) including the most ever local player entries.
- Hosting a successful West Coast Cup in October. Kudos to Jason Freed and his team for their hard work (see 2014 West Cost Cup Recap).
- Participating in PacCup in Los Angeles (see 2014 PacCup Report).

The DTA Board is proud to announce that the DTA raised over \$10,000 for local area charities in 2014 (including direct donations of \$6,000 – AIDS Assistance Program; \$1,000 – Well In the Desert; \$1,000 – Palm Springs Animal Shelter). Our ability to give back to the Coachella Valley community is due in large part to you - the volunteers that donate your talents and time AND the local tennis enthusiasts who enter our tournaments throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support of the DTA as a player, volunteer, and fan of tennis.

With 2015 now upon us, we have some exciting tennis events gearing up for the spring:

- DTA will be hosting the GLTA World Championships February 6-8 at Mission Hills Country Club. This event is by invite only and extended to the top point earners in all divisions on the GLTA Tour in 2014. Nabil Najjar and Shawn Robertson will be representing the DTA.
- The DTA and USTA are joining forces to pilot a same-sex, domestic partnership/marriage, doubles tournament in conjunction with Palm Springs Doubles March 7-8 (see below).
- The popular GLTA Grass Court Championships will be held at Mission Hills Country Club April 30-May 3. Due to the limited number of courts, the draws fill quickly. Check gltatournamentsoftware.com regularly beginning January to enter online.

We look forward to another successful spring of tennis here in the desert. See you on the courts!

2015 DTA Board

Nabil Najjar, President
 Jim Kloes, Vice President
 John Wiesner, Secretary
 Dean Yuen, Treasurer

Special thanks to Ralph Fowler for his service to the Board these past few years. Ralph will still be contributing his artistic skills to ensure the best t-shirt designs on the GLTA tour.

DTA and USTA Making History!!!

The DTA and USTA are joining forces to make history this spring by piloting a new same-sex, domestic partner/married, doubles tournament. This is the first ever tournament of its kind and will be held in conjunction with Palm Springs Doubles March 7-8.

For more information, contact Kurt Haggstrom
 Plaza Racquet Club 760-323-8997.

2015 DTA EVENTS

February 6-8
 March 7-8
 April 30-May 3
 September/October (TBD)
 November 27-29

GLTA World Championships
 PS Doubles / Domestic Partner Doubles
 GLTA Grass Court Championships
 West Coast Cup / PacCup
 PS Open 22



2014 West Coast Cup Recap

Palm Springs was the beautiful backdrop that hosted the 4th annual West Coast Cup. The event was held October 17-19, 2014 at the Plaza Racquet Club. This city/team competition is for USTA 3.5 or GLTA "C" rated players and lower and this years' entrants included San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Palm Springs, and a big welcome to first timers Vancouver.

The event started with a fantastic opening night party at the amazing home of Steve Dinga/Chris Rosendall and a good time was had by all at the cocktail hour, awards ceremony in the Cascade Lounge and buffet dinner held at the Spa Casino and Resort. The weekend was filled with lots of amazing tennis matches with all singles being played Saturday and all doubles on Sunday.



Team Palm Springs, co-captained by Dan Scofano and Corey Saldana, had a wonderful group of players and made their best showing in any team competition posting 9 wins, but in the end it was a nail biter between Los Angeles and San Diego. The West Coast Cup officially concluded at 6:26pm. The competition was so good, LA and San Diego ended in a tie at 18 points each. They should both feel like Champions, but by the smallest of margins by less than a 5% game winning percentage San Diego was the ultimate Champions. It was a great weekend and Palm Springs was thrilled to host and showcase our spectacular city.

The 2015 West Coast Cup will be held in San Diego late summer and we encourage local eligible players to apply to be a member of Team Palm Springs 2015. Details announced in March. To participate, contact Jason Freed at maverickstennis@aol.com.

2014 PacCup Report



The Burbank Tennis Center was the site of the 2014 PacCup hosted by the Los Angeles Tennis Association (LATA). Representing Team Palm Springs were Brian Weatherman, Jim Novak, AL Prasquet, Thomas Lister-Looker, Ben Geravesh, Aamer Mumtaz, Dean Yuen, Eric Yi, Dan Nash, Al Johnson, Corey Saldana, and Bob Bailey. LATA dominated the first day of singles play winning all 12 of their matches and eventually 22 of 24 total matches to win the competition. Team Palm Springs garnered match wins in singles (Al Johnson, Aamer Mumtaz, and Jim Novak) and doubles (Thomas Lister-Looker/Jim Novak – sweeping 2 matches – and Aamer Mumtaz/Eric Yi). Though a tough weekend results-wise, Team Palm Springs represented the DTA admirably.

Vancouver is the host site for the 2015 PacCup. Any GLTA B-rated or lower player interested should contact Dean at deserttennis@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

Tournament Volunteers

If you're interested in assisting during tournaments, we could always use your help. It's a great way to meet fellow players and watch some great tennis.

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PacCup Captain

Seeking someone to assume the role of PacCup Captain. Responsibilities include but not limited to:

1. Recruiting GLTA B-rated or lower players for 2015 PacCup in Vancouver
2. Preparing and overseeing team for PacCup competition
3. Participating in PacCup Captains' activities

For more information, contact Dean at deserttennis@gmail.com by March 30, 2015.