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Welcome to PS Open 26!

Are you ready for some fun, frolicking, and great tennis? We're pleased to have you join us for our **26th annual tournament**. This year we have the pleasure of welcoming more than 200 participants from all corners of the globe. Thank you for choosing to spend Thanksgiving weekend in the desert, and for making this tournament one of the biggest and best on the GLTA circuit.

We believe that you'll thoroughly enjoy the competition at our two great tennis sites, our Saturday night banquet (including raffle and entertainment), and the wide variety of attractions that make Palm Springs a premier destination. With the continuing growth of the GLTA tour, we've been working hard to make our tournament a great experience for all of our players.

Palm Springs Open 26 is a charity event. Last year, PS Open 26 raised more than \$10,000 for AIDS Assistance Program Food Samaritans (AAP), which is also this year's designated charity.

While we're enjoying ourselves in the desert, we'll also be making a contribution to our community's effort in helping men, women, and children affected by HIV, AIDS, and other serious illnesses. In 2019, our other two tournaments (PS Doubles, and the Grass Court Championships) raised \$1,000 for the Palm Springs Animal Shelter.

In this booklet you'll find all the information you need about the tournament. We've been fortunate to receive the assistance of many volunteers who devoted countless hours to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly and efficiently. The volunteers deserve a great big "thank you," and if you have a chance, we're sure they'd appreciate any kind words you may have for them.

We wish you the best of luck, and look forward to seeing you on and off the court. Let the games begin! And, win or lose, have a great weekend in the desert.

—**NABIL NAJJAR**
Tournament Director



Welcome to **Palm Springs Open 26**. Twenty-four is a long streak and we want to recognize our players. Many of you return to the desert every Thanksgiving to play in our tournament or travel here for our other Desert Tennis events throughout the year, making our tournaments some of the most consistently successful on the GLTA circuit. Thank you.

Having spent much of the last thirty years of my life on tennis courts and in positions of player, event organizer or professional line umpire, I developed a genuine appreciation for tennis, tennis events, and the importance of the tennis player to an event. Whether you are Nadal or Federer, or in the D draw in Palm Springs, the event is not successful without you.

The Desert Tennis Association (DTA) is a



fantastic group of very dedicated tennis enthusiasts who work hard to present events that are all about the players. We are thankful for all of the

Palm Springs Open volunteers and salute Nabil Najjar who works very hard all year to keep the group together and the events first class stops of the GLTA tour. Nabil and I have an association that goes back to before I was legal, I think.

And my special thanks and appreciation to the players! I am most proud of my years of involvement in providing meaningful and memorable tennis opportunities and experiences to our tennis playing community. Please continue to support the fine events of the DTA. They support you as our players.

—**JIM KLOES**
Tournament Director

Past Championships

PS Open 25 (2018)	PS Open 24 (2017)	PS Open 23 (2016)	PS Open 22 (2015)
OPEN SINGLES Cheicky Koita def. Will Mack 6-7 6-0 7-6	OPEN SINGLES James Dao def. Seth Makenchnie	OPEN SINGLES Amir Rahbar def. Seth Makechnie	OPEN SINGLES Matt Coin def. Gary Duncan
OPEN SINGLES (40'S) Jose Sambas def. Ruben Valerio 6-4 6-2	OPEN SINGLES (40'S) Jose Sambas def. Brad Seiple	OPEN SINGLES (40'S) Maximo Salonga def. Doru Tifui	OPEN SINGLES (40'S) Jose Sambas def. Ruben Valerio
OPEN DOUBLES Sean Burns/Ryan Pang def. Scott Crabtree/Jose Sambas 6-4 6-2	OPEN DOUBLES Scott Crabtree/James Dao def. Nabil Najjar/Matt Oclarit	OPEN DOUBLES Seth Makechnie/David Moore def. Nabil Najjar/Matt Oclarit	OPEN DOUBLES Scott Crabtree/Seth Makechnie def. Eric Davenport/Jose Sambas
A SINGLES Preecha Pongphai def. Trevor Russell Bowman 6-3 3-6 6-2	A SINGLES Hiro Hongo def. Craig Sobol	A SINGLES William Swann def. John Falcon	A SINGLES Maximilian Tsui def. Angel Ochoa-Rea
A SINGLES (40'S) Nabil Najjar def. Michael Sanchez [walkover]	A SINGLES (40'S) Gary Gargantos def. David Stoddard	A SINGLES (40'S) Charlie Grigg def. Philip Brooks	A SINGLES (40'S) Michael Sanchez def. Jeff Alabaso-Bryant
A DOUBLES Patrick Bodine/Ruben Valerio def. Kheim Do/Jeffrey Morgeson 6-1 6-4	A DOUBLES Jason Loughridge/Thomas Nguyen def. Steve Nugent/Craig Sobol	A DOUBLES William Swann/Vinh Tran def. Doru Tifui/Laurence Watts	A DOUBLES Ulyses Rivera/Ruben Valerio def. Barry Bosacker/Peter Goatz
B SINGLES Paul Zuffa def. Teddy Lee 4-6 6-1 6-1	B SINGLES Laurence Watts def. Sergio Ibarra	B SINGLES Laurence Watts def. Pelayo Barbero	B SINGLES Ali Moosa def. Ricardo Contreras
B SINGLES (40'S) Jose Escobar def. Ney Flávio Alves Barbosa 7-5 6-0	B SINGLES (40'S) Wilbet Paulussen def. Ray Hixson	B SINGLES (40'S) Scott Deemer def. Brandon Appelt	B SINGLES (40'S) Brandon Appelt def. Harold Boger
B DOUBLES Kenn Baniquid/Min Lee def. Mark S Pirie/Ed Premetz 6-4 6-1	B DOUBLES Jamie Armstrong/Daniel Lara def. Sergio Ibarra/Richard Miller	B DOUBLES Kenn Baniquid/Greg Spurgeon def. Scott Deemer/Bryan Nguyen	B DOUBLES Tyrone James Andres/James Parker def. Thomas Lapierre/Doug Siegler
C SINGLES Huajian Yan def. Khanh Nguyen 6-1 6-1	C SINGLES Andy Gee Yown Chan def. Keith Millard	C SINGLES Oscar Perez def. Brett David Ritter	C SINGLES Quan M. Tran def. Daniel Manes
C SINGLES (40'S) Jin H Kim def. Tawan Chaiyamart 6-2 6-2	C SINGLES (40'S) Richard Irish def. Reynaldo Sequerra	C SINGLES (40'S) Tom Keep def. Arturo C. Pagcu	C SINGLES (40'S) Andrew McKelvy def. Brooks F. Hazen
C DOUBLES John Graham/Fendy Suandi def. Tom Keep/Jason Maymudes 4-6 6-3 10-5	C DOUBLES Tom Hiebert def. Kaz Hutchison	C DOUBLES Brooks F. Hazen/Michael Raffanti def. Man Marianas/Alexander Santos	C DOUBLES Greg Spurgeon/Edgar Vigil def. Kevin Kim/Kien Shimabukuro
D SINGLES Matt Bauer def. Leo Agra 6-2 6-1	D SINGLES Marcus Mendez def. Rob Schwartz	D SINGLES Art Soto def. David Whitworth	D SINGLES Marshall Thomas Martel def. Max Goodman
D SINGLES (40'S) Rob Schwartz def. David Bagg 6-0 6-1	D SINGLES (40'S) David Whitworth def. Tom Krivan	D SINGLES (40'S) Mark Gelhaus def. Don Purvis	D SINGLES (40'S) John Knight def. Rob Schwartz
D DOUBLES David Bagg/Rob Campbell def. John Rosenmayer/Alan Wong 6-1 6-2	D DOUBLES Rob Schwartz/Norman Tucker def. Mark Stanley Delo/Butch Logan	D DOUBLES John Berger/John Vida def. Rob Schwartz/Norman Tucker	D DOUBLES Tony Gatz/John Knight def. Donald Choy/Anthony Tabaniag



Statement Mission

The AIDS Assistance Program Food Samaritans (AAP) is a non-profit volunteer-driven organization with the goal of providing support to low-income men, women and children with HIV/AIDS living in the Greater Coachella Valley.

AIDS Assistance Program Food Samaritans is beginning its 26th year of service, having distributed nearly \$7,500,000 in direct client services to approximately 1,500 individuals since their inception in 1991. All of our funding comes from a strong support base in the local business and residential communities of the desert and a strong support base in the private foundation sector. AAP receives no federal or state funding.

AAP was established to supply paramount nutrition support to low-income (less than \$17,357 a year) men and women living with HIV/AIDS and their dependent children under the age of 18, here in the Coachella Valley (Riverside County). We supply this nutritional support in the form of food vouchers (\$100 per person a month including dependent children) redeemable at any Stater Brothers grocer throughout the valley.

Currently eight community members and one client serve on our volunteer board of directors, and two paid staff members manage the organization with a dedicated group of volunteers sup-

porting the program as needs and demands arise throughout the year.

As we continue to move into the 21st century and HIV/AIDS is being labeled a chronic, yet manageable, life-long condition . . . AIDS is still a deadly illness. The AIDS Assistance Program is committed to being here until there is no longer a need for our services. With continued advances in medical sciences and other treatment modalities, our client base, for the most part, maintain improved, healthy and productive lives. On the up side, more and more clients are expressing interest in returning to work with many moving into part-time positions within the community, others returning to school for re-education and training in new career fields.

AAP has been sponsoring benefits counseling training seminars and back-to-work training programs for the past four years. Understanding all of the changes in state and federal laws with respect to work and benefits is no easy task. We here at the AAP know that knowledge is power, and that information and counseling in turn empower our clients to make informed choices with respect to their future, with a renewed sense of hope. Between 75 and 100 clients have returned to part- or full-time work since we began these seminars and training programs, and more continue to explore the possibility.

**We are forever grateful to our volunteers for their dedicated support
in helping make PS Open 26 a huge success:**

Bob Girard, Ralph Fowler, Steffen Nye, Steve Sax, Jose Sambas, Jack Hughes, Brad Seiple, Bill Carnevale, Larry Horowitz, Billy McGinnis, Craig Magaw, Arnel Castillo

Surviving the Palm Springs Open

Whether you're a GLTA tour veteran, or a virgin on the tour, every single player should keep these key points in mind to ensure that we all have a great experience during the tournament.

Poor Sportsmanship Conduct Is Not Tolerated

USTA sportsmanship rules code of conduct apply, and will be enforced.

Dress Code

Proper tennis attire is required at all times and at all tennis venues. Only non-marking tennis shoes are permitted on the courts. No running shoes or cross-training shoes allowed. Collared shirts and T-shirts are permitted only with "tennis related" logos.

Please understand we are using private country clubs, and we must adhere to their rules.

Match Times

You must check in at the tournament desk at least 15 minutes prior to your match time. Both partners must be present to check in for doubles. You must be prepared to play immediately once you have checked in. Defaults will be strictly enforced, so please be prepared. USTA rules apply (go to the restroom and powder your nose before you check in, please!!).

Please allow enough time for travel and parking at each venue. Published times are approximate.

Warm-up Time and Changeovers

A five-minute warm-up period will be allowed prior to the start of your match. Court monitors will be enforcing this rule with a paddle. Changeovers should last no long

than 90 seconds; set breaks should last no longer than 2 minutes.

Officials and Reporting Scores

Please direct any questions and complaints to the tournament desk at the venue. If you need any assistance during a match, please go to the tournament desk. The winner of each match must return the game balls to the desk, and report the match scores promptly upon completion.

Water

There is water on the courts. In the event of a water shortage, all venues have access to water either on, or near, the courts or tournament desk.

Referee

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Nabil Najjar: 310.418.7202

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All times subject to change

Schedule

Thursday November 28

7 to 9:00 pm **Draw party**
Hunters Bar, Palm Springs
760-778-4326

Friday November 29

8:00 am Play begins: all venues

Saturday November 30

8:00 am Play continues: all venues
7 to 8:00 pm **No-Host Bar, Silent Auction, and Raffle**
Mission Hills Country Club
34600 Mission Hills Drive, Rancho Mirage, California
(760) 324-9400
8:00 pm **Dinner and Entertainment (PS Got Talent!)**

Sunday December 1

8:00 am Play continues: Mission Hills Country Club

All Divisions:

- **Singles: semi-finals, finals, and consolation finals**
- **Doubles: finals**



The Three Venues

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Upcoming 2020 DTA Tournaments

For tournament information and entry forms: www.deserttennis.us

PS Doubles

March 7–8, 2020

GLTA Grass Court Championships

April 30–May 3, 2020

PS Open 26

November 27–29, 2020

DTA Board Members

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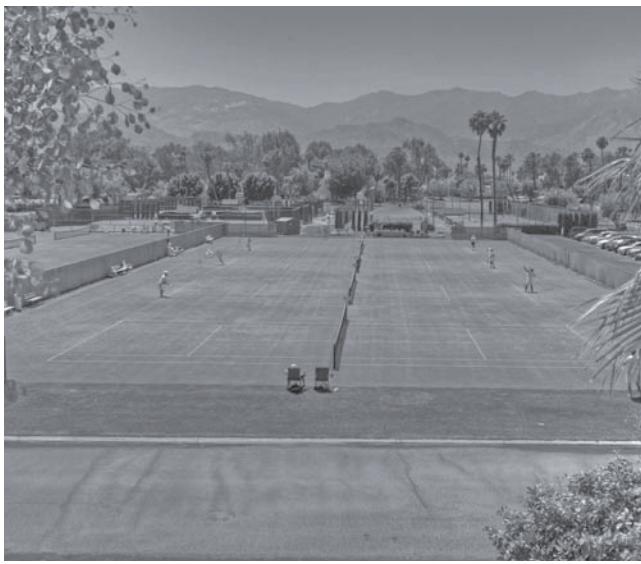
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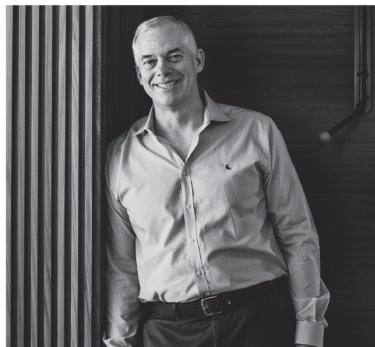
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