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2021 Palm Springs
OPEN 28

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Are you ready for some fun, frolicking, and great tennis? We're pleased to have you join us for our **28th annual tournament**. This year we have the pleasure of welcoming more than 250 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 28 is a charity event. Two years ago, PS Open 27 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 28**. Twenty-eight 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

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Dear Tennis Players,

On behalf of the City of Palm Springs, we welcome and thank you for participating in this year's 28th annual Palm Springs Open Tennis Tournament, a Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance Championship, with this year's net proceeds benefitting AIDS Assistance Program Food Samaritans in Palm Springs.

With more than 300 LGBT participants from the Coachella Valley and all over the country, we are grateful for your support of this terrific tournament, operated by the Desert Tennis Association, (DTA), a non-profit corporation that organizes tennis events for our LGBT community across the Coachella Valley. Over the years, (DTA) has raised more than \$180,000 for local charities in need -- and we are incredibly thankful to them for their extraordinary generosity and commitment to our community.

Again, thank you for your participation in this year's tournament – and we hope you enjoy your time here in beautiful Palm Springs!

Sincerely,

Christy Gilbert Holstege, Mayor
City of Palm Springs

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Thursday . . . November 25

7 to 9:00 pm **DRAW PARTY**
Hunters Bar, Palm Springs, 302 E. Arenas Road

Friday . . . November 26

8:00 am **Play begins at all venues**

Saturday . . . November 27

8:00 am **Play continues at all venues**

7 to 9:00 pm **PLAYER PARTY, SILENT AUCTION,
AND RAFFLE**
Hunters Bar, Palm Springs, 302 E. Arenas Road

Sunday . . . November 28

8:00 am **Play continues at Sunrise Country Club** (All Divisions):
Singles: semi-finals, finals, and consolation finals
Doubles: finals

All Times Subject to Change

Where You're Playing: the 4 Venues

Monterey Country Club

41500 Monterey Avenue, Rancho Mirage, California 92270
760.568.9311

Mission Hills Country Club

34600 Mission Hills Drive, Rancho Mirage, California 92270
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SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE

SATURDAY 11/27 7PM - 9PM

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Change in Format

All matches (except the Finals) will be best 2 of 3 sets, with the 3rd set being a 10-point TieBreak (in lieu of a full set). The Finals will be 3 full sets.

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 longer 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.

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The recipient of numerous awards for food, service and architecture, Las Casuelas Terraza is a favorite of locals who consistently vote it Palm Springs’ “Most Popular Restaurant.” Terraza’s two leafy patios, live music, delicious food and fresh drinks, make it ideal for a romantic date, a festive lunch or fun family night out.



Mission Statement

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 30th 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 28 a huge success:**

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Framed, limited-edition, signed photos of this iconic sculpture are available at Dorothy's photography gallery, IMAGEVILLE, in La Plaza in downtown Palm Springs, and one of them is also available in our silent auction.



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Upcoming 2022 DTA Tournaments

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

PS Doubles

March 7–8, 2022

GLTA Grass Court Championships

April 30–May 3, 2022

PS Open 28

November 27–29, 2022

Past Champions

PS Open 26 (2019)

OPEN SINGLES

Alex Cuprstein def.
Will Mak 6-0 6-0

OPEN SINGLES (40'S)

Collin Koo def. Doru Tifui
6-2 6-3

OPEN DOUBLES

Scott Crabtree/Krystan
Makkeron Lazarin
def. Deron Collins/
AlexCuprstein 6-1 6-3

A SINGLES

Rene Kaza def. Jonah Soble
6-2 6-3

A SINGLES (40'S)

Mark Schaeffer def.
Ray Hixson 6-2 6-3

A DOUBLES

Abraham Hasbun/
Kevin Oleary def. Hiro
Hong/Marcus Lo 7-5 6-1

B SINGLES

Ali Moosa def.
C.J. Slauenshite 0-6 7-5 6-3

B SINGLES (40'S)

Andy Gee Yown Chan def.
Min Lee 6-2 4-6 (ret)

B DOUBLES

Peter Boyer/ricardo
Gonzalez def. Ming Lee/
Matthew Rees 3-6 6-3 10-5

C SINGLES

Khanh Nguyen def. Jeffery
Mark Conroy 6-3 6-4

C SINGLES (40'S)

Satoru Hidaka def.
Darren Lam 6-0 6-0

C DOUBLES

Satoru Hidaka/Eiji Yano
def. Kevin Lumbert/
Keith Millard 6-0 6-0

D SINGLES (40'S)

Arturo Zavala def. Rob
Campbell 6-4 6-1

D DOUBLES

Rob Campbell/Mark
Gelhaus def. Dalibor
Banovic/Kevin Newman
6-4 6-2

PS Open 25 (2018)

OPEN SINGLES

Cheicky Koita def. Will
Mack 6-7 6-0 7-6

OPEN SINGLES (40'S)

Jose Sambas def. Ruben
Valerio 6-4 6-2

OPEN DOUBLES

Sean Burns/Ryan Pang def.
Scott Crabtree/Jose Sambas
6-4 6-2

A SINGLES

Preecha Pongphai def.
Trevor Russell Bowman 6-3
3-6 6-2

A SINGLES (40'S)

Nabil Najjar def. Michael
Sanchez [walkover]

A DOUBLES

Patrick Bodine/Ruben
Valerio def. Kheim Do/
Jeffrey Morgeson 6-1 6-4

B SINGLES

Paul Zuffa def. Teddy Lee
4-6 6-1 6-1

B SINGLES (40'S)

Jose Escobar def. Ney
Flávio Alves Barbosa
7-5 6-0

B DOUBLES

Kenn Baniqued/Min Lee
def. Mark S Pirie/
Ed Premetz 6-4 6-1

C SINGLES

Huajian Yan def. Khanh
Nguyen 6-1 6-1

C SINGLES (40'S)

Jin H Kim def. Tawan
Chaiyamart 6-2 6-2

C DOUBLES

John Graham/Fendy
Suandi def. Tom Keep/
Jason Maymudes 4-6 6-3
10-5

D SINGLES

Matt Bauer def. Leo Agra
6-2 6-1

D SINGLES (40'S)

Rob Schwartz def. David
Bagg 6-0 6-1

D DOUBLES

David Bagg/Rob Campbell
def. John Rosenmayer/Alan
Wong 6-1 6-2

PS Open 24 (2017)

OPEN SINGLES

James Dao def.
Seth Makenchnie

OPEN SINGLES (40'S)

Jose Sambas def.
Brad Seiple

OPEN DOUBLES

Scott Crabtree/James Dao
def. Nabil Najjar/Matt
Oclarit

A SINGLES

Hiro Hongo def.
Craig Sobol

A SINGLES (40'S)

Gary Gargantos def.
David Stoddard

A DOUBLES

Jason Loughridge/Thomas
Nguyen def. Steve Nugent/
Craig Sobol

B SINGLES

Laurence Watts def.
Sergio Ibarra

B SINGLES (40'S)

Wilbet Paulussen def.
Ray Hixson

B DOUBLES

Jamie Armstrong/Daniel
Lara def. Sergio Ibarra/
Richard Miller

C SINGLES

Andy Gee Yown Chan def.
Keith Millard

C SINGLES (40'S)

Richard Irish def.
Reynaldo Sequerra

C SINGLES (60'S)

Tom Hiebert def.
Kaz Hutchison

C DOUBLES

Max Lee/Duy Quang Ngo
def. Tom Keep/Adam
Schneider

D SINGLES

Marcus Mendez def.
Rob Schwartz

D SINGLES (40'S)

David Whitworth def.
Tom Krivan

D DOUBLES

Rob Schwartz/Norman
Tucker def. Mark Stanley
Delo/Butch Logan

PS Open 23 (2016)

OPEN SINGLES

Amir Rahbar def.
Seth Makechnie

OPEN SINGLES (40'S)

Maximo Salonga def.
Doru Tifui

OPEN DOUBLES

Seth Makechnie/David
Moore def. Nabil Najjar/
Matt Oclarit

A SINGLES

William Swann def.
John Falcon

A SINGLES (40'S)

Charlie Grigg def.
Philip Brooks

A DOUBLES

William Swann/Vinh Tran
def. Doru Tifui/Laurence
Watts

B SINGLES

Laurence Watts def.
Pelayo Barbero

B SINGLES (40'S)

Scott Deemer def.
Brandon Appelt

B DOUBLES

Kenn Baniqued/Greg
Spurgeon def. Scott
Deemer/Bryan Nguyen

C SINGLES

Oscar Perez def.
Brett David Ritter

C SINGLES (40'S)

Tom Keep def.
Arturo C. Pagcu

C DOUBLES

Brooks F. Hazen/Michael
Raffanti def. Man
Marianas/Alexander Santos

D SINGLES

Art Soto def.
David Whitworth

D SINGLES (40'S)

Mark Gelhaus def.
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John Berger/John Vida def.
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