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**DEFENDING SINGLES CHAMPIONS HENRY CHOI AND MARIKO FRITZ-KROCKOW NAMED TOP SEEDS FOR USTA NATIONAL 40 HARD COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*National Tennis Tournament set for Nov. 27 – Dec. 3 at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club*

**LA JOLLA, Calif. – (November 22, 2023)** – Tournament officials announced that defending singles champions **Henry Choi** and **Mariko Fritz-Krockow** have been named top seeds for the United States Tennis Association National 40 Hard Court Championships scheduled for Monday, November 27 through Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, 2000 Spindrift Dr, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Choi, the top men's seed, is a 42-year-old resident of Vancouver, Canada. He is currently ranked No. 3 in the International Tennis Federation Singles 40+ Rankings. Choi defeated Wojtek Bratek of Panama City Beach, Fla., 6-1, 7-6 (5) in last year's men's singles final to win the title.

The 40-year-old Fritz-Krockow of Orinda, Calif., the top women's seed, is currently ranked a career-high No. 2 in the ITF Singles 40+ Rankings. She won last year's women's singles title after defeating Dina McBride of Thousand Oaks, Calif., 6-0, 6-2 in the final. In the semifinals, Fritz-Krockow overcame five-time singles champion Hiromi Sasano of San Diego 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

To view the complete list of seeded players for each tournament division, click [here](#).

Choi received a first-round bye and will play his second-round match at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28 against the winner of a first-round match between David Schneider of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and Henry Soong of Fremont, Calif.

Fritz-Krockow also received a first-round bye. She will meet unseeded Sheila Rao of San Diego in her opening match at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

To view all tournament draws, click [here](#).

Starting times for each day of the tournament will be as follows: Monday, Nov. 27 — **10 a.m.**; Tuesday, Nov. 28 through Thursday, Nov. 30 — **9 a.m.**; Friday, Dec. 1 — **8 a.m.**; Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 — **9 a.m.** (All times PST)

La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club welcomes tennis spectators to the tournament with free admission. Onsite parking is available for a nominal fee.

[RadioTennis.com](https://radiotennis.com) will air live audio coverage of the USTA National 40 Hard Court Championships during the final weekend of the tournament. Tennis broadcaster Ken Thomas will provide live commentary from Court 1 at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 starting at 10 a.m. each day. Fans can tune-in the broadcast at <https://radiotennis.com>.

Also on the agenda is the USTA National Father/Son and Grandfather/Grandson Hard Court Doubles Championships beginning Friday, December 1, with matches concluding Sunday, December 3. The Father/Son championship has been held continuously at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club since 1959, and attracts the top father and son tennis teams in the nation.

USTA Gold, Silver and Bronze balls will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in all events.

The USTA National 40 Hard Court Championships are part of the International Tennis Federation World Tennis Masters Tour. Formerly known as the ITF Seniors Tour, the recently rebranded Masters Tour includes individual and team singles, doubles and mixed doubles events across various grade levels for each five-year age increment from 30+ to 90+. Approximately 27,500 players worldwide aged 30+ to 90+ compete in Masters Tour events each year.

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