



MEN'S PROFESSIONAL TENNIS SET TO RETURN TO BARNES TENNIS CENTER; SAN DIEGO OPEN ATP 250 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR

SAN DIEGO – (July 21, 2022) – Men's professional tennis is coming back to San Diego. Tournament officials have announced that the 2022 San Diego Open ATP 250 tournament will be played September 17-25 at Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 W Point Loma Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107.

After last year's highly-attended inaugural tournament, which had sold-out crowds for the final four days of the event, Tournament Director Ryan Redondo and tournament partner Southern California Tennis Association Foundation, worked with the ATP to bring the tournament back to San Diego in 2022.

"It feels great to bring the San Diego Open ATP 250 back to Barnes Tennis Center and give sports fans the opportunity to watch men's professional tennis at its highest level," said Redondo, who also serves as CEO and General Manager of Youth Tennis San Diego / Barnes Tennis Center.

"With our men's ATP Tour 250 tournament taking place in September and the women's WTA Tour 500 event scheduled for October 8-16, it is unprecedented. Never before in the history of San Diego sports has something like this been accomplished," Redondo added.

The 2022 San Diego Open ATP 250 tournament will feature a 28-player singles main draw and a 16-team doubles draw. The event offers a total of \$612,000 in prize money and tournament champions will receive 250 Pepperstone ATP ranking points.

The City of San Diego will become the fifth city in the United States to host ATP Tour and WTA Tour tournaments in 2022, joining Indian Wells, Calif., Miami, Cincinnati and Washington.

Andrea Gaudenzi, ATP Chairman, said: "As a global sport we continue to manage the impacts of the pandemic. Event cancellations are an unfortunate reality, and we wish our affected tournament members and fans well. At the same time, it's incredibly encouraging to have many great cities like San Diego step up to host ATP Tour tennis this season.

"This shows the strong international interest in our product and validates the agile approach we've taken in responding to fast-changing circumstances. We would like to thank all stakeholders involved in this process and look forward to an exciting second half of the season."

Main draw matches will begin Monday, September 19. The tournament will conclude on Sunday, September 25 with the singles and doubles championships. There will also be a 16-player qualifying draw with qualifying rounds scheduled on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. Four qualifiers will advance to the main draw.

According to tournament officials, additional event information regarding ticket sales, ball kids, volunteer opportunities and the player field will be announced in the coming weeks prior to September's tournament.

"The Southern California Tennis Association Foundation is proud to bring the ATP Tour to San Diego this September. It will complement the San Diego Open WTA 500 event in October and provide inspiration for the youth of San Diego," said Linda Milan, SCTA Foundation Executive Director.

"The Foundation's mission is to provide equal tennis opportunities to young players, regardless of age, gender, ability or economic background. Having professional tennis players from all over the world competing in San Diego demonstrates this and will fuel our kids' desire to succeed," Milan said.

Casper Ruud of Norway captured the men's singles title at last year's inaugural San Diego Open ATP 250 with an impressive 6-0, 6-2 victory over Cameron Norrie of Great Britain. In the men's doubles championship, Neal Skupski and Joe Salisbury of Great Britain scored a thrilling 7-6 (2), 3-6, 10-5 victory over Filip Polasek of Slovakia and John Peers of Australia.

About Barnes Tennis Center – The Center is owned and operated by Youth Tennis San Diego. It was built in 1995 and completed in 1997. This 4.5 million dollar facility was made possible with generous public and private donations. The Center is named after our lead donor family - the "George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center." The Center is dedicated to the youth of San Diego. Children 18 and under have court priority over adults with advanced reservations! The capital campaign was spearheaded by Dr. Homer Peabody Jr. Youth Tennis San Diego gratefully acknowledges Dr. Peabody's tremendous contribution to make our dream a reality.

Barnes Tennis Center serves as one of San Diego's finest jewels, and is a model for several communities throughout the Nation. The Center is the home of Youth Tennis San Diego offices, all Youth Tennis San Diego junior tournaments, Barnes Center tennis programs, After School Tennis special events, adult programs, corporate programs, a library and educational programs. Adults are welcome. Players pay a small usage fee. In August 2021, Barnes Tennis Center was named as one of 25 winners in the USTA's annual Outstanding Facility Awards program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country. For additional information, please visit www.barnestenniscenter.com.

About The ATP – As a global governing body of men's professional tennis, the ATP's mission is to serve tennis. We entertain a billion global fans, showcase the world's greatest players at the most prestigious tournaments, and inspire the next generation of fans and players. From the ATP Cup in Australia, to Europe, the Americas and Asia, the stars of the game battle for titles and Pepperstone ATP Rankings points at ATP Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, and Grand Slams. All roads lead towards the Nitto ATP Finals, the prestigious season finale held in Turin, Italy. Featuring only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams, the tournament also sees the official crowning of the year-end ATP World No. 1, presented by Pepperstone, the ultimate achievement in tennis. For more information, please visit www.ATPTour.com.

About Southern California Tennis Association Foundation – Founded in 1986, the Southern California Tennis Association Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and is the charitable arm of USTA Southern California. The Foundation's mission is to change lives and build communities through tennis.

Since 2020, the SCTA Foundation has had a community impact of giving over \$600,000 in grants and scholarships to deserving youth, adults, organizations, facilities and programs to make tennis an equal opportunity sport, accessible to all, regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, or economic background. Visit us on Social Media on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. To learn more about the SCTA Foundation go to: www.sctafoundation.org.