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## President's Report By John Broderick



After the incredible year the San Diego County tennis community has had in 2022 it would be hard to imagine a more prosperous year for our sport. But 2022 was only a launching point for all the great things that lie ahead for our tennis community in 2023. As 2022 comes to a close, it's a good time to reflect on all the changes and progress the SDDTA has made this past year. It's also an opportunity to express gratitude and thanks for all the support and efforts so many people have shown for the San Diego County tennis community. I would like to thank Simon Shen for his contributions as VP throughout the year. Simon will be stepping down as VP at the end of this year but will remain on the Board.

Our two most precious resources in tennis are the people and the courts we play on. We've learned an important lesson this past year when it comes to appreciating how valuable our courts are and how easily we can lose them without a committed effort to preserve them. Our Tennis Advocacy Committee along with support from other tennis advocates throughout the county have made an enormous difference in working with the mayor's staff, San Diego Parks and Rec. and local Community Recreation Groups. Going well above and beyond the call of duty the entire year was our Tennis Advocacy Committee chaired by Todd Sprague with Carole Farr and Steve Leffler. Ryan Redondo, Randie Lettington, Bill Kellogg, David Gill, Jack

McGrory, and Todd Carlson (USTA) made significant contributions to our efforts. As a result of the challenges, we faced this year we have forged stronger relationships within our San Diego tennis community, with the SCTA, USTA and the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council.

Thank you to Paulina Rassavong who virtually saved our biggest event of the year. She stepped up to take on the enormous responsibility as director of Tennis Fest with just over 2 months before the event. As it turned out, she and 120 volunteers pulled off what is considered the most successful Tennis Fest ever. Jeff Anderson contributed as facilitator, Matt Previdi did a terrific job as emcee, Solomon Liu organized the teaching pros and got Brandon Nakashima to take part in the event, Shatoo Mohamad coordinated the non-tennis vendors. Over 800 people attended the event from all ages and skill levels.

This past October the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame (SDTHOF) chair Dave Jaehnig put together one of the most well attended and successful Hall of Fame ceremonies and receptions the event has ever seen. Members of the SDTHOF took part in an on-court presentation at the WTA 500.

The SDDTA District tournament made its successful debut at the Barnes Tennis Center this past summer. Thanks to tournament director Paola Diaz and the SDDTA volunteers for all their efforts. For the first time ever, wheelchair tennis was included as part of an able-bodied tennis event in San Diego County. We offered a quality long sleeve Dri-fit® t-shirt for all participants and cash prizes for the winners and finalists of each draw.

It cannot be overstated how far reaching the effects of having events such as the ATP 250 and WTA 500 are to the San Diego tennis community. Ryan Redondo has done an incredible job at Barnes the past 2 1/2 years and the crowning jewel so far is the 5-year WTA 500 contract which in large part was facilitated through funding by Linda Milan and the SCTA Foundation. Having the opportunity to attend professional tennis right here in San Diego is a full circle platform for not only spectating and entertainment but also serves to inspire players of all ages in a variety of ways. The SDDTA funded sponsorship for the WTA 500 at Barnes Tennis Center and staffed a booth with volunteers from our board and the local tennis community throughout the duration of the 9-day tournament. The booth was a great platform to engage and educate the tennis community about the SDDTA and how tennis players can become more involved in participating in tennis events and programs throughout San Diego County.

Our grant committee approved several important grants this past year including helping to fund lights at Mountain View, resurfacing courts at Cabrillo Tennis Club in Point Loma, funding a sponsorship at the WTA 500, and college scholarship awards with Angel Lopez. Thanks to our collegiate chair Sabastiani Leon.

Our tennis community owes a debt of gratitude and appreciation for the leadership and support from Bill Kellogg, Ryan Redondo, Jack McGrory, Jeff Anderson (SDDTA), the SDDTA board of directors, Linda Milan (SCTA Foundation), Trevor Kronemann (Director SCTA), Bob Hochsteder (President USTA SoCal), Maria Goldberg (SCTA), Esther Henderschott (SCTA), Nancy Abrahms (SCTA), Andy Schwich (USTA), David Gill (GSDCTC), Angel Lopez (Latin American College Scholarship), Troy Morrison (WTA 500 & ATP 250), Don Gomsi (USPTA), tennis vendors Wilson, Babolat, Yonex, Tecnifibre and Head, the public and private tennis clubs, their directors, teaching pros and staff, local college and high school coaches and players, USTA tournament and league players, WTT league players, all junior team tennis tournament players and coaches, Tommy Sablan, Dan Plante and our friends at KUSI, Steve De La Torre (Tennis League San Diego), and Neil Johnson (SSV), Una Davis, and Lucia Romanov (LJB&TC), Paul Press (shirt vendor), The Art Place (signage), Mayor Todd Gloria and staff, Andy Field and San Diego Parks and Rec staff, and San Diego City Council and community advisory group board members for all you do to help grow, preserve, and support the sport of tennis in San Diego County.

Be sure to log on to sandiegotennis.com to keep up with upcoming tennis events. Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2023.

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## **USTA** National Championships

By Randie Lettington

We are in the swing of National Championships season and proud to say that we have 9 teams this year from San Diego representing all of Southern California. Read all about their journeys in our SDDTA Tennis Yearbook coming in January!



University City Racquet Club took 3rd place in the Nation in 10.0 Mixed Doubles!

40 & Over W 4.0 La Jolla Tennis Club (6<sup>th</sup> overall)

40 & Over M Open Level Team Trent Miller

(National Champions!)

40 & Over W 3.0 Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club (11<sup>th</sup> overall)

40 & Over W 4.5 One Hit Wonders- Brengle Terrace (4th overall)

18 & Over W 2.5 Mountain View (12<sup>th</sup> overall)

18 & Over W 4.5 Barnes Tennis Center (7<sup>th</sup> overall)

18 & Over M 5.0 San Dieguito Tennis Club (10<sup>th</sup> overall)

18 & Over Mxd Dbls 10.0 Univ. City Racquet Club (3<sup>rd</sup> overall)

40 & Over Mxd Dbls 8.0 Kit Carson Park (finished 3rd)

Tri-level (4.5/4.0/3.5) Women's Rancho Bernardo Community (2021 Championship)

65 & Over M 8.0 Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis

(2021 Championship- 6<sup>th</sup> overall)

65 & Over W 7.0 San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club-Barbara Hobbie (So Cal National Team)



La Jolla Tennis Club's 40 & Over 4.0 women finished 6th out of over 2600 teams Nationally in the 40 & Over division.

## USTA League Tennis Results By Randie Lettington

Thank you for a great year for league tennis in San Diego! We are wrapping up our fall leagues just in time for the holiday season! Many of the leagues will come down to the wire with winning SoCal Doubles teams competing in January Sectionals in Palm Desert. Tri-Level Mixed teams will be competing in December. Good luck everyone!!

#### **USTA Mixed Doubles 40 and over League (Summer)**

San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Level University City RC- Alexis Akira Toda

8.0 Level University City RC- Wender Hwang

9.0 Level University City RC- Janet Podney

#### North County San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Level Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club- Mark Lindsey

8.0 Level Kit Carson Park- Mark Warren

(SoCal National Team!)

9.0 Level Carmel Valley Tennis- Becky Kuba'

#### SoCal Tri-Level Doubles League (Summer)

San Diego Local League Winners

Women (4.0/3.5/3.0) WD Mountain View- Michiyo Killeen

Women (4.5/4.0/3.5) WD Mountain View-Liz Louis

Women (4.5/4.0/3.5) WE University City Racquet Club-

Rene Carmichael

Men (4.5/4.0/3.5) University City Racquet Club-

Wender Hwang

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Women (4.0/3.5/3.0) WD Kit Carson Park- Jen Bucky Women (4.0/3.5/3.0) WE Fairbanks Ranch Country Club-Jen Caringal

Women (4.5/4.0/3.5) WD Fairbanks Ranch Country Club-Kellie Doyle

Men (4.5/4.0/3.5) Level Kit Carson Park- Mark Warren

#### **USTA Adult 55 and over League (Summer)**

#### San Diego Local League Winners

Women's 7.0 San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club- Nancy Peinado Women's 8.0 University City Racquet Club- Debbie Fitzgerald

#### North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 7.0 Kit Carson Park- Mark Warren

Men's 8.0 Fairbanks Ranch Country Club- Scott Hansen

Men's 8.0 WC El Camino Country Club- Rick Gentry

Women's 7.0 Kit Carson Park- Christine Bristol

Women's 8.0 Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis- Teresa Fisher

Women's 8.0 WC The Santaluz Club- Brenda Iwamura

Women's 9.0 Surf and Turf- Lisa Crisafulli

#### USTA Adult 65 and over League (Summer/ Fall)

#### San Diego Local League Winners

Women's 8.0 San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club- Carol Harris Women's 7.0 San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club-

Barbara Hobbie (So Cal National Team)

#### North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 7.0 SDNC Draft Team- Steve Leffler

Men's 8.0 Surf and Turf Club- John Rhodes

Women's 7.0 Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis- Patty Smith

#### **One Singles Winners- Summer:**

San Diego South: Tim Wall (3.0), Ibrahim Shalwani (3.5), Todd Hoyt (4.0), Candace Gyure- Sarah Kimball (3.0), Samantha Polikowski (3.5), Kim Latham (4.0) San Diego North: Rohit Nair (3.5), Scott Quintal (4.0), Karin Leninger (3.0), Wendy Burgoon (3.5)

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## 2nd Annual San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic a Big Success

By Steve Kappes



USD's Jordyn McBride

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic (SDVTC) was held Oct 7-9, 2022, at the beautiful Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center at the University of San Diego (USD). The SDVTC is a national intercollegiate tournament co-hosted by USD and the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) that celebrates San Diego's military heritage and supports veterans organizations and community partners.

The SDVTC was free and open to the public, who enjoyed the close-up, high caliber competition among men's and women's teams from USD, USNA, UC-Irvine, University of Arizona, University of Denver, and Fresno State. USD won the men's division, and the University of Arizona won the women's division. Individual MVP, Sportsmanship, and Leadership awards were presented to the athletes who distinguished themselves. The SDVTC also partnered with USD's Military and Veterans Program to host active duty and veteran students.

The SDVTC is run by a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization by the same name. The SDDTA is proud to support the SDVTC, and recognizes and thanks the other sponsors that made the event possible: Megan and Allan Camaisa, the



USD's Christian Kuehne

Southern California Tennis Association Foundation, USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter, Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation, Milwaukee Tennis Classic, Quality Printing and Design, and 3STEPS4WARD. Highlights from the 2022 SDVTC are at www.sandiegoveteranstennisclassic.com. For more information, please contact Steve Kappes, stevekappes@hotmail.com.



U.S. Naval Academy Women's Team



Opening ceremonies led by USD Naval ROTC Color Guard

## Wounded Warrior Tennis Program Recognized at the San Diego Open

By Steve Kappes





For the second year in a row, the San Diego Open hosted and recognized participants from the San Diego Wounded Warrior Tennis Program. At both the ATP (photo right) and WTA (photo left) events, groups of 20 Warriors met and played "Beat-the-Pro" points against some of the tournament players, talked to them about life on the tour, and got autographs and photos with the pros. Thanks to Military Appreciation Day sponsor Merchant's Home Lending, the Warriors also received custom T-shirts, complimentary lunches, tickets to afternoon matches, and participated in pre-match coin tosses.

The San Diego Wounded Warrior Tennis Program was established in 2009 in collaboration with Naval Medical Center San Diego and VA Medical Center San Diego. The program uses tennis as a means of rehabilitation and community reintegration through free weekly tennis clinics run by volunteers. Over 1,000 wounded, ill, and injured servicemembers and veterans from all military branches and from all eras have benefitted from this program. For more information, please contact Steve Kappes, stevekappes@hotmail.com or visit www.sdwoundedwarriortennis.org.

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## San Diego Tournaments Results

## 2022 National Open Hard Court Championships Balboa Tennis Club, June 13-19

Men's Singles Nic Meister
Women's Singles Casie Wooten

Men's Doubles Nic Meister/Robert Liu
Women's Doubles Maxine Murphy/Jenna Sloan
Mixed Doubles Casie Wooten/Derek Wong

#### 106th Annual La Jolla Tennis Championships, La Jolla Tennis Club, June 18-19, 25-26, July 2-4

Men's 3.5 Singles Safa Guner

Men's 3.5 Doubles Vijay Desiraju/Jeffrey Russell

Men's 4.0 Singles Joseph Laguna

Men's 4.0 Doubles Kenny Rosenberg/Jonathan Coyle

Men's 4.5 Singles Nhat Nguyen

Men's 4.5 Doubles Marcelo Hernandez-Gomez/Michael Bell

Men's 5.0 Singles Ted Burghardt

Men's 5.0 Doubles Riley Vickers/Jack Hogan

Women's 3.5 Singles Susan Hamilton

Women's 3.5 Doubles Cheryle Pillow/Cynthia Herrera

Women's 4.0 Singles Cynthia Herrera

Women's 4.0 Doubles
Women's 4.5 Doubles
Wixed 3.5 Doubles
Mixed 4.0 Doubles
Mixed 4.5 Doubles

#### "All White" MVSRA Summer Tournament, Mountain View Sports & Racquet Association, July 8-10, 16-17

Harvey Lang/Reginald Blue

Men's 3.0 Doubles Nicholas O'Connor/Matthew Yeager Men's 3.5 Singles Nicolas Esses Bazbaz

Men's 4.0 Singles Dan Schon

Men's 3.5 Doubles

Men's 4.0 Doubles Sakda Kethdy/Kevin Mallery

Men's 4.5 Singles Ronald Kao

Men's 4.5 Doubles Jacques Verstraete/Alec Lee Women's 3.0 Doubles Kim Timberlake/Peggy Bentley

Women's 3.5 Singles Roane Manzano-Roth Women's 3.5 Doubles Paola Navarro/Evelyn Irving

Women's 4.0 Singles Shanel Angala

Women's 4.5 Doubles Priscilla Martinez/Deborah Lee Mixed 3.5 Doubles Nadine Bialostozky/Benjamin Capon

Mixed 4.0 Doubles Nancy Szen/Matt Szen
Mixed 4.5 Doubles Deborah Lee/Ronald Kao

Men's 60 & over Singles Chris Dorsey

Men's 60 & over Doubles Kenneth Simpson/Donald Dudley

#### Maureen Connolly Brinker Balboa Open Championships Balboa Tennis Club, July 22-24, 30-31

Men's 3.5 Singles Nelson Pont

Men's 3.5 Doubles Jeff Jaureguy/Jeff Baker

Men's 4.0 Singles Dan Schon

Men's 4.0 Doubles

Men's 4.5 Singles

Men's 4.5 Doubles

Men's 4.5 Doubles

Men's 4.5 Doubles

Dan Schon/Matt Szen

Marcelo Hernandez-Gamez

Phil Firooz Heshmaty/David Fields

Women's 3.0 Singles Lindsey Carinci

Women's 3.0 Doubles Julie McCarthy/Kathy Edwards

Women's 3.5 Singles Paola Romo

Women's 3.5 Doubles Sakiko Tadokoro/Haruko Vajda

Women's 4.0 Singles Gabrielle Walter

Women's 4.0 Doubles Esther Leeflang/Debbie McBride

Women's 4.5 Singles Hillary Park

Mixed 4.0 Doubles Gabrielle Walter/Dan Schon Mixed 4.5 Doubles Jonathan Coyle/Kortney Eng

Men's Open Singles Jared Thompkins

Men's Open Doubles Alejandro Castaneda/Gregory De Andrade

Men's 40 & over Singles Joseph Barbarie
Men's 50 & over Singles Kevin Smith
Men's 55 & over Singles Manuel Ortiz

Men's 55 & over Doubles Jeff Ray/Robert Simmons
Men's 60 & over Singles Alexander Magtanong

Men's 65 & over Singles Rich Hills

Men's 70 & over Singles

Men's 75 & over Singles

Men's 85 & over Singles

Women's Open Singles

Men's Raila Barksdale

Donald Thompson

Barry Sterett

Neil Johnson

Kaila Barksdale

Women's Open Doubles Deborah Lee/Kaysee Orozco Mixed Open Doubles Kyra Scott/Sebastian Bader

Mother-Daughter DoublesColleen Clery-Ferrell/Cassidy FerrellFather-Son DoublesAlejandro Castaneda/Alejandro CastanedaFather-Daughter DoublesKelvin Mountain/McKenna MountainHusband-Wife DoublesSakiko Tadokoro/Takahiro Tadokoro

#### RPTC Arnold Belinsky Memorial Open Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Club, August 6-7, 13-14

Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Club, August 6-7, 13-Men's 3.5 Singles Austin Wilson

Men's 3.5 Doubles Mike Sartwell/Steve Leffler

Men's 4.0 Singles Dan Schon

Men's 4.0 Doubles Jonathan Coyle/David Bracher

Men's 4.5 Singles Nicolas Barthelemy

Men's 4.5 Doubles Peter Armstrong/David Bracher

Women's 3.5 Singles Melanie Gilmore Women's 4.0 Singles Esta Denny

Women's 4.0 Doubles Lori Merino/Monica Berenter

Men's Open Singles Delmas Ntcha

Men's Open Doubles Eshan Talluri/Roman Shenkiryk

Women's Open Singles Maika Adair

#### 93rd Annual San Diego District Championships Barnes Tennis Center August 19-21, 26-28

Men's 3.0 Singles
Men's 3.5 Singles
Men's 3.5 Doubles
Men's 4.0 Singles
Men's 4.0 Doubles
Men's 4.6 Singles
Men's 4.7 Singles
Men's 4.8 Singles
Men's 3.0 Singles
Men's 3.5 Doubles
Men's 3.6 Singles
Men's 3.6 Singles
Men's 3.7 Singles
Men's 4.0 Singles
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Men's 4.5 Singles Nhat Nguyen

Men's 4.5 Doubles Norman Granger/Stuart Ridge

Women's 3.5 Singles Melanie Gilmore Women's 4.0 Singles Beth Mulcahy Elardo

Women's 4.0 Doubles Gabrielle Walter/Terri Bourne

Women's 4.5 Singles Claudia Roehr

Women's 4.5 Doubles Tracy Price Long/Cherise Meoli

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### San Diego Tournaments Results

#### 93rd Annual San Diego District Championships

Men's Open Singles

Men's Open Doubles

Derek Sung/Ryan Hahn

Men's 40 & over Singles

Men's 40 & over Singles
Men's 50 & over Singles
Men's 55 & over Singles
Men's 55 & over Singles
James Lievers

Men's 55 & over Doubles James Lievers/Mike Burzinski

Men's 60 & over Singles Alexander Magtanong

Men's 65 & over Singles Rich Hills

Men's 65 & over Doubles Jerry Naumann/John Flowers

Men's 70 & over Singles Logan Jenkins

Men's 70 & over Doubles Jimmy Atri/Enrique Schon

Women's Open Singles Lindsay Brown

Women's Open Doubles
Mixed Open Doubles
Mixed 40 & over Doubles
Mixed 55 & over Doubles

#### San Diego District Wheelchair Championship Barnes Tennis Center August 27-28

Men's Open Singles Ryotaro Sakaguchi

Men's Open Doubles Manuel Gomez/Ryotaro Sakaguchi

Coed A Doubles Mike Janssen/Mark Jones
Coed B Doubles Jimmy Sutandar/Jay Nussbaum

Coed A Singles Andrew Bogdanov
Coed B Singles Mark Jones

#### Annual San Diego Metropolitan Balboa Tennis Club, September 24-25, October 1-2

Men's 3.0 Singles Jeremy Danel Men's 3.5 Singles Steve Sanders

Men's 3.5 Doubles Ashk Nazeri/Francisco Moran

Men's 4.0 Singles Ashish Agrawal
Men's 4.0 Doubles Sakda Kethdy/Sam Put
Men's 4.5 Singles Fritz Hergenhan

Men's 4.5 Doubles Michel Lombrazo/Ricardo Estrada

Women's 3.0 Singles Stephanie Schon Women's 3.5 Singles Yvonne Bentle

Women's 3.5 Doubles Sandy Dielman/Kerry Ott

Women's 4.0 Singles Margaret Hudson
Women's 4.0 Doubles Alyson Hirota/Vivian Lee

Women's 4.5 Singles Rebecca Vineyard

Women's 4.5 Doubles Lajla Feichter/Tracy Price Long
Mixed 4.0 Doubles Billy Arenas/Alyssa Aragon

Mixed 4.5 Doubles Antonio Hernandez/Priscilla Martinez

Men's Open Singles Daniel Traxler

Men's Open Doubles Pelayo Rodriguez/Daniel Traxler

Men's 40 & over Singles
Men's 50 & over Singles
Men's 55 & over Singles
Men's 60 & over Singles

Men's 60 & over Doubles

Men's 60 & over Doubles

Alexander Magtanong

John Howard/Kip Hutchison

Men's 65 & over Singles Roger Hulburt

Men's 65 & over Doubles Roger Hulburt/Casey Moore

Men's 70 & over Singles
Men's 75 & over Singles
Women's Open Singles

Tony Ybarra
Richard Cabanilla
Sophie Pearson

Mixed Open Doubles Emmanuel Mensah/Hiromi Sasano

Mixed 35 & over Doubles Meghan Ball/Marc Roest

## 2022 SDDTA Scholarship Awards

By Simon Shen



Left to right: Sabastiani Leon, Lorena Ford, Angel Lopez

The SDDTA Collegiate Committee awarded two \$500 college scholarships to two outstanding San Diego student athletes. The SDDTA Angel Lopez Scholarship was awarded to Lorena Ford. Lorena graduated from Scripps Ranch High School with a 4.31 GPA and is attending San Diego State University.

Makaylee Dahms is the recipient of the SDDTA Scholarship. She graduated from Francis Parker High school with a GPA of 4.57 and is currently studying at Chapman University. Both girls competed all four years on their high school tennis teams. They are excellent representatives who display good sportsmanship, hard work and leadership on their teams and in the community.

SDDTA would also like to thank Angel Lopez for donating annually to his namesake scholarship. Angel likes to give back to the community recalling how he was helped in a similar way as a young tennis player. The SDDTA scholarship was established by former SDDTA member Jami Jones and furthered by former SDDTA President Anne Podney to help San Diego high school students achieve their dreams through college education. The general criteria for the scholarship are participation in tennis, academics, and community service. The 2023 SDDTA Scholarship application forms are available on the SDDTA website at www.sandiegotennis.com.

## Wheelchair Tennis Updates

By Jeffrey Lee

The latter half of 2022 has been one of the busiest for wheelchair tennis in San Diego in quite some time. August brought Wheelchair Tennis to the San Diego District Championships for the first time. The event, held at the Barnes Tennis Center, had both able bodied and wheelchair events at the same time, which is a great opportunity for publicizing the sport. This will result in two full wheelchair tournaments being played in San Diego in one year for the first time in many years. The second of these two tournaments, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hendrickson Classic will have taken place by the time this is published.

Finally, October brought the annual North/South tournament. Prior to 2021, Northern California led the competition 6-2. Last year, Southern California was victorious, as they were again in 2022. San Diego was represented in the 19-5 victory by Andrew Lee, who won all 4 of his matches, in both singles and doubles.

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#### Reservations are being accepted for the

## San Diego District Tennis Association's 2023 Annual Awards Banquet Friday, January 13, 2023

La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, California 92037

6:00 P.M. — Registration Check-in 7:00 P.M. — Dinner Served in the La Sala Room

Choice of Entrée:

◆ Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon → Slow Roasted Angus Prime Rib → Rigatoni ala Vodka

No Host Bar for all beverages including wine before and during dinner.

Dinner will be \$45.00 per person (includes tax and gratuities)

If interested in attending contact the District office at: (619) 299-8647, or email: sddta@yahoo.com

The last date for prepaid reservations is January 6, 2023

Seating is limited, reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

### SAN DIEGO DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Female Player of the Year, Lindsay Brown
Male Player of the Year, Brandon Nakashima
Female Pro of the Year, Liz LaPlante
Male Pro of the Year, Alex Levie
Women's Sportsmanship Award, Rene Carmichael
Men's Sportsmanship Award, Dan Schon
Family of the Year, Buffington
Community Service Award, Carole Farr and Steve Leffler
Club of the Year, Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club
Sponsor of the Year, So. California Tennis Association Foundation
Tournament of the Year, San Diego Open ATP 250, WTA 500

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## GSDCTC Improves Player Experience with Two Projects



Four newly resurfaced courts at Point Loma Cabrillo Tennis Club

The Greater San Diego City Tennis Council (GSDCTC) completed two projects in 2022. The first was installation of LED lighting on the remaining three of the seven tennis courts at Mountain View Sports & Racquet Club. The lights were turned on in February.

The GSDCTC also repaired and resurfaced four tennis courts at Point Loma Cabrillo Tennis Club (PLCTC). The four courts were reopened in October. The reopening was attended by GSDCTC leaders including David Gill (President), Jack McGrory, and Cara Beltran, SDDTA President John Broderick, PLCTC President Tony Pergl and special guests Luke Jensen, retired ATP Pro, Coco Vandeweghe, former top 10 WTA singles player, and many other members of the PLCTC community.

GSDCTC President David stated, "The Tennis Council was pleased and honored to support upgrade and renovation projects respectively at the Mountain View Sports & Racquet Club and Point Loma Cabrillo Tennis Club. Public park and recreation tennis facilities are crucial to providing access to the sport of tennis as 70% of all tennis played nationally takes place at public tennis sites."



Clinic participants at Point Loma Cabrillo court reopening.

### Win Tickets to the 2023 US Open and Support Ivan Smith!

Balboa Tennis Club will be sponsoring a raffle fundraiser for Ivan Smith. As many of you may recall, Ivan sustained severe injuries in a car accident that occurred while he was on the way to his college tennis practice last April. He will need a wheelchair accessible van once he recovers at an estimated costs of \$100,000. The San Diego tennis community has shown great support for Ivan along his difficult journey, and your continued support is needed. The raffle prize will be a trip to the 2023 US Open. The prize package will include:

- Roundtrip airfare for 2 people to New York from anywhere in the US,
- 2 tickets to Arthur Ashe Stadium to 3 day sessions of the tournament (September 2-4),
- 2 tickets and catered buffet lunch/dinner and seating in the President's box for 1 of the 3 day/night sessions,
- Hotel accommodations for 3 nights for 2 people
- Unlimited daily round trip bus transportation from the hotel to the venue, and
- 2 Balboa 100 year anniversary commemorative long sleeved t-shirts.

Thanks to M. A. Hillier for donating the US Open day session tickets, and to SCTA and USTA for donating transportation and the President's box session. Raffle tickets will be \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets will be available for purchase February 15 through June 1, 2023. Contact M.A. Hillier at 619-884-8911 or tennisma@cox.net or go to www.sandiegotennis.com or www.balboatennis.com for more details.

