



**February 4, 2016** Contact: Lisa Franson, Cell: (954) 290-1326, lfranson@yellowtennisball.com

### **2016 DELRAY BEACH OPEN**

Friday, Feb. 12 - Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016

#### **ATP Champions Tour Event**

**Team USA** (Mardy Fish, James Blake, Aaron Krickstein) vs  
**Team International** (Mark Philippoussis, Sebastien Grosjean, Emilio Sanchez)  
Friday, Feb. 12 @ 6:00 pm - Sunday, Feb. 14 last match @ 3:00 pm

#### **ATP World Tour Event**

##### **Qualifying Rounds** (16 players)

First round: Saturday, Feb. 13 @ 11:00 am

Second round: Sunday, Feb. 14, starting @ 11:00 am

Top 4 reach main draw.

##### **Main Draw** (32 players)

Monday, Feb. 15, starting @ 11:00 am - Sunday, Feb. 21

**Finals:** Sunday, Feb. 21, Doubles: 1:00 pm, Singles, 3:00 pm

Marquee Players: **Milos Raonic** (CAN), 2012 champion **Kevin Anderson** (RSA), 2011 champion **Juan Martin del Potro** (ARG), **Bernard Tomic** (AUS), **Grigor Dimitrov** (BUL), defending singles champion **Ivo Karlovic** (CRO), defending doubles champions **Bryan Brothers** (USA)

For 2016 schedule, please go to: [2016 Delray Beach Open Schedule](#)

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#### **BALL KIDS TRAINING SESSION PHOTO & TV OPPORTUNITY**

- WHAT:** The ball kids are having their final training/practice session in preparation for the Delray Beach Open. Interviews available with Monica Sica, ball kids coordinator.
- WHEN:** Sunday, February 7, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
- WHERE:** Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center
- CONTACT:** Please email Lisa Franson at lfranson@yellowtennisball.com or call 954-290-1326 if you are planning to be on site.

#### **DELRAY BEACH STADIUM & TENNIS CENTER SITE SET-UP PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

- WHAT:** There's lots of action as the site is readied for the 24th annual Delray Beach Open. Final touches will be put on tents, signage and power while Porsche display cars, banners and draw boards will be moved into place.
- WHEN:** Monday, February 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

**WHERE:** Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center

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**About The Delray Beach Open:** The only tournament in the world featuring an [ATP Champions Tour](#) event and an [ATP World Tour](#) event in the same week at the same venue is held in [Delray Beach, Florida](#) February 12-21 at the [Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center](#). The ATP World Tour's first North American hard court event of the outdoor season is one of just 10 ATP World Tour events in the United States. In 2016 it will be celebrating its 24th year overall and 18th in Delray Beach. The ATP Champions Tour event is in its 7th year and was the first-ever event played on US soil. Each year the [Delray Beach Open](#) brings world-class tennis players and thousands of visitors to Delray Beach and [Palm Beach County](#). In 2010, the tournament received the [Discover The Palm Beaches Florida's](#) annual [Providencia Award](#) for its extraordinary contribution to tourism. The City of Delray Beach was also a finalist for the USTA's "Best Tennis Town" Award and in 2003, the tournament was the recipient of an "ATP Award of Excellence." For more information please visit [www.YellowTennisBall.com](http://www.YellowTennisBall.com).

**About ATP:** The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the [ATP World Tour](#), the [ATP Challenger Tour](#) and the [ATP Champions Tour](#). With 62 tournaments in 31 countries, the ATP World Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2015 ATP World Tour battle for prestigious titles and [Emirates ATP Ranking Points](#) at [ATP World Tour events](#) (including Master Series 1000, 500 and 250 events), as well as [Grand Slams](#) (non ATP events). The [ATP Champions Tour](#) brings together many of the greatest tennis players in history for nostalgic, competitive and entertaining tournaments around the world. Players are either formerly ranked No. 1 in the world in singles, a Grand Slam singles champion or finalist, or a singles player on a winning Davis Cup team. Players must be retired from ATP World Tour competition and each event can invite wild card entrants of its choice.

**About The City of Delray Beach:** In the southeast corner of Palm Beach County on the Atlantic seashore, a Village by the Sea that began as an agricultural community in 1895 has become one of Florida's most popular destinations for visitors, new families and seasonal residents. [The City of Delray Beach](#) encompasses slightly over 16 square miles with a permanent population of nearly 65,000 and growing. Renewal and re-development efforts have resulted in recognition as the All-America City in 1993 and 2001, the Blue Wave designation for clean and beautiful beaches, and hailed by city planners around the nation as a model for growth management. In 2012 during the nationally televised "Best of the Road" special, Delray Beach was chosen by Rand McNally, *USA Today* and the *Travel Channel* as the "Most Fun Small Town" in America. In 2014, *USA Today* also named it as one of the "Best Atlantic Beaches in Florida."



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