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## TENNIS "SURVIVOR" EVENT COMING UP IN DELRAY BEACH NOV 19-22.

Amateur Tennis Players Can Earn A Spot In An ATP Professional Tournament

**DELRAY BEACH, FL:** The **Delray Beach Open**is offering an invitation to the amateur tennis-playing communityto play in its annual "Survivor" event, a pre-qualifying wild card tournament scheduled for November 19-22 at the Pro World Tennis Academy (651 Egret Circle, Delray Beach).

Anyplayer who thinks he's "got game" can enter the USTA Florida Men's Open-sanctioned hard court tournament that annually attracts a pool of talent from local club players and club pros to current college players and nationally-ranked juniors.

The prize is an opportunity to play in an ATP event - the highest level of professional tennis.

The **"Survivor**" winner receives a wild card into the 16-player singles qualifying tournament of the 2017 **Delray Beach Open**, where the top four finishers move on to the main draw of the \$575,000 ATP World Tour event.

This is the lone "Survivor" tournament that will be held for the 2017 **Delray Beach Open**.

The 10-day **Delray Beach Open** is Feb. 17 -26, and includes an **ATP Champions Tour** event (Feb. 17-19) featuring tennis legends and an **ATP World Tour** event (Feb. 20-26). The tournament is celebrating its 25th event in 2017.

The ATP World Tour field already includes world No. 4 **Milos Raonic**, 2009 US Open champion and 2011 Delray Beach Open champion **Juan Martin del Potro**, world No. 20 and 2015 Delray Beach Open champion **Ivo Karlovic**, world No. 23 and No. 2 American **Jack Sock** and No. 4 American **Steve Johnson**.

The deadline to enter the single-elimination "Survivor" event is Wednesday, November 16, at 11:59 pm EST. All participants receive two complimentary tickets to the 2017 Delray Beach Open ATP Champions Tour matches and a discount on tickets to additional sessions.

To register for the tournament go to: 2016 "Survivor" Registration

For more information, go to: 2016 "Survivor" Information

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 17 - 26 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 2017 it will be celebrating its 25th year overall and 19th in Delray Beach. The ATP Champions Tour event is in its 8th 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 Beachwas 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.

**About ATP**: The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the <u>ATP World Tour</u>, the <u>ATP Challenger Tour</u> and the <u>ATP Champions Tour</u>. With62 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 <a href="Emirates ATP Ranking Points">Emirates ATP Ranking Points</a> at <a href="ATP World Tour events">ATP World Tour events</a> (including Master Series 1000, 500 and 250 events), as well as <a href="Grand Slams">Grand Slams</a> (non ATP events). The <a href="ATP Champions Tour">ATP Champions Tour</a> 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, newfamilies 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 redevelopment 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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