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## "SURVIVOR" PRE-QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT PHOTO & TV OPPORTUNITY

### WHAT: "Survivor" Pre-Qualifying Tournament

The "Survivor" pre-qualifying tournament gives any pro, collegian, elite junior or amateur player a chance to compete for (one) singles wild card into the **Delray Beach Open qualifying tournament** (Feb 18-19, 2017). The top four finishers from the qualifying tournament then receive automatic entry into the Delray Beach Open ATP World Tour event (Feb 20 - 26, 2017).

### WHEN: Saturday, November 19 - Tuesday, November 22

Play begins Saturday (Nov. 19) & Sunday (Nov. 20) @ 8:00 am; quarterfinals are Monday (Nov. 21) @ 9:00 am with semifinals following at @ 12:30 pm. The final will be Tuesday @ 10:00 am.

**WHERE:** Pro World Tennis Academy (651 Egret Circle, Delray Beach), **with the final at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center** (201 W. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach). Admission is free to the public to watch the matches.

**WHO:** There are 92 players in the field. Here are some notable players:

- **Peter Nagy:** The top seed holds a No. 415 ATP ranking, and already has a 3-3 record in ATP-level play. Building his ranking on Challenger and Futures play, he has two Futures titles to his credit – a 2016 win in Poland and his first Futures crown came in 2015 in Slovakia.
- **Ty Trombetta:** The 26-year-old Hallandale resident is the No. 2 seed this weekend. He played in the 2009 "Survivor III" final, and has appeared in a number of "Survivor" events over the years. Trombetta has played in several Futures events in 2016.
- **Julian Bradley:** The No. 5 seed closed out his career at the University of North Florida in May. The Ireland native, 24, was named Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week in January.
- **Michael Zhu:** The 24-year-old Michigan grad is the No. 6 seed. He last played collegiately in 2015 and hails from Princeton, NJ.
- **Juan Rocha:** The 2013 "Survivor II" winner, the Argentine lost in the first round of qualifying for the Delray Beach Open that year. The 25-year-old has been playing Futures events in 2016 and is the No. 8 seed this week.
- **Attila Bucko:** The 28-year-old Bucko won the 2006 "Survivor" event and then lost in the first round of the Delray Beach Open qualifying tournament. The former Baylor Bear great and native Serbian resides in Wellington, and is the No. 10 seed. In 2006 he was the No. 2-ranked USTA Boys 18s player.
- **Fletcher Scott:** The 19-year-old senior from The Barstow School in Olathe, Kansas has already committed to Illinois after being ranked the No. 35 senior by recruiting publications. He has a 22-11 record this year, and is the No. 15 seed in this tournament.

- **Van Winitsky:** The former ATP pro reached No. 35 in the world in 1982, and at age 57, still competes at a high level. A longtime Delray Beach resident, Winitsky won three ATP World Tour titles as a pro.

For more information, go to: [2016 "Survivor" Information](#)

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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 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 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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