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Dear Players, Captains and USTA League Coordinators,

As your sectional league champion teams are preparing to make their way to the Nationals in the coming weeks, we wanted to share with you our 2010 plans to organize and host a newly sanctioned (through USTA Southern California) team tournament, March 4-7 2010, in Palm Springs, CA. Please share this event information with all of your tennis friends and your local team captains.

Our new team tournament, **The International Team Tennis Championships**, will be held on the 29 court complex at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California (Palm Springs area). Mission Hills Country Club was recently named the USTA Tennis Club of the Year.



With this new tournament event, we are trying to provide players and teams with the opportunity to play in a "non-national" destination venue tournament against national competition (especially those teams who did not qualify for nationals but still want to take a team trip). This winter getaway tournament also serves as a great primer to the 2010 league season to get teams energized and playing early in the year.

The event will also be played the weekend prior to the ATP and WTA BNP Paribas Open pro event at Indian Wells Tennis Gardens beginning on Monday, March 8th, serving as a great opportunity to combine playing with watching some great pro tennis.

We want to promote this event to league team captains and players in general who might enjoy traveling to a winter destination team event where they can compete, have fun with their teammates, and make new friends from around the country.

We would greatly appreciate your help in sharing our "Save the Date" information with all your tennis playing friends and sectional league team captains.

As NTRP league team players ourselves (and in talking to many other league players), there have been several seasons that we did not qualify for the NTRP league national championships in the fall. Yet, we all still wished we had another opportunity to travel with our teammates and play matches with other teams competing from different USTA sections.

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## EVENT DETAILS



**Who:**

NTRP Teams - Men's, Women's / Men's and Women's Senior (over 50) 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 & Open divisions, Mixed Doubles 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 & 10.0 Divisions

**What:**

5-8 person teams - 2 Doubles / 1 Singles format and 3 Doubles format for Mixed and Senior divisions. Flighted Round Robin draw, all teams will be guaranteed 4 official team matches, with regular scoring and a match tiebreak for the 3rd set. We may also offer an optional first day practice round and courts in the late afternoon/early evening, then a pre-tournament captains meeting and a welcome players party BBQ that first evening. Team and individual prizes will be awarded in each division. We will be running the tournament using the TDM tennis software which has now been set up for directing team tournaments events in which all players will have their results recorded and counted for earn individual NTRP and Open USTA rankings and ratings.

**When:**

Thursday-Sunday March 4-7, 2010 - Just prior to the Indian Wells ATP/WTA event, the BNP Paribas Open, which begins the following Monday on March 8th, making this a great opportunity to promote players coming out to see the professional tournament and while playing in the team championships.

**Where:**

Mission Hills Country Club - recently rated the no. 1 club by the USTA- had 20 hard courts, 4 clay courts, and 10 grass courts. Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California has previously hosted the US Davis Cup tie in 2004. It is also the host tournament site for the 800 player Senior World Tennis Classic in late January. (We will also be using Rancho Las Palmas Resort if necessary for additional court usage based on registrations). Official Tournament Hotel is the Agua Caliente Resort & Casino: <http://www.aguacalientehotel.com/index.htm>. Special tournament rates coming soon.

**Cost:**

Early Bird Pre Registration \$500 - if registered before Jan 15, 2010 / \$550 after that up to the Feb 24 2010 Deadline

**Tennis Link ID:** 651752710 - <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/Schedule/Search.aspx>

Any ideas, suggestions or questions are certainly welcome - please call or email any of the three tournament directors:

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