



### 1999 SDTF Board

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### SDTF Calendar & Key 1999 Dates

**Thursday Night Doubles:**  
January 21

**Team Tennis:**  
 Entry deadline, February 12  
 Draw Party, February 14  
 Season Start, February 21  
 See application inside

**Free Challenge:** Jan. 23-Feb. 7

**Gran Prix:** March 1

**San Diego Open XIII:** July 3-5

## New GLTA Commissioner, Carlos Banda Announces 1999 Plan

If you are like me, I am anxious for this year's GLTA Tour to start. I am also waiting to see how this year's GLTA Board will handle all the issues. While I would like to share with you on what you can expect from this year's Board, perhaps the most succinct thing I can say is that this year's Board has been paying attention. The bottom line is that a great number of concerns will be resolved fairly quickly.

On January 22, the Board will conduct its annual meeting in Dallas. Some of the issues to be discussed will be:

- the Tennis Management System (TMS)
- the player distribution lines between the divisions based on the awarding of player points
- an appeals process to correct data on a player's record
- how to handle players who have not participated in a GLTA event in over a year
- address the lack of communication between GLTA and all its members
- enhancing the GLTA website

I have read with great interest (and with amusement) the GLTA website. The consensus is that the GLTA should be in a position to dictate policies and procedures. This is

far from the truth. The GLTA was not formed to dictate policy but rather to work with its member organizations and provide crucial support and resources required for their respective tennis tournaments. The GLTA cannot enforce entry fees, awards, banquets, tennis balls, consolation events, and what charities are designated.

I have never been involved in a tennis organization where I am treated with the utmost respect regardless of my playing ability. That to me is what the GLTA is about. I thank you for being supportive of the GLTA. I ask for this support again as we address some very vital issues as we plan our future success. I am willing to listen, and look forward to hearing from you (cbanda@intecom.com). In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you on the courts.



No, Carlos Banda is not in the picture, but above are SDTF Christmas Party elves (left to right: Randy Bennett, Brad Hasper, Joe Arnold, Vince Riveroll, and Asian Cowboy, Gary Fong)

## Announcements

The GLTA Tournament Schedule has been published! If you would like a copy, please call André Lalias or email at [lialias@earthlink.net](mailto:lialias@earthlink.net)

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BEING GAY in the 21st Century Pampered Pathways Travel Tours ([www.pamperedpathways.com](http://www.pamperedpathways.com)) 15% Discount to SDTF members  
SEDONA ARIZONA RETREAT with keynote GREG LOUGANIS  
February 12-15, 1999  
\$395 incl. hotel 4 days/3 nights cocktail party, dinner and brunch  
(800) 510-4261

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SUNCOAST RESORT TENNIS CENTER  
American's largest gay & lesbian hotel and resort complex in St. Petersburg, FLA, is offering tennis lessons, round-robins and tournament play ([www.ij.net/suncoattennis](http://www.ij.net/suncoattennis))  
For more information, contact Bill O'Brien, Director, at (727) 866-0723 or email at [obrien@ij.net](mailto:obrien@ij.net)

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The SDTF Website ([www.sdtf.org](http://www.sdtf.org)) is being updated! Thank you's go to our Webmaster, Jimmy Graves. Check out some of the new stuff.

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**WANTED!**  
Creative artists or illustrators SDTF is accepting logo designs for the San Diego Open XIII held July 3 through 5. This logo will be featured on the entry form, t-shirt, and any additional materials. Please submit designs by the end of January to André Lalias.

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SD Hoops Gay and Lesbian Basketball League has begun. Next practice is Wednesday, January 20th. For more information, contact Mark Jacobson at (619) 295-0595, or at [louden@aol.com](mailto:louden@aol.com)

## Team Tennis 1999

Did you know Team Tennis was voted by the SDTF members as the most popular tennis event of 1998? Well, here it is! Time to sign up for Team Tennis 1999. The format and times will remain the same as last year, except the entry fee (\$12, yes it's less than last year), and the dates, which are:

Feb. 12 ----- Deadline to Enter  
Feb. 14 ----- Draw Party  
Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 28 ----- Season  
April 11 ----- Playoffs  
April 18 ----- Championship

Fill out the entry form (at the back of the newsletter) and mail it today!!

## Free Challenge is Here

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The free challenge week is coming up soon! It starts on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues until February 7<sup>th</sup>. During this time, all normal ladder challenge rules apply except ANYONE CAN CHALLENGE ANYONE! It's easy! It doesn't matter if you are currently on the ladder or not. If you've just been removed from the ladder, this is the time to get back on the ladder. You've got nothing to lose. This is your chance to pull off that amazing upset over that person who didn't respect your game. Better yet, take this time to meet that special someone you've always wanted to meet but needed an excuse to call. Who knows? Anything and everything in life is possible. All you have to do is make a challenge... Please make sure you call me with the results after the matches are over.

## Networking & Advertising

*By Daniel Lee*

How many times has this happened to you? Let's say you need to make a purchase or are in need of a particular type of service (Get your minds out of the gutter! — not that type of service). You spend lots of time and energy looking for the best deals in town, but later find out that someone from our tennis league happens to be in the computer business, or owns a travel agency, or is a lawyer, a doctor, or a stockbroker. Suddenly, you then realize that you could have easily called that SDTF member who might have helped you out with a discount, or provided you with simple advice, or directed you in the right direction, or even had an available job opportunity. I know that this has happened to me on various occasions, so why not do something about it!! Therefore, I would like to create some type of way for SDTF members to network amongst ourselves. In addition, this is a way for us to advertise our shops, businesses, and services. Why support others when you can support your fellow SDTF member! Please let me know by phone (584-8815) or e-mail ([dstudlee1@yahoo.com](mailto:dstudlee1@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in advertising your business or service. This is entirely optional, but to make this work, I need participation from as many members as possible. Thanks.

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**Thursday Night  
Social Doubles**  
**to resume January 21**  
Be There or be square



# SDTF Singles Ladder Standings as of January 11, 1999

"A" Ladder	"B" Ladder	Gran Prix Standings
1. Vince Riveroll	1. Anthony Jungers	1. D. Marinkovic 157
2. Dan Garza	2. Jaime Torres	2. R. Cannu 130
3. Jim Winters	3. Jim Felix	3. D. Sheehan 125
4. Bryan Lepree	4. Felix Santos	4. B. Lepree 124
5. Jeff Griffith	5. Sonny Genio	5. D. Beaver 118
6. Dave Sheehan	6. David Mori	6. J. Felix 115
7. Andy Lu	7. Bob Walton	7. A. Lu 103
8. Aaron Pratt	8. Brian Smith	8. F. Victoria 94
9. Britton Trimmer	9. Warren Mead	9. P. Brooks 90
10. Fred Victoria	10. Brad Kirby	10. A. Jungers 84
11. Bert Frost		
12. Randy Miller		
13. Gary Fong		
14. Scott Williford		
15. Steve Bearden		
16. Dale Beaver		
17. Rowel Cannu		
18. Adam Gusterine		
19. Dragon Marinkovic		
20. Nicholas Tchau		
21. Phillip Brooks		

## Gran Prix Set for March 1

The Gran Prix is approaching and will begin on March 1, 1999. For those of you who don't know what the Gran Prix is all about, the Gran Prix is associated with the challenge ladder. Points are given for making or accepting a challenge (See ladder rules in your membership packet for details or contact Ladder Chair, Daniel Lee). At the end of each "quarter", points are tallied and the winner of each quarter is the recipient of a monetary prize.

In addition, the top 10 people who accumulate the most points at the end of the year also qualify to win more money and prizes. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will begin on March 1, 1999 and end on May 31, 1999. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter starts on June 1, 1999 and ends on August 31. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and last quarter begins on September 1, 1999 and ends on November 30, 1999.

If you have any questions concerning the Gran Prix, feel free call Daniel Lee or email him at [dstudlee1@yahoo.com](mailto:dstudlee1@yahoo.com).