2011 BNP PARIBAS OPEN TRI-LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The BNP Paribas Open Tri-Level Championships is a doubles competition in which each of the 17 USTA Sections will be provided the opportunity to send a Team representing its Section to compete over the final weekend of the BNP Paribas Open. Each Team will be comprised a minimum of 12 players (6 men and 6 women) providing for one doubles team per gender in the 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 ability levels to a maximum of 24 players (12 men and 12 women). **It will be up to the discretion of each individual USTA Section as to how their Team will be selected. Sections must give notice of their intention to participate by Tuesday, November 30, 2010.**

EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF PLAY: Each doubles team will compete against the same ability and gender in separate compass draws. All matches will be the best of three sets with a Match Tiebreak being played in lieu of the 3rd set. Each match played will count and will accumulate points for the respective Section. Points will be awarded depending on the number of doubles teams in each compass draw. For example, if there are 10 doubles teams, the first place doubles team would receive 10 points, the second place doubles team would receive 9 points and the tenth place doubles team would receive 1 point. The Section that accumulates the highest total number of points will be crowned the BNP Paribas Open Tri-Level Champion and will be recognized on Stadium Court. **Final schedule subject to change based on the final number of entries.**

Thursday, March 17	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Captains meeting
Friday, March 18	8:00 am – 6:00 pm	First and second round matches
Saturday, March 19	8:00 am – 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Third and fourth round matches Player dinner and party
Sunday, March 20	7:30 am – 12:00 pm Time to be determined	Final round matches Awards

HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION: Players will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs. Special rates at BNP Paribas Open Hotels will be offered on a space available basis.

GIFTS AND TICKETS: Each player will receive a FILA gift and one complimentary ticket to the BNP Paribas Open for Thursday, March 17 night session, Friday, March 18, day and night sessions, Saturday, March 19, day session and Sunday, March 20, day session. Special discounted rates will be available for any additional tickets a player may wish to purchase.

AWARDS AND PRIZES: Individual awards will be presented to the champions and finalists in each ability and gender compass draw. Additional awards will be presented to the players of the Sections with the three highest point totals. The Section with the highest point total will be crowned the BNP Paribas Open Tri-Level Champion. **Each individual player on the Championship team will receive a FILA product package.**

ENTRY FEE AND REQUIREMENTS: Each player will pay a $125 entry fee (**checks made payable to Desert Champions LLC**). All players must be current USTA members and have current computer generated NTRP ratings. **Self-rated players will not be eligible to compete**.

ROSTER DEADLINE AND INFORMATION: All rosters and entry fees (**checks made payable to Desert Champions LLC**) must be received by Monday, January 31, 2011 by mail to BNP Paribas Open Tri-Level Championships, 78-200 Miles Avenue, Indian Wells, CA 92210 or fax to 760-200-8220. For information please contact Tom Fey, Director of Tennis, Indian Wells Tennis Garden at 760-200-8200 or tfey@iwtg.net.