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**2009 Esurance Tennis Classic**  
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**The Esurance Tennis Classic hosts world-class tennis legends Michael Chang, Tracy Austin, Jensen Brothers, Brad Gilbert, Conchita Martinez, Amber Liu Chang, and Corina Morariu Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf to make special appearance on Sunday, Oct. 4th**

MILL VALLEY, CA (**September 1, 2009**) – The Esurance Tennis Classic is celebrating its fifth year of presenting exciting world-class tennis to the Bay Area and will host a star-studded field that will include tennis legends, Bay Area sports personalities & Hollywood Celebrities. They will be joining Grand Slam winners **Andre Agassi** and **Steffi Graf** who will be appearing in the festivities on Sunday only, October 4, along with French Open champion **Michael Chang**, U.S. Open winner **Tracy Austin**, French Open Doubles winners **Murphy & Luke Jensen**, Wimbledon winner **Conchita Martinez**, Wimbledon Doubles winner **Corina Morariu**, ESPN Tennis analyst **Brad Gilbert** & NCAA Singles & Stanford University graduate **Amber Liu-Chang**, who will all be participating through-out the three-day event. This annual fundraiser takes place at the Harbor Point Tennis Club (475 E. Strawberry Dr., Mill Valley) October 2-4, 2009 and raises funds for To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation, Us Too, Prostrate Cancer Education & Support and the Youth Tennis Advantage. **Tickets are affordably priced at \$25 per day for adults (18 yrs +), or a two-day adult pass for \$40. Junior tickets are \$10 (ages 6-18), kids under 6 are FREE. Discounted group tickets are available. All tickets may be ordered online at <http://www.tennisclassic.org/buytickets.htm> or through the ticket office at (415) 383-6114.**

The event kicks-off with the Blue Shield YTA Junior Clinic Friday afternoon and the Friday night Welcome Cocktail Reception at the club for the players and sponsors. On Saturday, October 3, The Celebrity Pro-Am with the Legends will take place starting at 12:30pm and during intermission, the San Francisco Chinese Rotary Club will celebrate “MICHAEL CHANG DAY” with a celebratory welcome from the Chinese community and their Dragon Dancers. Saturday evening the Dinner, Auction & Awards Gala will take place at the Jewish Community Center in San Rafael with a special awards presentation to world renown Boston Globe journalist & ESPN TV commentator Bud Collins. This special award was created by the Kaliski family to honor and recognize those individuals who have made a difference in their respective



professions. Last year's Classic Award recipient was Barry Mackay, tennis promoter and television analyst who lives in Sausalito. Sunday, October 4, is the day everybody's been waiting for where tennis greats Andre Agassi & Steffi Graf will join all the other legends in a World Team Tennis Shoot-Out format which will also include the Cal Berkeley & Stanford University women's tennis teams. Teams will compete in the Doubles Shoot-Out for the grand prize of the "Classic Cup". All matches are doubles, no-add scoring with a 9 point Tie-Break at 4-all. The scoring is accumulative games won by each team. The team with the most games at the end of match play wins the trophy.

"This year is a hot ticket," said **Rosie Casals**, Hall of Famer & Event Co-Producer. "It's our best line-up ever. With Agassi & Graf coming to play in Sunday's World Tennis Team Shoot-Out, it will be an incredible treat for all tennis fans in the Bay Area, and a great way to raise money for our charities."

**Steffi Graf** is the winner of *22 Grand Slam Singles titles* and one of only four women to win the prestigious *Grand Slam (Australian, French, Wimbledon & U.S. Open* in a calendar year), in the year 1988. Husband, **Andre Agassi** is a *former World No.1*, and winner of *8 Grand Slam Singles titles*, having won a Grand Slam Singles title on all surfaces. These tennis greats along with *French Open Doubles* winners **Luke and Murphy Jensen**, Coach & ESPN TV Analyst **Brad Gilbert**, Wimbledon Doubles Champion **Corina Morariu**, and the Cal Berkeley and Stanford Women's Tennis Teams will all be in action at this year's **Esurance Tennis Classic**.

#### **Harbor Point Charitable Foundation**

The HPCF was founded in 2004 by the Kaliski Family to support increased funding and awareness for adult health programs and for childhood education. Now in its fifth year, the **Esurance Tennis Classic** and **The Harbor Point Charitable Foundation** have raised over \$250,000 for three Bay Area charities: *To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Foundation, Us TOO Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network, and Youth Tennis Advantage.* [www.HPCF.com](http://www.HPCF.com)

#### **Rosie Casals & Sportswoman, Inc**

Rosie Casals is co-producer of the ETC with the HPCF and in 1982 established her company Sportswoman in order to produce and organize top quality tennis events. Born and raised in San Francisco, she rose to fame in the 1960s and 70s winning 12 Grand Slam Doubles Titles. She was a pioneer along with Billie Jean King in the women's movement to earn equality and recognition in the early 70s. Casals was inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in 1995, International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1996 and Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. [www.sportswomanevents.com](http://www.sportswomanevents.com)

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