

Aussie Tennis Legends Come Out To Play At Medibank International Sydney

Famous name tennis stars play each other off as part APIA Day on 11 January 2011 at the Medibank International event in Sydney.

December 5, 2010 (FPRC) -- Australian tennis legends John Fitzgerald and Sandon Stolle are set to make a spectacular return to the court in January to face off in a Legends Match at the Medibank International Sydney.

Announcing the Legends Match today as part of Apia Day activities on Tuesday 11th January, Tournament Director Craig Watson said the match was a valuable addition to the line up for the 2011 event.

'John Fitzgerald and Sandon Stolle were both phenomenal players in their heyday, amassing an impressive record of singles and doubles titles between them,' Watson said.

'The Legends Match will see them pit their skills against each other on the court in what should be an entertaining spectacle for the fans.'

Apia Distribution Executive Manager Craig Dingle said the Legends Match is a terrific opportunity for tennis fans to see two of the former greats of the game in action.

'The Legends Match gives fans a unique opportunity to see some champions of the game in action and Apia is excited to be involved in presenting a match featuring two of Australia's true tennis legends of this calibre on the Sydney court,' Dingle said.

'Tennis is not just a sport, but a lifestyle for many Australians and as a leading over 50s insurance provider Apia is pleased to be able to share in this passion.

'Many of our customers will remember having seen Fitzy and Sandon in action in the 80s and 90s, and we are sure they will enjoy the chance to see them once again,' Dingle said.

Fitzgerald, a former Davis Cup captain and player, said he was looking forward to matching up against his old teammate Stolle in January.

'The Medibank International Sydney is a fantastic event, with a great tradition and history, so I am excited to be part of the Apia day activities at the event,' Fitzgerald said.

'Hopefully Sandon and I can give the Sydney crowds an entertaining match.'

The event holds special memories for both players, with Fitzgerald winning the men's singles title in 1984 and 1988, while Stolle is a two-time men's doubles champion (1993, 1994).

This will be Apia's second year as a platinum partner of the Medibank International Sydney, which runs from the 9th to the 15th of January at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.

'As well as presenting the Legends Match, 2011 will also see the return of the Apia Masters Marquee which was a huge hit at last year's event,' Dingle said.

'The Apia Masters Marquee will be open right throughout the week, providing a welcoming air-conditioned retreat from the heat and crowds with refreshments on offer and giveaways throughout the day – including signed Medibank International Sydney merchandise, Slazenger tennis gear, Schweppes drinks hampers, Pooles Rock wines and the chance to win an accommodation package at the Westin Sydney,' Dingle said.

For more information on Apia Day and the Medibank International Sydney visit www.medibankinternational.com.au.

Tickets to the Medibank International Sydney 2011 are on sale now through Ticketek and can be purchased online at www.ticketek.com.au or 1300 888 104.

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