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Music and the Sunshine assist the Mallorca Kadel Memorial, Paguera, Spain

Located in Paguera, Mallorca taking place 21st – 27th March, this Grade 5 tournament joined the ITF Seniors Circuit in 2010. With a total of 15 clay courts available and lots of sunshine, this provided the ideal setting for this tournament.

The Mens 40s saw No 1 seed Martin Mora Garcia, ESP and finalist from 2010 return to see if he could go one step further. Unfortunately this did not happen with the title being taken by Gabriel Orzabal, ARG who took the title against Armin Jaeger, GER 6:1.6:1,

The Mens 50s also saw another finalist return from 2010. Andreas Multerer, GER did go one step further than 2010 by taking the title against Dominique Demaneville, ESP 6:2, 6:0.

A strong draw was published in the Mens 55s with top seed Werner Rauen, GER winning a number of titles in 2010 including the Grade 3 event 6th International Senior Open Puente Romano and holding the title for this event in 2010. Current ITF ranking of 67, Werner made the ideal start by progressing to the final without dropping a set. In the final he was to meet Gabriel Segui, ESP who has on his way to the final beaten No 2 seed Ramon Lopez Rojo, ESP who had reached the final in 2010. Werner took the first set 6:1 but Ramon took the next set on the tie break to take it into the final set. Werner once again showed his experience and took this set 6:1.

The Mens 60s saw a upset with both seeds losing before reaching the final. No 1 seed Angelo Arancio, ITA was beaten in the semi finals by Herman Kaps, GER who went onto play a fellow countryman Rainer Wolf in the final. Unfortunately the final was stopped at 3:1 to Rainer due to a retirement by Hermann Kapps.

The Mens 65s saw Rainer Middlehaue, take the title against Ingo Hansmann 6:1;6:0.

The final Mens age category (M70s) at the tournament saw a healthy draw sheet with 16 players taking part. No 1 seed Hans Antkowiak whose best ITF ranking was in November 2010 of 86 progressed to the final without losing a set. He had the ideal start against Jose Altisent-Semante, ESP who also had a best ITF ranking of 86 in 2006 after taking the first set 6:1. Jose made an excellent fight back in the second set taking this also with a score of 6:1. The final set and title went to Hans Antkowiak 6:3.

The Womens 40/45s saw a return of the 2010 winner Suzanne Mcnaughton Brown, GBR. Suzanne held onto her title for the second year by winning all of her matches in this round robin format without dropping a set.

Heike Deda Kolata, ESP was to take the No 1 seed spot in the Womens 50s. She had the ideal start in the second round after receiving a bye in the first by beating Barbel Poulheim, GER 6:1,6:2. In the next round she met a Edeltraut Horstmann, GER. After dropping the first set 6:2, Heike took the next 7:5. Another hard fought set in the third the match reach 6:6 but unfortunately a retirement by Barbel Poulheim saw the match end prematurely.

The Womens 60s saw this event take place on a round robin basis with Brigitte Weber, GER taking the title after winning all of her matches.

The Womens 65s was also completed on a round robin basis with Ingrid Stubin, GER retaining her title from 2010.

The tournament also provided consultation draws, doubles draws and mixed with a total of 110 singles matches and 37 doubles matches taking place over the week.

In addition to the players being entertained by a live Spanish Band, the players had access to a large sunny terrace or sitting area with an attractive fireplace. Wi-fi access, a bar and restaurant also provided excellent services for the players and spectators on site.

The tournament had a very successful week and it was great to see not only new players but players who have participated in 2010 coming back to better their results or retain their title for the second consecutive year.