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## 2003 GLTA Hall of Fame Honorary Inductee – Paul Shepard

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On Saturday August 30, 2003 Paul Shepard died while playing tennis in the GLTA tournament of Los Angeles. Those who knew Paul best know that he died doing exactly what he loved.

Paul was not only a very active player in the GLTA circuit, but also a very dedicated GLTA representative for the Desert Tennis Association. He (co-) organized many GLTA tournaments in the Palm Springs area.

Paul Shepard's devotion to athleticism matched his enthusiasm for life. Everything he did, he did to the fullest, whether it was in love, business, or sport. One of Paul's joys was planning, preparing, practicing, strategizing, and playing the GLTA Tournaments. He played in two Gay Games; winning a 1990 silver medal in Amsterdam and a 2002 Gold Medal in Australia.

Paul Shepard lived in Palm Springs for over twenty years. Shepard was an active and generous member of the Desert community. His dedication and his friendship came hand in hand. Shepard was very active in his home community. He was a proud member of the Palm Springs Tennis Club, the Chamber of Commerce since 1978, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and he donated his time, talents, and money to many local charitable organizations including the Desert AIDS Project. For years, he sat on the Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards Gala Committee and was an integral part of the Steve Chase Program Committee's yearly success.

All of Shepard's accomplishments, as impressive as they were, pale in comparison to the size of his heart. He greeted everyone equally, with a big, booming hello, a smile, and a handshake, or a hug.

“Paul Shepard was one of our strongest supporters, says John L. Brown, Executive Director of Desert AIDS Project. His leadership and guidance will be missed by so many here. In honor of Paul, the Desert AIDS Project is proud to establish a special fund in his name.

Donations in honor of Paul Shepard's memory can be made to the Desert AIDS Project, where they will go into a special fund. For more information, call 760-323-2118 ext. 249

