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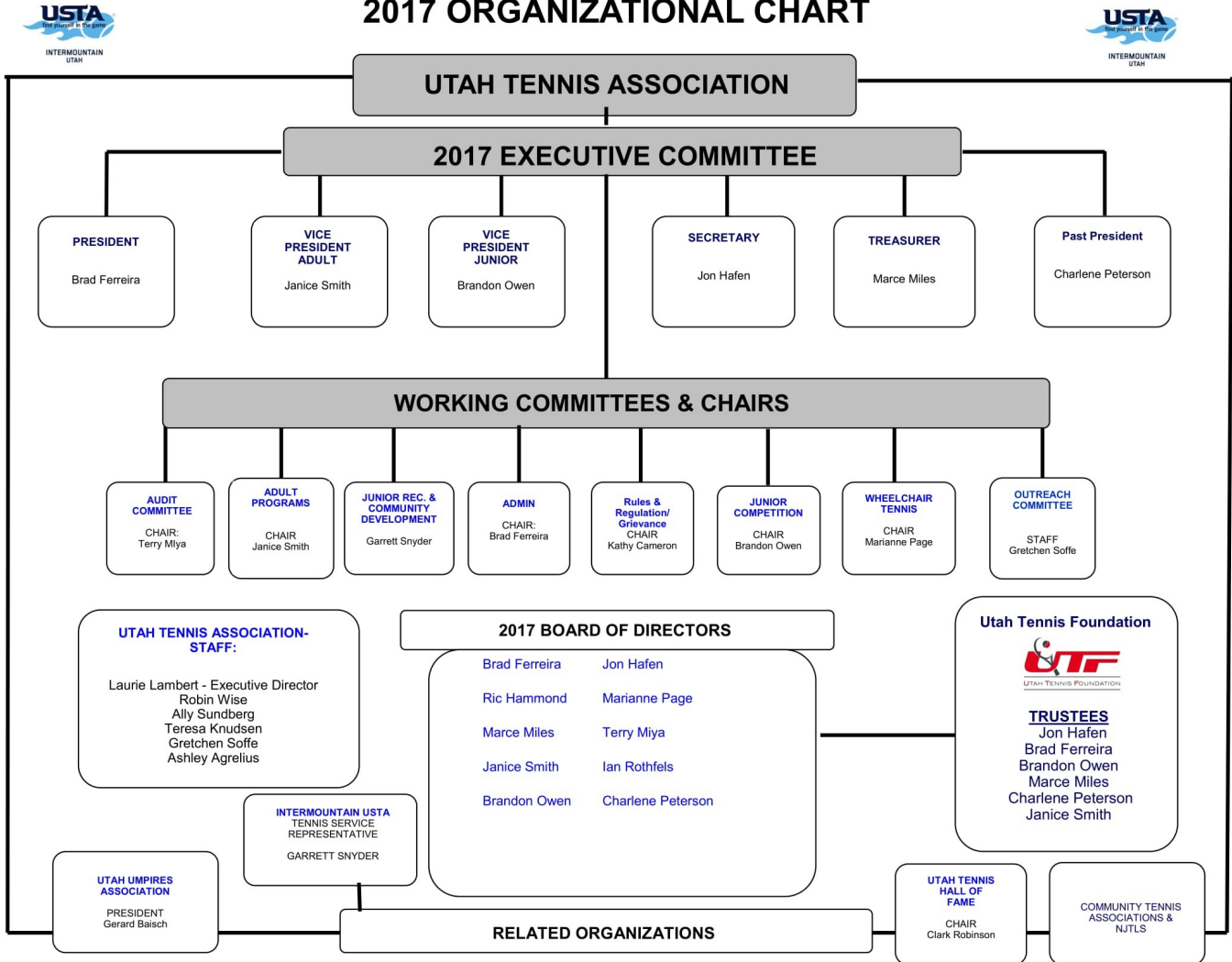
2017 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

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Utah Tennis enjoyed another successful year in 2017. The Intermountain section is leading the nation in many metrics used by the USTA National board to measure success. This includes but is not limited to league participation, junior participation, and diversity programming. Furthermore, within the Intermountain section, Utah is the leading division in a number of these categories.

This success is due in large part to the tireless effort of our Executive Director, Laurie Lambert and her staff. In the many years that I have been teaching in Utah, this is the most energetic and enthusiastic staff ever working at Utah Tennis Association. They are constantly trying new things and do not know the concept of a 40-hour work week.

Luckily, we also have tennis enthusiasts willing to serve on the UTA Board and various committees who have a genuine interest in making tennis in Utah successful. Thank you for all your time and commitment. Without you, the success of the Adult Programs, Junior Competition, Wheelchair, Grievance, and Community Outreach Committees would not be possible. Utah Tennis is always looking for volunteers to be actively involved in the continued success of its programs.

2018 will bring in Net Generation and a new national program for all 10 and under tournament players. The goal for 2018 is to continue the success of the last couple of years and to find new ways to make all our programs stronger.

Brad Ferreira

2017 was an extraordinary year for outreach and growth of tennis in our state of Utah. With a staff that is bursting with energy and fresh ideas of how to bring new people into the game, the Utah Tennis Association worked hard to make sure everyone in the state can enjoy the sport of a lifetime.

Ally Sundberg oversaw the unbelievably complex world of scheduling 13 leagues for tennis players in our state. Salt Lake City took 7th in the entire country for increase in league registrations for the year 2017. We had an increase of 1015 registrations as compared to 2016. In addition, 2017 saw the greatest number of Unique player (player counts only once per year) registrations in the past 10 years. By offering free league registration to all players age 25 and younger, and also free league registration to first time league players in Utah, over 120 players were brought to the courts. 2017 also brought new league competition to the players in St. George for the first time in many years. Ally's ability to stay extraordinarily organized amidst the very difficult task of finding courts for the thousands of league matches per year cannot be matched. Her working relationships with the captains, listening to them about ways to continually improve league is helping grow this program every day.

Gretchen Soffe, our new Outreach Coordinator, is constantly brainstorming new ways to connect people to each other and bring them onto the court for great fun. She organized the UTA's first 39 & Under League during the summer, a new 65 & Over league, and brought together people to form upwards of 20 new teams of players through her ability to meet and connect with people in the community. Gretchen is also chair of the new Outreach Committee – a group of people who mentor new players, support community tennis events, and generally are what we call our "Ambassadors of Fun"! Gretchen has been working tirelessly to try and bring more competitive tennis opportunities to the players in our northern part of the state. She and Garrett Snyder, our TSR, have met multiple times with interested groups to try and make sure that everyone has the opportunity to compete in tennis events in Utah. One of Gretchen's biggest successes this year was the Millennial Match Play program. This social league, focusing on players under the age of 40, flourished in its inaugural fall season with many new players getting back out onto the courts.

Robin Wise has the amazing ability to stay calm in the face of HUGE events that she runs. As Director of the Winter Masters, the Ice Breaker, the Utah State Open, Zonals, the Labor Day Masters, the EDC, CTC, Team Utah and the Regional Training Center Program that came to Utah for the first time in 2017, Robin barely comes up for air between her events. Her daily emails and voice mails from players and parents leading up to these tournaments are staggering. Tournaments are a labor of love for Robin and the UTA. It is so important to Robin that players have the opportunity to join tournaments in their home state, and she works fiercely to make sure that the Sectional and National events are awarded to Utah each year.

Ashley Agrelius joined our staff early in the year, and brings a Southern charm to our staff that makes us all burst out laughing. If you haven't been reading our facebook page, you have missed out on the hilarious posts that Ashley puts up nearly every day. Ashley had a huge learning curve to undertake the oversight of the earned advancement program for 10s that the UTA runs, along with setting Utah Tennis up for the new Youth Progression program for 10 & Unders that the National USTA launched in our section January 1 of 2018. Ashley also oversees the standings and rankings for adults and juniors, along with all of our website and Constant Contact work. Ashley is constantly looking at ways we can be more efficient, more clean in our presentation, and more visible to everyone in the community. She has been a joy to add to our staff.

Garrett Snyder, formerly a Board member, took on the position of Tennis Service Representative for Utah after Jaxon Montague moved back to his home state of Idaho. Garrett's many years of experience working in the Parks and Recreation business in Utah has provided unbelievable opportunities for outreach of tennis into these organizations. The new Net Generation youth brand, launched by the National USTA at the US Open, is providing an incredible pathway for programs and community champions to let people know about their programming. By connecting and partnering schools with parks and rec programs, Garrett can make sure that juniors can keep tennis in their lives every month of the year. Garrett ran the Girls High School camp, the SuperLeague program, and became a father the last week of the year – he was VERY busy in his first year working as the Utah TSR!

Teresa Knudsen, our office manager, takes the best care of all of us as we “go under” planning for some of our events. Teresa is always thinking of others and how she can help reduce our stress and workload. At the same time, Teresa created a great new program to get more young players out onto the court. Her singles socials for players in various LDS singles wards brought out hundreds of players. Teresa is so encouraging to these “kids” – some of which have played in their past, but many of which are new to the sport. She mentors the players from the singles socials into more organized league play, and is helping make sure that tennis is in the minds of young people in our community.

As Executive Director, my focus continues to be on Outreach to underserved communities and diversity and inclusion. The UTA participated in hosting a booth at the PRIDE Festival and having a float in the parade this past June. The PRIDE festival was certainly the highlight of my year professionally. By playing with at least a thousand people as they came by our booth, we were able to show so many people that “There's a Place in Tennis for Everyone”. In addition to the PRIDE event, much of my time was spent growing our adaptive tennis program – for youth with hearing impairments, continuing to support the wheelchair tennis program by travelling to St. George, Utah and Missoula, Montana to help these cities start wheelchair programs of their own, and rural outreach. In addition, my work with rural towns continues to bring me joy and hopefully expose youth and adults in towns with no indoor courts the ability to play our great sport. Our summer programs with the Glendale Tennis Club (formerly the Tongan Tennis Club) and the Guadalupe Elementary School were great programs where the UTA and Foundation were able to teach tennis twice a week to over 100 youth for free. I also love my work with the Tennis & Tutoring program – now at 3 sites, and the Of Love Foundation – a massive tournament and event that raises money for Juvenile Diabetes Research and the Utah Tennis Foundation. So much joy for me this year came from watching the staff constantly approach me with their new ideas of how to bring more people to our sport. The staff is absolutely amazing.

I continue to rely on the years of experience in our community that our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Tennis Directors and the public input bring to our association. Every person associated with tennis in Utah comes to our programs with the spirit of giving back to the sport that they love and the sport that has brought them joy. I can't imagine my life without tennis, and am honored every day to be the Executive Director of this incredible organization. Thank you for all your support and hope to see you out on the courts!

Laurie Lambert

Player Development / Junior Programs cover all aspects of junior development and competition. This includes supplemental development programs and individual tournament competition at District, Sectional and National levels. The Utah Tennis Junior Competition and Player Development Committee provide many of the volunteers who help the Utah District Coordinator, Robin Wise, and make suggestions and recommendations for our juniors and Player Development. They, along with staff member Robin Wise, also coordinated the 2017 Junior Gran Prix Point Challenge, sponsored by Utah Tennis and HEAD / Penn Racquet Sports. The Gran Prix remains a very popular incentive program for the junior tournament players.

Player Development /Junior programs offer additional training opportunities for juniors. The Utah District Competition Training Center and Team Utah come under the Junior Competition and Player Development Committee's jurisdiction. These supplemental programs are designed to enhance these exceptional players' tennis performance in conjunction with independent training. The selection process for the juniors is based on rankings, interest, tournament participation, dedication and sportsmanship.

The Team Utah and CTC programs for the 2017/2018 season focused on helping our top juniors reach their full potential and giving them the opportunity to receive both on and off court training to help them get to the next level. The Junior Competition and Player Development Committee and Junior Competition and Player Development Coordinator Robin Wise work closely with the coaches and parents to help educate them on the competitive opportunities for our juniors, as well as providing information to those who have the desire to progress in junior competition in the District, within the Section and Nationally to help prepare them for college play. A portion of the cost of the program was reduced due to the success of the 24th Annual Jan Dowse Junior Tennis Fundraiser. A portion of the dollars raised by the Utah Tennis Foundation were earmarked for junior tennis and were used to help directly benefit those juniors who participated in the program by providing reduced program fees.

Robin Wise

EARLY DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (EDC)

Initiated in 2016, this program is for juniors age 7-9 who meet three times a year at the University of Utah Eccles Tennis Center. At the camps, the players received fundamental training and coaching that focused on general areas of skill development in the sport. We also held parent educational seminars at each of the camps. Brad Ferreira is the Head Coach and was assisted by Lindsay Rawstorne, Roeland Brateanu, DeeDee Nelson, Holly Hasler, Romina Conner and Mike White.

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| Andi Armstrong | Stephen Morgan |
| Davis Aubrey | Henry Owen |
| Drew Bergeson | Emma Peterson |
| JT Buxton | Liam Reddy |
| Anthony Cooksey | Arin Soneji |
| Phoebe Dallimore | Kaia Sperry |
| Stockton Dyer | Lily Stohl |
| Anna Frey | Michael Tullis |
| Sam Govina | Matt White |
| Sonia Govina | Sara White |
| Corbin Grant | Kimball Wolfgramm |
| Molly Jarvie | |



BOYS AND GIRLS 16 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Utah Tennis Association has hosted this tournament for the past 21 years. Tournament Director Robin Wise, Utah Tennis staff and volunteers worked very hard to make it a successful and fun event for everyone. One hundred forty-four junior players, parents and coaches representing five different Sections participated in the July 27-31 event in Salt Lake City. Matches took place at the Eccles Tennis Center on the University of Utah campus and at Liberty Park Tennis Center. The Intermountain, Hawaii Pacific, Northern California, Southern California and Southwest Sections participated. Each team consisted of 6 boys and 6 girls who competed in a non-elimination singles and doubles, round robin team format.

The team format allows coaching during the matches. Intermountain coaches included DeeDee Nelson and York Strother, both of Utah, and Anthony Weber from Colorado. A special thanks to Brad Ferreira, Tennis Director and Head Men's Coach at Weber State University, who conducted a special session for players, parents and coaches. Many thanks to all of the volunteers and facility staff who helped with the tournament. This tournament was presented in partnership with the Utah Sports Commission.

2017-2018 Competitive Training Center (CTC)



Coaches: Bob Juhasz (Head), Drew Sweet, Evi Vandecasteele, Dantley Young, Corbin Benson, Matt Sweet

Calvin Armstrong
Shannon Anderson
Drew Bergeson
Sage Bergeson
Brayden Blodgett
Alexandra Burnett

Jane Dorny
Jake Fankhauser
Anna Frey
Charlie Frey
Jaiden Handlon
Cameron Hendrix

Fiona Jackson
Dawson Jenkins
Savannah Johnson
Dylan Lolofie
Tarun Martheswaran
Elle Martin

Marinn Patch
Riya Soneji
Kaia Sperry
Samuel Stewart
Lalith Suresh
Lucy Wallin

2017-2018 Team Utah



Coaches: Lindsay Rawstorne (Head), Brad Ferreira, Clark Barton, Mike Trabert, Mike White

Annaliese County
Elly Lloyd
Emmie Moore
Redd Owen

Connor Robb-Wilcox
Gabby Rockwood
Olivia Rockwood

Isaac Smith
Leif Thulin
Bitsy Tullis

Sara Tullis
Luke Vandecasteele
Quinn Vandecasteele

JUNIOR GRAN PRIX AND SPORTSMANSHIP



The Gran Prix Points Challenge is designed to encourage tournament participation for Utah juniors. Players accumulate points throughout the tournament season by participating in USTA Utah sanctioned junior tournaments. Points are awarded for participation and for winning in both Open and Challenger level divisions. Individuals with the highest point totals in each age division, Singles and Doubles, Boys and Girls are recognized at the end of the tournament season.

2017 GRAN PRIX WINNERS

GIRLS SINGLES	BOYS SINGLES	GIRLS DOUBLES	BOYS DOUBLES
Lisa King-10	Henry Owen-10	Kaia Sperry-10	Preston Jenkins-10
Sara White-12	Ford Owen-12	Kylee Sperry-12	Jaden Wittwer-12
Shannon Anderson-14	Joshua Peterson-14	Sage Bergeson-14	Hardy Owen-14
Rachel Brown-16	Jeremy Larson-16	Alysha Damron-16	Jeremy Larson-16
Joslin Seaberg-18	Joshua Sodorff-18	Megan Vehar-18	Jonathan Fairbanks-18

2017 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Drew Bergeson and Alysha Damron



2017 HILARY DOYLE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Steffen Rigby

At the conclusion of each Sanctioned Junior Tournament, the tournament director will select one or more juniors who exemplified good sportsmanship during the tournament. The sportsmanship winner from each tournament during the season is considered as a nominee for this annual award. The junior player receiving the most nominations is selected to receive the Hilary Doyle Award.



ADULT LEAGUE



Utah enjoyed a boom in the overall Adult League participation. New adult leagues and outreach programs brought in players new to league. Below represents the change in player participation per league program. This year a 40&Over Wild Card Qualifier Tournament was offered in addition to 18&Over WCQ.

League	Sponsors	Format	Team/Player Count	Percentage Change in Participants from 2016
Winter League	Hillside Tire & Service, Mike Doolin and Steve Brand	1 Singles 4 Doubles	77/1074	-4% / -1%
USTA 18 & Over Mixed Doubles		3 Doubles	28/430	0% / -3%
USTA 18 & Over	Wollam Construction Guy and Lana Wollam	2 Singles 3 Doubles	111/1676	+4% / +8%
USTA 40 & Over Mixed Doubles		3 Doubles	23/353	+44% / +69%
USTA 40 & Over		2 Singles 3 Doubles	85/1319	+8% / +9%
2.5 Women Summer		1 Singles 2 Doubles	4/34	NEW
USTA 55 & Over		3 Doubles	19/242	-5% / -3%
USTA 65 & Over		3 Doubles	10/99	NEW
ITA Fall Mixed Doubles		3 Doubles	25/433	+25% / +40%
Fall Outdoor		3 Doubles	86/1,170	+53% / +60%
Fall Indoor		3 Doubles	67/877	+8% / +11%
World Team Tennis		Singles & Doubles, mixed	22 teams	+29%
Wild Card Qualifier Tournaments 18&Over and 40&Over	IM Grating, Brent & Vicki Cox	2 Singles 3 Doubles		



ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAMS WHO ADVANCED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



18 & Over 2.5 Women
Ivory Ridge—Boren



55 & Over 9.0 Women
Liberty Park—Rawlings



18 & Over 3.0 Women
Ivory Ridge— Willardson/Enloe



55 & Over 7.0 Women
Coach Mike's—Stoddard/Larkin



18 & Over 3.5 Men: VASA—Fowkes
40 & Over 3.5 Men: VASA—Fowkes



18 & Over Mixed Doubles 8.0
Sports Mall—Jones/Johnson



18 & Over Mixed Doubles 9.0
Sports Mall—Jones/Johnson

ADULT NTRP WINNERS



The following list represents the players with the most tournament points for 2017 per adult division.

MEN

- M2.5S Jeffrey Uzcategui
- M3.0S Michael Olson
- M3.5S Jarrod Morrill
- M4.0S Claudio Torres
- M4.5S Jason Kelly
- MOpenS Phillip Eilers
- M3.0D David Osborn/ Johathan Tinker
- M3.5D Steven Marshall /Sergio Farfan
- M4.0D Dylan Shorter / Hudson Shorter
- M4.5D Tim Stevenson /Andrew Stewart
- MOpenD Jason Weir-Smith /Matt Cowley
- M 50 S Dave Richey
- M 55 S Roger Russell
- M 60 S Tim Fosdick
- M 65 S Stephen Gubler
- M 70 S Richard Eyre
- M 75 S Douglas Wixom
- M 80 S W Somerville
- M 85 S Michael Stephens
- M 50 D Myles McKell / Matt McKell
- M 55 D David Smith / Roger Russell
- M 65 D William Riley / Craig Burkinshaw
- M 70 D Richard Eyre / Thomas Smith
- M 80 D Ron Bachman / W Somerville

WOMEN

- W2.5S Taylor Gilbert
- W3.0S Shoeleh Assemi
- W3.5S Amy Droubay
- W4.0S Kecia Gwilliam
- W4.5S Megan Call
- WOpenS Callie Craig
- W3.0D Trista Willardson /Sharlene Enloe
- W3.5D Leah Schlangen /Hayley Shaffer
- W4.0D Allison Rideout /Pamela Roberts
- W4.5D Pauline Armstrong /Paige Mitchell
- W 50 S Jill Russell
- W 60 S Linda Alder
- W 70 S Sylvia Williams
- W 80 S Lois Lowe
- W 50 D Tori McLanahan / Jodi Wagner
- W 55 D Donna Perry / Debbie Felsted
- W 60 D Pam Richards / Debbie Hutton

MIXED

- MX3.0D Kristi Mecham /Ryan Farr
- MX3.5D Marci Seegmiller Chris Seegmiller
- MX4.0D Sam Lee / Amy Johnson
- MX Open D Calvin Bennett / Paige Miles
- Comb MX 6.0 Viswa Colluru / Shannon Torstrom
- Comb MX 7.0 Kenny Johnson / Katri Koehle
- Comb MX 7.5 Steve Kinslow / Angelina Tsu
- Comb MX 8.0 Phillip Martinez / Michelle King
- Comb MX 9.0 Ryan Miller / Paige Mitchell
- MX 50 Jill Russell / Roger Russell
- MX 55 John Mettenet / Margie Mettenet
- MX 60 Ronald Tanner / Debbie Felsted
- MX 75 Lois Moritz / Roger Moritz



Matt Cowley & Jason Weir-Smith
Men's Open Doubles

KATHY ROTHFELS & LUCEEN SULLIVAN AWARD

Presented to an **Outstanding Girls' High School Tennis Team** in the State of Utah. Named after Kathy Rothfels and Luceen Sullivan who together in 1969 were instrumental in organizing and running the first Girls High School Tennis Tournament in the State of Utah. This award recognizes achievement in high school tennis but is not determined solely on win/loss record.



2017 Girls High School Team—Lone Peak High School

RUBY HAMMEL AWARD

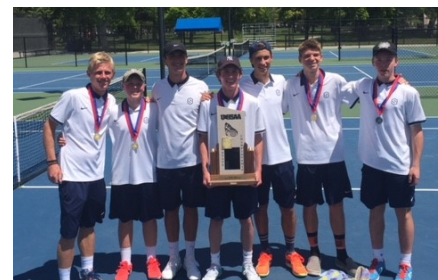


Presented to an **Outstanding Female High School Tennis Player** in the State of Utah (nominations & selection from fall 2017 season). Named after Ruby Hammel, who has been a tennis advocate for junior tennis for over 50 years and has taught and introduced hundreds of young girls to the sport of tennis. Through her guidance, inspiration and direction many of these young girls have gone on to play and compete on a High School Tennis Team. This award recognizes a female athlete for her achievements in high school tennis and also recognizes the individual for their overall performance, team spirit, sportsmanship and attitude both on and off the court.

2017 Female High School Players of the Year —Addison Sepulveda and Raili Jenkins

WILBUR BRAITHWAITE AWARD

Presented to an **Outstanding Boys' High School Tennis Team** in the State of Utah (nominations & selection from spring 2017 season). Named after Wilbur Braithwaite, who coached High School Tennis at Manti High School for 53 years with over 11 State High School Championship Titles. This award recognizes achievement in high school tennis but is not determined solely on win/loss record.



2017 Boys High School Team—Skyline High School

LEE HAMMEL AWARD



Presented to an **Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player** in the State of Utah. Named after Lee Hammel, who coached High School Tennis in Utah at South and East High School for 40 years with over 5 State High School Championship Titles. This award recognizes a male athlete for his achievements in high school tennis and also recognizes the individual for their overall performance, team spirit, sportsmanship and attitude both on and off the court.

2017 Boys High School Player of the Year—Steffen Rigby

UTAH WHEELCHAIR TENNIS COMMITTEE—Marianne Page, Chair

2017 was a productive year for the Utah Wheelchair Tennis Committee. We started off by hosting the sixth annual All Comers Wheelchair Tennis Camp bringing in National Wheelchair Tennis coaches Jason Harnett and Jason Allen to conduct the clinic along with David Wagner and Utah coaches Michael O’Keefe, Lindsay Rawstorne and Rick Draney. Participants from across the country came to play including players from New York, Atlanta, Colorado, Idaho and Texas as well as several local players.

Numerous opportunities of play were offered throughout the year for players of all levels. The outdoor season was held at Coach Mike’s Liberty Park offering separate weekly adult and junior programs. The adult program continued through the winter at the Sports Mall and a new 6 week winter program was offered for juniors at the tennis courts at Lagoon. We were excited to gain one new adult participant who was given a private lesson in order to introduce her to wheelchair tennis for the first time.

Monthly clinics were offered by both PC MARC and Ivory Ridge with an additional weekly workout being held at Park City. Both facilities and their pros continue to be strong supporters of wheelchair tennis and we appreciate their continued partnership. The partnership with the Salt Lake City School District was also renewed and tennis was taught during the adaptive PE classes at West High School.

This year we also provided several training and outreach opportunities to different groups and organizations. A training was given on how to teach wheelchair tennis to a group from Thailand who work with people with disabilities in their country. Laurie, Dean and Rick traveled to Missoula, Montana to conduct a wheelchair tennis clinic providing training to local pros, volunteers and several participants with disabilities. A training was also provided in St. George to pros educating them on wheelchair tennis. It was well received and they have written a grant to Utah Tennis asking for more help and equipment to start a wheelchair tennis program there. We also set up wheelchair tennis at the annual spina bifida picnic in order to let kids try it out and hopefully gain some new interest.

At the close of the year we formed a team of both able-bodied and wheelchair players in order to compete in the World Team Tennis League. This has been a great way to provide education and exposure to the able-bodied community.

As we move into 2018, the Utah Wheelchair Tennis Program will continue to strengthen its bonds with the community and strive to promote the sport of tennis. Committee Chair, Marianne Page, along with committee members Dean Oba, Rick Draney and Trish Oba spend countless hours planning and implementing ideas to help grow the sport of wheelchair tennis. We appreciate everyone’s support of this great program.

Utah Wheelchair Tennis Committee Members: Rick Draney, Dean and Trish Oba and Staff Member Laurie Lambert

UTA GRIEVANCE, RULES, REGULATIONS and BYLAWS COMMITTEE Kathy Cameron, Chair

2017 saw a complete re-write of the UTA League Regulations, the purpose being, to clarify the Regulations with more detail hoping to avoid misinterpretation and in turn grievances. This will be an ongoing project during 2018 as we identify areas needing further clarification. The Tournament Grievance Process will be created during 2018.

The committee's primary responsibility continues to be resolving grievances and complaints filed by members in connection with sanctioned tournaments, leagues and programs sponsored by the Utah Tennis Association. It is the responsibility of the Grievance Committee to balance the interests of the person who is the subject of the grievance, his or her teammates, and very importantly, other players who may be impacted by the complaint or incident. It is critical that, at the time of the incident, complaints be directed to local umpires, the local league coordinator, or the tournament desk for immediate handling. Parents are advised to restrain themselves in connection with their children's matches and to utilize appropriate remedies. All players and spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct, the Rules of Tennis, the UTA Spectator Policy, and demonstrate good sportsmanship, so that everyone can have a fun and enjoyable experience on and off the court.

2017 Grievance Committee Members: Terry Miya, Steve Robbins, Jason Grant, Marilyn Patch, Kristen Siddoway, Brandon Owen and Cheryl Jameson

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In September 2017, the Outreach Committee was formed and met for the first time. 13 people, comprised of outstanding members of the Utah Tennis Community, make up the committee. This committee assists with new player assimilation, community events and the promotion of a positive experience for all league players.

Mission Statement: The Utah Tennis Outreach Committee is a group dedicated to the support of new league players as well as improving the experiences of existing league players. We seek to connect people of all abilities and backgrounds as we work to increase participation and foster values of fair play and mutual respect.



Outreach Committee Members: Scott Hinton, Lauren Bryce, Steve Kinslow, Jasmine Pourpak, Lindsay Lafeen, Angelina Tsu, Darren Nelson, Tracy Robbins, Myles McKell, KC Agrelius, Katri Koehle, Kristi Roggensack and Staff Member Gretchen Soffe

WORKING COMMITTEES



AUDIT COMMITTEE - Terry Miya, Chair

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the financials of the association and compliance reporting process and the operation of the policies on conflicts of interest and the Governing Board Association's staff communications.

Audit Committee Members: Ric Hammond, Marce Miles and Staff Member Laurie Lambert

JUNIOR COMPETITION AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Brandon Owen, Chair

The Junior Competition and Player Development Committee spent much of 2017 preparing for the new Youth Progression program that began January 2018. This new program is designed to create an enhanced experience for children starting to play junior tennis tournaments. The goal is to ensure young players, age 7-10 years old, are competing at appropriate levels as they progress through competitive states based on age, participation and achievement. The system tracks the progress of junior players as they advance from Orange to Green and then Yellow ball competition. The new system will serve as a guide for coaches, parents and players to help players compete in events using appropriate court size and ball for their skill level. Players will receive stars for each qualified junior tournament in which they participate. Parents and players may track their progress online through their USTA/TennisLink account.



Junior Competition and Player Development Committee

Members: Lindsay Rawstorne, Tiffin Tullis, Matt Stohl, Holly Hasler, Lesley Rockwood, Brian Moore, Tony Wallin, Tanner Frey, Brad Ferreira and Staff Member Robin Wise

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE— Janice Smith, Chair

The Adult Programs Committee is responsible for the development and administration of leagues and tournaments. Utah Tennis Association provides USTA Leagues under the governance of the USTA and other leagues. Leagues are designed to provide the opportunity for year-round competitive tennis in a team format. Leagues are available for various adult men and women groups (18 & Over, 39 & Under, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over, Mixed Doubles and World Team Tennis). Skill levels range from 2.5 to 5.0 NTRP, as well as combined NTRP 6.0 - 10.0+. Overall league participation increased 33% to a total of 8,927 players.

The committee supported the 18 & Over Wild Card Qualifier and for the first time this year, the 40 & Over Tournaments, which was run by staff members Gretchen Soffe and Ashley Agrelius. Winning teams of the WCQ tournaments earned a spot to compete in the District Championships.

New this year was the 39&Under League which ran during the same time as the 40&Over League. This pilot program was a success and will become a part of our regular leagues offered beginning 2018.

Adult Programs Committee Members: Terry Miya, Scott Ingham, Katy Higgins, Katy Alder, Jake Johnson, Bre Debry, Janine Piper, Darren Nelson

UTAH TENNIS OUTREACH PROGRAM

In March of 2017, the Utah Tennis Association Outreach Coordinator position was created with the intent to increase adult league participation and promote the sport. The Outreach Coordinator works closely with the Adult League Coordinator to ensure that 1) Individuals who express interest in becoming involved in the Utah Tennis Community are contacted and placed in an appropriate program, 2) League teams that require additional players are assisted and 3) League participants are offered a superior product along with a positive experience.

In 2017, several new programs were tested:

- 24 Hour Adult Tournament Challenge
- USTA 65 and Over League
- UTA 39 and Under League
- UTA 2.5 Women's Summer League
- Millennial Match Play

24 Hour Adult Tournament Challenge was designed to attract the player who is lacking time to participate in a traditional week-long tournament format. These tournaments run Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

USTA 65 and Over League 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 Women's teams were formed along with four 8.0 men's teams. One team from each division represented Utah at the Sectionals Tournament in Eagle, Idaho October 13-15, 2017.

UTA 39 and Under League Designed to accommodate an underserved population, this league played at Olympus Hills Park and offered two combined divisions: 7.0 and 9.0. With 8 teams and almost 60 participants, this successful league will run officially through TennisLink in 2018.

UTA 2.5 Women's Summer League Utah Tennis offered this league for the first time in 2017 with an 8 week regular season.

Millennial Match Play A directive from USTA National asked that sections focus on the 18 to 39 demographic. We drew from our LDS Singles tennis socials to create Millennial Match Play, a social league for young adults where players can meet new people and improve their tennis skills.

Attracting "unique" players (new to USTA) was a huge focus in 2017. New players were found through the Utah Tennis website, referrals and Community Socials. In 2017, Utah was ranked 7th in the Nation for overall increase in league registration, with our highest number of unique player in 10 years.

Submitted by Gretchen Soffe

COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS



NEPHI RECREATION

2017 was another great year for tennis in Nephi as energy continues to build for the sport of tennis.

- Summer Tennis Camps-40 youth
- Adaptive Tennis-8 participants with 10+ volunteer buddies
- New! Summer Drop In. Youth and adults were encouraged to drop in and play. T-shirts were given for those who reached the 100 hour club. High School team participants were assigned times to be at the courts and mentor others. Wednesday evening was highlighted by adult play with High school coaches mentoring. Court lights are available with a push button system and are free for the public to use.
- Junior High/High School Tennis camps are also offered by the High School coaches during the summer and are very successful. High school programs are developing and Girls team won Region. An eagle scout project is building cement pads for future bleachers at the tennis courts.
- A community church group held a tournament with girls 10-11 years old with their Dads. They borrowed our equipment and had about 40 participants in a fun summer tournament.
- We received a "Blended Lines" Tennis Grant for 2 courts from US Tennis Association Utah and US Tennis Association Intermountain. We plan to utilize those more in 2018 with our 10 & under program.
- We just hired a new Full Time Coordinator, Michael Barlow that has been working with Pleasant Grove with Pickle Ball and Tennis. We anticipate him expanding our youth programs with the Central Utah Tennis Association (Utah County) in tennis and also Pickle ball.



John Bradley

Nephi Recreation Director

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MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION received a grant for their summer tennis program which was held at two sites. The Harrisville tennis courts (2 courts) located at Harrisville, Utah and the Ben Lomond High School tennis courts (4 courts) in Ogden, Utah.

Harrisville Tennis: Focus was on the 10 & Under program; however, some teenagers and adults also participated. The program was divided into three, 2 1/2 week sessions with attendance ranging from 54—83 participants per session. Free or discounted lessons were given to those who could not afford them. Pepsi Co. provided free T-shirts to all players. An end of season tournament was offered to those involved in the summer program at no extra cost where prizes and medals were awarded. Our tennis instructors decorated a float and participated in the Harrisville Day parade.

Ben Lomond (Ogden) Tennis: This program was developed so beginner and intermediate players could participate in low key competition. Players were assigned an opponent to play singles or given a partner for doubles. They would play 3 games and then gather back for a different assignment. Games won or lost were not recorded. By doing this, players learned the mechanics of competitive tennis, without the drama of winning or losing. About 25 players were involved in this program.

The Principal of North Ogden Elementary School heard about our tennis program and asked us to do an after school tennis program which we started in September.

USTA/Utah Tennis has been very supportive of our tennis programs over the years and we appreciate this very much. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Jim Ito

LDS SINGLES/MILLENNIAL MATCH PLAY

The LDS Singles Summer Program was led by Teresa Knudsen of Utah Tennis Association for the third year. It expanded across the Salt Lake Valley with two age groups. The 18-30 singles played Monday nights at Brighton High School with additional events in West Valley and Coach Mike's Tennis Academy. Draper Singles ward, ages 31-45 played Wednesday nights. This offered a low pressured environment for people who haven't played in a long time to renew their skills and interest in the sport. Word spread quickly of the social and fun weekly activities.

For the more competitive participants, we started a Millennial League in August, using a World Team Tennis format where the mixed teams could substitute and everyone got to play. Building on this interest, Millennial Match Play kicked off in October through December. The goal of these opportunities is the enthusiasm and love of the sport will 1) guide these players into league and life time play and 2) recruit more young adults into the game. We look forward to continuing to support this demographic in 2018.

Teresa Knudsen

TENNIS AND TUTORING is so grateful for the support it has received from Utah Tennis Association and the tennis community to fuel its ambitious and successful growth over the past year. **72 students are now receiving after-school tennis and academic support during the entire school year--because of YOU!** We are now working two days per week at two schools in West Valley City and have expanded programming to 5 days per week (12 hours) of program at Liberty Park Tennis Center, our flagship site. Thanks to your generous gifts, volunteering, and event

participation, T&T tripled our capacity to serve children in our community.

We are also excited to announce our new grant partnerships with the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, the Double Love Invitational. Our long time partners also continue to sustain our work



and we are so thankful: USTA Foundation, Utah Tennis Foundation, Dry Creek Charity, Bastian Memorial Junior Tournament, and Wilson Tennis.

Alex is one of the many students who has benefited from our program at Liberty Park. Since returning to the program this fall, the sixth grader has been asking us, "When can I play a match? I can't wait to play my first tournament!" An avid video game player, Alex is very dedicated and competitive. He also demonstrates leadership by encouraging his younger sister and cousins who attend the program to do their best. Little does he know we are working behind the scenes to make his wish come true. Our board and staff are committed to putting in the extra work it takes to get our most advanced students to their first Futures tournament this summer!

With this growth and program improvement comes the continued need for volunteer and advocacy support.

Check our website (www.tennisandtutoring.org), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to keep up on our progress and events during this, our 10th Anniversary Season!

You are what powers our mission. You help us serve up dreams for deserving kids!

-Angie Keeton, Executive Director





The Utah Tennis Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 1987. This organization, which works closely with the Utah Tennis Association, seeks to open doors to players who might not otherwise be able to afford the sport of tennis. Through our fundraising efforts and donations, the Utah Tennis Foundation was able to help over 1000 players during the year 2017.

In 2017, the Foundation helped our most competitive junior players by assisting them with funds for National and Sectional out-of-state tournaments. Understanding how expensive it can be to travel to the many tournaments necessary for high level players, the Foundation seeks to assist the high performing players with these costs. In addition, the Foundation helps offset training costs by lowering the program fees for players in the CTC and Team Utah programs.

Players looking to gain more experience through clinics at their preferred facility, but lacking in the ability to pay for these lessons, can apply for help through the Foundation. At any given time, the Foundation supports 6-10 players with their training fees, and covers local tournament entry fees in order to allow them the ability to compete.

The Foundation also focuses on diverse non-traditional communities and works with other allied organization to provide community outreach and tennis playing opportunities to wheelchair tennis, adaptive tennis programs, kids at risk, and underserved youth in the community. Grants to rural communities to enhance their tennis opportunities are a large part of the outreach and support from the Foundation.

A sampling of programs receiving grants and support during the 2017 year were: City of Toole/Grantsville, Kane County Recreation, Marriott-Slaterville CTA, Nephi Recreation, Tennis & Tutoring NJTL, School for the Deaf and Blind, Cedar City Youth Tennis, Ace Athletics.

The major source of funding for the Utah Tennis Foundation comes through the partnership with the Of Love Foundation – and the Arden Bullard Of Love Memorial Tournament. The Utah Tennis Foundation has partnered with the Of Love Foundation to raise money for both the Foundation, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The “Of Love” Tournament week, which culminates with a drawing for a trip for two to the US Open is an enormous community event and tournament. The final day of the tournament ends with a silent auction and exhibition. The players for this year’s exhibition were fan favorites James Blake and Mark Philippoussis. With over 500 people in attendance at the Eccles Tennis Center on the University of Utah, the Foundation thanks the partnership with the University of Utah for donating their courts, along with the Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club. The Of Love tournament could not take place without these great community partners. The Grand Prize winner for the trip to New York in 2017 was Linda Marz – congrats to her!

In addition, the Utah Tennis Foundation gives out the annual Janet M Dowse Scholarship Award. The 2017 recipient of the Janet M Dowse Scholarship was Katie Foley.

Thank you for your support of the Utah Tennis Foundation. With your continued support, we can bring the great sport of tennis to everyone in our state. By Laurie Lambert

2017 ANNUAL AWARDS



David L Freed Award—Ken and Ann Harris

Volunteer of the Year—Kathy Cameron

Linda Vincent Community Service Award—Brad Lowe

Family of the Year—Robb-Wilcox Family

Captain of the Year—Darren Nelson

Jan Dowse Player of the Year—Katie Foley

Hilary Doyle Sportsmanship Award—Steffen Rigby

Boys High School Team—Skyline High School

Girls High School Team—Lone Peak High School

Boys High School Player of the Year—Steffen Rigby

Girls High School Players of the Year—Addison Sepulveda and Raili Jenkins



AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS



The **UTAH TENNIS HALL OF FAME** was formed in 1993 to honor and recognize those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to tennis in Utah. Candidates are nominated and elected on the basis of their achievements in tennis, contributions of service to organized tennis, and considerations of tennis maturity and residence.

Hall of Fame Executive Committee: Clark Robinson-Chair, Jim Osborne-Vice Chair, Karen Jeppson, Drew Sweet, Marilyn Wallin, Fritz Heinecke, Carolee Hammel, Ric Hammond, Bill Bennion



2017 Utah Tennis Hall of Fame Inductees

Kent Crawford
Holly Hasler
Ann Valentine
David Harkness

The **UTAH UMPIRE ASSOCIATION (UTUA)** works closely with Utah Tennis to provide certified officials for sanctioned tournaments and Adult and Junior League Playoffs held in the state. While serving as a referee, chair, roving or line umpire, a tennis official makes sure that a tennis match is conducted under the fairest possible conditions. So, ideally, the official is "a friend at court", helpful to the players and the spectators.

In 2017 we had 3 Utah officials work the US Open and expect 4 for 2018. This is the most for any district in the Intermountain section. We also have 4 officials who will work Indian Wells in 2018, more than the rest of the Intermountain combined.

UTUA continuously seeks enthusiastic persons who are interested in serving on the 'front line' to become a certified official. The training and certification classes are free. For more information, refer to their website: www.utuabeta.weebly.com.

Utah Tennis Umpires Association Executive Committee:

Gerard Baisch—President,
Jeff Haderlie—Vice President
Beverly O'Fee—District Chair
Nancy Priest—Secretary
Tiffany Sperry Mason—Scheduler



Note: Vice President for 2018 will be Ryan Schmidt

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



Utah Tennis Association is honored to receive support from the following sponsors. Their generosity is critical to fulfilling the goals of our organization.



Statements of Activities and Net Assets

(Prepared Without Audit)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Revenues and Other Support	(Unrestricted) Total
Dues	55,142
Grants	176,780
Other Income	6,114
Program Fees	489,260
Sponsorship and Fundraising	24,031
UJTF Program Assistance	1,200
Used Ball Sales	2,905
Interest Income	99
Total Revenues	755,531
Net Assets Released from Restriction	
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	
Satisfaction of Asset Acquisition	
Total Revenues, Gain and Other Support	755,531
Expenses	
Program Services	579,170
General and Administrative	136,225
Development and Fundraising	—
Total Expenses	715,395
Change in Net Assets	40,136
Net Assets—Beginning of Year	410,327
Net Assets—End of Year	450,463

Statements of Financial Position
(Prepared Without Audit or Review)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$387,037
Other Current Assets	<u>5,238</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$392,274</u>

Property and Equipment

Property and Equipment	\$220,430
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(99,802)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>\$120,628</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$512,903</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$62,439</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$62,439</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$450,463
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	---
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	---
Total Net Assets	<u>\$450,463</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$512,903</u>
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The David L. Freed Award

The David L. Freed Award was established in 1979 to be presented annually to an individual who has constantly provided leadership and example both in quality of play and service to the game.

1979 Joe Cowley	1989 Kathryn Wright	1999 Lindsay Rawstorne	2009 Mike Trabert
1980 Kathy Rothfels	1990 Myron Walker	2000 Brad Ferreira	2010 Ian Rothfels
1981 Lee Hammel	1991 Rick Billings	2001 Drew Sweet	2011 Laurie Lambert
1982 Jack Fairclough	1992 Warren Pretorius	2002 Cal Nelson	2012 Clark Hancock
1983 Wilbur Braithwaite	1993 Chris Spackman	2003 Rod Horton	2013 Mike Cooper
1984 Harry James	1994 Julia Bradley	2004 John Lin	2014 Brad Ferreira
1985 John Stevens	1995 Clark Robinson	2005 RuthAnn Allen	2015 Bill Damron
1986 Bob Rutstein	1996 Clark Barton	2006 Andrew Valdez	2016 Christian Wright
1987 Patti Kelly	1997 Jim Osborne	2007 Dean Oba	2017 Ken and Ann Harris
1988 Janice Stevens	1998 Mike Martines	2008 Debbie Robb	

Volunteer of the Year

Established in 1991, the Volunteer of the Year Award is presented annually to a person who personifies the dedication of the tennis player who gives selflessly to the growth of the sport through involvement and commitment to the Utah Tennis Association.

1991 Jim Cox	1999 Colleen Parry	2003 Bryan Bates	2012 Jeanine Elsholz
1992 Roy Keir	2000 Carolyn (Sam) Macfarlane	2004 Janice Smith	2013 Marianne Page
1993 Bruce Cummings	2000 Melody Walter	2005 Kate Sturgeon	2014 Shilane Mansell
1994 Dee Briggs	2001 Shawna Paterson	2006 Leeza Evensen	2015 Crystal McMullin
1995 Larry Erickson	2001 Larry Colton	2007 Bev Taylor	2016 Ryan Schmidt
1996 Lisa Glines	2002 Cindi Kennedy	2008 Marce Miles	2017 Kathy Cameron
1997 Gale Volkman	2002 Mel Richards	2009 Trish Jensen—Oba	
1998 Jean Greenwood	2002 Ken Harris	2010 Kathy Cameron	
1999 Mark Jensen	2003 Kande Shackelford	2011 Daniela Cramer	

Linda Vincent Community Service Award

Established in 1998, this award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the tennis community.

1998 Cal Nelson	2002 Robert Saxton	2006 Ernest Oriente	2012 Jared Scow
1999 David Freed	2002 Dell Loy Hansen	2007 Brad Ferreira	2013 Andi Porter
2000 Brent Goates	2003 Max Miller	2008 Dan Johnson	2014 Christy Johnson
2000 Lynn & Carol Benson	2003 Bruce Haines	2009 Terry Miya	2015 Hillary Redd
2001 Wilbur Braithwaite	2004 Don Wayne Nelson	2010 David Jones	2016 Ron Bachman
2001 Lori Jenks	2005 Charlene Peterson	2011 Terry & Abby Wagstaff	2017 Brad Lowe

Janet M. Dowse Award & Scholarship

Established in memory of Janet M. Dowse, Executive Director of the Utah Tennis Association from 1980 to May 1996. Jan was balanced in her approach to tennis and life, keeping both in proper perspective. This award & scholarship was established in 1996 and is awarded annually to a junior player who exemplifies integrity, willingness to help others, love of family and the joy of playing tennis. The junior player is recognized and presented the scholarship and award during the Annual Awards event.

1996 Tyler Poulson	2002 Andrew Clayton	2009 Chas Foote	2015 Jonathan Dollahite
1997 Cassie Kasteler	2003 Ryan Goldstein	2010 Ashley Tanner	2016 Annaliese County
1998 Lu Oswald	2005 Paige Miles	2011 Matt Sweet	2017 Katie Foley
1999 Beck Roghaar	2006 Tori Arneson	2012 Colin Holyoak	
2000 Hadley Macfarlane	2007 Grant Taylor	2013 Brooke Burnside	
2001 Katie Ennenga	2008 Mary Anne Macfarlane	2014 Sidnee Lavatai	

Harry James “Will to Win” Award

The “Will to Win” Award was established through the sponsorship of Wilson Racquet Sports in 1991 in memory of Harry James. The award is given from time to time to a wheelchair athlete for his or her outstanding contributions to the sport of tennis, both on and off the court.

1991 Mike Schlappi	1996 Alan Kimball	2004 Danny Quintana	2010 Marianne Page
1992 Dean Oba	1997 Charlie Levie	2005 Randy Curry	2011 Wally Lee
1993 Corey White	2000 Randy Curry	2007 Eliza McIntosh	2012 Nathan Hunter
1994 Randy Curry	2001 Jeff Griffin	2008 Larry Orr	2013 Elizabeth Fetter
1995 Danny Quintana	2002 Vernon L Burgess	2009 Ryan Nelson	2014 Rick Draney
			2016 Rachael Maughn

Family of the Year Award

Established in 2007 this award is presented annually to the family within the Utah district who has exemplified the benefits of tennis as family recreational sport and has contributed to the tennis community in a significant way.

2007 Smith	2011 Toli	2015 Hafen
2008 Sweet	2012 Owen	2016 Bullard
2009 Kempin	2013 Vandecasteele	2017 Robb-Wilcox
2010 Pearce	2014 Marchant	

Captain of the Year

This award is given to recognize the outstanding individual efforts of a league team captain in going above and beyond to serve their team/s.

2013 Jackie Grant	2015 Doug Fowkes & Kristen Siddoway	2017 Darren Nelson
2014 Chris Anderson & Lynn Woodbury	2016 Corinne Nasella special recognition	



Utah Tennis Association Award Recipients



Developmental Coach of the Year Award

Initiated in 2015, this award is given to recognize the outstanding individual efforts of a developmental coach in the Utah District. This coach is being honored for his or her unending dedication to developing junior tennis players at all ability levels through teaching and coaching, presence at tournaments and events and the ability to positively impact the lives of junior players on and off the court.

2015 Lindsay Rawstorne

10 And Under Youth Tennis Ambassador

This award is given to recognize the outstanding individual efforts of a coach, parent, Community Tennis Association (CTA), or other organization that is helping to build 10 and Under youth tennis.

2014 John Bradley

2016 Mike White

2015 Alissa Owen

Diversity and Inclusion Award

Initiated in 2015, this award will be given to honor an individual in the Utah District who has made a significant contribution to multicultural populations and communities in the Utah District through tennis.

2015 Ben Platt

2016 Lauren Swapp

Organization of the Year Award

Established in 2007 this award is presented annually in recognition of the services rendered by a USTA Organization member in the State of Utah and for their support to the Utah Tennis Association in helping grow tennis participation at all levels. USTA Organization must be a member in good standing and has made a significant contribution to the tennis community in an effort to help promote and develop the sport of tennis in the Utah District.

2007 Liberty Park Tennis Center

2012 Eagleridge Swim & Tennis Club

2008 Park City Racquet Club

2013 Sports Mall

2009 Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club

2014 Coach Mike's at Liberty Park

2010 Sports Academy

2016 Bloomington Country Club

2011 Cottonwood Heights Recreation

Utah Tennis Association Past Presidents

1960-1962	Jack Fairclough	1986	Patti Kelly
1963	Harry James	1987	Warren Rawlins
1964	Hyrum Cannon	1988-1989	Jim Haig
1965	Dale Robbins	1990	Jeff Jensen
1966-1967	Lee Hammel	1991-1992	Marilyn Wallin
1968-1969	Jack Morris	1993-1994	Gale Volkman
1970-1972	George H. Johnson	1995-1996	Bruce Cummings
1973-1975	Reed Gordon	1997-1998	Jean Greenwood
1976	Jack Morris	1999-2002	Steve Hard
1977	Ernie Smith	2003-2004	Jean Greenwood
1978	John Stephens	2005-2006	Don Sorensen
1979	Janet Dowse	2007-2009	Ken Harris
1980	Lee Hammel	2009-2011	Mike Cooper
1981-1982	Shirley Tanner	2011-2012	Ric Hammond
1983	Myron Walker	2013-2014	Marce Miles
1984-1985	Bob Rutstein	2015-2016	Charlene Peterson