
Utah Tennis Association



2014 Annual Report

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The Utah Tennis Association is one of six districts in the Intermountain Tennis Association. Intermountain is one of the 17 sections comprising the United States Tennis Association (USTA). The USTA is dedicated to the development of tennis and establishes rules of play and standards of amateurism and good sportsmanship. Business and activities of the Utah Tennis Association are guided by a Governing Board whose membership is elected annually in December. Meetings of this Board are held quarterly and are open to the public.

2014 Executive Committee

Marce Miles-President
Charlene Peterson-President Elect
Brad Ferreira-Vice President/Juniors
Janice Smith - VP Adult Programs
Ric Hammond-Past President/Treasurer
Jon Hafen-Secretary

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Brian Moore
Wally Lee
Terry Miya
Eric Legg
Ian Rothfels
Beverly O'fee

Staff

Laurie Lambert-Executive Director
Jill Bruderer-Adult League Coordinator
Robin Wise-Tournament/JCC Coordinator
Liz Grayston-Junior Recreation Coordinator
Teresa Knudsen-Office & Program Assistant
Shanda Stoner-Data Entry/Web Admin & Program Assistant
Allyson Sundberg-Tennis is Elementary, 10 & Under Area Coordinator

Independent Contractor/Outside Services

Tori Potestio-Sorenson Vance Accounting
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . .

It has been my honor to serve as the Utah Tennis Association Board President for the past two years. 2014 was a very successful year due to a strong, involved, Board of Directors along with a highly talented Executive Director, and a dedicated, hard working staff.

Wally Lee, an extremely valuable board member retired this year. Wally also served as Chair for the Wheelchair Committee, where he volunteered countless hours. We will miss Wally and hope he continues to stay involved with the UTA. I want to thank him for contributing his time and talents in growing the sport of wheelchair tennis in Utah.

We welcomed Marianne Page and Beverly O'Fee to the Board in 2014. Marianne has replaced Wally as the chair of the Wheelchair Committee, and Beverly is now our liaison to the Umpires Association.

In 2014 our committee chairs, who all serve as board members, set aggressive and ambitious goals. With the coalescence between the committee chairs, their committees and UTA staff, expectations were all met or exceeded. Some of the committee and staff's accomplishments include restructuring the junior tournament pathway, developing rule changes for adult league play, implementation of the 10 & under tournament series, hosting a highly successful National All Comers Wheelchair Camp and running a junior recreational match play every Saturday night.

The annual Utah Junior Tennis Foundation Fundraiser, headed up by board member Brian Moore, was held in June at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club and was a great success. Kids as well as adults participated in Beat the Pro, 10 & Under tennis, Clock the Serve, Wheelchair Tennis, a doubles slug out and a live and silent auction. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support many worthy programs including the Tennis and Tutoring program for at-risk youth, wheelchair tennis programs, Sanderson Center tennis for the deaf, CTC and Team Utah. The funds are also used for junior scholarships, community programs in rural areas, as well as out-of-state assistance for juniors traveling to play intermountain and national tournaments.

I would like to congratulate our board member, Eric Legg. Eric has been named chair of the National Learning and Leadership Development Committee. Eric has been active on national committees for the past few years and I know he will do a great job chairing this committee.

It brings me great pleasure to welcome our new President of the Board, Charlene Peterson. She brings a great mix of leadership, experience and passion to the table. We are fortunate to have her in this position and I am confident in her ability to take us to the next level.

Lastly, I want to thank the Board, our Executive Director, Laurie Lambert and the amazing UTA staff for their support and hard work. We are in a great position to build on this year's accomplishments, follow our strategic plan, and handle the challenges that lie ahead of us.

Marce Miles, President, USTA Utah Board of Directors



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT . . .

As my second year being the Executive Director comes to a close, I believe that Utah Tennis Association is well focused on its mission to continue to grow the sport of tennis in Utah. The challenge for tennis in the United States is to continue to bring new players and young players to our aging population of tennis enthusiasts. Those of us that grew up in the tennis boom of the 1970s will continue to embrace our sport. However, in order to keep tennis alive and well, we need to introduce new players and show them how powerful and fun tennis can be in their lives. Much of the focus of the staff in 2014 was on bringing new players to the sport of tennis.

A major focus of the Junior Competition Committee this year was to create a junior tournament pathway that would entice inexperienced players into tournaments, and to make sure their first exposure to competitive play was positive. Following direction from the National USTA, in 2015, all entry-level tournaments must offer a non-elimination format. This is to eliminate the "One and Done" experience that many players experience with tournaments.

Robin Wise, along with a subcommittee of the JCC, worked many hours to create a new, 3 tiered, junior tournament pathway to begin in 2015. With the introduction of the "FUTURES" tournaments – events where players are introduced to competitive play through round-robins and timed matches using green dot balls, we believe there now exists a great initial experience opportunity for juniors of all age levels. The Challenger tournaments will offer in 2015 a standings list – further encouraging emerging players to compete against those of their own ability for a longer period of time before trying their luck at the Open level.

The initial year of the 10 & Under Tournament Series was an enormous success in 2014. Jane Waterstradt, TSR for Utah, worked with each facility in the area in order to offer 14 events during the year. The initial goal for the program was 12-18 players. These tournaments were so popular, they averaged 40-50 at each event! These 1 day events were a great way for young players to become part of something fun as they learned to compete. The 10 & Under Tournament Series used orange balls, with round robin formats and timed matches – again helping kids have great initial experiences with the sport of tennis.

Also new in 2014, was the Saturday Night Match Play Program. Liz Grayston, Jr. Recreation Coordinator, created this new program in order to offer match play opportunities in a more casual environment than tournaments. Over 275 players registered for the first session in January – so many players that we had to turn off registration due to no more available indoor court space. 7 Facilities offered their courts to this program, and with the initial success, the program continued for multiple additional sessions throughout the year. Again – the Saturday Night Match Play program offers juniors more opportunities to get their feet wet with competition, at an affordable rate, and in a friendly environment. Jill Bruderer, League Coordinator, continues to grow league tennis in the state. After the initial year in 2013 of the 40 and Over and the 18 and Over leagues, we were pleased to see that interest in all of the leagues offered through the Utah Tennis Association continue to grow. 2015 will offer the addition of a new league – the 40 and Over Mixed Doubles league.

In addition to tournaments and leagues, the Utah Tennis Association partnered with Coach Mike's at Liberty Park to offer a Community Social in June. Governor Gary Herbert issued a Proclamation that "June is Tennis Month in Utah", and read his Proclamation at this event. Over 200 players attended the Community Social, where games and an exhibition with pros and the Governor took place. The Community Social was one part of the "June is Tennis Month in Utah" promotion, where facilities around the state offered free tennis lessons to the public. Over 400 people registered for free tennis lessons during this 1 month promotion. Play Days at Pioneer Park took place on Saturdays during the Farmers Market, and the UJTF held its annual fundraiser, and the Wheelchair Committee hosted a summer camp – all events geared toward bringing new players into the tennis community in Utah.

The Utah Junior Tennis Foundation continues its' mission to bring the sport of tennis to youth around the state. The UJTF was awarded a grant from the City of Salt Lake to provide tennis training to youth in need who live in the Salt Lake City limits. The money received from this grant helps bring tennis to many youth who otherwise would be unable to enjoy the sport. The UJTF fundraiser, spearheaded by Brian Moore, brought in over \$22,000 in donations. Monies raised for the UJTF are used for community grants to bring tennis to outlying areas, helping underserved populations grow tennis, along with scholarships for youth to continue tennis training, and competitive training opportunities for the highly experienced juniors. Please consider a donation to the UJTF in 2015.

As we move into 2015, I would like to thank everyone who helps the Utah Tennis Association . The Board of Directors, all of our committee members, the staff, and the support of the Intermountain Tennis Association. Everyone involved is enthusiastic and dedicated and we could not continue to bring joy to everyone's lives without them. Thank you for your support and we look forward to bringing new ideas and programs to the community in 2015.

Laurie Lambert, Executive Director

TREASURER'S REPORT . . .

Included below are the financial statements of the Utah Tennis Association for the 2014 operating year. The first statement reflects the Association's financial position as of December 31, 2014 and the second statement shows a summary of revenue and support, program and administrative expenses for the year.

Ric Hammond, Treasurer

<u>CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2014</u>	
ASSETS	
CASH	\$215,914.94
INVENTORY	\$5,284.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$5,510.40
OFFICE CONDO FURNITURE & EQUIP. (Net of depreciation)	<u>\$137,541.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$364,251.19
LIABILITIES & ASSOCIATION EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	\$46,716.94
ASSOCIATION EQUITY	<u>\$317,534.25</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSOCIATION EQUITY	\$364,251.19
<u>CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014</u>	
ASSOCIATION REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$737,554.62
PROGRAM & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$708,011.28
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$29,543.34</u>

COMMUNITY TENNIS DEVELOPMENT . . .



The USTA's Tennis On Campus program is designed to provide college students with opportunities for team camaraderie, social networking, and rivaled competition through tennis without the rigors of a varsity program. Perfect for athletes who have chosen not to make the jump from high school to college varsity, Tennis On Campus offers co-ed team-based play, regional and national championship competition, and helps students maintain active and healthy lifestyles through their college years.

Currently, the program is offered on over 500 college campuses and services over 30,000 students. The USTA Tennis On Campus program is anything and everything recreational tennis is on college campuses across the country. This includes sport club tennis teams, intramural tennis leagues and tournaments, recreational classes, and physical education classes. While all pieces of recreational college tennis are important, much of the Tennis On Campus program is focused on sport club tennis teams like the USTA National Campus Championship, USTA Campus Championship - Section Events, and many of the other Tennis On Campus events. Contact the Intermountain Section office for more information, or visit the Tennis on Campus website, www.tennisoncampus.com.

2014 USTA Tennis on Campus

Currently the Utah District offers a weekly WTT formatted league during the first quarter of the year. Saturday evenings starting in January, 4 Universities participate in a double round robin formatted event. The weekly competition helps them prepare for the Sectional tournament which is held in March. The Colorado District is looking to implement a league series in 2015.

Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis hosted the Intermountain Rocky Mountain Regional Tournament March 13 and 14, 2014. 18 teams from 10 unique schools competed for a bid to the National Championship, which was held in Surprise, Arizona. Brigham Young University defeated University of Colorado to take home the Championship in the Gold bracket.

The 64 team National Tennis on Campus draw attracted the top teams from across the country. Representing the Intermountain Section was Brigham Young University, located in Provo Utah and University of Colorado residing in Boulder, Colorado. Both BYU and CU earned fourth place finishes in their respective brackets. These results earned them the opportunity to move forward in the competition playing in the final Copper bracket, where BYU finished 4th and CU 10th.



COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS

What is a CTA? A Community Tennis Association is an organized group of dedicated volunteers and professionals who come together to support community tennis programs. As an association, the group works to coordinate and maintain programs and services and guarantees they are open and accessible to all. These tennis enthusiasts may act as advocates, program administrators, promoters or fund-raisers. Fueled by local volunteers, this not-for-profit association exists to promote and develop the game of tennis in the community. The following are active registered Community Tennis Associations in the State of Utah:

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| Avenues Community Tennis Association | North Canyon Swim & Tennis Club |
| Cache Valley Tennis Association | South Jordan Tennis Association |
| Coach Mike's Tennis Academy | Southern Utah Community Tennis Association |
| Friends of Liberty Park Tennis | Tennis & Tutoring |
| Heber Valley Tennis Association | Uintah Basin Tennis Association |
| Kanab Tennis Association | Utah Junior Tennis Foundation |
| Marriott-Slaterville Tennis Association | Utah Tongan Tennis Club |

2014 CTA highlights and activities on the following pages (as of print time) were provided by local Utah District CTA's for our Annual Report

COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS . . Continued.

KANAB COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

2014 was a year of amazing growth for Kane Community Tennis. Phys Ed programs are up and running in three schools, serving 30 at Valley High School, 400 at Kanab Elementary School and 60 at Big Water School. We have partnered with USU Extension to provide a unique Good Sense/Tennis program for the entire student population in Big Water. Lessons and clinics were held during 11 months this year with each opportunity filled to capacity, serving in excess of 200 players. We have received USTA Facilities approval to paint 36' courts at each of our three elementary schools and are looking forward to developing a dynamic team competition using these new courts. Our challenge going into 2015 is to win approval and funding from 2 small towns, our county, and school board to build new courts in a very rural area where two of our four thirty year old courts are being demolished. *Submitted by Andi Porter*



GRANTSVILLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

2014 was our first year of helping support tennis in our community. Grantsville is located 40 miles outside of Salt Lake City. We have 6 outdoor courts. Options for participation in tennis in our community are very limited. Individuals do have opportunities for lessons, but not everyone can afford them. There is no recreation tennis. So we decided to set up match play in Grantsville. To give kids more opportunities to play. Weather permitting we have match play every Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00. This match play is not just for youth that live in Grantsville. We have invited the surrounding communities to participate as well.

During the summer before girls high school tennis starts we offer morning working outs which included conditioning, drills and match play three days a week at no charge. We encourage to kids to have fun and work hard.

We appreciate all the support the Utah Tennis Association has given our program. We are anticipating tremendous growth in 2015. *Submitted by Christy Johnson*

HEBER VALLEY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Tennis in Heber is doing great. Each year we keep getting more people who want to participate. On our Saturday men's walk-on in the summer we are averaging 16 men. It is a problem in the Winter because we are still getting 12 men to play on two courts. The Wasatch County recreation center will not open up the third court which has carpet on it for a variety of reasons so this has been a problem. The positive part is that many live in Red Ledges and they have a two court bubble there and when we have this problem they are leaving to play there. Women's tennis is thriving. They play Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. On Fridays they reserve two courts and have very active eight women playing every week.

Youth tennis has been really good. We had over 30 young ladies try out for Wasatch High School girl's tennis team and we finished third in region. This year we tried to activate our Quick Start program with the grade schools and had over twenty youth at one school. Many of these kids kept playing with Bill Damron's Timpanogas Valley Tennis thru the summer. In fact, we now have three pros working with a variety of different age people in Heber Valley. In addition to Bill Damron, Red Ledges has their own pro and another individual moved up from St. George and teaches a variety of youth and adult programs mainly using the high school courts.

Pickle ball has arrived in Heber City now. This has been a real conflict with the tennis players mainly the women. I won't go into details but only to say that they convinced the Midway City Mayor to paint the lines on public courts and did it with bright yellow colors making the Pickle ball lines the dominant color and so it is hard to play tennis on these two courts. The Wasatch County Rec center provides one pickle ball net. As a result many pickle ballers have purchased their own portable nets and they have many times three games going on during the morning. This has been positive because they are not playing on the tennis courts and ruining the tennis game by the pop pop noise and the line. They are playing on the volley ball courts in a separate room. I have to admit many tennis players are joining with them. *Submitted by Terry & Abby Wagstaff*

COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION . . .

SOUTH JORDAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

South Jordan Tennis had another exciting year as the program continues to grow and flourish. There were three tournaments held in 2014. The first was the South Jordan Country Fest Singles Tournament held in June. There were 35 participants. The second tournament was the Great Dane (new sponsor this year) Tennis Championships at South Jordan held the third week in July. There were 115 participants. The third tournament was the 10th Annual South Jordan Doubles Tournament held in August with 86 participants. Two of the tournaments were recreational and one was sanctioned by the USTA.

This is also the tenth year that South Jordan City has been sponsoring USTA league teams. In 2014 South Jordan fielded in the summer league 9 women's teams, 6 men's teams and one mixed doubles team with a total of 617 participants. In the fall league there were two women's teams, one men's team, and one mixed doubles team with 80 participants.

South Jordan was represented by several tennis pros in 2014. John Lin, Bihn Huhn, and Penny Clinger.

There were several teams from South Jordan that moved on to post season play. The Men's 2.5 team advanced to Nationals. One of the Women's 3.5 teams advanced to district playoffs and the South Jordan's Men's 40 & over 3.5 Team won the State championship on Labor Day weekend at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City and advanced to Sectionals in Denver, Colorado in mid-September where they went undefeated against the best teams from Nevada, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. From there they advanced to Nationals the last week in October in Tucson, Arizona and were the only Men's team to win every match in their flight automatically advancing them to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, Team South Jordan lost to a very good Seattle, Washington team but rallied in the second round against the Cincinnati, Ohio team to capture third place. Team members want to recognize the efforts of Coach John Lin who was instrumental in recruiting, training, and player line-ups - Thanks John! This past year and the run to Nationals from Labor Day Weekend on was a very fun and rare experience and will be a memory that the team will treasure. *Submitted by Steve Robbins*



CACHE VALLEY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Cache Valley Tennis Association made some amazing strides this past year. Since 2006, the purpose of forming this organization was to have a voice in how the local public tennis tournaments were run and to make sure that the Sports Academy Programs and tournaments did not conflict with the tournaments that the Logan Parks and Rec Center were running. It took us many years to get this voice. This year the LPRC has turned over the two public parks tournaments to the CVTA and now we will run them through our website. Our website now is accompanied by a facebook page and we have the ability to get our draws on line within hours of completing them, as compared to the slow process we went through using the LPRC website. We have a strong sponsor and partner in DUO Marketing who revamped our website and does all the updating for us. We now have Paypal set up where we can also collect entry fees through our website. Since the beginning of this year we have added 4 new members to our Association, and there seems to be a lot of new excitement and participation. Our current members and officers are: Carolee Hammel, President; Don Miskin, Vice-President; Anna Lyne Secretary; Torie Welch, Treasurer; Marcie Lyon, Web Master; Seeding Chairman, Matt Thatcher; Members at Large: Lukas Bouton, Ron Bachman. Read about us at cachevalleytennis.org. *Submitted by Carolee Hammel*

MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

There was a formal league for ages 13+ where they played 2 singles and one doubles. We had a total of 6 teams and a total of 45 players, coming from Davis, Weber and Ogden counties. A total of 6 matches were played and the top teams entered in district playoffs in Salt Lake City and had a great time.

The coaches were united in changing the minimum age of from 14 to 13 years of age. The belief was that since this program could be used as a precursor for high school play, the sooner players got a feel for competition, the more they would be willing to play at the high school level. We used Ben Lomond High School courts free of charge and played the matches in the morning. The JTT program was deemed a great success and these teams will be entering next year.

We ran a 10 & Under summer tennis program for Harrisville and Marriott-Slaterville Parks & Recreation. It was held at the Harrisville tennis courts Monday-Thursdays through August. The program was conducted by 2 adult volunteer coordinators and 6 youth interns. All interns received training in the USTA 10 & Under program. The interns were a great asset and brought a lot of sparkle to the program. They easily related to the kids well and their USTA lesson plans helped them in meeting the needs and interests of the students.

A mom had entered 4 children in our program, therefore, she was able to take our program for free. This was the second summer she and her family were in our school program. During the off-season she broke her foot. However, on the first day of lessons she was there on the court with a soft boot wearing full tennis gear and racket. She played and practiced all the while hobbling around the court. That's what you call a die hard tennis fan. *Submitted by James Ito*

ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS . . .



The Adult Programs Committee is responsible for the development and administration of leagues and tournaments. The Utah Tennis Association provides USTA Leagues under the governance of the United States Tennis Association, as well as other local leagues. These leagues are designed to provide the opportunity for year-round competitive tennis in a team format; and are designed to keep players in the game. Leagues provide play for adult men and women (18+ yrs.), a league for men and women (40+ yrs.) and a league for men and women (55+ yrs.), (65+ yrs.), as well as Mixed Doubles and World Team Tennis. League play offers skill levels for men and women from beginner 2.5 to advanced 5.0 NTRP, as well as leagues which also offer combined NTRP skill levels from 6.0 to 10+.

Winter League- Sponsored by HILLSIDE TIRE & SERVICE, Mike Doolin, Steve Brand

Winter League is the second largest league in participation numbers, and provides tennis during the indoor season. This league offers weekday play for women and Saturday play for men and women. All levels of play are offered. The 2014 Winter League had 78 teams and 983 players. No District or Sectional Championships are offered for this league.

USTA Combined NTRP Mixed 18 & Over Doubles League

This league is held Friday evenings in the spring. 2014 Participation: 28 teams/437 players. This mixed doubles league was extremely popular in 2014. The following teams won their respective flights and advanced to the ITA Sectional Championships in Boulder, CO., July 18-20, 2014; 6.0-Park City MARC Kelley Epstein, Captain; 7.0-Coach Mikes at Liberty Park Regan McManus, Captain; 8.0-Sports Mall Jim Jones, Captain; 9.0-Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club Jane McQuade, Captain.

USTA 18 & Over Adult Summer League-Sponsored by WOLLAM CONSTRUCTION, Guy & Lana Wollam

The USTA Adult League continues to be the largest and most popular league for men and women 18+ yrs. It is the most competitive of leagues, with the local league winners having the opportunity to advance to the District, Sectional and National Championships. 2014 Participation: 122 teams/1728 players. Salt Lake City again hosted the ITA Sectional Championships on August 22-24. Lynn Lozano, ITA Adult Recreation and Competition Coordinator, was instrumental in administering the event. Also, each District League Coordinator in our Section attended the Sectionals and was responsible for running one of the sites used for the event. Our Umpires Association and staff members of the Utah Tennis Association, as well as many other dedicated volunteers, ran an excellent event. Also, thanks to those facilities and staff who so graciously hosted play: Sports Mall, Liberty Park, Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club and Coach Mike's Tennis Academy. Utah District Teams were very successful at the Sectional Championships! Teams representing Utah at the National Championships include: 2.5W-Eagleridge Cheri Greenburg, 2.5M-So. Jordan Stephen Milligan, Captain; 3.0W-Sports Mall Johnson/Mitchell, Captains; 3.5W-Coach Mikes Tiffany Kasteler, Captain; 3.5M Eagleridge-Ben McKee, Captain; 4.0W-Coach Mikes at Liberty Park Chicks w/Sticks Parker/Grant, Captains. Each team was supported by the Utah Tennis Association and received travel assistance. The funding comes from a portion of local league and District Championship revenues.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 13 TEAMS THAT REPRESENTED UTAH SO WELL AT THE VARIOUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN 2014



ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS . . .

USTA 40 & Over League, Sponsored by Young Automotive Group, Spencer & Sherry Young

This league, for players 40+ years of age or older, offers NTRP levels from 3.0 to 4.5 for senior men and women. 2014 participation: 74 teams/1054 players. The local Utah District League had three teams advance to the ITA Sectional Championships held in Denver, CO September 19-21. 4.5M-Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Jason Grant, Captain; 4.0M-So. Jordan Ryan Oliphant, Captain; 3.0W Gold's Gym Jennifer Richards, Captain.

USTA 55 & Over League, Sponsored by WOLLAM Construction, Guy & Lana Wollam

This league, for players 55+ years of age or older, offers gender specific combined levels of 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0. 2014 participation: 21 teams/251 players. The local Utah District League sent three teams to the ITA Sectional Championships held in Denver, CO September 26-28, 2014. 7.0W Park City MARC Maree Ann Tomczyk, Captain; 7.0M Gold's Gym Brett Bezzant, Captain; 8.0W Sports Mall Janice Smith, Captain.

ITA Fall Combined NTRP Mixed Doubles League, Sponsored by Gottschall Engraving, John Balog

This league offered by the Intermountain Section is a combined NTRP Mixed Doubles League, offering play at the 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 NTRP levels. This league continues to see significant growth and in 2014 there were 23 teams and 321 players. The ITA Sectional Championships were held in Las Vegas, October 31-November 2, 2014. Utah teams advancing to the Sectional Championships were: 6.5-Coach Mikes at Liberty Park Regen McManus, Captain; 7.5 Park City MARC Ken Ward, Captain; 8.5 Sports Mall Jim Jones, Captain.

Fall Outdoor League This league, for men and women, is played outdoors in the fall on Saturdays in the afternoon. Levels of play offered are NTRP 2.5MW to 4.5MW. The 2014 format was 1 singles & 2 doubles. This is a fun recreational league and offers no advancement beyond local play outside our District. 2014 participation: 39 teams/406 players.

Fall Indoor League

This league offers play for women at the 2.5-5.0 NTRP levels on weekdays; and for men and women on Saturdays. The 2014 weekday format was 1 singles 4 doubles, and the 2014 Saturday format was 1 singles 2 doubles. 2014 Participation: Weekday League, 55 teams and 753 players; Saturday League 12 teams and 116 players. No District or Sectional Championships are held for this league.

World Team Tennis—WTT

This is recreational team tennis at its best and is the most fun! The team format consists of 1 set each of men's & women's singles and doubles and two sets of mixed doubles. The World Team Tennis League for 2014 fielded 19 teams and 190 players. For the second time one of the teams in the league consisted of Wheelchair and able-body players that also competed in the weekly matches.

USPTA/ITA New Adult Player 2.5 Incentives

The Intermountain Section and the USPTA partnered again to provide funding and incentives to USPTA Pros who fielded new 2.5 teams in the 2014 USTA Adult Summer League. The Utah Tennis Association took it a step further by continuing to offer the incentive to non-USPTA Pros and Captains who fielded new 2.5 & 5.0 teams in the USTA Adult League, and who fielded new teams in the USTA Senior and Super Senior Leagues.

St. George Area Leagues

We contracted with Rick Whittington in St. George, to serve as the Area League Coordinator for Utah Tennis and he has organized several flex leagues throughout the St. George area. Rick has established a Community Tennis Association that also helps promote and organize more adult league play in the coming years in Southern Utah.

Northern Utah Area Leagues

In 2014 our ALC, Carolee Hammel, continued to be very busy promoting and organizing tennis in Cache Valley. She did not field any league teams but organized many social events and round robins to keep our Cache Valley players busy playing the game. Hopefully, in 2015 we can see some teams representing the Cache Valley area and we look forward to seeing the league grow over the coming years.

Mid Season Qualifier Tournament, Sponsored by IM Grating, Brent & Vicki Cox

The Mid Season Qualifier continues to grow in popularity among the Adult Summer League Tennis. The tournament was offered to NTRP levels MW 3.0 to 4.5 in 2014. A special thanks to Kathy Cameron and Jean Greenwood who served as the tournament directors and helped to recruit teams for the event. They also spent countless hours running the tournament desks. The winning team in the men's and women's divisions earned a wildcard spot in the 2014 Utah District Adult League playoffs held in Salt Lake City.

2014 Captains of The Year - Chris Andersen and Lynn Woodbury

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



In 2014, the Utah Tennis Association, with dedication from the Wheelchair Tennis Committee, and pros in the community, continued to expand the programming for wheelchair athletes. Financial support for the wheelchair tennis program came from grants from the USTA, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, TRAILS, Salt Lake County Adaptive Recreation and the Hyatt Place. Without their support, the wheelchair program would not be able to continually grow opportunities for players who need a sports chair in order to experience the sport of tennis.

2014 began with the 3rd Annual All Comers National Wheelchair Tennis Camp, held at the Sports Mall. 28 players, both juniors and adults participated in the 2014 camp. With each year that the All Comers Camp is offered, the word spreads, and players are travelling from as far as New York and Florida to attend this incredible camp. Dan James, National Manager and Coach for Wheelchair Tennis, conducted the clinic, along with a superb coaching staff that included Utah coaches Rick Draney, Lindsay Rawstorne and Michael O'Keefe.

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Throughout the summer, the wheelchair tennis committee hosted weekly clinics for juniors and on separate days, for adults, at Coach Mike's at Liberty Park. These clinics continually draw a good number of participants, and are great for allowing players of all abilities to have consistent exposure with the sport.

Players using wheelchairs, along with able-bodied players, formed a team in the World Team Tennis league. Along with the fun of competing in the World Team Tennis format, the team with wheelchair players creates great conversation and exposure to those in the able-bodied community. We are always looking for new players to try the sport, and by integrating into the able-bodied community, we hope to meet more people who know of someone who might enjoy trying wheelchair tennis.

As we move into 2015, the wheelchair tennis program will continue to strengthen its bonds with all the facilities in the area and looks to bring more players to the sport. Wheelchair Committee Chair, Marianne Page, along with committee members Dean Oba, Elizabeth Fetter, and Rick Draney contribute many hours planning new offerings for the year. Thank you for your support of this great program.



10&UNDER WHEELCHAIR



2014 WHEELCHAIR CAMP-SPORTS MALL

JUNIOR RECREATION . . .

Junior Tennis Saturday Night Match Play

This league ran all year in 2014 with over 600 players participating. The ages were 11-18 with beginner, intermediate and advanced groups playing at Ivory Ridge, Park City MARC, Eagleridge, Sports Mall, Coach Mike's, Lagoon, Cottonwood Club and Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club.

Summer Division Team Tournaments

These ran for two days at Liberty Park in July. Boys and girls ages 11-18 competed in half-day, round-robin tournaments against others their age and ability. 136 players participated and 60 teams were created. On August 5th eight teams of 10&Under players participated in a round-robin tournament at Antczak Park. Medals were given for first and second place winners.

Community-based Junior Tennis and 10&Under Programs

Hundreds of kids participated in summer league programs at facilities and parks and recreation centers from all across Utah. Central Utah has 600 kids participating every year. The Utah Tongan Tennis Club teaches free lessons to any and all kids ages 18 and under each summer at Glendale Park, ending with a huge tournament with food and music for all the kids and their families. Several free classes were conducted at the Salt Lake Boys & Girls Clubs as well. Free lessons were taught on Saturday mornings at the Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Ben Platt, a partially deaf tennis pro, taught the class.

10&Under Workshops and Programs

As a result of a presentation to members attending the URPA (Utah Recreation and Parks Association) in St. George, several workshops were then presented to staff at Nephi, Cedar City, Spanish Fork and Holladay Lyons centers. A workshop was also presented to several PE students at Utah Valley University as well. These centers also received free equipment through our Junior Tennis Foundation to help start their 10&Under programs. Grantsville Recreation also received funding.



Play Days

There were numerous Play Days all around Utah. The YMCA Community Family Center in Taylorsville and Ogden each hosted a Play Day. The Utah Tongan Tennis Club and Somalian Refugees attended Play Days at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club. Marv Jensen Recreation hosted a Play Day at the Bingham High School tennis courts. Several Play Days were held on Saturday mornings at the Salt Lake Farmers Market in Salt Lake. The Open Classroom also transported several students to a nearby park for a fun time.



JUNIOR RECREATION . . .

Tennis is Elementary After School Program

This was our second year of afterschool tennis with our TiE program. After partnering with Canyons School District we had over 200 kids participate and were in 17 schools between fall, winter and spring. Our summer camps ended up not being as successful as we had hoped and figured out as a collective group that we need to market differently for the 2015 year.

We had 3 different training sessions with schools this fall. We had David Pack meet with Alpine School District, with 15 PE teachers attending. He also went to Granite School District and held a training and there were 28 teachers in attendance. He also went to Hawthorne Academy and held a training there. Our goal is to train the teachers and have them start using tennis as part of their PE curriculum. That will hopefully inspire growth and desire to have their schools run after school tennis programs as well. David did some follow up training helping the teachers to teach in their PE classrooms and this is very beneficial in getting the teachers more comfortable teaching tennis.

Tennis and Tutoring Program

T&T is part of the USTA National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) non-profit network that provides free tennis and education to under-resourced youth. TNT busses 24 school children in grades 2-6 from Lincoln Elementary, a Title One School in Salt Lake City, to nearby Desiree and Travis Bastian Memorial Learning Center, located at the Coach Mike's at Liberty Park Tennis Center. The goal of the program is to help students achieve academic success and learn the many skills and lessons from the game of tennis.

Tennis is taught by tennis professionals from Coach Mike's Tennis Academy. Volunteer and paid tutors work with the kids on homework and educational materials. Volunteers are needed so please visit them on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and see the program in action. Thanks to Chevron for their generous donation to this program.



Girls High School Tennis Training Camps

The girls camp runs each August under the direction of Head Pro Rick Billings at the Sports Mall. This camp drew 80 girls from all over the state of Utah.

Boy's High School Tennis Training Camps

Each February the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club hosts this two-day, 10 hour on-and-off court training camp for boys all over the state of Utah that are interested in playing for their high school tennis team. The boys camp was run under the direction of Rod Horton. This camp was extremely successful with 66 boys from 20 high schools attended.



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT/JUNIOR PROGRAMS . . .

Player Development/Junior Programs and Youth Recreation covers all aspects of junior tennis including introduction to the sport, recreational play, team competition, supplemental development programs and individual tournament competition at District, Sectional and National levels. The Utah Tennis Junior Competition and Player Development Committee provides many of the volunteers who help the Utah District Coordinator and make suggestions and recommendations for our Juniors and Player Development. They, along with staff member Robin Wise, also coordinated the **2014 Junior Gran Prix Point Challenge** sponsored by Utah Tennis, which remains a very popular incentive program for the junior tournament players.

Co-sponsored by HEAD/Penn and Court Think Tennis Camp

Player Development/Junior Competition

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, enthusiasm, tournament participation, dedication and sportsmanship. The Team Utah and CTC programs for the 2013/2014 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 Recreation & Competition Committee and Junior Competition and Player Development Coordinator Robin Wise works 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 and to help prepare them for college play. A portion of the cost of the program was reduced due to the success of the 21st Annual Jan Dowse Junior Tennis Fundraiser. A portion of the dollars raised by the UJTF were earmarked for junior tennis and will be used to help directly benefit those juniors who participate in the program & providing reduced program fees.



2014-2015 USTA Utah District Competition Training Center
Head Coach Drew Sweet
Asst. Coaches Bob Juhasz, Dantley Young
Evi Vandecasteele

Boys

Joshua Bearss
 Niles Cochran
 Henry Hutton
 Lansing Jenkins
 Jakob Kempema
 Hardy Owen
 Redd Owen
 Luke Pearson
 Connor Robb-Wilcox
 Leif Thulin
 Quinn Vandecasteele

Girls

Emilee Astle
 Alysha Damron
 Sicely Ferreira
 Anna Findley
 Katie Foley
 Brinley Horton
 Emma Jewell
 Elly Lloyd
 Emmie Moore
 Gabby Rockwood
 Olivia Rockwood

2014-2015 Team Utah
Primary Coaches: Lindsay Rawstorne, Brad Ferreira, Clark Barton, Mike Trabert, Mike White



TEAM UTAH 2014-2015 JJ Bitton, Brigham Andrus, Annaliese County, Brocton Andrus, Jenna Fosdick, Jon Dollahite, Savannah Frank, Azat Hankuliyev, Eliza Hafen, Mitchell Mansell, Whitney Holman, Keith McMullin, McKenna Lloyd, Chase Stoner, Jasmine Rich, Luke Vandecasteele

Boys & Girls 16 Zone Team Championships

The Utah Tennis Association has hosted this tournament for the past 19 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 5 different Sections were in Salt Lake City for the tournament, which was held July 23-27, at Coach Mikes Tennis Academy at Liberty Park Tennis and Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club. The Intermountain, Northern California, Southern California, Southwest and Hawaii Pacific Sections participated. Each team consists of 6 boys and 6 girls who compete in a non-elimination singles and doubles, round robin team format. The team format also allows coaching during the matches. A special thanks to Carolyn (Sam) Macfarlane who conducted a special session for the players. Many thanks to all of the volunteers and facility staff who helped with the tournament.

The tournament was presented in partnership with the UTAH SPORTS COMMISSION

**CONGRATULATIONS !
2014 UTAH TENNIS JUNIOR GRAN PRIX POINT CHALLENGE**

BOYS DIVISION WINNERS

Boys Singles
18's Brocton Andrus
16's Luke Vandecasteele
14's Redd Owen
12's Hardy Owen
10's Charles Frey

Boys Doubles
18's Jorgen Paulsen
16's Nicholas Sepulveda
14's Redd Owen
12's Hardy Owen
10'2 Aidan Rideout

GIRLS DIVISION WINNERS

Girls Singles
18's Hannah Jones
16's Sidnee Lavatai
14's Emilee Astle
12's Sophie Christensen
10's Marinn Patch

Girls Doubles
18's Hannah Jones
16's Zaylie Collins
14's Katherine MacPhail
12's Averee Beck
10's Alexandra Burnett

Co-Sponsored by HEAD/Penn & Court Think Tennis Camp

2014 Junior Tournament Players of the Year

Hardy Owen



Emilee Astle



HILARY DOYLE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



Hilary Doyle started playing competitive tennis at the age of 10. She was a top ranked junior and loved being on the Brighton Girls High School championship tennis team, as well as a member of the University of Utah women's varsity tennis team. Hilary was a wonderful tennis player and was well liked by all of her peers. The most important part of Hilary's success was her attitude and sportsmanship. She was a very passionate person and dedicated as a player. She always had a positive can do attitude and great work ethic on and off the court and an example and role model for all young tennis players. Hilary passed away on April 1, 2006 at the age of 23. She loved and saw only the best in everyone and brought a spark of joy and laughter into all of our lives with her unconditional love and energy. It is truly fitting that our Junior Sportsmanship Award is presented in her name and given annually in honor of her memory and her passion and love of tennis.

At the conclusion of each Sanctioned Junior Tournament, the tournament director will select one junior participant who exemplified good sportsmanship during the tournament. The sportsmanship winners from each tournament during the 2014 season will be considered as nominees for this award. The junior player that receives the most nominations is then selected to receive the Hilary Doyle award.

**2014 Hilary Doyle Sportsmanship Award
Recipient- Morgan Hall**



2014 Tennis Service Representative Report

TENNIS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (TSR) REPORTS

Jane Waterstradt (Utah)

In 2014, tennis in Utah continued experiencing positive changes in many areas. The biggest public facility, Liberty Park, changed leadership and now is managed by Coach Mike and his staff. In June, during the re-grand opening of what is now being called Coach Mike's at Liberty Park, the Governor signed and presented a proclamation naming June "Tennis Month in Utah." The accompanying tennis social attracted over 200 participants of all ages. During Tennis Month in Utah, Utah Tennis ran special events including 10 and Under tennis held at the local Farmers Market. In collaboration with facilities through out the Salt Lake Valley, over 400 contacts were made during the Free Tennis promotion.

Red, Orange, Green and Yellow are not your primary colors but they are the colors of the tennis pathway in Utah. UTA rolled out a new 10 and Under tournament series in 2014, with the goal of getting our 10 and Under population playing tournaments. In collaboration with seven different clubs, 10U players were able to participate in one-day tournaments each month. These tournaments were non-elimination, with a limited time commitment at an affordable price. The goal was to have at least 20 participants at the events so we were thrilled when the tournaments averaged 45 players each! Close to 200 new kids were exposed to competitive tennis and because of the success of this format, all age groups will be adopting this tournament format at Futures level events in 2015.



The continued focus on growing 10 and Under tennis in Utah has been extremely productive. 2014 marks the third and final year of the Target Market initiative. This grant has helped us make a positive change in the schools tennis program. Partnering with the Canyons Schools District, we were able to impact hundreds of young kids by exposing them to the sport as an afterschool program. Now our goal is to transition into a bigger presence in other schools curriculums. Currently we are working with the Granite School District to train and educate their PE Specialist, potentially impacting 63 different elementary schools.

The new Adult League format was also a huge success in 2014. Changes increased play opportunities for members and twelve Utah teams advanced to their respective National tournaments. We are continuing to look for creative ways to schedule and add additional court locations to accommodate the high demand for ongoing League programs.



2014 UTAH TENNIS WORKING COMMITTEE REPORTS . . .

Adult Programs Committee-Janice Smith, Chair

Below are the major rule changes the committee made beginning January 1, 2015

Scoring

All matches will be regular scoring in every league.

In lieu of a 3rd set, all matches will play a 10 point Coman Match Tie-break.

The Coman Tie-break Procedure will be used for all set tie-breaks (first to 7 by a margin of two. This is used for either the first or second set that reaches 6 all. The 10 point Coman match tie-break will be used for matches that split sets. The match tie-break is the (first to 10 by a margin of two). The first server serves and the players change sides. The players change sides after every (4) points thereafter (i.e. points 1,5,9,13,17.) This tie-break procedure allows doubles players to continue serving from the same side of the court as they have been doing throughout the set. After the completion of each match the scores must be entered into TennisLink within 48 hours.

Below Level Players Playing Up

The district has put a limit on the number of players in a match who have an individual NTRP below the team NTRP level.

Teams with 5 lines: Can have 4 under level players playing at one time.

Teams with 4 lines: Can have 3 under level players playing at one time.

Teams with 3 lines: Can have 2 under level players playing at one time.

Below level players need to play from the bottom up i.e.: 2nd singles before 1st singles or 3rd doubles before 2nd.

Below level players may play in the top position if no at level players are available.

Adult Programs Committee Members: Charlotte Kornik, RaChelle Tempest, Jen Barnett, Terry Miya and Staff Member Jill Bruderer

Junior Competition and Player Development Committee - Brad Ferreira, Chair

In 2014 the Junior Competition and Player Development Committee worked to create a new Junior Tournament Pathway in Utah. This is a new tournament structure that provides for a better experience for both the entry level and advanced players. This Junior Tournament Pathway now offers three levels of competition; entry level tournaments, named Futures events; Challenger Level tournaments and Open Level tournaments for our highest level of District Play.

Junior Competition and Player Development Committee Members: Lindsay Rawstorne, Rich Bohne, Julie Sweet, Shilane Mansell, Niki Sepulveda, Jon Hafen, Tanis Andrus, Dave Harkness, Alissa Owen, Dave Dollahite and Staff Member Robin Wise.

Junior Recreation Committee - Eric Legg, Chair

In 2014, the Junior Recreation and Community Tennis Committee focused on: 1)volunteer recruitment and development 2)developing partnerships with community tennis providers 3)supporting existing events. As part of these focuses we developed an e-mail list of potential volunteers and began sending out a monthly request for volunteers. Events for which we assisted in recruiting volunteers included Play Days at Pioneer Park, Junior Match Play, and wheelchair tennis programs. In addition, we arranged for a presentation by Utah Tennis staff at the Utah Recreation and Park Association annual conference. This presentation led to multiple 10 and under trainings and new 10 and under programs and municipal park and recreation agencies in Utah. Further, we also assisted in the development of a partnership and sample program with the Capitol West Boys and Girls Club. Finally, committee members assisted in events such as the Community Tennis Day at Liberty Park (with a special appearance by Governor Herbert), play days at Pioneer Park, and junior match play.

2014 WORKING COMMITTEE REPORTS . . .continued

Grievance Committee - Kathy Cameron, Chair

2014 was a busy year for the Grievance Committee. Fortunately, a great deal, of the time spent was focused on formalizing our policy and processes, rather than dealing with formal Grievances. This work will continue in 2015 with our goal being to have clearly documented processes to support our By-Laws and Policies.

The committee has the primary responsibility for resolving grievances and complaints filed by members, in connection with sanctioned tournaments, leagues and programs sponsored by the Utah Tennis Association. It is also the job 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 absolutely 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 resort to 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. **2014 Grievance Committee Members:** Terry Miya, Steve Robbins, Jason Grant and Staff Members Jill Bruderer and Robin Wise.

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. **2014 Audit Committee Members:** Ric Hammond, Marce Miles and Staff Member Laurie Lambert.

Administrative Committee - Charlene Peterson, Chair

The Administrative Committee began 2014 by evaluating the goals and responsibilities of the committee from 2013 and then setting new goals and objectives for 2014. New board member training, as well as exit interviews, were conducted in January. The board retreat was organized and carried out in March, 2014. Board member surveys were revisited and modified, to be completed and evaluated at the board retreat in February of 2015. The staff updated payroll incentive plan as well as the new 401k plan that began in January of 2014. A newly formed Sponsorship Committee was organized in March.

January brought the unpleasant task of replacing long time board member, Mike Cooper, who passed away in 2014. Mike has been sorely missed by all who knew him. His passing left a hard-to fill-void on both the UTA Board and the Intermountain Board where he served for many years.

2014 Administrative Committee Members: Charlene Peterson, Marce Miles, Ric Hammond and Staff Member Laurie Lambert

Wheelchair Tennis Committee Report – Marianne Page, Chair

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2014 Wheelchair Committee Members: Dean Oba, Elizabeth Fetter, Rick Draney and Staff Member Laurie Lambert

2014 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS . . .

USTA Individual Membership—Junior & Adults

The Intermountain Tennis Association, as of December 31, 2014 is the 8th largest section in the United States with 39,303 members, just behind Florida. Much of the Section and District’s funding from the USTA is based on percentage of overall membership. It is also imperative that ITA maintain a strong presence in memberships because endorsement spots for national junior play is based on a percentage of our total membership. Utah is the second largest district in the Intermountain section with 5,291 members as of December 31, 2014 and comprises 13.4 percent of the total membership among the six states that comprise our section. Nationally, USTA memberships are down for 2014. The Utah District is down less percentage wise than the national average.

USTA Organization Membership

USTA Organization members include CTA’s, Schools, Tennis Service Organizations, Private and Public Tennis Facilities and Commercial Clubs. USTA Organization memberships for 2014 are at 47.

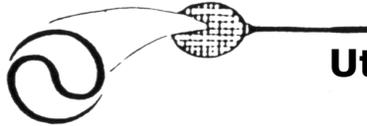
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Junior Membership	1919	1920	1914	2070	2106	1848	1630
Adult Membership	3829	3892	3768	3852	3824	3764	3661
Total Membership	5748	5812	5682	5922	5930	5612	5291



10 and Under Tennis, is the largest youth initiative in USTA history and scales the game down to size for its youngest players, with shorter courts, slower-moving and lower bouncing balls, and lighter and shorter racquets. 10 & Under tennis is structured for kids to learn tennis and rally and play quickly in a way that is both enjoyable and rewarding. Tailoring equipment and courts so they are sized appropriately for kids makes the game more accessible—and more fun—by allowing kids to get involved right from the start.



UTAH JUNIOR TENNIS FOUNDATION . . .



Utah Junior Tennis Foundation, Inc. A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

This tax-exempt 501(c)3 non-profit organization established in 1987, works closely with the Utah Tennis Association. The UJTF seeks to open doors to juniors to participate in tennis throughout the state of Utah who might not otherwise be able to afford the sport. The UJTF helps competitive junior players by providing travel assistance to participate in sectional and national tournaments. The Foundation also offers a Junior Assistance Program, which covers USTA memberships and local tournament entry fees to juniors whose families cannot afford the cost of competitive tennis. Through an arrangement with local indoor tennis clubs, a Scholarship Program is also available, in which clubs waive one-third of the cost of their regular winter player development programs. The Foundation plays one-third and the junior's family pays one-third. This program is provided for junior players who are not otherwise able to be involved in such programs or those who do not have access to an indoor facility in the winter. The Foundation also focuses on diverse non-traditional communities and works with other allied organizations to provide community outreach and tennis playing opportunities to wheelchair tennis, special populations, kids at risk and underserved youth in the community.

A major source of funding for the Foundation is the **Janet M. Dowse Memorial "Rally" For Junior Tennis Fundraiser**. This event is organized by the Fundraising Committee Chaired by Brian Moore, along with the help of UTA Staff members and Laurie Lambert, Executive Director. The 22nd Annual event was held at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club with the new addition of the Adult Mixed Doubles Social, along with the Family Doubles Slug Out, which was a huge success thanks to Alissa Owen and her tournament committee. Fundraising activities also included a wheelchair tennis court that was organized by the Utah Tennis Wheelchair Committee. During the fundraising activities there were drawings for prizes, including a trip to the US Open that was won by the Mansell family. The fundraiser also included special recognition and awards by Boys and Girls High School team and players for their achievements during the 2013/2014 high school season.

The event raised over \$22,000 for the Utah Junior Tennis Foundation. A special thanks to all the committee members who helped solicit items for the auction, as well as the help provided during all of the fundraising activities. A special thanks also goes to Brian Moore, chair of the committee, Alissa Owen, vice-chair, and their committee members and the UTA staff for all their hard work in putting on another successful fundraising event. We also want to recognize and thank the many generous donors and contributors to the silent and live auction, and prizes for the special drawing, and to all of those who attended and participated in this fun and worthwhile event to benefit special programs and junior tennis.

During the fundraiser the 2014 Janet M. Dowse Scholarship and Award was presented to Sidnee Lavatai.

The Foundation also wants to recognize and thank the Sorenson Legacy Foundation and Trish and Dean Oba for their support for Wheelchair Tennis and their contributions to the foundation this past year. Their support has made it possible for us to provide new and existing wheelchair players with additional playing and training opportunities. In 2015, Utah Tennis will again be seeking support from the community so that we can continue to support youth tennis, wheelchair tennis and new programs and initiatives that will support our goal to grow the game of tennis at the grass roots, as well as give our top juniors additional competitive tennis opportunities.

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**2014 Jan Dowse Scholarship
Sidnee Lavatai
Murray High School**



.....Changing Lives . . Through Tennis.....

21st Annual Janet M. Dowse Rally for Junior Tennis

2014 UTAH JUNIOR TENNIS FOUNDATION Annual Fundraiser & Junior Tennis Awards Ceremony was held Saturday, June 21 at Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club

Wilbur Braithwaite Award—Presented to an Outstanding Boys’ High School Tennis Team in the State of Utah (Nominations & selection from spring 2014 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

2014 Recipient
Juan Diego High School



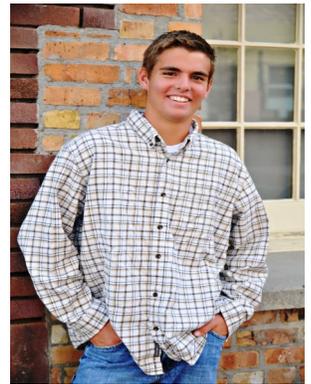
Kathy Rothfels & Luceen Sullivan Award—Presented to an Outstanding Girls’ High School Tennis Team in the State of Utah (Nominations & selection from fall 2014 season). Named after Kathy Rothfels and Luceen Sullivan who together in 1969 were instrumental in organizing and running the first Girls High 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.

2014 Recipient
Davis High School



Lee Hammel Award—Presented to an Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player in the State of Utah (Nominations & selection from spring 2014 season) 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.

2014 Recipient
Sam Tullis, Viewmont High School



Ruby Hammel Award—Presented to an Outstanding Female High School Tennis Player in the State of Utah (Nominations & selection from fall 2014 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.

2014 Recipient
Kate Cusick, Timpview High School



Utah Tennis Association Past Presidents

1960-62 Jack Fairclough	1980 Lee Hammel	99-2002 Steve Hard
1963 Harry James	1981-82 Shirley Tanner	2003-04 Jean Greenwood
1964 Hyrum Cannon	1983 Myron Walker	2005-06 Don Sorensen
1965 Dale Robbins	1984-85 Bob Rutstein	2007-09 Ken Harris
1966-67 Lee Hammel	1986 Patti Kelly	2009-11 Mike Cooper
1968-69 Jack Morris	1987 Warren Rawlins	2011-12 Ric Hammond
1970-72 George H. Johnson	1988-89 Jim Haig	2013-14 Marce Miles
1973-75 Reed Gordon	1990 Jeff Jensen	
1976 Jack Morris	1991-92 Marilyn Wallin	
1977 Ernie Smith	1993-94 Gale Volkman	
1978 John Stephens	1995-96 Bruce Cummings	
1979 Janet Dowse	1997-98 Jean Greenwood	



Utah Tennis Association Previous Award Recipients



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.

Previous Recipients

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

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.

Previous Recipients

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

Linda Vincent Community Service Award

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

Previous Recipients

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



Utah Tennis Association Previous Award Recipients



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 and always kept 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 Junior Tennis Fundraiser.

Previous Recipients

1996 Tyler Poulson	2002 Cassie Kasteler	2008 Mary Anne Macfarlane
1997 Cassie Kasteler	2003 Lu Oswald	2009 Chas Foote
1998 Lu Oswald	2005 Beck Roghaar	2010 Ashley Tanner
1999 Beck Roghaar	2006 Hadley Macfarlane	2011 Matt Sweet
2000 Hadley Macfarlane	2007 Grant Taylor	2012 Colin Holyoak
2001 Tyler Poulson		2013 Brooke Burnside

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.

Previous Recipients

1991 Mike Schlappi	2000 Randy Curry	2008 Larry Orr
1992 Dean Oba	2001 Jeff Griffin	2009 Ryan Nelson
1993 Corey White	2002 Vernon L. Burgess	2010 Marianne Page
1994 Randy Curry	2004 Danny Quintana	2011 Wally Lee
1995 Danny Quintana	2005 Randy Curry	2012 Nathan Hunter
1996 Alan Kimball	2006 Leeza Evanson	2013 Elizabeth Fetter
1997 Charlie Levie	2007 Eliza McIntosh	

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.

Previous Recipients

2007 Smith Family	2011 Toli Family
2008 Sweet Family	2012 Owen Family
2009 Kempin Family	2013 Vandecasteele Family
2010 Pearce Family	

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.

Previous Recipients

2007 Liberty Park Tennis Center	2011 Cottonwood Heights Recreation
2008 Park City Racquet Club	2012 Eagleridge Swim & Tennis Club
2009 Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club	2013 Sports Mall
2010 Sports Academy	

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RELATED ORGANIZATIONS . . .

Utah Tennis Umpires Association

Though an independent organization, the Utah Tennis Umpires Association (UTUA) works closely with Utah Tennis in providing certified officials for sanctioned tournaments and Adult & Junior League Playoffs held in the State of Utah. Certified officials also work at college matches throughout the state, sectional and national events throughout the Intermountain Section and in other states. Additional opportunities are available at the professional level as well, and we have several district umpires who officiate at the US OPEN and other ATP & WTA events throughout the U.S. More people are always needed for this work. The training and certification classes are free and normally scheduled at the beginning of the year. Additional umpire schools will also be offered during year and new officials need to be trained. If you have any interest in becoming an umpire please contact Utah Tennis Association for more information on the next training.

Utah Tennis Umpires Association 2014 Executive Committee

Gerard Baisch – President
Jeff Haderlie - Vice President
Nancy Priest - Secretary

Beverly O'Fee - District Chair

USPTA/Utah Professional Tennis Association

The Utah Professional Tennis Association is a non-profit organization of Utah tennis teaching and playing professionals. The UPTA is affiliated with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA), although all tennis pros, regardless of their affiliation, are welcome to become members. The teaching professional is an important link to the players, and for that reason, the UPTA was established.

Goals of the USPTA/UPTA:

1. To help promote the game of tennis.
2. Represent and serve the interest of the teaching professional and the tennis facility.
3. Act as a "delivery system" to any program designed to grow the game.
4. Foster cooperation between teaching professionals, tennis facilities, the USTA and tennis players in Utah.

Utah Tennis Hall of Fame

The Utah Tennis Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to honor men and women who have made outstanding contributions to tennis in the state of Utah. Candidates are nominated and elected on the basis of achievements in tennis, contributions of service to organized tennis, and considerations of tennis maturity and residence. Nomination forms are available on the Utah Tennis website or contact a committee member for more information. If you have interest in serving on the committee please contact committee chair, Clark Robinson. For a complete list of all the Hall of Fame Inductees go to www.utahtennis.com.

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