



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Utah Tennis Association

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Report

Tennis continued to see an enormous growth in participation by end of 2023 – the numbers for unique players and total number of participants in both junior and adult programming in our state is astonishing. As we have said for the past few years, our main need for the tennis community is to have many more hundreds of indoor courts to keep up with the demand. The facilities in our state are also seeing such a large increase in players that they are becoming full to the brim. This is a great “state of the sport” for tennis – it’s a boom that we have not seen since the 1980s. While the public sometimes thinks that tennis participation is “flat” or “dying” – we know that the very opposite is true both in our state and across the country.

I am so proud of our Utah Tennis Staff – their creativity, dedication, and ability to always find a way to give the tennis community more opportunities to play is amazing. I am also forever grateful to our Board of Directors that support innovation and a teeny bit of risk when they let us try programs and projects that are new to both us and to the USTA family at large.

Cherstin Harris, our Junior Tournament Competition Manager, is the go-to source for all information regarding the ever-changing terrain of junior competition. With UTR, WTN, and USTA tournament products, it can be very confusing for the public to navigate the junior pathway and all the ways players can find competition both recreationally and competitively. Cherstin’s analytical mind is constantly thinking about how to provide the best tournament experience for the juniors. The Snowball tournament in January, Utah State Open in June, Labor Day Masters in August, and a new team event opportunity called the Candy Cup were all part of Cherstin’s programs for the year. Junior competition participation numbers continue to climb in our state. Utah has seen some very high Nationally ranked players over the past few years, including Caden Hasler – who was #1 in the Boys 18s doubles Nationally this past year.

Ally Sundberg continues to find a way to handle the massive influx of league players to our program. In 2022, Utah League play broke the 10,000-registrant mark and in 2023 we increased that number to 10,870 players. Ally continually thinks of ways to tweak the schedule and the player experience so that everyone can find a home on a team and enjoy the competition that league play creates for each team. The Tri-Level league, which had struggled in previous years, found a format that seemed to work well at last, so we are happy to keep that product in our line-up.

Gretchen Soffe, as our Outreach Manager, works non-stop to make sure any person interested in our sport finds a home in our tennis community – either through short-format tournaments, socials, costume-based 4Score tournaments, or Tennis 101 programming around the valley. The Tennis 101 program is so much fun to see new people laughing and loving the sport and Gretchen makes sure they feel welcome. As the Outreach Manager, Gretchen organizes all aspects of UTA’s participation in May is National Tennis Month in America and the PRIDE parade. If you have never been part of our PRIDE float – come join us – it is a very joyful day connecting with thousands of people. “Come Play With Us” is something we believe strongly, and Gretchen helps make that happen.

Garrett Snyder has embraced the junior recreational player – creating so many opportunities for them to become comfortable competing in a more casual setting than the traditional “Ranked” tournaments. Dylan Richardson joined the UTA team, helping Garrett reach over 537 players through 27 events in the

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year. Garrett makes sure that he hosts the Junior Circuit events at multiple locations around the valley so that players do not have to travel far to find match play experience. Moving into 2024, Garrett will be adding the role of Adult Tournament Manager – hoping to increase the opportunities for adults to play in short-format tournaments year-round.

During 2023, the National USTA reached out to our Utah Tennis staff to run a pilot pickleball team event. Jeremy Horner, our Pickleball Manager, was the Tournament Director for this event that took place in Las Vegas late October. Eighteen co-ed teams from across the country played in this first-ever recreational team pickleball event which was super fun for everyone involved. Jeremy also ran the pickleball portion for the Of Love tournament this year with a growth in participation to over 300 players. Adding pickleball to the Of Love event extends our reach to even more families in our community to help raise funds for both Juvenile Diabetes research and the Utah Tennis Foundation, our charitable giving non-profit.

Trent Shorter, our Northern Utah Area Coordinator, is continuing his work to bring more competitive and social tennis to the Northern part of our state. The 2023 Raspberry Open at Bear Lake was a blast with lots of people travelling to this destination tournament and Trent, with his gregarious personality, is the perfect host for this event.

Ashley Agrelius, as our Communication/Web manager, never stops thinking of ways to improve the customer interface with our website. Ashley pushes our staff to work more efficiently, using the technology to connect us to each other more seamlessly and make sure we are reaching the public in the most professional way. While Ashley lives in Colorado now, her humor lightens our weekly staff meetings – even if she is on a large screen from 600 miles away. Darcy Tsandes, our fearless Finance Manager, has streamlined our office finances as we have doubled in size over the past 10 years. Darcy is so efficient in keeping everything smooth and running seamlessly this year.

While I absolutely love running all the traditional format adult tournaments each year (The Utah State Open and the Albion IceBreaker), my heart and soul is with the Ardene Bullard Of Love tournament. It is now the largest Adult/Junior tournament in the country, with over 1300 event participants and over 800 unique players. I'm not sure how it happens, but the Of Love continues to grow in participation each year– and the support we feel from the community for this fundraiser is astonishing. Our partnership with the Bullard family makes this event a joy to be part of and truly feels like “It takes a village...”

Thank you for all you do to make our sport a joyful way to connect with people. Tennis is truly the sport of a lifetime – I know it has been for many years for me and I wish that joy for everyone in our community.

Laurie Lambert
Executive Director

STAFF AND ORGANIZATION

Staff and Organization

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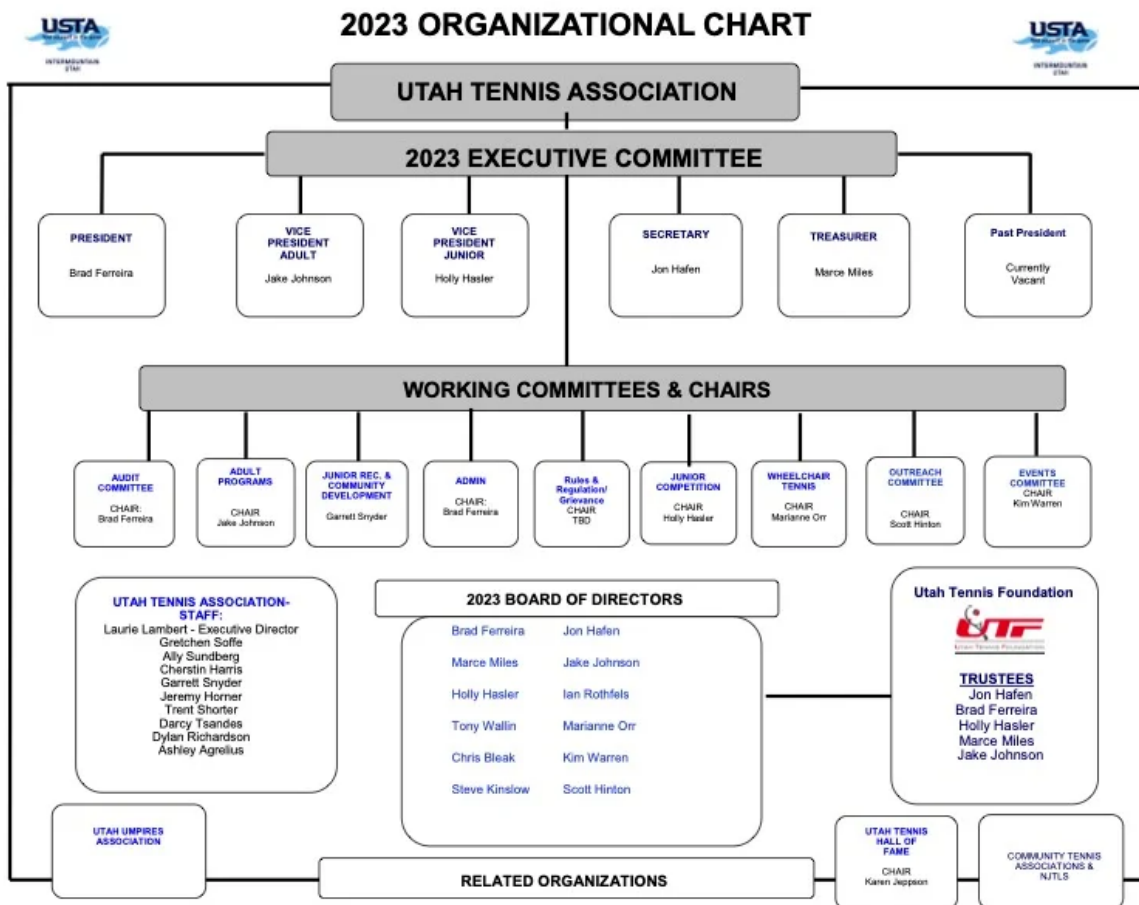
Dylan Richardson
Junior Program Coordinator



Clockwise from top to left: Cherstin Harris, Gretchen Soffe, Garrett Snyder, Allyson Sundberg, Jeremy Horner, and Laurie Lambert. **Background, Clockwise from top left:** Trent Shorter, Ashley Agrelius, Darcy Tsandes

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ADULT LEAGUE

Adult League

As of the end of 2023, Utah is home to 6,092 players with USTA memberships. Utah makes up 17% of the Intermountain section, second to Colorado. Utah Tennis strives to offer a league program that creates a positive experience for its players. League participation continues to thrive.

Growth Numbers

League	2022		2023	
	Teams	Participants	Teams	Participants
Winter Weekday	60	764	54	818
Winter Saturday	64	800	60	798
18 & Over	135	2139	146	2322
40 & Over	105	1608	108	1643
55 & Over	28	334	33	399
65 & Over	10	112	11	129
18-39	14	139	7	73
2.5 Summer	12	153	19	218
Tri-Level	10	117	10	113
18 & Over Mixed	28	442	26	410
40 & Over Mixed	19	272	16	250
ITA Mixed	25	407	27	438
Fall Outdoor Weekday	61	947	60	940
Fall Outdoor Saturday	47	697	52	756
Fall Indoor Weekday	56	740	53	718
Fall Indoor Saturday	44	554	46	567
ITT (Formerly World Team Tennis)	24	240	28	280
Total	742	10,465	756	10,872

Utah is now 2nd highest league participation in Intermountain, exceeding NV by 1,400 players.

USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

USTA League National Championship Teams



5.0 Women 18 & Over - Eccles Granger
Sept 29-Oct 1 Tucson: 10th place



4.5 Men 18 & Over - Sunpro Fowkes
Oct 6-8 Surprise: 6th place



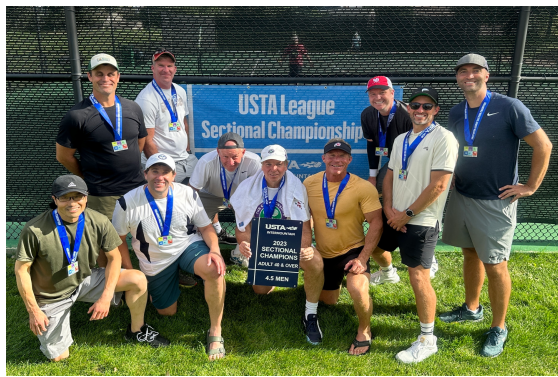
4.0 Men 18 & Over - Liberty Park Tsujino/Roa
Oct 20-22 Surprise: 14th place



3.5 Men 18 & Over - Sunpro Taylor
Sept 29-Oct 1 Surprise: 7th place



2.5 Women 18 & Over - CCC Carter/Barber
Sept 29-Oct 1 Tucson: 12th place



4.5 Men 40 & Over - Liberty Park Penman/Brown
Oct 13-15 Tucson: 17th place

USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS



6.0 Women 55 & Over - Ivory Ridge McCord
did not participate



6.0 Men 55 & Over - Sports Mall Osborn
Oct 20-22 Orlando: 8th place



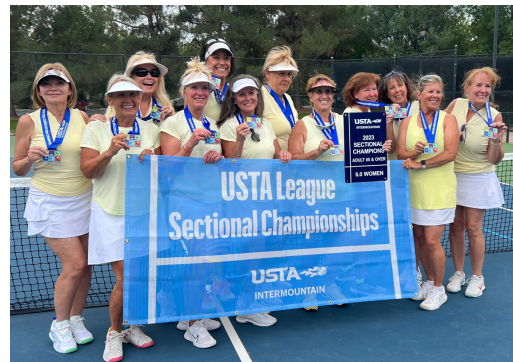
9.0 Mixed 18 & Over - Liberty Park Luu
Nov 10-12 Orlando: 14th place



6.0 Mixed 40 & O - Sports Mall Henderson/Walljasper
Nov 10-12 San Diego: 12th place



6.0 Men 65 & Over - Sports Mall Osborn
Feb 3-5, 2024, Surprise: 5th place



6.0 Women 65 & Over - Ivory Ridge McDougal
Feb 3-5, 2024, Surprise: 12th place

ADULT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Adult Tournament Winners

National Rankings are produced weekly for Adult Age divisions and NTRP divisions. Utah recognizes winners of Adult Age and NTRP divisions and continues to encourage participation. Below is the list of Utah adult tournament winners by division for 2023.

Adult NTRP Divisions

2.5	Women Singles 18+	Ashley Wright
3.0	Women Singles 18+	Carli Evatz
3.5	Women Singles 18+	Elma Tatarevic
4.0	Women Singles 18+	Chandi Hurd
4.5	Women Singles 18+	Allessandra Harris
3.5	Women Singles 40+	Jennifer Sampson
2.5	Women Individual Doubles 18+	Michelle Taylor
3.0	Women Individual Doubles 18+	McCall Shoff
3.5	Women Individual Doubles 18+	Kim Cronin
3.5	Women Individual Doubles 18+	Sarah Love
4.0	Women Individual Doubles 18+	Alessandra Croot
4.0	Women Mixed Doubles 18+	Jordyn Parry
2.5	Men Singles 18+	Joshua Gurr
3.0	Men Singles 18+	Nate Woodward
3.5	Men Singles 18+	Scott Riding
4.0	Men Singles 18+	Brian Annen
4.5	Men Singles 18+	Michael Lundberg
3.0	Men Individual Doubles	Joseph Brown
3.5	Men Individual Doubles*	Josh Wolfley
3.5	Men Individual Doubles*	Justin Needham
4.0	Men Individual Doubles	Kasen Wright
4.5	Men Individual Doubles*	Michael Lundberg
4.5	Men Individual Doubles*	Bryan Lundberg
3.5	Men Mixed Doubles	Sebastian Shiraisi Lopez
Open	Women Singles	Avery Pope
Open	Women Team Doubles	Avery Pope
Open	Men Singles	Ethan Green
Open	Men Team Doubles	Dylan Applegate
Open	Women Mixed Doubles	Avery Pope
Open	Men Mixed Doubles	Christopher Arena
*	Indicates tie	

ADULT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Adult AGE Divisions

50+	Women Singles	Kecia Gwilliam
60+	Women Singles	Tori McLanahan
65+	Women Singles	Marianne Saibara
70+	Women Singles	Carolee Hammel
75+	Women Singles	Sylvia Williams
50+	Men Singles	Garrett Burbidge
55+	Men Singles	Barry Hancock
60+	Men Singles	Paul Jones
65+	Men Singles	Tim Fosdick
70+	Men Singles	Richard Eyre
75+	Men Singles	Richard Eyre
80+	Men Singles	Michael Murphy
50+	Women Individual Doubles*	Tiffany Kasteler
50+	Women Individual Doubles*	Susan Koelliker
55+	Women Individual Doubles*	Diana Granger
55+	Women Individual Doubles*	Debra Rawlings
60+	Women Individual Doubles	Jodi Wagner
65+	Women Individual Doubles	Pam Bybee
80+	Women Individual Doubles	Myrna Craig
50+	Women Mixed Doubles	Tori McLanahan
50+	Men Mixed Doubles	Kyle Kezos
55+	Women Mixed Doubles	Diana Granger
55+	Men Mixed Doubles	Troy Granger
60+	Women Mixed Doubles	Debbie D'Amato
60+	Men Mixed Doubles	Joseph D'Amato
65+	Women Mixed Doubles	Sharon Larkin
65+	Men Mixed Doubles	Brian Ballard
70+	Women Mixed Doubles	Debbie Barbaroussis-Goot
70+	Men Mixed Doubles	Guillermo Duron
80+	Women Mixed Doubles	Myrna Craig
80+	Men Mixed Doubles	Richard Hadlock
50+	Men Team Doubles	Michael Boice
55+	Men Team Doubles*	Scott Taylor
55+	Men Team Doubles*	Dustin Taylor
60+	Men Team Doubles*	Brent Gray
60+	Men Team Doubles*	Jack Boggs
60+	Men Team Doubles*	Burke Plummer
65+	Men Team Doubles	Tim Fosdick
70+	Men Team Doubles*	Phillip Gillaspay
70+	Men Team Doubles*	Dennis Bird
75+	Men Team Doubles*	Richard Eyre
75+	Men Team Doubles*	Thomas Smith
80+	Men Team Doubles*	Michael Murphy
80+	Men Team Doubles*	John Ord

* Indicates a tie

Adult Wheelchair Divisions

Coed 18 A	Wheelchair Singles	Matthew Nadauld
Coed A	Wheelchair Singles	Nathan Hunter
Coed B	Men Wheelchair Doubles	Sergio Garcia
Coed A	Men Wheelchair Doubles	Danny Quintana
Open	Women Wheelchair Singles	Momoko Otani

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Junior Competition

Utah Tennis Association (USTA) Tournaments and Initiatives

Operating under a relatively new pathway for junior players, USTA tournaments are categorized into Levels. Level 7 tournaments are the entry level competitive experience. The Level 1 tournaments are the National Championships. Utah is allowed to host multiple Level 7s and 6s each year, and our allotment for Level 5 tournaments is 3 (The Utah State Open and the Ardene Bullard Of Love tournaments). The Section hosts Level 4s and 3s with 2 of these tournaments taking place in Utah (The Snowball and the Labor Day Masters). Utah does not currently host any Level 1 or 2 National Championships.

As we bid farewell to 2023, the Utah tennis community has much to reflect upon in a year marked by growth, innovation, and a deepening commitment to player development. Here's a comprehensive review of the notable events and initiatives that shaped the tennis landscape in Utah.

USTA Utah Sectional Tournaments:

Level 4: ITA Snowball Championships (January)

- The year kicked off with the highly anticipated ITA Snowball Championships, drawing a remarkable 365 participants. This closed event exhibited the competitive spirit of Utah's tennis enthusiasts and set a vibrant tone for the winter season.

Level 4: ITA Labor Day Masters Open (September)

- September saw the successful ITA Labor Day Masters Open, attracting 283 participants. This event highlighted the enduring passion for tennis in Utah and served as a fitting conclusion to the summer season.

USTA Utah District Tournaments:

Level 5: Utah State Open (June)

- The Utah State Open in June boasted a strong turnout with 308 participants, affirming the popularity of district-level tournaments and the competitive fervor within the local tennis community.

Level 5: Ardene Bullard Of Love Open (July)

- In July, the Ardene Bullard Of Love Open further solidified the district-level tournaments as major fixtures, bringing together 362 participants in a celebration of tennis camaraderie.

USTA Tournaments:

Level 6: Girls IceBreaker (April)

- The Girls IceBreaker in April showcased the burgeoning talent in Utah tennis, with 58 players participating and demonstrating their skills on the court.



Introduction of New Tournaments:

Level 7 Tournaments (Throughout the year)

- Responding to the increasing tournament sizes in Level 6 events, 2023 witnessed the introduction of Level 7 tournaments. Designed for players transitioning into intermediate levels of play, these one-day non-elimination tournaments provide valuable ranking points, facilitating a smoother progression to higher levels of competition.

October: Level 5 Southern Utah Candy Cup

- A highlight of the year was the inaugural Level 5 Southern Utah Candy Cup held in October. This team event, located in St. George, featured 120 players divided into five teams in each age division. Combining singles, same-gender doubles, and mixed doubles, this event not only unveiled the skill of the players but also fostered a sense of community, with participants traveling from St. George, Salt Lake Valley, Colorado, California, and Las Vegas,

Early Development Camp:

Rebooted Early Development Camp

- Spearheaded by Holly Hasler, the Early Development Camp for 10 and Under players was successfully rebooted. This day camp brought together young players of different skill levels, offering clinics and team tournaments. It not only enhanced players' skills but also promoted camaraderie, fun, and parental education.

As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that tennis in Utah continues to thrive, driven by passionate players, dedicated organizers, and a commitment to nurturing talent at all levels. The Utah Tennis Association looks forward to building on these successes and creating more opportunities for tennis enthusiasts in the coming year.

Tennis on Campus

Tennis On Campus is a club sport at multiple colleges and universities around the state of Utah. Teams



compete to represent the Intermountain Section in the National Championships held annually. University of Utah won the 2023 USTA Intermountain sectional championship title.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RANKING WINNERS

Junior Tournament Ranking Winners

Intermountain continues to offer level-based junior tournaments where junior players compete and develop their skills. In 2023, Utah hosted 125 tournaments with 1,860 unique participants. This marks an 11% increase of unique participants from 2022.

Utah Tennis Association is pleased to recognize the following Utah #1 ranked junior players for each division for year-end 2023.

Girls 12 & Under	Combined	Soo-Ah Byun
	Doubles	Lyla Bergeson
Girls 14 & Under	Combined	Avery Olsen
	Doubles	Samantha Salea
Girls 16 & Under	Combined	Anna Frey
	Doubles	Avery Olsen
Girls 18 & Under	Combined	Anna Frey
	Doubles	Sage Bergeson
Boys 12 & Under	Combined	Bryson Hasler
	Doubles	Bryson Hasler
Boys 14 & Under	Combined	Shrriman Narayanan
	Doubles	Shrriman Narayanan
Boys 16 & Under	Combined	Oliver Mesicek
	Doubles	Oliver Mesicek
Boys 18 & Under	Combined	Charles Frey
	Doubles	Ford Owen

The following Utah juniors reach top 100 USTA National 2023 Year End rankings:

- Girls 12 & Under Combined – Soo-Ah Byun
- Girls 16 & Under Combined – Anna Frey #23
- Girls 16 & Under Combined – Avery Olsen #93
- Girls 18 & Under Combined – Anna Frey #31

- Girls 12 & Under Doubles – Lyla Bergeson #72
- Girls 12 & Under Doubles – Sophie Heimbürger #94
- Girls 16 & Under Doubles – Avery Olsen #70
- Girls 16 & Under Doubles – Lily Stohl #92

- Boys 16 & Under Combined – Oliver Mesicek #98

JUNIOR CIRCUIT AND YOUNG ADULT

Junior Circuit and Young Adult

USTA Junior Circuits

Junior Circuits is a singles program for juniors 13-18 years old. This entry-level tournament is a non-elimination, round-robin draw format. Players are grouped into flights based on their age and ability. This experience encourages players to develop their skills through level-based play and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Utah Tennis Association hosted 28 events and accommodated 537 participants at these popular events. This accounts for an 80% increase in participants from 2022. We will continue to offer this wildly popular product in the future.

High School Camps

Camps are offered before the start of high school tennis seasons (Girls in summer and Boys in February) to hone player skills. The successful training camp includes ten hours of on and off court instruction. In 2023, 43 players participated from seven schools.

Young Adult Socials

We are pleased to offer engaging, social tennis events for Young Adults. These events, for 18-39 old players, are loaded with games, drills, and level-based match play. We hosted eight events over the year with 120 participants in 2023 and will continue to offer this product.



OUTREACH

Outreach

New Player Inquiries

290 new players reached out to Utah Tennis Association through the Utah Tennis website, the USTA League website, Instagram, and Facebook. All were interested in learning more about the tennis opportunities in their area.

Adult Tennis 101

235 adults participated in our Adult Tennis 101 program designed for players who are new to tennis or returning from an absence. Four locations were offered: West Valley Centennial Park, Olympus Hills Park, Riverton City Park, and Farmington Shepard Park.



Adult Short Format Tournaments

The UTA offered ten Adult Short Format tournaments in 2023 in hopes of capturing player interested in tournament play but don't have time to dedicate an entire week to the event. All events catered to the men's singles contingent at all NTRP levels.

Pride Parade

The UTA participated in the 2023 Utah Pride Parade with over 100 tennis community members walking with Utah Tennis Association in support of our LGBTQ+ community. Our objective is to expose a different demographic to the idea that tennis is fun, great exercise, and an incredible way to connect with others.

Social Tournaments

The UTA offered a number of unique tournament formats including ten 4SCORE One Day Tournaments, three Family Doubles Challenges and four community socials.

OUTREACH

May Is National Tennis Month

During the month of May, with the objective of exposing more people to tennis, the UTA connected with several libraries who highlighted tennis literature at their facilities, offered three community socials and ran a sticker contest to celebrate tennis.

Outreach Committee

With Scotty Riding as the chair, the committee met several times during the year to discuss and brainstorm ideas about how to bring more people into the sport. Each committee member is utilized as a mentor to new players as they integrate into our community.



Northern Utah

The UTA was excited to complete our second year of tournaments in northern Utah's beautiful Cache Valley. In the past two years we have had good turnout, with great matches. We have had people come from Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and even two juniors from New York. Plus, our wonderful players from the Wasatch front as well as our great players here in Cache Valley.

UTA offered the following events of fun and spirited play with adult and junior tournaments:

- June: The Raspberry Open in Bear Lake
- July: The Cache Challenge
- August: The Logan Open

These summer tournaments and more will be offered again in the future. Keep an eye on www.UtahTennis.com for more tournaments and socials throughout the summer in Cache valley Utah.



PICKLEBALL

Pickleball

As another exciting year in the world of pickleball comes to a close, it's time to reflect on the numerous tournaments, leagues, and youth events that graced the courts in 2023. From thrilling matches to fostering community engagement, pickleball enthusiasts had plenty to celebrate. Let's take a closer look at some of the highlights:

Youth JPO King's Court

JPO King's Court is a youth event that is used to facilitate organized play in a casual setting. Match scores from these events were input into DUPR to help youth pickleballers receive a pickleball rating. While children played, parents were able to mingle, make connections and build a community within the youth pickleball world.

- 5 events in the month of June
- 57 youth participants
- 125 games played



Utah Team Pickleball League

The Utah Team Pickleball League brought together players of all ages and skill levels for a season of exciting team-based competition. From friendly rivalries to nail-biting matches, teams battled it out on the courts, displaying teamwork, strategy, and determination. Teams continue to enjoy this new pickleball format as it encourages teammates to build strong relationships both on and off the court.

- 234 participants
- 20 teams
- 4 different facilities
- 4 divisions
- 60 TEAM Matches (1080 games)



Ardene Bullard OF LOVE Pickleball Tournament

More than just a tournament, Ardene Bullard OF LOVE is the biggest tennis tournament in the nation and pickleball is quickly catching up. Organized in partnership with local charities, this event combined competitive pickleball action with fundraising efforts for important causes.

- 312 total players
- 191 men / 121 women
- 48 divisions
- 21 courts used (4 different locations)
- Thousands of dollars raised for diabetes research

PICKLEBALL

Las Vegas National Championships

The first ever team pickleball national championship event was held in Las Vegas at The Plaza Hotel in October 2023! Teams from 6 different states competed in this event. Utah Tennis staff were the Tournament Directors, and the tournament was a success despite some windy conditions on a few days.

Participating States:

1. Utah
2. Nevada
3. Virginia
4. Oregon
5. Washington
6. Georgia



Statistics:

- 3 days
- 4 divisions
- 18 teams
- 32 TEAM Matches (200+ games)
- 4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!



COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS

Community Tennis Associations

USTA Community Tennis Associations (CTAs) are “any incorporated, geographically defined, not-for-profit, volunteer-based organizations that support or provide programs which promote and develop the growth of tennis” at the grassroots level. There are 13 active and registered CTAs within USTA Utah.

The Cache Valley Tennis Association (CVTA)

Submitted by Carolee Hammel

CVTA was formed in 2006 to develop and support the growth of Tennis for all ages and abilities in Cache Valley. CVTA promotes the benefits of tennis and works to make tennis accessible to all.

Every year, we create and distribute to public facilities a Valley Events Poster which contains CVTA, USTA and Sports Academy tennis tournaments scheduled for the year.

CVTA runs two community tournaments during the summers. The DUO Summer Challenge, established in 2007, is held in June at the Logan Rec Center. This event offers singles, followed by doubles divisions.

CVTA also offers the Herald Journal Tennis Tournament the end of July/early August. The Herald Journal Tennis tournament has been the major annual valley tennis tournament since the 1960's, held at the Logan Rec Center. When the longstanding tournament director was unable to run it, so the CVTA stepped in to keep this tradition alive. The entries have certainly increased since we were able to receive entries online, as well as post the draw sheets on our website.

Both tournaments hold a very strong Men's Open Singles and Doubles due to the many former high school stars and college players who love these community events. The women's events are starting to build as well, as many new players are moving into the valley. These tournaments are the highlight of the summer, with many families planning vacations around our dates. The Tennis Community comes together in the beautiful summer evenings to watch some of our top juniors and adults play full 2 out of 3 set matches.



Mitzi Jeppson, Herald Journal 3.5W champ

Please visit us at cachevalleytennis.org to find out the dates and learn more about CVTA.

COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS

Utah Youth Tennis

Submitted by Rob Allen, Executive Director

In our Spring 2023 season, we had over 2600 players participate in our programs across Salt Lake, Utah, Washington, and Iron Counties.

In our Fall 2023 season, we had over 2400 players participate in our programs, while we also expanded into Tooele, Wasatch, Davis, Box Elder, and Cache Counties.

A third of our players are brand new to the sport. We love to introduce so many new kids to the wonderful sport of tennis, while also being able to provide regular competitive match experience to players of all skill levels.

As a huge proponent of team sports, we also provide a team tennis experience for these kids before they get to high school.



Our Fall 2023 Middle School "State" Tournament was the most competitive ever, with players and teams from all over the state (having qualified through our region and sectional tournaments) competing for the "State" Championship.

We recruited, trained, and led over 350 coaches this year. Most are former high school players now in college, or tennis-playing parents with kids on the team.

TREASURY REPORT

Treasury Report

Statements of Activities and Net Assets (Prepared without Audit) for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Dues	\$ 55,365
Grants	\$ 184
Other income	\$ 85,468
Program fees	\$ 602,117
Sponsorship and fundraising	\$ 22,500
Used ball sales	\$ 2,617
Interest income	\$ 12,366
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 964,635
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ (945,369)
NET INCOME	\$ 19,266
Assets beginning of year	\$ 814,187
Change in assets	\$ 57,475
Net assets end of year	\$ 871,662

SPONSORS

Sponsors



2023 HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Honors and Awards

Intermountain Honors and Awards -

USTA Intermountain Hall of Fame Inductee – Lindsay Rawstorne



Lindsay played four years of NCAA Division I (two years for Weber State College and two years University of Utah) with a high ranking of 20 in Singles and 11 in doubles. He briefly played on the ATP Tour to get a 580 ranking.

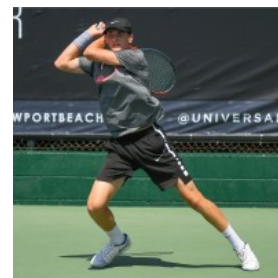
Lindsay has been a tennis teacher for 35 years and counting. He was certified USPTA Elite in 1993 and is currently managing and teaching at two tennis clubs in Utah - Ivory Ridge Tennis Club and Sunpro Tennis Club.

He has also served on USTA Utah Junior committees since 1993 and been volunteering with tennis wheelchair players for 15 years. Lindsay chaired the USTA Intermountain Junior Programs Committee for four years (while serving on the committee for ten years).

He was also a USPTA Utah Tester for five years and a high school tennis coach for both boys' and girls' teams for five years at Skyridge High School in Lehi.

Nikos Ridle Award – Caden Hasler

This award is presented annually to a junior tennis player within the USTA Intermountain Section who exemplifies the spirit of tennis through their activities on and off the court. The award is given in memory of Nikos Ridle, a nationally ranked junior player from Billings, MT, who was killed in an automobile accident at age 19. Section winners are submitted to the USTA for the Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award.



Utah Honors and Awards –



The David L. Freed Award - Susan Daynes

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. Daynes has spent a lifetime playing tennis and being involved in the Salt Lake tennis community. In addition to playing on competitive league teams, she began coaching at high school players at Judge Memorial before moving to Rowland Hall. She has been coaching both boys' and girls' tennis teams for the past 21 years.

2023 HONORS AND AWARDS

Developmental Coach of the Year - Matt Sweet

Sweet is honored for his 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.

Nominations for Sweet include “His understanding of the game in terms of technique, physical and mental stamina, strategy, and sportsmanship is second to none. Add to that his sense of humor and you have the perfect concoction for a tennis lesson.”



Growing the Game - Thanh Huynh

The Growing the Game award is given to a player or organization who actively increased access and exposure to tennis, therefore bringing players into the sport. This person exemplifies inclusion, acceptance, and passion for the game.

Huynh implemented adult match play for the newest players to our sport – offering the chance to meet new partners in a safe setting. He works with UTA to promote more play by encouraging players to join league teams. “He lives and loves [tennis] and does a lot for so many players of all ages and abilities.”

Family of the Year - The Mattsson Family

Established in 2007, the Family of the Year award is presented to the family who has exemplified the benefits of tennis as family recreational sport and has contributed to the tennis community in a significant way.



The Mattsson family has several generations of players and volunteers in the tennis community: Mike and Mary Mattsson, with children Michele and Ben Wilson, Derek and Kate Mattsson, and Liz and Tom Carlson, along with nine grandchildren. Mike and Michele were instrumental in advising and obtaining the funds and permissions for the new clubhouse at Wasatch Hills, volunteering thousands of hours to ensure a quality future of both Wasatch Hills and Liberty park Tennis Centers.

2023 HONORS AND AWARDS



Volunteer of the Year - Bob Schovaers

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 state of Utah.

Schovaers has been involved in the Tennis & Tutoring program for the last several years. Tennis & Tutoring is a free afterschool program for underserved youth with multiple locations in the Salt Lake area. Bob says, “he has thoroughly enjoyed sharing some of my talent with the youth as it was so generously shared with me by others during my younger years.”

Kathy Rothfels & Luceen Sullivan Outstanding Girls High School Tennis Team – Rowland Hall

This award recognizes achievement in girls high school tennis but is not determined solely on win/loss record. This team won 1st place in #1 and #3 Singles and #1 Doubles at state championships. All 12 players lettered. Three players were academic All-state players.



Wilbur Braithwaite Outstanding Boys High School Tennis Team – Rowland Hall

This award recognizes achievement in boys high school tennis but is not determined solely on win/loss record. All 5 positions on the team made it to the state finals. All 3 singles players earned State titles. Singles players were 60-0 in matches. All 23 players lettered. Three players were academic All-state winners.



Organization of the Year - Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club

This award is presented in recognition of the services rendered by a USTA Organization State of Utah and for their support to the Utah Tennis Association in helping grow tennis participation at all levels.

Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club offers a robust junior program for all ages, embracing the Red/Orange/Green/Yellow pathway for junior development. SLTHC has the highest average UTR rating for junior tennis players and send more players to higher education with scholarships than any other facility in the state.

Club owner, Laury Hammel (son of tennis community icons Lee & Ruby Hammel) was the first janitor at the Club's current location. 50 years later he purchased the club in order to revitalize it and keep tennis alive and thriving in the Salt Lake area.

2023 HONORS AND AWARDS



Lee Hammel Award Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player - Jaiden Handlon

The Lee Hammel Award for Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player 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.

Handlon won Boys State 3A at Singles #1, losing a total of 3 games the entire tournament. He played 4 years varsity singles and was awarded MVP Award his senior year of high school.

Ruby Hammel Award Outstanding Female High School Tennis Player - Maya Inouye

The Ruby Hammel Award for Outstanding Female High School Tennis Player 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.

Inouye won 1st singles state championships. Although she has a high-quality game, her hard work, integrity, and great sportsmanship on the court is what distinguishes her from other players.



Maya Inouye with Ruby Hammel (right)



Janet M. Dowse Award & Scholarship - Charles Frey

The Janet M. Dowse Award & Scholarship is awarded annually, since 1996, 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.

Frey has won a Level 3 National Singles title, 4 Level 4 Sectional Titles, and 3 Level 4 Doubles titles. He achieved a career-high ranking of 17 Nationally and held a #3 Sectional ranking in every age division until the 18s where he finished #6 in the section. He has won multiple sportsmanship awards throughout his junior career.

2023 HONORS AND AWARDS

Captains of the Year - Andres Gonzalez Roa, Akio Tsujino, Kassie Torres

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. Captains are pictured here with Allyson Sundberg, League Coordinator.



Gonzalez-Roa and Tsujino are co-captains, spending countless hours to support their teams from team colors to line-ups and refreshments. Their efforts have paid off as their teams have advanced to the National League Championships.

Despite just beginning to play tennis in 2021, Torres is consumed with tennis. She brings joy to the players on her 2 women's teams and 3 mixed teams. She's developed great friendships through this sport.



Mary Lou North Sportsmanship - Tony Lew

The Mary Lou North Sportsmanship award recognizes “the perfect league player” – generous, kind, fair and an amazing competitor. Since 2021, this award is given to adult players who exhibit the spirit of fair and generous behavior on the tennis court along with great sportsmanship on and off the court.

Lew was president of his Wyoming Tennis on Campus team for 2 years and currently an active member of University of Utah Club Team. He has been assistant coach for Judge Memorial Catholic High School teams for 2 years. Both his 4.0 men's and 9.0 mixed teams attended USTA League Nationals.

He is adored by everyone in the tennis community.

Linda Vincent Community Service - Pete Riggs

The Linda Vincent Community Service award was established in 1998. This award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the tennis community.

Riggs has coached the Boys and Girls Carbon High School tennis teams for 17 years. He runs various “futures” programs to give younger kids the opportunity to learn how to play tennis, including Carbon County Recreations, 4-H tennis, Middle School tennis and more. He personally maintains and upkeepes the Carbon County Recreation Center as it is one of the few places to play in that area. He is a devoted coach who supports and lifts up his players.



AWARDS HISTORY

Awards History

DAVID L. FREED AWARD

2023 Susan Daynes	2008 Debbie Robb	1993 Chris Spackman
2022 Carolee Hammel	2007 Dean Oba	1992 Warren Pretorius
2021 Marce Miles	2006 Andrew Valdez	1991 Rick Billings
2020 Bob Haines	2005 RuthAnn Allen	1990 Myron Walker
2019 Kriss Young	2004 John Lin	1989 Kathryn Wright
2018 Brendan Bowyer	2003 Rod Horton	1988 Janice Stevens
2017 Ken and Ann Harris	2002 Cal Nelson	1987 Patti Kelly
2016 Christian Wright	2001 Drew Sweet	1986 Bob Rutstein
2015 Bill Damron	2000 Brad Ferreira	1985 John Stevens
2014 Brad Ferreira	1999 Lindsay Rawstorne	1984 Harry James
2013 Mike Cooper	1998 Mike Martines	1983 Wilbur Braithwaite
2012 Clark Hancock	1997 Jim Osborne	1982 Jack Fairclough
2011 Laurie Lambert	1996 Clark Barton	1981 Lee Hammel
2010 Ian Rothfels	1995 Clark Robinson	1980 Kathy Rothfels
2009 Mike Trabert	1994 Julia Bradley	1979 Joe Cowley

HARRY JAMES "WILL WIN" AWARD

2018 Stu Contant	2008 Larry Orr	1996 Alan Kimball
2016 Rachael Maughn	2007 Eliza McIntosh	1995 Danny Quintana
2014 Rick Draney	2005 Randy Curry	1994 Randy Curry
2013 Elizabeth Fetter	2004 Danny Quintana	1993 Corey White
2012 Nathan Hunter	2002 Vernon L Burgess	1992 Dean Oba
2011 Wally Lee	2001 Jeff Griffin	1991 Mike Schlappi
2010 Marianne Page	2000 Randy Curry	
2009 Ryan Nelson	1997 Charlie Levie	

AWARDS HISTORY

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

2023 Bob Schovaers	2008 Marce Miles	1999 Mark Jensen
2022 Cynthia Bedford	2007 Bev Taylor	1999 Colleen Parry
2020 Sergio Farfan	2006 Leeza Evensen	1998 Jean Greenwood
2019 Ken Ward	2005 Kate Sturgeon	1997 Gale Volkman
2018 Janice Smith	2004 Janice Smith	1996 Lisa Glines
2017 Kathy Cameron	2003 Kande Shackelford	1995 Larry Erickson
2016 Ryan Schmidt	2003 Bryan Bates	1994 Dee Briggs
2015 Crystal McMullin	2002 Cindi Kennedy	1993 Bruce Cummings
2014 Shilane Mansell	2002 Mel Richards	1992 Roy Keir
2013 Marianne Page	2002 Ken Harris	1991 Jim Cox
2012 Jeanine Elsholz	2001 Shawna Paterson	
2011 Daniela Cramer	2001 Larry Colton	
2010 Kathy Cameron	2000 Carolyn (Sam) Macfarlane	
2009 Trish Jensen—Oba	2000 Melody Walter	

LINDA VINCENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

2023 Pete Riggs	2013 Andi Porter	2003 Max Miller
2022 Spencer Marchant	2012 Jared Scow	2003 Bruce Haines
2021 Chuck Bennorth	2011 Terry & Abby Wagstaff	2002 Robert Saxton
2020 Liz Warner	2010 David Jones	2002 Dell Loy Hansen
2019 Josh Michelson	2009 Terry Miya	2001 Wilbur Braithwaite
2018 Marce Miles	2008 Dan Johnson	2001 Lori Jenks
2017 Brad Lowe	2007 Brad Ferreira	2000 Brent Goates
2016 Ron Bachman	2006 Ernest Oriente	2000 Lynn & Carol Benson
2015 Hillary Redd	2005 Charlene Peterson	1999 David L. Freed
2014 Christy Johnson	2004 Don Wayne Nelson	1998 Cal Nelson

AWARDS HISTORY

MARY LOU NORTH SPORTSMANSHIP

2023 Tony Lew

2022 Nathan Nguyen

2022 Brady Patrick

2021 AJ & Ashley Miyazaki

2021 Sue Smith

GROWING THE GAME AWARD

2023 Thanh Huynh

2022 Utah Youth Tennis

2021 Doug & Michelle Fowkes

2020 Delia Bayna, Brook Rollins

2019 Patrick Gannaway, Danny Mangum,
Kassie Belcher

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

2019 Granger Girls High School Tennis Team

2018 Tennis & Tutoring Program

2016 Lauren Swapp

2015 Ben Platt

10 AND UNDER YOUTH TENNIS AMBASSADOR

2022 Michelle Rawstorne

2019 David Archer

2018 Winnie Rawstorne

2016 Mike White

2015 Alissa Owen

DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR

2023 Matt Sweet

2022 Azat Hankuliyev

2021 Georgy Batrakov

2020 Bob Juhasz

2018 Dantley Young

2015 Lindsay Rawstorne

CAPTAIN(S) OF THE YEAR

2023 Akio Tsujino, Andres Gonzalez Roa, Kassie Torres

2022 Troy Granger & Esther Hatch

2021 Chris White & Valecia Warner

2020 Jake Johnson

2019 LaNece Andreason/Jon Penman

2018 Tiffany Kasteler

2017 Darren Nelson

2016 Corinne Nasella

2015 Doug Fowkes & Kristen Siddoway

2014 Chris Anderson & Lynn Woodbury

2013 Jackie Grant

AWARDS HISTORY

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

2023 Salt Lake Tennis & Health	2013 Sports Mall
2022 Sports Mall	2012 Eagleridge Swim & Tennis Club
2020 Utah Youth - Rob Allen	2011 Cottonwood Heights Recreation
2019 Red Ledges Tennis Center	2010 Sports Academy
2018 George S Eccles Tennis Center	2009 Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club
2016 Bloomington Country Club	2008 Park City Racquet Club
2014 Coach Mike's at Liberty Park	2007 Liberty Park Tennis Center

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

2023 Mattsson	2017 Robb-Wilcox	2011 Toli
2022 Sperry	2016 Bullard	2010 Pearce
2021 Rideout	2015 Hafen	2009 Kempin
2020 Lewis	2014 Marchant	2008 Sweet
2019 Rico	2013 Vandecasteele	2007 Smith
2018 Tullis	2012 Owen	

JANET M. DOWSE AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP

2023 Charles Frey	2014 Sidnee Lavatai	2003 Ryan Goldstein
2022 Caden Hasler	2013 Brooke Burnside	2002 Andrew Clayton
2021 Hardy Owen	2012 Colin Holyoak	2001 Katie Ennenga
2021 Emmie Moore	2011 Matt Sweet	2000 Hadley Macfarlane
2020 Jacque Dunyon	2010 Ashley Tanner	1999 Beck Roghaar
2019 Connor Robb-Wilcox	2009 Chas Foote	1998 Lu Oswald
2018 Luke Vandecasteele	2008 Mary Anne Macfarlane	1997 Cassie Kasteler
2017 Katie Foley	2007 Grant Taylor	1996 Tyler Poulson
2016 Annaliese County	2006 Tori Arneson	
2015 Jonathan Dollahite	2005 Paige Miles	

AWARDS HISTORY

LEE HAMMEL OUTSTANDING MALE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER

2023	Jaiden Handlon	2016	Brocton Andrus
2022	Gunnar Woller	2014	Sam Tullis
2022	Michael Cherchio	2013	Brenden Kempin
2021	Lalith Suresh	2012	John Pearce
2020	Luke Pearson	2011	Grant Taylor
2019	Tyler (TJ) Wells	2009	Matt Cowley
2018	Redd Owen	2008	Spencer Smith
2017	Steffen Rigby		

RUBY HAMMEL OUTSTANDING FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER

2023	Maya Inouye	2015	Sydney Nichols
2022	Victoria Cooksey	2014	Kate Cusick
2021	Dylan Lolofie	2013	Lacy Hancock
2020	Macy Richards	2012	MaryKate Johnson
2019	Tia Turley	2011	McKensie Davis
2018	Emma Jewell	2009	Paige Miles
2017	Addison Sepulveda & Raili Jenkins	2008	Romina Nedakovic
2016	Emilee Astle	2007	Hailey Swenson

KATHY ROTHFELS & LUCEEN SULLIVAN OUTSTANDING GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM

2023	Rowland Hall	2017	Lone Peak	2011	Bountiful
2022	Green Canyon	2016	Park City	2009	Alta
2021	Layton	2015	Olympus	2008	Rowland Hall—St Mark's
2020	Skyridge	2014	Davis	2007	Pine View
2019	Morgan High	2013	Lone Peak		
2018	Judge Memorial Catholic	2012	St Joseph's Catholic		

WILBUR BRAITHWAITE OUTSTANDING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM

2023	Rowland Hall	2017	Skyline	2012	Manti
2022	American Fork	2016	Waterford School	2011	Rowland Hall
2021	Lone Peak	2015	Mountain View	2009	Timpview
2019	Waterford School	2014	Juan Diego Catholic	2008	Judge Memorial Catholic
2018	Brighton	2013	Viewmont	2007	Brighton

HILARY DOYLE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

2019	Elle Martin	2016	Emmie Moore	2013	Emmie Moore
2018	Riya Soneji	2015	Charlie Buxton		
2017	Steffen Rigby	2014	Morgan Hall		

UTAH TENNIS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

Utah Tennis Association Presidents

2016-present	Brad Ferreira	1968-69	Jack Morris
2015-2016	Charlene Peterson	1966-67	Lee Hammel
2013-2014	Marce Miles	1960-62	Jack Fairclough
2011-2012	Ric Hammond	1990	Jeff Jensen
2009-2011	Mike Cooper	1987	Warren Rawlins
2005-2006	Don Sorensen	1986	Patti Kelly
2003-2004	Jean Greenwood	1983	Myron Walker
1999-2002	Steve Hard	1980	Lee Hammel
1997-1998	Jean Greenwood	1979	Janet Dowse
1995-1996	Bruce Cummings	1978	John Stephens
1993-1994	Gale Volkman	1977	Ernie Smith
1991-1992	Marilyn Wallin	1965	Dale Robbins
1984-1985	Bob Rutstein	1964	Hyrum Cannon
1973-1975	Reed Gordon	1963	Harry James
1970-1972	George H. Johnson		



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