



2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



**INTERMOUNTAIN
UTAH**



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Tennis continued to see an enormous growth in participation by end of 2022 – with over 6 million new players joining the sport since 2019. Tennis grew by another 1 million players in just one year from 2021 to 2022. Whether it be COVID or a surge in interest in health activities, tennis is seeing a boom not seen since the 1980s.

With this boom in mind, at the end of 2021 our Board of Directors supported my request to enhance staffing to continue to bring quality programming of tennis and additionally pickleball to the state of Utah. With this support, the larger staff was now able to focus on each area of tennis in our community and “fill the gaps” where programming was needed but not currently being offered by our super busy providers.

Racquet Sports Industry magazine acknowledged how well the Intermountain Section is doing in providing great services and promoting growth to our sport by naming the Intermountain Section the National Section of the Year. We are so happy to know that our hard work is paying off with so many new people joining the game.

Trent Shorter, our new Northern Utah Area Coordinator, created many new USTA events up in the Logan area. He is such a people person and has a laugh that makes everyone smile. He is bringing this enthusiasm to juniors and adults by offering short format tournaments and socials. 2022 was the inaugural year for the Raspberry Open at Bear Lake that we hope becomes a new tradition for destination tournaments.

Cherstin Harris became not only the 10 & Under Manager but also the Junior Competition Manager in the year 2022. She brings an enormous fresh energy and thoughtfulness to offering the juniors many opportunities to play in high quality events. The junior pathway has changed dramatically in the last few years, with the USTA new tournament software offering many different formats for competition. The UTR product has also become a strong component to junior competition. Cherstin is deeply immersed in understanding how and why juniors like to compete and she offered short format 10 & Under events along with traditional Sectional tournaments like the Labor Day event. Mid-year the new WTN – World Tennis Number launched by the International Tennis Federation became a reality – allowing new methods for grouping players based on ability. This WTN number will most likely become a leading methodology in the future for both juniors and adults.

Jeremy Horner is our new Pickleball Manager. USTA Utah sees pickleball as a complementary racquet sport to tennis. We believe that the 2 sports grow each other with a huge crossover of participation from our adult players competing in both pickleball and tennis events. In addition, with infrastructure always a need for both sports, we hope to partner with pickleball to create more courts for both sports. The junior pathway for pickleball is currently non-existent and Jeremy has worked hard this past year to start creating a structure and opportunities for juniors to play with other juniors and not just adults as has been the case in the past. Jeremy ran the pickleball portion for the Of Love tournament this year with a growth in participation from 80 entrants to 200. He also ran successful Jingle Ball junior tournaments, a junior league, and a FIRST of its kind adult TEAM Pickleball League that had over 200 players. We believe that team league play is a natural evolution for the pickleball sport.

Ally Sundberg continues to find a way to handle the massive influx of league players to our state. Utah League play broke the 10,000 registrants mark this year – which is incredible. Most leagues continued to grow, although the Mixed leagues did see slight decrease in participation. The opening of SunPro Tennis and Pickleball has brought great opportunities for players in the southern part of our Salt Lake area to

have indoor courts at last, helping with taking care of players in our more southern part of the Salt Lake area.

Gretchen Soffe works with an energy level for creating new events that is unmatched. She is the absolute best at seeing a “hole” in programming and filling it with new products. She ran multiple short format tournaments during the year for both men and women. As people’s schedules become more complex, and court time for traditional tournament formats is difficult to acquire, Gretchen offers the short format option so that competitive play can still occur. Gretchen grew the New to Tennis program with the help of our Community Coaching Team members during the summer. This introductory program, which focuses on fun took place at 3 sites during the summer. In addition, reaching out to the 20-somethings and 30-somethings to bring more players back to tennis after their junior years was a focus of her Young Adult Social Leagues.

Garrett Snyder has embraced the junior recreational player – creating so many opportunities for them to become more comfortable competing in a more casual setting than the traditional “Ranked” tournaments. He also offered short format competition days – called Junior Circuits that consistently sell-out. In addition, Garrett’s focus on the high school player through special events just for them is greatly needed to keep our sport healthy in future years. These events bring players in from all areas of our community and allow them to compete and learn “how” to compete in our sport.

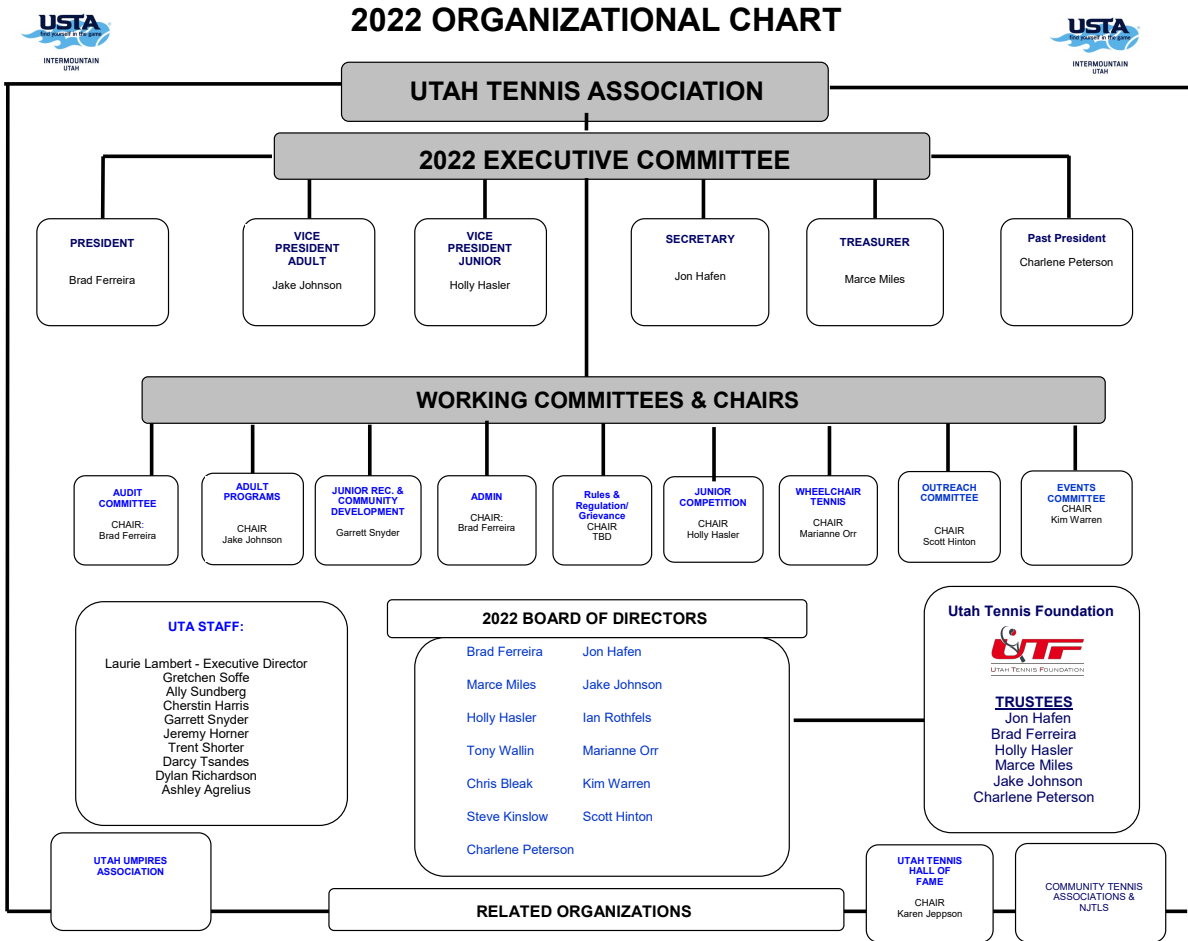
The year 2022 saw Anthony Panuzio leave as our Communications Manager and previous staff favorite Ashley Agrelius rejoined us from Colorado. Information changes so quickly and is constantly needing updating that Ashley works hard to keep the public informed on all things tennis in our state. Communicating and reaching each generation of player is different – with some preferring emails, other texts, and others social media reminders. It’s always a goal of ours to reach as many people as possible and keep information current and flowing quickly.

As far as myself, as I finish my 10th year as Executive Director, I found myself moving away from “executing” events and more into managing the many spinning plates of our expanded organization. Darcy Tsandes, a former teaching pro with me in Park City, joined me as our Finance Manager to help keep straight the many revenues and expenses of our growing organization. I continue to run the Ardene Bullard Of Love tournament each year for juniors and adults along with now running the adult portion of the Utah State Open and Adult IceBreaker. The Of Love continues to grow – with over 1000 event registrants - I truly love the community’s support of this amazing fundraising event and I feel the love of the players every year for these traditional historic tournaments.

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
Utah Tennis Association

UTAH TENNIS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION & STAFF



Top row (L to R): Jeremy Horner, Cherstin Harris, Anthony Panuzio, Trent Shorter, Redd Owen, Garrett Snyder

Bottom row (L to R): Gretchen Soffe, Allyson Sundberg, Laurie Lambert, Darcy Tsandes, Deborah Cavaliere



**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Laurie Lambert



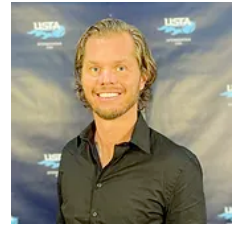
**District Adult
League
Coordinator**

Allyson Sundberg



**Outreach
Manager**

Gretchen Soffe



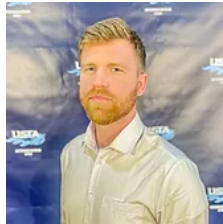
**Youth/Young
Adults Program
Manager**

Garrett Snyder



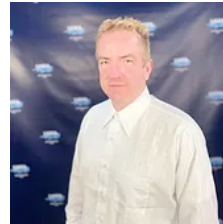
**Junior
Competition
Manager**

Cherstin Harris



**Pickleball
Manager**

Jeremy Horner



**Northern Utah
Area
Coordinator**

Trent Shorter



Finance Manager

Darcy Tsandes



**Website
Manager**

Anthony Panuzio



**Website
Manager**

Ashley Agrelius



**Junior Program
Coordinator**

Dylan Richardson

ADULT LEAGUES

In 2022, the count of Adult League registered players broke the 10,000 milestone over 16 different offerings. Below is the breakdown of participants per league.

LEAGUE	2021	2021	2022	2022
	Team Count	Player Count	Team Count	Player Count
Winter Weekday & Saturday	109	1423	124	1,674
2.5 Summer	12	100	8	98
18 & Over	134	2,081	135	2,139
40 & Over	97	1,533	105	1,608
55 & Over	24	315	28	334
65 & Over	9	96	10	112
18 & Over Mixed	29	505	28	442
40 & Over Mixed	19	270	19	272
ITA Mixed	27	439	25	407
Tri-Level	6	99	10	117
Fall Outdoor Weekday & Saturday	113	1,586	108	1,644
Fall Indoor Weekday & Saturday	96	1,160	100	1,269
18-39	7	77	14	139
TOTAL		9,684		10,255

USTA NATIONAL ADVANCING TEAMS

USTA Utah celebrating many teams who advanced to national level playoffs in their division.

LEAGUE	DIVISION	TEAM NAME	DATE OF PLAY	LOCATION	RESULTS
18 & Over Mixed	X9.0	LP- Sterbenz/Johnson	Nov 4-6	AZ	13th Place
18 & Over	W3.0	SM - Hatch/Nelson	Oct 14-16	AZ	4th Place
	W3.5	SunPro - Fowkes/Burnes	Sept 30 - Oct 2	AZ	7th Place
	M4.0	SunPro- Fowkes	Oct 14-16	AZ	1st Place
40 & Over	W3.0	SM - Hatch/Nelson	Oct 21-23	AZ	9th Place
	W3.5	RL- Clark/Christensen	Oct 7-9	AZ	3rd Place
55 & Over	W7.0	SJ- Simmons/Paskins	Oct 14-16	FL	11th Place
	M6.0	SJ- Rozsa/McBroom	Oct 28-30	FL	9th Place
65 & Over	W7.0	PC- Tomczyk	Jan 27-29	AZ	5th Place
	M 6.0	LP- Osborn	Feb 3-5	AZ	6th Place
40 & Over Mixed	X6.0	SM- Henderson/Nelson	Nov 11-13	FL	14th Place
	X7.0	LP- Bliss/Hatch	Nov 11-13	AZ	16th Place
	X9.0	LP- McQuade/Tsujino	Nov 11-13	FL	11th Place
Tri-Level	M	LP- Bublik	Mar 17-19 2023	CA	10 th Place
	W	LP- Bliss	Mar 17-19 2023	CA	11 th Place



Liberty Park Tri-Level Men – Publik



Liberty Park Tri-Level Women - Bliss



Liberty Park 40 & Over 7.0 Mixed – Bliss/Hatch



Liberty Park 40 & Over 9.0 Mixed –
McQuade/Tsujino



Sports Mall 40 & Over 6.0 Mixed -
Henderson/Nelson



Liberty Park 65 & Over 6.0 Men - Osborn



South Jordan 55 & Over 6.0 Men -
Rozsa/McBroom



South Jordan 55 & Over 7.0 Women –
Simmons/Paskins



Red Ledges 40 & Over 3.5 Women -
Clark/Christensen



Sports Mall 40 & Over 3.0 Women – Hatch/Nelson



Park City 65 & Over 7.0 Women -
Tomczyk



Sports Mall 18 & Over 3.0 Women - Hatch/Nelson



Liberty Park 18 & Over 9.0 Mixed –
Sterbenz/Johnson



SunPro 18 & Over 3.5 Women - Fowkes/Burnes



SunPro – Fowkes
18 & Over 4.0 Men National Champions

Adult League Committee

Front row: Joe Nash, Tiffany Kasteler, Janine
Piper, Dave Ludlow

Back row: Allyson Sundberg, Jake Johnson
(Chair), Lisa Sterbenz, Chris Bleak



ADULT TOURNAMENTS

In 2021, a nationwide pathway for Adult Age division and NTRP tournaments was implemented which offered a universal ranking system aligned across the country. Rankings are produced weekly for Adult Age divisions as well as NTRP divisions. All rankings are now run from a national database and rankings can be found at <https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/rankings.html#/tab=adult>.

The new system is easier to understand tournament levels, ranking points, and allows players to compete across sections. Utah recognized winners of Adult Age and NTRP divisions and continues to encourage participation. Below is list of **UTAH ADULT TOURNAMENT WINNERS BY DIVISION**.

50+ Women Singles	Marianne Squires	55+ Men Singles	Rodney Horton
55+ Women Singles	Tori McLanahan	60+ Men Singles	Paul Jones
60+ Women Singles	Teresa Burke	65+ Men Singles	Tim Fosdick
65+ Women Singles	Carolee Hammel	70+ Men Singles	Andrew Pearlstein
70+ Women Singles	Carolee Hammel	75+ Men Singles	Richard Eyre
35+ Men Singles	Benjamin Platt	80+ Men Singles	Don Hales
50+ Men Singles	Garrett Burbidge	85+ Men Singles	William Coles
3.0 Women Singles	Alison Pearce	3.0 Men Singles	Eric Danielson
3.0 Women Individual Doubles	Elma Tatarevic	3.0 Men Individual Doubles	Jared Lara
3.5 Women Singles	Sophia Moreno	3.5 Men Singles	Brandon D'Agostini
3.5 Women Individual Doubles	Debi Johnson	3.5 Men Individual Doubles	Brady Patrick
4.0 Women Singles	Elizabeth Gorey	4.0 Men Singles	Michael Lundberg
4.0 Women Individual Doubles	Christina Eischeid	4.0 Men Individual Doubles	Michael Lundberg
4.5 Women Singles	Tressa Gilbert	4.5 Men Singles	Adam Peterson
4.5 Women Individual Doubles(tie)	Victoria Lara	4.5 Men Individual Doubles (tie)	Jon Penman
4.5 Women Individual Doubles(tie)	Laura Savage	4.5 Men Individual Doubles(tie)	Jason Nielsen
		4.5 Men Individual Doubles(tie)	Jesse Margolies
		4.5 Men Individual Doubles(tie)	John Moore
		4.5 Men Individual Doubles(tie)	Michael Margolies

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Cherstin Harris, Junior Competition Manager

Junior Competition in Utah has unique challenges that require creative solutions. Due to limited courts, our high level players and more introductory players often compete in the same tournaments. In 2022, with new National tournament regulations and increased software capabilities, Utah was able to implement "flighting" for the large tournaments and created better play opportunities and more competitive matches for all players.

The International Tennis Federation introduced their new rating which is called the World Tennis Number (WTN) in June 2022. We were one of the first districts in our section and the nation to implement and use the WTN to improve the quality of the tennis matches at our tournaments.

We flighted all our large tournaments including the L6 Boys Icebreaker, L5 Of Love, and L4 Labor Day Sectional using WTN.

LEVEL 4 USTA UTAH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- JANUARY – ITA Snowball Championships Closed with 281 participants.
- SEPTEMBER – ITA Labor Day Masters Open with 308 participants

JUNIOR COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Holly Hasler

Brad Ferreira

Tanner Frey

Rob Sperry

Joseph Johnson

Lindsay Rawstorne

Matt Stohl

Therisia Hadley

Tiffin Tullis

Tony Wallin

Mike White



Boys 16 Doubles – ITA Snowball Championships

2022 UTAH RANKINGS

RANKED TOURNAMENTS - Given that the nationwide tournament alignment has been in place for two years now, consumers are more comfortable with navigating the [USTA Tournament system](#). Intermountain section offered over 100 tournaments in 2022. Utah junior players took advantage of opportunities to compete and develop. Utah Tennis Association is proud to recognize the following Utah #1 ranked junior players for each division.

Girls 12 & Under	Lyla Bergeson	Combined #1, Singles #1, Doubles #1
Girls 14 & Under	Avery Olsen	Combined #1
	Anna Frey	Singles #1
Girls 16 & Under	Jane Dunyon	Combined #1, Singles #1
	Sage Bergeson	Doubles #1
Girls 18 & Under	Anna Frey	Combined #1, Singles #1
	Sage Bergeson	Doubles #1
Boys 12 & Under	JJ Lewis	Combined #1, Singles #1, Doubles #1
Boys 14 & Under	Oliver Mesicek	Combined #1, Singles #1, Doubles #1
Boys 16 & Under	Charlie Frey	Combined #1, Singles #1
	Adam Miner	Doubles #1
Boys 18 & Under	Caden Hasler	Combined #1, Singles #1, Doubles #1

JUNIOR/YOUNG ADULT

Garrett Snyder, Youth & Young Adults Program Manager

Dylan Richardson, Youth Coordinator

Young Adults 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 had 148 participants in 2022 and will continue to grow this product.



USTA 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 accommodated 299 participants at these popular events.

High School Tournament Series was created in 2020 when the boys high school season abruptly ended. Garrett wanted to create an opportunity for them to compete one last time. It was a success, and the series continues. This event encompasses a summer series of 2-3-day tournaments for boys and girls. Four events are offered: Varsity Singles, JV singles, doubles & mixed doubles. 98 participants

High School Camps are offered before the start of high school tennis seasons (Girls in summer and Boys in February) to hone skills of players. The successful training camp includes 10 hours of on and off court instruction. In 2022, 128 players from 15 schools participated.



Gretchen Soffe, Outreach Manager

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is committed to connecting with new and existing players. Committee members act as "tennis ambassadors" as we work towards assimilating new players into our existing culture.

One Day Sanctioned Events

The Men's events such as MUSCLE MX Tournament Series and SINGLES CHALLENGE saw approximately 170 participants in 2022. Utah Tennis Association is committed to bringing tennis to underserved areas such as Manti, Utah where 24 locals participated in a MUSCLE MX event.



One Day Social Events

The Women's 4SCORE Tournament continues to see success with over 300 players participating in our Spring and Fall Series. Participants enjoy donning accessories or costumes according to themes for each event. It is a relaxed, music-filled, socializing affair with a little tennis thrown in the mix.

Adult Tennis 101

Our participation initiatives begin at the Adult Tennis 101 Program with efforts to attract new players to the sport. Based at three local parks (Olympus Hills, Riverton City, and Farmington Shepard Park) Utah Tennis Association saw approximately 220 new players with many transitioning to USTA League play.

Pride Parade

Almost 200 people from the Utah Tennis community came out to be a part of the USTA UTAH parade contingent. The parade was met with a warm welcome by 70,000 participants this year. As we grow, so does our awareness of the need to continue our diversity and inclusion efforts.



Southern Utah

St. George saw 70 players participate in events like: New Year's Day Social, Men's Singles Tournament, and a Mixed Doubles Tournament. Efforts continue to bring USTA Programming to Southern Utah.

OUTREACH & GROWTH/NORTHERN UTAH

Trent Shorter, Northern Utah Coordinator

ATTENTION TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS of Northern Utah: USTA UTAH is very excited to start our second year of tournaments in the Cache valley and surrounding areas. In 2022 we had promising turnout, with great matches. We thank all who participated and look forward to seeing you again. We welcome more players to join in the competition.

Our Northern Utah offerings include:

- June - We hosted USTA UTAH'S first annual destination tournament (Raspberry Open). This unsanctioned event took place at Ideal Beach Resort in beautiful Bear Lake. Men, Women, and Mixed double divisions were fielded.
- July - Cache Challenge. Adults & Level 6 Juniors tournament.
- August - Logan Open. Adults & Level 6 Juniors tournament.
- Mid-September - Dog Days of Summer. Level 6 Juniors only doubles tournament.



UTAH TENNIS FOUNDATION

The Utah Tennis Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 1987. This organization, which works closely with the Utah Tennis Association, seeks to open doors to players who might not otherwise be able to afford the sport of tennis. Through our fundraising efforts and donations, the Utah Tennis Foundation was able to help hundreds of players in our state in 2022. The Utah Tennis Foundation has several areas of assistance for players and community partners.

- Grants: Parks and Recreation Departments, Private or Public facilities, and Community Champions can apply for up to a \$1000 grant available each year to help with programming, expenses, or player need in their area. Examples of grant money needs could be – windscreens expenses, balls and equipment for subsidized programming, money to provide player gifts, end of season party assistance, or help in paying instructors for free community based programming. To apply for a grant, contact Laurie Lambert at llambert@utahtennis.com
- Player Scholarships: Based on family financial need, good sportsmanship, and stated goals for tennis development, players may apply to become a Utah Tennis Foundation sponsored player. Assistance will vary from tournament entry fees, equipment support, and/or training expenses paid for by the Foundation. At any time, the UTF has approximately 10 players receiving scholarship assistance.
- Wheelchair Programming Support: Through monies donated, and grants written, the UTF provides the money to support the wheelchair tennis program in the state. These funds purchase equipment, court time, and pro time to deliver free programming for most of the wheelchair programs each year.
- Out-of-State Travel Assistance: Junior players competing at the highest level incur high expenses each year for tournament entry fees, hotels, and travel expenses to compete in tournaments out of the state of Utah. To support these players, who represent our great state while they play elsewhere, the UTF provides

end-of-year financial support to help progress each player's tennis career. District tournament play is a requirement to receive this money.

- For more information on this portion of the UTF support, please contact Laurie Lambert at llambert@utahtennis.com

PICKLEBALL

Jeremy Horner, Pickleball Manager

Pickleball is an ever-evolving sport with its post-pandemic spike in popularity. Utah is adapting to the demand for pickleball by offering leagues, tournaments, and other fun pickleball events. Utah has 14 different private pickleball facilities and 100 indoor pickleball courts! Almost every city in Utah has outdoor pickleball courts with approximately 1,000 outdoor pickleball courts! Utah is the premiere place to play pickleball!

Utah Tennis started the Utah Team Pickleball league and had two successful seasons with 250+ players participate. This league is like USTA leagues but with some minor tweaks. League gained a lot of popularity and received great feedback from participants. The 2nd Annual Ardene Bullard Of Love Pickleball Tournament also happened during the last week of July. The pickleball tournament was a warm-up for Utah's biggest tennis tournament of the year! 204 players participated in the 2022 tournament this year compared to 80 players in 2021. 255% increase in tournament participation is super exciting!

Utah Junior Pickleball Organization has also seen amazing growth. To help create a pathway for youth pickleballers, JPO partnered with DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating). DUPR has over 100,000 unique users and JPO has the biggest youth pickleball club on the DUPR platform! There are 160+ youth players that have DUPR accounts and played in JPO events. JPO ran 6 tournaments with an average of 60 unique players in each tournament! Pickleball is also entering high schools with multiple high school pickleball tournaments in the beginning of 2023. Great things to come!



- Most youth pickleball tournaments had **40-60** unique participants.
- Approximately **250** unique youth pickleball players participated in JPO pickleball events.
- Nearly **400** unique adult pickleball players participated in UTA pickleball events including tournaments and leagues.

Of Love 2022 (ran in conjunction with tennis tournament)

- 204 unique tournament players
- Adult divisions
 - o Singles, Gender Doubles, Mixed Doubles
 - o 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0
- Youth divisions
 - o Singles, Gender Neutral Doubles
 - o 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+



Jingle Ball Youth Pickleball Tournament

Divisions - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+
56 unique players
25 singles players
21 doubles teams

Monster Mash Youth Pickleball Tournament

Divisions - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+
57 unique players
35 singles players
28 doubles teams

JPO King's Court

Open Play/Drop-in events for youth during
summer months
~25 kids at each event
Bi-weekly event (feeder event)

COMMUNITY

Rob Allen, Founder and Executive Director of [Utah Youth Tennis](#) responded to the need to make tennis more accessible to youth. Allen best describes what drives UYT in an interview with [Voyage Utah interview 2/2022](#).

“Utah Youth Tennis (UYT) has one mission: To make tennis more affordable and accessible to every child and to provide students the opportunity to participate on a tennis team. We believe strongly in the benefits of organized sports, especially of being on a team.

Tennis for a long time has been exclusive, expensive, and secluded. We are here to bring it to the masses and allow kids the benefits of playing on a team before they get to high school. Tennis is an incredible sport, with so many benefits. It is a relatively safe and healthy sport and is one that can be played for a lifetime. It is an incredibly mental sport and trains students to be strong physically and mentally.

Our programs are open to all students, regardless of previous experience—all are invited. Whether it is someone who is already passionate about tennis and looking for some more organized practice and match opportunities, someone who is brand new and wants to learn the sport, or even someone who just wants something fun to do after school with friends, there is something for everyone.”



Utah Youth Tennis was created in Fall 2015 with 15 players and 1 coach. By 2022, UYT supported 3000 players and 150 coaches. Utah Tennis Association recognized UYT with the 2022 Growing the Game award and celebrates this organization’s continued growth and outreach.

UTAH TENNIS HALL OF FAME

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

In September 2022, the following players were inducted into the Utah Tennis Hall of Fame.

- Clark Robinson
- Linda Vincent
- RuthAnn Stevens

Hall of Fame Executive Committee

Karen Jeppson-Chair
Bill Bennion-Vice Chair

Drew Sweet, Marilyn Wallin, Carolee Hammel, Ric Hammond,
Jim Osborne, Holly Hasler, Spencer Marchant



UTAH TENNIS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The Utah Tennis Umpires Association (UTUA) is the governing body for professional tennis umpiring in the State of Utah. UTUA is specifically devoted to providing USTA, ITA, and ITF certified tennis officials for all levels of tennis events, including Recreational, Junior, Collegiate and Professional. Recruiting people who love the game of tennis and want to give back to the sport is an ongoing endeavor. Interested persons are encouraged to go to www.utuabeta.weebly.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues	57,628
Grants	177,800
Other Income	23,197
Program Fees	591,262
Sponsorship	27,610
UJTF Assistance	2,000
Balls	1,699
Interest	194
Sales, Services, Miscellaneous	134
Total Revenue	881,524
Total Expense	(862,125)
Net Income	19,399
Assets Beginning of Year	779,659
Assets End of Year	799,058

SPONSORS

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



ANNUAL RECOGNITIONS

DAVID L. FREED AWARD – CAROLEE HAMMEL

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.



Carolee Hammel

DEVELOPMENTAL COACH of the YEAR – AZAT HANKULIYEV

Initiated in 2015, this award is given periodically to recognize the outstanding individual efforts of a developmental coach in the Utah District.



Azat Hankuliyev



Spencer Marchant & family, Linda Vincent

LINDA VINCENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – SPENCER MARCHANT

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

FAMILY OF YEAR – THE SPERRY FAMILY

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.



The Sperry Family

JANET M. DOWSE AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP – CADEN HASLER

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – CYNTHIA BEDFORD

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.

GROWING THE GAME – UTAH YOUTH TENNIS

This award, which originated in 2019, is given to a player or organization that actively works to bring increase access and exposure to tennis, therefore bringing players into the sport. This person or organization exemplifies inclusion, acceptance, and a passion for the game. See more information about Utah Youth Tennis on page 21.



Utah Youth Tennis team with Rob Allen

10 AND UNDER YOUTH TENNIS AMBASSADOR - MICHELLE RAWSTORNE

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



Michelle Rawstorne

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR – SPORTS MALL

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 to help promote and develop the sport of tennis in the Utah District.



Esther Hatch & Troy Granger

CAPTAIN(S) OF THE YEAR – ESTHER HATCH & TROY GRANGER

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.

MARY LOU NORTH SPORTSMANSHIP – BRADY PATRICK & NATHAN NGUYEN

In 2021, we lost a tennis player very dear to our community. Mary Lou North played tennis with a love for the sport and her friends. Mary Lou has been described by many as “the perfect league player” – generous, kind, fair and an amazing competitor. In her honor, we have created the Mary Lou North Award - 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.



Brady Patrick & Nathan Nguyen

LEE HAMMEL OUTSTANDING MALE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER – GUNNAR WOLLER & MICHAEL CHERCHIO



Michael Cherchio & Gunnar Woller

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 recognizes the individual for their overall performance, team spirit, sportsmanship, and attitude both on and off the court.

RUBY HAMMEL OUTSTANDING FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER – VICTORIA COOKSEY

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 recognizes the individual for their overall performance, team spirit, sportsmanship, and attitude both on and off the court.



Ruby Hammel & Victoria Cooksey

KATHY ROTHFELS & LUCEEN SULLIVAN AWARD OUTSTANDING GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM – GREEN CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

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.

WILBUR BRAITHWAITE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM – AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL

Named after Wilbur Braithwaite, who coached High School Tennis at Manti High School for 53 years with over eleven State High School Championship Titles. This award recognizes achievement in high school tennis but is not determined solely on win/loss record.

AWARDS HISTORY

DAVID L. FREED AWARD – 2022: CAROLEE HAMMEL

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

JANET M. DOWSE AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP– 2022: CADEN HASLER

2021: Emmie Moore	2015: Jonathan Dollahite	2008: Mary Anne Macfarlane
2021: Hardy Owen	2014: Sidnee Lavatai	2007: Grant Taylor
2020: Jacque Dunyon	2013: Brooke Burnside	2006: Tori Arneson
2019: Connor Robb-Wilcox	2012: Colin Holyoak	2005: Paige Miles
2018: Luke Vandecasteele	2011: Matt Sweet	2003: Ryan Goldstein
2017: Katie Foley	2010: Ashley Tanner	2002: Andrew Clayton
2016: Annaliese County	2009: Chas Foote	

CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR – 2022: ESTHER HATCH, TROY GRANGER

2021: Valecia Warner, Chris White	2017: Darren Nelson
2020: Jake Johnson	2016: Corrine Nasella
2019: LaNece Andreason, Jon Penman	2015: Doug Fowkes, Kristen Siddoway
2018: Tiffany Kasteler	2014: Chris Anderson, Lynn Woodbury

GROWING THE GAME AWARD – 2022: UTAH YOUTH TENNIS

2021: Doug & Michelle Fowkes	2019: Patrick Gannaway, Danny Mangum,
2020: Delia Bayna & Brook Rollins	Kassie Belche

10 AND UNDER AMBASSADOR – 2022: MICHELLE RAWSTORNE

2019: David Archer	2016: Mike White
2018: Winnie Rawstorne	2015: Alissa Owen

DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR – 2022: AZAT HANKULIYEV

2021: Georgy Batrakov	2018: Dantley Young
2020: Bob Juhasz	2015: Lindsay Rawstorne

**MARY LOU NORTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD– 2022:
NATHAN NGUYEN AND BRADY PATRICK**

2021: AJ & Ashley Miyazaki	2021: Sue Smith
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LINDA VINCENT COMMUNITY SERVICE – 2022: SPENCER MARCHANT

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

HARRY JAMES "WILL TO WIN" AWARD

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR— 2022: CYNTHIA BEDFORD

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

FAMILY OF THE YEAR – 2022: THE SPERRY FAMILY

2021: Rideout	2016: Bullard	2011: Toli
2020: Ferguson/Lewis	2015: Hafen	2010: Pearce
2019: Rico	2014: Marchant	2009: Kempin
2018: Tullis	2013: Vandecasteele	2008: Sweet
2017: Robb—Wilcox	2012: Owen	2007: Smith

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR – 2022: SPORTS MALL

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

KATHY ROTHFELS & LUCEEN SULLIVAN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM – 2022: GREEN CANYON

2021: Layton	2016: Park City	2011: Bountiful
2020: Skyridge	2015: Olympus	2009: Alta
2019: Morgan	2014: Davis	2008: Rowland Hall
2018: Judge Memorial	2013: Lone Peak	2007: Pine View
2017: Lone Peak	2012: St. Joseph’s Catholic	

WILBUR BRAITHWAITE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM – 2022: AMERICAN FORK

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

RUBY HAMMEL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL AWARD WINNERS– 2022: VICTORIA COOKSEY

2021: Dylan Lolofie, Highland	2016: Emilie Astle, Alta	2012: MaryKate Johnson, Logan
2020: Macy Richards, Woods Cross	2015: Sydney Nichols, Bear River	2011: McKenzie Davis, Cottonwood
2019: Tia Turley, Desert Hills	2014: Kate Cusick, Timpview	2009: Paige Miles, Juan Diego
2018: Emma Jewell, Olympus	2013: Lacy Hancock, Pine Valley	2008: Romina Nedakovic, Juan Diego
2017: Addi Sepulveda & Rali Jenkins, Corner Canyon		2007: Hailey Swenson, Woods Cross

**LEE HAMMEL HIGH SCHOOL BOY AWARD WINNERS
2022: GUNNAR WOLLER & MICHAEL CHERCHIO**

2021: Lalith Suresh, Waterford	2016: Brocton Andrus, Lone Peak	2009: Matt Cowley, Woods Cross
2020: Luke Pearson, Park City	2014: Sam Tullis, Viewmont	2008: Spencer Smith, Brighton
2019: TJ Wells, Lone Peak	2013: Brendan Kempin, Juan Diego	2007: Calvin Smith, Waterford
2018: Redd Owen, Brighton	2012: John Pearce, Timpview	
2017: Steffan Rigby, Bear River	2011: Grant Taylor, Brighton	

HILARY DOYLE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Hilary Doyle started playing competitive tennis at the age of 10. She was a top ranked junior, playing on the Brighton Girls High School championship tennis team, and the University of Utah women’s varsity tennis team. Hilary was a wonderful tennis player and was well liked by 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 attitude and great work ethic on and off the court and an example and role model for all young tennis players.

2019	Elle Martin	2013	Emmie Moore
2018	Riya Soneji	2011	Kaylee Odom
2017	Steffen Rigby	2010	Calton Taylor
2016	Emmie Moore	2009	Spencer Hafen
2015	Charlie Buxton	2008	Spencer Hafen
2014	Morgan Hall	2007	Morgen Kiser
2013	Emmie Moore		

UTAH TENNIS ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENTS

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1966-1967:	Lee Hammel	1993-1994:	Gale Volkman
1968-1969:	Jack Morris	1995-1996:	Bruce Cummings
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1979:	Janet Dowse	2009-2011:	Mike Cooper
1980:	Lee Hammel	2011-2012:	Ric Hammond
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1983:	Myron Walker	2015-2016:	Charlene Peterson
1984-1985:	Bob Ruthstein	2017-Present:	Brad Ferreira
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