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Rod Horton to play in national tennis tourney

Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club's Newly-Named Director of Tennis, Rod Horton, seeded #8 in USTA National Men's 45s Indoor Championship

SALT LAKE CITY (November 6, 2010) – Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club will host the USTA (United States Tennis Association) National Men's 45s Indoor Championship Tournament November 8–12, 2010. “The quality of play will be phenomenal,” said the clubs’ general manager, Ian Rothfels. “This tournament is a rare opportunity for the Salt Lake community to see—up close and in action—world and nationally-ranked tennis players.” Rod Horton was ranked of #81 in the U.S. in the 45 years and older singles division last year and is seeded #8 in the tournament. Tournament notables include Rick Leach, currently ranked #3 in the world for Men's 45s, Andy Stoner, currently ranked #10 in the world for Men's 45s, and Mario Tabares, National Men's 45s Grass Champion.

Horton was named Director of Tennis at Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club October 27, 2010. Horton's 25-year coaching career began with serving as a University of Utah Women's tennis program assistant coach. He has focused much of his career on mentoring junior players in high performance training and coaching adult teams to sectional and national tournaments. Horton is the recipient of Utah Tennis Association's 2003 David L. Freed Award for achievement in the tennis industry. He is a USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) certified P-1 tennis professional and had a highly successful college career at Weber State University.

The USTA National Men's 45s Indoor Championship Tournament brings several top competitors to Salt Lake this week, including Rick Leach, Andy Stoner, and Mario Tabares. Leach is currently ranked #1 in the U.S. for Men's 45s, and won the Australian Open, Wimbledon, and the U.S. Open in Doubles in the 1990's. Stoner is currently ranked #2 in the USTA for Men's 45s, and is

the returning Singles Champion for this tournament. Tabares is currently ranked #4 in the USTA for Men's 45s. He won the National 45s Grass Championships—defeating Leach in the Finals, and was a finalist at the National 45s Clay Championships—losing to Leach in the Finals.

Utah Tennis Association (UTA) recognized Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club as its 2009 Organization of the Year. The Organization of the Year award is given to a USTA-member organization recognizing its significant contributions to the tennis community through promoting and developing the sport of tennis in Utah.

Tournament results will be posted daily on the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club website, www.thetennisclub.org. For information about viewing matches, contact the Club at 801-487-3206 or lan@thetennisclub.org.

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