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Salt Lake tennis club named best in state

Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club Named Utah Tennis Association's 2009 Organization of the Year; Club Director of Tennis, Mike Trabert, also recognized

SALT LAKE CITY (February 1, 2010) – Utah Tennis Association (UTA) has recognized Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club as its 2009 Organization of the Year. “We’re thrilled,” said the club’s general manager, Ian Rothfels. “Our goal is to provide our community—members and nonmembers alike—with an environment that supports a lifelong enjoyment of the sport of tennis. Our community partnership with UTA is a vital way to accomplish our goal.”

The depth and level of the experience of the club’s tennis professionals, combined with the club’s efforts to support UTA through a network of community partnerships, make the Club unique in Utah. Club tennis professionals have leadership experience at world class and national-level competition sites, including Pebble Beach, Seattle Tennis Club, Evert Academy, and Saddlebrook Academy, and aspire to achieve the same level of excellence as those top programs.

The Organization of the Year award is given to a United States Tennis Association (USTA) member organization recognizing its significant contributions to the tennis community through promoting and developing the sport of tennis in Utah. With this award, the Utah Tennis Association recognizes the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club’s efforts to help grow tennis participation at all levels. Public and private tennis facilities throughout Utah were considered for the annual award, established in 2007.

The club’s Director of Tennis, Mike Trabert, was also recognized by the Utah Tennis Association with the 2009 David L. Freed Award. Initiated by UTA in 1979, the award recognizes an

individual who has provided leadership and example in quality of play and service to the game. Trabert is former Director of Tennis for Pebble Beach Company and Carmel Valley Ranch. He is a USA High Performance coach, requiring a rigorous certification process, and has over 30 years teaching experience.

Both awards were presented at Utah Tennis Association's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2010, at the Cottonwood Country Club.

Tennis Club history

David L. Freed founded the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club in 1963 with the idea of being able to "play tennis twelve months a year," making the club the first indoor tennis facility west of the Mississippi River.

The Club was the first recipient of the USTA's national Organization of the Year Award in 1981. The award is based on service to the tennis community, service to its members through junior and adult programs, and historical perspective.

Today, the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club provides members, their families and friends, and all who come to play, with an environment for improving the quality of their lives through lifelong fitness, recreation, instruction, competition, fun, and sportsmanship at all levels. The Club serves a vital role in the Salt Lake Valley for its inclusive and enduring community partnerships, innovative programming, dedicated professional staff, and lifelong activities.

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