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Salt Lake tennis club opens summer programs to community

Utah Tennis Association's 2009 Organization of the Year offers 2010 summer aquatics and tennis programming for all ages and abilities

SALT LAKE CITY (April 23, 2010) – The Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club has opened its summer aquatics and tennis programs to the Salt Lake Valley community. “Our goal is to provide our community—members and nonmembers alike—with an environment that supports a lifetime of enjoyment of swimming, tennis, and lifelong fitness,” said the Club’s general manager, Ian Rothfels. Nonmember registration for summer programs began April 23, 2010 at the Club, located at 2471 South 1700 East. Complete lesson descriptions and schedule is on the Club’s website at www.thetennisclub.org. Contact the Club at 801-487-3206.

Aquatics and tennis programming includes group as well as private lessons for all ages and abilities. Swim and dive lessons are offered from beginners to competitive techniques and stroke development, and from tots to teens and adults. The Club’s Junior Development tennis program offers lesson sessions as well as week-long camps for children ages 5-18.

The depth and level of the experience of the Club’s aquatics and tennis professionals, combined with the club’s network of community partnerships, make the Club unique in Utah. Graduates of the Club’s aquatics and tennis programs have gone on to participate in collegiate-level competition nation-wide.

Director of Aquatics, Tommy Thorum, is a veteran of world-class Ironman Triathlon competitions in Brazil and Hawaii. Club aquatics professionals have diverse coaching and competitive collegiate experience throughout the northwest, west coast, and intermountain west. The Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club’s highly successful Swim & Dive Team has won

every year of the Utah Country Club Swim & Dive League's Conference Championships since 1998—12 consecutive titles.

Director of Tennis, Mike Trabert, was recognized by the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) with its 2010 Industry Excellence Award at the February 2010 Intermountain Division Convention in Denver, Colorado. 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.

Utah Tennis Association (UTA) recognized Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club as its 2009 Organization of the Year at its Annual Meeting on January 26, 2010, at the Cottonwood Country Club. 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. Public and private tennis facilities throughout Utah were considered for the annual award.

The Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club is centrally located on the east side of the Salt Lake valley and serves the Sugar House and Millcreek communities. Unique among other local fitness facilities, the Club is a 501(c)7 nonprofit organization.

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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