

## Useful information to help you succeed through technology



**By Bill Fletcher**  
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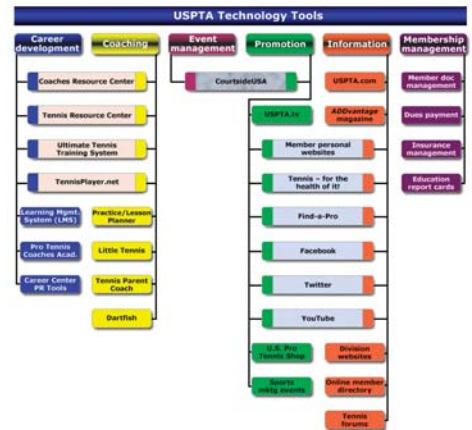
One of the many sessions I attended while at the 2010 USPTA World Conference was "Using Technology to Enhance Your Career." This class covered several ways to grow your business and make your life easier.

If you have not used the updated USPTA.com recently, then you need to take a few moments

and explore to see for yourself how easy the site is to navigate. The front page opens to a tip of the week, latest news and several other selections. One of the most useful of these click and go buttons is on the left side called USPTA Technology Tools. This takes you to a most useful page/flow chart (pictured at right). This is a one-stop shop for what you are looking for.

One other great tool the USPTA uses is Courtsideusa.com. This website allows pros to develop leagues, ladders and tournaments. Courtsideusa.com can be used by your members who are looking for matches, leagues, and events. The site has now added several new options such as court reservations and a tournament program.

As technology has improved, so has your ability to communicate, share and grow your business. Most of what we covered can be done with the use of not just your computer, but tennis pros can now go mobile with the use of a smart phone. If you are not doing so already, here is something to excite your clients—video using your smart phone and then e-mail them the video and in many cases you can send it to them before the lesson is even over. ●



## New classification creates career benefits

### New Accredited Professional Coach membership classification includes mandatory continuing education

The United States Professional Tennis Association has announced the launch of its Accredited Professional Coach (APC) classification, a new membership classification that includes mandatory education, and becomes effective January 1, 2011.

The classification is open to Professional 1, 2 and 3 members and Master Professionals. USPTA Professional members are required to take continuing education in order to earn and maintain APC status.

The benefits of APC designation include opportunities for career enhancement through a commitment to tennis and tennis education and demonstration of expertise, and building the image of tennis-teaching professionals and tennis as a profession overall.

The APC is earned by accumulating 20 APC continuing edu-

cation credits within a two-year period. The designation is maintained by continuing to earn 20 APC credits over every two-year period. APC credits can be earned in a variety of ways including attending the USPTA World Conference, USPTA division conventions, USPTA specialty courses, USTA High Performance education, viewing DVD seminars, and more.

Two hours of qualifying education will constitute one CEU. The opportunity to earn credits at USPTA World Conferences and division conventions will require members to fill out a form for credit at the beginning of the seminar or specialty course. This will be collected at the end of the seminar in order to verify attendance for credit. For more details regarding qualifying credits, e-mail [education@uspta.org](mailto:education@uspta.org).

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## President's Message

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## Become involved in the PNW: You can make a difference



Hi Everyone,  
As the gloom of this coming winter looms ahead, I'm still basking in what remains of my suntan from the USPTA World Conference in Palm Desert last month. It was a good conference, and the last one I'll

attend in the capacity of president of the Pacific Northwest Division of USPTA. Bill Fletcher will begin his tenure as president in January while I move into Vice/Past President, and I thought I'd take a minute to reflect upon the last couple of years during which I've had the privilege of serving as president.

I want to thank our past presidents, Ross Eaton and Nancy Cox, for laying the groundwork for what has really been a smooth couple of years. Ross' streamlining of our bookkeeping and Nancy's wealth of knowledge and big-picture perspective have allowed us to get things done with minimal distraction. Our division hasn't had any major projects, but has been able to focus on fundamentals: high quality education within our division, communication with club management, and membership retention. Our hard-working board, as well as our skilled Executive Director Don Patch, have done a phenomenal job of doing the heavy lifting and keeping our

membership retention among the highest of any division nationwide.

As one of our division's representatives to the national Executive Committee, I have tried to champion issues that are of concern to our membership on a local level. This has always revolved around keeping the USPTA brand valuable to our members, our employers and the tennis community, and keeping the quality of our pros the highest in the industry. I've advocated for reinstating mandatory education, and pushed for progress in the area of better preparing applicants who want to test into the USPTA. I'll continue to work on some national committees, including the Membership and Diversity committees.

It has been a real learning experience being on our division's board, and working with the national Executive Committee and national board has been an invaluable experience. I can't think of a better group of people to work for and volunteer my time for than our group of pros in the Pacific Northwest. Being involved does take a little time, but the rewards are great. If any of you are interested in serving your division on the board, please get in touch with us so we can get you started helping with some of our current projects.

Hunter Lipscomb



## New PNW Executive Board Announced

Terms begin January 1, 2011 and continue for two years. The Executive Board is elected by the Pacific Northwest district representatives and board members.

Bill Fletcher, President  
Hunter Lipscomb, Regional Vice President  
Travis Rood, Treasurer

**SAVE THE DATE** 2011 USPTA/PNW DIVISION CONVENTION ● JUNE 3-5 ● PORTLAND, OR  
National Board Representative Tom Daglis

### SAVE THE DATES 2011 TESTING DATES

- Second weekend, February, Seattle, WA.
- First weekend, June, Division Convention, Portland, OR
- Second weekend, October, Location TBA

*The PNW board has set as its testing policy the requirement that all new applicants must take the review course in person before taking the certification exam. No additional fees will be assessed or charged new applicants for this review course.*

**SAVE THE DATE** 2011 USPTA WORLD CONFERENCE ON TENNIS ● SEPTEMBER 19-24  
● SADDLEBROOK RESORT, WESLEY CHAPEL, FLORIDA



## ● NEW SERVICE: USPTA Pacific Northwest Professional Development DVD Library

By Travis Rood  
N. Oregon District Rep 1

Continuing education was a recurring theme throughout this year's World Conference. In support of the theme, the USPTA has produced and released multiple new collections of instructional DVDs including: The Six General Performance Components of Tennis, The Ultimate Tennis Training System, and The Ultimate Training System Lite. Note: In order to earn educational credits, DVDs must be purchased from the National office.

Sounds great, but how does that affect me? Glad you asked! The PNW board got their hands on two box sets: 1) The Six General Performance Components of Tennis (6 DVD set), and 2) The Ultimate Tennis Training System (a whopping 36 DVD set). DVDs are now available to be checked out from the USPTA/PNW library (we'll pay the shipping to you, you'll pay the shipping back). Just email a request to Executive Director Don Patch at [usptapnw@aol.com](mailto:usptapnw@aol.com). You may have one DVD out at a time. Once that title has been returned, we'll be happy to send you another. A complete listing of the titles in these two box sets can be found below.

### THE SIX GENERAL PERFORMANCE COMPONENTS OF TENNIS (6 DVD set)

- The Physical Component
- The Mental Component
- The Strategic Component
- The Tactical Component
- The Environmental Component
- The Technical Component

### THE ULTIMATE TENNIS TRAINING SYSTEM (36 DVD set)

- The Secrets of today's Serve
- The Secrets of Today's Forehand
- Tactical Weapons for Tennis
- Winning Patterns and Drills
- Zone It to Own It
- Meet the Topspins
- Components of the Modern Forehand
- Components of the Two-Handed Backhand
- Drills to Improve Your Athletic Ability
- Footwork for the Open-Stance Forehand and Backhand
- The Power of Story
- The Arc Ball
- The Shoulder-Level Dip Drive
- Volley Secrets – The Lost Art
- The Modern Forehand
- The Forehand – Flat, Tipspin, Slice

- Becoming a Champion: Part 2
- Movement and Footwork
- Footwork Technique: The base of on-court problem solving
- The Modern Backhand
- Advanced Stroke Production: Teaching the game in the modern way
- Modern Tennis Techniques
- Biomechanics and Sports Medicine
- The Volley
- Rock-Solid Volley Game
- The Aggressive Swing Volley
- The Serve
- The Overhead
- Becoming a Champion: Part 3
- Tactical Touch Tennis
- Singles Strategy and Tactics – Transition Shots
- Becoming a Champion: Part 1
- Situational Tennis
- Think Shots, Not Strokes
- Playing Smarter Tennis



If you have any tennis DVDs on hand that you would like to contribute to the library, please let us know at [usptapnw@aol.com](mailto:usptapnw@aol.com).

*Yours in continuing professional development,  
USPTA Pacific Northwest Board*

## Welcome New USPTA/PNW Members - 2010

- Norm Armstrong, Wenatchee, WA
- Brian Beaumont, Bellingham, WA
- John Block, Portland, OR
- Wyatt Brock, Portland, OR
- Curtis Darrow, Boardman, OR
- Zachary Hasenyager, Bainbridge Island, WA
- Thomas Hicks, Portland, OR
- Colby Jager, Corvallis, OR
- Timothy Kealy, Milwaukie, OR
- Tom Kopecki, McMinnville, OR
- Peter Mikkelsen, Bend, OR
- Rodney Morasch, Camas, WA
- Alyssa Morrison, Anacortes, WA
- Philip Paccione, Portland, OR
- Samuel Rehtin, Redmond, OR
- Kyle Schermerhorn, Portland, OR
- Tracy Schroeder, Puyallup, WA
- Marcus Trader, Seattle, WA
- Emily Wagner, Happy Valley, OR
- Daniel Willman, Issaquah, WA
- Victor Withers, Yakima, WA

## New APC classification [continued from page 1]

Once members achieve this distinction, they will be issued a special certificate with an expiration date and the designation will be added after their professional rating. The certificate will be available online to print from the member management area of [www.uspta.com](http://www.uspta.com), where members can log in with name and member number.

While the APC classification is not effective until January 2011, those members who attended specialty courses at the World

Conference in September and completed the forms for credit, will have those credits count toward the APC classification.

To apply for this new membership classification, in addition to being certified at the USPTA professional level, members must also take the Professional Tennis Coaches Academy I and pass a competency exam at the 80th percentile or higher. Those who have already taken the PTCA I and scored 80 percent or higher do not need to retake it. ●



## Reflections on my first World Conference

By Fitz Paccione  
USPTA Certified Professional



**T**he 2010 USPTA World Conference shattered all my preconceptions within the first hour of being there. I just recently joined the USPTA this year and as a past collegiate tennis player, I was hesitant to involve myself past just getting my certification and obtaining “the basics” so to say. Looking back I could not have been more wrong about my approach to the USPTA.

I attended the 2010 World Conference based primarily on the urgings of my USPTA exam tester Dom Goms. He joked repeatedly that if he did not see me at the World Conference, there would be trouble! He was right; perhaps not immediately after, but down the road I would professionally suffer from not attending a great event like the World Conference. After speaking with my Tennis Director (who had attended past world conferences), I got the final urge to make the financial commitment to the conference.

I chose to make the most of the event and I attended the entire week of programming. A great benefit to new members is that you are given the opportunity to attend a specialty course free of charge. I registered for Advanced Stroke Production at the end of the week. These courses, in combination with the dozens of other seminars that are a part of your registration fee, provided valuable insights into how our peers are teaching around the world. My personal favorite was the session with USPTA Professional Craig Jones titled “Developing Champions through Little Tennis” which simply blew me out of the water. Craig has developed a program using the tennis equipment of QuickStart that really makes sense. Since the conference I have been applying his drills, tips and insights into my own junior program Portland After-School Tennis & Education.

Beyond the education on the tennis court, the ability to network and socialize with tennis professionals from all around the country was priceless. I built strong relationships in just a few days and made valuable connections with industry experts. The tennis buying show is a perfect example of how atypical the USPTA World Conference is from any other tennis convention. The information and support you receive at the buying show is of incalculable worth. I personally made connections with industry professionals from HEAD/Pro-Penn, which would have been impossible without the World Conference.

At first it may seem like a huge risk, but in reality the USPTA World Conference is one of the best investments you can make in your profession. I look forward to seeing you all next year at the 2011 USPTA World Conference. ●

*Fitz Paccione is a USPTA Certified Professional and is Program & Development Director of Portland After-School Tennis & Education, [www.pastkids.org](http://www.pastkids.org)*

## USPTA honors the leaders in tennis at the World Conference

**T**he USPTA recognized those who stand out and go above and beyond in all aspects of the tennis industry – from tennis coaches to players to volunteers – during its annual national awards breakfast at the USPTA World Conference on Tennis.

**Randy Snow** of Terrell, Texas, became part of an elite group as a grand inductee into the USPTA’s Hall of Fame. Snow, who was inducted posthumously, was a world-class athlete and innovator in the wheelchair industry who gave his time to sharing the game of tennis.

**Ron Woods** of Corpus Christi, Texas, received the association’s top annual member award, the Alex Gordon Award for the USPTA Professional of the Year. Woods has been involved in tennis for more than 45 years and has been a USPTA member for 44 years.

**Paul Garron** of Auburn, Calif., is the recipient of the USTA/USPTA Community Service Award. He has been teaching tennis for more than 24 years and his efforts to grow tennis in his community include implementing adopt-a-school resources to provide tennis in local elementary P.E. classes and offer a tennis field trip on two different days for another local middle school. He is the director of tennis at Rollingwood Racquet Club in Fair Oaks, Calif.

**Emily Schaefer** of Houston is the director of tennis for Houston Parks and Recreation, and has made significant contributions to tennis in Houston, especially with the HTA/NJTL program that started with 3,500 kids in 2002 and now has more than 6,000 registrants and 60,000 participants overall. Her work in the Houston tennis community is what earned her the USPTA Industry Excellence Award, recognizing business acumen and a charitable attitude. The award is sponsored by the Tennis Industry Association and supported by Tennis Tutor ball machines.

**Ken Sumrow** of Plano, Texas, received the Lessons for Life Individual Award for his fundraising efforts as the founder of the Children Helping Children Junior Singles event, benefiting the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Children’s Medical Center of Dallas.

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At the World Conference [l-r]: Travis Rood, Doug Verdieck, Juli Verdieck, Craig Koessler, and Hunter Lipscomb.



Travis Rood and Rob Knox, happy winners of the drawing for the DVD sets "The Six General Performance Components."



Bill and Lorraine Thompson at the Awards Breakfast.



Hunter Lipscomb and Tino Fabros enjoying camaraderie at La Quinta.

**Congratulations to Wayne Pickard and Rob Knox**

Congratulations to Wayne and Rob for winning the 55 Men's Doubles Championships at this year's World Conference in La Quinta, CA. Knox/Pickard defeated Begay/Lopez in the final 6-4/7-5.

Says Pickard, "My good friend Rob and I have played this tournament



many times and we have never won. But through persistence and determination we finally made it."

**USPTA honors the leaders**

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**Ron Woods** of Corpus Christi, Texas, received the Tennis Across America Individual Award, for his efforts over the last 20 years hosting a USPTA day of free tennis lessons at the HEB Tennis Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Rod Heckelman** of San Rafael, Calif., received the Facility Manager of the Year Award. Heckelman is the general manager and guest pro at Mount Tam Racquet Club in Larkspur, Calif.

Other honorees are:

Dave Licker, Frisco, Texas – Touring Coach of the Year

Kendell Hale, Kansas City, Mo. – College Coach of the Year

Vance VanPelt II, Hutchinson, Kan. – High School Coach of the Year

David T. Porter, Ed.D., Laie, Hawaii – George Bacso Tester of the Year ●

**PNW Members Attending the World Conference in La Quinta**

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Nancy Cox           | Anni Miller     | Mike Stone        |
| Constantino Fabros  | Philip Paccione | Susan Stone       |
| Bill Fletcher       | Don Patch       | Bill Thompson     |
| Waldemar Holowetzki | Gail Patton     | Lorraine Thompson |
| Judy Knox           | Wayne Pickard   | Dorothy Vaughan   |
| Rob Knox            | Travis Rood     | Steve Vaughan     |
| Craig Koessler      | Jesse Schouten  | Douglas Verdieck  |
| Hunter Lipscomb     |                 |                   |

## USPTA University: New program to recruit and guide young pros



By Mark Fairchild  
USPTA National Vice President

In a dismal economic climate, choosing a career – or deciding to stick with the one you’ve already got – seems to have taken on an even greater significance for anyone interested in financial stability. And who isn’t interested in that these days?

As the new Membership Committee chairman, I would like you to know that it is my goal to help our current members feel excited and proud in their chosen career, as well as financially stable as possible. I also hope to recruit potential members who can help our association retain both its high standards and quality, as well as help the USPTA continue to flourish. That’s why I’m so pleased to be able to tell you about our brand-new program: USPTA University.

When I decided to become a tennis-teaching professional back in 1987, there really wasn’t any specifically designed program or one particular pathway to help make that happen. I consider myself so fortunate now that I understood back then the importance of getting certified by the USPTA to help nurture my fledgling career. Some potential professionals have been lucky enough to have mentors to help guide them, but for a vast majority of us, it was a difficult process that sometimes ended with a person ultimately turning toward another profession. We need to help educate potential teaching professionals on how to turn a dream of teaching tennis into a career and how to help get them on the right track toward certification instead of having them grow frustrated with any roadblocks that might come their way.

I believe 2011 is the time for us to help that younger generation interested in teaching tennis find a more clearly marked road than the one most of us traveled. I believe it’s time to make a push for a more prepared and better educated new USPTA member. I hope that as USPTA professionals we can help our youth, especially in these difficult times for finding jobs, understand that a career as a tennis-teaching professional can be very rewarding. It’s what we do. And that’s why USPTA University was created.

USPTA University is a program to help us, as USPTA Professionals, train the next generation of tennis-teaching professionals. Its mission statement reads: “USPTA University is the highest quality training and development system for high school and college students interested in becoming certified tennis professionals.” The goal of the program is to help a student prepare to pass the certification test and become a teaching professional by the time he or she graduates from college. There will be two different aspects to USPTA University: an education process and an application process. Our CEO, Tim Heckler, and our national staff have paved the way for the education process of the program to be implemented by working over the years to organize educational information and opportunities on our website. USPTA University students will be able to choose from a wide array of educational benefits. A student will have the opportunity to take the PTCA I online course, which covers teaching skills, business and tennis program-

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## USPTA University [continued]

ming, advanced player development and much, much more. The student will be able to utilize tennisresources.com, which is an extensive search engine that allows users to find out all they need to know about the sport of tennis. Two essential areas of video clips are available to USPTA University students: "How to Feed" and "Teaching Basic Stroke Fundamentals." The University member can also use the Coaches Resource Center to learn all kinds of drills to use on the tennis court. Also, the vast articles on different approaches to teaching in ADDvantage magazine will help the student continue to grow. This education component will allow any USPTA University student motivated to become a tennis-teaching professional to have access to a large library of educational content.

The application process is just as significant because this is where the students will find the essential on-court training they need. One of the ideas being discussed is the possibility of holding workshops at divisional conferences to share the specific on-court teaching skills needed to become a teaching professional with high school and college students.

Another possibility is to help the student find a summer job working with a USPTA Professional at his/her facility. The USPTA University student will have limited access to the Find-a-Job site to look for work as a camp counselor or intern. This is where I'm asking every USPTA member to help out by being open to training and/or mentoring future USPTA Professionals. USPTA would like to ask you to post your jobs for high school and college kids to see. I believe that having a strong summer staff reflects well on both the USPTA pro as well as the facility where he or she works.

USPTA is also thrilled to announce a new partnership with the ITA, the governing body of collegiate tennis. USPTA and ITA believe these are the people who are dedicated enough to excel in whatever career they choose, which makes them perfect candidates for USPTA University if they are interested in tennis-teaching careers. In addition to being good

tennis players, most are good students who need training from an experienced professional to become a quality tennis professional. Each of us studied and trained to pass the USPTA certification test, so let's give back to help our youth reach the same goal.

As a USPTA member, you can help make this program successful by not only interacting with a potential University student from your area, but also by participating in the national program. I assume you have seen some of the early surveys asking each of you about your helpers during the summer and the different types of jobs they do. Since there is a vast array of facilities throughout the country, there is a variety of interesting responsibilities a potential tennis teacher might need to handle. One of the challenging parts of the application process will be to fully expose these newcomers to all of the different kinds of on-court training they need to become a quality, certified professional.

For all of these reasons, we really want to hear from you on what specific needs you have at your facility as well as the basic training components you want in place for these young individuals. There are no better trainers than USPTA Professionals, and if you could list your opportunities on our Find-a-Job site, it would really go a long way to help develop this program.

In closing, I believe USPTA University will help the tennis industry as a whole. In the fall of 2009, we had 30 million tennis players in the United States. There are approximately 12,000 college students competing in collegiate tennis in addition to the countless number of younger students playing competitive junior or high school tennis. Now, more than at any other time, we have a huge number of young people enjoying the game of tennis who would possibly like to work in the tennis industry someday. USPTA University is a program that can start educating our youth on how to reach that goal and enjoy a career in tennis. ●



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## Redesign of www.tennishealth.com

**U**SPTA is excited to announce the redesign of www.tennishealth.com as part of our continuing commitment to communicate the health benefits of tennis. This free, interactive website, which supports the *Tennis – for the health of it!* initiative, targets teaching professionals, tennis consumers, health-care professionals, and non-tennis playing consumers.

Originally launched in April 2009, the upgraded site includes feature articles and videos (of the month) and a blog on “tennis and your health” featuring Dr. Jack Groppe, vice president of USPTA, an internationally recognized authority and pioneer in the science of human performance, and an expert in fitness and nutrition. In addition, registered users can sign up to comment on the blog and receive e-mail alerts when new content is posted. The connection function allows users to search for and connect with other consumers or teaching professionals or invite others to visit the site and register. The site also features an extensive event search that has been improved. Consumers have the opportunity to search for tennis events, programs and teaching professionals in their area. The event search now allows consumers to search events by type of event, date, facility, city or ZIP code.

Registered teaching professionals have the opportunity to promote their programs, events and facilities on the site. To register and get started, visit [www.tennis-health.com](http://www.tennis-health.com). ●

## Four earn USPTA Master Professional distinction



**F**our members of the USPTA have been recognized for achieving Master Professional status – the association’s highest professional rating within the tennis profession. The recipients are:

Rosie Bareis, Tracy, Calif. – director of tennis at The Club at the Claremont Hotel, Club and Spa in Berkeley, Calif.; Randy Mattingley, Kingwood, Texas – director of tennis at the Clubs of Kingwood; Brett Schwartz, Mandeville, La. – director of tennis at the New Orleans Lawn Tennis Club; and Ron Woods, Corpus Christi, Texas – retired director of tennis at the Corpus Christi Country Club

The four honorees were recognized during the USPTA’s annual awards breakfast at the USPTA World Conference on Tennis in La Quinta, Calif. They join an elite group as only about one percent of USPTA’s more than 15,000 members worldwide have achieved the Master Professional designation.

Members must hold USPTA’s highest certification rating (Professional 1) for more than 10 years before becoming eligible for the Master Professional designation. Then, each must fulfill a broad spectrum of requirements, including making significant achievements in areas such as tennis teaching and coaching, business, education and volunteer work. ●

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## USPTA expands international presence with USPTA China Division



The United States Professional Tennis Association showed its commitment to grow tennis internationally with the announcement of its new USPTA China Division. The announcement of the new division was made during the USPTA's World Conference on Tennis in La Quinta, Calif.

Key staff members of the China Division were on hand for the announcement. They had the opportunity to speak to the general membership about the new division and the potential for growth of tennis in China.

"We are very excited with the opportunity to learn and grow with the USPTA community," said Yue Wang, president of USPTA China. "Our goal is to have a substantial membership within the next three years."

"We are thrilled to welcome China to the USPTA family," said USPTA President Tom Daglis. "We are looking forward to growing the USPTA in China under the direction of Yue Wang, one of the

leaders in China's tennis industry."

Wang, who is a USPTA Professional 1, is a member of the CTA Coach Committee and former member of the China national tennis team and the Davis Cup team. He is a tennis consultant for CCTV and BTV, and chief technical adviser for Tennis magazine (China). He is currently the chairman for Beijing Xinyuehai Sports Development Co., Ltd.

David T. Porter, Ed.D., a USPTA Master Professional and former USPTA president, has been instrumental in helping forge the relationship with China and starting a USPTA division there. As the head tester of the Hawaii Division, he travels to China twice a year, where he has tested hundreds of applicants.

The staff of the China Division spent several weeks at the World Headquarters in Houston this summer, going through intense training and learning the roles of various departments as they prepared to open their office and serve the China Division. ●

## Randy Snow inducted into USPTA's Hall of Fame

Randy Snow was inducted in the USPTA Hall of Fame posthumously during the USPTA annual awards breakfast today. Snow, who was from Terrell, Texas, was a USPTA Pro 1 for 17 years, and joins only 10 others as a grand inductee in the USPTA Hall of Fame.

He became the first Paralympic athlete inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004. He was a silver medalist in the 1,500-meter wheelchair race held at the 1984 Summer Olympics. He won gold medals in both singles and doubles with Brad Parks at the 1992 Summer Paralympics in Barcelona. He was the only athlete to win medals at the Paralympic Games in three different sports – tennis, basketball, and track and field. He also won the U.S. Open Wheelchair singles titles 10 times and doubles six times.

Snow also excelled in the corporate world, devoting 20 years to a highly successful medical supply company and also worked as a recreational therapist. In 1999 he started his own company, called No XQs (No Excuses), and traveled extensively as a motivational

speaker. He spoke of how he was paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 16, when he was crushed by a 1,000-pound bale of hay in a farming accident.

He was considered a pioneer and an innovator in the wheelchair industry and helped improve the designs for athletes and improve the lives of many disabled people. He devoted his time to giving back and sharing the game of tennis. He was doing what he truly loved during his last days as he volunteered at a wheelchair tennis camp in El Salvador.

"Randy was a great ambassador for tennis and his courage, fortitude and ability to strive for excellence was exemplary," said USPTA CEO Tim Heckler. "He has been a role model for all tennis players and has had an incredible influence on players with disabilities, especially with his help to create the first course and certification exam for teaching wheelchair tennis." ●

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Ross Eaton

### USPTA/PNW Hall of Fame

Ross Eaton will be heading up a committee to create the structure and process for a USPTA/PNW hall of fame. Any persons interested in working on this committee should contact Ross at [rosseatontalktennis@comcast.net](mailto:rosseatontalktennis@comcast.net).



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### PAST&E Lessons for Life

Sip, Serve, & Celebrate 2010 Cocktail Bash, the major fundraiser of Portland After-School Tennis & Education, took place on November 5th at Urban Studio in the heart of downtown Portland. Nearly \$90 thousand was raised to support programming for at-risk children in North Portland. Each year, PAST&E works with around 400 students who would never have

any access to the great sport of tennis. Through our year-round program we are developing future champions who will play college tennis and stay out of trouble while in our program.

For more about the program watch the video from the event at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ-jjKTrI4&hd=1>.

### New facilities association forms in northern Oregon

The Association of Northern Oregon Tennis Club Managers and Directors consists of managers or directors of facilities that provide tennis programming. Its mission is to promote and support the growth of tennis in the northern Oregon area through consistent policies. Founding facilities include Tualatin Hills P&R District, Multnomah AC, West Hills Tennis and Fitness, Portland TC, Mountain Park, Sunset AC, and Vancouver TC. ●

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