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## USTA-RSI Awards

This article was posted on the USTA web site at: <http://www.pnw.usta.com> in November of 2007. In addition to this "CTA of the Year" award for 2007 by Racquet Sports Industry, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) recently presented our CTA the "Outstanding Contribution to the Community" award for 2007. The plaque is proudly displayed in our clubhouse.

Needless to say the winning of these awards in the same year is a milestone for our Association. We cannot express in words how proud we are to have been chosen for these awards. The last time we were honored with the CTA of the Year Award was in 2000, ten years after our CTA was founded. Tom Broadbent and dedicated tennis players in Grants Pass founded the GPCTA in 1990.

Our sincere thanks to all our members, our sponsors, the Grants Pass Parks and Recreation department, USTA, and especially our Board Members and volunteers, for all their work in making these important and treasured awards possible. During our planning sessions we hope to expand our programs to make each year even more productive.

*We are children and we are juniors. We are adults and we are seniors. We are beginners and we are advanced players. We are handicapped or disabled. We are workers and business owners. We are students and we are teachers. We are nurses and we are doctors. We are social workers and we are lawyers. We are housewives and we are retired. We are the Grants Pass Community Tennis Association. We are proud to be part of your community.*

The Grants Pass Tennis Association is honored to have received these awards. It says a lot about the Association and the City of Grants Pass. It especially says a lot about our members and volunteers that made it all possible.

## Grants Pass named 2007 Community Tennis Association of the Year

For its use of the game to build confidence and community, RSI (Racquet Sports Industry) chose the **Grants Pass CTA** as their 2007 Community Tennis Association of the Year.

The Grants Pass Community Tennis Association (CTA) in Grants Pass, OR, is now in its 17th year. We have made junior development a priority, with programs now serving more than 70 children some of whom hold a state ranking. This past August, the CTA hosted its first USTA sanctioned junior tournament; we will continue this tradition on August 14-16, 2009.

**In 2008**, another major focus was outreach to at-risk groups of youth and adults in the community. This focus was partly in response to methamphetamine abuse throughout the country. According to Howard Wand, then CTA president, "We believe our goal is to make a dent in that, to show people that there are other things they can be doing that are a lot more fun."

**In 2009**, the Association announced a partnership with Rogue Community College to place an indoor tennis facility on the RCC campus. This facility will benefit members of the Grants Pass community, its youth, seniors and all who love and play this great sport. The college involvement with the CTA will provide opportunities for RCC students to learn more about sports management and to receive tennis instruction. The 2009 **Grants Pass CTA Board** is making every effort to see that this vision becomes a reality in the very near future. In the Pacific Northwest, rain-soaked and snow-covered courts are not unusual during the winter months.

**"The Grants Pass CTA works tirelessly to deliver tennis at all levels,"** says David Slade, USTA National Manager of CTA's. **"In addition to its successful community-wide tennis programming, they are committing themselves to promoting tennis as a means of making their community a better place to live."** *(-Written by Kristen Daley, RSI Contributing Editor)*



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