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## TENNIS INDUSTRY TO HONOR TOP 50 TENNIS WELCOME CENTERS

*Top U.S. tennis facilities to be recognized for outstanding service  
in promoting the sport and in delivering programs.*

HILTON HEAD, S.C. - Is your tennis facility a leader in delivering tennis programs and providing service in promoting the sport?

The Tennis Industry Association, the U.S. Tennis Association, and Racquet Sports Industry magazine are once again looking for the "Top 50 Tennis Welcome Centers" in the U.S. These are the tennis facilities—public and private—that are leading the charge in the growth of the sport by providing well-rounded programs to new and current players of all ages and abilities.

Currently, there are more than 2,000 official Tennis Welcome Centers in the U.S. (to find a TWC near you, visit [www.TennisWelcomeCenter.com](http://www.TennisWelcomeCenter.com) or [www.GrowingTennis.com](http://www.GrowingTennis.com)). To be a Top 50 choice, a facility needs to exhibit excellent participation figures involving new and returning players, support of industry programs and community tennis development, and be active with other Tennis Welcome Center facility requirements, among other criteria.

### TOP 50 TENNIS WELCOME CENTERS OF 2006

*in alphabetical order by state*

Heatherwood Country Club, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Scottsdale Ranch Park Tennis Center, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 Arizona Tennis Association (multiple TWC locations), Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 Los Gatos High School, Blossom Hill Park, Castillero Middle School, Los Gatos & San Jose, Calif.  
 Sunburst Park, Joshua Tree, Calif.  
 Rudgear Park, Walnut Creek, Calif.  
 Northstar Tennis, Truckee, Calif.  
 5 Star Tennis at Lindero Country Club & Stretch-n-Grow Tennis, LA County, Calif.  
 Barnes Tennis Center, San Diego, Calif.  
 Claremont Resort and Spa, Berkeley, Calif.  
 Littleton Golf & Tennis Club and Holly Tennis Center, Littleton & Centennial, Colo.  
 Meadow Creek Tennis and Fitness Club, Denver/Lakewood, Colo.  
 Valley Country Club, Aurora, Colo.  
 Delaware Tennis Center at Bellevue State Park, Wilmington, Del.  
 Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis, Treasure Island, Fla.  
 Maxwell Park Tennis Center, Pembroke Pines, Fla.  
 Reynolds Plantation Lake Club Tennis Center, Greensboro, Ga.  
 The Cherokee Tennis Center, Woodstock, Ga.  
 Bitsy Grant Tennis Center, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Apple Athletic Club Tennis Facility, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
 Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club, Homewood, Ill.  
 Pike High School, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Indian Creek Racquet Club, Overland Park, Kan.  
 Querbes Tennis Center, Shreveport, La.  
 William E. Carter Playground, Boston, Mass.  
 Maine Pines Racquet & Fitness Club, Brunswick, Maine  
 Herb Neils Tennis Center, Libby, Mont.  
 Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center, Raleigh, N.C.  
 The Atlantic Club Tennis Center, Manasquan, N.J.  
 TennisTIP.com, New York, N.Y.  
 CTA of East Williston, Roslyn Heights, N.Y.  
 South Towns Tennis Club, Orchard Park, N.Y.  
 Point Set Indoor Racquet Club & The Woodmere Club, Oceanside & Woodmere, NY  
 Shadow Valley Tennis & Fitness Center, Maumee, Ohio  
 Towpath Tennis Center, Akron, Ohio  
 Family Circle Tennis Center, Daniel Island, S.C.  
 Grande Dunes Tennis Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
 Lexington County Tennis Complex, Lexington, S.C.  
 Tennis Center of the Black Hills, Rapid City, S.D.  
 Circle C Tennis Club, Austin, Texas  
 Southlake Tennis Center, Southlake, Texas  
 Arlington Tennis Center, City of Arlington Parks & Rec Dept., Arlington, Texas  
 Summit Athletic Club, St. George, Utah  
 Regency Sport and Health Club, McLean, Va.  
 Rowe Tennis Center at the Rappahannock Area YMCA, Fredericksburg, Va.  
 An Acheiveable Dream Academy, Newport News, Va.  
 Spotswood Country Club, Eastover Park, Purcell Park & Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg, Va.  
 Sports and Fitness Edge of Essex, Essex Junction, Vt.  
 Columbia Basin Racquet Club, Richland, Wash.  
 City of Oconomowoc Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept., Oconomowoc, Wis.



“The Top 50 TWCs represent the best of the best,” says TIA Executive Director Jolyn de Boer. “The staff at these facilities create a positive tennis experience for people in their communities, and the facilities serve a vital role in delivering tennis.” Facilities named to the Top 50 list will be honored with a plaque that they can display.

They will also receive special marketing material and logos to use on their website, in newsletters, emails, press releases, and other communications.

The Tennis Welcome Center initiative—backed by all sectors of the tennis industry, from governing bodies and manufacturers to media, retailers, teaching organizations, pro groups and facilities--has played a leading role in the sport's growth. Pro player Maria Sharapova lends her endorsement and image to the program, which is free to tennis facilities that wish to support industry efforts to grow participation through specific programming and marketing.

“Tennis Welcome Centers are a critical connection point between all of the tennis industry stakeholders invested in growing the game and the hundreds of thousands of new players who are attracted to the sport each year,” says Mark McMahon, USTA National Manager for Tennis Welcome Centers.

To nominate your facility for Top 50 Tennis Welcome Center honors, visit [partners.TennisWelcomeCenters.com](http://partners.TennisWelcomeCenters.com). Among the Top 50 winners, special recognition will be given for the top-ranked park and recreation tennis facility, public facility, commercial facility, and private facility.

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#### **ABOUT TENNIS WELCOME CENTERS**

The Tennis Welcome Center initiative is a joint effort by the Tennis Industry Association and U.S. Tennis Association to promote the growth of tennis. Participation in the program, which is free to facilities that agree to meet qualifications in programming and other aspects, is free. All Tennis Welcome Center locations receive valuable benefits and promotion. For information on become a TWC, visit [Partners.TennisWelcomeCenter.com](http://Partners.TennisWelcomeCenter.com) or email [info@GrowingTennis.com](mailto:info@GrowingTennis.com).

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