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## PRESS RELEASE

### USTA INTERMOUNTAIN ANNOUNCES 2013 ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

**DENVER, COLORADO: DEC. 7, 2013:** USTA Intermountain announced its 2013 Annual Awards winners at an awards luncheon and ceremony held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at the Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, Colorado.

Each year, USTA Intermountain honors individuals and organizations that work to promote and develop the growth of tennis in the Intermountain Section of the United States Tennis Association. Intermountain's six Districts (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming) annually nominate candidates for the following recognitions: Developmental Coach of the Year; Organization of the Year; Family of the Year; David Freed (lifetime service) Award; Barbara Clark/Diversity & Inclusion Community Service Award; Jan Dowse (exemplary volunteer/staff member) Award; Youth Tennis Ambassador; and Nikos Ridle (sportsmanship) Award. Congratulations to all of our recipients!

#### **2013 Developmental Coach of the Year: Henner Nehles; Las Vegas, NV**

Initiated in 2000, this award is given to recognize the outstanding efforts of a developmental coach in the USTA Intermountain Section. This coach is being honored for his or her endless dedication to developing junior tennis players at all levels through teaching, presence at tournaments and events, and positive role modeling, on and off the court.

#### **2013 Organization of the Year: City of Henderson Parks & Recreation Department; Henderson, NV**

Given annually to recognize the services rendered to Intermountain's USTA members by its member organizations: Community Tennis Associations, Clubs, and Parks and Recreation Departments. Section winners are submitted to the USTA for the National Organization of the Year Award.

#### **2013 Family of Year: Owens Family; Salt Lake City, UT**

Presented annually to a family within the USTA Intermountain Section who has exemplified the benefits of tennis as a family recreational sport and has contributed to their tennis community in a significant way. Section winners are submitted to the USTA for the National Family of the Year Award.

#### **2013 David Freed Award: Marty Hennessy; Las Vegas, NV**

Given from time to time to an individual for lifetime service to tennis within the USTA Intermountain Section. This award was first introduced in 1988 and given to David Freed of Salt Lake City, Utah. David served as Intermountain's Secretary and Treasurer for 39 years from 1936-1975.

#### **2013 Barbara Clark Diversity and Inclusion Award: Randy Corbett; Boise, ID**

Initiated in 2000 as the Community Service Award, this award was renamed in 2006 to honor Barbara Clark, who died in September of that year. Barbara was a longtime employee and ambassador for the Section. This award is given annually to honor an individual in the Intermountain Section who has made a significant contribution to multicultural populations and communities through tennis.

#### **2013 Jan Dowse Award: Tim Blenkiron; Las Vegas, NV**

Named after Jan Dowse, former Executive Director of the Utah Tennis Association, this award is given to Intermountain's Volunteer or Staffmember of the Year to recognize his or her outstanding contributions, personal unselfishness and devotion to the game.

#### **2013 Youth Tennis Ambassador (10 and Under) Award: Charlene Peterson; Salt Lake City, UT**

Initiated in 2012, this award is given to recognize the outstanding individual efforts of a coach, parent, CTA or organization that is helping to build the 10 and Under Tennis program.

#### **2013 Nikos Ridle Award: Kimberly Yee; Las Vegas, NV**

Presented annually to a junior tennis player within the USTA Intermountain Section who exemplifies the spirit of tennis through their activities on and off the court. This award is given in memory of Nikos Ridle, a nationally ranked junior player from Billings, Montana, who was killed in an automobile accident at age 19. Section winners are submitted to the USTA for the Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award.

Please see complete recipient biographies online at [www.intermountain.usta.com/aboutus/awards](http://www.intermountain.usta.com/aboutus/awards).

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