

## TENNIS INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD

## Randy Fatty

When it comes to tennis courts, it's hard to find someone with more knowledge than Randy Fatty. The vice president of business development for California Sports Surfaces—the maker of DecoTurf—Fatty has also held key roles with Har-Tru and Connor Sport Court.

But whether tackling the challenges of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center or revitalizing school courts in a small town, Fatty brings a passion to this sport few can match. That's a key reason he's our 2016 Tennis Industry Service Award winner.

Fatty's dedication also comes through in his volunteer work. He's spent more than a decade on the board of the American Sports Builders Association. He's served on and chaired the USTA Technical Committee and now he serves on the USTA Public Parks Committee. He's also volunteered with Special Olympics in Virginia, where he lives. "I learned early on that you need to give back," Fatty says. "Volunteering—and advocacy for this game and this industry—is important at all levels." —*Peter Francesconi*

**Tip for Success**  
Make volunteering  
in this industry a  
core value.

PRIVATE FACILITY  
OF THE YEARSea Colony  
Tennis Club

Like many resort communities, the Sea Colony Tennis Club in Bethany Beach, Del., has first-rate playing options and programs. Its 34 hard, clay and indoor courts run clinics, lessons, and tournaments for all playing levels, and the club has a half-mile private beach, multiple pools and a recently renovated fitness center.

What earns Sea Colony accolades as our Private Facility of the Year is its atmosphere. As Director of Tennis Thomas Johnston explains, "You always hear people say, 'Everybody is welcomed here.' Well, that's the whole idea!" Johnston's goals are that participants have fun and learn something new in a welcoming environment.

As Maiysha Warren, USTA National Manager, Tennis Facilities and Development, explains, "I talk with many people about facilities around the country. Rarely is the praise as unanimous as it is concerning Sea Colony." —*Kent Oswald*

**Tip for Success**  
Create the right atmosphere  
by hiring staff who believe  
in making sure players will  
have fun and learn.

GRASSROOTS CHAMPION  
OF THE YEAR

## Scott Hanover

For nearly 20 years, Scott Hanover has made a difference through tennis. Whether it's a clinic for children or stepping up to organize a new league for young professionals, his passion and desire for growing this sport knows no bounds. That's why he is Tennis Industry's Grassroots Tennis Champion of the Year.

Hanover, the tennis director at the Plaza Tennis Center in Kansas City, Mo., first learned the game through an NJTL and then playing for his high school, seeing first-hand the benefits the sport brings to the grassroots. Today, he organizes USTA Flex Leagues, World TeamTennis Rec Leagues, among others. Hanover also has served within the USTA at the national, sectional and district levels, including three years as president of USTA Missouri Valley.

"I developed a great fondness for community tennis," Hanover says. "It's important to provide that opportunity." —*Andrew Robinson*

**Tip for Success**  
Go slow and steady. It's  
good to take risks, but  
you want to take sure  
steps, too.