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Outstanding Tennis Facility Awards

Triple Threat

Tennis Industry and the ASBA bring you the best in tennis court construction and design.

In 2014, there were 22 tennis project winners in the *Tennis Industry*/American Sports Builders Association Facility-of-the-Year Awards program. Eighteen of those winning projects were multi-court outdoor facilities, eight of which were public facilities or schools. Three projects were residential courts, and one was an indoor facility.

Each year, based on entries submitted by an ASBA member who designed or built the facility or court, the association selects outstanding tennis facilities that meet the standard of excellence in design and construction determined by the judging committee. For 2014, the panel of judges deemed 22

courts or facilities to be worthy of special recognition, but three of those winners were chosen for “Outstanding” honors:

- Springfield College–Appleton Tennis Courts in Springfield, Mass.
- Newton Residence in Newton, Mass.
- **Montgomery TennisPlex in Boyds, Md.**

Award plaques to the three Outstanding winners and recognition for the Distinguished winners were presented at the ASBA Technical Meeting held in December in Ponte Vedra, Fla. For more information, visit www.sportsbuilders.org.



Nominated by: Cape and Island Tennis & Track
Architect/Engineer: Gale Engineering
General Contractor: Cape and Island Tennis & Track
Specialty Contractor: Musco Sports Lighting
Suppliers: California Products
Number of Courts: 8
Completed: November 2012

Outstanding Outdoor Tennis Facility-of-the-Year Award Springfield College–Appleton Tennis Courts Springfield, Mass.

The asphalt tennis courts at Springfield College had deteriorated badly, so the contractor converted the courts to post-tensioned concrete, upgrading the facility with new fencing, lights, retaining wall and drainage. The old asphalt was supposed to be removed by cold-planing, but a geotextile was discovered between asphalt layers, so the courts were pulverized, with the excess 5 inches removed in order to maintain the same elevations. There was limited time to pour concrete, and the urban environment meant roads were congested, which was a hindrance to a steady stream of concrete trucks. The solution turned out to be simple: a significant police presence managing the traffic in and around the area.

Outstanding Facility-of-the-Year Awards

Nominated by: Boston Tennis Court Construction Co. Inc.
Specialty Contractor: Boston Tennis Court Construction Co. Inc.
Suppliers: J.A. Cissel (Har-Tru Sports)
Surface: Nova Sports USA
Completed: August 2013



Outstanding Residential Tennis Facility-of-the-Year Award

Newton Residence
Newton, Mass.

Site preparation for this new all-weather, cushioned acrylic court was considerable; the court was built on an adjoining lot and the elevation change from one end of the proposed court to the other was 13 feet. Solid ledge was blasted on the site, totaling about 4,000 cubic yards. A 12-foot-high two-tiered retaining wall was built at the street end and a 6-foot-high retaining wall was built at the high end, with the walls faced with Pennsylvania fieldstone. The fence, custom-designed of Western red cedar, is 10 feet high with sweeps that drop to a 25-foot open area at the bluestone patio, with a pergola above. A storage closet, with a rolling hanging door of red cedar, was built into one retaining wall.

Distinguished Tennis Facility Honors

In addition to the Springfield College–Appleton Tennis Courts in Springfield, Mass., the Newton Residence in Newton, Mass., and the Montgomery TennisPlex in Boyds, Md., these 19 locations were chosen by the 2014 panel of judges for the ASBA as excellent examples of court construction, receiving Distinguished Facility-of-the-Year Awards. You'll read more about them in upcoming issues of TI. (The nominating company is in parentheses.)

- Belmont Recreational Center, Henrico County, Va. (Tennis Bishop Feehan High School Tennis Facility, Attleboro, Mass. (Boston Tennis court Construction Co. Inc.)
- Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, N.C. (Global Sports & Tennis Design Group)
- City of Miami Beach–Flamingo Park, Miami Beach, Fla. (Fast-Dry Courts Inc.)
- Fort Lauderdale Residence, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Fast-Dry Courts Inc.)
- Gene Clayton Tennis Center at Methodist University, Fayetteville, N.C. (Court One)
- Mino Park, Boca Raton, Fla. (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Mission Bay Tennis Club, Boca Raton, Fla. (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Palm Beach County Residence, Palm Beach County, Fla. (Fast-Dry Courts Inc.)
- Parkland Golf & Country Club, Parkland, Fla. (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Portage Country Club, Akron, Ohio (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Prince George's Community College Tennis Facility, Largo, Md. (American Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Regency @ Monroe, Monroe, N.J. (Halecon Inc.)
- Richard Stockton College of N.J.–Barlow Athletic Complex Tennis Facility, Galloway, N.J. (American Athletic Courts Inc.)
- Richland Country Club, Nashville, Tenn. (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Treviso Bay Fitness Center, Fort Myers, Fla. (Welch Tennis Courts Inc.)
- Troon Country Club, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Sunland Asphalt/Sunland Sports)
- University of the South Tennis Courts, Seawee, Tenn. (Baseline Sports Construction LLC)
- Valencia Reserve, Boynton Beach, Fla. (Fast-Dry Courts Inc.)
- Weed Beach Tennis Park, Darien, Conn. (Cape & Island Tennis & Track)

For details on the 2015 Outstanding Facility-of-the-Year Awards, contact the ASBA at 866-501-ASBA or info@sportsbuilders.org, or visit www.sportsbuilders.org.



Nominated by: Bishop's Tennis Inc.
General Contractor: Bishop's Tennis Inc.
Suppliers: Advanced Polymer Technology Corp., Putterman Athletics, Har-Tru Corp.
Number of Courts: 8
Completed: September 2012

Outstanding Indoor Tennis Facility-of-the-Year Award
Montgomery TennisPlex - Boyds, Md.

The new Montgomery TennisPlex includes two permanent air-supported structures each containing four courts. The contractor was challenged to complete the project within 150 days—with 45 days of that timeline hit by rain. (The project also included four outdoor courts.) Approximately 1,000 tons of stone were delivered and placed in four hours during the base construction for each pad, but early construction required constant pumping of rainwater to achieve proper compaction and specification for the tennis court bases. The TennisPlex now has programming for players of all ages and skills, and includes a pro shop and other amenities.



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