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**UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPENS THE
GALBRAITH TENNIS CENTER TODAY**

Regional section of national nonprofit rejuvenates a six-court public facility that had been closed for eight years

TACOMA, WA (9/4) — United States Tennis Association Pacific Northwest (USTA PNW),— United States Tennis Association Pacific Northwest (USTA PNW), is the Pacific Northwest section of the United States Tennis Association, the national governing body of the sport of tennis, and also a nonprofit organization dedicated to growing the game of tennis by sustainably expanding tennis infrastructure and play opportunities to all, opens the Galbraith Tennis Center today, filling a void left by the closure of indoor courts in the area in previous years, and offering an experience and amenities that are considered industry best. Modern tenant improvements, tennis surfacing, and live stream court viewing are just a few of the attractions this facility provides. Galbraith Tennis Center is named in honor of local Tacoma tennis player Patrick Galbraith. He grew up playing tennis in Tacoma, became #1 world tennis player, and has given back to the tennis community as a volunteer for decades.

“The Galbraith Tennis Center will offer an amazing opportunity for the community of Tacoma to play tennis in the very same facility I grew up playing. I am so thrilled to be a part of USTA PNW's effort to keep my hometown playing the sport I love so much.” - Patrick Galbraith, the namesake of the tennis center and former tennis world champion.

USTA PNW's strategy for providing access includes RecTennis®, PNW's recreational tennis program, tournaments and trainings, fundraising, scholarships and sliding scale entry, and now facilities management.

The Pacific Northwest is experiencing a groundswell of interest in tennis but there is currently only one indoor court for every 26,706 people. When factoring accessibility (public courts only), it's one court for every 158,868 people. USTA PNW addresses this challenge with the Galbraith Tennis Center.

USTA PNW opened its first facility, The Vancouver Tennis Center, in Vancouver, Washington, September 3, 2018.



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Opening the Vancouver Tennis Center and Galbraith Tennis Center is part of the USTA PNW's larger mission-based effort to build a sustainable future for tennis in the Pacific Northwest by

fostering community spaces in which everyone, regardless of age, economic status and ability levels can play tennis together. More court space allows USTA PNW to welcome and recruit more players in order to continue growing the game of tennis. *By offering a best-in-class on court and off court experience, along with robust programming, and need based scholarships these rejuvenated tennis centers will naturally generate more access opportunities to a wider population and will keep both facilities fiscally sound.*

General Manager, Facilities Operations and Services Patrick Dreves sums it up like this: "We don't need 100 people playing 1,000 hours of tennis; we need 1,000 people playing 100 hours of tennis."

About USTA PNW

Established in 1904, the United States Tennis Association Pacific Northwest (USTA PNW) is a 501c3 non-profit organization and one of 17 sections of the United States Tennis Association, the national governing body of the sport of tennis. Based in Beaverton, Ore., USTA PNW's mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis in the Pacific Northwest by providing access to tennis for all. For more information, visit www.ustapnw.com.

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