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On October 21, 2007, the Robinswood Tennis Center was recognized for program excellence at the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) Annual Meeting, and for having the most teams in the Pacific Northwest region participating at local, regional, and national USTA-sanctioned competitions.

The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis, with the mission of promoting and developing the growth of tennis on every level, from local communities to the US Open. The USTA Community Tennis initiative supports a wide-range of programs designed to help people learn the game, play the game, and benefit from its many health/fitness and social benefits.

Robinswood Tennis Center has offered tennis programs for all ages and abilities since 1974. In 2004, the Center was selected as the national public facility of the year by the Professional Tennis Registry. The facility includes four indoor and four outdoor lighted courts. During the winter months, a bubble increases the number of covered courts to six. The Center is open 7 days a week, and serves 20,000 participants annually with a variety of classes, leagues, tournaments, drop-in court time, and special events.

Robinswood Tennis Center is also known for unique programs and events, including *Cardio Tennis*, a high energy drop-in program featuring a warm-up phase, cardio workout, and cool-down phase. Other classes include *Seniors Drill & Play*, *Tennis For Individuals Living With Disabilities*, and *Wheelchair Tennis*.

Let's Make a Racket Team Tennis Event is the newest among the special events offered at the Center, and is billed as the ultimate team tennis event. Coed teams compete in a round-robin format based on the unique World Team Tennis rules. Abbreviated scoring, substitutions, on-court coaching, "sudden death" and "overtime" are some of the new wrinkles experienced in this non-traditional format. The *Century Doubles* competition requires that the minimum combined age of the partners on each team be 100 years.

Robinswood Tennis Center staff are dedicated individuals with knowledge and expertise in the tennis industry, and committed to building community through tennis. They provide comprehensive programs and classes that allow everyone to participate, while offering exceptional customer service. Their motto is: "If there isn't a current class or program you're interested in, we'll create one for you."

Congratulations Robinswood Tennis Center!

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