



# Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club



## **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

### **May 5, 2017**

# A Letter from Our General Manager

Members and Friends,

We appreciate the support, cooperation, and patience of our everyone in our nearly 14-month long construction process that created several challenges for our members and clients. We are thrilled with the results of our work and we thank our new best friends from Zwick Construction for the terrific facilities they built!

I also want to thank all of our terrific staff members! I want to give a shout-out to our unsung heroes of this project--our welcome desk, membership staff and our maintenance team! Without their extraordinary work every day, we would not have been able to keep the club running relatively smoothly during some very difficult times! :-)

This Photo Essay offers a brief history of our beloved club and how it is intertwined with the Lee and Ruby Hammel Family. Following these historical notes, you will see photographs showcasing our new health and fitness center facilities and updates on our exciting new programs!

I want to pay a special tribute to our Tennis Manager, Mike Trabert. We are thrilled to say that Mike is on his way to a full recovery from a helicopter accident. Fortunately, he is healing like the superior triathlete he is. We hope to see him back at the Club in September, if not earlier.

Our staff is always interested in hearing from you because we are on a continuous quest to provide the best tennis, health, and fitness programs in Utah!

with gratitude,

Karen Sato, General Manager



## Unsung Heroes



Alicia Warne, Welcome Desk Manager



Jesus Ruiz, Facilities Manager



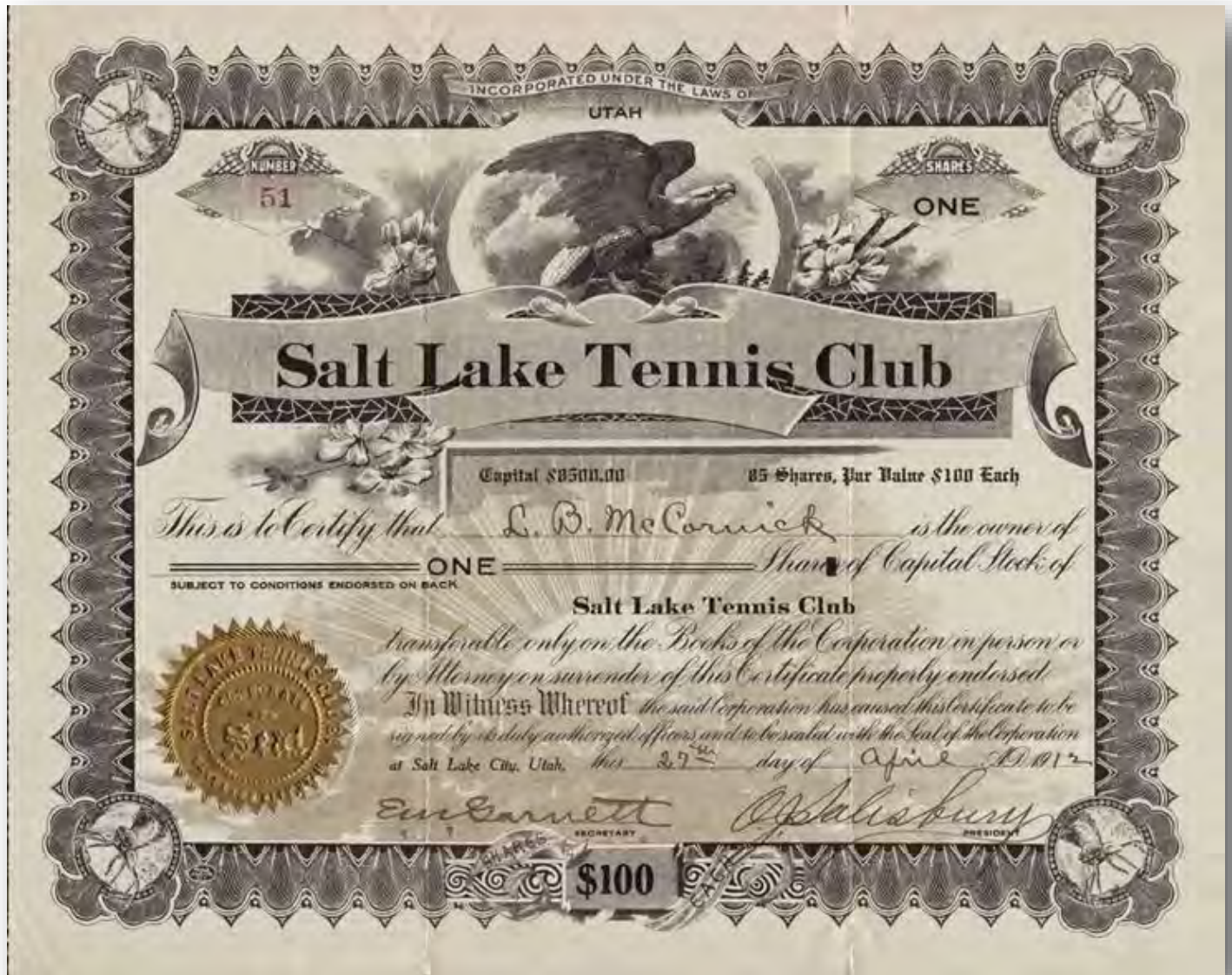
# **The Salt Lake Tennis Club Moves to its Fifth Phase of Evolutionary Growth!**

## **Phase One 1912-1933**

The **Salt Lake Tennis Club** was founded in the summer of 1912 at the old Victory tennis courts at Second South and Tenth East. It was the second athletic club founded in Utah (The Country Club being the first).



## Salt Lake Tennis Club Stock Certificate



Stock Certificate #51, Owned by L.B. McCormick

Dated April 27, 1912



## Phase Two 1933-1956

In 1933, the Club moved to its 9th East location near Forest Dale Golf Course, with a new three-court facility that later added two more courts, a clubhouse, and bleachers and facilities worthy of presenting major tennis events. Originally built as clay tennis courts, several national tournaments were hosted at this prestigious club. World class players like Tony Trabert (father of current Tennis Manager--Mike Trabert) and Rod Laver played national tournaments and exhibitions at the Salt Lake Tennis Club during the 1940's and 1950's.



### Phase Three 1957-1964

In 1957, Lee Hammel was hired as Club Manager and Tennis Professional. Under his leadership, a swimming pool was built that transformed the club from a sleepy tennis club searching for members into a vibrant family tennis and swim club with a waiting list.



Sign for Salt Lake Tennis Club 1957-1964,  
installed while Lee Hammel was manager



Letter to Salt Lake Tennis Club members from Club President, Joe Cowley sent in March of 1957 introducing new Club Manager and Tennis Professional — Lee Hammel. Joe Cowley's daughter Laura Hansen and his great-grandchildren still play at the club.

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MANAGER AND PRO  
LEE HAMMEL

March 11, 1957

To Members and Prospective Members  
of the Salt Lake Tennis Club:

The newly elected officers and directors of the Salt Lake Tennis Club are looking forward to the 1957 tennis season with a great deal of enthusiasm. It is our desire and determination to see this year at the Club marked with genuine progress in every respect.

As you have already noted from our announcement through the press, Mr. Lee Hammel has been appointed to the position of Club Manager and Pro. In view of Lee's splendid assortment of talents and devotion to the game of tennis, we are all delighted with his acceptance of this opportunity.

Mr. Hammel has accepted responsibility for maintaining the Club house, courts, grounds and other facilities in good order; arranging a reservation system and supervising play on the courts; organizing a program of tennis activities for Club members; arranging partners for Club members who so request; giving professional lessons; and assisting members in every possible manner in the full utilization and enjoyment of the Club's facilities. He possesses the fine qualities of character and personality essential for the enjoyment of real success in this engagement.

In its beautiful setting, equipped with a fine, modern Club house and excellent courts, we can all join in making the Salt Lake Tennis Club a place of real attraction to tennis lovers in this area.

Our membership dues are probably the lowest in America for the accommodations offered. They are as follows:

Family.....	\$45.00
Senior.....	35.00
Junior (ages 13-21).....	18.00
Child (under 13).....	10.00

The above prices include locker and shower facilities.

This is going to be a great year at the Club and we want you to participate. Please mail dues to the Salt Lake Tennis Club and start playing as the weather permits. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

SALT LAKE TENNIS CLUB

*Joseph F. Cowley*

Joseph F. Cowley, President

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## In 1960, Salt Lake Tennis Club 12 Year Old Boys Rule!!



**READY FOR PUBEPARKS NET MEET**—Dave McDanel, left, Tom Flegal, Scott Bennion, Douglas McAfee and Laury Hammel are just a few of the young tennis "tigers" in the 13-under age group who intend to wield some wicked rackets in the upcoming Utah Public Parks Tennis Tournament at Liberty Park Courts, July 5-16. Entry deadline is June 30 at 5 p.m.

Salt Lake Tribune photograph of Laury Hammel (far right)  
and his tennis buddies at the Club in 1960



## Phase Four 1964-2013

In 1964, under the leadership of Dave Freed, the Salt Lake Tennis Club moved to its current location on 17th East and became the **Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club**. It featured a total of 18 courts, including six indoor courts, making the Club the first indoor tennis facility west of the Mississippi River.

Lee Hammel's son, Laury, was the first janitor at this location - a position he proudly held (with some breaks) until 1971.



The Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club outdoor courts—Phase Four



For years, our Club served as the home courts for the University of Utah tennis team.



Scott Bennion, Mike Waldram, and Laury Hammel, as freshman on the University of Utah tennis team, at their home courts at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club in the spring of 1967. They were preparing for their biggest match of the year with their arch rivals from Brigham Young University.



Phase Four introduced a new, dramatically expanded aquatic center that still features its famous high diving board.





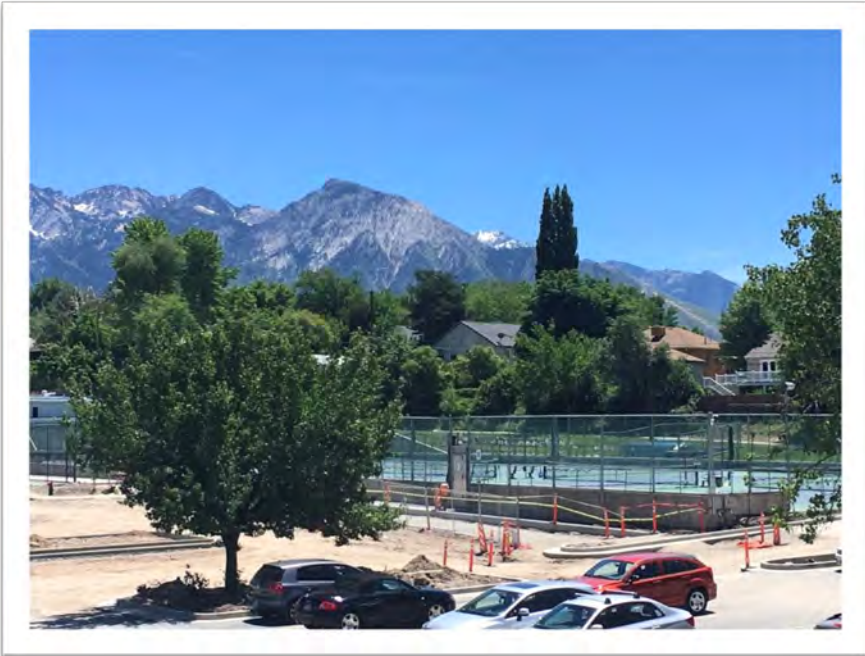
## Phase Five 2013-present

In 2013, Laury Hammel purchased the new club and began rebuilding the tennis programs and planning for a health center expansion. The new Health Center opened up on May 5, 2017, with a new name: **Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club.**















# **Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club**

## **Ribbon Cutting**

### **May 5, 2017**



The Club staff celebrate the opening of our new  
Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club!

## **Ribbon cutting was fun and exciting!**



After nearly three years of planning and one full year of construction the Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club officially became a health club! The party was not only about the opening of our health facilities — it was also a celebration of Cinco de Mayo and Laury's Birthday!





## **Salt Lake County Leaders joined in the fun!**



Ruby Hammel, Jim Bradley; Salt Lake County Commissioner, and Robin Chalhoub, the representative of Salt Lake County Mayor, Ben McAdams.



Laury and Robin Chalhoub, the representative of Salt Lake County Mayor, Ben McAdams.

## **Craig & Darin Zwick and the Zwick Construction Team Built a Spectacular Health Center!**



Darin Zwick, President  
of Zwick Construction  
with Angela Jewell,  
Tennis Professional

Dennis Chidester, Construction Supervisor





**Utah Tennis Association,  
club tennis professionals, and members  
celebrate the new health and fitness center!**



Angela Jewell, tennis professional and Utah Tennis Association Executive Director Laurie Lambert revel in the festivities!



Lave Tuoane Toli, tennis professional, and Karen Kennington tennis professional and Collegiate All-American tennis legend.



Legendary senior player and former Club Manager Kathy Rothfels  
and long-time member Harry Wong



Club historian and Welcome Desk staff member Rick Foulger  
with his wife Connie



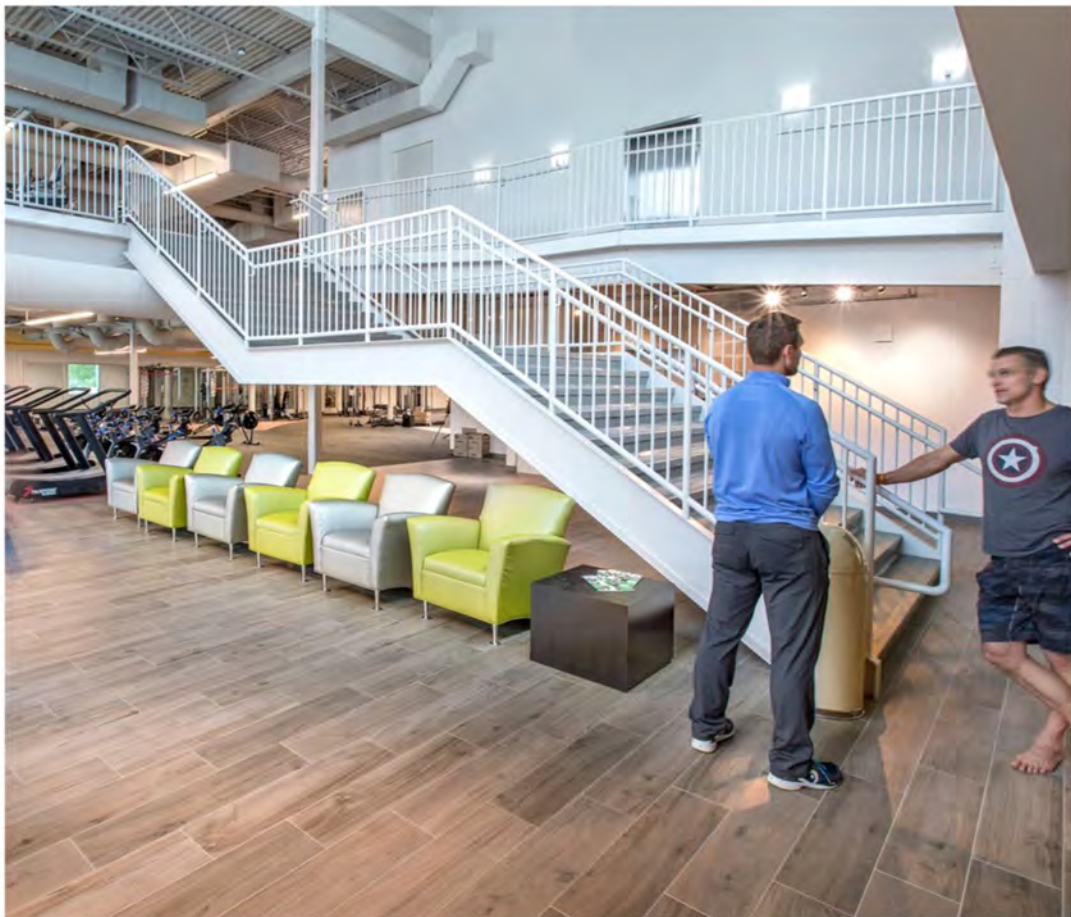


Ben Stutts and former Club Board Member Susan Sandack, enjoy the moment in the new lobby



The Lee & Ruby Hammel Family —  
Ruby, Laury, Carolee, Brad

## Light-filled Atrium and Grand Staircase







## **GPP Will Make You Strong!!**



Laury and Neil Anderson, Fitness Director,  
are revolutionizing the health and fitness industry



Neil running "General Physical Preparedness" (GPP).  
Try out GPP classes and see for yourself—  
Fantastic Fun Fitness for the whole Family!





## Group Exercise Rocks!!



Group Exercise Director, Amy Wieloch has put together the Valley's top team of group exercise and yoga instructors!

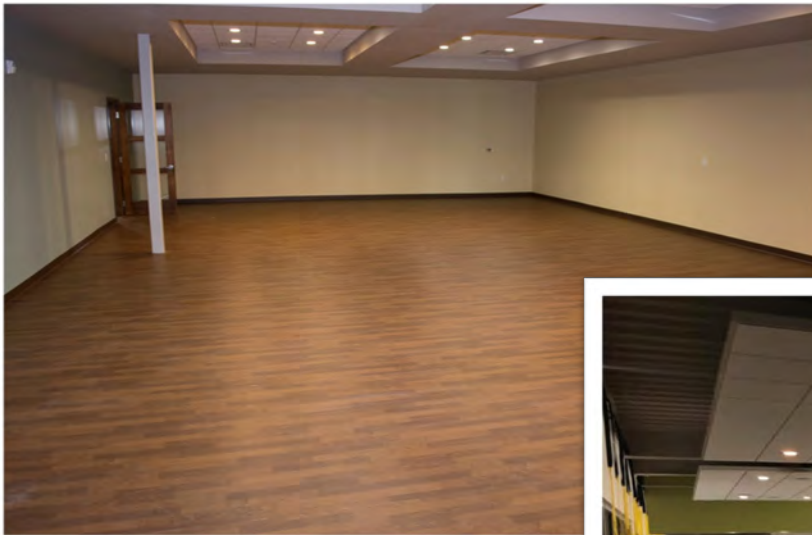


First Spinning Class taught by Amy!

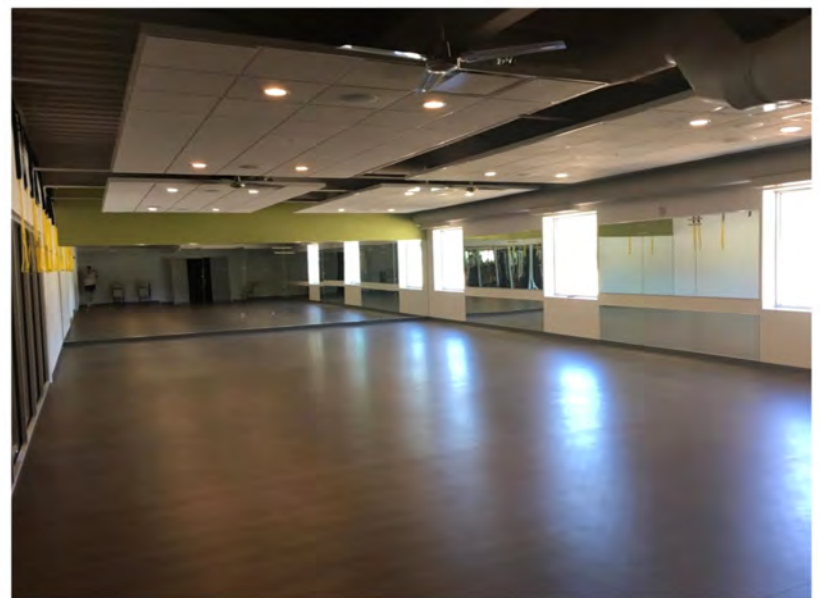




Participants and instructor Amy Wieloch in first yoga class ever taught at Salt Lake Tennis and Health Club



Mind/Body Studio  
and Group Exercise Rooms



## Basketball Court and Community Room Shines Bright!



Laury shoots the first ball  
at the new basketball court!



## Cardio Machines Galore!!



First Floor Fitness Cardio

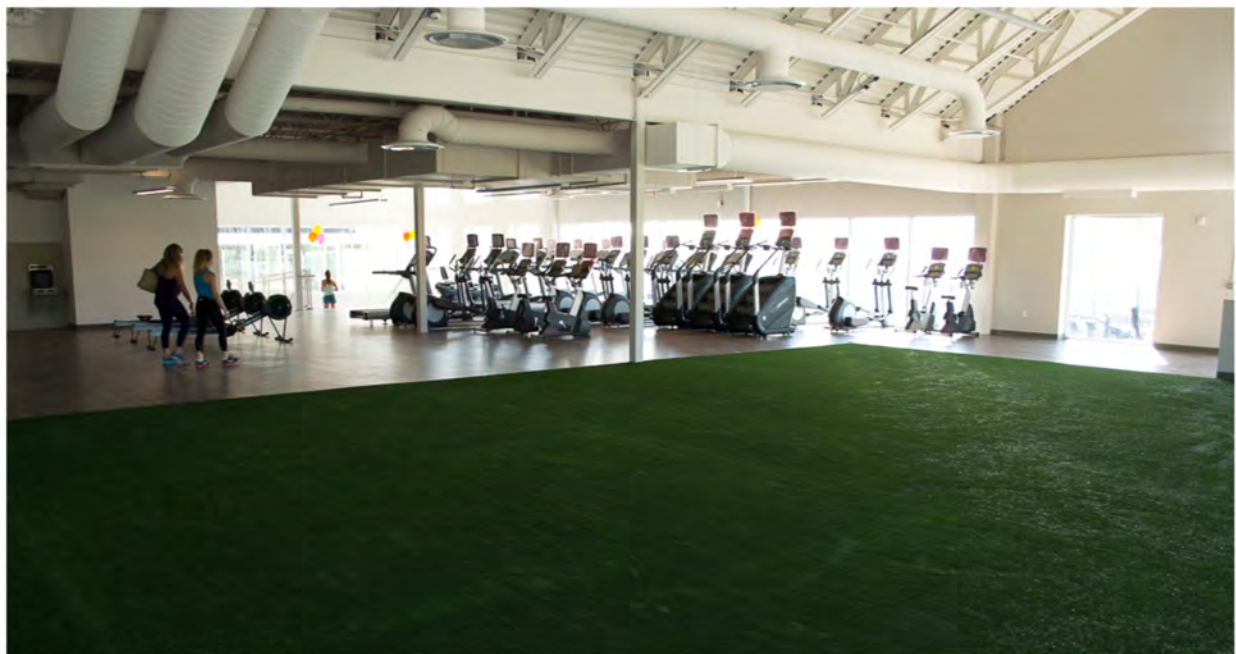




Second Floor Fitness Cardio



## **New Soccer and Turf Area!!**



A place for hundreds of young members' Fun and Games!

## Swim Program moves to New Heights!!



Laury with Aquatics Director Julie Tate! Julie has built a highly popular swim team and lesson program that is second to none in Salt Lake City!



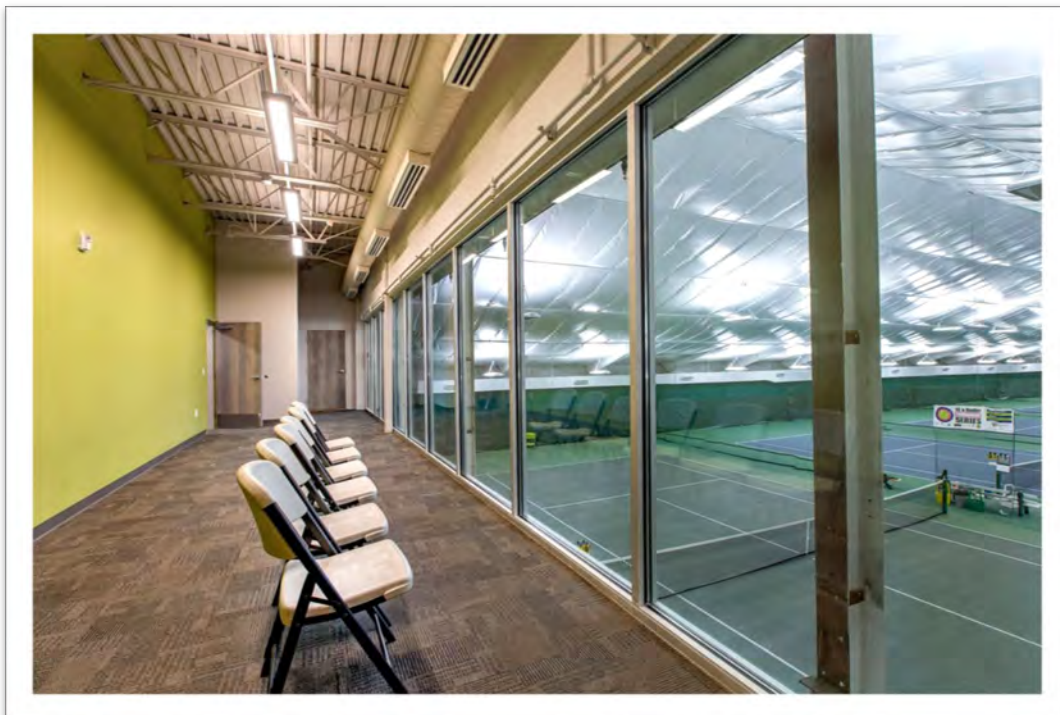
Salt Lake Tennis & Health Club Swim Team Coaches Rock!



## **Tennis Programs Are Brought Back to their Former Glory!**



The club management and tennis professionals have been working every day to improve, enhance, and expand our tennis programs. As a result our club is once again known as the premier tennis club in Utah!

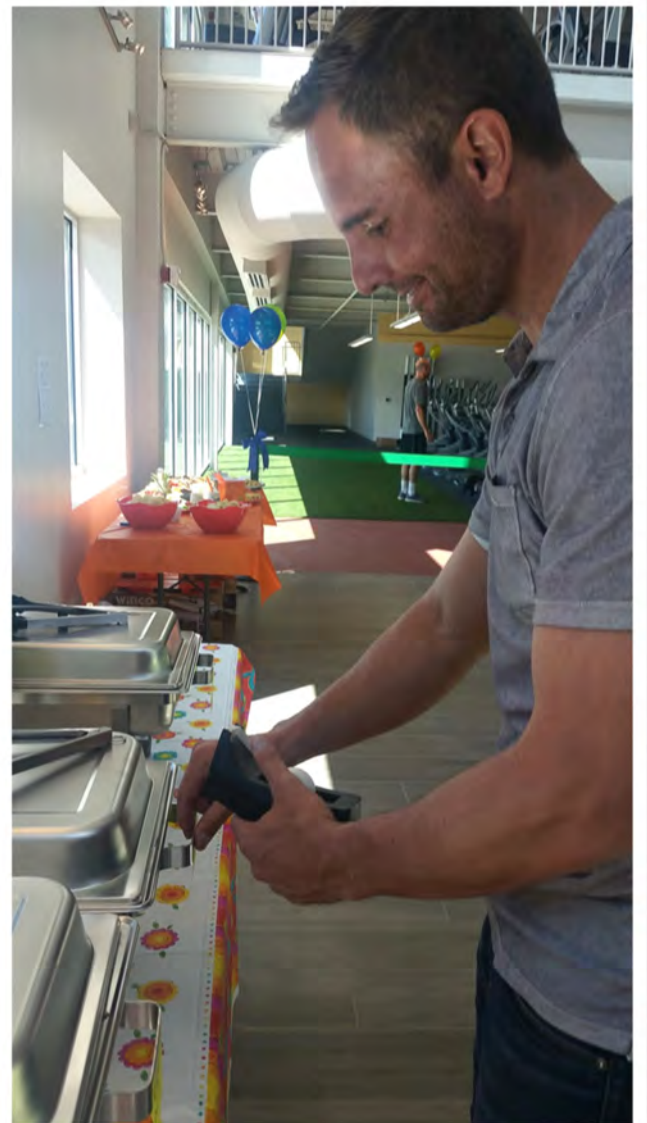


2nd Floor Tennis Viewing Area

## Centre Court Café now Open!



Tennis professional and now  
food service entrepreneur,  
Don Williams,  
has redesigned a new  
café area named  
**Centre Court Café!**







## New Child Care Center Opens!!



Child Care Director Extraordinaire Brooke Homan has designed a fun and beautiful Child Care Center that will nurture young children 1-5 years of age for many years to come.



## **Parley's Trail that runs adjacent to our Club nears Completion!**



The new Parley's Bike Trail will be a major boon to our community and to our members. There will be a new bike rack and we will have a members-only access to the trail from the parking lot. This will make it easy and safe for members to bike/run/walk to the club, or bring your bikes/running shoes and take a brisk ride, stroll, or run.



Parley's Trail, currently in development, will connect the Bonneville Shoreline Trail at the mouth of Parley's Canyon to the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The trail abuts our club and there will be an entrance from the Trail to our parking lot for members only. The expected date of completion is July or August 2017.





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