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### **USTA TEXAS SECTION PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS**

**Austin, TX** – On Saturday, February 14, the United States Tennis Association Texas Section presented its annual awards at the 2008 Texas Tennis Hall of Fame Recognition and USTA-USPTA Awards Banquet at The Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas.

**Robert Dunivan of Deer Park** (Umpire of the Year), **Bert Cole of Dallas and Brian Notis of Austin** (Lloyd Sessions Educational Merit Award), **Randy Ortwein of Houston and Kevin Clark of Austin** (USTA Texas Section Community Service Award), **Sheryl Behne of Austin** (Julius Zinn Seniors' Service Award), **Jane Morrill of Dallas** (W.T. Caswell Service Award) and the **Mike and Sheryl Osborn Family of Arlington** (USTA Texas Section Family of the Year) were all recognized for their contributions to tennis.

**The USTA Texas Section Umpire of the Year Award**, established in 1981, recognizes an USTA certified official for his/her outstanding service and time spent working to strengthen officiating in the Texas Section.

Inaugurated in 1989, the **USTA Texas Section Community Service Award** honors an individual who provides outstanding contributions in promoting and conducting recreational tennis programs for adults and/or juniors.

**The Lloyd Sessions Educational Merit Award**, established in 1979, recognizes an individual that is actively involved with junior players. This individual must exhibit outstanding activities at a professional level in building stronger junior tennis players at all levels of play.

First awarded in 1962, the **W. T. Caswell Service Award** is given to the Texas resident who has made valuable contributions to the growth and development of tennis in Texas, working as a volunteer within the framework of the USTA (United States Tennis Association) Texas Section.

Since 1975 the USTA Texas Section has honored a family for their contributions to Texas tennis as the **USTA Texas Section Family of the Year**.

**The Julius Zinn Seniors' Service Award** was first awarded in 1997 and honors a senior member of the USTA Texas Section who has made a contribution through his/her efforts, willingness, cooperation, and participation. This individual is most deserving of the respect and honor of the seniors, either in play and/or organizational work for the betterment and furtherance of senior activities.

The USTA Texas Section is the governing body for the sport of tennis in Texas and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. It is one of 17 sections across the U.S. and Puerto Rico which make up the USTA. A not-for-profit organization with 53,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. For more information on the USTA Texas Section, log on to [www.texas.usta.com](http://www.texas.usta.com).

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