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<u>Reynolds Plantation's PBI Director of Tennis Awarded Two Top</u> Honors



Greensboro, GA-(immediate release)- Dave Neuhart, PBI Director of Tennis at Reynolds Plantation has been honored with two annual awards for his service in 2013. Neuhart was awarded Georgia Professional of the Year by The United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and named the Georgia Volunteer of the Year as part of The United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern Awards.

Founded in 1927, the USPTA is the world's oldest and largest association of tennis-teaching professionals, with over 15,000 members worldwide offering more than 60 professional benefits to its members. Neuhart was awarded Georgia Professional of the Year by being a USPTA certified tennis professional who has demonstrated a high level of involvement with the profession and growth of tennis, making significant contributions to USPTA Georgia.

"Dave is a true professional and one of the most talented leaders in his sport as well as within our state," says Allan Jensen, board member and award committee chairman for USPTA Georgia. "He has made lasting impressions on many of our new and senior professionals around the state of Georgia, the section and the country. We are all very proud to recognize him with this great honor of USPTA Professional of the Year. I cannot think of a more deserving individual."

The USTA, established in 1881, is the national governing body for the sport of tennis and the largest tennis organization in the world, recognized as a leader in promotion and development of the sport. Neuhart was awarded the USTA

Volunteer of the Year for the state of Georgia as part of the Southern Section. He received this award due to the willingness to volunteer his time to help advance and improve tennis across the state of Georgia.

"This was an easy choice this year and was a unanimous decision as Dave is everything the USTA wants in a volunteer," says Izzy Hortman, marketing and public relations specialist for USTA Georgia of the Southern Section. "Dave always gives 100% in all he does and his love for growing the game of tennis is second to none. We could not think of a better person to award this to. He is just a wonderful human being and kind and supportive to everyone."

For Neuhart, it is truly an honor being recognized by fellow tennis professionals throughout the state and region for doing what he loves. "Our staff works hard every day to provide the best in tennis for our members and guests at Reynolds Plantation," says Neuhart. "Even as we continue our efforts to raise the bar in quality and service to our members through our programs, I am humbled by these awards and will strive to always be a great representation and ambassador for both the USPTA and USTA."

These recent accolades join a long list of other achievements for Neuhart and Reynolds Plantation, including the Professional of the Year for Peter Burwash International in 2000 and Professional of the Year for USTA Georgia in 2009. Neuhart has been leading the tennis program at Reynolds Plantation since 2004. With over 30 years of professional experience, he has set the standard for building a highly successful tennis program at Reynolds Plantation, dedicating his time and talent to the betterment of the sport, and establishing strong relationships with staff, members, and industry leaders.

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About The Lake Club Tennis Center

The Lake Club Tennis Center provides members with 8 playing courts, both clay and hard options. Tennis packages, clinics, private lessons, player match-up services, a full-service pro shop, and the Dartfish Video Analysis system are all available to members and guests. The Lake Club Tennis Center was named the 2006 Peter Burwash International Tennis Site of the Year, the USTA National Facility of the Year, and the Tennis Industry Private Facility of the Year in 2009. Reynolds Plantation was recently named a Tennis Industry Association "Top 50 Tennis Welcome Center" for the third year in a row.

About Reynolds Plantation

Reynolds Plantation, located between Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., is situated along more than 374 miles of Lake Oconee shoreline and features six championship golf courses, dining, swimming pools, pedestrian trails, marinas, a tennis center and a wellness campus. Reynolds Plantation is also home to The Ritz-Carlton Lodge, a 251-room lakefront resort and spa, which was named a 2013 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2012 Forbes Four-Star resort. The community is located about an hour and a half from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. For more information, visit www.reynoldsplantation.com.