

Yarbrough Tennis Center named Facility of the Year

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AUBURN, Ala. -- Auburn's Yarbrough Tennis Center has been named the Professional Tennis Registry's Public Facility of the Year, the group announced Tuesday.

Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) presented its annual awards in Hilton Head, S.C. during the 2015 PTR International Tennis Symposium.

"We are extremely thankful for Auburn University and the City of Auburn for their dedication in providing our student-athletes with the best facilities in the nation to train and become better tennis players," Auburn women's tennis coach Lauren Longbotham Meisner said. "There are many individuals who work daily to keep our facility to keep beautiful and we're excited for this well-deserved honor."

"We're glad that the PTR recognized our facility for being one of the nation's best," Auburn men's coach Eric Shore said. "This is an outstanding place to train our athletes and for crowds to watch both of our teams play tennis."

Opened July 2007, with 34 courts (16 clay, 12 outdoor hard, and six indoor hard courts), the Yarbrough Tennis Center was a cutting edge approach for the City of Auburn and Auburn University to construct such a unique blend of tennis for the area.

In August 2006, construction began on Auburn's new facility. On Nov. 2, 2007, the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center was dedicated and opened as a new phase in Auburn tennis.

The facility has 33,314-square feet of indoor space with six indoor courts, 12 outdoor courts with stadium seating and 16 clay courts. The Yarbrough Tennis Center also houses a pro shop, men's and women's locker rooms, concessions and a meeting area. All 12 courts are world-class lighted courts used for both competition and practice by the Auburn tennis teams.

As one of the best facilities in the Southeastern Conference, Auburn hosted the 2008 SEC Women's Tennis Championships and the men's tournament in 2009. The facility has also been a host of the USTA/ITA Southern Regional Championships as well as various USTA events.

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,000 members in 125 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such organization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

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