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## **Tom Ruth Named PTR South Carolina Member of the Year**

Hilton Head Island, SC - - Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) presented its annual awards last week during the 2016 PTR International Tennis Symposium. The event, which includes more than 40 educational presentations for tennis teachers and coaches, was held February 17-20, on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Tom Ruth, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, has been named PTR Member of the Year for the State. This award is presented to a PTR member who has shown dedication and diligence in promoting and supporting tennis and PTR.

Ruth is the Director of Tennis at Moss Creek, where he coaches more than 30 Adult USTA teams participating in Tennis Association of Hilton Head Island Leagues. He is also a Professional in the Junior Development Program at Tennis Club of the LowCountry at Rose Hill. Prior to Hilton Head, Ruth was the Junior Tennis Professional and Tournament Director at Palmetto Tennis Center in Sumter, South Carolina. While there, Ruth was Tournament Director for more than 15 tournaments each year including state, national and professional events. He served as the Director for the Palmetto Pro Open a USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 event. Currently, Ruth serves as Tournament Director of a National Level 4 event held in Bluffton, as well as the Tournament Director for the 2016 PTR Championships.

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He served USTA South Carolina as the lead coach in 2015 and 2016 for the Early Development Camps. Over the years, Ruth has also coached at several South Carolina events, including Southern 10s and 14s.

Ruth has been active on South Carolina Tennis Association committees and the Southern Tennis Association committees. He has served on the SC Marketing Committee and currently serves on the Tennis Coaches, Adult Competition and Junior Competition committees. He is also on the Southern Tennis Professionals Committee.

A member of PTR for more than a decade, Ruth holds Professional ratings in four of PTR Education Pathways, including 10 and Under, 11 to 17, Adult Development and Senior Development, and serves the organization as a PTR Clinician, teaching others how to coach adult and senior players, as well as the important age group of 11 to 17. Ruth is also an iTPA certified Tennis Performance Trainer and USTA High Performance Coach.

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,000 members in 127 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.

*Photo from left: PTR Board President Roy Barth, Tom Ruth,  
USTA First Vice President Andy Andrews, PTR CEO Dan Santorum*

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