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Members of Sports Construction Industry Honored at ASBA Technical Meeting

Ellicott City, MD – The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), the national organization for builders and suppliers of materials for athletic facilities, has noted that three association members were honored at its Technical Meeting.

Two honorees were recognized with the *Tennis Industry Magazine* Champions of Tennis Awards. Those were as follows:

Tennis Court Contractor of the Year: Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sport Surfaces, Grafton, Wisconsin
The Tennis Court Contractor of the Year is recognized not just for excellence in design and construction but in contributions to the industry. Fred Kolkmann, company owner, is a Certified Tennis Court Builder who has spoken at ASBA meetings, served on committees and performs year-round educational seminars at parks and recreation association meetings in order to educate facility managers on the proper care and maintenance techniques of tennis courts.

10 and Under Tennis Court Contractor of the Year: Fast-Dry Courts, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL
The 10 and Under Tennis Court Contractor of the Year is recognized as an advocate not just for building courts for children's play, or modifying them with 10U lines, but for advocating the sport as a whole and making it a welcoming experience for all new players. Fast-Dry, which has more than 25 years of history, has been a strong supporter of 10U play as well as an active member of the industry.

These awards, presented each year, are part of *Tennis Industry's* Champions of Tennis awards, presented each year by the magazine and honoring industry members in a number of categories, including tennis facilities, coaches, teaching professionals and more. Information on all Champions awards is available from *Tennis Industry Magazine*.

Tennis Industry Association Hall of Fame Induction: Sheldon Westervelt
The Tennis Industry Association (TIA) also recognized Sheldon Westervelt with membership in its Hall of Fame, noting outstanding contributions to the industry. Westervelt, who founded the American Sports Builders Association (formerly the U.S. Tennis Court & Track Builders Association) in the early 1960s, was active in the association and in the industry for decades. In addition to having served in volunteer leadership capacities for multiple associations, he has been a frequent presenter at ASBA meetings. His company's projects have also been honored in the association's awards programs.

Awards were presented at ASBA's recent Technical Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The ASBA is a non-profit association helping designers, builders, owners, operators and users understand quality sports facility construction. The ASBA sponsors informative meetings, publishes newsletters, books and technical construction guidelines for both tennis courts and running tracks, and keeps its members aware of the latest developments in the industry. It also offers voluntary certification programs in tennis court, running track and sports fields construction.

Available at no charge is a listing of all publications offered by the Association, as well as the ASBA's Membership Directory. For information on the ASBA, as well as on its publications, activities and upcoming meetings, please contact the Association at 8480 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 307, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The toll-free phone number is 866-501-ASBA, the local number is 410-730-9595, and the fax number is 410-730-8833. The ASBA also may be reached electronically via its website: www.sportsbuilders.org, or via e-mail at info@sportsbuilders.org.