



MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS AND CLUBHOUSE

Size: 7.77 acres

The site of the tennis complex was acquired in parcels from 1909-1913. The clubhouse and four courts were constructed as a WPA. project at a cost of \$95,000 and opened May 15, 1937. The clubhouse contained a lounge, showers, lockers, and offices. The facility at one time was the center of Southern California tennis tournament competition and contained the first lighted courts in the area when five additional courts with lights were added prior to World War II. The facility went through a remodel in 1957 and three more courts were constructed in the 1960's. The tennis



stadium was closed in the 1970's due to unsafe conditions. Half the stadium was demolished and the other half renovated in 1980 with new landscaping in 1983. Lights for courts two through four were installed in 1999 when the old lights on courts eight through twelve were removed. Cal Trans installed the soundwall in 2009 with the freeway expansion.



The role of the Municipal Tennis Facility in supporting local schools and Adult and Jr. Tournaments is extensive. These courts made it possible for UCSB, SBCC, Westmont and SBHS to participate in team competition until they built their own courts. The first Santa Barbara Open Tournament was May 15, 1937, while the first Jr. Tournament was held August 28, 1938. The Complex is on the City's Potential List as eligible for the National Register.