



UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

## JUNIORS: It's time to enter for your chance to advance to the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships!

2016

### Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. QUALIFIER



**Boys 12s-18s Weekend  
June 3-5th**

(Tournament ID#855750116)  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: May 20th

**Girls 12s-18s Weekend  
June 10-12th**

(Tournament ID#850103416)  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: May 27th

#### NEW FOR 12-18s QUALIFIER IN 2016:

- ... No appeal process. Players must complete every point, including last match of the tournament.
- ... Tournament stops at Midwest Closed Qualifying Line (Quarter-finals in both the main and consolation).



**Boys & Girls 10s  
May 20-22nd**

(Tournament ID #855720316)  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: May 13th

PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCY DOCUMENTATION, See page 4 For details.

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## 2016-17 Southeast Michigan District Board of Directors



Back Row (l-r): Maxine Kennebrew, Candace Butler, Bart Bronk, Vanda Shadigian, Mike Graff, Marissa Pollick, Ben Tasich. Front Row (l-r): Past President Gail Lewis, Treasurer Mark Miller, President Craig Capelli, Secretary Char Sweeney, and Vice President Tom Gray.

### Letter from the President

*My name is Craig Capelli, I am your new Southeast Michigan District President. I have been playing tennis for 40 years now. Other than my family, tennis has been the most important thing in my life. I met my wife because of tennis. Tennis has brought so much happiness to my life. I owe tennis.*

*We have one of, if not the most, successful Districts in the Midwest. Our Adult League Program leads the Midwest Section in unique players and total participation. Our USTA Junior Team Tennis Program is the largest in the Midwest. As you can see, I take over a District that is doing great things!*

*My main job is to work with our District staff to best serve you, our members. But I do not feel this is my only job. We need to do our best to think of innovative ways to get more people into the sport.*

*In some ways, tennis is in decline. Despite our great Junior Team Tennis program, we struggle to keep these young people in tennis as adults. This is probably the biggest issue facing our sport today. It is not an easy task. There are many other options for people out there today. SEMTA and I will continue to support playing opportunities for all ages, but I especially want to encourage young adults to start or stay in the sport. I need all of you to promote this effort.*

*Tennis is fun! It is great exercise. Most importantly, it is a great way to meet friends and hang out with people. The more we all talk up our sport, the more others will want to play.*

*In conclusion, it is truly an honor to serve as your president. I will do the best I can to serve all of you. See everyone on the courts!*

*Craig Capelli*



## Be a part of SE Michigan's Midwest Cup Teams!

On June 16th, 2016, Southeast Michigan will send its top players to compete against the other twelve districts for bragging rights as the best of the Midwest Section. If you are a top player in Southeastern Michigan and would like to be *considered* for a spot on either the 12 & Under, 14 & Under or 18 & Under Midwest Cup Teams, you must sign up for consideration on TennisLink. Team members will be chosen from the top players registered after the deadline using the most current Midwest Standing List available from the appropriate age group (top players in the 16s *may* be considered for the 18 & U Cup Teams). Deadline for application is May 31, 2016. *The selection process will include (but is not limited to): current Midwest Standing List, Code Violations, participation in the District Qualifier and Sportsmanship.*

### **12 & Under Team (co-ed)**

Max. team size: 8 players (4 boys / 4 girls)

TennisLink ID #855732116

Location: Greenwood, IN

Player Entry fee: \$125

*Team shirt included in entry fee. Hotel and travel expenses to and from event will be the responsibility of the player.*

### **14 & Under Team (co-ed)**

Max. team size: 8 players (4 boys / 4 girls)

TennisLink ID #855732216

Location: Purdue University, IN

Player Entry fee: \$125

*Team shirt included in entry fee. Hotel and travel expenses to and from event will be the responsibility of the player.*

### **18 & Under Girls Team**

Max. team size: 8 players

TennisLink ID #850120616

Location: Urbana, IL (University of Illinois)

Player Entry fee: \$250

*Team shirt, room, board and travel expenses are included. Team players travel together with coaches to event. Players need to provide for their own personal expenses.*

### **18 & Under Boys Team**

Max. team size: 10 players

TennisLink ID #855732416

Location: South Bend, IN

Player Entry fee: \$250

*Team shirt, room, board and travel expenses are included. Team players travel together with coaches to event. Players need to provide for their own personal expenses.*

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

*IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR COLLEGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPLY FOR THE*

## KASPERS' SCHOLARSHIP

*On October 30, 1989, June and Bert Kaspers (formerly of Southeast Michigan) created a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors for college tuition and expenses. The Kaspers' legacy lives through the past, present and future accomplishments of the winners of this scholarship.*

***THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE FOR 2016 GRADUATES.***

***Deadline for Applications is June 30, 2016***

Kaspers' Scholarship Applications are available on our website: [www.semich.usta.com](http://www.semich.usta.com), under "juniors").  
2015 Kaspers' Scholarship Recipients: Morgane Flournoy, Jonathan Martin and Timothy Wang

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*Our District Championship Tournament for 10 & Under Boys and Girls!*  
**May 20-22nd, 2016**

Enter online using "TennisLink" at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) (Tournament ID #855720316) Deadline: May 13th  
Site TBD

*See tournament homepage for complete details,  
or call the District Office (734) 421-1025.*

**District Level 2A Event for Points Per Round**

**Top Finishers (Champion & Finalist) Qualify for Midwest Closed 10s in July!**  
**RESIDENCY & CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ENTRANTS!**  
*(See Tournament Homepage for complete details)*

Regulation-size Court • Green-Dot Ball  
Two out of three sets with tie-break in lieu of third

## Citizenship & Residency Requirements for the Southeast Michigan Qualifiers:

Because these events are "closed", entrants must provide both of the following:

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY:** A copy of the entrant's report card\* or driver's license must be sent and received at the USTA/Southeast Michigan District office no later than 4:00 p.m. the following Monday after the entry deadline.

*\*For electronic report cards that do not bear the school's name and address, you may ask your school's counseling office to prepare a Letter of Student Attendance at the school. For home schooled entrants, please complete the "USTA/Midwest Declaration of Domicile Form" & "USTA/Midwest Affidavit of Domicile Form" links located on the specific tournament's homepage.*

**PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP:** A copy of the entrant's Birth Certificate, US Passport, valid Alien Registration Card or I-485 Letter must be sent and received at the USTA-Southeast Michigan District office no later than 4:00 p.m. the following Monday after the entry deadline. Send documentation to: USTA-Southeast Michigan District, 17280 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152. (Email and Faxes will not be accepted.)

Tournament home page will be updated periodically to confirm receipt of documentation. In order to participate in the Qualifier, player must be registered in tournament on TennisLink before the deadline AND proper documentation MUST be on file prior to documentation deadline (4:00 p.m. the Monday following the entry deadline).



# 2016 Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. QUALIFIER



The Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. Qualifier is used to determine entry into the Midwest Outdoor Closed Championships (June 25th). The Top 12 finishers (Quarterfinalists from the main and consolation draw) from each age division will receive an automatic entry into the Midwest Closed, which offers advancement to the USTA National Championships. This tournament is Southeast Michigan Level 2A (and Midwest Level 3) for Points Per Round.

## DRAWS WILL BE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:

**Boys 12s-18s Weekend**  
**June 3-5th**  
(Tournament ID#855750116)  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: May 20th

B12s - 64 Draw	G12s - 48 Draw
B14s - 64 Draw	G14s - 48 Draw
B16s - 64 Draw	G16s - 48 Draw
B18s - 48 Draw	G18s - 32 Draw

**Girls 12s-18s Weekend**  
**June 10-12th**  
(Tournament ID#850103416)  
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: May 27th

**PLAYER SELECTION:** Players will be selected based on the specified USTA/Midwest Section Standing List noted on the respective Tournament Home Pages. Players will be selected by the following:

1. Players from the top 50 of the most current USTA/Midwest Section Standing List in next lower division based on the following draw sizes:

- ... 64 draw - top 8 players from the lower age group  
(exception: top 4 players from the 10s for the Boys 12s division).
- ... 48 draw - top 6 players from the lower age group  
(exception: top 3 players from the 10s for the Girls 12s division).
- ... 32 draw - top 4 players from the lower age group.
- ... 24 draw - top 2 players from the lower age group.

2. Remaining players will be selected from the specified USTA/Midwest Section Standing List in the age division of the event. Alternates will be selected from the USTA/Midwest Section Standing List in the division of the event and will be numbered and posted on tournament home page after tournament deadline.

**SEEDING:** Seeding will be determined using the same USTA/Midwest Section Standing List used for selection.

**FORMAT:** Main draw format will be two-out-of-three sets, with the third set played out in its entirety. (There is a mandatory 10-minute break between the second and third sets FOR ALL AGE GROUPS). Consolation draw format will be two-out-of-three sets with a tie-break in lieu of the third set. (There is a 3-minute break between the second and third sets FOR ALL AGE GROUPS). Main Draw and Feed-In Consolation will only be played to the Quarterfinals.

First Round matches will begin as early as 4:00 p.m. Friday and tournament will finish on Sunday.

Entire Tournament is played outdoors at sites t/b/d.

This tournament is open to Southeast Michigan District residents only. Entrant must be a legal resident of Hillsdale, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne, or Washtenaw county.

**ENTRANTS MUST PROVIDE BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:** Proof of Residency and Proof of Citizenship (see page 4 or Tournament Homepage).

**Please refer to the Tournament Home Pages for complete Muthig Jr. Qualifier details (TennisLink at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)) with appropriate Tournament ID number shown above.**



## Top District, Sectional & National Southeast Michigan Players\*

### GIRLS 10s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Roeck, Emma
- 2 MacKinnon, Sophia
- 3 Miller, Reese
- 4 Joint, Maya
- 5 Krygier, Hadley
- 6 Gowda, Kavitha
- 7 Shaya, Grace
- 8 Chenfang, Hayley
- 9 Zampardo, Maddy
- 10 Rolls, Katie
- 11 Luna, Nicole
- 12 Sadowski, Gabriella
- 13 Ospov, Ariella
- 14 Liu, Alicen
- 15 Vogel, Eleanor
- 16 Perkins, Avery
- 17 Barretto, Isabella
- 18 Gowda, Siri
- 19 Iltch, Sienna
- 20 Wang, Cleo
- 21 Raftu, Annamaria
- 22 Keating, Hadley
- 23 Teofilovic, Ana
- 24 Garrigo, Mireia
- 25 Hagmann, Morgann

#### Midwest Top 50

- 1 Roeck, Emma
- 4 MacKinnon, Sophia
- 11 Miller, Reese
- 14 Joint, Maya
- 18 Krygier, Hadley
- 22 Shaya, Grace
- 23 Gowda, Kavitha
- 30 Chenfang, Hayley
- 32 Zampardo, Maddy
- 49 Luna, Nicole

#### National Top 100

10s Not Ranked Nationally

### BOYS 10s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Stojanov, Daniel
- 2 Pluszczuk, Adam
- 3 Buzdugan, Alex
- 4 Verma, Rishi
- 5 Andea, Andrew
- 6 Mundkur, Vikram
- 7 Anderson, Clayton
- 8 Mascarin, Michael
- 9 Pauken, Nicholas
- 10 McNalley, MacKinley
- 11 DeMuth, Owen
- 12 Demerri, Aaron
- 13 Vincler, Andrew
- 14 Dhalilwal, Nihaal
- 15 Gans, Devyn
- 16 Nassif, Ramzi
- 17 Prabhakar, Arjun
- 18 Che, Caden
- 19 Monikawa, Yagumo
- 20 Williams, Ishwa
- 21 Kim, Corwin
- 22 Kumar, Sachiv
- 23 Liss, Michael

### 24 Moriarty, Dimitri

#### Midwest Top 50

- 1 Stojanov, Daniel
- 8 Pluszczuk, Adam
- 14 Buzdugan, Alex
- 15 Verma, Rishi
- 17 Andea, Andrew
- 20 Anderson, Clayton
- 22 Mascarin, Michael
- 23 Mundkur, Vikram
- 41 DeMuth, Owen
- 44 Pauken, Nicholas

#### National Top 100

10s Not Ranked Nationally

### GIRLS 12s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Zhou, Angie
- 2 Kouzmanov, Isabelle
- 3 Jones, Elisabeth
- 4 Teofilovic, Andrea
- 5 Roeck, Emma
- 6 Zampardo, Maddy
- 7 Shaya, Grace
- 8 Govila, Nina
- 9 Flegner, Julia
- 10 Meka, Nikitha
- 11 MacKinnon, Sophia
- 12 King, Whitney
- 13 Joint, Maya
- 14 Brooks, Jamy
- 15 Miller, Reese
- 16 McNalley, Moorea
- 17 Bickersteth, Anna
- 18 Luna, Nicole
- 19 Vogel, Anna
- 20 Chenfang, Hayley
- 21 Brown, Charlotte
- 22 Liu, Alicen
- 23 Krygier, Hadley
- 24 Weiss, Olivia
- 25 Patel, Sullivan

#### Midwest Top 50

- 10 Zhou, Angie
- 13 Kouzmanov, Isabelle
- 20 Jones, Elisabeth
- 34 Teofilovic, Andrea
- 40 Kouzmanov, Isabelle
- 74 Weiss, Olivia
- 93 Jones, Elisabeth

#### National Top 100

10s Not Ranked Nationally

### BOYS 12s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Stafford, Joseph
- 2 Etterbeek, Jeffrey
- 3 Kim, Aidan
- 4 Brown, Gabe
- 5 Herdoiza, Nicholas
- 6 Oral, Mert
- 7 Cooksey, William
- 8 Liss, Jonah
- 9 Vogel, Noah
- 10 Chen, Andrew
- 11 Naik, Shray
- 12 Rhodes, Stanley

### 13 Stojanov, Daniel

- 14 Roslin, Noah
- 15 Distelrath, Derek
- 16 Grozev, Christian
- 17 Mascarin, Michael
- 18 Prather, Kenny
- 19 Verma, Rishi
- 20 Pollak, Alex
- 21 Oral, Kaan
- 22 Alousi, Adnan
- 23 Attaluri, Anirudh
- 24 DeMuth, Owen
- 25 Prather, Alex

#### Midwest Top 50

- 3 Stafford, Joseph
- 9 Etterbeek, Jeffrey
- 11 Kim, Aidan
- 12 Brown, Gabe
- 24 Cooksey, William
- 29 Herdoiza, Nicholas
- 42 Oral, Mert

#### National Top 100

57 Etterbeek, Jeffrey

81 Stafford, Joseph

### GIRLS 14s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Miller, Karina
- 2 Weiss, Olivia
- 3 Gandham, Miriam
- 4 Braun, Jessica
- 5 Opalewski, Lauren
- 6 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 7 Zhou, Angie
- 8 Mandair, Sukhmani
- 9 King, Whitney
- 10 Barrett, Taylor
- 11 Mady, Victoria
- 12 Flegner, Julia
- 13 Solomon, Brooke
- 14 McConnell, Allison
- 15 Hartje, Elle
- 16 Herdoiza, Amanda
- 17 Mukherjee, Tia
- 18 Szemraj, Wiktor
- 19 Kouzmanov, Isabelle
- 20 Mulchandani, Maya
- 21 Jones, Elisabeth
- 22 Zhuang, Sophie
- 23 Zampardo, Melanie
- 24 Raman, Vindhya
- 25 Okura, Yurika

#### Midwest Top 50

- 1 Miller, Karina
- 11 Weiss, Olivia
- 17 Gandham, Miriam
- 25 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 38 Braun, Jessica
- 46 Opalewski, Lauren

#### National Top 100

15 Yarlagadda, Anika

62 Miller, Karina

99 Mukherjee, Tia

### BOYS 14s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Stafford, Joseph
- 2 Zhang, Andrew
- 3 Baylis, Luke
- 4 Liss, Gabriel
- 5 Hyman, Julian
- 6 Kao, Timothy
- 7 Bickersteth, Jacob
- 8 MacKinnon, Alexander
- 9 Deenadayalu, Sahil
- 10 Brown, Gabe
- 11 Kelley, Owen
- 12 Campbell, Jarreau
- 13 Fuchs, Oliver
- 14 Amarnath, Sidharth
- 15 Piana, Frank
- 16 Vidinas, Gabriel
- 17 Klak, Nicholas
- 18 Hemmrich, Constantin
- 19 Nallani, Jagan
- 20 Bosch, Lucas
- 21 Gruskin, Nikolas
- 22 Li, Kevin
- 23 Etterbeek, Jeffrey
- 24 Pluszczuk, David
- 25 Rajani, Samir

#### Midwest Top 50

- 8 Stafford, Joseph
- 10 Zhang, Andrew
- 11 Baylis, Luke
- 28 Kao, Timothy
- 32 Hyman, Julian
- 35 Liss, Gabriel
- 37 Bickersteth, Jacob
- 49 MacKinnon, Alexander

#### National Top 100

None

### GIRLS 16s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Mukherjee, Tia
- 2 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 3 Thielman, Ava
- 4 Hurley, Marybeth
- 5 Chang, Olivia
- 6 Courtright, Caroline
- 7 Kumar, Shanoli
- 8 Pietrowicz, Maja
- 9 Karoub, Monique
- 10 Allen, Caroline
- 11 Shannon, Evangeline
- 12 Hartje, Sasha
- 13 Gorgioski, Ivona
- 14 Yutzy, Allonna
- 15 Miller, Karina
- 16 Sesi, Katie
- 17 Opalewski, Lauren
- 18 Dixon, Sophie
- 19 Hartje, Elle
- 20 Fozo, Madison
- 21 Barrett, Taylor
- 22 Paolucci, Madeleine
- 23 Brooks, Claire
- 24 Rogosch, Kaitlyn
- 25 Nash, Jeannie

### Midwest Top 50

- 5 Mukherjee, Tia
- 10 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 12 Thielman, Ava
- 29 Hurley, Marybeth
- 44 Courtright, Caroline

#### National Top 100

85 Hurley, Marybeth

### BOYS 16s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Forman, Steven
- 2 Nettles, Jibril
- 3 Kitayama, Denali
- 4 Jacobson, Benji
- 5 Wong, Davis
- 6 Yi, Ian
- 7 Winkler, Jack
- 8 Mukherjee, Josh
- 9 Mueller, Kobie
- 10 Zhang, Andrew
- 11 Gandham, David
- 12 Matisse, Alex
- 13 Nguyen, Donovan
- 14 Adams, Christopher
- 15 Reed, Patrick
- 16 Cimpeanu, Brennan
- 17 Verma, Sonal
- 18 Carpenter, Brian
- 19 Kao, Timothy
- 20 Klak, Nicholas
- 21 Liss, Gabriel
- 22 Mettler, Alexander
- 23 Narayanan, Santhosh
- 24 Warnicke, Ricky
- 25 Olejnik, Julian

#### Midwest Top 50

- 1 Nettles, Jibril
- 2 Forman, Steven
- 4 Kitayama, Denali
- 5 Jacobson, Benji
- 8 Wong, Davis
- 9 Yi, Ian
- 12 Mukherjee, Josh
- 14 Winkler, Jack
- 25 Mueller, Kobie
- 39 Zhang, Andrew
- 44 Gandham, David

#### National Top 100

None

### GIRLS 18s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Hurley, Marybeth
- 2 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 3 Vasile, Dominique
- 4 Thielman, Ava
- 5 Huber, Tiffany
- 6 Jordan, Christina
- 7 Nash, Jeannie
- 8 Motea, Allison
- 9 Spindler, Isabella
- 10 Worley, Emma
- 11 Neely, Raven
- 12 Whall, Alexandra
- 13 Chang, Olivia
- 14 Dunleavy, Kathryn

### 15 Shannon, Evangeline

- 16 Mullins, Haley
- 17 Paolucci, Madeleine
- 18 Moldovan, Bianca
- 19 Yutzy, Allonna
- 20 Gorgioski, Ivona
- 21 Hartje, Sasha
- 22 Gao, Joanne
- 23 McLaughlin, Taylor
- 24 Latala, Alexandra
- 25 Lollo, Allison

#### Midwest Top 50

- 7 Hurley, Marybeth
- 16 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 17 Vasile, Dominique
- 24 Thielman, Ava
- 25 Huber, Tiffany
- 36 Nash, Jeannie
- 39 Motea, Allison
- 40 Jordan, Christina
- 43 Spindler, Isabella
- 49 Worley, Emma

#### National Top 100

None

### BOYS 18s

#### SEM Top 25

- 1 Wang, Timothy
- 2 Kerst, Jason
- 3 Johnston, Connor
- 4 Martin-Dyer, Jack
- 5 Sable, Marc
- 6 Brozovich, Franklin
- 7 Wong, Davis
- 8 Nettles, Jibril
- 9 Anderson, Maxx
- 10 Rakic, Ivan
- 11 Mukherjee, Josh
- 12 Paolucci, Nicholas
- 13 Matisse, Alex
- 14 Peery, Chase
- 15 Yi, Ian
- 16 Adams, Christopher
- 17 Runkle, Damian
- 18 Faber, Michael
- 19 Haselwanter, Alexis
- 20 Gandham, David
- 21 Ingles, Luke
- 22 Martell, Zach
- 23 Olejnik, Julian
- 24 Cadigan, Alex
- 25 Karoub, Noah

#### Midwest Top 50

- 10 Wang, Timothy
- 14 Kerst, Jason
- 17 Johnston, Connor
- 19 Martin-Dyer, Jack
- 26 Sable, Marc
- 29 Brozovich, Franklin

#### National Top 100

None

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More Information and Online Registration at

www. [http://camps.mqoblue.com/Summer\\_Camps/Tennis.htm](http://camps.mqoblue.com/Summer_Camps/Tennis.htm)

Ronni Bernstein: [ronni@umich.edu](mailto:ronni@umich.edu)

Casey Steinberg: (561) 315-6453





## 10 & Under ORANGE BALL Early Development Training Camps (EDCs) Set for the 2016 Season.

Mark your Calendars and Register for the Combine (try-out) in August!

Early Development Camps (EDCs) are the next step to recruit and retain our most promising young "orange ball" athletes, ages 6 to 10. EDCs have a limited number of participants, a low pro/player ratio (4:1), and are chosen based on player results at the EDC Combine that include Athletic Skills and Technical Development.

The EDC series is for Orange Ball level players only. If your development pathway shows that you are on a different level than Orange (above or below), then you will not be considered for selection into EDCs. Once a player gets selected, he/she needs to commit to attend all three EDC Camps and stay at the Orange level until completion of the last camp.

This is the second year of the Early Development Camps and with a new camp started in Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan's Camp will continue to be hosted by LifeTime Fitness in Rochester with head coach Nick Petrick.

The 2016 Early Development Camps will be made up of a progression of themes and after attending all three camps, the program should prove to be extremely beneficial for you and your child. The same group of players will attend all three high-performance camps.



**USTA EARLY DEVELOPMENT  
TRAINING CENTER**

### The EDC Player Identification "COMBINE" - August 6th 1-4pm at LifeTime Fitness—Rochester

**TO REGISTER, VISIT OUR WEBSITE ([www.semich.usta.com](http://www.semich.usta.com)) UNDER "10 & UNDER TENNIS" TODAY!**

The combine is completely FREE to attend and will be a fun 3 hours of athletic and tennis skill development & testing! *Registering for the Combine does not guarantee that the player will get selected for the camp, but will let us know that you are interested in participating.*

**2016 EDC Camp Schedule (Sundays Noon-5pm): Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th & Nov. 13th**

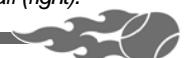
## Southeast Michigan's 10U GREEN BALL Competitive Training Center wraps up its 2015-16 Season.

The 2015/16 Competitive Training Center for the ten and under SEMTA players was a huge success again this year. We had the opportunity to work with a great group of sixteen boys and girls. The players worked hard to improve their tennis skills, as well as gain new tools for mental toughness and increase physical coordination. The children had the chance to practice these skills in a fun, but competitive atmosphere. Lasting friendships were created between this group of tennis peers. As always, it was a special experience for the players and an honor for the coaches to be a part of this program.

*Head Coach, Dave Brown*



2015-16 CTC players include: Andrew Andea, Clayton Anderson, Aaron Demeritt, Nihaal Dhaliwal, Devyn Gans, Mireia Garrigo, Kavitha Gowda, Michael Liss, MacKinley McNalley, Vikram Mundkur, Ariella Osipov, Avery Perkins, Katie Rolls, Gabriella Sadowski, Andrew Vincler, Eleanor Vogel. Pictured with Head Coaches Dave Brown (left) and Mike Graff (right).







*May 27 - 30, 2016*

**Wessen Lawn Junior  
Grass Court Classic**

*June 24 - 26, 2016*

**USTA Mother & Son National  
Grass Court Championships**

*September 12 - 18, 2016*

**USTA 55 & 60 National  
Grass Court Championships**

*For more information:*

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## Modifications to our USTA Jr. Team Tennis Program—Offering Two Tracks for Optimum Play!

With strict new regulations put in place by the National office for the Jr. Team Tennis track that advances to Sectional and National Championships, the Southeast Michigan District decided to offer two distinct tracks—one to cover the new guidelines and one with much needed flexibility. Our Recreational Track, where play is gender neutral, age eligibility is flexible, USTA membership is optional, and a District Championship is offered, provided most of our weekend play. The advancing program is the Championship Track, where play must be gender to gender, age eligibility is mandated through Sept. 1 of the Championship Year, USTA membership is mandatory, and offers advancement to District, Sectional and National Championships. We also included a perk for the Championship Track that included Points Per Round (ranking points) which necessitated an 8-game pro set format. The Championship Track played five or six matches throughout our Jr. Team Tennis Season (Oct.-March).

Thank you to all of the players who participated in our program! Modifying a program isn't always easy or appreciated, so if you participated—please give us your input—your opinion matters! Jr. Team Tennis program survey is located on our website: [www.semich.usta.com](http://www.semich.usta.com); under "USTA Jr. Team Tennis".

### 2015-16 Jr. Team Tennis Recreational Track District Champions & Finalists:



#### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

##### 10U Intermediate "Dazzlers"

**Deer Lake Athletic Club**  
Coach: Frank Rodriguez

Eligible Players Include: L. Banaszak, B. Berry, B. Blakeslee, C. Colt, M. de Hesselle, K. Fisher, J. Gurne, A. Hakala, S. Osborne, L. Sielinski, K. Sieradski, N. Weinberger

#### DISTRICT FINALISTS

##### 10U Intermediate "Commodores"

**The Beverly Hills Club**  
Coach: Kristen Harrison

Eligible Players Include: C. Beem, A. Koellner, R. Pfeiffer, M. Pulte, R. Steele, B. Stevenson, G. Supancich



#### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

##### 12U Beginner "Servivors"

**Sports Club West Bloomfield**  
Coach: Marimar Alonso

Eligible Players Include: M. Amidon, A. Charlip, M. Charlip, I. Kraft, A. Miller, J. Pachla, J. Poirier, J. Singh





### DISTRICT FINALISTS

#### 12U Beginner "Baseliners"

**Troy Racquet Club**  
Coach: Samit Shah

Eligible Players Include: S. Anandhasenthil, V. Chanduri, R. Desai, R. Desai, O. Dong, S. Gatla, I. Gorgees, A. Gupta, J. Lasota, P. Nagappala, L. Neuirth, N. Palepu, A. Pasula, A. Shah

### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

#### 12U Intermediate "Unmatchables"

**Sports Club West Bloomfield**  
Coach: Marimar Alonso

Eligible Players Include: C. Bernard, Z. Frank, M. Garrigo, B. Ho, F. Iliev, L. Kendall, C. Kim, V. Mundkur, N. Nandish, A. Smith, J. Weingarden



### DISTRICT FINALISTS

#### 12U Intermediate "Slicers"

**Birmingham Racquet Club**  
Coach: John Kanyo

Eligible Players Include: W. Beachum, R. Carrel, C. Chinonis, E. Gabos, G. Gryzenia, J. Judge, R. Kagithala, P. Kalabat, E. Kemp, K. Kemp, A. Mahendrakumar



### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

#### 14U Intermediate "Network"

**Grosse Pointe Hunt Club**  
Coach: Ken Prather

Eligible Players Include: W. Beardslee, C. Buhler, P. Fordon, J. Hamouda, M. Kommeier, V. Logan, J. Marchal, A. Meldrum, A. Pongratz, C. Stafford, P. Uznis, A. Walz, M. Wiegel, T. Yaldoo





### DISTRICT FINALISTS

#### 14U Intermediate "Net Force One" Sports Club West Bloomfield Coach: Marimar Alonso

Eligible Players Include: K. Bernard, D. Cohen, N. Comerford, J. Goldberg, J. Holland, J. Jozwiak, Z. Kam, A. Kamath, S. Katz, T. Poirier, S. Shankar, A. Torrey.

### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

#### 18U Intermediate "Snakebirds" Liberty Athletic Club Coach: Marty Maehr

Eligible Players Include:  
M. Clifford, R. Dickinson,  
E. Evans, M. Gajar,  
M. Goldberg, J. Harris,  
M. Hwang, A. Huston,  
C. Rodriguez, N. Sinha,  
C. Streeter, A. Xie.



(Coach Peter Pusztai, pictured with team)



### DISTRICT FINALISTS

#### 18U Intermediate "Aces" The Chippewa Club Coach: Craig Capelli

Eligible Players Include: M. Brodkey, M. Caldwell, S. Kulkarni, A. Mah, N. Makowski, E. Parkin, V. Rajaprabhakaran.

*Stay Tuned to the next issue of the SEMTA Court Reporter for our  
Jr. Team Tennis Championship Track District & Sectional Championship results!*

### YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!!

If you participated in our Jr. Team Tennis program in the 2015-16 Season, please take a brief survey available on our website: [www.semich.usta.com](http://www.semich.usta.com), under "USTA Jr. Team Tennis". *Your opinion matters!*

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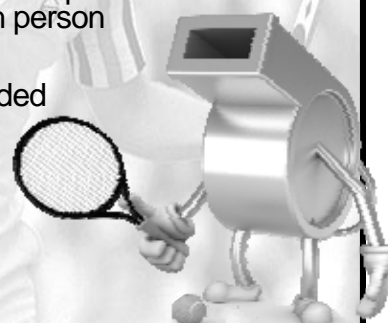
## Know the Rules!

### The Warm-up

- ... The warm-up is part of the match
- ... Spin your racquet or toss the coin **BEFORE** the warm-up (so players get acclimated to the side they will start on)
- ... Everyone takes service practice in the warm-up, not before each person serves
- ... A warm-up is intended to loosen up your body and not "go for winners".

Mel Kropko  
Southeast Michigan  
Chair of Officials

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# 2016 USTA Summer League Calendar

**July 29-31** District Championships - Adult 40 & Over, outdoor sites tba

**August 5-7** District Championships - Adult 18 & Over, outdoor sites tba

**August 12-14** State Championships - Adult 18 and 40 & Over  
Hosted by Southeast Michigan District, site tba

**August 19-21** Midwest Section Championships - Adults 18 & Over, Indianapolis, IN

**August 26-28** Midwest Section Championships - Adults 40 & Over, Indianapolis, IN

**September 9-11** District Championships - Summer Mixed Doubles , Adult 55 & Over, site tba

**September 16-18** State Championships - Mixed Doubles 18 and 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over  
Hosted by Northeast Michigan District

**September 23-25** Midwest Section Championships - Adult 55 & Over, Carmel, IN

**Sept. 30-Oct. 2** Midwest Section Championships - Mixed Doubles 18 and 40 & Over,  
Fort Wayne, IN

**October 7-9** Midwest Section Invitational - Adults 65 & Over - Men, Carmel, IN

**October 14-16** Midwest Section Invitational - Adults 65 & Over - Women, Kohler, WI

## What Day Do We Play?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>18+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Day 2.5 W - Night 3.5 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 3.0 W - Day 4.0 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 2.5 W - Day 4.5 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 3.5 W - Day 3.0 W - Night 5.0+ W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> No Scheduled Play
<u>40+ Women</u> 3.0 W - Day 4.5+ W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 3.5 W - Day 3.0 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Day 3.5 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> No Scheduled Play
<u>55+ Women</u> 8.0 W - Day 6.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 7.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 6.0 W - Day 8.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 7.0 W - Day 9.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> No Scheduled Play
<u>18+ Men</u> 2.5 Men 3.5 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 4.0 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 4.5 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 3.0 Men 5.0+ Men	<u>65+ Men &amp; Women</u> 6.0, 7.0 & 8.0 Men & Women
<u>40+ Men</u> 4.5+ Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 3.0 Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 3.5 Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 4.0 Men	<u>18+ Mixed Doubles</u> 7.0 9.0
<u>55+ Men</u> 6.0 Men	<u>55+ Men</u> 7.0 Men	<u>55+ Men</u> 8.0 Men	<u>55+ Men</u> 9.0 Men	<u>40+ Mixed Doubles</u> 6.0 8.0

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# The Southeast Michigan USTA League Committee adjusts the Total Team Default Regulation

All 2016 Leagues, starting with January 2016. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!**

## TOTAL TEAM DEFAULTS

Nearly all of our Captains and Players do an excellent job fielding all match positions throughout the season. However, from time to time, total team defaults happen and when they do, no one is happy.

- ... Players expecting to play do not have a match
- ... Team standings are impacted for all teams in the flight
- ... Facilities do not receive anticipated income

Effective immediately, the Southeast Michigan League Committee has adjusted the policies and consequences for Total Team Defaults as follows:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Total Team Default

1. Warning email will be sent to Captains, Players and the team's facility contact person.
2. Team that committed the total team default must pay the host facility the total fees due within 10 business days.
3. Email will be sent to the facility that received the total team default with an explanation that fees should be paid within 10 business days.
- ~~4. Non-payment within the 10 days will result in the suspension of the captain.~~
- ~~5. If a team does not pay the match fees due, the captain will be suspended for 364 days as both a player and a captain.~~
- ~~6. The team will also incur a \$100 penalty in addition to the expectation that court fees will be paid to the affected facility. Both are due within 10 business days.~~
- 4 → 7. Non-payment of penalty and fees will may result in the suspension of the captain and all players for 364 days.
- 5 → 8. Suspensions begin at the end of the league season in which the total team default occurred.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Total Team Default (Any additional total team defaults)

1. Warning email will be sent to Captains, Players and the team's facility contact person.
2. Team that committed the total team default must pay the host facility the total fees due within 10 business days.
3. Email will be sent to the facility that received the total team default with an explanation that fees should be paid within 10 business days.
- 4 → 4. Captain will be suspended for 364 days as both a player and a captain.
- 5 → 2. The team will incur a \$100 penalty in addition to the expectation that courts fees will be paid. The \$100 penalty is to be paid to USTA-Southeast Michigan; court fees are to be paid to the affected facility. Both are due within 10 business days.
- 6 → 3. Non-payment of penalty and fees will may result in the suspension of the captain and all players for 364 days.
- 7 → 4. Suspensions begin at the end of the league season in which the total team defaults occurred.

(Further information regarding consequences of any additional defaults can be found in the 2016 Southeast Michigan Local League Rules. A copy of the rules can be found at our District website: [www.semich.usta.com](http://www.semich.usta.com).)



## Southeast Michigan Captures Three Divisional Titles at Midwest Combo Sectional Championships in Ft. Wayne!

In January and February, we wrapped up the 2015 League Season with our Combo Doubles District Championships. Southeast Michigan advanced three teams to States and all seven teams to Sectional Championships in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Congratulations to our two divisional State Champions (7.5 Women and 8.5 Men) and our three Midwest Sectional Champions.

Congratulations to all of our 2015 USTA League Players on another great season of play!



### **5.5 Women** **Grosse Pointe Hunt Club** **Captain: Vicki Boudro**

Back Row (l-r): Cheryl Hartel, Kelly Vollmer, Lynda Weiser, Captain Vicki Boudro; Front Row (l-r): Karen Kerchner, Heidi Maglicic, Lynn Gentz

Not Pictured: Katie Coyle, Lisa Gaber

### **6.5 Women** **Sports Club Novi** **Captain: Wic Dober**

Back Row (l-r): Suzanne Yu, Jeannette Poploskie, Kelly Kershaw, Karen Izzo, Nancy Joure; Front Row (l-r): Sue Brewster, Captain Wic Dober

Not Pictured: Laura Casey, Renee Chodkowski, Carrie Giacobone, Ellen Mady



### **6.5 Men** Peachtree Tennis Club Captain: Greg Hombrebueno

Back Row (l-r): Jerry Delatina, Alexander Mangabat, Gilbert Galicia, Konrad Hsueh, Hussein Elbadawi; Front Row (l-r): Roming Flores, Rycar Obendencio, Captain Greg Hombrebueno, Edgar Gales, Francis Deguzman

Not Pictured: Robert Ang, Reginald Apolonio, Ian Magallanes, Rob Misra





## 7.5 Men

### Eastside Tennis & Fitness

**Captain: Tom Zampardo**

Back Row (l-r): Rob Misra, Jason Mangol, Patrick Rorai, Captain Tom Zampardo; Front Row (l-r): Craig Brodi, Sebastien Mucherie, Ed Leahey

Not Pictured: Bart Bronk, Francis Deguzman, Tom Kolojeski, Larry Nixon, Timothy Prevost, Mark Simmons, Tony Wilhelm



## 7.5 Women

### Franklin Athletic Club

**Captain: Amy Mindell**

Back Row (l-r): Audra Bartholomew, Norma Gorski, Captain Amy Mindell, Sarah Edwards, Darlene Germaine, Laure Housey; Front Row (l-r): Gina Alessandrini, Carly Eckert, Sara Kobiela, Ricki Rogo

Not Pictured: Dawn Clegg, Kristie Gifford, Tia Lecland, Tanya Lukomski, Analyn Mayo, Faith Straton, Lumi Varos, Melanie West, Kristin Wikol



## 8.5 Women

### Franklin Athletic Club

**Captain: Carly Eckert**

Back Row (l-r): Gina Alessandrini, Ritsuko Nakano, Akiko Sugawara, Faith Straton; Front Row (l-r): Anne-Marie Kim, Captain Carly Eckert, Masae Usui, Risako Kita

Not Pictured: Julie Brizard, Marie Enright, Naomi Fukui, Maxine Kennebrew, Sara Kobiela, Maryna Kozachenko, Patti Stein, Didi Zamler, Julie Zamler

## 8.5 Men

### Beverly Hills Club

**Captain: Miles Ular**

Back Row (l-r): Jason Jirovec, Shawn Snell, Tom Aubrey, Matt Feustel, Noah Rice, Mark Giancarlo; Front Row (l-r): Captain Miles Ular, Samit Shah, Jeff Reiter, Harry Sukumaran



Not Pictured: Pablo Baroja, Jason Fahlbush, Vinay Pallegar



## New Mixed Doubles Timeline offers maximum play for all divisions in four shortened seasons!

	SEASON 1 Fall 2016	SEASON 2 Winter 2017	SEASON 3 Spring 2017	SEASON 4 Summer 2017	<b>6.0, 7.0, 8.0 &amp; 9.0 Levels Offered Every Season</b>  <b>One Round Robin of Play Every Season</b>  <i>*Playoff dates tentative.</i>
Play Begins	Sept. 23/30, 2016	Jan. 20, 2017	May 12, 2017	June 30, 2017	
Age Division	40 & Over	18 & Over	40 & Over	18 & Over	
Scheduled	Every other weekend Friday preferred (Sunday can be used)	Every weekend Friday, Saturday or Sunday	Every weekend Friday only	Every weekend Friday only	
Playoffs*	Dec. 10-11, 2016	Mar. 10-12, 2017	July 15-16, 2017	Sept. 8-10, 2017	

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Sign-up information posted on our website and Facebook page.

## 2016 Winter Team Singles Flight Winners

Level	Facility	Captain
3.0 M	Eastside Tennis & Fitness	Itauma Itauma
3.5 M	LifeTime Fitness-Rochester	Tony Latos
4.0 M	Deer Lake Athletic Club	Brad Kerin
4.0 M	Travis Pointe Country Club	CB Roe
4.0 M	Sports Club W. Bloomfield	Prasad Challa
4.5 M	Sports Club W. Bloomfield	Tsuyoshi Kurosawa

Level	Facility	Captain
3.0 W	Troy Racquet Club	Robin Macleish
3.0 W	Liberty Athletic Club	Julie Brilliant
3.0 W	Troy Racquet Club	Clara Balling
3.5 W	LifeTime Fitness-Rochester	Mary Marvel-Nelson
3.5 W	Liberty Athletic Club	Nanette O'Brien
3.5 W	Birmingham Racquet Club	Kristi Klugness
3.5 W	Troy Racquet Club	Nicole Quandt
4.0 W	The Lochmoor Club	Karen Youngblood
4.0 W	The Chippewa Club	Faith Sparr



## SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY & PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

### Former Southeast Michigan Junior Tennis Player comes home with Gold, Silver and a prestigious award!



In January, Natasha Dabrowski, a former junior SEMTA player, competed in the Pan American Olympic Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile. The competition brought together over 4,000 Jewish athletes from around the world to compete in seventeen different sport competitions.

As the sole female member of the U.S. Open Tennis Team, Natasha won the silver medal in Mixed Doubles with her partner Aleksandr Kotlyar from California. In singles, she beat the number one seed from Chile to receive a gold medal. Natasha earned the inaugural Dolph Schayes Memorial Award, which is given to the athlete that best exemplifies the Maccabi spirit through sportsmanship and athletic excellence.

Natasha is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan where she graduated with honors, as the Student of the Year, and as President of Student Government while remaining a competitive member of the tennis club team.

### University of Michigan Tennis On Campus Club Team Wins Spring Invitational and receives bid to compete at Nationals!

Forty-eight teams from thirty-five schools participated in the 2015 USTA Tennis On Campus Spring Invitational which took place April 17-19 at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Ariz.

It was a battle between USTA Midwest and USTA Southern California as the University of Michigan defeated the University of Southern California 30-18. That trend continued as UCLA defeated Michigan State University 25-15. The MSU team finished 4th and included former junior SEMTA players Lauren Frazier, David Risov and Mike Truipiano.



The Spring Championship earned the UofM Team a berth at National TOC Championships, where they placed 9th! The team consisted of former junior SEMTA players: Blake Ahadi, Kerry Hu and Amabel Karoub.

*USTA Tennis On Campus is designed to provide college students with a host of opportunities for team camaraderie, social networking and unrivaled competition through tennis—without the demands of a varsity program. The fun co-ed format is designed to accommodate all levels of play, and the top teams can compete for regional and national championships. Tennis On Campus helps students maintain active and healthy lifestyles through their college years and helps them to stay connected to the lifetime sport of tennis.*

**For more information, visit: [www.tennisoncampus.com](http://www.tennisoncampus.com)**

### SEMTA Board Member sets her sights on keeping the City of Detroit's High School Players match ready with the assistance of Wayne State University!

Last year, Detroit Public Schools eliminated their high school tennis program, but the existing coaches had a different idea. They chose to volunteer their time and keep the league running to the best of their ability. Because most of these players don't attend tennis clinics and rarely have the opportunity to play during the winter months, the coaches, including SEMTA Board Member Maxine Kennebrew, developed a relationship with the Wayne State Men's & Women's tennis team to run tennis and footwork drills with the players, donating their time and their indoor facility.



With seven DPS schools participating, they are trying to build to a point where they can offer four weekends before the season starts. Since the schools don't have the money to practice inside, having Wayne State's buy-in has been a blessing and the player's camaraderie is amazing to see!

Maxine admits that it has been hard to keep the momentum they originally had, because coaches don't know how they are going to keep their teams interested in participating in the sport from year to year. While tennis has been eliminated in DPS, thanks to the coaches—it is not being forgotten!



## Southeast Michigan's Tennis Achievements Honored at our 2015 District Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held this past January at the Dearborn Inn. Once a year, our District takes the time to reflect and acknowledge some of our young players and adults who exemplify the very best in Southeast Michigan tennis.

### THE HOXIE AWARD

*The Jean and Jerry Hoxie Memorial Award is given to a young male and female tennis player in Southeast Michigan who has made a great contribution to the game of tennis through their good sportsmanship and achievements both on and off the tennis court.*

#### 2015 Female Hoxie Award Recipient: ISABELLA SPINDLER



Isabella began her junior tennis career at the age of eight years old when she and her older sister Gabriella (2011 Hoxie Winner) would take lessons on a nearby apartment complex's tennis courts. When her parents realized they had a talent for the game, they started taking the sport more seriously and signed the sisters up for lessons at a local tennis club, where both continued to train throughout their junior tennis careers. Isabella is currently ranked in the top ten in Southeastern Michigan (#9) and has played on our Marian Wood- Baird Team Cup Team for the past two years. In high school, Isabella played #2 singles in her Freshman and Sophomore years and #1 singles in her Junior year, winning Regionals in each of those years and helped lead her team to States. While she didn't make team captain (an honor reserved for Seniors), Isabella lead her team by example with her work ethic and determination. She earned the "Best Player" Distinction for Oakland County and placed 3rd in States.

Isabella is a hard working student and continually challenges herself in the classroom. Taking advantage of every Advanced Placement (AP) class offered, Isabella sets goals and attains them. So much so, that she graduated high school early and has already made the move to college and Division I athletics.

Compassionate and caring, Isabella is always willing to help anyone in need. She was a member of Clarkston High School's K'NEX Link program, in which students work with children with special needs. She also gives back to her community as a volunteer, instructing younger athletes in the fundamentals of tennis.

One of Isabella's fondest memories of tennis, was when she and her sister won the same tournament at the same time: Isabella in the Girls 12s, Gabriella in the Girls 14s. Isabella battled her opponent to a third set in the finals, and when she looked over at her sister, she knew that if Gabriella could do it, so could she. They both won their final at the exact same time, and walked off the court, champions - side-by-side.

As for Isabella's greatest achievement in tennis, it was not a singular event or win, but rather the journey to find out who she was along the way. "I began the game of tennis as a typical kid with no idea where I wanted to end up in

life. But through the discipline of the game and countless life talks with my coach (Gilbert Rincon), I slowly began to realize who I was and who I wanted to become." Along the way, she met great players and competitors all across the nation, who became acquaintances and even friends. "Not many people can say they grew up with people that lived hundreds of miles away, but I can; because I am a USTA player."

Isabella received a full athletic scholarship and will be playing Division 1 tennis for Cleveland State University in the fall where she plans to pursue a major in psychology and a minor in business. She hopes to one day open her own rehab center for struggling teenagers battling substance abuse and depression.

*The award was presented by Isabella's private coach, Gilbert Rincon.*

#### 2015 Male Hoxie Award Recipient: FRANKLIN BROZOVICH



Franklin started playing tennis at the age of six with his two older sisters, when his father would take them to the local high school courts (where he would eventually play varsity tennis). During the following years, he participated in both our Jr. Team Tennis program and many USTA Junior Tournaments. At Port Huron Northern, Franklin started at #1 Singles and was captain of the team all four years, helping his team win Regionals each year. In his senior year, he was voted MVP of the team. Franklin earned MVP of the Macomb Area Conference (Red Division), was All-State for three years, and was voted the Times Herald Player of the Year four years in a row. Holding a #3 District Ranking and #18 Ranking in the Midwest Section, Franklin also became a four star recruit on the Tennis Recruiting Network (an accomplishment for which he is very proud). He was also awarded the Mike Cleary Junior Tennis Player Award for his exemplary performance, integrity and sportsmanship on the court.

Franklin is also an outstanding and dedicated student, with a remarkable work ethic in tennis, extra-curricular activities and academics. He has maintained a 4.0 cumulative GPA since 9th grade and is on track to become one of the valedictorians of his senior class. Taking rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) college level

classes, he has also earned the distinction of AP Scholar through College Board for his high AP test results. Franklin has been a member of the high school Student Council all four years, a member of the National Honor Society and a past Junior Statesman of America member.

A member of the St. Mary Youth Church Group and recipient of the Timothy Award for representing their Youth Council, Franklin has also volunteered at numerous civic activities, including cleaning the cemetery, walk for the poor, and donating time to the food depot. Franklin is also a great ambassador for the game and enjoys mentoring young players at the Port Huron Tennis House and throughout the community. His integrity, discipline, respect and honor makes Franklin a great role model - on and off the tennis court.

Franklin's fondest memories of tennis as a junior player in Southeast Michigan include reaching the finals of the Midwest Open Championships in doubles with fellow SEM player and Hoxie nominee Jack Martin-Dyer and winning the tryouts in a 3rd set to play #1 singles at Port Huron Northern as a Freshman. He was especially proud to reach the round of 16 in the Midwest Closed Championships as a first year 18s. Franklin's favorite thing about USTA tennis in Southeastern Michigan, are the players from our area that he has met and practiced with over the years.

*The award was presented by Franklin's High School Coach, Char Sweeney and private coach, Steve Pillon.*

## WILLIAM F. BEYER AWARD

*The William F. Beyer Award (named after one of the first SEMTA presidents) is given to an individual who has contributed immeasurably and unselfishly to tennis.*

### 2015 Beyer Award Recipient:

#### Past President GAIL LEWIS



Gail started to play tennis at a Parks & Rec Center at the age of 20 in order to get some exercise. As she began to build upon her frustration and efforts, she also began to enjoy the challenge that tennis presented to her, and thus began her love of the sport. Gail's talent on the court quickly became evident, and she found guidance in taking lessons to increase her skill set.

As her tennis skills progressed, she was introduced to the Motor City Tennis Club (a Detroit area African-American Social Tennis Club established in 1929) and immediately became a member. She was impressed on how the organization promoted and exposed the sport of tennis and she quickly became engaged in a variety of their activities on and off the court.

The influence of Elaine Williams (former President of Motor City Tennis Club) assisted in expanding her role with the organization, and through those activities, she was introduced to the Southeast Michigan District's Executive Director, Zori Duda, where she eventually volunteered for our Board of Directors.

Gail's volunteer involvement within the tennis world has been extensive. She held many positions within the

Motor City Tennis Club, including being an Instructor and Coach, Fundraising and Recruiting, Public Relations Chair and President. She was also active in the organization and running of the Annual Tri-City Classic Tournament that encompasses Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Gail has also held the office of President of the Midwestern Tennis Association (Mid-Tac), was the Board Secretary of the American Tennis Association (ATA) and is a member of the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR).

In the USTA world, Gail has been an umpire for over 20 years, a USTA Referee for 2 years, Southeast Michigan District Board of Directors Secretary, Diversity Chair, Vice President, League Committee member and Grievance Committee member before becoming President in 2012. Gail is currently a Delegate on the USTA Midwest Section's Board of Directors as well as being both a Community Tennis Association Sub-Committee member and Diversity and Inclusion Committee member.

Gail loves to compete on the court, and is an advanced level player. She has captained USTA League teams and been involved in USTA League play for over 40 years. As a tournament player, Gail has held rankings in a variety of age divisions.

Through tennis and her extensive volunteer efforts, Gail has met a diverse group of people who all shared a common interest - tennis. This has led to a lifetime of friendships from being teammates to becoming family. Gail's knowledge of the sport has developed and been enhanced through all of the people she has come to know.

Thank you, Gail, for your contributions to tennis!

## DARLEE TOWLER AWARD

*The Darlee Towler Memorial Award is given to a USTA League player in the Southeast Michigan District who best reflects the qualities that Darlee exhibited as a captain, player and supporter of the USTA League program: honesty, sincerity, loyalty, good sportsmanship and leadership with a commitment to growing tennis.*

### 2015 Towler Memorial Award Recipient:

#### ANN PIPER



While Ann started playing tennis in college to satisfy a physical education requirement, she came back to the sport in 2002 when she retired and had more leisure time.

Ann found USTA Leagues in 2005 as a 2.5 player, and has captained many teams, including 6 in 2015! As a captain, Ann is organized and makes sure all teammates get an equal share of playing time. She goes out of her way to set up practices for her teams, stays in contact with her players before the matches,

attends the matches even when she doesn't play, and follows up with all her teammates on match results. She never complains about player (or team) losses, even though she has tasted the advancement to District,

Sectional and even National Championships.

Even though Ann is now a seasoned captain after 10 years in our League Program, she still attends a Captain's Meeting every year to make sure she is aware of any changes that might affect her team players.

It's no surprise based on the above that Ann's favorite thing about USTA Leagues is "spending time with so many great people."

Ann has a Bachelors, Masters and Secondary Teaching Certificate from Eastern Michigan University. After teaching math at Allen Park High School and Henry Ford Community College, Ann started a career as a Computer Programmer at Ford Motor Company. After becoming a Systems Analyst and then a Process Improvement Specialist, Ann retired from Ford after 28 years of employment.

### **BERT & JUNE KASPERS SCHOLARSHIP**

*In 1989, Bert and his wife, June, created a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who play USTA tennis in Southeast Michigan, for their college tuition and expenses. This fund operates under the philanthropic arm of our District—the Detroit Tennis Patrons.*

### **2015 Kaspers' Scholarship Recipients:**

#### **MORGANE FLOURNOY**



Morgane began playing tennis as a tender kindergarten student. With parents that enjoyed the sport, the entire family becoming involved was very natural. She quickly took to the game and all that it had to offer – competition, exercise and most importantly a supportive community that share a love of the game. This blossomed into a successful tennis career and many hours spent

volunteering to teach others to enjoy this sport as much as she does!

Morgane finished in the top quarter of her graduating class from Grosse Pointe South High School with a 4.04 GPA. She not only played varsity tennis, but also served as editor of the school literary magazine and was active in the French and Service Clubs. Her favorite tennis memory is individually making it to the finals of the 2014 Girls High School Division I State Championship at No. 2 doubles. She and her partner progressed far in the tournament and her high school ended up as the State Champions.

Morgane is currently attending Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York and is a member of their Varsity Women's Tennis Team. She is a perspective International Studies and French & Francophone Studies double major and hopes to pursue a career in International business.



#### **JONATHAN MARTIN**

Jonathan's introduction to tennis came at an early age and led to increased success over the years. As a four-year varsity player and team captain in his junior and senior years, he led Livonia Churchill's team to the MHSAA State tournament.

At Churchill, Jonathan was in the top 2% of his graduating class with a 4.5 GPA. During his high school career, he was active and took leadership roles in National Honor Society, Success Strategies (tutoring group) and Quiz Bowl. As a leader looking to improve the overall group, Jonathan set up a class at a local tennis club in the winter of his sophomore year to provide a low cost class for his teammates that would provide them with the skills necessary to succeed at the high school level. His favorite tennis memory was winning the semifinal match at Regionals in his junior year to qualify for the State tournament individually, which required a comeback from a 1-4 first set deficit. The mental and physical challenges overcome during the match, together with the support received from teammates, made this most memorable.

Jonathan is currently attending the Honors College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan. He plans to continue assisting others and pursuing a degree in Business Administration at the Ross School of Business. Jonathan is playing on the club tennis team at Michigan.

#### **TIMOTHY WANG**



Tim, our 2014 Hoxie Award Winner, found love at first sight when he began playing tennis at age 8. In the ten years since he first picked up a racquet, Tim has won many tournaments, sportsmanship and scholastic awards. As with all young athletes, it was a formative experience in the trek from childhood to young adulthood. To quote Tim, through the experience gained in the game he has "learned humility amidst triumph, and graciousness amidst defeat." This drive and

strength of character has led to a spot on the Division 1 Columbia University tennis team.

While at Novi High School, Tim finished in the top 10% of his class with a 3.98 GPA. Even though tennis took a significant amount of each day, Tim still found time to form a politics club, participate in DECA (state finalist), serve as President of his student class and start up an athletic clothing company. He was also a private youth tennis instructor in his spare time. Tim served as captain of the 2014 High School State Championship team from Novi. This provided one of his fondest memories of the game. Not only at the team level, but also on the individual level. For Tim this was something he and his teammates had worked for, and was the icing on the cake to a high school career filled with priceless and unforgettable moments.

Today, Tim is pursuing a Bachelor of Business degree in Financial Economics at Columbia University.



# 2015 Final Adult Singles Rankings

## Top District, Sectional & National Southeast Michigan Players

**Men's Open**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Pearson, Keil  
**MW Top 50**  
29 Parker, Jordan

**Men's 45s**  
**MW Top 50**  
1 Beijer, Richard  
5 Warnicke, Thomas  
**National Top 100**  
12 Beijer, Richard  
20 Warnicke, Thomas

**Men's 50s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Rose, Michael  
**MW Top 50**  
3 Collins, Kevin  
4 Rose, Michael  
12 Polonski, Michael  
15 Maehr, Martin  
16 Boeker, Roberto  
**National Top 100**  
76 Collins, Kevin

**Men's 55s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Secrest, Paul  
2 Baziuk, Len  
3 Bozzo, Michael  
**MW Top 50**  
1 Rose, Michael  
9 Secrest, Paul  
13 Mitchell, Ernest  
25 Baziuk, Len  
26 Bozzo, Michael  
28 Franzen, Joseph  
29 Lynch, Michael  
**National Top 100**  
13 Rose, Michael  
14 Godfrey, Bill  
96 Fisher, Dan  
97 Neville, John

**Men's 60s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Anderson, Jay  
2 Ennis, Robert  
3 Sheridan, Thomas  
4 Schmidt, Mickey  
5 Hoslet, Gary

**MW Top 50**  
14 Sheridan, Thomas  
17 Hoslet, Gary  
**National Top 100**  
36 Schmidt, Mickey  
90 Sheridan, Thomas  
**Men's 65s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Bozzo, Ron  
2 Pappas, Norman  
3 Brooks, Millard  
4 Lundquist, John  
**MW Top 50**  
6 Pappas, Norman  
11 Panter, Larry  
14 Hainline, Jon  
15 Lundquist, John

**Men's 70s**  
**MW Top 50**  
1 Warner, Terry  
2 Hamilton, James  
10 Gould, Bruce  
11 Friedman, Robert  
12 Bozzo, Ron  
**National Top 100**  
56 Warner, Terry

**Men's 75s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Hunt, Kenneth  
2 Elsmann, James  
**MW Top 50**  
1 Elsmann, James  
3 Saito, Kaz  
5 Seputa, Vitalis  
7 Smith, Arthur  
9 Worobkevich, Leo  
12 Sparkman, Hugh  
**National Top 100**  
9 Saito, Kaz  
34 Seputa, Vitalis

**Men's 80s**  
**SEM Top 25**  
1 Hunt, Kenneth

**Women's 40s**  
**National Top 100**  
7 Frazier, Amy

**Women's 65s**  
**National Top 100**  
24 Leicher, Sheryl

\*Top positions shown in each age division. For a complete list (including Doubles Rankings), see TennisLink Tournaments at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) under "ranking home".

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Southeast Michigan is looking for quality officiating at all our USTA Sanctioned Events. If you are over the age of 18 and have a basic knowledge of our sport, please consider becoming a USTA Official.



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- ... Take an open book on-line test
- ... Attend a one time, 2-hour mentoring clinic before officiating on your own
- ... Take an on-line class once a year to keep your Certification
- ... Officials are compensated for their time (\$15-17.50/hr) and most work is weekend-based.

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Work 20 hours at our 2016 District Events (Jr. Qualifier, Adult League Championships) and receive \$75 as reimbursement for your start up expenses!

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