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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Summer of Southeast Michigan Junior Champions!



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12 & Under
Intermediate
Division
MIDWEST CHAM-
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**MIDWEST
OUTDOOR
CLOSED
SINGLES
CHAMPION!**
Boys 16s Division

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KITAYAMA**

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**MIDWEST OUTDOOR CLOSED
DOUBLES CHAMPIONS!**



AIDEN KIM
Boys 12s
w/N. Hernandez
(CHI)

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**CONNOR
JOHNSTON**
Boys 18s
w/D. Horneffer
(WIS)

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NOVEMBER 1ST!!

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Southeast Michigan Junior Players Endorsed into the Midwest Outdoor Closed Championships

Quarterfinalists in the Main and Consolation Draws of the Southeast Michigan Jr. Qualifier advance directly (endorsed) to the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships held in June. Other top players who played and completed our Jr. Qualifier are endorsed as "alternates" into the event. Congratulations to the below endorsed players. Please see page 4 for top finishes of our local players at the Closed Championships.

Girls 10s

Endorsed*:

Gowda, Kavitha
Rolls, Katie
Osipov, Ariella
Garrigo, Mireia
Keating, Hadley

Boys 10s

Endorsed*:

Andea, Andrew
Anderson, Clayton
Mundkur, Vikram
Gans, Devyn
Vindler, Andrew
Alternates*:
McNalley, MacKinley
Shaya, Pierce
Che, Caden
Anderson, Chadwick

Girls 12s

Endorsed:

Bickersteth, Anna
Brooks, Jany
Govila, Nina
Joint, Maya
Jones, Elisabeth
Krygier, Hadley
MacKinnon, Sophia
McNalley, Moorea
Miller, Reese
Roeck, Emma
Shaya, Grace
Zampardo, Maddy

Alternates:

Liu, Alicen
Luna, Nicole
Gowda, Kavitha
Chenfang, Hayley
Gryzenia, Gaby
Anthes, Alexis
Stahl, Evelyn
Wang, Cleo

Boys 12s

Endorsed:

Distelrath, Derek
Herdoiza, Nicholas
Kim, Aidan
Liss, Jonah
Mascarin, Michael
Oral, Mert
Rhodes, Stanley
Roslin, Noah
Stojanov, Daniel
Verma, Rishi
Vogel, Noah
Williams, Ishwa

Alternates:

Pollak, Alex
DeMuth, Owen
Holland, Jonathon
Chada, Rishi
Anderson, Clayton
Kim, Corwin
Andea, Andrew
Gordinier, Matthew
Pauken, Nicholas
Fasczewski, Noah
Buzdugan, Alex
Yaldoo, George
Weiss, Cameron
Nayak, Vishwaas
Shi, Michael

Girls 14s

Endorsed:

Fliegner, Julia
Herdoiza, Amanda
King, Whitney
Mady, Victoria
Mandair, Sukhmani
McConnell, Allison
Meka, Nikitha
Patel, Sullivan
Solomon, Brooke
Weiss, Olivia

Zhou, Angie

Zhuang, Sophie

Alternates:

Zampardo, Melanie
Szemraj, Wiktoria
Mulchandani, Maya
Demerritt, Hailey
Teofilovic, Andrea
Silverman, Jenna
Sullivan, Madeline

Boys 14s

Endorsed:

Bickersteth, Jacob
Bosch, Lucas
Brown, Gabe
Cooksey, Williams
Deenadayalu, Sahil
Etterbeek, Jeffrey
Fuchs, Oliver
Kelley, Owen
Oral, Kaan
Piana, Frank
Stafford, Joseph
Yaldoo, Theodore
Alternates:
Li, Kevin
Chen, Andrew
Nallani, Jagan
Pluszczyk, David
Alousi, Adnan
Saleem, Naeem
Gruskin, Nikolas

Girls 16s

Endorsed:

Barrett, Taylor
Braun, Jessica
Chang, Olivia
Dixon, Sophie
Gandham, Miriam
Kumar, Shanoli
Miller, Karina
Opalewski, Lauren

Pietrowicz, Maja

Sesi, Katie

Strome, Melissa

Torres, Renee

Alternates:

Karoub, Monique
Rogosch, Kaitlyn
Narens, Madison

Boys 16s

Endorsed:

Amarnath, Sidharth
Baylis, Luke
Campbell, Jarreau
Cimpeanu, Brennan
Forman, Steven
Hyman, Julian
Jacobson, Benji
Kitayama, Denali
Liss, Gabriel
Mueller, Kobie
Narayanan, Santhosh
Zhang, Andrew

Alternates:

Nguyen, Donovan
Reed, Patrick
Carpenter, Brian
Kao, Timothy
Verma, Sonaal
Wen, Alex
Vidinas, Gabriel
Partington, Felix
Kalyana, Arvind
Mukherji, Janak
Klak, Nicholas
Cho, Hyunwoo
Burkett, Jacob
Burman, Cade
Stallings, Maxwell
MacKinnon, Alexander
Olejnik, Julian
Warnicke, Ricky
Dong, Robert
Bull, Brennan

Girls 18s

Endorsed:

Gao, Joanna
Gorgioski, Ivonna
Hanselman, Laura
Hartje, Sasha
Hurley, Marybeth
Motea, Allison
Mukherjee, Tia
Shannon, Evangeline
Thielman, Ava
Vasile, Dominique
Washington, Haley
Yarlagadda, Anika
Alternates:
Cimpeanu, Hannah

Boys 18s

Endorsed:

Anderson, Maxx
Gandham, David
Johnston, Connor
Karoub, Noah
Kenyatte, Kweisi
Kerst, Jason
Martin-Dyer, Jack
Mukherjee, Josh
Nettles, Jibril
Sable, Marc
Winkler, Jack
Wong, Davis
Alternates:
Yi, Ian
Matisse, Alex
Adams, Christopher
Silverman, Brad

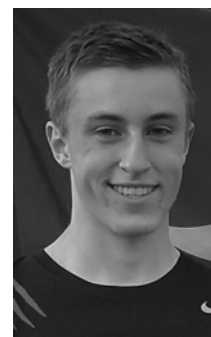
**Endorsement into the Midwest Closed 10s Championship is attained by either being a top SE Michigan 10U Player or by reaching the finals of our SE Michigan 10s Qualifier.*



Southeast Michigan Players Capture Three Midwest Closed Outdoor Championship Titles and Two Sportsmanship Wins!

Congratulations to Denali Kitayama (Boys 16s Singles), Connor Johnston (Boys 18s Doubles) and Aidan Kim (Boys 12 Doubles) on winning the Midwest Closed Championship in their division. A special congratulations to our sportsmanship winners: Whitney King (G14s) and Denali Kityama (B16s). Here is a list of our Quarterfinalist finishers (and above) from both the Midwest Closed 10s and Midwest Outdoor Closed 12-18s events:

- Boys 18s Singles:** Connor Johnston - Quarterfinalist
Josh Mukherjee - Consolation Semifinalist
Davis Wong - Consolation Semifinalist
- Boys 18s Doubles:** Connor Johnston (w/D. Horneffer WIS) - CHAMPIONS
Jack Martin-Dyer & Mark Sable - Quarterfinalists
- Girls 18s Singles:** Anika Yarlagadda - Finalist
- Boys 16s Singles:** Denali Kitayama - CHAMPION
Steven Forman - 3rd Place
Andrew Zhang - Consolation Semifinalist
Benji Jacobsen - Quarterfinalist
- Boys 16s Doubles:** Steven Forman & Benji Jacobson - Quarterfinalists
Andrew Zhang (w/C. Shoults CIN) - Finalists
- Girls 16s Singles:** Karina Miller - Consolation Finalist
Girls 16s Doubles: Karina Miller (w/C. Compall CHI) - Quarterfinalists
- Boys 14s Singles:** Jacob Bickersteth - Quarterfinalist
Gabe Brown - Quarterfinalist
Owen Kelley - Consolation Finalist
- Boys 14s Doubles:** Jacob Bickersteth & Joe Stafford - Semifinalists
Sahil Deenadayalu (w/E. Gordon CHI) Quarterfinalists
Gabe Brown (w/O. Colak WMI) Quarterfinalists
- Girls 14s Singles:** Whitney King - Consolation Quarterfinalist
Girls 14s Doubles: Whitney King (w/E. Pittman CIN) - Quarterfinalists
Olivia Weiss (w/M. Heuser CHI) - Quarterfinalists
- Boys 12s Singles:** Aidan Kim - 3rd Place
Nicholas Herdoiza - Consolation Finalist
- Boys 12s Doubles:** Aidan Kim (w/N. Hernandez CHI) - CHAMPIONS
Nicholas Herdoiza & Noah Roslin - Quarterfinalists
- Girls 12s Singles:** Elizabeth Jones - Finalist
Girls 12s Doubles: Maddy Zampardo (w/I. Rao OV) - Quarterfinalists
Elizabeth Jones (w/E. Novak WMI) - Quarterfinalists
- Boys 10s Singles:** Andrew Andea - Quarterfinalist
- Girls 10s Singles:** Kavitha Gowda - Quarterfinalist



Connor Johnston,
Boys 18s Doubles Champion



Denali Kitayama,
Boys 16s Singles Champion



Aidan Kim (left),
Boys 12s Doubles Champion

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MIDWEST CLOSED EVENTS!

For a complete list of player results, visit TennisLink at www.usta.com.



Wessen Lawn Tennis Club announces the selection of Armand Molino as Director of Tennis and *Wessen Indoor Tennis* announces the addition of Armand to their talented instructional staff.

Armand Molino has been selected as *USPTA National Touring Coach of the Year* and is a 5 time winner of its *Midwest Junior Coach of the Year*. He has won the *Michigan Pro of the Year* and has served the *USTA* as a *National Coach*.



Armand has coached and trained world class professionals such as Amy Frazier (WTA #13), Aaron Krickstein (ATP #7), and Carrie Cunningham (WTA #33).

His current top junior student is Anika Yarlagadda. She is ranked #2 in the USTA Midwest Section in G 18. She is the 2016 MHSAA Girls State Champion at #1 singles in Division I. She was also a finalist at this years USTA Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships in G18. Her 2016 USTA Intersectional team won the National Championship.

Armand has also trained the following players in both the juniors and into their college careers:
Alexandra D'Ascenzo - Cornell, Max Fliegner - Dartmouth, Tucker Massie - Navy, John Mullane - 2015 All American Michigan State, Jack Murray - 2016 All American North Carolina, Alexandria Najarian - Michigan, Kristoff Saari - Aquinas.



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Midwest Team Cup Events end with One Midwest Championship, a Second & Third Place Finish and One Team Sportsmanship Win for Southeast Michigan!

BOYS 18s CUP TEAM—CHAMPIONS! *By Chris Shaya, Team Coach*



Day 1, the #4 seed Southeast Michigan team started against Northwestern Ohio. After sweeping all three doubles matches, Southeast Michigan dominated 5 of the 6 singles and walked away with a 6-1 win.

Day 2, started with 7-0 defeat of Northern Michigan and then another 7-0 defeat over a very good Western Michigan Team who had previously defeated the #1 seed Northeastern Ohio 4-3.

The final day, in a semifinal dual against the #1 seed Northeast Ohio, Southeast Michigan rallied after losing a very hard fought doubles point to win 4 of the 6 singles points. Davis Wong's dramatic 7-6 win in the third sent our District Team into the finals.

Once again, after losing another hard fought doubles point in the finals, Southeast Michigan clinched 4 of the 6 singles to win the Cup! At 3-3 in the finals match, it was Ian Yi who solidified the Championship by winning 7-5 in the third! After 8 hours of tennis in the final day, Southeast Michigan was victorious!! Congrats to all our players—Christopher Adams, Maxx Anderson, Steven Forman, David Gandham, Benji Jacobson, Jason Kerst, Alex Matisse, Jack Winkler, Davis Wong and Ian Yi—who not only competed very hard, but displayed great sportsmanship as well!! A special thanks to my Assistant Coach, Paco Trinidad!

12s CUP TEAM—2nd PLACE! *By Dave Brown, Team Coach*



Our Southeast Michigan 12U Cup Team had another great year! The players really improved their doubles game and learned how to be part of a team. They played each match with passion and supported their team members both on and off the court. Our team dominated through the tournament and lost in the finals to Chicago.

Team members included: Jeffrey Etterbeek, Nicholas

Herdoiza, Aidan Kim, Sophia MacKinnon, Mert Oral, Emma Roeck, Grace Shaya, Maddy Zampardo. As always, it was a great experience for the players and a privilege for me to be a part of this event.



14s CUP TEAM—3rd PLACE! *By Nick Petrick, Team Coach*



The 14U Southeast Michigan Cup Team had a solid performance taking 3rd place at this year's event.

The weekend started great, losing only one match in the first 2 days, with strong singles play led by Olivia Weiss and Jacob Bickersteth and dominating doubles with the mixed tandem of Whitney King and Luke Baylis.

The team qualified for the semifinals where they took on Central Indiana. The team played a close match with Jacob Bickersteth and Owen Kelly leading the way with a big win in doubles and victories in singles by Gabe Brown and Olivia Weiss. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to

pull out a victory.

In the 3/4 Playoff match, Southeast Michigan had a convincing victory against Ohio Valley with wins lead by Sukmani Mandair in singles and Angie Zhou and Olivia Weiss in doubles.

We had a great team this year who competed to the end! Everyone had an awesome week of practice and a fun and competitive weekend of tennis. The kids really bonded as a team and improved as players also.

MARIAN WOOD-BAIRD CUP TEAM—TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP!

By Tammy Wang, Team Coach



The 2016 Marian Wood Baird Cup was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana, June 17-19. Representing the Southeast Michigan District this year was Alexandra Whall, Ava Thielman, Emma Worley, Ivona Gorgioski, Joanne Gao, Raven Neely, Sasha Hartje and Sophie Dixon. We also had a new assistant coach this year, Catherine Colarossi. On Day 1, despite the heat and breezy conditions, the team started off with a win in the morning beating Northeast Michigan 4-3 and then Mid-South Illinois in the afternoon 7-0. As expected, Day 2 proved to be a challenging day. Facing Ohio Valley in the morning, the team battled but narrowly lost 4-3; and in the afternoon Central Indiana proved to be tough contenders defeating Southeast Michigan 6-1. Our resilient team rebounded on Day 3 to take down Northern Illinois decisively 7-0 for a 5th place finish. Congratulations to this year's team for a strong showing and for earning this year's Team Sportsmanship Award! Catherine and I would like to thank the team for an exciting and competitive weekend and for representing the district proudly with their effort on the court and respectable behavior off the court.



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USTA National Rolls Out Junior Ratings in 2016!

The USTA has been in search of a rating program for junior players to use as a measuring tool allowing players to track their progress as they develop their games, regardless of age or gender – all with a goal of encouraging a positive experience. USTA National will incorporate the use of ratings to improve the method(s) of selection for and seeding of tournaments, facilitate the aging-up process, and assist players in finding appropriate level-based competition.

Junior Ratings are calculated using a consistent mathematical algorithm. The rating scale for junior players is shown in tenths, starting with 2.0, which is the lowest, progressing to 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, etc., until you reach 7.0, which is the highest rating. Ratings are determined from results that come from USTA-sanctioned junior tournaments, USTA Junior Team Tennis, men's/women's Opens, USTA Pro Circuit events and International Tennis Federation (ITF) events held in the U.S. After each match, the scores will be entered online in TennisLink. These results will be calculated in the dynamic NTRP computer program. Each individual match is evaluated in terms of win/loss, the closeness of the score, and the score outcome that was expected based on the ratings of the players in the match. Junior Ratings include doubles and mixed doubles in the calculation, and matches for the last 18 months are evaluated, with more recent matches weighted more heavily in the calculation.

As of now, results from 8s and 10s divisions will not be used to determine ratings. Only results from 12U or older age divisions in USTA-sanctioned tournaments and USTA Junior Team Tennis will be used to calculate a junior rating. Players 10 and under will only generate a junior rating if they play in 12U-18U divisions.

To get a rating you will first need a USTA account (www.usta.com). You must be logged in to your TennisLink account in order to search for yours or any junior rating.

How you get a Junior Rating.

1. Play a minimum of 4 matches in the last 18 months
2. Self-select your rating by comparing yourself to a friend or fellow competitor with a rating
3. Self-select your rating by comparing your play to rating descriptions*
4. Self-rate yourself by answering four simple questions on the Self-Rate Questionnaire*

*Rating descriptions are generalizations about skill levels and are simply there to guide you. You may find that you play above or below the category, depending on your competitive ability. After completing either #3 & 4 above, the system will generate a suggested rating level. You will have the opportunity to adjust that suggested rating level before saving it. If you have any questions, ask a coach or parent to help guide you through the process. The self-rate process is only available when you're registering for an event that requires ratings.

Players should rate themselves based on their overall tennis ability. If players are stronger at singles or doubles, they should base their rating on the stronger game. The rating level you choose is not meant to be permanent. Ultimately, your rating is based upon match results. Be sure to rate yourself accurately. For example, if you self-rate at 3.5 you would not be allowed to play in the Intermediate Level of the Midwest Section Track of Jr. Team Tennis.

As players with no rating ("new" players) enter the system, they begin to build their 4 matches required to generate a rating by playing matches against players who already have a rating ("established" players). When established players play against new players, only the new player obtains a rating for that match. When two new players have a match against each other, no rating is generated for either player.

Once you have a Junior Rating.

Junior ratings cannot be appealed. Once you declare an initial self-rating, you are bound by it until you generate a dynamic rating. Actual match results will determine whether a player self-rates too high or too low. In other words, ratings will eventually fix themselves based on results.

A dynamic rating is a rolling value calculated from the past 18 months of USTA Junior Team Tennis and USTA-sanctioned tournament results. It is an enhanced tennis rating system that generates player ratings at regular intervals over a period of time. Junior Ratings are calculated nightly and will be updated every two weeks for public view. The more matches a player has, the more accurate their Dynamic rating. Expected match results are based on the ratings of players in a match and the difference between these ratings. Expected match results and opponent ratings play a part in the calculations.

Defaults are not included in rating calculations. Retirements are included when at least six games were won by either player.

Adult v. Junior Ratings.

There are significant differences between adult and junior ratings, so please don't confuse the two. For adult players the rating scale is shown in .5 increments, starting with 2.0, which is the lowest, and progressing to 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, etc., until you reach 7.0, which is the highest rating. Junior ratings are updated every two weeks, whereas adult ratings are updated and published once a year (in December).

With this new Junior Rating system, the USTA joins other countries with similar junior rating systems, including England, France and Belgium, in an effort to complement and develop their junior competitive structure.

For complete information on the Junior Rating process, please visit: www.usta.com/junior_ratings.



Huron Valley continues Southeast Michigan dominance in the 12U Intermediate Division by capturing the Division Title at Midwest Jr. Team Tennis Sectionals!



MIDWEST CHAMPS!

**12U Intermediate
"Rolling Thunder"
Huron Valley Tennis Club
Coach: Naveed Iqbal**

Eligible players include: T.Bai,
S.Chandru, L.Fingar-Myers, K.Hu,
R.Jayaram, A.Raftu, J.Redmile,
I.Savickas, D.Yerrakalva

(Coach Jim Sayed, pictured)



**14U Intermediate "Storm"
Huron Valley Tennis Club
Coach: Naveed Iqbal**

Eligible players include: N.Keating, A.Kukucka,
A.Mueller, A.Rao, M.Shi, A.Storey,
H.Takemoto, V.Tremonti, A.Zhang, B.Zhang
(Coach Jim Sayed, pictured)

Finished 2nd in Flight!

**14U Advanced
"Catching Fire"
Port Huron Tennis House
Coach: Dave Brown**

Eligible players include: J.Brooks, G.Brown,
D.Distelrath, A.Gregoris, I.Murray, E.Pinnoo,
W.Szemraj, N.Tumma

Finished 1st in Flight / 7th Overall





**18U Intermediate
"St. Clair Saints"
Port Huron
Tennis House
Coach:
Tracy Stablein-Brooks**

Eligible players include:
T.J. Brooks, T. Distelrath,
A. Kennedy, R. Maben, J. Mason,
J. Pinnoo, S. Pinnoo, K. Shonk

Finished 4th in Flight

**18U Intermediate
"Devil Kats"
Liberty Athletic Club
Coach: Marty Maehr**

Eligible players include: M. Gajar, M. Goldberg,
S. Goraya, S. Gunaratham, J. Harris,
G. McLean, C. Norton, E. Roopas, K. Wolber,
A. Xie

(Coach Dan Goldberg, pictured)

Finished 2nd in Flight



**2016 Sportsmanship Raffle
GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!**

At the end of every Jr. Team Tennis match played in Southeast Michigan, teams nominate one player from the opposing team for Sportsmanship. At the conclusion of every season, all sportsmanship winners are tallied and team winners are sent a Team Sportsmanship Pin and entered into our Grand Prize Drawing. Grand Prize Winners received an invitation to a University of Michigan Commuter Tennis Camp! Congratulations to Drew Davis (Pine Lake Country Club), Ben Stevenson (The Beverly Hills Club) as well as all of our Sportsmanship Nominees that exhibit such great behavior on and off the court! A special thank you to the University of Michigan and Varsity Women's Coach Ronni Bernstein for their great support!

"The Camp was an incredible experience. I learned so much and made a lot of good friends. I look forward to going again!"

- Drew Davis



"It was really fun, all the coaches were so nice and I improved my tennis skills".

- Ben Stevenson





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New for the 2016-17 Season:

- ... USTA Jr. Membership Required
- ... 2 Hour Timed Format for Both T
- ... Play in 10U Division of either Tra
- ... Fixed Draw Sizes for District Cha

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TRACK—2 Seasons: Fall & Winter

- ... Flexible Age Eligibility Requirements (age eligibility through end of each season)
- ... No Gender Requirements for matches
- ... 3 court / 6 player Singles and Doubles Match Format*
- ... Matches every weekend starting October 22nd (10U, 12U & 14U) and November 5th (18U)
- ... \$17 per player / per match, includes food and beverage
- ... 18U Division starts after Boys High School Season and ends before Girls High School Season
- ... Advancement to District Championships in March

**10U and 12U Beginner are 2 court / 4 player Singles and Doubles Match Formats*

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- ... Adv

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10U, 12U, 14U and 18U—Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced!

Open for Both Tracks
Two Tracks for Maximized Play
Rank Counts for Youth Progression Stars
Championships to Include Flight Winners and Other Top Finishing Teams

WEST SECTION TRACK—1 Season*

Mandatory Age Eligibility through August 31, 2017
Advancement to District, Section and National Championships
Rankings used to determine division of play—3.5 JNTRP or above plays Advanced (see page 9)

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

One Season—Starts January 7th
2 boy / 2 girl Gender Requirement for matches
3 court / 6 player Singles and Doubles Match Format
\$20 per player / per match, includes food and beverage
Advancement to District Championships in March

***ADVANCED LEVEL**

... One Season—Starts November 12th
... 2 boy / 2 girl Gender Requirement for matches
... 3 court / 2 hour timed format
... Option to host Match Tournament Days
... \$20 per player/per match, no food included

Southeast Michigan Facilities* TODAY!

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Southeast Michigan Boasts Two Midwest Award Winners for their Exemplary Commitment to Tennis!



MEL KROPKO receives The Frank Dowling Award

The Frank Dowling Award recognizes a person who has displayed outstanding attributes as an umpire in the USTA/Midwest Section for at least five (5) years. Frank Dowling was an outstanding umpire and was known for his training of future umpires.

The award was presented by USTA Midwest Vice President, Joy Albi

BRIAN WILKINSON receives The Wheelchair Performance Award

The Wheelchair Performance Award recognizes a volunteer, wheelchair player, tennis professional or coach who has made outstanding contributions, and has demonstrated excellence in the sport of wheelchair tennis. This individual has shown evidence of dedication to improving, advancing and promoting wheelchair tennis in his or her USTA/Midwest Section community

Bryan (center) was presented with his award by Adam Steinberg, University of Michigan Men's Tennis Coach (left) and Gene Orlando Michigan State University Men's Tennis Coach (right).



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2016 WINTER MIXED DOUBLES RECAP

Congratulations to our Winter Mixed Doubles Champions from last May, who will advance to States or Sections this Fall.

18 & Over 6.0 Mixed Wimbledon Racquet Club Captain: Julie Henry

Back Row (l-r): Heidi Weisel, John Kelly, Leon Niewoit, Michael Mieszcak; Front Row (l-r): Andrea Szabo, Captain-Julie Henry, John Schipper

Not Pictured: Cres Ang, Robert Ang, Susan Hoffman, Kevin Huntsman, Alexander Mangabat, Gretchen Verbeke



40 & Over 7.0 Mixed Sports Club West Bloomfield Captain: Suzanne Yu

Back Row (l-r): Matt Camposano, Don McMillan, Jim Prokes, Haseeb Zafar, Ruediger Stubben; Front Row (l-r) Nona Camposano, Captain-Suzanne Yu, Tricia Zhang, Lynn Bechtel, Petra Stubben

Not Pictured: Val Andreev,



Kyoko Lovelace, Steven Millard, Dawn Peters, Joseph Robinson, Glenn Visbeck

18 & Over 8.0 Mixed Wessen Indoor Captain: Rebecca Tanguay

Back Row (l-r): Tim Harry, Kevin Friesen, Peter Fredericks, Chris Atallah, Dan Tanguay; Middle Row (l-r): Captain-Rebecca Tanguay, Heather Enright, Claire Baenen, Erin Sabo, David Atallah; Front Row (l-r): Jeff Muhn, Lora Kazanjian, Barb Friesen, Stephanie Wayne



Not Pictured: Preetham Chandrasekhar, Kathryn Fidelholtz, John Girardot, Dana Heming, Trish Keranen, Kevin Madden, Naoko McKelvey, Robert Nagle, Christopher Wiegel, Randy Winston, Cathy Woolley

Not Pictured: 40 & Over 9.0 Mixed from Chippewa Club Captain: Leigh Formicola

Players include: Leigh Formicola, Kathleen Sinicropi, Linda Grosh, Craig Capelli, Stefan Welch, Jonathan Bowdler, Kathy VanDeWege, Silvia Kleer, Chiquita Berg, Rich Chicoine, Kip Andringa, Scott Davies, Marie VanTubbergen and Jay Mitchell



Southeast Michigan's Senior Team Places Third in Lansing!

The 2016 Midwest Senior Team Championships were held May 14th-15th at the MSU campus in East Lansing. The hope of playing outdoors was quickly extinguished with the unseasonably cold temps coupled with rain and snow flurries.

For the third consecutive year, Southeast Michigan came in 3rd (with 9 of 13 Districts participating). Chicago dominated with a total of 483 games won. Central Indiana clinched 2nd place with 450 and we were 3rd with 413.

A special **CONGRATULATIONS** to our age division winners:

Men's 60s – Len Baziuk & Tim Loula! (pictured)

Thank you to Men's Captain John Ryan and Women's Captain Wanda Spencer for their recruiting efforts and to all the players who represented our Southeast Michigan District!



Southeast Michigan was represented by the following teams:

M35: Bjoern Goeke & Toni Scherl	W35: Fran Parsons & Christine Scherl
M45: Paul Kruse & Steve Wagel	W45: Piper Copeland & Heather Enright
M50: Kip Andringa & Kevin Collins	W50: Angela Bogan & Kathy Vandewege
M55: Mark Randolph & Steve Yorimoto	W55: Pam Hilbers & Mary Tavernit
M60: Len Baziuk & Tim Loula	W60: Janice Mechlowicz & Wanda Spencer
M65: Bill Barrett & John Lundquist	W65: Sherry Johnson & Noriko Mitsui
M70: Bill Bellinger, Fred Janey, Dave Petway & Ben Tasich	W70: Karen Caine & Mimi Kibbey

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Southeast Michigan has the Adult League Program for *YOU* this Fall!

Three leagues will be offered:

2016 Combo Doubles, 2016 Team Singles, and 2017 40 & Over Mixed Doubles.

Matches Begin September 23-25th

2016 Combo Doubles – 3 courts of doubles

... Levels offered: 5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5

... Women – Day League – plays on Wednesday*

... Women – Weekend League – plays on Saturday & Sunday*

... Men – Weekend League – plays on Saturday & Sunday

*Women may only play on 1 team of the same level – either a day team or a weekend team.

2016 Team Singles – 3 courts of timed singles

... Players must play at their level – no one may play up

... Matches are timed at 1.5 hours

... Women may only play on 1 team – either a day team or a weekend team

... Levels offered: 5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5

... Women – Day League – plays on Tuesday

... Women – Weekend League – plays on Saturday & Sunday

2017 40 & Over Mixed Doubles – 3 courts of mixed doubles

... Levels Offered – 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

... Players must turn 40 during the 2017 calendar year

... Matches to be played on Friday nights

... A single round robin will be played

Rating (NTRP) Information for Early-Start Mixed Leagues

... Current 2015 computer and 2016 self-rates are used to enter the league

... Players use these ratings for the entire local league season

... Teams that advance to playoffs must adjust all player ratings to the 2016 year-end ratings

... If a player rating is changed at year-end, the player can stay with the team only if there is another partner with a rating that can be legally combined to remain at or below their league level of play

**To join a team, contact your local facility
or Deb Thallman,
Southeast Michigan District Adult League Coordinator
(734) 421-1025
or email: Deb@semich-usta.com
TODAY!**



Our New Mixed Doubles Timeline kicks off this Fall offering four shortened seasons!

	SEASON 1 Fall 2016	SEASON 2 Winter 2017	SEASON 3 Spring 2017	SEASON 4 Summer 2017	6.0, 7.0, 8.0 & 9.0 Levels Offered Every Season One Round Robin of Play Every Season <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	

Stay Tuned to the next issue of the SEMTA Court Reporter for our USTA Summer League District, State & Midwest Championship results!

Thank You!

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Know the Rules!

In an unofficiated match, the players are governed by The Code. Each player should give the benefit of doubt to their opponent when making line calls. Unless you are sure a ball was out, close balls should be played as good. Call out the score before each serve. Protect your opponent from unsighted balls that roll onto the court behind them and they will do the same for you. Safety first.

Mel Kropko
Southeast Michigan Chair of Officials

The Court Reporter will feature one or more rules in every issue.



Have a Great USTA League Captain? Nominate them for a Southeast Michigan Award!

The USTA-Southeast Michigan District is seeking nominations for the Darlee Towler Memorial Award. Help us identify a special USTA League Captain – one who stands out from the rest!

Visit our website (www.semich.usta.com) to submit your nominations.
Deadline Nov. 1st!

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.

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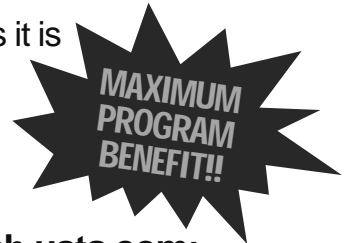
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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY & PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

With the assistance of George Lowe, Michigan Tennis Service Representative, our Community Outreach continues to grow in Southeastern Michigan!



Brighton Youth Team Tennis (2nd year) – led by Chaise Ewert-Meyer (tennis volunteer) w/ Susan Zaske (Southeast Livingston County Recreation Authority SELCRA, employee). 82 players



Clarkston Youth Team Tennis (Liza and Larry Baylis and Mary Jo Colonna of Clarkston Community Tennis Association) – Lead instructor Mary Jo Colonna and Clarkston High School Tennis players and community volunteers introduced 48 players to tennis in their 3rd year.



Chandler Park Tennis Academy (1st year, Detroit) – led by tennis volunteer Jerry Wysinger of Detroit PAL. Supported by Alex J Allen of the Chandler Park Conservancy. Courts funded by Mary Wilson and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. 15 players in their first season.



North Adams Community Tennis Association (Laura Addleman) - 30 players.



City of Morenci (Michael Sessions, Kym Ries, Allison Piercy) hosted a Tennis Play Event to introduce 25 summer camp participants to tennis at their two courts at Wakefield Park.



Scott L. King Serving Aces for Sarcoma 10U Tournament (Julie King & Baseline Tennis) – Tournament Volunteers Pictured.



Southgate Youth Team Tennis (Sol Muzher, Jacob, Shelby Roberts, Jacob Ridenour, and Ola Latala) – in partnership with Southgate Parks and Recreation. 20 players.



Palmer Park Tennis Program—Led by Leonora King, Steve Davis, Jerry Wysinger, Karen Royal, David Warren, Jay Anderson, TJ Dulac, Louis Wyre and Leslie Myricks. 95 players.



Inform Yourself Inc (Pat Wiley) – 8 players introduced to tennis at Southfield High School tennis courts in their 1st year.



Grosse Pointe Youth Team Tennis (Chip Fazio, Grosse Pointe CTA) – 25 player introduced to tennis at the tennis courts at George Elworthy Field.



Wheelchair Clinic held at the Western & Southern Open with the help of USTA Staff!



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Play starts in October. Are you in?

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