





# Get in the Game!

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"To introduce, promote & develop the game of tennis within Southeastern Michigan"

In these days of modern tennis, a player is as strong as his weakest stroke.

- Bill Tilden

## **JTT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### 10U Green Ball

1st - SCWB Soup\_ah\_stars 2nd - Huron Valley Thunderchickens

### 12U Intermediate

1st - Chippewa Piranhas 2nd - SCWB Unmatchables



### 14U Intermediate

1st - SCWB Big Shots 2nd - Pine Lake Piranhas

### 18U Intermediate

1st - SCWB E Lemon ators 2nd - Dearborn Destroyers





# 40 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

#### WINTER 40 & OVER MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

LEVEL & FLIGHT	PLAYOFF	CLUB	CAPTAIN
40'S 60 WINTER MIXED FLT 1	TO MIDWEST	LIFETIME	MICHELLE HICKS
40'S 70 WINTER MIXED FLT 2	TO STATES	LIBERTY	KUSULL KIM
40'S 80 WINTER MIXED FLT 3	TO STATES	FRANKLIN	BILL ATKINSON
40'S 90 WINTER MIXED FLT 2	TO MIDWEST	<b>FRANKLIN</b>	RITSUKO NAKANO





# ADAPTIVE TENNIS FUN DAY NEW GATEWAY CENTER

#### **SEM AND MIDWEST DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**





We knew we were going to the New Gateway Center in Waterford to bring joy to the program participants. Little did we know that we would be the recipients of that joy. SEM District staff joined adaptive tennis committee members, Florie Mojica, Efren Mojica, Marilyn Andrachick, Brian Wilkerson, and Charles McCrary for a morning of tennis at New Gateway.









# SEM STAFF & VOLUNTEERS TRAIN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB STAFF IN RED BALL TEAM CHALLENGE



# ADULT DAVIS CUP CLASH SEM TEAM-UP EVENT @ FRANKLIN RACQUET CLUB

Players from around the district were invited to come represent their favorite country. Special thanks to MW Diversity Committee members, Tim Ross and Michael Myers, for their help in promoting the event and running the tournament desk. Players enjoyed friendly competition, good food and spirits.

So, next time, grab some friends, pick a country, bring a dish, and have a great time at the ADULT DAVIS CUP CLASH!



# ARE YOU READY TO HOST A TEAM CHALLENGE?



#### WHAT

**Team Challenge** is an introduction to tennis competition offering a low-pressure team environment for children of all ages to develop their skills through level-based play, without an emphasis on instruction or results.

It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Challenge can be played with **red**, **orange or green tennis balls**.

#### WHEN

**Team Challenge** will be officially launching on Net Generation in early 2019. In the meantime, please follow the sign-up requirements listed below.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Submit a Team Challenge application
- 2. Register as a provider on NetGeneration.com
- 3. Attend a Team Challenge webinar training
- 4. Submit post-pilot survey

For questions, please contact TeamChallenge USTA.com

#### **RESOURCES:**



Team Challenge Provider Manual

(draft version)

#### Team Challenge Welcome Kit

(red ball pictured)

- •(1) Clipboard
- •(1) Set of Clothespins (to keep track of scoring)
- •(1) Roll of Net Generation Barrier Tape
- •(1) Box of Net Generation Chalk
- •(25) Player Name Tags
- •(1) Facility Banner
- •(1) Provider's Whistle
- •(1) Net Generation Hat-Our Gift to You!



#### Net Generation Player Giveaways

- •(25) Net Generation slap wristbands
- •(25) Net Generation temporary tattoos
- •(25) Net Generation bag tags



Net Generation 3-By-5-Foot Banner



Net Generation Customizable Flyer

#### **NETGENERATION.COM**



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# ARE YOU READY TO HOST A TEAM TOURNAMENT PILOT?



#### WHAT

**Team Tournament** is an innovative way for children to enjoy tennis competition in a low-pressure team environment. This experience will encourage players of all ages to gain match experience, develop their skills through level-based play, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Tournament can be played with **orange**, **green**, **or yellow tennis balls**.

#### WHEN

**Team Tournament** will be officially launching on Net Generation in 2019. Pilots will be critical to testing the product in market and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

### PILOT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Submit a Team Tournament application
- 2. Register as a provider on NetGeneration.com
- 3. Attend a Team Tournament webinar training
- 4. Submit post-pilot survey

TeamTournament@USTA.com

### **PILOT RESOURCES:**



Team Tournament Provider Manual (draft version)



Team Tournament Pilot Equipment Package

· A case of orange, green, or yellow balls.



Net Generation Player Giveaways

 Net Generation drawstring bags and water bottles



**Provider Gifts** 

 Net Generation tumbler (after pilot registration) and adidas pullover (after pilot completion)



Net Generation 3' x 5' Banner



Net Generation Customizable Flyer

# RED BALL TEAM CHALLENGE JACK & JILL - OAKLAND COUNTY AT WIMBLEDON RACQUET CLUB





# COACH DON EGLER & STEVE MAZUR BRING TENNIS TO CHILDREN AT THE DREAM CENTER OF PONTIAC





# DPSCD DETROIT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

The USTA Southeastern Michigan District once again accepted an invitation to introduce these artistically gifted high schoolers to tennis - the sport for a lifetime.

















# CLARK PARK RED BALL TEAM CHALLENGE AND FAMILY FUN DAY

The Clark Park Coalition Tennis Program offers affordable to members of the Southwest Detroit community. Each year, they host a free, family fun day to entice other members of the community to give tennis a chance. This year, SEM helped the group add a Red Ball Team Challenge to the fun.













"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." – Wayne Gretzky

# 2019 SEM FUTURES QUALIFIER MAY 17-19

#### **BOYS 10U**

1st Place - Alexander Dirlea 2nd Place - Simon Hernandez Gerulewicz

> Consi Winner - Varun Shetty Consi Finalist - Victor Marin





#### **GIRLS 10U**

1st Place - Kennedy Drenser-Hagmann 2nd Place - Ava Khalil

Consi Winner - Morgan Emerick Consi Finalist - Brynn Bilnoski





# RED BALL TEAM CHALLENGE PONTIAC RECREATION





### MIDWEST SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 24-26

Each year, SEM sends a seasoned group of tennis players to represent the district at the Midwest Senior Team Championships in East Lansing. Congratulations to Team Southeastern Michigan for a strong 4<sup>th</sup>-place team finish. Special thanks goes out to Wanda Spencer, Team Captain, for putting together this team of warriors. Special congratulations go out to Age Division Winners:

W50: S.E. MICHIGAN KRISTEN CHARLTON/ SUE KALEEL

W65: S.E. MICHIGAN SHERYL LEICHER/ JOAN MOCCIA

W75: S.E. MICHIGAN JANET REMEN / KAREN CAINE

M35: S.E. MICHIGAN ERIC PODGORNY/ DAVE ATALLAH













### **BOYS' MUTHIG SEM DISTRICT QUALIFIER MAY 31-JUNE 2**

Boys 18 Winner/Finalist

Boys 18 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Boys 16 Winner/Finalist

Boys 16 3rd/4th Place







Boys 14 Winner/Finalist

Boys 14 3rd/4th Place

Boys 12 Finalist/Winner

Boys 12 4th/3rd Place







12s

1st Place - Pierce Shava 2nd Place - Jonah Chernett 3rd Place - Andrew Vincler 4th Place - Caden Che

**Quota Earners** Anderson, Chadwick Blackwell, Derek Hernandez Gerulewicz, Simon Liss.Michael Morikawa, Gakuto Rosett, Abe Sankaran Rajendra, Kabir

14s

Xu.Victor

1st Place - Owen DeMuth 2nd Place - Rishi Verma 3rd Place - Clayton Anderson 4th Place - Daniel Stojanov

Quota Earners Attaluri.Abhinay Gordinier, Matthew Kim, Corwin Kovan, Nolen Kumar, Sachiv Moriarty, Dimitri Pinnoo,lan Sankaran Rajendra, Chakor 16s

1st Place - Nicholas Herdoiza 2nd Place - Matthew Freeman 3rd Place - Derek Distelrath 4th Place - Noah Roslin

Quota Earners Alousi, Adnan Etterbeek, Jeffrey Fasczewski, Noah Geldiyev, Iskender Oral, Mert Pollak, Alex Prew, Douglas Zakarian, Vanik

1st Place - Jacob Bickersteth 2nd Place - Luke Baylis 3rd Place - Jarreau Campbell 4th Place - Brennan Cimpeanu

Quota Earners Brown, Gabe Deenadayalu, Sahil Klak, Nicholas Meluta, Vlad Paduraru, Andrei Piana, Frank Pinnoo, Eli Pluszczyk, David





# GIRLS' MUTHIG SEM DISTRICT QUALIFIER JUNE 7-9





12s 1st Place - Gabriella Sadowski 2nd Place - Marie Antoinette Thomas 3rd Place - Thara Gowda 4th Place - Julia Gurne

Quota Earners
Ajao,Daniella
Barretto,Isabella
Drenser-Hagmann,Kennedy
Fu,Nicole
Georgieva,Denitza
Osborne,Sienna
Rossow,Amolia
Sura,Esther

14s 1st Place - Katie Rolls 2nd Place - Kavitha Gowda 3rd Place - Jenna Redmile 4th Place - Sari Woo

Quota Earners Chenfang, Hayley Goldstein, Mia Kelly, Bridgette Krygier, Hadley Luna, Nicole Raftu, Annamaria Smith, Avlyn Van Wieren, Elsie 16s 1st Place - Maya Joint 2nd Place - Angie Zhou 3rd Place - Reese Miller 4th Place - Andrea Teofilovic

Quota Earners Gryzenia,Gaby Gryzenia,Sofia Hix,Moira Liu,Alicen McNalley,Moorea Patel,Sullivan Sokolowski,Calli Sullivan,Madeline

1st Place - Julia Fliegner 2nd Place - Jessica Braun 3rd Place - Elisabeth Jones 4th Place - Olivia Weiss

Quota Earners Etterbeek, Elizabeth McConnell, Allison Murray, Isabella Raman, Vindhya Szewczuk, Agata Zampardo, Maddy Zampardo, Melanie





## SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN CUP TEAMS TAKE ON OTHER MIDWEST DISTRICT RIVALS JUNE 14-16

Young, promising players from the Southeastern Michigan District travel to nearby campuses for battle. In mid June, they vied for various Midwest Level 2 Cups. This experience provided them with lasting memories and lasting friendships. Some of our most talented coaches took on the task of leading some of our finest juniors through a weekend of intense competition and team building.





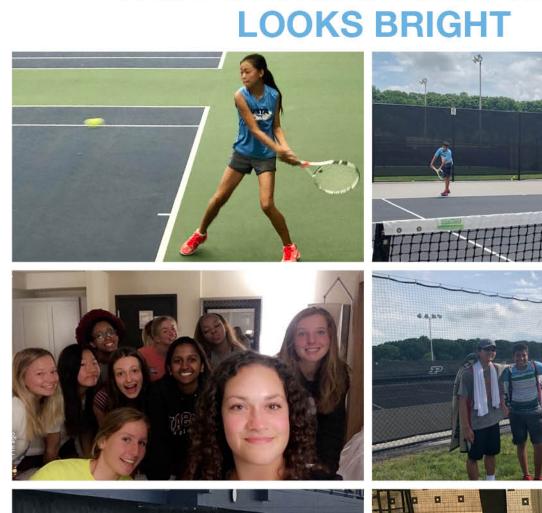








# THE FUTURE OF SEM TENNIS LOOKS BRIGHT















## **Community Education & Recreation**

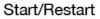
### Where Community Comes Together

Over in the western portion of our district, Ann Arbor Rec & Ed is making things happen. They have tennis programs and events for all ages and all levels.

And, they don't rest on their laurels. Whenever USTA National introduces new programs, AAR&E goes into motion to make sure that their constituents get the first opportunity to take advantage of new advancements. To find out more about the vastness of AAR&E's offerings, go to their website at https://www.a2schools.org/Page/4384. Their calendar is also included in the USTA-SEMICH Master Events Calendar at http://www.semich.usta.com/About\_Us/ustasoutheastern\_michigan\_calendar/









Boys' Orange Ball



Sets in the City



Indiana Playoffs Girls Doubles

### **MAY TEAM-OF-THE-MONTH**



FRANKLIN ATHLETIC CLUB 18 & OVER, 3.0 NIGHT WOMEN - PLAINE

**Left to Right** Jessica Brandt, Rebecca Plaine, Patricia Matthews, Donna Kitchen, Judi Coursen, Soniya Cherian

Not Pictured Jill Gough, Michelle Keilen, Theresa Farley, Susan Joslin, Meeta Mohindra, Ranya Agha, Heidi Malin

### JUNE TEAM-OF-THE-MONTH



BLOOMFIELD OPEN HUNT CLUB 18 & OVER 8.0 MIXED DOUBLES - TANGUAY

Front Row, Left to Right Amy Gonte, Rebecca Tanguay, Claire Baenen, Jocelyn Smith, Barb Friesen

Back Row, Left to Right Tim Harry, Randy Winston, Dan Tanguay, Jay Dalal, Rob Nagle, Sid Tan, Kevin Friesen

Not Pictured Lora Kazanjian, Erin Robinson, Jennifer Nykerk, Steve Nykerk, Peter Fredericks, Katie Kennedy, Preetham Chandrasekhar



# 2019 MIDWEST CLOSED JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS SE MICHIGAN CONGRATULATIONS

Julia Fliegner G18s Winner
Julia Fliegner G18d Winner (w Ellie Pittman (Central Indiana))

Jacob Bickerseth B18s Winner

Luke Baylis B18s 3rd Place

Angie Zhou G16d Finalist (w Sydney Morris (Central Indiana))

Mia Goldstein G14d Winner (w Nicole Hu (Chicago))

Gabriella Sadowski G12d Winner (w Lucia Fuduric (NW Ohio))
Thara Gowda G12d Finalist (w Anna Bennett (NW Ohio))

MIA GOLDSTEIN
FROM ANN ARBOR
ALONG WITH
NICOLE HU FROM
CHICAGO WON THE
LEVEL 1 MIDWEST
CLOSED
GIRLS 14 DOUBLES



#### UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019,

KIDS 10 AND UNDER, NEW TO THE USTA, CAN RECEIVE A FREE 1-YEAR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – A \$20 VALUE!

With tennis sized right for age and ability, it's easy to get kids in the game and having fun right from the start.

See reverse side for more information on USTA Membership benefits.



#### TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LIMITED-TIME OFFER:

- Visit www.tryusta.com/juniorfree
- Call 1-800-990-8782

Signature of Parent or Guardian (required)

Or complete this form and mail to address below

Must use source code FYFE for this offer

Offer Expires: December 31, 2019

New Member						
(Please Print)						
CHILD'S NAME						
(Last)		(F	irst)			(Middle Initial)
PARENT'S NAME						
(Last)		(F	irst)			(Middle Initial)
PARENT'S ADDRESS						
CITY		STATE		ZII	o e	
PARENT'S TELEPHONE (	)					
EMAIL OF PARENT/GUARDI	AN					
CHILD'S EMAIL (if applicable	)					
	E OF BIRTH	MM	/	DD	1	YYYY
PARENT'S DATE OF BIRTH (required)	MM /	DD	1	YYYY	25	3-1-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-
Please check here if you are	a wheelcha	air player.				
Ethnicity (optional)						

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND TERM:

Junior 1-Year, INTRO OFFER (a \$20 value)

To place your order by mail, send completed form to:

United States Tennis Association Incorporated
Department 643719
PO Box 643719
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3767

OFFER EXPIRES: December 31, 2019



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FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY. Limited time offer valid from 12:01 ET 4/15/11 through 11:59 p.m. ET 12/31/19 (the "Offer Period"). Offer open to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and D.C. Individuals must be aged ten (10) or under at time of enrollment to qualify. Individuals (and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s)) must agree to adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the USTA (available on www.usta.com).

Allow 4-6 weeks for membership to become active. Regular price for one-year junior membership: \$2.0. Terms of membership and benefits subject to change in the USTA's sole discretion. USTA Membership is not transferable. "Additional fees may apply for tournament and league participation. Please contact USTA.ustomersupport@usta.com with questions. Visit www.usta.com/terms for membership terms and conditions. Offer sponsored by United States Tennis Association Incorporated, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604. © 2018 United States Tennis Association Incorporated, all rights reserved.

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# CHELSEA'S OWN MISHA MOORE FEATURED ON NATIONAL WEBSITE



In 2018, the USTA launched the NTRP National Championships, a national adult tournament that leverages the NTRP rating system as a way to create level-based competition. USTA.com is highlighting the players from the 2019 tournament who made the event extra special.

In the latest NTRP Spotlight, we catch up with USTA member Misha Moore, who, at age 40, rekindled her love of tennis and went on to spread the passion to her family and community. Here's her story.

At 40 years old, Chelsea, Mich., resident Misha Moore (pictured above, right) was looking for both a physical and mental challenge.

"I started looking around, and all my friends the same age were starting to do triathalons, and I couldn't imagine anything more horrible," Moore said. "It just felt like work."

Around the same time in 2010, a friend of Moore's invited her to a drop-in tennis clinic. Moore had played in high school and sporadically in subsequent years, but she didn't find herself on the court too often.

That all changed, however, at the tennis clinic. Thanks to a welcoming instructor and environment, Moore was "hooked."

She began to go to the drop-in clinic regularly, meeting new people and sharpening her game. She was soon invited to play on a women's 2.5 team, and the first team that she joined made it all the way to the USTA League National Championships. Tennis had become a permanent place in Moore's life.

Moore began to compete regularly on USTA League teams, ascending to a 3.5 NTRP rating level, and she now plays on five League teams.

Read the entire story on the USTA National website at https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/national/ntrp-spot-light--misha-moore.html

# LOCAL TENNIS PLAYER MEETS SUCCESS AGAINST GREAT ODDS

Story written by Kelly Rose

I'm not sure if you're aware of Mickey Schmidt of Monroe. He was seeded #4 in the Atlanta Seniors Invitational in early May. He was the #2 seed in Indy last week and won it all. He's the #1 seed in WV this weekend. The two are practice partners. You'll find them on the clay at Grosse Ile Country Club or at Toledo Tennis Club. I'm the Tournament Director of the Wheeling event. I'll try to get a pic of both with their trophies if all goes well and send it your way. Usually Mats Ljungman of Ann Arbor plays those tournaments, too, but he is not in the draw this time around. SEMTA is represented well on the national senior circuit!



### **COMBO DOUBLES PLAYOFF RESULTS**

Congratulations to our SE Michigan District Combo Champions! Matches were played January 5-6, 2019 at Deer Lake Athletic Club. Some teams advanced through a State Championship, while other advanced directly to the Midwest Championships, March 15-17 in Ft. Wayne.

A special Congratulations to our Midwest Champion 6.5 Men's Team!

#### Results are listed below:

6.5 Men	Sports Club of West Bloor	mfield Captain Rama Kapilavai - Midwest Champions!	
7.5 Men	Beverly Hills Club	Captain Chris Porter – Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Midwest	
8.5 Men	Beverly Hills Club	Captain Miles Uhlar - Finished 3rd at Midwest	
5.5 Women	Troy Racquet Club	Captain Helen Li – Finished 4th at Midwest	
6.5 Women	Sports Club of Novi	Captain Jeanette Poploskie – Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> at Midwest	
7.5 Women	Liberty Athletic Club	Captain Jennifer Sauld - Finished 3rd at Midwest	
8.5 Women	Monroe Y	Captain Jen Sanderson - Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> at States	

# 2019 MEMBER RECOGNITION USTA SE MICHIGAN



# Nominate a Captain, Teammate or Opponent who deserves recognition for excellent leadership and sportsmanship.



SE MICH Captain-of-the-Year - The district will use the following criteria and consideration to select the winner

- 1. Number of USTA teams captained in 2018-19
- 2. Number of teams participated in 2018-19 (not captain)
- Average of number of players on team(s) managed by captain
- Number of courts defaulted and/or number of team match forfeits
- 5. Amount of playing time per player on team(s)
- How many players from team managed by captain last year played on same team this year
- Playoff success of team(s) flight, state, sectionals, nationals

SE MICH Player-of-the-Year - The district will use the following criteria and consideration to select the winner

- Number of teams participated in 2018-19 (not captain)
- 2. Overall sportsmanship on and off the court
- 3. USTA and non-USTA volunteer positions
- 4. Positive remarks from teammates or captain

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MIDWEST

## THANK YOU FOR BEING **PART OF USTA LEAGUE!**



## USTA/Southeastern Michigan TEAM APPRECIATION MONTHLY DRAWING

SEMICH District Staff will provide complimentary refreshments for one home match to the team that receives the most votes within a given month.



Any USTA League Participant may vote for only one team per month. Teams are eligible to win only once per season.

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In honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, we want to recognize and thank all of our USTA League Players. Because of you, USTA League is the largest adult tennis league in the country!

Take a photo and share why you love USTA League and how it keeps you healthy! Post it on social media using #ustaleague and receive a pair of USTA sunglasses.

# 2019 Hoxie Award nominations must be submitted by October 20, 2019



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