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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Southeast Michigan's Nationally Bound Teams!

18 & Over 3.5 Men
from Peachtree Tennis Club
Tucson—Oct. 25-27th



Back Row (l-r): David Schroudt, Gordon Rumschlag, Jacob Rumschlag, Chris Schroudt, Matthew Albo; Front Row (l-r): Marc Albo, Tyler Bogdanski, Derrik Germain

Not Pictured: Captain Mike Pearson, Jesse DePauw, Chris Layson, Troy Pozolo

18 & Over 4.0 Men
from Peachtree Tennis Club
Tucson—Oct. 11-13th



Back Row (l-r): Bill Hackett, Drake Jarmon, Joey Donaldson, Ryan Carlson, Eric Flewelling; Front Row (l-r): Steve Demps, Captain Ken Demps, Tom Bond, Joe Pantaleo

Not Pictured: Mike Ackerman, Tom Hohn, Mike Marone, Adrian Paich, Chris Selva

18 & Over 2.5 Mixed
from Eastside Tennis & Fitness
Tucson—Nov. 15-17th



Back Row (l-r): Mike Mieszczak, Captain Julie Henry; Front Row (l-r): Gordon Hawkins, Lisa Roddis, John Kelly, Heidi Weisel, John Schipper

Not Pictured: Caroline Marks, Jessica Parrish

14 & Under Intermediate "Servers"
from The Chippewa Club
South Carolina—Oct. 17-20th



Eligible Players Include: Charlie Butz, Julia Friedman, Matthew Kelley, Sophia Kronick, Tara Shetty, Veer Shetty, Tyler Stachler, Samuel Talsma, Vidhya Rajaprabhakaran. Coach: Anju Caldwell

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: The Clark Park Coalition

Clark Park, a 30-acre long-forgotten jewel, is located in the City of Detroit - specifically Southwest Detroit which is also known as "Mexicantown." Clark Park was staffed by the Detroit Recreation Department until 1991 when it was closed due to the City's financial crisis. Concerned citizens succeeded in forming a non-profit to partner with the city of Detroit's Recreation Department, resulting in a successful public-private collaboration.

While other Detroit recreational centers have struggled or closed, this grassroots, non-profit coalition has grown—offering positive activities for nearly one thousand neighborhood youth each year.

The Clark Park Coalition now hosts one of the nation's only free inner-city hockey programs, as well as quality soccer, baseball, softball and tennis activities, in addition to providing summer and after-school youth programming.

Local and suburban schools volunteered to run the tennis program which served 157 youth last summer. Donations will provide for much needed tennis equipment, court maintenance and repair. *A special thank you to Cranbrook School volunteers who have been instrumental in running the summer program and to Lahser HS Girls JV Tennis team (with the help of Tennis & Golf Co.) for assisting with racquet donations.*

The Clark Park Hispanic Community is dedicated to keeping their youth active, educated and off the streets.



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The Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation kicked off its "MY Gift to Kids' Tennis" fundraiser Oct 1. Outstanding youth tennis programs throughout the USTA/Midwest Section are highlighted, with extra funds given to the most supported local program.

Join Southeast Michigan in donating to the Clark Park Coalition Tennis Program in Southwest Detroit!

Visit www.midwest.usta.com/my_gift_southeastern_michigan/

Hurry! GIVE Before Oct. 31st!

Scott King Aces for Sarcoma 2013 Summer Tournament— One of the Largest 10 & Under Events in the Country!

With over 146 entrants, the Scott King Aces for Sarcoma Tennis Tournament draws players from all over Michigan as well as neighboring states and countries for a worthy cause! The tournament offers both a novice division for 8s & 10s as well as an extra challenger division for the higher level 10s. Expanding to two locations in 2013 (Birmingham & Ann Arbor), the Aces for Sarcoma tournament continues to attract new 10 & Unders to competitive play.



The King family has been a huge supporter of tennis in Southeastern Michigan and uses this tournament not only to support tennis and the USTA, but raise awareness and funds to help find a cure for this deadly disease. If you would like to donate, visit: www.servingacesforsarcoma.com today.





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Are you in?





Southeast Michigan Crowns TWO Midwest Champions at the 2013 Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships!

Capturing the Midwest title for the 3rd consecutive year, are the 12 Int. Snapping Turtles from Liberty Athletic Club. Midwest Champs, the 14 Int. Chippewa Servers, are heading to National Championships in South Carolina at press time to compete against the best of their division rivals across the country.

Congratulations to the following teams who made the trek with parents and coaches to the Midwest Sectional Jr. Team Tennis Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana the weekend of August 2-4th:



18 & U Advanced Port Huron Rebels

Finished 4th Overall

Eligible players include: Christopher Adams, Franklin Brozovich, Lizzie Brozovich, Rae Brozovich, Matthew Laird, Abigail Shonk, Alexa Sweeney and John Vanderheuel. Coached by Steve Pillon



18 & U Intermediate Lochmoor Lemurs

Finished 2nd in Flight

Eligible players include: Victoria Chochla, Gerard Dulac, Antoni Dulac, Victor Flynn, Kayla Gallant, Douglas Kubek, Tyler Scoggin, Maxwell Stallings, Paul VanWallegghem and Elanore Walker. Coached by Kathy Flynn



18 & U Intermediate Liberty Mountain Wolves

Finished 3rd Overall

Eligible players include: Clara Farrehi, Caleb Gagnon, Samuel Gough, Zachary LeBlanc, Neil McLean, Danielle Mitroi, Nicholas Sandhu, Margaret Sheets and Anjali Sood. Coached by Peter Puzstai



MIDWEST CHAMPIONS! 14 & U Intermediate Chippewa Servers

Eligible players include: Charlie Butz, Julia Friedman, Matthew Kelley, Sophia Kronick, Vidhya Rajaprabakaran, Tara Shetty, Veer Shetty, Tyler Stachler and Samuel Talsma. Coached by Anju Caldwell



14 & U Intermediate Liberty Tiger Sharks

Finished 4th Overall

Eligible players include: Anna Dang, Kara Dickinson, Henry Fuchs, Mitchell Gajar, Jean-Luc Gagnon, Emily Hwang, Grant McLean, Emily Roopas and Andy Xie. Coached by Paul Ripley





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10 & U Advanced West Bloomfield Rising Stars

Finished 3rd in Flight

Eligible players include: Ananya Krishnan, Atsushi Yoshida,
Daniel Stojanov, Edward Nagel, Emma Roeck,
Jonathon Holland, Sophia MacKinnon.
Coached by Marimar Alonso



14 & U Advanced Port Huron Catching Fire

Finished 3rd in Flight

Eligible players include: Brooke Austin, John Betrus, Claire Brooks, Gabe Brown,
Andrew Davies, Nishaan Makim, Sabella Murray, Seth Pinnoo, Grace Whitney.
Coached by Dave Brown



MIDWEST CHAMPIONS for the 3rd Year in a Row! 12 & U Intermediate Liberty Snapping Turtles

Eligible players include: Riley Dickinson, Oliver Fuchs, Thomas Halloran,
Margaret Goldberg, Anvit Rao, Ian Sood, Jarrett Sung, Jennifer Wolf and Isabel Yi.
Coached by Marty Maehr

Jr. Team Tennis 2013 Sportsmanship Raffle Winners!



MORGAN WALKER Franklin Athletic Club

"U of M tennis camp was a great experience. I met new people and I learned new skills. The coaches were supportive and fun."



SAMIR RAJANI Sports Club Novi

"I was happy to participate in Team Tennis. I got to meet a lot of great players and friendly kids."



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 end 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 and secondary prize winners received a 2013 US Open Racquet Bag! Congratulations to:

US Open Racquet Bag Winners:

IAN SOOD
Liberty Athletic Club
ALEXANDER KRET
Dearborn Racquet & Health Club
SARAH HARRIS
Grosse Ile Tennis Center
RACHEL PARKER
Life Time Fitness - Rochester





Strong Finishes by the Southeast Michigan Midwest Cup Teams **Topped Off with Our Boys' 18s Team Capturing the Midwest Cup!**

The Boys' 18 & Under Southeast Michigan Cup team started its 2013 campaign with two 7-0 wins over Mid-South Illinois and Northern Indiana. Day two began with a



difficult showdown against #4 seed Central Indiana. Central Indiana started strong, taking the doubles point and the first singles match, claiming a 2-0 lead. Our Southeast Michigan team responded with a win at #3 singles by Max Fliegner. After a loss at #5 singles, we found ourselves down 1-3. Eddie Covalschi and Jack Petersen played two strong matches to tie the match at 3-all. The deciding match at #4 singles found Brett Forman down 0-4 **in the final set, only to mount a comeback to defeat last year's champion!**



Day three started with another 7-0 win over Northeast Michigan to put us in the finals against #2 seed Chicago. The final was another epic battle between two high caliber teams. Finally, after more than four hours, Southeast Michigan prevailed 6-1 to take the Cup! Congrats to the entire team (Edward Covalschi, Jack Murray, Max Fliegner, Brett Forman, Michael Dube, Jack Petersen, Nicholas Fiaschetti, Richard Zhang, Alexander Kim and Tucker Massie) for not only winning the cup—but for conducting themselves as great sportsmen as well. Go SEMTA!!

Southeast Michigan Boys 18s Team Members pose with the Midwest Cup!

*Christopher Shaya, Coach
(Paco Trinidad, Assist. Coach)*

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY for JUNIORS!

Do you need Community Service Hours? Would you like to spend them doing something you love by helping young players learn the game?

The Southeast Michigan District needs older, experienced players to help with 10 & Under Tournaments on weekends starting in January. Contact us for details!

Contact the District Office at (734) 421-1025 (email: tennis@semich-usta.com)





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Girls' 18s Marian Wood Baird Cup Finishes 3rd!



The 2013 Marian Wood Baird Cup (formerly known as Junior Wightman Cup) was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, June 14-16. Our team was represented by **Alexandra D'Ascenzo, Colleen O'Brien, Mollie Fox, Davina Nguyen, Adorabol Huckleby, Aerielle Pendleton, Alexandria Najarian, and Andreea Mitache (Lexi Baylis, injured).** This year's team was the seeded #4. As expected, our team made it

to the semifinals and had to face the #1 seed, Ohio Valley. We lost, but not without giving Ohio Valley the **best fight they'd faced in the tournament.** After a grueling set of matches, our girls went on to win the tie for third and fourth place against Western Michigan. Our young ladies were an outstanding group of competitors. **Good luck to Alex D'Ascenzo, Andreea Mitache and Aerielle Pendleton in their college endeavors.** Assistant coach Tammy Wang and I want to thank the girls for another fun, exciting and successful Marian Wood Baird Cup event!

Marimar Alonso, Coach

High Performance Girls' Camp Made Possible by Marian Wood Baird and her Dedication to Female Tennis Achievement!

Marian Wood Baird was an exceptional tennis player. She competed in the U.S. National Championships (now known as the US Open) when she was 18, and held a #2 National Ranking well into her 70s. A dedicated USTA volunteer for over 50 years, Mrs. Baird was the first female president of the USTA Midwest Section and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994. Her children and grandchildren established a Scholarship in her honor with the USTA Tennis and Education Foundation in 2005 in order to make tennis (and the USTA) more available to underprivileged players.



Marian Wood Baird

The Midwest Section named the Girls 18s Cup in Mrs. Baird's honor, offering a \$1,000 Achievement Award to a high school senior player based on leadership skills, education/excellence in the classroom and tennis accomplishments on the court. In 2012, that Award was presented to team member Kasey Gardiner. Since Kasey had already received a scholarship to play college tennis, the award money was given to our District to create a one-day High Performance Development Camp for Girls 16-18 years of age.

In early May, twenty-one of our top girls were treated to luncheon and four hours of on-court instruction from our Marian Wood Baird Cup Coaches, Marimar Alonso and Tammy Wang. A player gift was also provided.

Thank you to Kasey Gardiner for this wonderful opportunity for our female players!





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Southeast Michigan's Co-ed 14s Team Finishes 3rd!

The Southeast Michigan 14s Cup Team had a strong showing during the 2013 Midwest event held at Purdue University in June; not dropping one match during the first two rounds of play. Continuing to play strong on day two, our Southeast Michigan team defeated a tough Northeastern Ohio team 6-3 before being tested later that day by Ohio Valley. On day three, Southeast Michigan lost to the eventual Champion, Central Indiana. We played tough, but it was clear that it was Central Indiana's day. In the 3/4 playoff, Southeast Michigan played Wisconsin in a grueling, intense match that included three 3rd set tiebreakers (one of them, a come-from-behind win by Olivia Chang that was SO BIG!) and finally winning 7-2.

In the end, our District's team had a solid showing and took 3rd place. The team played well and included: Denali Kitayama, Ian Yi, David Gandham, Alex Matisse, Sasha Hartje, Ava Thielman, Esperanza Clem, and Olivia Chang. Overall, Southeast Michigan won 39 matches and lost 15, and as a team finished 5-1.



I couldn't have asked to coach a better group of kids and am grateful for very supportive parents. I would like to thank everyone for a fun weekend of great competitive spirit and good sportsmanship.

Nick Petrick, Coach

Southeast Michigan's Co-ed 12s Team Finishes 2nd!



The Southeast Michigan team was the #3 seed at the 12s Cup event held in Greenwood, Indiana last June. Our team played well, beating the #2 seed Chicago team 5-4 in the semis. We were down triple match point until Julian Hyman and Joe Stafford came back to win the boys doubles match in a tiebreak.

In the Championship match, we were defeated by Ohio Valley 8-1. Our only win came off the racquet of Elle Hartje in the girls singles, who **became our team's Most Valuable Player**; never dropping a match during the event.

Congratulations to Katie Sesi for winning individual sportsmanship and the entire Southeast Michigan Team, including: Julian Hyman, Joseph Stafford, Constantin Hemmrich, Joshua Li, Katie Sesi, Maya Solomon, Jessica Braun, and Elle Hartje.

Dave Brown, Coach





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2013 Southeast Michigan's Junior Champions!

Congratulations to the following 1st through 4th place finishers in the Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. Qualifier—our District Championship for Juniors—and Qualifier for the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships. Thank you to all participants, parents and volunteers who continue to support the U.S. Tennis Association in and beyond Southeast Michigan!

BOYS' 18s

Champion: Max Fliegner (*right*)
Finalist: Brett Forman (*left*)



3rd Place:
Michael Dube (*left*)
4th Place:
Ivan Rakic (*right*)

GIRLS' 18s

Champion: Alexandria Najarian (*left*)
Finalist: **Alexandra D'Ascenzo** (*right*)



3rd Place:
Mollie Fox (*right*)
4th Place:
Bianca Moldovan (*left*)

BOYS' 16s

Champion: Connor Johnston (*right*)
Finalist: Tim Wang (*left*)



3rd Place:
Kevin Rothstein (*left*)
4th Place:
Franklin Brozovich

GIRLS' 16s

Champion: Marybeth Hurley (*right*)
Finalist: Dominique Vasile (*left*)



3rd Place:
Sophia Abelson (*right*)
4th Place:
Halle Hyman (*left*)





BOYS' 14s

Champion: Josh Mukherjee (*right*)
Finalist: Denali Kitayama (*left*)



3rd Place:
Oliver Li (*left*)

4th Place:
Christopher Adams (*right*)

GIRLS' 14s

Champion: Ava Thielman (*left*)
Finalist: Sasha Hartje (*right*)



3rd Place:
Raven Neely (*left*)

4th Place:
Monique Karoub (*right*)

BOYS' 12s

Champion: Julian Hyman (*left*)
Finalist: Joshua Li (*right*)



3rd Place:
Joseph Stafford
(*right*)

4th Place:
Gabriel Liss (*left*)

GIRLS' 12s

Champion: Tia Mukherjee (*right*)
Finalist: Anika Yarlaga (*left*)



3rd Place:
Maya Solomon (*left*)

4th Place:
Elle Hartje (*right*)





Southeast Michigan Junior Players Endorsed into the Midwest Closed Championships

The number of Quota Spots (endorsed players gaining direct entry) into the Midwest Closed is derived from the USTA Membership population for each District with a maximum number of 16 (Southeast Michigan currently has 13). See the next page for Southeast Michigan player finishes (quarterfinalists and up) in the Midwest Closed Championships. For complete results, see TennisLink (tournaments) at www.usta.com.

GIRLS 12s

- 1 Mukherjee, Tia
- 2 Yarlagadda, Anika
- 3 Solomon, Maya
- 4 Hartje, Elle
- 5 Braun, Jessica
- 6 Gandham, Miriam
- 7 Miller, Karina
- 8 Muhammad, Jala
- 9 Pietrowicz, Maja
- 10 Sesi, Katie
- 11 Solomon, Brooke
- 12 Weiss, Olivia
- 13 Wolber, Katie

ALTERNATES:

- Opalewski, Lauren
Griffith, Alexa
Ang, Sara
Barrett, Taylor
McConnell, Allison
Narens, Madison
Toussaint, Nicole
Bonnell, Geraldine
Kouzmanov, Isabelle
Ware, Sarai
Mnatsakanov, Elan
Murray, Isabella
Teofilovic, Andrea
Gerard, Sara
Sable, Emma
Silverman, Jenna
Mady, Victoria
Zhou, Angie
Nardicchio, Alexis
Cheung, Leila

GIRLS 14s

- 1 Thielman, Ava
- 2 Hartje, Sasha
- 3 Neely, Raven
- 4 Karoub, Monique
- 5 Brooks, Claire
- 6 Chang, Olivia
- 7 Clem, Esperanza
- 8 Courtright, Caroline
- 9 Gao, Joanne
- 10 Gorgioski, Ivona
- 11 Fozo, Madison
- 12 Kumar, Shanoli
- 13 Strome, Melissa

ALTERNATES:

- Flournoy, Madeleine
Fox, Madelyn
Moreno, Hannah
McLaughlin, Taylor
Gassman, Kendall
Cao, Kate
Vandenbrink, Catherine
Rogosch, Kaitlyn
Ghita, Bianca
O'Leary, Colleen
Kukucka, Katia
Allen, Caroline

GIRLS 16s

- 1 Hurley, Marybeth
- 2 Vasile, Dominique
- 3 Abelson, Sophia
- 4 Hyman, Halle
- 5 Brown, Eliza
- 6 Cimpeanu, Hannah
- 7 King, Sydney
- 8 Markley, Claire
- 9 Motea, Allison
- 10 Nash, Jeannie
- 11 Reichenbach, Rachael
- 12 Selenica, Marina
- 13 Spindler, Isabella

ALTERNATES:

- Whall, Alexandra
Worley, Emma
Mullins, Haley
Dunleavy, Kathryn
Perry, Samantha
Dietz, Emma
Basha, Francesca
Stencel, Kayla
Gurvich, Katrin
Flournoy, Morgane
Lunghamer, Breann

GIRLS 18s

- 1 Najarian, Alexandria
- 2 D'Ascenzo, Alexandra
- 3 Fox, Mollie
- 4 Moldovan, Bianca
- 5 Baylis, Lexi
- 6 Brozovich, Lizzie
- 7 Hu, Kerry
- 8 Huber, Tiffany
- 9 Huckleby, Adorabol
- 10 Jordan, Christina
- 11 Nguyen, Davina
- 12 Petrovska, Labina
- 13 Shonk, Abigail

ALTERNATES:

- O'Brien, Colleen
Olsen, Dana
Zheng, Isabel
Benda, Nancy
Olsen, Paige
Moccia, Aimee
Karoub, Winifred
Apaza, Elaine
Goree, Carmella
Willard, Brooke

BOYS 12s

- 1 Hyman, Julian
- 2 Li, Joshua
- 3 Stafford, Joseph
- 4 Liss, Gabriel
- 5 Bickersteth, Jacob
- 6 Burman, Cade
- 7 Burman, Sebastian
- 8 Cimpeanu, Brennan
- 9 Deenadayalu, Sahil

- 10 Mettler, Alexander
- 11 Paduraru, Andrei
- 12 Tracy, JJ
- 13 Zhang, Andrew

ALTERNATES:

- Meluta, Vlad
Baylis, Luke
Croskey, Joseph
Brown, Gabe
Etterbeek, Jeffrey
Klak, Nicholas
MacKinnon, Alexander
Song, Michael
Deenadayalu, Nikhil
Fuchs, Oliver
Cho, Hyunwoo
Cooksey, William
Luo, Justin
Plana, Frank
Dudley, Tafari
Williams, Phoenix
Kim, Aiden

BOYS 14s

- 1 Mukherjee, Josh
- 2 Kitayama, Denali
- 3 Yi, Ian
- 4 Adams, Christopher
- 5 Gandham, David
- 6 Jacobson, Benji
- 7 Li, Oliver
- 8 Matisse, Alex
- 9 Nettles, Jibril
- 10 Nguyen, Donovan
- 11 Palmer-Hawkins, Colin
- 12 Wen, Alex
- 13 Winkler, Jack

ALTERNATES:

- Pero, Anthony
Ilitch, Christian
Mueller, Kobie
Lu, Jordan
Kagithala, Sai
Willard, Patrick
Reed, Patrick
Kenyatte, Kweisi
Forman, Steven
Decker, Matthew
Chen, Gilbert
Fuchs, Henry
Goraya, Sayhaan
Goraya, Sayhaan
Marinescu, John
Gandhewar, Vedant
Yang, David
Chakraborty, Vikramjit
Sandler, Chris

BOYS 16s

- 1 Johnston, Connor
- 2 Wang, Timothy
- 3 Rothstein, Kevin
- 4 Brozovich, Franklin
- 5 Hyman, Justin

- 6 Kondapi, Koushik
- 7 Karoub, Noah
- 8 Kerst, Jason
- 9 Martin-Dyer, Jack
- 10 Mertz, Griffin
- 11 Paolucci, Nicholas
- 12 Reddy, Vinai
- 13 Williams, Colin

ALTERNATES:

- Liu, Andre
Peery, Chase
Anderson, Maxx
Sable, Marc
Gupta, Rahul
Faber, Michael
Wong, Davis
Vaishnav, Rohan
Potter, Jason
Ang, Nicholas
Haselwanter, Alexis
Martin, Jonathan
Ingles, Luke
Burstin, Blake
Kretchmer, Noah
Ciraci, John
Stuart, Ian
Lillie, Matthew
Bondin, Michael
Eilender, Daniel

BOYS 18s

- 1 Fliegner, Max
 - 2 Forman, Brett
 - 3 Dube, Michael
 - 4 Rakic, Ivan
 - 5 Fiaschetti, Nicholas
 - 6 Kim, Alexander
 - 7 Massie, Tucker
 - 8 Murray, Jack
 - 9 Patel, Rishi
 - 10 Peery, Gunnar
 - 11 Petersen, Jack
 - 12 Shanbrom, Max
 - 13 Zhang, Richard
- Alternates
Reed, Stephen
Colarossi, Vincent
Mertz, Michael
Wenzel, Mason
Slovsky, Brendan
Sheeren, Thomas
Cumming, Dillon
Daniels, Michael
Sophiea, Jeffrey
Pearson, Keil
Hamaty, Jack
Hildebrand, Blake
Chey, Russell

KEY: Quota Spots 1-4 are shown in Qualifier finishing order, 5-13 are shown alpha. Alternates are shown in Midwest Standing List order.





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Southeast Michigan Players Capture Four Midwest Closed Outdoor Championship Titles!

Congratulations to Tia & Josh Mukherjee (Girls 12s and Boys 14s, respectively) and Tim Wang (Boys 16s) on winning the Midwest Closed Championship in their division (Tia won the singles *and* doubles titles!). Here is a list of our Quarterfinalist finishers (and above) from the event:

BOYS 12s

Singles: Julian Hyman Finalist, Joe Stafford 4th place
Joshua Li Consi Semifinalist, Andrew Zhang Consi Quarterfinalist
Doubles: Joseph Stafford (w/ I. Brady CIN) Semifinalists



Josh & Tia Mukherjee

GIRLS 12s

Singles: Tia Mukherjee CHAMPION, Elle Hartje Quarterfinalist
Anika Yarlagadda Consi Semifinalist, Karina Miller Consi Quarterfinalist
Doubles: Tia Mukherjee (w/ C. McNally OV) CHAMPIONS,
Anika Yarlagadda (w/ P. Stearns OV) Semifinalists

BOYS 14s

Singles: Josh Mukherjee CHAMPION, Denali Kitayama Quarterfinalist
Ian Yi Consi Semifinalist
Doubles: Denali Kitayama (w/ B. Yoshino OV) Quarterfinalists,
Gandham - Ian Yi (Quarterfinalists)

GIRLS 14s

Singles: Raven Neeley Consi Finalist
Doubles: Sasha Hartje & Raven Neely Quarterfinalists,
Monique Karoub (w/ N. Roc CHI) Quarterfinalists

BOYS 16s

Singles: Tim Wang CHAMPION
Doubles: Tim Wang (w/ M. Dragos NEO) Semifinalists,
Connor Johnston (w/ D. Boussom NIN) Semifinalists



Tim Wang

BOYS 18s

Singles: Jack Murray Consi Semifinalists, Michael Dube Consi Quarterfinalists
Doubles: Max Fliegner & Brett Forman Quarterfinalists

GIRLS 16s

Singles: Dominique Vasile Quarterfinalist, Halle Hyman Consi Semifinalist,
Marybeth Hurley Consi Finalist
Doubles: Sophia Abelson & Dominique Vasile Semifinalists

GIRLS 18s

Singles: Alexandria Najarian Semifinalist, Bianca Moldovan Consi Semifinalist

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2013 Southeast Michigan Future Qualifier Top Finishers:

Thank you to Wimbledon Racquet Club for hosting our event, and congratulations to all the players who participated, including the following top finishers:

Champion: JJ Etterbeek (*left*)
Finalist: Kaan Oral (*right*)



Consolation Winner;
Michael Mascarin (*left*)
Consolation Finalist:
Aiden Storey (*right*)



Sportsmanship Winners:
Owen DeMuth
Rachel LaVoy

Champion: Olivia Weiss (*right*)
Finalist: Angie Zhou (*left*)



Consolation Winner;
Alexis Nardicchio (*left*)
Consolation Finalist:
Emma Roeck (*right*)

Midwest Closed 10s Championship Notable Finishes for our Southeast Michigan Players:
Boys 10s CHAMPION: JJ Etterbeek. Girls 10s Finalist: Alexa Griffith, Quarterfinalist: Whitney King

Competitive Training Center takes on New Look— The 10 & Under High Performance Player

After sun-setting the Competitive Training Center on a National Level, Southeast Michigan chose to continue the program, targeting the 10 & Under High Performance Player (formerly comprised of first year 14s players). Targeting the top 10 & Under Boy and Girl players in our District, the CTC provides superior training at a lower cost and offers these players an opportunity to hit with each other; creating camaraderie, friendships and future hitting partners. The coaches also talked to our young players about important tennis topics such as hydration, athletic enhancement (improved hand-eye coordination), navigating the ranking system, and the do's and don'ts of tournament play. **The CTC's goal is to offer a great vehicle for training with the green-dot ball, while ensuring good tennis habits to last a lifetime!**

Offered during the indoor tennis season, our first 2012-13 CTC featured 12 hours of instruction and training and was well received by our younger players and parents. In 2013-14, the CTC will be expanding to 18 training hours.

Our CTC Administrative & Coaching Staff looks forward to another great season of training young, talented Southeast Michigan players.



Back Row (l-r): coach Dave Brown, Stanley Rhodes, Andrew Chen, Karim Madkour, Kaan Oral, Andrea Teofilovic, Alexa Griffith, Angie Zhou. Front Row (l-r): Mert Oral, Sophia Mackinnon, Jamy Brooks, Liz Jones, Olivia Weiss.





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Earned Advancement for 10 & Under Players Starting this January!

The USTA Midwest Section will bring Earned Advancement to 10 & Under Tennis in 2014. Recognizing that all children develop at different paces (physically, mentally and emotionally) and that it is not *a race to Yellow Ball Tennis*, this system will allow a player to evolve his or her game tactically and technically from Red Ball Tennis to Orange Ball Tennis, Orange Ball Tennis to Green Ball Tennis and finally Green Ball Tennis to Yellow Ball Tennis. These rule changes are being put in place to allow players to progress through the different stages at a pace most suitable to the player based on his or her competency, age, participation in competitive play and results in competition.

Based on Earned Advancement rule changes made by the USTA Texas and Nor-Cal (Northern California) Sections who are seeing clear, dramatic increases in competition participation, competitive match play and technical skills; the Midwest Section hopes to mirror these accomplishments by instituting similar, less strict guidelines.

Two important aspects to note about the rule change in the Midwest Section: A player will automatically qualify to play a Yellow Ball Tournament (12s or higher age division) regardless of their Earned Advancement Status on the first day of the month the player turns 10; and, there will also be a "grandfather clause" allowing any player who has competed and earned at least 20 USTA/Midwest Section ranking points on any 2013 USTA/Midwest Final Ranking, the option to comply with the new rule.

2014 EARNED ADVANCEMENT TOURNAMENT WEEKENDS:

January 11-12 & 25-26	July 11-13 & 26-27
February 8-9 & 22-23	August 9-10 & 30-31
March 8-9 & 22-23	September 13-14 & 27-28
April 12-13 & 26-27	October 11-12 & 18-19
May 10-11 & 24-25	November 1-2 & 29-30
June 7-8 & 21-22	December 13-14 & 27-28

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT EARNED ADVANCEMENT:

- Lower Entry Fees \$30 (or less)
- Non-Elimination Format completed in 4 hours
- Pre-Designated Weekends (see chart at left)
- Earned Advancement Tournaments will be clearly identified on TennisLink for entry
- No conflicting district events running concurrently

FROM RED BALL to ORANGE: *No Advancement Criteria*

Midwest Levels	Red Level
Age Eligibility	Any Player until the first day of the month of their 9 th birthday.
Tournament Formats	Non-Elimination Formats (e.g. Round Robin, Compass) - Single Day Tournaments
Scoring Formats	As permitted by USTA Rules and Regulations found in the Friend at Court
Tournaments Available	Districts may allow any number of Red Ball Tennis tournaments to be sanctioned.
Points Per Round	Points per round do not apply. Each player will receive one (1) participation point per tournament completed.

FROM ORANGE BALL to GREEN

Midwest Levels	Orange Level
Age Eligibility	Any Player until the first day of the month of their 11 th birthday.
Tournament Formats	Non-Elimination Formats (e.g. Round Robin, Compass Draw)
Scoring Formats	As permitted by USTA Rules and Regulations found in the Friend at Court
To Advance to Green Ball Tennis	In order to advance to Green Ball Tennis, players must complete one of the following: 1. A player may advance on the first day of the month of the player's 10 th birthday. 2. A player wins at least one (1) Designated Advancement Orange Ball Tournament. 3. A player participates in at least four (4) Designated Advancement Orange Ball Tournaments.
Tournaments Available	Districts will be responsible for determining how many Designated Advancement Orange Ball tournaments to sanction each Earned Advancement Weekend. Districts may allow any number Orange Ball Tennis Tournaments not for advancement throughout the year.
Points Per Round	Points per round do not apply. Each player will receive one (1) participation point per tournament completed.

FROM GREEN BALL to YELLOW

Midwest Levels	USTA/Midwest Section Level 1-5
Age Eligibility	Any Player until the first day of the month of their 11 th birthday (who has advanced from Orange Ball Tennis).
Tournament Formats	A variety of tournament formats will be used.
Scoring Formats	Best of 3 tiebreak sets with 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
To Advance to Yellow Ball Tennis (12-18 and Under Divisions)	To advance to Yellow Ball, players must complete one of the following: 1. A player who has already advanced to Green Ball from Orange Ball may advance to Yellow Ball Tennis on the first day of the month of the player's 10 th birthday. 2. A player wins at least two (2) Green Ball Tournaments. 3. A player participates in at least four (4) Green Ball Tournaments. 4. A player reaches the quarterfinals of the USTA/Midwest Section Outdoor Closed Championship or the semifinals of any other USTA/Midwest Section Level 1 Green Ball Tournament.
Tournaments Available	The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee has strategically devised a geographically balanced Green ball tournament schedule throughout the Section for levels 1-4. Districts will be responsible for determining how many Designated Advancement level 5 Green Ball tournaments to sanction each Earned Advancement Weekend.
Points Per Round	Players will receive USTA/Midwest Section Level 1-5 points per round as per the most current USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Tables.

For more information about
2014 Earned Advancement
contact the District Office at (734) 421-1025
or visit our website:





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NEW USTA League Captain iPad2 Raffle Winners:

As part of a new Southeast Michigan incentive to attract more USTA Players as Captains USTA League teams, we entered all the new captains into a raffle to win one of four iPad2s. Congratulations to the following winners and thank you to all USTA League Captains—new and experienced alike! While this incentive was for new captains, we also sent commemorative gifts to all our 5- and 10- consecutive year captains as a small token of our appreciation for volunteering to manage their USTA League teams. Organized captains are an asset to our League program



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LEN GERVASI
Berkley



MOLLY LIPHAM
Ann Arbor



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USTA LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2013 State Championship matches were played at the Varsity Tennis Center August 9-11th. Our Southeast Michigan teams were very successful in capturing their respective State titles. A total of five out of nine titles in the 18 & Over Leagues and a total of five out of seven titles in the 40 & Over Leagues were won by SE Michigan teams. Additionally, three more teams qualified directly for the Midwest Championships.

18 & Over 2.5 Women from Travis Pointe Country Club

Back Row (l-r): Laurie Ruselowski, Kathy Barger, Kendra Kerr, Anu Whitelocke, Maura Dalian; Front Row (l-r): Captain Christine Barnes, Kavita Luthra, Monica Single
Not Pictured: Cilla Tomas



18 & Over 3.0 Men from Sports Club of Novi**

Back Row (l-r): Brian LaVeque, Captain Fred Wright, Daniel Glenn, Tom Clarkson, Steve Fitzpatrick; Front Row (l-r): Rob Novy, William Tierney, Anish Verma, Todd Glenn, Brian Garrett
Not Pictured: Gary Cloutier, Dave Irvine, Andy LaDuke, Brian Scherle, Wes Sims

18 & Over 4.0 Women from Life Time Fitness—Rochester

Back Row (l-r): Diane Myers, Yolanda Lewczuk, Beth Barnes, Cindy Ostrowski, Michelle Kubeshesky; Front Row (l-r): Captain Gina Petherick, Mary Tavarnit, Rise Gilliland
Not Pictured: Sally Blankenship, Gail Borgiel, Gina Cherniawski, Noreen Connors, Kelly Cvetkovski, Laura Findlay, Jennifer Gursell, Robin Inscho, Anne Marie Kuntzman, Diane Lindquist, Eleanore Stration, Julie Swanson, Kristen Tessmar, Tokiko Yamasato





18 & Over 4.5 Men from Peachtree Tennis Club

Back Row (l-r): Nathan Immekus, Trey Keating, Matt Fisher, Kevin Turnbull, George Lattie; Front Row (l-r): Ritwik Khare, Captain Ryan Buck, Bob Boyd, Jason Chen

Not Pictured: Ryan Carlson, Matt Culver, Steve Demps, Greg Flewelling, Ryan Stevens



18 & Over 5.0 Women* from The Chippewa Club

Back Row (l-r): Heather Vogt, Captain Kendra Clark, Kari Larson; Front Row (l-r): Rebecca Bond, Yasmin Kashif

Not Pictured: Mary Hanna, Jennifer Ho

*Advanced directly to Sectional Championships.

18 & Over 5.0 Men from Franklin Athletic Club

Back Row (l-r): Robert Riley, Rob Martin, Captain Eric Podgorny, Steve DeMaagd, Scott Acre; Front Row (l-r): Greg Anderson, Paul Podgorny, Piotr Necajevs

Not Pictured: Mike Case, Randy Payne, Stephen Payne, Scott Smith



With USTA Flex Leagues, YOU CALL
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- Scheduled matches can be played at any time and any location you and your opponent agree on, as long as they are completed before the end of the season. Men's and Women's Singles flights are offered at 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 levels.
- USTA Membership is not required to register, but members receive a \$10 discount off the regular registration fee.
- Get started by visiting www.ustaflex.com. Once there, click on "Search for USTA Flex Leagues," and then enter your zip code to locate your local Flex League.
- Flex Leagues are currently running in Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit!





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40 & Over 3.0 Women from Franklin Athletic Club

Back Row (l-r): Carmen Walker, Misook Soave,
Meg Iverson, Debbie Berger, Laure Housey
Front Row (l-r): Sheryl Meyers, Captain Jenni-
fer Jennings, Jessica King, Maureen Sarle
Not Pictured: Julie Beaty, Kelly Gurman, Cyndi
Israel

40 & Over 3.0 Men* from Ann Arbor Rec & Ed

Back Row (l-r): Kishor Sapre,
Thomas Cocco, Scott Riedel,
Joe Marker, Igor Kotlyar; Front
Row (l-r): Ilgam Babaev, Cap-
tain Brad Beaver, Jeff Varick

Not Pictured: Pierre
Goovaerts



40 & Over 3.5 Women from Sports Club of Novi

Back Row (l-r): Julie Moraitis, Dawn
Peters, Molly Wozniak, Juliet Ickes,
Laura Kronner, Shannon Croteau;
Front Row (l-r): Susan Boll, Jeanne Lent,
Captain Suzanne Had, Claudia Day,
Bobbie Murphy

Not Pictured: Julie Kraemer

*Advanced directly to Sectional Championships.





40 & Over 4.0 Women from Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Back Row (l-r): Violet Kircos, Barb Thomson,
Gina Forletta, Mary Beth Garvey: Front
Row (l-r): Kim Bristol, Captain Alisa Taylor,
Cindy Logan, Gerri Gallant

Not Pictured: Angela Sword, Marina
Vandenbrink, Sonya Zakolski, Leslie Trudel,
Christine Scoggin, Jessica Yenchar,
Beth Cassidy



40 & Over 4.5 Women from Bloomfield Tennis

Back Row (l-r): Paulette George, Pam
Cabot, Barb Lynch, Barb Friesen: Front Row
(l-r): Captain Mary Jo Colonna, Karen De-
Fiore, Stacey Lareau, Sue Kaleel

Not Pictured: Betsy Carlen, Carol Forman,
Kimberly Miller, Heather Redshaw, Kelly
Winkler

40 & Over 4.5 Men* from Lochmoor Country Club

Back Row (l-r): Mark Miller, Kirk Haggarty,
Chuck Spoutz: Front Row (l-r): Mike Fozo,
Captain Mark Sobieralski, Jerry Bourke

Not Pictured: Jim Beardslee, John Brusstar,
Jason Henderson, Gar Knight, Steve
Kornmeier, Rob Lytes, Richard Shaheen



*Advanced directly to Sectional Championships.





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ADULT 40 & OVER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USTA League Playoff Season kicked off July 26-28th with our first Championships in the Adult 40 & Over Leagues. **A total of 36 men's and women's teams played 50 team matches to determine which teams would advance to the State Championships.** Matches were played outdoors at Plymouth Canton Educational Park. Congratulations to our District Champions.

40 & Over 3.5 Men from Livonia Family Y

Back Row (l-r): Honge Kang, Noel Sagarral, Mike Killian, John Janowicz, Ailton Cardoso, Frederic Boissinot; Front Row (l-r): Chris Coyle, Captain Mike Trosell, Jitendra Dinanath, Kevin Cook

Not Pictured: John Hunley, Hongbin Kang



40 & Over 4.0 Men from Life Time Fitness— Rochester

Back Row (l-r): Ken Demps, Adrian Paich, Russ Morris, John Roelans, Mike Marone; Front Row (l-r): Dan Gallina, Drake Jarmon, Captain Joe Pantaleo, Mike Ackerman

Not Pictured: Tom Hohn, Dave Klungle, Ron Lenders, Paul Walling

We Listened!

40 & Over Expanding to 5 Courts in 2014!

Our USTA Adult League Committee is made up of volunteers who worked tirelessly to decide how to best handle the 2013 Adult League Restructuring, looking at previous team numbers and scheduled days to come up with a plan that would fit our numerous facilities and teams. Changing the local 40&Over Leagues to a 3-court format was met with disappointment by our Adult League Players. **WE HEARD YOU!!** After careful consideration, the Adult League Committee has come up with a plan to expand the 40&Over League to a 5-court format. Stay tuned to the next edition of the Court Reporter for details!





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ADULT 18 & OVER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Adult 18 & Over League Playoffs were played August 2-4th. **A total of 59 men's and women's teams** played 85 team matches to determine which teams would advance to the State Championships. Matches were played at two sites: Plymouth Canton Educational Park and the Varsity Tennis Center at the University of Michigan. Congratulations to our District Champions.

18 & Over 3.0 Women from Troy Racquet Club

Back Row (l-r): Christy Samuelsen, Stephanie Levin, Betsy Morrison, Clara Balling, Stephanie Bradley; Front Row (l-r): Angela Fontair, Diana Winkworth, Captain Jill Paswater, Jaime Drutchas

Not Pictured: Reyhan Erin, Denise Treado, Kelly Urban, Lori Wittbrodt



18 & Over 3.5 Women from Ann Arbor Rec & Ed

Back Row (l-r): Colleen Hughes, Melissa Syapin, Marjo Grabowski, Erica Hyman, Faith Sparr; Front Row (l-r): Jane Wood, Ellen Rambo, Martha Gove, Captain Jennifer Kangas

Not Pictured: Sara Brackenbury, Linda Hinshaw, Inge Miller, Kelly Thomas, Michelle Tripp

18 & Over 4.5 Women from Bloomfield Tennis

Back Row (l-r): Stacey Lareau, Myrna Harbar, Mary Jo Colonna, Naoka McKelvey; Front Row (l-r): Kelly Winkler, Captain Paulette George, Karen Defiore, Barb Friesen, Pam Cabot

Not Pictured: Betsy Carlen, Maryssa Herbert, Melissa Hicks, Shanda Lowery-Sachs





ADULT 55 & OVER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Adult 55 & Over Playoffs were held August 17 & 18th at The Chippewa Club in Ypsilanti. Three levels competed to determine which team would be eligible to advance to the next round of playoffs. A total of nine teams played eight matches. State Championships were held in Northeast Michigan on September 7th. Five teams from Southeast Michigan advanced to the Sectional Championships September 27-29 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

55 & Over 6.0 Women* from Sports Club of Novi

Back Row (l-r): Gayle Zimmerman, Captain Bev Bastian, Karen Cundari, Jan Hankins;
Front Row (l-r): Bonnie DeSiro, Donna Thompson, Brenda Krachenberg, Linda Herritage

*Advanced directly to Sectional Championships.



55 & Over 7.0 Women from Life Time Fitness—Rochester

Back Row (l-r): Colleen Perry, Charlotte Cornell, Christine Barnett, Captain Florie Mojica, Sue Elder; Front Row (l-r): Deborah Wolfe-Sebetic, Sue Austin, Sally Schmidt

Not Pictured: Maureen Hennessy, Laurie Mick, Billie Pikur, Carol Schroeder, Brenda Vaughn

55 & Over 7.0 Men from Liberty Athletic Club

Back Row (l-r): Rick Owen, David Petway, Dan Jones, Bil Hinton, Tom Seymour; Front Row (l-r): Joe Surman, Captain Jeff Pens, Harold Cook

Not Pictured: Jeff Hill, Sean O'Brien





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55 & Over 8.0 Women from The Chippewa Club**

Back Row (l-r): Elnora Sipp, Jennifer Thomson,
Captain Carol Diephuis, Leslie McGowan; Front
Row (l-r): Marie Fletcher, Judy Silverman

**Could not attend Sectionals, was replaced by
The Chippewa Club, Captain Kathy Green

55 & Over 8.0 Men* from Dearborn Racquet & Health Club

Back Row (l-r): Roger Suter, Dan Johnson,
Tim Coleman, Dan Diehl; Front Row (l-r):
Mike Akerman, Harold Lollar, Larry
Steenbergen, Rick Butykos, Stan Madro

Not Pictured: Captain Bill Barrett,
Richard Ostella



55 & Over 9.0 Women* from Sports Club of Novi

Back Row (l-r): Ann Hubbard, Jolene Karls,
Barb Lynch, Carron Koester; Front Row (l-r)
Sheryl Leicher, Kathy VandeWege, Captain
Missy Pollick, Angela Bogan

Not Pictured: Pam Cabot

55 & Over 9.0 Men from Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Back Row (l-r): Rick Shaheen, Gary Hoslet,
Captain Mark Miller; Front Row (l-r): Richard Keller,
Greg Flewelling, Ken Rychwalski

Not Pictured: John Brusstar



STATE
CHAMPS

*Advanced directly to Sectional Championships.





MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Schoolcraft Community College was the site of the Southeast Michigan Mixed Doubles Championships. Matches were played August 27, 29 and September 3. Winning teams advanced to the Michigan State Championships on September 7th in Grand Blanc. All four teams were crowned State Champions and advanced to the Midwest Championships in Fort Wayne, September 21-22nd.

For the second year in a row, our 2.5 Mixed Doubles winner will advance directly to the National Championships! Congratulations to our 2.5 winner from Eastside. Captain Julie Henry and her team will head to Tucson, November 15-17th in their quest for a National Championship (see cover photo).



18 & Over 6.0 Mixed from Wimbledon Racquet Club

Back Row (l-r): Frank Mocer, John Kelley, Mike Varner, Joeseeph Portera; Front Row (l-r): Julie Henry, Captain Lisa Roddis, Marcia Varner, Susan Portera

Not Pictured: Nicole Boelstler, Werner Boelstler, Mike Mieszczak

18 & Over 7.0 Mixed from Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Back Row (l-r): Josemari Mentzer, Ed Leahey, Tom Zampardo, Captain Marilyn Zampardo, Debbie Pappas, Kristin Wikol, Margaret Lambert; Front Row (l-r): Mike Salomeo, Kristine Deguzman, Francis Deguzman, Stephanie Philip, Greg Hombrebueno

Not Pictured: Julie Cusumano, Hussein Elbadawi, Mike Haines, Deanna Kaprelian, Kandace Jones, Jason Miller, Brian Smith



18 & Over 8.0 Mixed from Sports Club of West Bloomfield

Back Row (l-r): Tammy Gomizawa, Miyuki Ochi, Kristen Sucher, Miyako Hidaka, Madoka Minamoto; Front Row (l-r): Captain Tsuyoshi Kurosawa, Isao Okamoto, Shinichi Mochizuki

Not Pictured: Yoshikazu Oshita, Weiling Zhao





18 & Over 9.0 Mixed from Franklin Athletic Club

Back Row (l-r): Howard Frischman,
Chris McMican, Chris Huston, Emily
Radner, Scott Smith; Front Row (l-r):
Captain Sue Bartelt, Piper Copeland,
Erin Sabo, Lora Kazanjian, Tammy
Gomizawa

Not Pictured: Clay Bartelt, Nathan
Eddy, Max Kennebrew, Lynn Ken-
nedey, Susan Pizzuti, Eric Podgorny,
Samit Shah



65 & Over League Continues to Grow!

This was the 5th year for our Adult 65 & Over League! We had teams in the 7.0 Men and 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 Women levels. Winners advanced to a newly created 65 & Over Invitational held in Indianapolis in October 2013.

Congratulations to:

6.0 Women from Sports Club Novi (Captain: Gayle Zimmerman)

7.0 Women from Livonia Family Y* (Captain: Nan Mertz)

8.0 Women from Liberty Athletic Club* (Captain: Debbie Crosby)

7.0 Men from Detroit Tennis & Squash*
(Captain: Nelson Sherburne)

Get ready for 2014! Teams start forming in March and play starts in May!

If you're away for the winter, plan ahead now. If you have an entire team
or would simply like to join an existing team, call our League Coordinator
Deb Thallman at 734 421-1025 or contact your club facilitator.

You'll have fun!



Upcoming Championship Schedule

Early January	District Championships Combo Doubles Mixed 40 & Over
January 24-25	State Championships Combo Doubles Mixed 40 & Over—Western Michigan
February 1-2	Midwest Championships Mixed 40 & Over—Fort Wayne
March 7-9	Midwest Championships Combo Doubles Fort Wayne

Thank You!

John Kanyo, John Wolyniak,
Jack Fitzpatrick, Becky Tanquay
and Natasha Dabrowski
For their generous donation of time
and/or equipment.





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COMING SOON: 2013 RATINGS!

New ratings are expected in late November or early December. To see your 2013 rating, go to TennisLink for Leagues. Your most current rating is displayed to the right of your name on your League home page. New ratings will show the year as 2013.

To Southeast Michigan USTA League Players,

Some of you have inquired about a web site that states they have the USTA League NTRP ratings calculated to one-hundredths of a point. After reviewing this web site and seeing that some of these ratings appear incorrect, the USTA Director of Competitive Tennis, David Schobel, has made the following statement:

“TLS Ratings are generally inaccurate and are not endorsed by the USTA. This is a private enterprise that does not produce accurate NTRP ratings since that don't have the correct business rules used in our calculation. Their 100th of a point NTRP ratings are simply inaccurate.”

Unofficial websites claim to have listed estimated league ratings to one-hundredth of a point. The USTA has no affiliation with these sites. The USTA did not create nor does it endorse these ratings. Official USTA League Ratings will be published in early December.

2014 Winter League Opportunities

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

40 & OVER WINTER MIXED DOUBLES

Teams form in December. Matches begin January 24-26.
Levels offered: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0.

TEAM SINGLES

Don't miss your chance to work on your singles game
this winter! Team Singles teams form in December.
Day league play starts January 8th.
Weekend league play starts January 10-11th

ADULT 65 & OVER LEAGUE – SPRING 2014





“Bottoms-Up” Tourney Gives League Players a Chance for Fun

The USTA District Championships are for those who've won their flights and are competing to move up and on to the State, Sectional and ultimate National Championships.

But what about those teams who've racked up more losses than they care to mention? They continue to field their matches and have fun simply because they LOVE tennis!

This year, the calendar had room for a novel idea – the “**BOTTOMS-UP**” Tournament. It was our way of showing support for our loyal players that finished *last* in their flight. We ran the event on August 17 & 18th (in conjunction with our 55 & Over District Championships) at The Chippewa Club. Court space was limited, so we targeted our largest participation groups: 4.0 Men and 3.5 and 4.0 Women. We needed **four teams in each level to make it a “go”**. We **were doubtful we'd have interest** – it was short notice and the season was essentially over.

The 3.5 ladies were game! We used 3 courts (1 singles/2 doubles) in a round-robin format. What fun!



Congratulations to our “Bottoms-Up” Champs: 3.5 Women from Bloomfield Tennis (captain Marilyn Andrachick).

Thanks to our participating teams: Bloomfield Tennis (Andrachick), Bloomfield Tennis (Ramocki), Chelsea (Broshar), Livonia Family Y (Conti).

“Bottoms-Up” may return next year if the calendar permits!



New Tennis Ethics & Basic Rules Seminars Prove Helpful and Informative for the USTA League Player

Piloted in 2013, our District offered three informative and interactive sessions conducted by Mel Kropko (Southeast Michigan Chair of Officials), covering a variety of topics that arise at unofficiated matches, including: which player makes calls in unofficiated matches, how to settle scoring disputes, who calls foot faults, who calls lets, and much, much more.

These seminars were a tremendous success, touching many League Players. Mel was able to give plenty of information and answer many questions about unofficiated matches in USTA League Play. Watch for our 2014 Tennis Ethics Seminar Schedule in the next edition of the Court Reporter.



The Tennis Ethics & Basic Rules for the USTA League Player held in May in Ann Arbor





Southeast Michigan WINS Senior Team Championships!

Great weather greeted this year's teams at the 2013 Midwest Senior Team Championships which took place on May 18-19th at the Michigan State University Campus in East Lansing.

Southeast Michigan topped the chart with a total of 398 games won, leaving Central Indiana in 2nd place with 364 games.

A special CONGRATULATIONS to our age division winners: Women's 50s—Linda Grosh & Kathy Vandewege and Women's 60s—Janice Mechlowitz & Sheryl Leicher. Great job, ladies!!

Thanks to everyone who represented Southeast Michigan and to Captains John Ryan and Ann Munro for their efforts in putting together a terrific, winning combination! (Tamara Stiles, thanks for your help with the younger age groups.)

Southeast Michigan was represented by the following teams:

W 35: Tracy Bardallis & Tamara Stiles
 W 50: Linda Grosh & Kathy Vandewege
 W 55: Sally Delange & Kathy Green
 W 60: Sheryl Leicher & Janice Mechlowitz
 W 65: Deb Crosby & Janet Remen
 W 70: Karen Caine & Leslie McGowan

M 35: Eric Podgorny & Drew Shipp
 M 45: **Kevin Collins & Ernest "Chip" Mitchell**
 M 50: Mike Bozzo, Tim Loula, Tom Sheridan
 M 55: Len Baziuk & Mike Rose
 M 60: Kim Degner & Mickey Schmidt
 M 65: Bill Barrett & Jay Schwalm
 M 70: Ben Tasich & Alex Zinkovksy
 M 75: Bill Bellinger & Kaz Saito



Women's 50s Champions
 Linda Grosh & Kathy Vandewege



Women's 60s Champions
 Janice Mechlowitz & Sheryl Leicher

DID YOU KNOW?

- Balls that are 99% out are 100% in.
- The pre-match warm up is intended as time to warm up. Each player should focus on hitting shots directly to the opponent. This is not time to work on your shots.
- The 10-Point Tiebreak and Match Tiebreak are the same thing – the first person to reach 10 points by a margin of two wins the tiebreak.
- The 12-Point Tiebreak and Set Tiebreak are the same thing – the first person to reach 7 points by a margin of two wins the tiebreak.
- Players are to change ends at the conclusion of a tiebreaker before starting the next set.





Southeast Michigan USTA Tennis Players giving back to the Community at Metro Detroit Youth Day!

Sponsored by the Michigan Food and Beverage Association and the Michigan Small Business Association, Metro Detroit Youth Day is an annual event held at Belle Isle that hosts thousands of youth from Metro Detroit for games, contests, entertainment, sports clinics, and lunch. The purpose of Metro Detroit Youth Day is to promote positive relations between the community, businesses, government and youth. In addition, Youth Day encourages youngsters to pursue college and motivates them to achieve their goals.

July 17th was our 9th year offering a tennis clinic at Youth Day, where we recruit 30-40 tennis enthusiasts to help us introduce tennis to the young masses. A huge thank you to our volunteers who braved one of the summer's hottest days to assist: Carole Albanelli, Amelia Albanelli, Marc Albo, Jay Anderson, Rebecca Beloungea, Richard Billings, Adrian Brillantes, Craig Bunge, Jesse Cleary, Brendan Clune, Nick Costakis, Kevin Dietz, Maryann Dunleavy, Kathryn Dunleavy, Julian Ernst, William George, Connor Gillooly, Geron Gosselin, Daniel Harris, Davide Iacobelli, Matthew Kennedy, Douglas Kubek, George Lowe (MI TSR), Ana Mancoci, Wright Mitchell, Michael Mossberg, Daniel Muench, Danielle Muench, Tom Muller, William Norris, Betty Palaj, Nicholas Paolulcci, Isaac Piecuch, Rusty Rumschlag, Gordon Rumschlag, Jacob Rumschlag, Maurice Sanders, Burrell Shields, Jasmine Sisson, Stephen VanWallegghem, and Kathleen Zadroga.

Giving of your time is contagious—some of our volunteers have even started their own tennis outreach!

Stay tuned to the next issue of the Court Reporter for details on Youth Day 2014.





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Piloted Adult Prize Money Tournament Series Game, Set, Match = \$Money\$

Men in the 50s and Open divisions put their game on the line and tested their skills against players in the our NEW Prize Money Tournament Series - "Game, Set, Match = \$Money\$"! Piloted by the Southeast Michigan District and Midwest Section, this was a singles event where players played an 8-game pro set in a compass draw format. Players generated 50 points for each individual win at the three events leading up to the final, Championship Event where the top eight point value totals advance to the prize Money Championship Tournament held at Detroit Tennis & Squash on September 21st.

Thank you to our host sites: The Fairlane Club, Southfield Civic Center, Metropolitan Racquet Club and Detroit Tennis & Squash. Congratulations to all the men who participated as well as the prize money winners:



MEN's Open Division (l-r): LaMar Gray (Champion), Kevin Zimmerman (4th), Toni Sherl (2nd), Eric Mitchell, Charles Lessman (3rd), and Steven Szymanski (Not pictured Hussein Elbadawi and Anthony Judge).



MEN's 50s Division (l-r): Dennis Royal (3rd), Ernest (Chip) Mitchell (Champion), Ihor Debryn (2nd). (Not pictured John Patry, Richard Milford [4th], Richard Ostella)

Help Ensure Fair Play on Court... **Become a USTA Official!**

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.

- Open book test, taken on-line and submitted electronically
- Must submit to a criminal background screen (paid by USTA)
- Attend a local officials class conducted by our District Chair of Officials
- Mentor with an experienced official for five hours before allowed to officiate on your own
- Officials are remunerated for their time and most work is weekend-based.

*For more detailed information on becoming an official,
Please contact the District Office (734) 421-1025 or email
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The Southeast Michigan District has....

JOB OPENINGS

We are currently looking for organized and talented individuals for part time positions.

- Jr. Team Tennis Local League Coordinators
- 10 & Under Tennis Coordinator
- USTA Adult League Marketer

See our website for complete details and application.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES & REBATES

We are currently offering a myriad of incentives, including:

- Junior Tournament Try-it \$25 Rebate
- Adult Membership Referral Incentive
- New Jr. Membership \$10 Rebate
- Phys. Ed. School In-Services
- And more!

For a complete list with details and applications, visit our website:

