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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

## Southeast Michigan wraps up another season of USTA League Championships with the largest number of Nationally-bound teams in its history!

We have a lot to offer and it shows! With over 12,000 USTA League participants in Southeast Michigan, we are THE LARGEST USTA League in the Midwest Section and the fifth largest in the COUNTRY!

From mid-May through mid-August, adults can choose from 18 & over, 40 & over, 55 & over, 65 & over **Men's and Women's Teams and Mixed Doubles leagues at a variety of playing levels.**

Advancing to Championship play is a carrot for some and a surprise to others. Winners go on to compete at the State and Sectional Championships and some ultimately reach the pinnacle – the National Championships!

The 2014 Summer League Season was stellar - for the first time in our history, we had 11 teams from Southeast Michigan advance to Nationals, representing 10 different facilities and every age division! View all of our championship teams - from Districts, States and Sectionals in this issue of the Court Reporter.

Thank you to all the facilities (indoor and outdoor) that have chosen to be part of our huge success! And most of all, thanks to our players that make our league one of the finest. Hats off to everyone **who played in 2014. And if you've not played USTA Leagues recently, we'd like to get you back in the game and share in the excitement. There's no better way to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy the benefits of all that tennis has to offer.**

We hope to see you on the courts again over the winter months in our Combo Doubles, Team Singles and Winter Mixed Doubles, while we wait for the Spring thaw and the Summer League Season to begin for 2015. Please refer to page 18 for our new Winter Mixed Doubles offerings in the 18 & Over and 40 & Over divisions. For any information on USTA Adult Leagues, please contact us directly at 734-421-1025.

*May the good things of life  
be yours in abundance  
not only at Thanksgiving  
but throughout  
the coming year!*

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## Southeast Michigan League Teams off to Nationals!

After ten weeks of flight play, three separate weekends of District Championships, two weekends of State Championships and four weekends of Sectional Championships, our District has extended USTA Adult League play for a whopping 11 teams! Congratulations and safe travels to the following teams heading to their respective National Championships:

### 18 & Over 5.0 Women

Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Captain: McCall Monte

Back Row: Captain McCall Monte;  
Front Row (l-r): Jessica Kruczek, Darylann Trout,  
Cassidy Cunitz, Emily Dudzik

Not Pictured: Brittany Parks, Yahsha Moore,  
Chelsea Uphaus

*National Championships  
in Indian Wells, CA—Oct. 10-12th  
(finished 4th in flight)*



### 18 & Over 9.0 Mixed

Port Huron Tennis House

Captain: Tracy Mosurak

Back Row (l-r): Justin Sabourin, Matt  
Wise, Michael Cansfield; Front Row (l-r):  
Mark Walker, Annie Moore, Celina  
Grondin, Captain Tracy Mosurak, Kathy  
Adams

Not Pictured: Kristina Kinney, Tiffany  
Odlum, Carl Preston

*National Championships  
in Tucson, AZ—Nov. 14-16th*

### 40 & Over 3.0 Women

Troy Racquet Club

Captain: Michelle Livingston

Back Row (l-r): Mary Costello, Linda Smith,  
Weatherly Stroh, Captain Michelle  
Livingston, Jocelyn Smith; Front Row (l-r):  
Elisabeth Morrison, Julie Boike, Susan  
Goodman

Not Pictured: Laurie Dunn, Meg Fris, Rie  
Hamaoka, Christine Scott, Kristin Siver,  
Sherri Werner

*National Championships in  
Rancho Mirage, CA—Oct. 24-26th  
(finished 4th in flight)*







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## 40 & Over 4.0 Men

Peachtree  
Tennis Club

Captain: Joe Pantaleo

Back Row (l-r): Kirk Kammer,  
Abhijeet Bhusari, Doug  
Robinson, Russ Morris,  
Tim Harry; Front Row (l-r):  
David Barrett, Captain Joe  
Pantaleo, Mark Gentner,  
Dave Huttenlocher

Not Pictured: Rahul Baweja,  
Ken Demps, Dan Gallina,  
Rob Germain, Drake Jarmon,  
Carl Preston, Scott Sellers



*National Championships in Rancho Mirage, CA – Nov. 7-9th  
(finished 3rd in flight)*

## 40 & Over 4.5+ Men

Dearborn Racquet  
& Health Club

Captain: Jerry Escheck

Back Row (l-r): Paul Aris, Steve  
Wagel, Ryan Kaltenbach, Scott  
Acre, Kevin Collins; Front  
Row (l-r): Steve Yorimoto,  
Captain Jerry Escheck, Kent  
Roman

Not Pictured: Mike Dziama,  
Matt Markley, Ernest Mitchell,  
Andres Torres



*National Championships in Indian Wells, CA – Oct. 31-Nov. 2nd  
(finished 4th in flight)*

## 40 & Over 8.0 Mixed

Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Captain: Alisa Taylor

Back Row (l-r): Susan Vandellen, Anthony  
Taylor; Chris Huston; Front Row (l-r): Joe  
Pantaleo, Mary Beth Garvey,  
Cynthia Tewes

Not Pictured: Laurie Emery, Geraldine  
Gallant, Kelley Guthrie, Tom Kolojeski,  
Michael Monahan, Eric Moore,  
Doug Robinson, Christine Scoggin,  
Captain Alisa Taylor



*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – Nov. 14-16th*





## 40 & Over 9.0 Mixed Chippewa Club Captain: Craig Capelli

Pictured (l-r): Kathleen Sinicropi, Kathy Bowdler, Kip Andringa, Leigh Formicola, Chris Huston, Kathy VanDewege, Rich Chicoine, Captain Craig Capelli

Not Pictured: Jon Bowdler, Linda Grosh



*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – November 21-23rd*



## 55 & Over 8.0 Men

Peachtree  
Tennis Club  
Captain:  
Mark Gentner

Back Row (l-r): Bob Boyd, Ken Demps;  
Front Row (l-r): Thomas Hohn, John Owens,  
Captain Mark Gentner,  
Paul Fisher, Greg Flewelling, Michael Ackerman

Not Pictured: Donald Garver, John Janowicz,  
Dan Johnson, Joseph Nisi, David Sessions

*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – October 31-November 2nd  
(finished 3rd in flight)*

## 55 & Over 9.0 Women Huron Valley Tennis Club Captain: Marissa Pollick

Pictured (l-r): Captain Marissa Pollick, Barb Lynch, Pam Cabot, Sheryl Leicher, Mary Jo Colonna, Jolene Karls, Kathy Vandewege

Not Pictured: Aleli Alcalá, Angela Bogan



*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – November 7-9th  
(finished 2nd in flight)*







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## 65 & Over 6.0 Women

Sports Club of Novi  
Captain: Gayle Zimmerman

Pictured (l-r): Caryn Doehler, Cheryl Paterson, Marcia Booth, Linda Herritage, Bev Bastian, Captain Gayle Zimmerman

Not Pictured: Karen Cundari, Jan Hankins, Bonnie DeSiro



*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – March 12-15, 2015*



*National Championships in Surprise, AZ – March 19-22, 2015*

## 65 & Over 7.0 Men

Detroit Tennis  
& Squash

Captain:  
Nelson Sherburne

Back Row (l-r): Harout Sanjian, John Camp, Ray Cook, Fred Janney, David Petway, Andy Acho, Brian Geissler, Ron Boschert, Rob Powers;  
Front Row (l-r): Ben Tasich, Ed Gracia, Captain Nelson Sherburne, Rick Warnicki

Not Pictured: Arnie Hoffman, George Kralovich

## ***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.

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- Must submit to USTA SafePlay Requirements (including a criminal background screen and SafePlay Video component)
- 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*





## The Court's on Us!

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## Southeast Michigan's State Championship Teams

### 18 & Over 2.5 Women

Birmingham  
Racquet Club

Captain:  
Kandy Novotny

Pictured (l-r): Sarah  
Cvetanovski, Captain  
Kandy Novotny,  
Kimberly LaBarre Tricia  
Meade, Michelle O'Neill



Not Pictured: Lindsey Dunn, Linda Hasley, Kamala Hill, Ayesha Oureshi, Tammy Pereira

*Finished 4th at Sectional Championships*



### 18 & Over 3.0 Women

Troy Racquet Club  
Captain: Meg Fris

Back Row (l-r): Michelle Livingston,  
Weatherly Stroh, Jocelyn Smith,  
Linda Smith, Mary Costello; Front  
Row (l-r): Susan Goodman,  
Captain Meg Fris, Nicole Quandt

Not Pictured: Julie Boike, Rie  
Hamaoka, Amy Hawtin, Megan  
Josifovski, Elisabeth Morrison,  
Barb Quart, Kristin Siver

*Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships*

### 18 & Over 4.0 Women

Bloomfield Tennis  
Captain: Kate Farwell

Back Row (l-r): Mary Ellen  
Miller, Betsy Carlen, Susan  
Diclemente, Shanda Lowery-  
Sachs, Karen Read, Peggy  
Paszewicz; Middle Row (l-r):  
Janice Mechlowitz, Missy  
Hicks, Karen Makowski, Susan  
Mazur; Front Row: Captain  
Kate Farwell

Not Pictured: Teresa Evola,  
Amy Massie



*Finished 4th at Sectional Championships*





## 18 & Over 4.5 Men

Dearborn Racquet  
& Health Club

Captain:  
Jerry Escheck

Back Row (l-r): Jon  
Groszek, Lee Vanvalken-  
burg, Steve Wagel, Rocco  
Giorgi, Joey Loselle; Front  
Row (l-r): Bryce Boothby,  
Captain Jerry Escheck,  
Ryan Kaltenbach



Not Pictured: Paul Aris, Eric Bracciano, Ryan Carlson, Chris Chirgwin, Vincent Colarossi, Johnny McDonald, Matt Markley

*Finished 2nd at Sectional Championships*



## 18 & Over 4.5 Women

Port Huron Tennis House  
Captain: Tracy Mosurak

Back Row (l-r): Taylor Sweeney, Celina  
Grondin, Kim Miller, Barb Lynch; Front Row  
(l-r): Tiffany Odum, Captain Tracy Mosurak,  
Kristy Kinney, Annie Moore

Not Pictured: Sarah Awe, Connie Kleeves,  
Betty Latosinsky, Sandy Miller, Elena  
Strakhova, Alexa Sweeney

*Finished 3rd at Sectional  
Championships*

## 18 & Over 7.0 Mixed

Franklin Athletic Club  
Captain: Mike Rosko

Back Row (l-r): Naresh Sharma,  
Captain Mike Rosko, Michael Kelly,  
Johan Mahmood; Front Row (l-r): Michele  
Bendell, Darlene Germaine, Laure Housey,  
Audra Bartholomew

Not Pictured: Bill Atkinson,  
Victoria Emmons, Amy Mindell,  
Marvin Moore, Peter Preston,  
Don Watler, Kevin Weinman

*Finished 3rd at Sectional  
Championships*







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## 18 & Over 8.0 Mixed

Lochmoor Club  
Captain: Alisa Taylor

Back Row (l-r) Joe Pantaleo, Doug Robinson, Anthony Taylor, Front Row (l-r): Cynthia Tewes, Devynn Sarver, Mary Beth Garvey, Katie Foster

Not Pictured: Matt Albo, Chris Huston, Anthony Kowalski, Michael Monahan, Michael Neldret, Captain Alisa Taylor, Susan Vandellen

*Finished 5th at Sectional Championships*

## 40 & Over 3.5 Men

Eastside  
Tennis & Fitness  
Captain: Tony Wilhelm

Back Row (l-r): Sean Granger, Rene Sims, Bruce Williams, Tom Zampardo, Mark Simmons, Mike Haines; Front Row (l-r): Ferren Gibson, David Pieper, Captain Tony Wilhelm, Paul Brucker, Robert Misra

Not Pictured: Alex Potter



*Finished 5th at Sectional Championships*



## 40 & Over 4.5+ Women

Bloomfield Tennis Captain: Stacey Lareau

Back Row (l-r): Paulette George, Kristen Charlton, Kerry Wysocki, Mary Jo Colonna, Myrna Harbar, Sue Kaleel, Captain Stacey Lareau, Kim Miller; Front Row (l-r): Tiffany Odium, Barb Friesen, Pam Cabot, Barb Lynch

Not Pictured: Deirdre Beatty, Julie Buechner, Lisa Lillie, Kelly Winkler

*Finished 2nd at Sectional Championships*





## 40 & Over 7.0 Mixed

Eastside Tennis  
& Fitness  
Captain:  
Marilyn Zampardo

Pictured (l-r): Rob  
Misra; Michael Haines,  
Cheryl Cusmano, Alla  
Kopacz, Jennifer  
Ghandour, Captain  
Marilyn Zampardo, Tom  
Zampardo, Ed Leahey, Barbara Brown, Paul Brucker



Not Pictured: Richard Canny, Greg Hombrebueno, Kandace Jones, Margaret Lambert, Michael Salomeo, Anthony Wilhelm

*Finished 2nd at Sectional Championships*



## 55 & Over 7.0 Men

Livonia Family Y  
Captain:  
Charles Kirby

Pictured (l-r): Bruce  
Lund, Edward Rowling,  
Peter Preston, David  
Wiltshire Robert Kuhn,  
Captain Charles Kirby

Not Pictured: Steven  
Breshgold, John Camp,  
John Faleris, Keith  
Johnson, Jeff Russell,  
Mike Wiegand

*Finished 4th at Sectional Championships*

## 55 & Over 8.0 Women

Franklin Athletic Club  
Captain: Wanda Spencer

Pictured (l-r): Valorie Guthrie,  
Seny Dube, Patti Stein, Captain  
Wanda Spencer, Janice  
Mechlowitz, Linda Jones

Not Pictured: Jan Ash, Norma  
Gorski, Susan Lankowsky,  
Michelle Moccia, Patti  
Vanslingerlandt



*Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships*







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## 18 & Over District Champions

Our Adult 18 & Over League Championships were played August 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. A total of 56 men's and women's teams played 78 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 2.5 Men

Troy Racquet Club  
Captain: Tiffin Kaczowski

Pictured (l-r): Chris John, Jeff Moon, John Podsiadlik, Captain Tiffin Kaczowski, Scott Greve, Mike Derderian, Kunal Kalra

Not Pictured: Pat MacArthur

*Invited to  
National Championships*



*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships—Finished 3rd*

### 18 & Over 3.0 Men

Sports Club Novi  
Captain: Fred Wright

Back Row (l-r): Cosmin Orlandea, Brian LaVeque, Daniel Glenn, Tom Clarkson, Captain Fred Wright; Front Row (l-r): Jim Prokes, Gary Cloutier, Bill Tierney, Todd Glenn, Rob Novy

Not Pictured: Brian Scherle, Anish Verma, Monish Verma

### 18 & Over 3.5 Women

Troy Racquet Club  
Captain: Chris Fietsam

Back Row (l-r): Astrid Harrod, Laura DuBay, Christy Samuelson, Patty Wernette, Laura Vanderveen; Front Row (l-r): Cindy Demerino, Captain Chris Fietsam, Susan Proefke, Elaine Messina

Not Pictured: Rosalie Deveson, Deborah Harbin, Kimberly Koerber, Barbara Mendola, Celeste Roth, Kimberly Sowerby, Jamie Spivey

*Finished 3rd at  
State Championships*







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## 18 & Over 3.5 Men

Franklin Athletic Club  
Captain: Mike Rosko

Back Row (l-r): Kevin Weinman, Jim Klunk, Captain Michael Rosko, Don Watler, Lenny Waldman, Andrew MacLeod; Front Row (l-r): Ara Kazanjian, Greig Patton, Johan Mahmood, Naresh Sharma, Andrew Antonov

Not Pictured: Hiralkumar Patel, Daniel Ruffle, Ifushi Shimonomoto

*Finished 2nd at  
State Championships*

## 18 & Over 4.0 Men

Peachtree Tennis Club  
Captain: Doug Robinson

Back Row (l-r): Chris Scroggs, Tony Kowalski, Captain Doug Robinson, Kirk Kammer, Rob Germain;  
Front Row (l-r): Kyle St Pierre, Thomas Bond, Joe Pantaleo, Scott Sellers, Joey Donaldson

Not Pictured: Mark Gentner, Michael Schohl

*Finished 2nd  
at State Championships*



## 18 & Over 5.0 Men

Franklin Athletic Club  
Captain: Eric Podgorny

Back Row (l-r): Sascha Kiehne, Captain Eric Podgorny, Piotr Necajevs; Front Row (l-r): Robert Riley, Steve Demaagd, Rob Martin, Paul Podgorny

Not Pictured: Scott Acre, Greg Anderson, Griffin Nienberg, Randy Payne, Scott Smith

*Advanced Directly to  
Sectional Championships—  
Finished 4th*





## 18 & Over 6.0 Mixed Doubles

Troy Racquet Club  
Captain: Michelle Livingston

Back Row (l-r): Jim Livingston, Peter Buccellato,  
David Blackmer; Front Row (l-r): Captain Michelle  
Livingston, Jocelyn Smith, Elisabeth Morrison

Not Pictured: Laurie Dunn, Tom Dunn, Meg Fris,  
Carl Fris, Rick Kaczmarek, Barb Quart

*Finished 3rd at State Championships*



## 40 & Over District Champions

The USTA League playoff season kicked off July 26-27<sup>th</sup> with our Adult 40 & Over League Championships. A total of 33 men's and women's teams played 40 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 3.0 Men

Ann Arbor Rec & Ed  
Captain: Brad Beaver

Back Row (l-r): DeVeaux Gauger,  
Pierre Goovaerts, Mark Powers,  
Jim Wiedmayer, Igor Kotlyar; Front  
Row (l-r): Jeff Varick, Captain  
Brad Beaver, Ilgam Babaev

Not Pictured: Thomas Cocco,  
Nicholas Hutchinson, Joseph  
Marker

*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships—Finished 2nd*

## 40 & Over 3.5 Women

Franklin Athletic Club  
Captain: Jennifer Jennings

Back Row (l-r): Fran Snider, Lila Jawad,  
Darlene Germaine, Julie Beaty;  
Front Row (l-r): Misook Soave, Audra  
Bartholomew, Tsen Joslyn, Meg Iverson

Not Pictured: Deborah Berger, Michelle  
Chekan, Laure Housey, Cyndi Israel,  
Captain Jennifer Jennings, Susan Lesson,  
Alicia Roberts, Maureen Sarle

*Finished 2nd  
at State Championships*







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## 40 & Over 4.0 Women

LifeTime Fitness  
Captain: Noreen Connors

Back Row (l-r): Captain Noreen Connors, Robin Inscho, Sue Kuchenmeister, Liz Dzuris, Diane Myers, Yolanda Lewczuk, Rise Gilliland; Front Row (l-r): Laura Findlay, Kristen Tessmar, Anita Kenner, Gina Petherick

Not Pictured: Lesleigh Barnett, Kimberly Blakeslee, Gail Borgiel, Leigh Grubbs, Cynthia Ostrowski, Debbie Pappas, Cindy Puchalski, Margaret Schwarz



*Finished 2nd at State Championships*



## 40 & Over 6.0 Mixed Doubles

Eastside Tennis & Fitness  
Captain: Julie Henry

Back Row (l-r): John Kelly, Richard Canny, Geoffrey Berg; Front Row (l-r): Kandace Novotny, Captain Julie Henry, Heidi Weisel, Jacqueline Canney

Not Pictured: Dawn Clegg, Thomas Cobau, Todd Hecker, Timothy Kuhn, Stephanie Listman, Leann Pontello, Michael Pontello, Sara Sessions

*Finished 2nd at State Championships*

## 55 & Over 6.0 Women

Sports Club West  
Bloomfield  
Captain: Carol Frankel

Pictured (l-r): Joni Fisher, Judy Joyce, Gayle Hoffman, Lisa Ambrose, Gail Panny, Sue Davis, Sandy Shipper, Ann Podolsky, June Takahashi, Debbie Burgam

Center: Captain Carol Frankel



*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships—Finished 3rd*





## 55 & Over 7.0 Women

Sports Club Novi  
Captain: Sherry Bock

Back Row (l-r): Lynn Cundy, Mary Connolly,  
Karen Thomas, Linda Schalek;  
Front Row (l-r): JoAnn Steuwe, Captain  
Sherry Bock, Karen Buddenborg,  
Nancy Heathfield

Not Pictured: Sheri Fasbinder,  
Wendy Richardville

*Finished 2nd  
at State Championships*



## 55 & Over 9.0 Men

Sports Club of Novi  
Captain: Brian Bez

Pictured (l-r): Howard  
Frischman, Gary Cunitz,  
Jon Bowdler, Kim Degner,  
Joe Franzen, Chip Mitchell,  
Michael Reyes

Not Pictured: Captain Brian  
Bez, Keith Morrison, Larry  
Panter, Mickey Schmidt

*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships—Finished 4th*

## 65 & Over 7.0 Women

Bloomfield Tennis  
Captain: Judy Joyce

Back Row (l-r): Linda Lublin,  
Leslie Alderson, Pat Givens;  
Middle Row (l-r): Helen Coh,  
Charlotte Cornell, Linda  
Jareunpoon, Jane Tucker,  
Faye Heller, Kikuko Kobaya-  
shi, Flory Mojica; Front  
Row (l-r): Lynn Cox,  
Captain Judy Joyce

Not Pictured: Maureen Hennessy



## 65 & Over 8.0 Women

Huron Valley Tennis Club  
Captain: Karen Caine

Pictured (l-r): Judy  
Silverman, Sheri Hays, Ann Munro,  
Janet Remen, Kathy Green, Leslie  
McGowan, Captain Karen Caine

Not Pictured: Debbie Crosby, Marie  
Fletcher, Ann Holz, Helen Peters,  
Rosalie Wright







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## 2014 Winter Team Singles Flight Winners

Congratulations to our winter league flight winning teams from Jan.-Apr. 2014. Team Singles is our own Southeast Michigan league created for players who primarily play singles and enjoy the team atmosphere that a league provides. Team Singles is offered as a fall and winter league. Contact your club coordinator or the Southeast Michigan District Office to form a team or to see if there is a team playing in your area.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Captain</u>
3.5 M	LifeTime Fitness	Joey Mentzer
3.5 M	Livonia Y	Joe Buison
4.0 M	Eastside Tennis	Brian Kean
4.0 M	Huron Valley	Tim Brewer
3.0 W	Troy	Meg Fris
3.0 W	Liberty	Amy Kullenberg
3.5 W	Sports Club Novi	Karen Izzo
3.5 W	LifeTime Fitness	Mary Marvel-Nelson
3.5 W	Bloom. Open Hunt	Bridget Swope
4.0 W	Franklin	Analyn Mayo
4.0 W	Chippewa	Sarah Rao

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**Ooops!** In our last edition of the Court Reporter, we transposed our Qualifier 3rd/4th Place Winners in the Boys 14s & 16s Divisions. Here is the correction with our sincere apologies for the oversight!

### 14 & Under DIVISION



3<sup>RD</sup>

PATRICK REED



4<sup>TH</sup>

CONSTANTIN HEMMRICH



### 16 & Under DIVISION



3<sup>RD</sup>

JOSH MUKHERJEE



4<sup>TH</sup>

MARC SABLE

## Thank You!

Robbie Risdon for her generous donation of equipment.





## USTA League Play Opportunities for those long winter months!

Play begins the weekend of January 9th. Matches can be played Friday nights, Saturdays or Sundays. Day and time determined by court availability at the home clubs. Team commitments due mid-December.

### MIXED DOUBLES 3 Courts of Doubles, Combination Ratings

18 & Over Mixed      6.0 and 8.0  
40 & Over Mixed      7.0 and 9.0

Winning teams during this season will play their District Championships May 1-3, 2015

### Mixed Doubles Play starting in May, 2015:

18 & Over Mixed      2.5, 7.0, 9.0 and 10.0  
40 & Over Mixed      6.0 and 8.0

Winning teams during this season will play their District Championships August 28-30, 2015

### TEAM SINGLES 3 Courts of Singles – Played at Rating Level

**Men's Levels: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5**

**Women's Weekend Levels\*: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5**

**Women's Day Levels\*: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0** – matches are played on Tuesdays

\*Must choose to play on either a day or weekend team

**TO DECLARE OR FIND A TEAM,  
CONTACT YOUR CLUB USTA LEAGUE COORDINATOR  
or Deb Thallman at the District Office (734) 421-1025  
(email: deb@semich-usta.com)**

## COMING SOON: 2014 RATINGS!

New ratings are expected in early December. To see your 2014 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 2014.

Year end ratings are published only on TennisLink. The process to calculate year-end ratings begins at the completion of the National Championships for all levels in the Adult Leagues. The final championship weekend this year is November 7-9th. New year-end ratings cannot be calculated until the National matches are complete.

Players and captains continue to inquire about a web site that states that they have current USTA League NTRP ratings. This unofficial website claims to list estimated league ratings to one-hundredth of a point. The USTA has no affiliation with this site. The USTA did not create nor does it endorse these ratings.

Your correct 2014 NTRP rating will be the one that appears on TennisLink!







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# CONGRATULATIONS

2014 USTA Jr. Team Tennis  
14 & Under National Finalists



From left: Coach Paul Ripley, Evan Sood, Jared Kehn, Jack Harris, Caroline Norton, Margaret Goldberg and Olivia Reyes after finishing second at the 2014 USTA Jr. Team Tennis 14 & Under National Championships held October 16-19 at Cayce Tennis Center in Cayce, S.C. (Courtesy photo | Andrew Ong)



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## Southeast Michigan's 10U High Performance Training Center becomes the model for other Districts in the Midwest!

When we revamped our Competition Training Center (CTC) in 2012 to focus on 10 and under players, we had no idea that we were quickly becoming the model for other Districts throughout the Midwest Section. The Midwest Jr. Competition Committee (and their subcommittee) have targeted our program as a benchmark for other Districts in the Section.

Inviting the top 10 & under Boy and Girl players in our District, our 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. Offered during the indoor tennis season, our CTC features 18 hours of instruction and training. The coaches also talk 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!**

Our Southeastern Michigan players had a great experience in the 2013-14 season. The CTC sessions allowed them to have an additional training opportunity outside of a tournament setting. These athletes were able to work with other players their age to develop sportsmanship, cooperation, and a willingness to try new skills. They were introduced to a new skill at each session and expected to work hard to enhance that skill. Drills and games were presented in a fun atmosphere where mistakes are recognized as learning opportunities. The participants grew as athletes and enjoyed interacting with their peers. This program promotes a love of tennis while offering the players an opportunity to enhance their **game. Last season's CTC players included: Adnan Alousi, Rishi Chada, Hayley Chenfang, Derek Distelrath, Brandon Falk, Elisabeth Jones, Sophia MacKinnon, Michael Mascarin, Shray Naik, Adam Pluszczyk, Emma Roeck, Noah Roslin, Daniel Stojanov, Andrea Teofilovic, Laynie Thompson and Rishi Verma.**

Thank you to our 2014 10U CTC Director (Mike Graff) and Head Coach (Dave Brown) as well as our host sites: Birmingham Racquet Club, Bloomfield Tennis, Dearborn Racquet & Health Club, Franklin Athletic Club, Liberty Athletic Club, Life Time Fitness—Rochester, and the Port Huron Tennis House.



2013-14 CTC Players making friendships during snack break.

The 2014-15 Season will start in November and run through April. Our CTC Administrative & Coaching Staff looks forward to another great season of training young, talented Southeast Michigan players.

## SEM Player receives Perseverance Award at USTA Regional Training Camp!

Congratulations to Olivia Carlesso Weiss, age 11, who won the Perseverance Award at the September USTA Midwest Regional Training Center Camp held in Indianapolis in September. This award was presented by Ken Kinnear, USTA Director of Junior Identification and Development.

Olivia finishes out quite a year, as our Muthig Qualifier Champion in the G12s division, finalist in the Midwest Closed G12s, team finalist on SEMTAs 12s Midwest Cup Event, as well as playing on the Midwest Zonals team. Currently, Olivia is at the top of our SE Michigan Girls 12s Standing List and #3 in the Midwest. *Congratulations!*

Olivia receives her award presented by Ken Kinnear of USTA National.







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## Liberty Tiger Sharks finish second at Jr. Team Tennis National Championships in Cayce, South Carolina!

What a finish to a great season of play for the 14 & Under Intermediate Tiger Sharks from the Liberty Athletic Club. Starting play back in September of 2013, the team finally finishes their season at National Championships in October of 2014. In the championship match, the Ann Arbor team fell to the USTA Southern Section team from Woodstock, Ga., 49-35. In the semifinals on Saturday, Ann Arbor beat the Eastern Section team from Maywood, N.J., 49-44, to advance to the championship.



The 2014 USTA Junior Team Tennis 14-and-Under National Championships brought together the top 32 teams from various USTA Sections throughout the country.

The Tiger Sharks team was coached by Paul Ripley. The competing players were made up of Margaret Goldberg, Jack Harris, Jared Kehn, Caroline Norton, Olivia Reyes and Evan Sood. Evan (inset) also was also one of two players awarded the Boys Sportsmanship Award for the event.

## Good bye, Amanda!



While she waited for acceptance to Graduate School, Amanda Moccia came to work for us as an Administrative Assistant. With her immense tennis background (Amanda was a high performance junior player in Southeast Michigan), she got into the swing of the administrative end quickly, **pointing out "no one would ever believe what we do here on a day-to-day basis."**

After receiving a bachelors degree from Western Michigan (where she played **on the Bronco's women's tennis team**), Amanda had plans to attend graduate school in genetic research. This summer, Amanda received her acceptance letter from the University of Michigan where she headed this fall to complete her masters.

Amanda is a bright spirit with a happy personality and we wish her all the best with her new studies and lab work. We appreciated everything she brought to our table. Thank you, Mandy!

## Hello, Michelle!



Michelle Behr is our new Administrative Assistant. She comes to us from a Customer Service and Administrative Assistant background and is a great addition to our staff. Born and raised in the great state of Texas, with additional time in Singapore, Chicago & London, Michelle is already a well-rounded traveler.

Michelle graduated from DePaul University, with a B.A. in History and minors in Professional Writing and Art & Architectural History.

Attending her first tennis camp under the age of 10 in Texas, Michelle has continued to play our great sport throughout her younger years and still enjoys playing socially.

In her personal life, Michelle is a sports fan with a passion for hockey and enjoys decorating and refinishing furniture in her spare time.

Please help us welcome Michelle!





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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

### The City of Detroit Hosts its Inagural Metro Detroit Excellence Training Camp!



A two-day tennis camp showcasing the top African American tennis players of Metro Detroit took place this past August at the Harvey Barcus Tennis Center (Farwell Field). Organized by Charles Beckham, Founder and Director of Tennis-for-Kids (a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the sport of tennis in the City of Detroit) the goal was to raise awareness and potential sponsorship of tennis for the youth of the City.

Nationally and Sectionally ranked Southeast Michigan

players, including: Gabriel Bullock, Jarreau Campbell, Adorabol Huckleby, Christina Jordan, Kweisi Kenyatte, Jala Muhammad, Haley Mullins, Raven Neely, Jordan Parker, Brooke and Maya Solomon, Sarai Ware and Phoenix Williams participated in the camp conducted by Dennis Royal (Grosse Pointe Hunt Club) with the assistance of Ronnie Parker (Sports Club-West Bloomfield).

For more information, contact Charles Beckham (tennis for kids) at [hydeparkbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hydeparkbeck@sbcglobal.net).

### SEMTA Board Member, Ben Tasich, receives top honors as part of USTA National's No-Cut Coach All-Star Team!

On October 8, 2014, The United States Tennis Association announced its 2014 No-Cut Coach All-Star Team, recognizing 14 exceptional high school coaches throughout the nation who implement a "no-cut" policy which welcomes all interested students to be a part of their school's tennis team. We are proud that our SEMTA Board Member and Pinckney Community High School Varsity Coach, Ben Tasich, was picked for this prestigious team!

*"Throughout the year, these coaches play an integral role in the development of student-athletes and the success of No-Cut Tennis," said Glenn Arrington, USTA National Manager, High School Tennis. "We applaud their efforts at encouraging players of all levels and allowing them to share in a rewarding team experience at their school."*

Since 2006, more than 4,000 tennis coaches nationwide have made a commitment to offering a no-cut policy. The coaches of these teams serve as positive role models and make a difference by spending the extra time and effort to ensure that young players experience the fun and fulfillment of playing tennis and participating in a school sport.

*Congratulations, Ben!*

*To qualify for the USTA No-Cut All-Star Team, coaches must be currently implementing a no-cut policy on their tennis teams, be currently registered with the USTA as a "no-cut" coach, and have coached tennis for a minimum of five years. To register as a no-cut coach or to learn more about the program and free registration incentives, visit [www.usta.com/no-cut](http://www.usta.com/no-cut).*







# *In Memory of...*

## JON FISCHER

1947-2014



**Jon was always a “Meeechigan man”, having graduated from the University of Michigan with a Political Science degree.** During his college days, he found his way into the tennis teaching profession by teaching lessons in the community education department in Huntington Woods. When Huron Valley Tennis Club opened in 1970, Jon quickly became Head Pro and stayed for 14 years before becoming Director of Junior Tennis at Franklin Athletic Club in 1984. In 1990, he became Head Pro at Travis Pointe Country Club, where he remained involved.

Although Jon taught individuals of all ages, much of his work had been with juniors. He always brought a little something personal to the court for each – a nickname or a joke to make a child feel special.

**Jon’s coaching produced several All-Americans**, and more than a few of those became USPTA teaching professionals or coaches. Jon also developed six National Champions early in his career - a superb accomplishment!

**Jon’s influence on tennis, especially within our District, has been impactful.**

**Jon was very involved in the USTA since the early 1970’s, serving as Chair of the Southeast Michigan District Ranking Committee and the Tournament Regulations Committee.** Jon was Area Training Center head coach/administrator in its inaugural year (1990), chaired the District Qualifier Committee in the mid-1990’s and became **President of the District** in 1993. Jon was also active in the Detroit Patrons Tennis Association, a charitable organization established to help youth programs in Southeast Michigan.

**At the Midwest Section level, Jon was an active volunteer in the 1990’s for nearly 10 years, as coach of a Zonal 12’s Team and member of the Player Development Committee.** He later served as Chair of the Section Bylaws Committee (2000-1) and was a member of the Junior Competition Coaches Commission (2012-3). Jon served as Tournament Director of the Girls 16s National Indoor for many years.

In 1994, the Southeast Michigan District presented Jon with the William F. Beyer Award, **the District’s most prestigious award given to an individual who contributed unselfishly and immeasurably to the game of tennis.**

**Most recently, Jon served on the Southeast Michigan District’s Junior Competition Committee and was interested in developing an adaptive tennis program in the Ann Arbor Area.** Although he suffered from diabetes for many years, he continued to give his time to what he loved most – TENNIS! *(Contributions may be made in Jon’s memory to the Metro Detroit Tennis Patrons in care of the USTA-Southeast Michigan office.)*



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Congratulations to our  
Southeast Michigan District  
Award Winners  
being honored at our Annual  
Banquet on November 21st:

MALE HOXIE  
Tim Wang

FEMALE HOXIE  
Sophia Abelson

WILLIAM F. BEYER AWARD  
Mel Kropko

DARLEE TOWLER USTA LEAGUE AWARD  
Theodore (Ted) Brassfield

KASPERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
Mollie Fox, Kerry Hu and Rohan Sinha

*Stay tuned for our complete Awards Banquet  
Recap in our Next Issue of the Court Reporter!*