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USTA Midwest Level 1 Fall Closed Championship  
Girls' 14-under Singles Champion



***KARINA MILLER***

#1 Midwest Ranking Girls' 14-under Singles  
#83 National Ranking Girls' 14-under Singles



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## The Midwest Section rolls out Bonus Points for more accurate Points Per Round Standings & Selection in most Midwest Elevated Events.

While USTA National pilots their new Junior Rating System behind the scenes in 2016, the Midwest Junior Competition Committee will be implementing a new bonus point system to create more accurate Points Per Round (PPR). Using a combination of the new bonus points PPR and Universal Tennis Rating for selection in most Midwest Elevated events (will not include the Midwest Outdoor Closed Championships), the Section believes this method will prove more accurate to a player's level.

### 2016 Tournament Rankings/Ratings Hybrid System

This system includes Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) and Bonus Points Lists (BPL).

- A Top 100 Bonus Points List will be run once each month and applied to the Weekly Points Per Round Standing List.
- Allows for a hybrid of USTA/Midwest Bonus Points Standings List and UTR to be used for selection and seeding of all USTA/Midwest Section sanctioned events.
- The Bonus Points List and UTR are more accurate than the current Points Per Round System.
- The hybrid selection and seeding process will help to give players multiple tracks to help lower cost.
- The Bonus Point System, which is currently used by the USTA National organization, rewards players for beating top 100 players regardless of whether it's in a local tournament or a top Midwest Championship.
- The hybrid system promotes more competitive matches.
- UTR is a great tool for helping players age up and protecting players that get injured.
- Players will be able to afford to take time off to work on their game.



#### Selections:

- 128 draws (except the Midwest Closed): 104 BPL then 24 UTR
- 64 draws: 52 BPL then 12 from UTR
- 32 draws: 26 BPL then 6 UTR

#### Seeding:

- 128 draws: 16 UTR then 16 BPL
- 64 draws: 8 UTR then 8 BPL
- 32 draws: 4 UTR then 4 BPL

Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)	Bonus Points Lists (BPL)																
Features 16 levels of tennis and provides players worldwide a common language to determine their level of play. The 16 levels are based on actual match results without regard for age or gender using the Competitive Threshold* to determine accurate ratings.	The Bonus Point System is an enhancement to the current Points Per Round (PPR) system. BPL is used to reward players for beating opponents that are ranked within the top 100 of their given age division.																
<b>Positions Determined by:</b>  Match results are based on the rating of the opponent and match score, not the "weight" of the event. A player who consistently meets the Competitive Threshold* within a given level of play will receive a Universal Tennis Rating at that level. For example, an older junior player consistently successful at the Sectional level may have a UTR of 11 (top ATP players have a UTR of 16).  <i>*A match is considered to have been competitive when the losing player wins more than 50% of the minimum number of games needed to win the match. For example, if player A defeats player B 6-4, 6-4 the match is "competitive" because a minimum of 12 games is needed to win and player B won 8 games (more than 50% of 12). It would be said that player A had a "competitive" win over player B in this match. Generally, in a best 2-sets-out-of-3 format, matches are considered "competitive" whenever the losing player wins at least 7 games.</i>  For a match to be considered in the UTR calculation, a player must have won at least four games; defaults, walk-overs, and retirements prior to the completion of those four games do not count.	<b>Positions Determined by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying bonus points to players' tournament points (in addition to the points the player already earned for the tournament) for beating players ranked within the top 100 of their given age division.</li><li>• Bonus points are awarded the same for every level of tournament, from the Closed to local Level 5 tournaments.</li><li>• Bonus Point List point breakdown:</li></ul> <table><tr><th>Opponent Ranking</th><th>Bonus Points Awarded</th></tr><tr><td>1-5</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>6-10</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>11-20</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>21-30</td><td>45</td></tr><tr><td>31-50</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>51-75</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>76-100</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Opponent Ranking	Bonus Points Awarded	1-5	100	6-10	75	11-20	60	21-30	45	31-50	35	51-75	15	76-100	5
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<b>What Data is Used:</b>  Ratings are determined using players' results which include up to their last 30 matches within the last 12 months.	<b>What Data is Used:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A new Bonus Points List is run at the beginning of every month and includes the top 100 players per age division from the prior 12 months.</li><li>• The Bonus Points List will then be applied to the weekly PPR lists for the whole month.</li><li>• Each PPR list will be calculated using a player's best six tournament results from the prior 12 months.</li></ul>																











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## Youth Progression Pathway *continued* *from last page.*

Players exempt from the Youth Progression Pathway are:

- ... Players who have already advanced to Yellow Ball
- ... First day of the month a player turns 11; however, players that turn 10 prior to January 1, 2016 may still play Yellow Ball.

While point values are used behind the scenes, players will only see "Stars" or "Trophies" on their Player Profile Page. This Player Profile Page (sample shown on left) will be fun and exciting for the player in the Youth Progression Pathway, showing their "Mission" of attaining the next level and sending automated emails when the next level of play has been achieved. TennisLink has also been enhanced so players will only be able to register for events (Tournaments and/or Jr. Team Tennis divisions) for which they are eligible.

Changes will go into effect January 1, 2016.



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## Midwest Early Development Camp & SEM Competitive Training Center: A complementary approach to identifying and training 10U Players!

Early Development Camps (EDCs) are the first step in the USTA Player Development Pathway. The EDCs consist of a series of high performance Orange Ball camps aimed at training the top young, promising 10 and under athletes in the Midwest. In its pilot year, there were four EDCs throughout the Midwest Section: Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee & Detroit. The Detroit EDC was hosted at LifeTime Fitness in Rochester, where 24 players and 7 dynamic coaches (certified in 10U Tennis by USPTA or PTR) attended an open Combine and players were selected by a variety of criteria. Congratulations to the following EDC players chosen from the entire state of Michigan during the Combine: Chad Anderson, Katherine Beglin, Will Black, Laura Brueggemann, Dylan Distelrath, Thara Gowda, Drew Hackney, Thomas Helquist, Maeve Hix, Isabelle Hult, Sree Komirisetty, Lleyton Lage, Christopher Luna, Hallie Marcero, Evan Pliska, Siddarth Ram, Nolan Sanders, Mason Schindley, Brendan Stafford, Janae Troupe, Ava Weiss, Briah O'Neal, Daniela Pietrowsky, William Seymour.



*Players receive instruction on their next drill in the first of three Early Development Camps held at LifeTime Fitness Rochester.*

Our Competitive Training Center (CTC) targets the top 10 & Under players in our District. Featuring 18 hours of instruction and training with the green dot ball, the CTC's goal is to offer a great vehicle for training, while ensuring good tennis habits to last a lifetime. Participation is by invitation. Congratulations to the following 2015-16 CTC players: Andrew Andea, Clayton Anderson, Aaron Demeritt, Nihaal Dhaliwal, Devyn Gans, Mireia Garrigo, Kavitha Gowda, Michael Liss, Mackinley McNalley, Vikram Mundkur, Ariella Osipov, Avery Perkins, Katie Rolls, Gabriella Sadowski, Andrew Vincler, Eleanor Vogel.

Both the EDC and our CTC are working together to create a unique and excellent 10 & Under training program.







## Fight those Holiday Pounds with Adult Winter Leagues!

### MIXED DOUBLES or TEAM SINGLES

- ... 18 & Over Mixed Doubles – 2 levels: 6.0 & 8.0
- ... 40 & Over Mixed Doubles – 2 levels: 7.0 & 9.0
- ... Team Singles – 18 & Over – Men & Women's Teams: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0

### SEASON DATES

- ... Schedules published January 4th, 2016
- ... Matches begin January 15-18th
- ... Matches end no later than April 15-18th
- ... Mixed Playoffs will be April 30-May 1st



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

## Southeast Michigan USTA League Regulations Changes All 2016 Leagues, starting with January 2016

### TEAM MINIMUM DEADLINES

Team minimum deadlines will be strictly enforced for all leagues.

- ... Teams that are short after the deadline will not be included in the upcoming season
- ... Players registered on a dropped team may request (via email) to be moved to another Southeast Michigan League Team
- ... No registration refunds

### ELECTRONIC CAPTAIN'S AGREEMENT

Each season all captains will be required to complete an online Captain's Agreement. The form takes just a few minutes. Only those who have completed the form can be captains for teams in Southeast Michigan.

- ... Captains agree to follow all league rules
- ... Captains agree to share all rules with their players
- ... Captains agree to grant permission for the use of their email and phone numbers for USTA League matters

### TOTAL TEAM DEFAULTS

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

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

Effective with the 2016 season, the Southeast Michigan League Committee has set the following policies and consequences for Total Team Defaults:

#### First Total Team Default

1. Warning email sent to Captain, Players and Facility
2. Team must pay total match fees due within 10 business days
3. Email sent to Facility that is to be paid
4. Non-payment results in captain suspension as player and captain for 364 days
5. Non-payment results in 364 day suspension for all rostered players
6. Suspensions will begin the day after the team's last match of the season in which the total team default occurred
7. Non-payment incurs additional \$100 team penalty

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







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## Southeast Michigan USTA League Teams Compete at Nationals!

A total of 11 teams at Nationals in 2014 was a tough act to follow, but 8 of our Southeast Michigan teams were up to the challenge in 2015. After weeks of local matches, followed by a series of District, State and Sectional Championships, teams from 7 different facilities have played or will play for their USTA League National Championship in various locations across the Country. Congratulations to all and best of luck to those yet to compete!



### 18 & Over 2.5 Women Franklin Athletic Club Captain: Rina Salazar

Pictured (l-r): Stacy Holloman, Tracy Muscat, Franz D'Souza, Soniya Cherran, Anna Nikonov, Captain Rina Salazar, Betty Croft, Joanna Konopka

**National Championships in  
Indian Wells, CA - October 16-18  
(finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in flight)**

### 18 & Over 4.0 Women Varsity Tennis Center Captain: Chiquita Berg

Back Row (l-r): Laura Corcoran, Ann Hubbard, Fasaka Tsujioka, Liz Morrissey, Piper Copeland, Lora Kazanjian, Sherry Walker;  
Front Row (l-r): Stephanie Mitchell, Carly Eckert, Captain Chiquita Berg, Max Kennebrew, Anne-Marie Kim;

Not pictured: Diane Fingar, Faith Straton

**National Championships  
in Rancho Mirage, CA - October 2-4**



**PLACED THIRD IN NATION!**



### 18 & Over 5.0+ Women Port Huron Tennis House Captain: Tracy Carleton

Back Row (l-r): Annie Moore, Celina Grondin, Elena Strakhova, Christine Scherl, Kim Miller, Captain Tracy Carleton; Front Row (l-r): Tiffany Odum, Allie Sweeney, Barb Lynch

**National Championships in  
Indian Wells, CA - October 2-4  
(finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in flight)**







## Southeast Michigan USTA League National Teams

### 40 & Over 3.0 Women

**Troy Racquet Club**  
**Captain: Christine Scott**

Back Row (l-r): Christine Tocco, Jocelyn Smith, Julie Campbell, Kristin Siver;  
Front Row (l-r): Mary Beth Segerlind, Sita Greve, Captain Christine Scott, Marcia Young

Not pictured: Shelly Desantis, Kristin Dimsdale, Julie Pausch, Catherine Topf

**National Championships  
in Tucson, AZ - October 16-18**  
**(finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in flight)**



### 40 & Over 3.5 Women

**Troy Racquet Club**  
**Captain: Michelle Livingston**

Back Row (l-r): Jill Thompson, Ellen Tener, Weatherly Stroh, Linda Smith, Jennifer Notarantonio, Connie Arsenault; Front Row (l-r): Captain Michelle Livingston, Rebecca Barry, Cheryl Barbas, Karla Bole

Not pictured: Patricia Givens, Patricia Landrith, Julie McKee, Maureen Mitchell, Carolyn Samuels, Patricia Selasky-Bennie

**National Championships in Tucson, AZ - October 23-25**  
**(finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in flight)**

### 40 & Over 9.0 Mixed

**Livonia Family Y**  
**Captain: Rob Smith**

Back Row (l-r): Kent Roman, Captain Rob Smith, Julie Brizard; Front Row (l-r): Paul Gill, Robin Parker, Tamara Stiles

Not Pictured: Paul Aris, Brian Bez, Shelley Boatright, Susan Crosley, Tom Fargo, Leigh Formicola, Cesar Gonzalez, Christian Trumbull, Joy Van Buhler, Luminita Varos, Sherry Walker



**National Championships in Surprise, AZ - November 20-22**  
**FINISHED FOURTH IN NATION!**







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## 55 & Over 8.0 Women

### Bloomfield Tennis

**Captain: Patti Vanslingerlandt**

Back Row (l-r): Susan Vandellen, Jodie Mertz, Patti Stein, Brier Neel; Middle Row (l-r): Jan Ash, Joanne Gaines, Gail Early; Front Row (l-r): Mary Tavernit, Captain Patti Vanslingerlandt, Karen Pozolo

Not Pictured: Norma Gorski, Cynthia Ostrowski, Zina Smietana, Julie Swanson, Christine Walsh

**National Championships  
in Surprise, AZ - October 23-25  
(finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in flight)**



## 65 & Over 6.0 Women

### Sports Club Novi

**Captain: Gayle Zimmerman**

Pictured (l-r): Bev Bastian, Caryn Doehler, Linda Heritage, Brenda Krachenberg, Marica Booth, Captain Gayle Zimmerman, Cheryl Patterson, Karen Cundari

Not Pictured: Jan Hankins, Roseanne Paterson

**National Championships in Surprise, AZ - April 1-3, 2016**

## Sportsmanship is:

- ... Showing **respect** towards others by winning or losing graciously.
- ... Playing fairly and following the rules **honestly**.
- ... Demonstrating **teamwork** by working together and supporting teammates.
- ... Being a **caring person** who offers others kindness and friendship.
- ... Behaving **responsibly** by meeting the expectations of your teammates, captains and opposing players.







## Congratulations to our Southeast Michigan USTA League State Championship Teams!

The Western Michigan District hosted the both the Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over State Championships, while in Southeast Michigan, we hosted the Adult 55 & Over and both the 18 & Over and 40 & Over Mixed Doubles State Championships. For these 13 teams, the road to Nationals ended at the Midwest Championships in Indianapolis, after a successful season of play!

### 18 & Over 3.0 Men

**Travis Pointe**  
**Captain: Bob Babik**

Back Row (l-r): Greg Ruselowski, Paul Hussong, David Lusk, Cliff Elavich;  
Front Row (l-r): Simon Whitelocke, Eddy Christiansen, Captain Bob Babik, Mike Bieringer

Not pictured: Kevin Boehm, Bruce Rea, Tom Shell, Phil Venables, Skip Walton

***Finished 4th at  
Sectional Championships***



### 18 & Over 3.0 Women

**Birmingham Racquet Club**  
**Captain: Christine Scott**

Back Row: (l-r): Holly Shier, Bonnie Miller, Marcia Young, Betty Palaj, Heidi Geissbuhler, Leanne Sherman, Staci Chambers; Front Row (l-r): Tracy Lamerato, Barb Lindeblad, Cita Greve, Katy Noser, Captain Christine Scott

Not pictured: Christine Tocco, Catherine Topf

***Finished 5th at  
Sectional Championships***

### 18 & Over 3.5 Men

**Peachtree Tennis Club**  
**Captain: Mark Dubiel**

Back Row (l-r): Michael Evans, Alex Dusza, Chris Schroudt; Front Row (l-r): Matthew Albo, Dustin Dagastino, Jay Schlump, Harsh Parekh, Dave Schroudt

Not pictured: Captain Mark Dubiel, Stephen Filus, Mike Pearson, Dan Scrivano

***Finished 2nd at  
Sectional Championships***







## 18 & Over 4.0 Men

**Sports Club Novi**

**Captain: Mike Tituskin**

Back Row (l-r): John Patry, Chris Irvine, Eric Mitchell, Jordan Parrish, Evan West, Dan Carlson; Front Row (l-r): Abjijeet Bhusari, Petio Gospodinov, Captain Mike Tituskin, Kyle McGuire, Brian Roberts

Not pictured: Mark Boksha, Brian Brizard, Brad Charlton, Bill Garrow, John Mahmood

***Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships***



## 18 & Over 4.5 Women

**Birmingham Racquet Club**

**Captain: Pam Hilbers**

Back Row (l-r): Frances Parsons, Shelley Zamler, Didi Zamler, Chris Greig; Front Row (l-r): Amy Blackwell, Captain Pam Hilbers, Kelly Smith, Emily McAbier

Not pictured: Laurie Blume, Carolyn Kennedy, Caryn O'Kulich, Kerry Wysocki

***Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships***

## 18 & Over 7.0 Mixed Doubles

**Franklin Athletic Club**

**Captain: Johan Mahmood**

Back Row (l-r): Jocelyn Smith, Audra Bartholomew, Connie Arsenault, Laure Housey; Front Row (l-r): Javier Alvarez, Michelle Chekan, Brian Eckert

Not Pictured: Dawn Clegg, Darlene Germaine, Rachel Gunnett, Yoichi Inakage, Wasi Khan, Tanya Lukomski, Captain Johan Mahmood, Hiralkumar Patel, Michael Rosko, Kimberly Strachan, Zachary Wagner

***Finished 4th at Sectional Championships***



## 18 & Over 9.0 Mixed Doubles

**Port Huron Tennis House**

**Captain: Tracy Carleton**

Back Row (l-r): Justin Sabourin, Mike Cansfield, Jason Go; Front Row (l-r): Kim Miller, Captain Tracy Carleton, Kristina Kinney

Not Pictured: Michael Coleman, Alexa Sweeney, Alexis Wirtz

***Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships***







## 40 & Over 4.0 Men

### Detroit Tennis & Squash

Captain: Mike Tituskin

Back Row (l-r) Petio Gospodinov, Captain Mike Tituskin, Bill Barrett, John Patry, Abhijeet Bhusari;  
Front Row (l-r): Evan West, Bill Garrow, Mark Boksha, Brian Brizard

Not pictured: Roberto Boeker, Yale Chen, Robert Hall, Eric Mitchell, Vic Moccia, Yonghao Sun

***Finished 2nd at  
Sectional Championships***



## 40 & Over 4.0 Women

### The Chippewa Club

Back Row (l-r): Marleene Rose, Sherri Fountain, Keven Mosley-Koehler, Faith Sparr, Sharon Tubbs, Kathleen Sinicropi; Front Row (l-r): Kathi Gordon, Captain Sally Delange, Carol Miller, Cindy Mathys

Not pictured: Kathy Bowdler, Diane Fingar, Elizabeth Summers-Fisher, Kathy Green, Virginia Hamori, Nancy Kelley

***Finished 3rd at  
Sectional Championships***

## 40 & Over 8.0 Mixed Doubles

### Bloomfield Open Hunt

Captain: Rob Nagle

Back Row (l-r): Peter Fredericks, Captain Rob Nagle, Kevin Friesen, Beth Barnes;  
Third Row (l-r): Claire Baenen, Chris Wiegel, Patrick Dunn; Second Row (l-r): Jeff Muhn, Piper Copeland, Lora Kazanjian;  
Front Row (l-r): Becky Tanguay, Barb Friesen, Mary Tavernit

Not Pictured: Theresa Bush, Kevin Cleary, Timothy Harry, Trish Keranen, Ellen Tener

***Finished 2nd at  
Sectional Championships***







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### **55 & Over 7.0 Men** **Wimbledon Racquet Club** **Captain: Rick Scavarda**

Back Row (l-r): Bill Ziegler, Dick Williamson,  
Charles McCrary; Front Row (l-r): Captain Rick  
Scavarda, Pete Maley, Tony Lawler

Not Pictured: Rick Joseph, Thomas Kolojeski,  
John Libbos, Lawrence Lombard, Joseph Portera

***Finished 3rd at Sectional Championships***

### **55 & Over 7.0 Women** **Bloomfield Tennis** **Captain: Linda Dekar**

Back Row (l-r): Christine Anderson, Captain  
Linda Dekar, Linda Bone, Terri Giampino;  
Middle Row (l-r): Lisa Haboian, Peggy  
Berguer, Laurie Vanswearingen;  
Front Row (l-r): Adele Bologna,  
Carol Fitzpatrick, Leslie Alderson

***Finished 4th at Sectional Championships***



### **55 & Over 8.0 Men** **Bloomfield Tennis** **Captain: Rob Ross**

Back Row (l-r): Jim Ray, Mark Garcia,  
Jon Ross, Jeff Forche; Middle Row (l-r):  
Jeff Muhn, Captain Rob Ross, Matt  
Manion; Front Row (l-r): Ernie Hubbard,  
Herman Yee, Kevin Friesen

Not Pictured: Douglas Dalton, Robert  
Hall, Paul Miller, Ronel Scott

***Finished 4th at  
Sectional Championships***







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## Our 2015 USTA Summer League District Champions!

District Championship matches for our Adult 18 & Over Leagues were held July 31-August 2. A total of 58 teams competed in 79 matches to determine who would advance to the next round of competition. District Championships matches for our Adult 40 & Over Leagues were held July 24-26. A total of 33 teams competed to determine who would advance to the next round of competition. Congratulations to our District Champions!

### 18 & Over 3.5 Women Eastside Tennis & Fitness Captain: Kelie McMillan

Back Row (l-r): Michelle Snyder, Laura Wysocki, Elizabeth Cox, Joann Muller; Front Row (l-r): Mary O'Donnell, Melissa King, Captain Kelie McMillan, Carol Geyer

Not pictured: Emily Fleury, Jennifer Fozo, Laura Huebner, Fay Savage, Sandra Taylor, Amy Vanosdol

*Finished 3rd at State Championships*



### 18 & Over 4.5 Men Sports Club Novi Captain: Billy Bell

Back Row (l-r): Steve Irvine, Bill Atkinson, Ryan Bell, Mike Tituskin, Tom Fargo; Front Row (l-r): Andre Liu, Captain Billy Bell, Jason Carless, Andrew Ying, Michael Mertz, Kevin Hurley

Not pictured: John Hale, Chris Irvine, Pavan Rao, Andrew Schafer

*Finished 2nd at State Championships*



### 18 & Over 5.0+ Men The Chippewa Club Captain: Mark Randolph

Pictured (l-r): Dave Coverly, Kip Andringa, Craig Capelli, Captain Mark Randolph, Patrick Cole, Sven Holcombe, Bill Godfrey

Not pictured: Eric Gajar, Tony Grover, Stephen Hanselman, Eric Hubbard, Dan Morgan, Dushy Srinivasan, Stefan Welch

*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships - Finished 4th*







## 40 & Over 3.0 Men

### Troy Racquet Club Captain: Tom Dunn

Back Row: (l-r): Captain Tom Dunn, Steve Naseef, Rick Zablocki, Pete Bucellato, Bill Findlay, Greg Reese; Front Row (l-r): Don Harbin, Chris John, Jim McKillop, Rick Kaczmarek

Not pictured: David Blackmer, Dan Bridges, Glen Young

**Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 4th**



## 40 & Over 3.5 Men

### Troy Racquet Club Captain: Joe Arsenault

Front Row: (l-r): Raj Kulkarni, Captain Joe Arsenault, Lee Shaykhet, Kent Martini;  
Back Row (l-r): Chris Roberts, Andy Eldridge, Pete Maley, Jason Serwa

Not pictured: Fred Castelveter, Verdun Chagnon, Jim Hartwig, Frank Kozik, Louie Manev, Vince Walker

**Finished 2nd at State Championships**

## 40 & Over 4.5+ Men

### The Chippewa Club Captain: Craig Capelli

Back Row (l-r): Rich Chicoine, Scott Davies, Kip Andringa, Mark Randolph, Dave Coverly; Front Row (l-r): Captain Craig Capelli, Jon Bowdler, Chris McMican, Kent Roman

Not pictured: Bill Godfrey, Tony Grover, Carl Lartigue, Marty Maehr, Hugh Morgan, Michael Reyes, Eric Topliss.

**Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 5th**







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## 40 & Over 4.5+ Women Bloomfield Tennis Captain: Stacy Lareau

Back row (l-r): Kim Miller,  
Kerry Wysocki,  
Captain Stacey Lareau,  
MaryJo Colonna,  
Pam Cabot, Myrna  
Harbar, Deirdr Beatty;  
Front row (l-r): Julie  
Buechner, Kristen  
Charlton, Paulette George,  
Lisa Lillie, Barb Friesen

Not pictured: Sue Kaleel,  
Tiffany Odium



*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships - Finished 2nd*



## 40 & Over 6.0 Mixed Doubles Travis Pointe Country Club Captain: Sarah Walton

Back Row (l-r): Diana Rooks, Tom Shell, Simon  
Whitelocke, James Hallock; Front Row (l-r):  
Anu Whitelocke, Captain Sarah Walton, Monica  
Single

Not Pictured: Kevin Boehm, Eddy Christensen,  
Danielle Groth, Larry Groth, Paul Hyssong,  
Jeanne Learman, David Lusk, Diane Lusk,  
Sally Schmall, Cilla Tomas, Phil Venables, Ed-  
ward Walton

*Advanced Directly to Sectional  
Championships – Finished 3rd*

## 55 & Over 6.0 Women Sports Club W. Bloomfield Captain: Sandy Shipper

Back Row (l-r): Ann Podolsky, Alisa Ambrose,  
Captain Sandy Shipper; Front Row (l-r): Gayle  
Hoffman, Marisa Barreiro, Carol Lesnau

Not Pictured: Wendy Czinder, Susan Davis, Sally  
Durfee, Joan Fisher, Carol Frankel, Cathy  
Goeckel, Debra Wells

*Finished 2nd at State Championships*







## 55 & Over 9.0 Men

**The Chippewa Club**  
**Captain: Jon Bowdler**

Back Row (l-r): Mike Reyes, Brian Bez, Captain Jon Bowdler, Keith Morrison, Joseph Franzen, Carlton Lartigue; Front Row (l-r): Kim Degner, Bill Godfrey, Ernie Mitchell, Mike Balagna

Not Pictured: Howard Frischman, Mark Randolph

***Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 4th***

## 65 & Over 7.0 Men

**Detroit Tennis & Squash**  
**Captain: Nelson Sherburne**

Back Row (l-r): Rob Powers, Ray Cook, Roger Suter, John Camp, David Petway; Front row (l-r): Ben Tasich, Alex Zinkovsky, Captain Nelson Sherburne, Ed Garcia, Andy Acho, Vance Shoger



***Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 4th***

Not Pictured: Thomas Austin, James Hamilton, George Kralovich, Rick Warnicke, Haseeb Zafar



## 65 & Over 7.0 Women

**Sports Club**  
**W. Bloomfield**  
**Captain: Faye Heller**

Back Row (l-r): Koko Kobayashi, Lynn Cundy, Marsha Auslander, Louanne Johnson, Judy Joyce, Elaine Shapiro, Lynn Cox; Front Row (l-r): Pat Givens, Jane Tucker, Captain Faye Heller, Char Cornell, Helen Coh

Not Pictured:  
Linda Jareunpoon

***Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 2nd***







## 65 & Over 8.0 Women

**Travis Pointe  
Country Club**  
Captain: Janet Remen

Pictured (l-r): Captain Janet Remen, Rosalie Wright, Deborah Crosby, Sheri Hays, Judy Silverman, Marleene Rose, Kathy Green, Karen Caine



*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 2nd*



## 65 & Over 8.0 Men

**Dearborn Racquet  
& Health Club**  
Captain: Tim Coleman

Back Row (l-r): Mike Ackerman, Larry Steenbergen, Bill Barrett; Middle Row (l-r): Jim Hamilton, Don Parshall; Front Row (l-r): Roger Suter, Captain Tim Coleman, Stan Adler

Not Pictured: Daniel Deihl, George Gembis, Harold Lollar, Stan Madro, Richard Ostella, Mark Stevens

*Advanced Directly to Sectional Championships – Finished 2nd*

## 2015 Fall Team Singles Flight Winner Recap

League Season September-December 2015



### Level

3.5 Men  
3.5 Men  
4.0 Men  
4.0 Men

### Facility

LifeTime Fitness-Rochester  
Livonia Family Y  
Sports Club W. Bloomfield  
Franklin Athletic Club

### Captain

Tony Latos  
Joe Buison  
Prasad Challa  
Johan Mahmood

3.0 Women  
3.0 Women  
3.0 Women  
3.5 Women  
3.5 Women  
3.5 Women  
4.0 Women  
4.0 Women  
4.0 Women

Wimbledon Racquet Club  
Liberty Athletic Club  
Birmingham Racquet Club  
Port Huron Tennis House  
Franklin Athletic Club  
Troy Racquet Club  
Sports Club W. Bloomfield  
LifeTime Fitness-Rochester  
The Chippewa Club

Caroline Marks  
Julie Brilliant  
Christine Scott  
Alice Mariani  
Dawn Clegg  
Nicole Quandt  
Debbie Hack  
Noreen Connors  
Faith Sparr







## SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY & PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

### The Chandler Park Conservancy, with the help of USTA Public Facility Assistance, resurrect a Detroit Park and dedicate tennis courts for the eastside community!

Chandler Park in Detroit will get four new tennis courts, thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the United States Tennis Association. The grant is through the USTA Facility Assistance Program, which "aims to support and provide communities access to safe, appealing and functional tennis environments."

"We are committed to enhancing and building more tennis facilities in communities across the country," Kurt Kamperman, the USTA's chief executive for community tennis, said in a released statement. "This program allows us to assist in the development process of providing usable tennis venues to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to play and enjoy the health benefits of our great game."

The USTA has been awarding grants to support tennis facility enhancements, renovations and new construction projects since 2005. The USTA Facilities Assistance Program has built more than 38,000 tennis courts across the country in the past seven years.

Earlier this year, a group of longtime and former Detroit residents, including the late Ralph Wilson (founder and owner of the Buffalo Bills NFL franchise) and his wife Mary, formed the Chandler Park Conservancy to oversee a \$20-million transformation of the nearly 100-year-old, 200-acre east-side park. Mary is a tennis enthusiast, best known for her work in tennis with the USTA Women's National Tournament once held on Detroit's eastside.

We thank the Conservancy for making tennis part of their plans and look forward to programming that will be started on the courts for the surrounding community in the Spring of 2016 and for years to come!



Mary Wilson (widow of Ralph Wilson) stands in front of the tennis court dedication sign with some of the potential new players from the Police Athletic League.



Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan takes a turn on court.



Michigan TSR George Lowe directs a group of excited youngsters.



Players from the community take part in some fun drills on the new court surface (not yet painted).



SEMTA President Gail Lewis stands with Mary Wilson, Charles Beckham (Detroit Recreation) and community youth at the court dedication ceremony.







SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
DISTRICT

## USTA League Award presented to Tom Gray for his long-standing commitment of time to League Tennis!

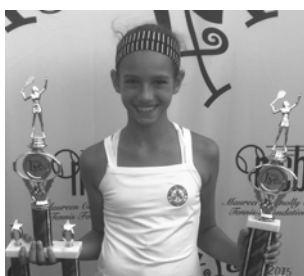


Tom Gray of Life Time Fitness in Rochester is the inaugural recipient of the USTA/Midwest Section League Volunteer Award. The 2015 USTA/Midwest Section League Volunteer award is presented in recognition of leadership and contributions to USTA League Tennis at the USTA/Midwest Section as well as District and local levels.

Tom's long-standing commitment to USTA Leagues started in 1982, and includes serving on National, Midwest and District League Committees. Nationally he was Vice Chair (2003-06) and Chair (2007-10) of the League Committee and a verifier/observer – working over 40 National Championships (1987-2013). He was Midwest Section's Head Verifier (1994-2002) and League Committee Member (1994-2000). In Southeast Michigan, Tom was Head District Verifier (1984-1992), League Committee Member (2005-09) and League Committee chair (2012-present).

Tom has spent countless volunteer hours in helping make the USTA League program fair, structured and player-friendly. Tom has displayed dedication to the sport of tennis and the USTA League program for more than 30 years.

Tom's volunteerism with the USTA continues as he is the newly appointed Midwest Section Co-Chair of the Adult Tennis Development and Operations Council. He is also our District nominee for Vice President and will remain as SEM Adult League Chair. Congratulations, Tom!



Congratulations to Emma Roeck on winning the Little Mo International in NY at Forest Hills in the G10 age division in both the Singles & Doubles!

### Oooops!

In the Summer Issue of the Court Reporter, we mistakenly posted Midwest Closed Results from the last round won, instead of the highest round achieved. Our apologies to our great SEM players who fought hard in every match!

## NEW: Know the Rules!

One rule most often confused in both junior as well as adult tennis is around who serves first in any set (or the match tie-break) following a set tie-break. A set tie-break is considered the 13th game in that set, and therefore the person who started the set should start the tie-break at the end of that set. As a result, the person or team who served first in that tie-break should now receive first for the next set or in the match tie-break if it was a second set tie-break. Often, service rotation is continued after a tie-break and this may be incorrect. It is possible for the person or team that ended the tie-break to begin serving the next set or match tie-break. Remember – service rotation after a tie-break is based on who started the tie-break and not who served last.

Mel Kropko  
Southeast Michigan

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



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACHES:

40th Anniversary Celebration of the

### Detroit Tennis Workshop

Presented by The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association

**February 5th & 6th, 2016** (at the Troy Marriott Hotel)

See website for complete details: [www.mhsteca.org](http://www.mhsteca.org)







## Our 2014-15 Season of Jr. Team Tennis ends with a summer weekend of fun at the Midwest Championships!

Congratulations to our District Championship Winners and Finalist teams that traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana the weekend of July 31st for Section Championships:



### 10U Advanced "Soup-Ah-Stars" Sports Club W. Bloomfield Coach: Marimar Alonso

Team Players: Nihaal Dhaliwal, Zachary Frank, Mireia Garrigo, Elizabeth Gordinier, Matthew Gordinier, Siri Gowda, Brandon Ho, Vikram Mundkur, Katie Rolls

***Finished 2nd in the MIDWEST!***

### 12U Intermediate "Rolling Thunder" Huron Valley Tennis Club Coach: Eric Sturgis

Eligible Players Include: Aditya Abbaraju, Nico Buettner, Lee Fingar-Myers, Olivia Helmer, Rishab Jayaram, Alexandra Kukucka, Larry Lu, Annamaria Raftu, Hikari Takemoto and Allie Zhang

***Finished 2nd in Flight!***



### 12U Intermediate "Balls of Fury" Sports Club W. Bloomfield Coach: Marimar Alonso

Eligible Players Include: Josh Balan, Carly Bernard, Ava Brizard, Aaryan Chandna, Akita Kotian, McKenzie Narens, Sahith Shankar, Chloe Wang, Joshua Weingarden, Troy Williams and Piper Young

***Finished 4th in the MIDWEST!***

### 12U Advanced "Tough Masters" Sports Club W. Bloomfield Coach: Marimar Alonso

Eligible Players Include: Brian Arriaga, Ryan Hammett, Jonathon Holland, Corwin Kim, Alicen Liu, Sophia MacKinnon, Max Nosanchuk, Emma Roeck, Daniel Stojanov

***MIDWEST CHAMPIONS!***







## 12U Advanced "Heat"

**Port Huron Tennis House**  
Coach: Dave Brown

Eligible Players Include: Jaxon Bore, Derek Distelrath, Evan Duggal, Ainsley Kinney, Christopher Latosinsky, Michael Mascarin, Ian Pinnoo, Hadley Schwarz, Quinn Schwarz

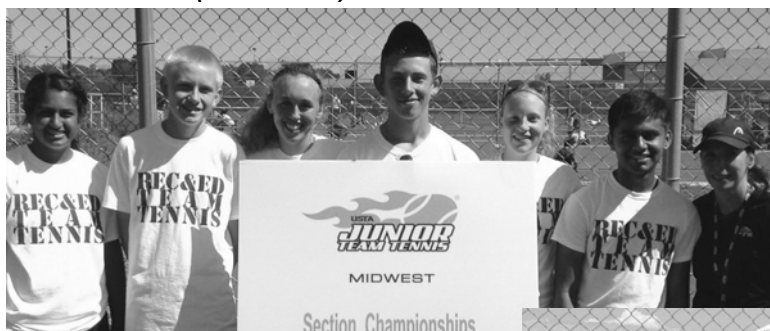
**Finished 4th in the MIDWEST!**

## 14U Advanced "Catching Fire"

**Port Huron Tennis House**  
Coach: Dave Brown

Eligible Players Include: Jamy Brooks, Jillian Brooks, Gabe Brown, Andrew Davies, Ashley Gregoris, Isabella Murray, Eli Pinnoo, Sydney Sepsey, Neehal Tumma

**Finished 4th in the MIDWEST!**  
*Invited to National Championships as a Wildcard (finished 14th)*



## 18U Intermediate "Whirlwinds"

**Huron Valley Tennis Club**  
Coach: Jim Sayed

Eligible Players Include: Jacob Arvidson, Alexander Deatrick, Sarah Gamble, Bianca Ghita, Jacob Hanoian, Katia Kukucka, Colleen O'Leary, Deven Patel, Andrew Quinn, Sushruta Shanka, Ningrui Wei and Chelsea Yu

**Finished in 2nd in Flight!**

## 18U Intermediate "Avalanche"

**Ann Arbor Rec & Ed**  
Coach: Vanda Shadigian

Eligible Players Include: Sonal Bahl, Ryan Conway, Nicolas Figueroa, Jackson Jost, Saige Jost, Nikhil Kalra, Kathryn Lee, Brian Park, Nicholas Porter, Samiksha Prasanna and Taylor Smith

**Finished in 3rd in Flight!**



## 18U Advanced "Ravens"

**Franklin Athletic Club**  
Coach: Keith Robinson

Eligible Players Include: Sheryl Carter, Jarreau Campbell, Deon Griffin, Haley Mullins, Jonathan Nirenberg, Joshua Olmstead, Anthony Pero, Blake Small, Maya Solomon and Arti Vaishnav

**Finished in 5th in Flight!**





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## 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 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 compensated for their time and most work is weekend-based.



***For more information on becoming an official, Please contact the District Office  
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***Stay Tuned to the next issue of the Court Reporter for our SEMTA Annual Award Winners!***