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2013 USTA League Tennis Restructure to offer better competition and more accurate ratings.

USTA League Tennis will get a whole new look beginning with the 2013 league season. Under the new national structure to be introduced January 2013, USTA League will have two divisions -- Adult (18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over) and Mixed (18 & Over).

Gone will be the monikers "Senior" (50 & over) and "Super Senior" (60 & over), replaced instead by a more representative grouping based on age. The revised USTA League changes are the result of a study conducted by Taylor Research & Consulting. The decision to change the USTA League structure was made to better distribute participants among age categories, and to better align participants with players their own age. Data research, player surveys and player focus groups conducted by the USTA and its partners clearly indicated a need for age restructuring in order to provide more and better play opportunities, both for competitive and social reasons. Research indicates that age restructuring will, in the coming years, provide the majority of players with additional play opportunities and produce more competitive match play, which will result in more accurate NTRP (National Tennis Ratings Program) player ratings.

The 18 & over and the 40 & over divisions will feature both singles and doubles, while the 55 & over will consist of three doubles positions.

The Adult 18 & Over division will feature two singles and three doubles matches at the 3.0-4.5 NTRP levels, and one singles and two doubles at the 2.5 and 5.0+ levels. The Adult 40 & Over division will play two singles and three doubles at the 3.0-4.5+ levels Nationally; however, this age division will consist of one singles and two doubles here in Southeast Michigan (changing to the

USTA/MIDWEST CURRENT USTA LEAGUE STRUCTURE	USTA/MIDWEST NEW USTA LEAGUE STRUCTURE (2013)
Adult 18 & Over	Adult 18 & Over 2-Singles, 3-Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 1-Singles, 2-Doubles 2.5, 5.0+ <small>*Maximum of two 5.0 players on a 4.0 team roster</small>
Senior 50 & Over	Adult 40 & Over 2-Singles, 3-Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+ <small>*Maximum of two 5.0 players on a 4.0 team roster</small>
Super Senior 60 & Over	Adult 55 & Over 3-Doubles 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Mixed Doubles 18 & Over	Mixed 18 & Over 3-Doubles 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
Senior Mixed 50 & Over	Mixed 40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

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For the first time in many years, the Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. Qualifier headed outdoors!

In an effort to get our players better acclimated to the challenges of playing outdoors before advancing to the Midwest Closed Championships, our District Jr. Qualifier was played outside in the elements for the first time in many years. Progressively lower entrant numbers, has resulted in fewer matches held on the **Qualifier's traditional first leg (Memorial Day Weekend) forcing us to take a hard look at whether two week-**ends of play were necessary.

Consolidating to one weekend of play with a feed-in consolation format, meant limiting draws. Each division was limited based on population of Southeast Michigan players on the Midwest Ranking List, encouraging local tournament play throughout the year.

The boys weekend got off to a difficult start with rain on the first night of play, but the rest of their weekend and the girls weekend avoided moisture and remained relatively calm and seemed generally well-received.

With a year of changes behind us, our Jr. Competition Committee will be revisiting the format shortly. If you have any comments/suggestions to the new Qualifier format, please submit them, in writing, to: semta@aol.com.

BOYS 12s

CHAMPION:
Alex Wen

FINALIST:
Julian Hyman

THIRD PLACE:
Donovan Nguyen

FOURTH PLACE:
Kobie Mueller

SPORTSMANSHIP: Gabriel Bulluck

GIRLS 12s

CHAMPION:
Amber O'Dell

FINALIST:
Monique Karoub

THIRD PLACE:
Tia Mukherjee

FOURTH PLACE:
Olivia Chang

SPORTSMANSHIP: Tara Shetty





BOYS 14s

CHAMPION:
Josh Mukherjee

FINALIST:
Denali Kitayama

THIRD PLACE:
Jason Kerst

FOURTH PLACE:
Jabril Nettles

SPORTSMANSHIP: Jibril Nettles

GIRLS 14s

CHAMPION:
Halle Hyman

FINALIST:
Marybeth Hurley

THIRD PLACE:
Jeannie Nash

FOURTH PLACE:
Sasha Hartje

SPORTSMANSHIP: Kara Dickinson

BOYS 16s

CHAMPION:
Max Fliegner

FINALIST:
Jack Petersen

THIRD PLACE:
Timothy Wang

FOURTH PLACE:
Michael Dube

SPORTSMANSHIP: Daniel Eilender





SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
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GIRLS 16s



CHAMPION:
Bianca Moldovan



FINALIST:
Mollie Fox



THIRD PLACE:
Christina Jordan



FOURTH PLACE:
Sophia Abelson

SPORTSMANSHIP: Nicole Dean

BOYS 18s



CHAMPION:
Ed Covalschi



FINALIST:
Jordan Parker



THIRD PLACE:
Stephen Payne



FOURTH PLACE:
William Willson

SPORTSMANSHIP: Stephen Payne

GIRLS 18s



CHAMPION:
Alexandria Najarian



FINALIST:
Lexi Baylis

Not Pictured:
THIRD PLACE: Katie Brozovich
FOURTH PLACE: Alexandra D'Ascenzo

SPORTSMANSHIP: Adorabol Huckleby

Congratulations to Arielle Williams
(of Seaholm High School),
recipient of a 2012 USTA Serves
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USTA Serves awards college scholarships annually
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Southeast Michigan Players Endorsed into the Midwest Closed Tournament

The number of Quota Spots (endorsed players gaining direct entry) into the Midwest Closed is derived from the USTA Membership populations for each District with a maximum number of 16 (Southeast Michigan currently has 15). See the next page for Southeast Michigan player finishes (quarterfinalists and up) in the Midwest Closed. For complete results, see TennisLink at www.usta.com.

GIRLS 12s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Braun, Jessica
Chang, Olivia
Clem, Esperanza
Courtright, Caroline
Fox, Madelyn
Hartje, Elle
Karoub, Monique
Kumar, Shanoli
Miller, Karina
Mukherjee, Tia
O'Dell, Amber
Sesi, Katie
Solomon, Maya
Strome, Melissa
Yarlagadda, Anika

Alternates:

Gassman, Kendall
Fadel, Sadina
Opalewski, Lauren
Gandham, Miriam
Barrett, Taylor
Cao, Kate
Wang, Serena
Brooks, Taylor
Fozo, Madison
Rogosch, Kaitlyn
Solomon, Brooke
Vandenbrink, Catherine
Weiss, Olivia
Rajaprabhakaran, Vidhya
Ang, Sara
Shetty, Tara
Pietrowicz, Maja
McConnell, Allison

GIRLS 14s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Brown, Eliza
Dunleavy, Kathryn
Gao, Joanne
Hartje, Sasha
Hurley, Marybeth
Hyman, Halle
Johnson, Lauryn
Kumar, Reeshma
Motea, Allison
Mullins, Haley
Nash, Jeannie
Shannon, Evangeline
Thielman, Ava

Whall, Alexandria

Yutzy, Allonna

Alternates:

Worley, Emma
Lakin, Kyle
Cimpeanu, Hannah
Winarski, Madalyn
Patel, Mausam
Brooks, Claire
Latala, Ola
Conniff, Bridgette
Gjorgjioska, Ivona
Harvey, Emily
Lunghamer, Breann
McLaughlin, Taylor
Dietz, Emma
Fuchs, Selina

GIRLS 16s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Abelson, Sophia
Fox, Mollie
Hu, Kerry
Huber, Tiffany
Huckleby, Adorabol
Jordan, Christina
Modovan, Bianca
Neely, Raven
Nguyen, Davina
O'Brien, Colleen
Shonk, Abigail
Spindler, Isabella
Sweeney, Alexa
Vasile, Dominique
Zheng, Isabel
Alternates:
Selenica, Marina
Olsen, Dana
Petrovska, Labina
Karoub, Madelyn
Olsen, Paige
Moccia, Aimee
Seaver, Marla
Willard, Brooke
Basha, Francesca
Scoggin, Alissa
King, Sydney
Jiang, Lucy

GIRLS 18s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Baylis, Lexi
Benda, Nancy
Brozovich, Katie

Crawford, Jacqueline

D'Ascenzo, Alexandra

Hanna, Mary

Ho, Jennifer

Hughes, Lauren

Karoub, Winifred

Mitrache, Andreea

Najarian, Alexandria

Pendleton, Aerielle

Underwood, Olivia

Woods, Angelica

Zieck, Jane

Alternates:

Morin, Victoria

BOYS 12s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Betrus, John
Cimpeanu, Brennan
Forman, Steven
Hemrich, Constantin
Hyman, Julian
Jacobson, Benji
Li, Joshua
Meluta, Vlad
Mueller, Kobie
Mukherji, Janak
Nguyen, Donovan
Paduraru, Andrei
Stafford, Joseph
Wen, Alex
Wong, Phillip
Alternates:
Bickersteth, Jacob
Mettler, Alexander
Burman, Cade
Tracy, JJ
Burman, Sebastian
Liss, Gabriel
Carpenter, Brian
Chitta, Aditya
Gallagher, Ryan
Brown, Gabe
Zhang, Andrew
Wang, Edward
Warnicke, Ricky
Klak, Nicholas
Amamath, Sidharth
Bulluck, Gabriel
Verma, Sonaal
Deenadayalu, Sahil
Chakraborty, Vikramjit
Fuchs, Henry

BOYS 14s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Adams, Christopher
Anderson, Maxx
Brozovich, Franklin
Gandham, David
Hyman, Justin
Johnston, Connor
Karoub, Noah
Kerst, Jason
Kitayama, Denali
Kondapi, Koushik
Mukherjee, Josh
Nettles, Jibril
Palmer-Hawkins, Colin
Runkle, Damian
Wong, Davis
Alternates:
Li, Oliver
Yi, Ian
Junn, Adam
Chen, Gilbert
Stuart, Ian
Faber, Michael
Small, Blake
Haselwanter, Alexis
Lu, Jordan
Potter, Jason
Dadian, Zaven
Ang, Nicholas
Gerard, Matthew
Wenzel, Matthew
Kagithala, Sai Dheeraj
Kleer, Gabriel
Grosh, Nathan
Wyre, Louis
Daniel, Oliver

BOYS 16s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Ahadi, Blake
Dube, Michael
Fliegner, Maximilian
Gruskin, Alex
Kim, Alexander
Liu, Andre
Mel, Kevin
Mertz, Griffin
Patel, Rishi
Petersen, Jack
Rakic, Ivan
Rothstein, Kevin
Wang, Timothy
Williams, Colin

Zhang, Richard

Alternates:

Wenzel, Mason
Sheeren, Thomas
Seyhun, Jon
Cameron, Johnny
Peery, Chase
Martin, Jonathan
Paolucci, Nicholas
Daniels, Michael
Martell, Zach
Gupta, Rahul
Ota, Akihiro
Livernois, Garrett
Joslyn, Andrew
Kreichmer, Noah
Koger, O'Neal
Tsai, Zachary
Vaishnav, Rohan
Hatch, Palmer

BOYS 18s

QUOTA SPOTS:

Cahn, Andrew
Covalschi, Edward
Fiaschetti, Nicholas
Gardiner, Tyler
Kaye, Michael
Massie, Tucker
Mertz, Michael
Mullane, John Patrick
Murray, Jack
Parker, Jordan
Payne, Stephen
Saari, Kristoff
Vanderheuvell, John
Willson, William
Woods, Christian
Alternates:
Sheets, Cordaro
Peery, Gunnar
Shanbrom, Max
Scott, Jacob
Hodges, Kevin
McCormick, Matthew
Navarre, Spencer
Gaul, Timothy
Lange, Travis
Hemrich, Maximilian
Ciraci, Michael
Stannard, Blaine





SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

MIDWEST CLOSED RESULTS

(Southeast Michigan competitors—quarterfinalists through champions)

BOYS 12s SINGLES: Kobie Mueller (4th Place)
Alex Wen (Consolation Quarterfinalist)
Benji Jacobson / Kobie Mueller (Quarterfinalists)

GIRLS 12s SINGLES: Amber O'Dell (4th Place)
Monique Karoub (Quarterfinalist)
Esperanza Clem (Consolation Finalist)
Tia Mukherjee (Consolation Semifinalist)
Olivia Chang (Consolation Quarterfinalist)

GIRLS 12s DOUBLES: Monique Karoub / Tia Mukherjee (Finalists)
Esperanza Clem / Amber O'Dell (Semifinalists)

BOYS 14s SINGLES: Josh Mukherjee (Consolation Quarterfinalist)

BOYS 14s DOUBLES: Justin Hyman / Connor Johnston CHAMPIONS
Jason Kerst / A. Nefve (Chicago) Quarterfinalists

GIRLS 14s SINGLES: Halle Hyman (3rd Place)
Marybeth Hurley (4th Place)

GIRLS 14s DOUBLES: Marybeth Hurley /
O. Rohrbacher (Northwest Ohio) Finalists

BOYS 16s SINGLES: Max Fliegner (Consolation Semifinalist)

GIRLS 16s SINGLES: Bianca Moldovan (CHAMPION)
Christina Jordan (Quarterfinalist)
Davina Nguyen (Consolation Finalist)
Adorabol Huckleby (Consolation Quarterfinalist)

GIRLS 16s DOUBLES: Davina Nguyen /
L. Lomax (Western Mich.) Quarterfinalists

BOYS 18s SINGLES: Jack Murray (Consolation Finalist)

BOYS 18s DOUBLES: Ed Covalschi / T. Fawcett (Chicago) CHAMPIONS
Tyler Gardiner / K. Zieba (Chicago) Quarterfinalist

GIRLS 18s SINGLES: Alexandria Najarian (Quarterfinalist)
Jacqueline Crawford (Consolation Semifinalist)

GIRLS 18s DOUBLES: Alexandra D'Ascenzo / M. Lin (Chicago) CHAMPIONS
Alexandria Najarian / C. Mercer (Ohio Valley) Finalists
Mary Hanna /
S. Liggins (Western Michigan) Quarterfinalists

BOYS 14s
MIDWEST
CLOSED
DOUBLES
CHAMPIONS:
Connor
Johnston
and Justin
Hyman.



GIRLS 16s
MIDWEST
CLOSED
SINGLES
CHAMPION:
BIANCA
MOLDOVAN.
Went on to
win the
Bronze Ball in
Doubles with
Alexandria
Najarian in the
Girls 16s
Nationals.



BOYS 18s
MIDWEST
CLOSED
DOUBLES
CHAMPIONS:
Ed Covalschi
and
T. Fawcett
(Chicago).



GIRLS 18s MIDWEST CLOSED
DOUBLES CHAMPIONS: Alexandra
D'Ascenzo and M. Lin (Chicago).



For complete Midwest Closed Results, visit TennisLink at www.usta.com.





2012 Southeast Michigan Future Qualifier Top Finishers:

Thank you to Bloomfield Tennis for hosting our event, and congratulations to all the players who participated (some new to tournament play, and some with an experience level that defies their age)! While the Champions of this event do not automatically qualify for the Midwest Closed 10 & Under Championship, a number of Southeast Michigan's top finishers in this event did go on to play the Midwest event. Congratulations to these young players!



BOYS' FINALIST
Joseph Stafford



BOYS' CHAMPION
J.J. Etterbeek



GIRLS' CHAMPION
Karina Miller



GIRLS' FINALIST
Brooke Solomon



BOYS' CONSI WINNER
Sidharth Amarnath



BOYS' CONSI FINALIST
Jonah Liss



GIRLS' CONSI WINNER
Whitney King



GIRLS' CONSI FINALIST
Andrea Teofilovic

SPORTSMANSHIP: Boys - Owen Kelley; Girls - Hadley Krygier



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Team fun for Southeast Michigan's top players competing for the Midwest Cup!



12 & Under Co-Ed Team

Coached by Kelley Hice

A group of the best 12 and under went to Kenyon College in Ohio for the team event. Our team members were Tia Mukherjee, Luke Baylis, Donovan Nguyen, Amber O'Dell, Monique Karoub, Benji Jacobsen, Philip Wong and Esperanza Clem. A wonderful group of parents came along and really helped.

A tough first round was a loss to Central Indiana 7-2. The team came back to win two in a row against Northern Indiana 6-3 and Western Michigan 6-3. A tough loss to Ohio Valley followed by a strong, thrilling, 8-1 victory over Wisconsin finished off a fun weekend of tennis. 3 wins and 2 losses for an overall fifth place finish.

Special thanks to all of the team members and their entourage for all their support and enthusiasm.

- Kelley Hice

14 & Under Co-Ed Team

*Coached by
Armand Molino*

The 2012 Boys and Girls 14 & Under Midwest Team Cup representing SEMTA scored a stunning upset in the 3/4 playoff to finish 3rd in this year's event. Seeded #5 heading into the tournament, SEMTA defeated a tough Northwest Ohio team 5-4 with Mary Beth Hurley scoring the decisive victory at 4-4.

SEMTA later romped to a 8-1 victory over Northern Illinois setting up a crucial match with #3 seed Central Indiana in group play. SEMTA's team battled hard, but dropped a difficult 5-4 match to CITA and forced a do or die match up with 4th seeded Wisconsin. SEMTA's players rose to the challenge and upset the "cheese heads" 6-3 to advance to semi-final play and a rematch with Central Indiana. The Michiganers fought valiantly but dropped a 6-3 final to the Hoosiers which set up a 3/4 playoff battle with the team from the 'Windy City.' Led by Mary Beth Hurley and Josh Mukherjee (both undefeated in singles play) the team from SE Michigan shocked the Chicagoans 5-4 with Hurley again clinching the decisive match! It was a total team effort with outstanding play from all players. This year's SEMTA team was represented by Mary Beth Hurley, Eliza Brown, Kathryn Dunleavy, Evangeline Shannon, Connor Johnston, Josh Mukherjee, Denali Kitiyama and Christopher Adams. It was an honor to coach this team, their spirit and determination was responsible for their outstanding finish. Congratulations!



- Armand Molino

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
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18 & Under Girls' Team

Coached by Marimar Alonso & Tammy Wang



The 2012 Marian Wood Baird Cup was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, June 15-17.

SEMTA's team was represented by the following players: Kasey Gardiner, Mary Hanna, Lexi Baylis, Nancy Benda, Adorabol Huckleby, Aerielle Pendleton, Alexandria Najarian, and Andreea Mitache.

These young ladies are an outstanding group of competitors. The team won their flight with conviction getting a spot in the playoffs. Despite the heat and the injuries, the team finished in fourth place. Their hard work, perseverance and determination were commendable. It was wonderful to see how the team managed to have lots of fun despite the tough match schedule, scorching sun, and fatigue. The coaches, officials and organizers want to congratulate all of the tournament participants for the great sportsmanship observed throughout the tournament. It was a pleasure to work with such a great group of young ladies. **Best wishes to Kasey who is moving on to college next fall and received the event's Achievement Award.** My assistant coach Tammy Wang and I want to thank the girls for another fun and exciting event.

- Marimar Alonso

18 & Under Boys' Team

*Coached by
Chris Shaya
& Paco Trinidad*



Kalamazoo College was the site for the boys 18 and under Midwest Cup Team where SEMTA started the tournament as the #3 seed. Day one saw us beat both Southern Illinois and Middle Illinois by scores of 7-0 and 6-1, respectively. Day two, SEMTA and #5 seed Ohio

Valley played to determine the fight winner. After losing the doubles point, SEMTA played well to collect 4 of the 6 singles points to win the match 4-3.

In the second match of the day, SEMTA unfortunately was upset by the #7 seed Northern Illinois in the knockout round. SEMTA placed 6th overall. Team members included: William Willson, Jordan Parker, Andrew Cahn, Max Fliegner, Michael Dube, Nicholas Fiaschetti, Tyler Gardiner, Michael Kaye, Jack Murray and Christian Woods. Our Assistant Coach, Paco Trinidad, and I would like to thank the players for their commitment to competition and a great weekend of tennis!

- Chris Shaya





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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
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Seven Teams Represent Southeast Michigan at JTT Sectional Championships, playing for the Midwest Title!

Congratulations to all the coaches, players (and their parents) who traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana the weekend of August 3rd to compete for the Midwest Championship. Four of our seven teams ended up in the finals of their division: The 12 & U Intermediate Liberty Snapping Turtles, defeated the Chippewa Warriors, in a rematch of the District Championship Final, where Liberty "snapped" the title for the second consecutive year. While the 14 & U Intermediate Chippewa Servers (our District Finalist) lost to a tough Indiana opponent, our 18 & U Intermediate Port Huron Predators won their division and will head to National Championships in South Carolina this October!



12 INT. LIBERTY SNAPPING TURTLES, MIDWEST CHAMPIONS!



14 INT. CHIPPEWA SERVERS, MIDWEST FINALISTS!



12 INT. CHIPPEWA WARRIORS, MIDWEST FINALISTS!



14 ADV. FRANKLIN FALCONS, 3rd in Flight.



18 INT. LIBERTY MOUNTAIN WOLVES, 4th in Flight.



18 ADV. FRANKLIN RAVENS, 5th in Flight.



18 INT. PORT HURON PREDATORS, MIDWEST CHAMPIONS!

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Changes in store for the Detroit Competition Training Center!

When the USTA Competition Training Centers (CTC's) began in 1988, we all knew that the concept of bringing together our very best 10-14 yr. old players to compete and train was a great plan. Starting with Jon Fischer and more recently, Mike Ware, as our Detroit Competition Training Center Administrators, our District has been lucky to take advantage of their great tennis knowledge and the skills of their complementing training staff to help develop the base of great junior tennis players in Southeastern Michigan. Many of our best young players have gone through our CTC program.

With the introduction of Regional Training Centers across the United States, there has been a shift to talent identification and development of the 10 & Under Player. Due to this change in focus, we are going to revise our Detroit Competition Training Center so both programs can better complement one another and further enhance the future of our young tennis talent.

Look for the launch of our revamped Competitive Training Center soon!

The Southeastern Michigan District and the USTA Detroit Area Competition Training Center program would like to thank the many local clubs and owners who have graciously donated their facilities and courts for this tremendous program that has serviced well over 2000 local young players to date. Thank you!

- ♦ Deer Lake Athletic Club
- ♦ Eastside Tennis & Fitness
- ♦ Genesys Athletic Club
- ♦ Huron Valley Tennis Club
- ♦ Midland Community Tennis Center
- ♦ Port Huron Tennis House
- ♦ Sports Club of West Bloomfield
- ♦ Wimbledon Racquet Club

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2013 USTA League Tennis Restructure *continued from page 1*

national format at the championship level). The 55 & Over division will play three doubles courts per match, using the combined 6.0-9.0 NTRP-level pairings (combined player ratings per doubles team). Mixed will offer both 18 & Over and 40 & Over divisions, which will also have three doubles courts per match at the 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, & 10.0 NTRP-level pairings.

Another change affects the 5.0+ level in the 18 & Over League and the 4.5+ level in the 40 & Over League. Teams in these specific leagues will be allowed to roster 2 players with ratings from the next higher level.

- In the 5.0+ League, only one of the plus-rated players may play in a match and this player must play either singles or number one doubles.
- In the 4.5+ League, both players may play if the local league is playing a five-court format. However, if the local format is only three courts, the team may play only one of their plus-rated players. In either case, the plus-rated player(s) must play number one singles or number one doubles. Locally we will play a three-court league.

Our Southeast Michigan USTA League Committee worked diligently to write a plan for the 2013 season which offers the most playing opportunities for all of our players. We will also start our league season a week earlier in order to accommodate separate championship dates for our 18 & Over and 40 & Over League Championships. Please see the chart below to find your new day of play.

NEW 2013 USTA League Schedule by Day and Divisions & Start Dates

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<u>18+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Day 2.5 W - Night 3.5 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 3.0 W - Day 4.0 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 2.5 W - Day 4.5 W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> 3.5 W - Day 3.0 W - Night 5.0+ W - Night	<u>18+ Women</u> nothing	<u>2nd WEEK of MAY:</u> 40 & Over will begin play
<u>40+ Women</u> 3.0 W - Day 4.5+ W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 3.5 W - Day 3.0 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Day 3.5 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> 4.0 W - Night	<u>40+ Women</u> nothing	<u>3rd WEEK of MAY:</u> 18 & Over will begin play
<u>55+ Women</u> 8.0 W - Day 6.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 7.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 6.0 W - Day 8.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> 7.0 W - Day 9.0 W - Night	<u>55+ Women</u> nothing	<u>Week after</u> <u>MEMORIAL DAY:</u> 55 & Over will begin play
<u>18+ Men</u> 2.5 Men 3.5 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 4.0 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 4.5 Men	<u>18+ Men</u> 3.0 Men 5.0+ Men	<u>65+ Men & Women</u> 7.0 Women 7.5 Men	<u>1st FRIDAY after</u> <u>MEMORIAL DAY:</u> 18 & Over Mixed Doubles will begin play
<u>40+ Men</u> 4.5+ Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 3.0 Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 3.5 Men	<u>40+ Men</u> 4.0 Men	<u>18+ Mixed Doubles</u> 2.5 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0	<u>2013</u> District Championships for each league will be held on separate weekends.





SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
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Two Southeast Michigan Ladies' Teams Take Sectional Championship Titles and Head to Nationals!

After Southeast Michigan Teams dominated State Championships advancing all but three divisions to Sectional Championships in Indianapolis, our 4.0 & 5.0 Women's teams are looking to complete their journey to a National Championship!



4.0 Women
Franklin
Athletic Club
Captain: Susan
Bartelt

Front Row (l-r): Piper
Copeland, Cindy Mathys,
Leigh Ann Grubbs, Erin
Sabo, Jill Plamper; Back
Row (l-r): Natalia Chern-
yak, Marjeanne Camp;
Sue Klunk, Sue Bartelt
(Captain), Madison
Bartelt, Heather Enright.

The 4.0 women's team from Franklin will play in Tucson October 19-21.

5.0 Women
The Chippewa Club
Captain: Kendra Clark

Pictured (l-r): Yasmin Kashaf, Kendra
Clark, Amy Shepherd, Betsy Capelli,
Anju Caldwell

Not Pictured: Kathy VandeWege,
Amanda Moccia, Marimar Alonso



The 5.0 women's team from Chippewa will play in Indian Wells September 28-30.



ATTENTION USTA LEAGUE PLAYERS!

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

Please email your nomination with a brief description of why your candidate is deserving of this recognition. We need your nominations no later than Monday, October 1st! Send your nominations to: semta@aol.com

DARLEE TOWLER MEMORIAL AWARD is given to a USTA League player in the Southeast Michigan District who best reflects the qualities that Darlee exhibited as a captain, player and supporter of the USTA League program: honesty, sincerity, loyalty, good sportsmanship and leadership with a commitment to growing tennis.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS: 2011 – Mike Sheridan 2010 – Joe Arsenault 2009 – Chris Greig





Southeast Michigan Teams Advance All But 3 Divisions at USTA League State Championships!

The Western Michigan District hosted the 2012 State Championships on the weekend of August 10-12. A total of 15 Southeast Michigan teams competed at the 2012 State Championships, with 6 adult teams and 6 senior teams capturing State Titles. Adult Teams advanced to Indianapolis August 17-19th; while Senior Teams advanced to Fort Wayne August 24-26th.



3.0 Women

Sports Club Novi
Captain: Jeanné Lent

Back Row (l-r): Maureen Yaquinto, Lori Gilmartin, Jennifer Brown, Molly Dreiman; Front Row (l-r): Jeanne Lent (Captain), Shannon Croteau, Michelle Young, Caryl Wierengo, Kelly Smith

Not Pictured: Nancy Dettloff, Renee Green, Lisa Larson, Eileen Petroff, Tracie Swiecki, Keiko Tam

3.5 Women

Huron Valley
Tennis Club

Captain: Kelly Belcher

Back Row (l-r): Carrie Shanahan, Patricia Ferguson, Kimberly Schoof, Mirian Dodson, Kelly Belcher (Captain), Katherine Begeman; Front Row (l-r): Fusaka Tsujioka, Connie Ray, Yungi Hong, Barbara Flesch, Nathalie Vandecan

Not Pictured: Vivien Gierach, Katherine Gindin, Yoshiko Hill, Anna Ingram, Jaye Kain, Stacey



3.5 Men

Dearborn Racquet
& Health Club

Captain: Phil Somerville

Back Row (l-r): Robert Mecoli, Tom McHenry, John Szymanski, Stephen Grzechowiak; Front Row (l-r): Greg Gedert, Phil Somerville (Captain), Robert Soltesz, Charles Lowry

Not Pictured: David Barnett, Robert Coleman, Frank Szydowski, Robert Watson





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4.0 Men

The Chippewa Club

Captain: Jon Bardsley

Back Row (l-r): Grant Comly, Brock Hastie,
Brian Conrady, Jon Bardsley (Captain);
Front Row (l-r): Benjamin Johnson, David
Brown, Adam Meehl, Daniel Birchmeier

Not Pictured: Roderick Beer, Brian Braun,
Ian Comly, Bryan Do, Eric Empson, Greg
Lambert, Richard Parsell, Steve Schwende-
man

4.5 Women

Port Huron Tennis House

Captain: Char Sweeney

Back Row (l-r): Char Sweeney
(Captain), Barb Lynch, Tracy
Mosurak, Kim Miller, Amy Szyndlar,
Annie Moore, Kristina Kinney; Front
Row (l-r): Tiffany Odium, Taylor
Sweeney, Brittany Banks

Not Pictured: Trish Gogas, Connie
Kleeves, Betty Latosinsky, Sandy
Miller, Stacey Westrick



3.0 Sr. Women

Sports Club

West Bloomfield

Captain: Carol Frankel

Back Row (l-r): Alisa Ambrose, Gloria
Canty, Janice Kasprzak, Linda Lub-
lin; Front Row (l-r): Terri Anstett,
Gayle Hoffman, Carol Frankel
(Captain)

Not Pictured: Joan Fisher, Bonnie
Globerman, Frances Snider, June
Takahashi, Michelle Verplanck

3.5 Sr. Men

Wimbledon Racquet Club

Captain: Rick Scavarda

Back Row (l-r): John Libbos, Robert Stewart,
Charles McCrary; Front Row (L-R): Brian
Smith, Paul Cook, Rick Scavarda (Captain)

Not Pictured: Guss Kapordelis, Lawrence
Lombard, Joseph Portera





4.0 Sr. Women

Farmington Tennis Club
Captain: Wanda Spencer

Back Row (l-r): Betsy Behr, Lynn Chutorash, Karen Defiore, Catherine Ross, Norma Gorski, Valorie Guthrie; Front Row (l-r): Linda Jones, Janice Mechlowitz, Wanda Spencer (Captain)

Not Pictured: Paulette George, Jessie Mehl, Grace Shahnazary

4.0 Sr. Men

Port Huron
Tennis House
Captain: Ben Johnson

Back Row (l-r): Frank Sharp, James Charron, Tim Lozen, Dan Johnson (Captain), David Joy; Front Row (l-r): Glen Johnson, Jeff Blackman, Brian Slonac, Gary Shamaly

Not Pictured: Doug Shymko



4.5 Sr. Women

Huron Valley
Tennis Club

Captain: Missy Pollick

Left to Right: Robbie Risdon, Marissa Pollick (Captain), Kimberly Miller, Barb Lynch, Sheryl Leicher, Angela Bogan

Not Pictured: Mary Jo Colonna, Ann Hubbard, Jolene Karls, Kelly Winkler

4.5 Sr. Men

The Lochmoor Club
Captain: Mark Sobieralski

Back Row (l-r): Greg Flewelling, Mark Sobieralski (Captain), Paul VanWallenghem; Front Row (l-r): Bob Boyd, Richard Shaheen, Dino Demare
Not Pictured: Chris Charlton, Mark Gentner, Kirk Kammer, Gar Knight, Mark Miller, Ken Rychwalski





SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
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Flight Winners brave the heat (and a little rain) at District Championships!

The Southeast Michigan Senior and Adult League Championships were held on two separate weekends. Over the weekend of July 28-29, 20 Senior Teams played 27 team matches to determine which teams would advance to the State Championships. Matches were held at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

During our second weekend, August 3-5, 74 Adult Teams battled it out in 104 team matches to secure their spots at the State Championships. Matches were held at Plymouth Canton High School and at the Varsity Tennis Center at the University of Michigan.



2.5 Women *(unable to advance)*

Sports Club of Novi
Captain: Michelle Goode

Back Row (l-r): Yukari Yoshino, Michelle Goode-captain, Nishi Kikani; Front Row (l-r): Beverly Waite, Eileen Petroff

Not Pictured: Amy Albert, Jane Barrott, Hiroko Maemura, Stacey Mondragon, Kazuko Takami

Participating 2.5 Women Team from Travis Pointe CC
Captained by Christine Barnes & Beth Kropko, competed at Sectionals.



3.0 Men

Eastside Tennis & Fitness
Captain: Mike Salomeo

Back Row (l-r): Jim Reece, Bill Haley, Richard Canny, Frank Delaura; Front Row (l-r): Benjamin Espere, Ian Magallanes, Jason Jones, Mike Salomeo (Captain)

Not Pictured: Leo Abad, Reginald Apolonio, Werner Boelstler, Hussein Elbadawi, Jonathan Fleezanis, Dan Kinsley, Leon Niewoit



4.5 Men

Eastside Tennis & Fitness
Captain: Mark Miller

Back Row (l-r): John Brusstar, Brandon Still, Jeremiah Bourke, Ryan Dloski, Mark Sobieralski, C Kirk Haggarty; Front Row (l-r): Brendan Petz, Charles Spoutz, Steve Kornmeier, Michael Paolucci, Mark Miller (Captain), Michael Fozo

Not Pictured: Chris Charlton, Rob Lyles





5.0 Men

The Chippewa Club
Captain: Chris McMican

Back Row (l-r): Stefan Welch, Bill Godfrey, Craig Capelli; Front Row (l-r): Nathan Eddy, Chris McMican (Captain), Eric Hubbard

Not Pictured: Kip Andringa, Tony Grover, Jay Mitchell



3.5 Sr. Women

Life Time Fitness

Captain: Sally Blankenship

Back Row (l-r): Lea Cairo, Nancy Almond, Sally Blankenship (Captain), Natalie Morin; Front Row (l-r): Denise Huntley, Debbie Sebetic, Carolyn Samuels

Not Pictured: Suzanne Bertolino, Cheri Dowdall, Diane Lindquist, Ingrid Manns, Karen Swarbrick, Dianna Swenson

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Winter vs. Summer Season Teams Compete for The Southeast Michigan Mixed Doubles Championship!

LifeTime Fitness in Rochester was the site of the 2012 Mixed Doubles District Championships the weekend of September 7-9th. Congratulations to our District Champions including the 2.5 Team who advance directly to Nationals in Tucson this November!



2.5 Mixed

Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Co-Captains: Fran Banka & Julie Henry-Kelly

Front Row (l-r): Fran Banka, Doris Dean, Julie Henry-Kelly, Kay Maxwell; Back Row (l-r): Ken Bonacci, Carleen Gray, John Kelly, Joe Mitchell

Not Pictured: Dave Snyder

6.0 Mixed

Wimbledon Racquet Club

Captain: Lisa Roddis

Back Row (l-r): Mike Salomeo, Bill Haley, Jennifer Jennings, Frank Mocer; Front Row (l-r): Ian Magallanes, Lisa Roddis (Captain), Kristine Deguzman

Not Pictured: Francis Deguzman, Jerry Hardy, Jason Jones, Susie Mocer, Melissa Smythe



7.0 Mixed

Eastside Tennis & Fitness

Captain: Marilyn Zampardo

Back Row (l-r): Tom Zampardo, Brian Smith, Ed Leahey, Kristin Wikol, John Rose; Front Row (l-r): Jennifer Jennings, Joann Muller, Marilyn Zampardo (Captain), Debbie Pappas, Tony Taylor

Not Pictured: Stacy Chuley, Cheryl Cusmano, John Janowicz, Jonathan Pena, Mike Salomeo, Stephanie Stevens, Mary Tavernit, Alisa Taylor

8.0 Mixed

Bloomfield Open Hunt

Captain: Rob Nagle

Back Row (l-r): Kim Beattie, Becky Tanguay, Jeff Muhn, Peter Fredericks; Front Row (l-r): Dan Tanguay, Wendy Beattie, Tokiko Yamasato

Not Pictured: Theresa Bush, David Criss, Ran Jessup, Chanel Leyva, Francisco Leyva, Isabella Leyva, Devin Nagle, Rob Nagle (Captain)





9.0 Mixed

Franklin Athletic Club

Captain: Sue Bartelt

Back Row (l-r): Nathan Eddy, Chris Huston, Susan Bartelt (Captain), Chris McMican, Emily Radner: Front Row (l-r): Heather Enright, Erin Sabo, Piper Copeland, Lora Kazanjian

Not Pictured: Steve Demaagd, Gorman Leung, Eric Podgorny, Susan Pizzuti, Cristina Rodriguez

Get Ready for Play! USTA Adult Fall Leagues

Combo Doubles

- Matches consist of three doubles courts
- Weekend matches
- Player ratings are combined to create teams in one of four levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5 & 8.5
- Use current 2011 year-end computer rating
- Winning teams in each flight advance to Championship play.

Senior Mixed Doubles

- Mixed Doubles for players 50 & over
- 6.0, 7.0 & 8.0 Combined Ratings
- Weekend matches
- Teams consist of a minimum of three men & three women
- Winning teams in each flight advance to Championship play.

Singles League

- Three courts of singles
- Timed format (1.5 hrs.)
- **Men's and Women's week-end leagues**
- **Women's weekday leagues**
- Players must play their rating
- 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 levels
- No advancement to Championship play.

Each league starts in September and runs through December.

To form or join a League, contact your club coordinator for USTA Leagues or contact the USTA Southeast Michigan League Coordinator, Deb Thallman at (734) 421-1025 (email: deb@semich-usta.com).



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- 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!



For additional information, contact David Porter (dporter@clavisinica.com).





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Braving the heat, 8 Districts Compete for the Midwest Senior Team Championships.

Central Indiana edged out Northeast Ohio by one point (403 points vs. 402), taking first and second place **respectively**. **Southeast Michigan took a respectable THIRD PLACE with 324 points, which isn't too bad** considering we weren't able to field a couple of age divisions. Congratulations to our winners: *Women's 70s - Janet Remen and Karen Caine!*

Southeast Michigan was represented by the following teams:

- W35: Judy Aubrey & Tamara Stiles
W45: Kathleen Handley & Sharon Tubbs
W55: Sally Delange & Marie Fletcher
W60: Gail Early, Linda Jones, Ann Smith
W70: Karen Caine & Janet Remen

M45: Kip Andringa & Tom Fargo
M50: Mike Rose & Tom Sheridan
M55: Jim Bragman & Larry Stark
M60: Jim Long, Larry Panter & Jay Schwalm
M65: Bill Barrett & John Lundquist
M70: Bill Bellinger, John Ryan & Kaz Saito
M75: David Mitchell & Luis Vela



WOMEN'S 70 WINNERS: Karen Caine and Janet Remen

Thanks to Captain John Ryan for putting together the Men's Team!

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