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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

## Southeast Michigan's Junior District Champions!

Three weekends of play between the 10s and 12s-18s divisions were completed by early June with only one day of inclement weather to stand in our way.

For the first time, our 10s District Qualifier was used to determine entries to the Midwest 10s Closed Championships in July (Champions & Finalists received automatic entries), while our 12s-18s Muthig Qualifier for the Boys and Girls provided the top 12 finishers (plus an additional 2 from the current standing list) in each division automatic entry into the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships in June.

Thank you to all the players and parents for participating in our District Championship event.

### 10U CHAMPIONS



MERT ORAL



EMMA ROECK

### 12U CHAMPIONS



BRENNAN CIMPEANU



OLIVIA WEISS

### 14U CHAMPIONS



ALEX WEN



ESPERANZA CLEM

### 16U CHAMPIONS



CONNOR JOHNSTON



MARYBETH HURLEY

### 18U CHAMPIONS



TIM WANG



BIANCA MOLDOVAN

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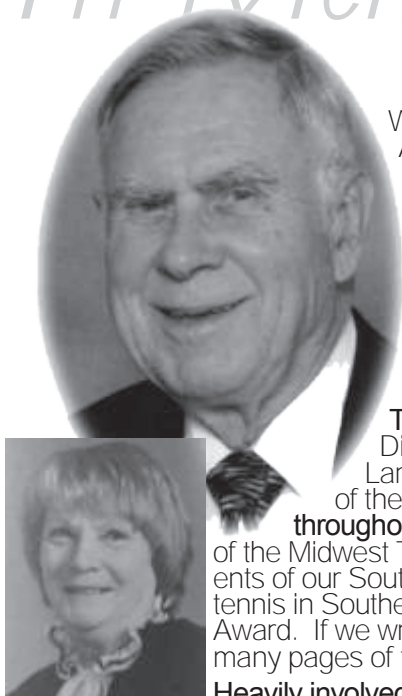




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# In Memory of...

## WES (Wesley) MUTHIG



Wes Muthig, a pioneer of tennis in Southeast Michigan, passed away on August 4th at the age of 90. He, and his late wife, Georgina (inset), were involved with the USTA for nearly 40 years at all levels (District, Section and National) and the namesakes of our Junior Qualifier Tournament. Wes and Georgina were instrumental in the development of tennis in Southeast Michigan prior to the birth of indoor tennis. Before indoor tennis clubs were built, our sport was only a seasonal one. Players who played tennis in the warmer months, would switch to badminton, squash or ping pong in the winter to stay fit. As accomplished badminton players, **the Muthig's made an easy transition to the sport of tennis (with the help of interest from their oldest child).**

The Muthig's both served as Past Presidents of the Southeast Michigan District (Georgina was our first female President), and also as Delegates-at-Large with the USTA/Midwest Section. Wes, who was also a Past President of the Metro Detroit Tennis Patrons, developed a free tennis lesson program **throughout the Detroit Public High School system. The Muthig's are both members** of the Midwest Tennis Hall of Fame, Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, past recipients of our Southeast Michigan Beyer Award (for unselfish contributions to the sport of tennis in Southeastern Michigan), and also the USTA/Midwest Section Mel Bergman Award. If we wrote all the offices and awards that these two have received, we would fill many pages of this newsletter.

Heavily involved in rankings for juniors at all levels, the Muthig's (like the Hoxie's before them) would pack players in their car and drive them to junior tournaments. Joe Schembri, Past SEMTA President ('82) remembered a trip the Muthig's took to Eugene, Oregon in a school bus with fifteen children and three other dedicated adults. The age of the children ranged from twelve to eighteen. **"It was a low budget trip where Georgina and another lady fixed sandwiches. Every time the bus stopped for gas, Wes would unload the balls and equipment for the kids to let off some energy. At night, the group would stay in motels. Only one problem, the bus would only go thirty-five mph, so they couldn't make any time and all their motel reservations had to be rescheduled. The team had a successful tournament and even the bus got an over-haul. Now it ran forty-five mph coming home! Wes and Georgina could have turned around and come home, or just quit in disgust, but they went straight ahead and accomplished the job quietly, with a sense of humor and with concern for the task ahead of them."**

There was so much more to Wes than tennis. In 1940, he became a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout and was active in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops of Detroit. He was a WWII Veteran, proudly serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He was also President and Owner of Process Controls in Livonia.

We will miss sharing stories of tennis and reminiscing with Wes. He was a good soul—kind, **gentle and lighthearted. Wes and Georgina's** impact on tennis in Southeast Michigan was unparalleled—The Muthig name will continue to live on in our Association for many years to come.

*Inset at right: Wes' President's Message from 1981 from simpler times, but at the beginning of indoor tennis and our Adult League Program (USTA/Michelob Light League Tennis Program).*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 1981

For almost a quarter of a century I have been concerned about the continuing growth of Tennis. Over the years, concern has given way to amazement for the sport of a lifetime - TENNIS!

Going back to say 1965, we only had 121 junior entries in the Detroit Junior Center Tournament, the fore-runner of the SEMTA District Qualifier, while in 1980, we had 1418 youngsters. Buying USTA membership cards for the right to play in a sanctioned tennis tournament! And the adults have been keeping pace too by entering club matches, interclub leagues and sanctioned tournaments. The "Season for Tennis" have no end anymore - we can play tennis year-round unlike only a few years ago.

Time is flying by for all of us - even when having fun playing tennis. The United States Tennis Association commemorates the 100th Anniversary of it's founding on **May 21, 1981**. Continuing in it's fine tradition, the USTA/Michelob Light League Tennis Program has been started for adult grass-roots tennis players, so now the recreational player can capture a national title.

The Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association, Inc. is also continuing it's never ending efforts to fulfill it's role as a tennis service organization to all the people and clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

We need the support of many to build on the strong base that has been started. Will you help us to keep this wonderful sport of TENNIS alive and well??

*Wes Muthig*

President, SEMTA







# Top finishers from our Southeast Michigan Qualifiers in the 10s-18s:



## 10 & Under DIVISION

### BOYS' CHAMPION:

MERT ORAL (cover)



CONSOLATION WINNER:  
JACOB COBURN (left)

CONSOLATION FINALIST:  
IAN PINOO (right)



JOSHUA KIM  
Finalist



ELISABETH JONES  
Finalist

### GIRLS' CHAMPION:

EMMA ROECK (cover)



CONSOLATION WINNER:  
NINA GOVILA (right)

CONSOLATION FINALIST:  
MOOREA McNALLEY (left)



## 12 & Under DIVISION



### BOYS' CHAMPION:

BRENNAN CIMPEANU (cover)



2<sup>ND</sup>

JJ TRACY



3<sup>RD</sup>

JOSEPH STAFFORD



4<sup>TH</sup>

OLIVER FUCHS



2<sup>ND</sup>

WHITNEY KING

### GIRLS' CHAMPION:

OLIVIA WEISS (cover)



3<sup>RD</sup>

KARINA MILLER



4<sup>TH</sup>

ALLISON McCONNELL

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## 14 & Under DIVISION



JIBRIL NETTLES

**BOYS' CHAMPION:**  
Alex Wen (cover)



JOSH MUKHERJEE



MARC SABLE



ANIKA YARLAGADDA

**GIRLS' CHAMPION:**  
ESPERANZA CLEM (cover)



MAUSAM PATEL



ELLE HARTJE



## 16 & Under DIVISION



DENALI KITAYAMA

**BOYS' CHAMPION:**  
Connor Johnston (cover)



PATRICK REED



CONSTANTIN HEMMRICH



JEANNIE NASH

**GIRLS' CHAMPION:**  
MARYBETH HURLEY (cover)



AVA THIELMAN



HANNAH CIMPEANU



## 18 & Under DIVISION



MICHAEL DUBE

**BOYS' CHAMPION:**  
Timothy Wang (cover)

NOT PICTURED:

3<sup>RD</sup>

Kevin Rothstein

4<sup>TH</sup>

Rishi Patel



COLLEEN O'BRIEN

**GIRLS' CHAMPION:**  
BIANCA MOLDOVAN (cover)



ADORABOL HUCKELBY



CHRISTINA JORDAN





## Southeast Michigan Junior Players Endorsed into the Midwest Closed Championships

The number of Quota Spots (endorsed players gaining direct entry) into the Midwest Outdoor Closed Championship is derived from the USTA Membership population for each District with a maximum number of 16 in the BG12-18 (Southeast Michigan currently has 14) and a maximum of 7 in the BG10s (Southeast Michigan currently has 5). See the next page for Southeast Michigan player finishes (quarterfinalists and up) in the Midwest Closed Championships. For complete results, see TennisLink (tournaments) at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com).

### GIRLS 10s

Jones, Elisabeth  
MacKinnon, Sophia  
Mueller, Kamie  
Roeck, Emma  
Thompson, Laynie  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Zampardo, Maddy  
2 Shaya, Grace  
3 Miller, Reese  
4 Chenfang, Hayley  
5 Pietrowicz, Amy  
6 Govila, Nina  
7 Krishnan, Ananya  
8 Joint, Maya

### BOYS 10s

Grozev, Christian  
Mascarin, Michael  
Oral, Mert  
Pluszczyk, Adam  
Rhodes, Stanley  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Stojanov, Daniel  
2 Roslin, Noah  
3 Coburn, Jacob  
4 Chada, Rishi  
5 Shetty, Rishi  
6 Verma, Rishi

### GIRLS 12s

Barrett, Ruby  
Brooks, Jillian  
Goldberg, Margaret  
Jones, Elisabeth  
King, Whitney  
Kouzmanov, Isabelle  
Mady, Victoria  
Mandair, Sukhmani  
McConnell, Allison  
Miller, Karina  
Mnatsakanov, Elan  
Teofilovic, Andrea  
Weiss, Olivia  
Zhou, Angie  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Winston, Marquette  
2 Sullivan, Madeline  
3 Herdoiza, Amanda  
4 Brooks, Jamy  
5 Zhuang, Sophie  
6 Fliegner, Julia  
7 Silverman, Jenna  
8 Szemraj, Wiktoria  
9 Thompson, Laynie  
10 Mueller, Kamie  
11 MacKinnon, Sophia  
12 Vogel, Anna  
13 Shaya, Grace  
14 Khaghany, Nina  
15 Nardicchio, Alexis  
16 Keating, Annie

### BOYS 12s

Amarnath, Sidharth  
Baylis, Luke  
Bickersteth, Jacob  
Brown, Gabe  
Cimpeanu, Brennan  
Cooksey, William  
Deenadayalu, Sahil  
Etterbeek, Jeffrey  
Fuchs, Oliver  
Kim, Aidan  
Oral, Mert  
Pluszczyk, David  
Stafford, Joseph  
Tracy, JJ  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Piana, Frank  
2 Nallani, Jagan  
3 Bondin, Natan  
4 Sailor, Christopher  
5 Kim, Joshua  
6 Kelley, Owen  
7 Gruskin, Nikolas  
8 Oral, Kaan  
9 Khaykin, Jonathan  
10 Miller, Sean  
11 Liss, Jonah  
12 Mascarin, Michael  
13 Pollak, Alex  
14 Pinnoo, Eli  
15 Roslin, Noah  
16 Grozev, Christian  
17 Pluszczyk, Adam  
18 Naik, Shray

### GIRLS 14s

Chang, Olivia  
Clem, Esperanza  
Courtright, Caroline  
Gandham, Miriam  
Gorgioski, Ivona  
Hartje, Elle  
Karoub, Monique  
Kumar, Shanoli  
Mukherjee, Tia  
Opalewski, Lauren  
Sesi, Katie  
Strome, Melissa  
Yarlagadda, Anika  
Yutzy, Allonna  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Gassman, Kendall  
2 Pietrowicz, Maja  
3 Rogosch, Kaitlyn  
4 Braun, Jessica  
5 Barrett, Taylor  
6 Fox, Madelyn  
7 Cheung, Leila  
8 Chava, Neha  
9 Fozo, Madison  
10 Hijaouy, Jacqueline  
11 Muhammad, Jala  
12 Allen, Caroline  
13 Vandenbrink, Catherine

### BOYS 14s

Carpenter, Brian  
Forman, Steven  
Hemrich, Constantin  
Hyman, Julian  
Jacobson, Benji  
Li, Joshua  
Liss, Gabriel  
Mueller, Kobie  
Nettles, Jibril  
Nguyen, Donovan  
Paduraru, Andrei  
Reed, Patrick  
Wen, Alex  
Zhang, Andrew  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Vidinas, Gabriel  
2 Klak, Nicholas  
3 Talsma, Samuel  
4 Kao, Timothy  
5 Burkett, Jacob  
6 Fuchs, Henry  
7 Narayanan, Santhosh  
8 MacKinnon, Alexander  
9 Partington, Felix  
10 Verma, Sonaal  
11 Burman, Cade  
12 Mettler, Alexander

### GIRLS 16s

Brown, Eliza  
Cimpeanu, Hannah  
Fournoy, Madeleine  
Hartje, Sasha  
Hurley, Marybeth  
Hyman, Halle  
Kumar, Reeshma  
Motea, Allison  
Mullins, Haley  
Nash, Jeannie  
Shannon, Evangeline  
Thielman, Ava  
Vasile, Dominique  
Worley, Emma  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Whall, Alexandra  
2 Gao, Joanne  
3 Dunleavy, Kathryn  
4 McLaughlin, Taylor  
5 Brooks, Claire  
6 Paolucci, Madeleine  
7 Patel, Mausam  
8 Boitos, Laine  
9 Payne, Kendall  
10 Miller, Madeline  
11 Vogellehner, Kristen

### BOYS 16s

Brozovich, Franklin  
Gandham, David  
Hyman, Justin  
Johnston, Connor  
Karoub, Noah  
Kerst, Jason  
Kitayama, Denali  
Martin-Dyer, Jack  
Matisse, Alex  
Mukherjee, Josh

### Potter, Jason

Sable, Marc  
Wong, Davis  
Yi, Ian  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Winkler, Jack  
2 Anderson, Maxx  
3 Faber, Michael  
4 Adams, Christopher  
5 Li, Oliver  
6 Stuart, Ian  
7 Runkle, Damian  
8 Kenyatte, Kweisi  
9 Haselwanter, Alexis  
10 Kondapi, Koushik  
11 Lu, Jordan  
12 Pero, Anthony

### GIRLS 18s

Abelson, Sophia  
Huber, Tiffany  
Huckleby, Adorabol  
Jiang, Lucy  
Jordan, Christina  
Karoub, Winifred  
King, Sydney  
Moccia, Aimee  
Moldovan, Bianca  
Neely, Raven  
Nguyen, Davina  
O'Brien, Colleen  
Selenica, Marina  
Spindler, Isabella  
Sweeney, Alexa  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Shonk, Abigail  
2 Szuba, Madeline  
3 Karoub, Winifred  
4 Perry, Samantha  
5 Black, Kelsi  
6 Goree, Carmella  
7 Stencel, Kayla  
8 Fournoy, Morgane

### BOYS 18s

Burstein, Blake  
Dube, Michael  
Gruskin, Alex  
Kim, Alexander  
Liu, Andre  
Luker, Austin  
Mertz, Griffin  
Paolucci, Nicholas  
Patel, Rishi  
Peery, Chase  
Petersen, Jack  
Rakic, Ivan  
Rothstein, Kevin  
Wang, Timothy  
**ALTERNATES**  
1 Ciraci, John  
2 Gupta, Rahul  
3 Ingles, Luke  
4 Romano, Nicholas  
5 Long, Connor  
6 Grigorov, Albert  
7 Gibout, Rocko  
8 Martin, Jonathan  
9 Kretschmer, Noah  
Martell, Zach







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## Southeast Michigan Players Capture Two Midwest Closed Outdoor Championship Titles!

Congratulations to Jibril Nettles (Boys 14 Singles) and Connor Johnston (Boys 16 Doubles) on winning the Midwest Closed Championship in their division. Here is a list of our Quarterfinalist finishers (and above) from both the Midwest Closed 10s and Midwest Outdoor Closed 12-18s events:

GIRLS 10 SINGLES: Elisabeth Jones (Main Draw Finalist); Emma Roeck (3rd Place);  
Sophia MacKinnon (Consolation Semi-Finalist)

BOYS 10 SINGLES: Mert Oral (Main Draw Finalist); Noah Roslin (Consolation Semi-Finalist)

GIRLS 12 SINGLES: Olivia Weiss (Main Draw Finalist); Karina Miller (Consolation Finalist);  
Whitney King (Consolation Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Olivia Weiss (w/S. Ratliff - OVTA) (Main Draw Quarterfinalists)

BOYS 12 SINGLES: Brennan Cimpeanu (Main Draw 3<sup>rd</sup> Place); JJ Tracy (Main Draw Quarterfinalist);  
Joseph Stafford (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Joseph Stafford (w/E. Gordon—CHI) (Main Draw Finalists)  
Gabe Brown and Brennan Cimpeanu (Main Draw Semifinalists)  
Luke Baylis and Oliver Fuchs (Main Draw Quarterfinalists)  
Sahil Deenadayalu and Jeffrey Etterbeek (Main Draw Quarterfinalists)

GIRLS 14 SINGLES: Olivia Chang (Main Draw Quarterfinalist);  
Anika Yarlagadda (Consolation Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Tia Mukherjee (w/A. Brown—CIN) (Main Draw Finalists)  
Monique Karoub and Anika Yarlagadda (Main Draw Semifinalists)  
Caroline Courtright (w/M. Yergler - NIN) (Main Draw Quarterfinalists)  
Olivia Chang and Melissa Strome (Main Draw Quarterfinalists)

BOYS 14 SINGLES: Jibril Nettles (inset) (MIDWEST CHAMPION);  
Steven Forman (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Steven Forman and Constantin Hemmrich (Main Draw Semifinalists)

GIRLS 16 SINGLES: Marybeth Hurley (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Marybeth Hurley (w/O. Rohrbacher - NWO) (Main Draw Semifinalists)

BOYS 16 SINGLES: Connor Johnston (Main Draw Finalist);  
Josh Mukherjee (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)

Doubles: Connor Johnston (w/D. Boussom—NIN) (MIDWEST CHAMPIONS)

GIRLS 18 SINGLES: Bianca Moldovan (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)

BOYS 18 SINGLES: Timothy Wang (Main Draw Quarterfinalist)



JIBRIL NETTLES  
Boys 14 Singles  
CHAMPION



CONNOR JOHNSTON  
Boys 16 Doubles  
CHAMPION

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PLAYERS  
PARTICIPATING IN THE MIDWEST CLOSED EVENTS!*

For a complete list of player results, visit TennisLink at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com).





## Our Top Seeded 12s and 14s Cup Teams, finish just short of their expectations—in 2nd place!



### 12s CUP RECAP

*by Dave Brown, Coach*

Our Southeast Michigan Cup Team shared in an awesome experience in Indianapolis this June! All eight players were active participants playing an equal number of matches. The players displayed their strong tennis skills, excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the tournament. They lost in the finals after defeating three teams in the flight play, as well as a team in the semis. Thank you to the parents for providing a positive example to the players. I was proud to be a part of this team and look forward to coaching this event in the future.

Team members: Jacob Bickersteth, Sahil Deenadayalu, Whitney King, Allison McConnell, Karina Miller, Joe Stafford, JJ Tracy and Olivia Weiss.

Congratulations to our 12s Cup Team!

### 14s CUP RECAP

*by Nick Petrick, Coach*

It was a fun and competitive week-end in June for Southeast Michigan's 14 and under team at this year's Midwest Cup Event. Our first day started off strong with a sweep over Northwest Ohio and an 8-1 win over Northern Indiana. Day two proved to be a tougher test for our team against Ohio Valley. Olivia Chang, with a tough win in girls singles; and Denali Kityama and Alex Wen pulling out two tough matches in third set tiebreak's, helped propel us to a 5-4 victory - clinching first place in flight play and the #1 seed in the playoff flight.

That afternoon we continued to play strong, led by three solid doubles performances from Monique Karoub /Melissa Strome, Donovan Nguyen/Anika Yarlaga, and Denali Kityama/ Alex Wen, which earned us a spot in the semi finals and a chance to move to the championship round. The semifinals, was a rematch against Ohio Valley, where we prevailed 5-4 led by Benji Jacobsen with a strong win in Boys singles. In the Championship Match, we gave a great effort but ran out of steam against a powerful Central Indiana team. Overall, it was a great effort by our players. The kids gave 100% and cemented their bond as friends. It was a great showing for Southeast Michigan and a pleasure for me to coach this team.







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

*By Marimar Alonso, Coach (Tammy Wang, Assist. Coach)*



The 2014 Marian Wood Baird Cup was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign in June. Southeast Michigan's team was represented by the following players: **Davina Nguyen, Adorabol Huckleby, Marybeth Hurley, Aimee Moccia, Raven Neely, Labina Petrovska, Isabella Spindler, Alexa Sweeney and Dominique Vasile.** This year, the team was the #4 seed. As expected, the team made it to the semifinals and had to face the #1 seeded team: Chicago. The conditions for that match were extremely difficult and frustrating with 20mph sustained winds gusting to 40mph. Just keeping the ball in play was an accomplishment of its own. The team lost the match, but not without putting up a good fight. The girls went on to win the tie for third and fourth place against the #3 seed Western Michigan. These Southeast Michigan young ladies were an outstanding group of competitors. The coaches, officials and organizers want to congratulate all of the tournament participants for the great sportsmanship. Good luck to Adorabol, Labina, Alexa and Aimee in their college endeavors. My assistant coach, Tammy Wang, and I want to thank the girls for another fun, exciting and successful Marian Wood Baird Cup event.

## Boys' 18s SEM Cup Finishes 5th!

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



The Southeast Michigan Boys' 18 and under team started the 2014 Cup Event against the 2nd Seed Ohio Valley team. Unfortunately, we lost 7-0, but quickly rebounded and beat Northern Michigan 7-0. The second day of competition started with the Mid-South Illinois team. After a slow start where we surrendered the doubles match, our Southeast Michigan team rebounded again to win 5 of the 6 singles and post a 5-2 victory. The second match of day, was our last chance to reach the semifinals against the #3 seeded Central Indiana team. After a long and eventful match, Central Indiana defeated Southeast Michigan, 6-1.

On the final day of the event, Southeast Michigan defeated Wisconsin 6-1 to finish 5th overall. Team players, included: Michael Dube, Connor Johnston, Alexander Kim, Griffin Mertz, Nicholas Paolucci, Chase Peery, Jack Petersen and Ivan Rakic. All players represented our District well with their play on the court, as well as their behavior off of it.





## Scott L. King Serving Aces for Sarcoma

### ***Pro Exhibition featuring Aaron Krickstein vs. Jimmy Arias***

Scott King Aces for Sarcoma 2014 Summer Tournament Adds a Pro Exhibition & Clinic as its 10 & Under Tournament **continues to be one of the largest of it's kind in the Nation!**

Tennis has long been a staple in the King's family life, and after the loss of Scott, it was never a question that tennis would be part of this annual fundraising event for Sarcoma Research. This year, the King family added to the excitement by offering an exhibition match between former top 10 touring professionals, Aaron Krickstein and Jimmy Arias. The exhibition was played at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Over 300 people turned out for the festivities and all children who competed in the SLK tournament received free tickets for the exhibition.



Aaron Krickstein & Jimmy Arias

The 10 & Under Tournament portion of the event was held at Birmingham Racquet Club and featured over 110 players competing in Green Dot, Orange Ball and Red Ball Divisions. New to the tournament this year, was the addition of an Earned Advancement Designation, allowing players to receive participation points in their respective divisions.

While this event supports tennis, it's main purpose is to fundraise for Sarcoma Research to bring awareness and help find a cure for this deadly disease.

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## Southeast Michigan Jr. Team Tennis District Champion Teams compete at the Midwest Sectional Championships

Our 2013-14 flight winners in each division, competed at District Championships in March for the chance to advance on to the Midwest Sectional Championships in Indianapolis on August 1-3. Our District Championship teams receive automatic entries into the Sectional event, and we offer wildcard opportunities to our District Finalists. Nine teams competed at Sectional Championships and two came out on top of the Midwest!

**Congratulations to Liberty Athletic Club's 12 Intermediate Snapping Turtles, who captured the Midwest Title for the *fourth* consecutive year, and the 14 Intermediate Liberty Tiger Sharks, who won their Midwest Title and have earned the opportunity to advance to National Championships in South Carolina this October. The Tiger Sharks finally got their opportunity to get to Nationals, after losing by one game in the Midwest Sectional Championship Final last year, to our very own Chippewa Servers team. Apparently, second place made the Tiger Sharks more determined than ever.**

Below are all of our District Championship teams and their Midwest Sectional Championship Results (where applicable).

### 10 Advanced District Champion West Bloomfield Tough Masters Coached by Marimar Alonso

Eligible players include: Ryan Hammett, Jonathon Holland, Corwin Kim, Anika Kinra, Ananya Krishnan, Sophia MacKinnon, Amy Pietrowicz, Emma Roeck and Daniel Stojanov.  
(Alex Garrigo, Asst. Coach)

MIDWEST FINISH: SECOND PLACE!



### 12 Beginner District Champion Liberty Tree Frogs Coached by Marty Maehr

Eligible players include: Samuel Begosso, Lukas Berg, Yannik Berg, Krystal Kao, Paul Middleton, Caden Pok, Sarah Roberts and Ethan Sung.

### 12 Beginner District Finalist Troy Lions Coached by Samit Shah

Eligible players include: Samay Achar, Aashika Ekambareswaran, Jack Dickson, Colby Dimsdale, Stephen Dzialo, Sean Li, Richard Li, Pranav Mohan, Govind Narayanan, Lana Rihawi, Annie Tang, Akhil Tatineni, James Terng, Kevin Wang and Kevin Zhao.





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## 12 Intermediate District Champion Liberty Snapping Turtles

Coached by Marty Maehr

Eligible players include:

Caitlin Bocks, Henry Branch, Ian Sood, Jarrett Sung, Charvik Vaishnav, Ishani Vaishnav, Michael Waas, Jennifer Wolf, Isabel Yi and Vanik Zakarian.



## 12 Intermediate District Finalist Franklin Hawks

Coached by Michelle Bradford

Eligible players include: Alexandras Abarius, Faris Alazem, Jacob Dwoskin, Amanda Herdoiza, Nicholas Herdoiza, Zach Kam, Sullivan Patel, Cameron Weiss and Marley Wolf.



## 14 Intermediate District Champion Liberty Tiger Sharks

Coached by Paul Ripley

Eligible players include: Christine Charpie, Margaret Goldberg, Jack Harris, Cole Hildebrandt, Jared Kehn, Noah Kotre, Conner Krager, Caroline Norton, Olivia Reyes and Evan Sood.



## 14 Intermediate District Finalist Port Huron Net Crushers

Coached by Cheryl Brettschneider

Eligible players include:

Paul Brettschneider, Jamy Brooks, Gabriel Ferguson, Ashley Gregoris, Ana Leonflann, Eli Pinnoo and Neehal Tumma.

MIDWEST FINISH: FOURTH PLACE!







## 14 Advanced District Champion Port Huron Catching Fire

Coached by Dave Brown

Eligible players include: John Betrus, Gabe Brown, Andrew Davies, Nishaan Makim, Isabella Murray, Seth Pinnoo, Sydney Sepsey and Grace Whitney.

MIDWEST FINISH: FOURTH PLACE!



## 14 Advanced District Finalist West Bloomfield Big Shots

Coached by Marimar Alonso

Eligible players include: Omari Dudley, Tafari Dudley, Ryan Frank, Nikolas Gruskin, Jonathan Khaykin, Alexander MacKinnon, Madison Narens, Brooke Solomon, Maya Solomon and Melissa Strome.

MIDWEST FINISH: THIRD IN FLIGHT (6th Overall)



## 18 Intermediate District Champion Liberty Devil Kats

Coached by Marty Maehr

Eligible players include: Kara Dickinson, Henry Fuchs, Sayhaan Goraya, Gabriel Kleer, Grant McLean, Emily Roopas, Emma St Pierre and Andy Xie.

MIDWEST FINISH: SECOND IN FLIGHT



## 18 Intermediate District Finalist Huron Valley Whirlwinds

Coached by Jim Sayed

Eligible players include: Jacob Arvidson, Richard Chen, Alexander Deatrick, Louis Devoto, Sarah Gamble, Bianca Ghita, Katia Kukucka and Nicholas Romano.

MIDWEST FINISH: THIRD IN FLIGHT







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## 18 Advanced District Champion Liberty Mountain Wolves

Coached by Peter Puzstai

Eligible players include: Brian Carpenter, Caroline Courtright, Clara Farrehi, Samuel Gough, Rahul Gupta, Zachary LeBlanc, Zach Martell, Neil McLean, Danielle Mitroi, Nicholas Sandhu, Athena Tran, Rohan Vaishnav, Emma Worley and Ian Yi.

MIDWEST FINISH: FOURTH PLACE!

## 18 Advanced District Finalist Lochmoor Lemurs

Coached by Kathy Flynn

Eligible players include: Gerard Dulac, Antoni Dulac, Morgane Flournoy, Victor Flynn, Jack Gallant, Kevin Hurley, Angelica Kalogeridis, Jennifer Moy, Madeleine Paolucci, Nicholas Paolucci, Thomas Sheeren and Brooke Willard.



# Jr. Team Tennis 2014 Sportsmanship Raffle Winners!

At the end of every Jr. Team Tennis match played in Southeast Michigan, teams nominate one player from the opposing team for Sportsmanship. At the conclusion of every season, all sportsmanship winners are tallied and team winners are sent a Team Sportsmanship Pin and entered into our Grand Prize Drawing. Grand Prize Winners received an invitation to a University of Michigan Commuter Tennis Camp and secondary prize winners received a 2014 US Open Racquet Bag! Congratulations to Victoria Shahnazary (Sports Club - West Bloomfield), Noah Manuszak (Monroe Y), and all of our secondary prize winners:



"Thank you so much to USTA for such a fantastic prize! They made the drills so much fun and I was able to spend a lot of time with all of the coaches!"

- NOAH MANUSZAK

## US Open Racquet Bag Winners:

ALEXANDRA BUTLER  
Livonia Family Y

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Beverly Hills Club

GARRETT COOK  
Life Time Fitness—Rochester

JOST JACKSON  
Ann Arbor Rec & Ed

ASHLEY MAHONEY  
The Fairlane Club



"It was a privilege to be chosen by my fellow USTA players for the Sportsmanship Award and an additional honor to win the USTA Tennis Camp at the University of Michigan. It was a fantastic experience, and helped me to improve my tennis skills. Thank you again!"

- VICTORIA SHAHNAZARY





## Your 2014 Fall USTA Season begins in September!

Play begins the weekend of September 26-28. Matches can be played Friday nights, Saturdays or Sundays. Day and time determined by court availability at the home clubs.

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

**Men's Levels:** 6.5, 7.5, 8.5

**Women's Weekend Levels:** 5.5, 6.5\*, 7.5\*, 8.5

**Women's Day Levels:** 6.5\*, 7.5\* (Matches played on Wednesdays)

\*Must choose to play on a 6.5 day or weekend team or 7.5 day or weekend team

Winning Combo Teams advance to playoffs in January with potential advancement to State and Midwest Championships.

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

## Thank You!

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### Back By Popular Demand, our Tennis Ethics & Basic Rules Seminars for the USTA League Player

With a successful pilot in 2013, our District offered two more of these unique, informative and interactive sessions in 2014. Conducted by Mel Kropko (Southeast Michigan Chair of Officials), these seminars covered a variety of topics that arise

at unofficial matches, including: which player makes calls, how to settle scoring disputes, who calls foot faults, who calls lets, and more.

Look for new offerings in the Spring of 2015 (just before the start of the Summer League Season). Encourage your players to attend in an effort to have more knowledgeable league play.





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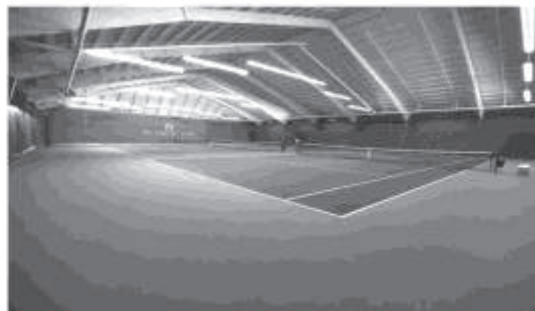
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## 2014 Southeast Michigan 40 & Over Mixed Doubles Championships

It was a clean sweep for the mixed doubles teams from Eastside at our 2014 40 & Over Mixed Doubles Championships May 3-4 at Bloomfield Tennis.

Advancing to the State Championships in September are:

6.0 Mixed – Eastside – Captain Julie Henry

7.0 Mixed – Eastside – Captain Marilyn Zampardo

8.0 Mixed – Eastside – Captain Alisa Taylor

9.0 Mixed – Flight Champion – Chippewa – Captain Craig Capelli

The State Championships will be held September 13-14 in Western Michigan.

Midwest Championships will be held September 26-28 in Fort Wayne.

**STAY TUNED TO OUR NEXT ISSUE OF THE “COURT REPORTER”**  
FOR A COMPLETE RECAP OF ALL THE USTA SUMMER LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS







## 40 & Over Mixed Doubles Teams Travel to Maui, Hawaii to compete in National Championships.

**Congratulations to Julie Henry's 6.0 team from Eastside for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the country at the 2013 40 & Over Mixed Doubles Invitational on the island Maui in April. The Eastside team defeated teams from Florida and Southwest before losing to the eventual Champion from Southern.**



### 6.0 Mixed Doubles Midwest Champions Eastside Tennis & Fitness Captain: Julie Henry

Front Row: Heidi Weisel, Julie Henry, Marcia Varner;  
Back Row: Rick Scavarda, John Kelly, Michael Varner

Not Pictured: Frank Mocer, Tim Kuhn, Joe Portera,  
Susan Portera, Emily Scupholm, Todd Hecker

**Congratulations to Becky Tanguay's 8.0 team from Bloomfield Open Hunt. Her team also competed at the 40 & Over Mixed Doubles Invitational. The BOH team competed well, but unfortunately lost each of their three matches by a 2-1 margin.**

### 8.0 Mixed Doubles Midwest Champions

Bloomfield Open Hunt  
Captain: Becky Tanguay

Front Row (l-r): Theresa Bush, Becky Tanguay, Susan Maisano; Back Row (l-r): Tim Harry, Dan Tanguay, Rob Nagle, Peter Fredericks, Jeff Muhn;

Not Pictured: Beth Barnes, Kevin Cleary, Mary Dobday, Dana Heming, Ran Jessup, Jennifer Nykerk, Mary Tavernit, Paul Walling



**Oooooops!** *Our 2013 Year End Adult Rankings failed to show Larry Stark at #1 in the Men's 60s. Our apologies, Larry!*





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## Southeast Michigan Senior Team finishes 3rd in Lansing!

Brief showers didn't dampen spirits when 9 of the 13 Districts competed in the 2014 Midwest Senior Team Championships May 17th & 18th on the MSU campus in East Lansing.

Southeast Michigan managed to come in a respectable 3rd even though we had no teams in the Women's 35s and 45s age divisions. Chicago topped the charts with a total of 454 games won. It was a tight race for 2nd, 3rd and 4th: Central Indiana placed 2nd with 416, we were 3rd with 412, just nudging out Ohio Valley who was 4th with 411 games.

Thanks to everyone who represented Southeast Michigan and to Captains John Ryan and Ann Munro in their recruiting efforts. (Hats off to Wanda Spencer for fielding a Women's team two days prior to the event!)

Southeast Michigan was represented by the following teams:

W35 & W45:	no representation	M35:	Steve Szymanski & Dan Tanguay
W50:	Sally Delange & Ruedee Vance	M45:	Kip Andringa & Jonathan Bowdler
W55:	Jodi Mertz & Patti Stein	M50:	Kevin Collins & Chip Mitchell
W60:	Sheryl Leicher & Janice Mehlowitz	M55:	Len Baziuk & Tim Loula
W65:	Deb Crosby, Kathy Green & Judy Silverman	M60:	Mike Acosta & Larry Stark
W70:	Mimi Kibbey, Phyllis Mazure & Janet Remen	M65:	Bill Barrett & Jay Schwalm
W75:	Julia Caprara & Ann Munro	M70:	Dave Petway, Ben Tasich & John Ryan

A special CONGRATULATIONS to our age division winners: Great job, ladies!



**Women's 60s Champions**

Sheryl Leicher & Janice Mehlowitz



**Women's 75s Champions**

Julia Caprara & Ann Munro

### Lawrence Tech University Brings Back their Men's Tennis Program and Adds a Women's Team!

History in the making! LAWRENCE TECH UNIVERSITY in Southfield will offer Women's varsity tennis for the first time in history. They will also offer Men's varsity tennis again; not having a team since 1936.

Lawrence Tech joined the NAIA earlier this year and will be part of the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). The six teams in the conference are: Aquinas, Cornerstone, Davenport, Indiana Tech Lawrence Tech and Northwest Ohio. Men's and Women's season starts August 30<sup>th</sup> and all the LTU home matches will be played at the Southfield Civic Center.

Coaching both the Men's and Women's teams is Steve Behmlander, former coach of Divine Child HS and Dearborn HS. Steve is excited at the opportunity to forge into a new adventure.

"We have terrific local talent; I'm really looking forward to the challenge".

Steve can be reached at [sbehmland@ltu.edu](mailto:sbehmland@ltu.edu).





## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

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

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

July 9th was our 10th year offering a tennis clinic at Youth Day, where we recruit 30-40 tennis enthusiasts to help us introduce tennis to the young masses. A huge thank you to our volunteers who braved one of the summer's hottest days to Assist, which included tennis players from Grosse Pointe South, Notre Dame Prep, Mercy and Northville High Schools: Ben Abud, Carole & Amelia Albanelli, Jay Anderson, Ila Batah, Robert Bilotti, Al Bowman, Lisa Bryant, Stefano Cascio, Richard Chen, Jesse Cleary, Brendan Clune, Kendall Conway, Nick Costakis, Kevin Dietz, Cynthia Ellis, Matthew Farber, Sara Hanna, Christina, Kaitlyn, Keith & Kristen Johnstone, Leonora King, Doug Kubek, Carrie Leger, SEM President Gail Lewis, Ana Mancoci, William Minetola, Aimee Moccia, Bailey Morlock, Miruna Mosincat, Michael Mossburg, Will Norris, Nick Paolucci, Julia Peck, Hannah Pruess, Anna & Maria Scharrer, Jacob Schwessinger, Tommy Sine, Kim & Kayla Stencel, Becky & Noah Tanguay, Patrick, Michael & Patti Willard, Lisa & Maddy Winarski, Kathy Zadroga, Pam & Jordan Zauel.







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## Step Back into Another Century, By Visiting the Wessen Lawn Tennis Club in Pontiac!

Photo Courtesy of: Joshua Lott for The New York Times



*The ryegrass is watered daily and cut to exactly 3/8" tall.*

Walking onto the property for Wessen Lawn Tennis Club's ribbon cutting ceremony to see players in all white attire playing on grass courts, is like stepping back in time to another century. Sometimes a vision can be crazy, until the person behind that vision becomes so completely focused and resolute, that their vision comes to life. 24-grass courts just outside downtown Pontiac? Crazy? Indeed, but when you see them, **you'll understand the passion of Bill Massie and how he infused life into this abandoned property.**

After Bill's son, Tucker, won a grass court tournament in Massachusetts, Bill thought he could build a grass court club in Michigan. So he did. Bill, an architect by trade, purchased the abandoned Pontiac Water Works building (dating back to 1919) and eight acres of property surrounding it (as well as 40 acres adjacent to it) for approximately \$300,000 in 2013 and has spent \$1.5 million to develop the 24 courts and 10,000 sq. ft. club house.

Joe Vargas, a professor of turfgrass science at Michigan State University, consulted with Massie on the prototype court and club. The grass is the same ryegrass playing surface as Wimbledon. To manage wear and tear, only half the courts are in play, while the remaining 12 rest and recover. The ball bounces lower on a grass court, requiring more footwork than a player on hard courts, and will sometimes skid if the grass is wet. The surface feels soft, almost springy - easy on the feet and knees.



*William Massie (right), with his family.*



*The beautifully restored Water Works building, is now the clubhouse.*



*The Pontiac Water Works Building, c. 1919*

Mr. Massie has committed to keeping the facility connected to the surrounding community by offering junior lessons and hosting open swim next summer (yes, there will be a refurbished pool from the old community center on the property as well).

"It is very impressive and it totally exceeded my expectations," said Zori Duda, our Executive Director. "I hope it does well and that people at least come out and take a look to see what it offers - because there's nothing like this in the Midwest."

For more information, visit  
[wessenlawntennis.com](http://wessenlawntennis.com)





## Summer Brings Tennis Out to the Communities!

Warm weather means outdoor tennis in Southeastern Michigan. Play Days, Team Invitationals, Non-Elimination Tournaments, Nickelodeon events and Adult Beginners all get in on the tennis action. Here is a sampling of some of the events that have taken place this summer around Southeastern

Michigan, with the assistance from the District Office and George Lowe (Tennis Service Representative of the State of Michigan). Thank you to all the programs—big and small—for embracing the sport of tennis!



*Ann Arbor Rec and Ed Start Adult Beginner Program – instructor Fode Camara. At Pioneer High School Tennis Courts.*



*First year program for Hazel Park Recreation at Hazel Park High School (new courts with assistance from a \$25,000 USTA Facilities Grant).*



*Nickelodeon Lead Up to the World Wide Day of Play Event, 7/31/14, Horatio Williams Foundation (350 kids in attendance) with George Lowe, Michigan TSR.*



*Play Day in Ann Arbor, coordinated by Yasmin Kashef (Royalty Sports Complex) & Ann Arbor Rec Players.*



*Grosse Pointe CTA Tennis Program at Elworthy Field Tennis Courts, over 40 players registered for the program, Chip Fazio and parents and volunteer coaches.*



*SEMTA Board Member, Maxine Kennebrew teaches players how to serve at her Mumford HS tennis clinic in Detroit.*







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*Dearborn CTA Youth Team Tennis Program— program organizer Grace Menna demonstrating a backhand, volunteer coach Raymond Lauth, program ran in June at the Dearborn Racquet and Health Club.*



*Ferndale 10U Play Day with Palmer Park Tennis Academy in June, at Ferndale High School (pictured: Leonora King of Palmer Park Tennis Academy).*



*The Pinckney CTA held their first-ever USTA Sanctioned Tournament,*

*with players from Holt, Jackson, Spring Arbor, West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Lansing, Brighton, Howell and Pinckney competing in non-elimination draws in singles and doubles. Pictured (l-r) Jake Powers, Eric Schellenberg & Ryan Andrews (16s Doubles Champs) and Alex Theis.*



*Ann Arbor Rec & Ed hosts a Jr. Team Tennis Invitational, inviting teams from Pinckney, Dexter and Ann Arbor for team play in a round robin format. Above some players take a break to cool down. At right, Zosia Casterline & Chris Yu who organized and ran the event.*

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- Attend a local officials class conducted by our District Chair of Officials
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