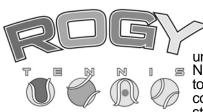




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# 10 & Under Tennis to become 11 & Under Tennis starting in 2016 with New Branding.



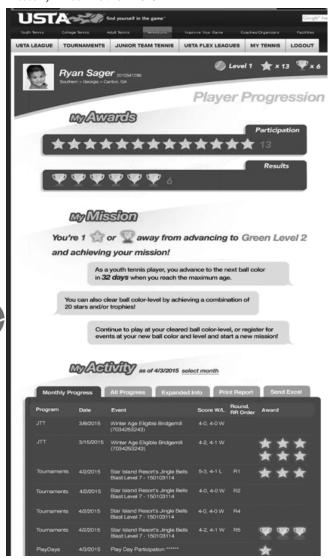
With a few years
of the 10 and
Under Pathway
under its belt, USTA
National has decided
to offer a more
consistent package
starting in January of

2016. First change will be a new name: The ROGY Progression Pathway (logo inset). USTA Southern has been using this terminology for some time (ROGY stands for Red, Orange, Green, Yellow) and USTA National feels that this best suits the pathway. Second, an enhancement of age to players under 11 years. The current Pathway is for players under the age of 10 years. With the name change, comes an additional year of transitional tennis for our young players. Starting this January, players under the age of 11, must compete through the stages to earn their way to the next. On the first day of the month of a player's 11th birthday, they will be free to play any yellow ball event of their choosing (currently, this occurs on the first day of the month of a player's 10th birthday). The last two changes include the requirements of moving from one stage ball to the next and a new TennisLink Player Profile Page that's been created to help Our young players track their progression in an easy to follow, player-friendly format.

In 2016, players will receive points for participation in Earned Advancement Tournaments as well as for Jr. Team Tennis participation.

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The new TennisLink 11U Player Page (when logged into your USTA Account) will look like this in 2016:



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# Our 2015 Southeast Michigan Muthig Junior Qualifier District Champions!

Three weekends of play between the 10s and 12s-18s divisions were completed by early June with the Boys weekend getting most of rain's attention once again! With a late Memorial Day weekend in 2016, we hope for drier conditions.

Our District Qualifiers are used to determine entries to the Midwest Closed Championships in June & July. While our top two finishers in the 10s receive automatic entry into the Midwest 10s Closed Championship in July, our top 12 finishers in the Boys & Girls 12-18s receive automatic entry into their Midwest Closed Championship in June. With an adjustment in 2015 that offered less Quota Spots (direct entries) to the 13 Districts across the Midwest Section, the effort to ensure the top players entry into the Midwest Closed was a successful move in the right direction.

Thank you to all the players and parents for participating in our District Championship event. Our 1st-4th place Boys and Girls in the 12-18s posed for the below pictures before play. See the following pages for our Southeast Michigan automatic entrants (and alternates) in the Closed as well as our top finishers in their respective events.





Our 2015 Boys 18s Qualifier Champion & Finalist, Connor Johnston & Tim Wang (photo on left) with their 1-2 Finish in the 10s Qualifier (2007)!



















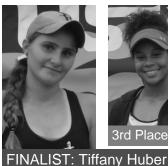


**Sportsmanship** Winner: **CHASE PEERY** 

**CHAMPION: Connor Johnston** 











**Sportsmanship** Winner: **EMMA WORLEY** 

3rd Place: Christina Jordan

**CHAMPION: Dominique Vasile** 











**Sportsmanship** Winner: **JACK WINKLER** 

3rd Place: Denali Kitayama

FINALIST: Josh Mukherjee

**CHAMPION: Jibril Nettles** 











**Sportsmanship** Winner: **SAMANTHA WEBER** 

4th Place: Sasha Hartje

3rd Place: Anika Yarlagadda

FINALIST: Ava Thielman

**CHAMPION: Marybeth Hurley** 















**Sportsmanship** Winner: **SEBASTIAN BURMAN** 

4th Place: Timothy Kao

3rd Place: Gabriel Liss

FINALIST: Julian Hyman

**CHAMPION: Andrew Zhang** 









**Sportsmanship** Winner: **ALEXIS MORSE** 

3rd Place: Olivia Weiss

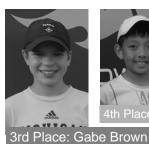
FINALIST: Miriam Gandham

**CHAMPION: Karina Miller** 









**Sportsmanship** Winner: **JAGAN NALLANI** 

FINALIST: JJ Etterbeek

**CHAMPION: Joseph Stafford** 











**Sportsmanship** Winner: **NINA GOVILA** 

3rd Place: Whitney King

FINALIST: Angie Zhou

**CHAMPION: Isabelle Kousmanov** 















SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT

**Sportsmanship** Winner: **CLAYTON ANDERSON** 

Consi Winner: Alex Prather / Finalist: Ian Pinnoo

FINALIST: Rishi Verma

**CHAMPION: Daniel Stojanov** 









**Sportsmanship** Winner: **ALICEN** LIU

Consi Winner: Cleo Wang / Finalist: Ana Teofilovic

FINALIST: Grace Shaya

CHAMPION: Emma Roeck

# Southeast Michigan completes its Second Season of the Competitive Training Center offering 10U Players valuable training to gain a competitive edge.

Targeting the top 10 & Under Boy and Girl players in our District, the CTC's goal is to offer a great vehicle for training with the green-dot ball, while ensuring good tennis habits to last a lifetime!

"Southeast Michigan had a very strong group of players participating this year," comments our CTC Head Coach, Dave Brown. "We were able to focus on a new skill each session and the players really enjoyed their time together. This group of 10U Players proves Southeast Michigan is looking very strong on a National level.'

Offered during the indoor tennis season, our CTC features 18 hours of instruction and training. Participation is by invitation. Invitations for the 2015-16 CTC



2014-15 CTC Players, include: Andrew Andea, Clayton Anderson, Alex Buzdugan, Isabella Coroiu, Owen DeMuth, Corwin Kim, Nicole Luna, Sophia MacKinnon, Reese Miller, Vikram (Devin) Mundkur, Nicholas Pauken, Adam Pluszczyk, Emma Roeck, Grace Shaya, Daniel Stojanov, Maddy Zampardo. Pictured with CTC Head Coach, Dave Brown and CTC Administrator, Mike Graff.

will be going out in late September and we look forward to another great season of 10U training! In combination with the only Early Development Camp pilot in the state of Michigan for 8U Orange Ball players, we hope to identify talent and develop skills at an early age.

Thank you to the coaches; and the facilities that allow us to rent their courts—Franklin Athletic Club, Life-Time Fitness, Port Huron Tennis House, Sports Club of W. Bloomfield, Travis Pointe CC, and Wimbledon Racquet Club.

Watch for our Early Development Camp (EDC) Combine & Player Selection Results in our next issue of the "Court Reporter".





## 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 in the Midwest Section with a maximum number of 14 in the BG12-18 (Southeast Michigan currently has 12) 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.

#### GIRLS 10s

Krygier, Hadley MacKinnon, Sophia Miller, Reese Roeck, Emma Shaya, Grace ALTERNATES:

- Chenfang, Hayley Gowda, Kavitha
- 3 Rolls, Katie

#### **BOYS 10s**

Andea, Andrew Mascarin, Michael Pluszczyk, Adam Stojanov, Daniel Verma, Rishi

#### **ALTERNATES:**

- DeMuth, Owen
- Anderson, Clayton Mundkur, Vikram
- Kim, Corwin McNalley, MacKinley
- Abbaraju, Aditya

#### GIRLS 12s

Kouzmanov, Isabella Zhou, Angie King, Whitney Teofilovic, Andrea Brooks, Jamy Fliegner, Julia Govila, Nina Krygier, Hadley Mandair, Sukhmani Patel, Sullivan Roeck, Emma Zampardo, Maddy

- **ALTERNATES:**
- Shaya, Grace MacKinnon, Sophia Brown, Charlotte
- Mueller, Kamie Vogel, Anna Miller, Reese

- Meka, Nikitha
- Kao, Krystal
- Bickersteth, Ana

#### BOYS 12s

Stafford, Joseph Etterbeek, JJ Brown, Gabe

Kim, Aidan Cooksey, William Grozev, Christian Kim, Joshua Nallani, Jagan Oral, Mert Prather, Kenny Rhodes, Stanley Roslin, Noah ALTERNATES:

- Chen, Andrew
- Stojanov, Daniel Oral, Kaan Herdoiza, Nicholas

- Liss, Jonah
- Pluszczyk, Adam Naik, Shray Mascarin, Michael Distelrath, Derek Prather, Alex Vogel, Noah 6

- 12 Attaluri, Anirudh 13 Verma, Rishi

#### GIRLS 14s

Miller, Karina Gandham, Miriam Weiss, Oliva Herdoiza, Amanda Barrett, Taylor Braun, Jessica Mady, Victoria McConnell, Allison Opalewski, Lauren Sesi, Katie Solomon, Brooke Solomon, Maya ALTERNATES:

- Hartie, Elle

- Cheung, Leila Zielinski, Natalie Sable, Emma
- 5 McEvers, Summer
- Zampardo, Melanie 6
- Raman, Vindhya Brooks, Jillian

#### **BOYS 14s**

Zhang, Andrew Hyman, Julian Liss, Gabriel Kao, Timothy Amarnath, Sidharth Baylis, Luke

Campbell, Jarreau Deenadayalu, Sahil Hemmrich, Constantin Li, Joshua

MacKinnon, Alexander Vidinas, Gabriel ALTERNATES:

- Klak, Nicholas Fuchs, Oliver Bickersteth, Jacob
- Piana, Frank
- 56 Burman, Sebastian
- Partington, Felix
- Luo, Justin
- Burman, Cade 8

- 9 Burkett, Jacob
  10 Pluszczyk, David
  11 Gallagher, Ryan
  12 Kelley, Owen
  13 Sailor, Christopher
  14 Miller, Sean
  15 Roberts Kai
- 15 Roberts, Kai

#### GIRLS 16s

Hurley, Marybeth Thielman, Ava Yarlagadda, Anika Hartje, Sasha Allen, Caroline Courtright, Caroline Gorgioski, Ivonna Karoub, Monique Kumar, Shanoli Mukherjee, Tia Pietrowicz, Maja Shannon, Evangeline

#### ALTERNATES:

- Gao, Joanne Paolucci, Madeleine
- Fox, Madelyn
- Brooks, Claire Fozo, Madison

- Dixon, Sophie Fadel, Sadina
- Weber, Samantha Washington, Haley

#### BOYS 16s

Nettles, Jibril Mukherjee, Josh Kitayama, Denali Winkler, Jack Adams, Christopher Jacobson, Benji

Li, Oliver Matisse, Alex Mueller, Kobie Silverman, Brad Wong, Davis Yi, lan

#### **ALTERNATES:**

- Gandham, David Forman, Steven
- Reed, Patrick
- Carpenter, Brian
- 5 Nguyen, Donovan 6 Verma, Sonaal 7 Fuchs, Henry 8 Khaghany, Michael 9 Bull, Brennan

#### GIRLS 18s

Vasile, Dominique Huber, Tiffany Jordan, Christina Jordan, Christina Dunleavy, Kathryn Hanselman, Laura Kumar, Reeshma Motea, Allison Nash, Jeanne Neely, Raven Spindler, Isabella Whall, Alexandra Worley, Emma ALTERNATES:

- 1 Brown, Eliza2 McLaughlin, Taylor

#### **BOYS 18s**

Johnston, Connor Wang, Timothy Kerst, Jason Martin-Dyer, Jack Brozovich, Franklin Ingles, Luke Kăroub, Noah Mertz, Griffin Paolucci, Nicholas Peery, Chase Rakic, Ivan Sable, Marc ALTERNATES

- Ciraci, John
- Anderson, Maxx
- Faber, Michael
- Haselwanter, Alexis
- Wyre, Louis
- Rúnkle, Damian





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

Congratulations to Jibril Nettles (Boys 16 Singles), Daniel Stojanov (Boys 10s Singles) and Joseph Stafford (Boys 12 Doubles) on winning the Midwest Closed Championship in their division. A special congratulations to Davis Wong who reached the Finals in the Boys 16s Singles as an unseeded player, and Boys 12s Sportsmanship Winner Gabe Brown! Here is a list of our Quarterfinalist finishers (and above) from both the Midwest Closed 10s and Midwest Outdoor Closed 12-18s events:

GIRLS 18s DOUBLES: Christina Jordan / Raven Neely (Semifinalists)

BOYS 16s SINGLES: Jibril Nettles (CHAMPION), Davis Wong (Finalist),

Ian Yi (Semifinalist)

BOYS 16s DOUBLES: Alex Matisse / Jack Winkler (Semifinalists)

GIRLS 16s SINGLES: Ava Thielman (Finalist), Anika Yarlagadda (3rd Place),

Tia Mukherjee (4th Place)

GIRLS 16s DOUBLES: Sasha Hartje w/D. Burich CHI (Semifinalists)

**BOYS 14s SINGLES:** Julian Hyman (Consolation Finalist)

BOYS 14s DOUBLES: Andrew Zhang w/M. Bukhalo CHI (Finalists)

GIRLS 14s SINGLES: Karina Miller (Semifinalist).

Elle Hartje (Consolation Semifinalist)

GIRLS 14s DOUBLES: Karina Miller w/E. Desai CIN (Finalists); Olivia Weiss w/M. Coburn OVTA (Semifinalists)

BOYS 12s SINGLES: Joseph Stafford (Semifinalist),

Aidan Kim (Consolation Semifinalist)

BOYS 12s DOUBLES: Joseph Stafford w/E. Perkowski CHI (CHAMPIONS); Gabe Brown w/O. Colak WMI (Finalists)

GIRLS 10s SINGLES: Emma Roeck (Finalist); Sophia MacKinnon (Semifinalist);

Reese Miller (Quarterfinalist)

**BOYS 10s SINGLES: Daniel Stojanov (CHAMPION),** 

Corwin Kim (Quarterfinalist)



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JIBRIL NETTLES Boys 16 Singles CHAMPION

DANIEL STOJANOV Boys 10 Singles 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.

For complete information on all aspects of Junior Recreational and Competitive play, download our **Junior Handbook Today by visiting:** 









## All in the Top 4! - Respectable Finishes by our Southeast Michigan Teams at the 2015 Midwest Cup Event.

### BOYS 18s CUP TEAM RECAP by Chris Shaya, Coach



The Southeast Michigan Boys 18U Cup Team travelled to South Bend, IN the weekend of June 12th. On day one, our team defeated Northwest Ohio and Northern Indiana 7-0 and 5-2, respectively. Although day two started out with rain, it ended with temperatures in the 90's. The first competition of the day started against Mid-South Illinois. After a strong doubles performance and a sweep of the singles, our Southeast Michigan team defeated them 7-0. In the second match of the day, we defeated Western Michigan for a spot in the semifinals against the 3rd seeded Northeast Ohio. Unfortunately, despite another strong doubles

performance and a great win from #1 singles player Tim Wang, the Southeast Michigan Team was defeated by Northeast Ohio 5-2 in the semifinals. Another 5-2 loss against Ohio Valley, placed our team 4th in the event. It was a strong effort and all players represented our District well with their play on the court and especially with their behavior off court. Go SEMTA! Team players included: Franklin Brozovich, John Ciraci, Connor B. Johnston, Jason Kerst, Griffin Mertz, Nicholas Paolucci, Chase Peery, Ivan Rakic, Marc Sable and Timothy Wang.

### 12s CUP TEAM RECAP by Dave Brown, Coach



Our 12's Cup Team had the best camaraderie I have ever seen since I started coaching these team events. The players' positive energy made this event fun for everyone! Held in Greenwood, Indiana the weekend of June 12-14th, our Southeast Michigan team members included: Gabe Brown, JJ Etterbeek, Julia Fliegner, Aidan Kim, Whitney King, Joe Stafford, Andrea Teofilovic and Angie Zhou.

Even though our team took third place, I thought we were strong enough to win. We had match points in the semis to advance to the finals, but came up short and lost 4/5 matches. I knew we had a great group of kids, but it was confirmed when the people involved in running the event as well as other opponents we had beat were rooting for our team to win. I believe this is a great opportunity for the kids and I cannot wait to do it again next year!







### GIRLS 18s CUP TEAM RECAP by Marimar Alonso, Coach



The 2015 Marian Wood Baird Cup for Girls 18 and Under, was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, June 12-14. After battling the stormy weather patiently everyday, the team made it to the semifinals and had to face the number one seeded team: Chicago, who had lost very few games in their matches leading up to ours. Due to the rain, the six singles matches went on first and doubles would only be played if necessary. Three of the singles went to the third set, but unfortunately, Chicago ended up winning all the courts. Our Southeast Michigan team went on to sweep the match in the 3/4 Playoff against the number three seeded Western Michigan team. Congratulations to the young ladies who represented our District proudly and demonstrated they were an outstanding group of competitors. The coaches, officials and organizers want to congratulate all of the tournament participants for their great sportsmanship. My assistant coach Tammy Wang and I want to thank the girls for another fun, exciting and successful Marian Wood Baird Cup event! Southeast Michigan's team was represented by Marybeth Hurley, Christina Jordan, Allison Motea, Raven Neely, Isabella Spindler, Ava Thielman, Dominique Vasile and Emma Worley.

### 14s CUP TEAM RECAP by Nick Petrick, Coach



Purdue University was the host site fo the Midwest 14s Cup Team (June 12-14). The Southeast Michigan 14U Cup Team got off to a hot start for teammates Luke Baylis, Miriam Gandham, Timothy Kao, Karina Miller, Lauren Opalewski, Gabriel Vidinas, Olivia Weiss and Andrew Zhang. The team only dropped one match in the first two rounds against Northern Illinois and Mid-South Illinois, thanks to stellar singles play from Andrew Zhang and Karina Miller and solid doubles play from Luke Baylis/Lauren Opalweski and Gabriel Vidinas/Olivia Weiss. Even the rain couldn't cool the team down in third and fourth rounds, where Timothy Kao/Luke Baylis and Miriam Gandham/Karina Miller came up with big doubles victories and Olivia Weiss showed a lot of grit in a three set victory to

help defeat a tough Wisconsin team. Unfortunately our team came up short on day three against a stacked Ohio Valley team. The loss put us in the 3rd/4th place playoff round against Chicago.

Our Southeast Michigan Team ended up taking 4th place after a close match with Chicago coming down to the wire. Andrew Zhang and Karina Miller came up with big singles wins and a mixed doubles win together but it wasn't quite enough. The team played with a lot of heart, but just couldn't pull out the victory. All in all, the team bonded well and the kids made great strides in their games. It was a pleasure coaching them.





## 10 & Under Tennis becoming 11 & Under Tennis in 2016

(continued from cover)

Moving from Orange Ball to Green Ball will require: ... Gain 1,000 Points

- Tournament Played = 200 pts.

- Tournament Won = an additional 200 pts.

- Tournament 2nd Place = an additional 150 pts.

- JTT Season Played = 250 pts.

... Player turning 11 (1st day of the 11th Birth month) (Currently, Play 4/Win 1 or the 1st day of a players 10th Birth month)

Moving from Green Ball to Yellow Ball will require:

... Gain 1,000 Points

- Tournament Played = 200 pts.

- Tournament Won = an additional 200 pts.

- Tournament 2nd Place = an additional 150 pts.

- JTT Season Played = 250 pts.

... Player turning 11 (1st day of the 11th Birth month) (Currently, Play 4/Win 2 or the 1st day of a players 10th Birth month)

All points will be tracked on the TennisLink system with the exciting new Player Profile Page (shown on cover).

## **NEW:** Know the Rules!

In USTA junior and adult tennis, a roving umpire can overrule incorrect out calls when in direct observation of that court. The official must be sure of the incorrect out call and that the ball was truly good and the overrule should be immediate. An overrule may not be made as a result of an appeal by a player.

Friend At Court (FAC) pg. 161 #7

Players must be sure a ball was out before making an out call. In the event of any doubt, the player should give their opponent the benefit of doubt and should play close balls as good. A player that changes an out call to good loses the point.

FAC Code pg. 49

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

## The USTA's desire to find a better Player Rating System is still a work in progress.

USTA recognized that our current Points Per Round (PPR) System was not the rating system that College Coaches chose to review when looking for future players. College Coaches were looking at Tennis Recruiting Network (TRN) and also UTR (Universal Tennis Ratings). Both of these non-USTA ranking/rating systems proved to be more accurate. UTR, for instance, allows for players to be measured against each other, takes every game played into consideration, can prove less costly than chasing PPR, allows for player age-ups without being forced to play in an older age division before they're ready, and are also based on a larger snapshot (last 30 matches, instead of PPR top 6 in past year) and include results from other competitions (i.e. USTA, ITA, ITF, ATP, WTA, and even High School State results).

So work started behind the scenes with USTA Midwest Elevated events, using UTR for a limited number of selections in 2014. By 2015, the UTR selection process was no longer "behind the scenes" and parents/ players became more aware of its use. The USTA Midwest Section's Ranking and Ratings Subcommittee is currently studying the results of using UTR—mostly to determine if it truly is more accurate in creating better seeding and overall competition in elevated events; however, UTR also has some quirks, including a mandatory membership fee, hiding from play to hold one's current rating, and overinflating younger players with National results.

Added to the mix, is the USTA's rollout of a new NTRP (National Tennis Rating Program) for Juniors that will be unveiled in 2016. USTA's pre-roll out claim is that this program will be better than UTR and TRN; will include results from USTA events (including Jr. Team Tennis), nationally played ITF events and potentially High School Tennis results.

The bottom line is that the USTA currently knows what's not working with junior ratings and is working diligently behind the scenes to find a solution that does. Stay tuned to the future editions of the Court Reporter for updates.





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#### RECREATIONAL TRACK

- ... USTA Membership Optional
- Flexible Age Eligibility Requirements
- No Gender Requirements for matches
- 3 court / 6 player Singles and Doubles Match Format
- Proposed State of Michigan Championship in June 2016
- ... Matches every weekend starting October 24th into Spring of 2016
- 18U Division starts after Boys High School Season and ends before Girls High School Season

## Contact one of our Participating So

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For additional information on our Jr. Team Tennis Program, visit www.semic

## 2015 Sportsmanship Grand Prize Tennis Camp Winners!



Grand Prize Winner Olivia Helmer

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! Congratulations to Olivia Helmer (Huron Valley Tennis Club), Kevin Bruey (Ann Arbor Rec & Ed) as well as all of our Sportsmanship Nominees that exhibit such great behavior on and off the court! A special thank you to the University of Michigan and Varsity Women's Coach Ronni Bernstein for their great support!



**Grand Prize Winner** Kevin Bruey





## am Tennis Program in the Midwest is offering opportunities for the 2015-16 Season!

Ages 6-18 of Every Ability Level Eligible

10U, 12U, 14U and 18U—Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced!

## ecreational & Championship Track!

#### CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK

- ... USTA Membership Required
- ... Mandatory Age Eligibility through August 31, 2016
- ... 3 boy/3 girl Gender Requirement for matches
- ... 2 court / 6-8 player Singles and Doubles Championship Match Format
- ... Advancement to District, Section and National Championships
- ... 4-6 Match Weekends starting in November
- ... Players can register on both Recreational & Championship Teams for maximum play

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**Travis Pointe Country Club** (734) 665-8463 Tom Moore

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### h.usta.com or contact the Southeast Michigan District Office at (734) 421-1025

\*Facilities at press time. Additional facilities may be added.

## Southeast Michigan Pilots 18U High School Match Play





In an effort to get High School Tennis Players more low-cost match play opportunities, Southeast Michigan piloted a summer program targeting the 14-18 age division. Cost was a low \$5 team registration with a match day fee of \$10. We had 38 players registered from all around Southeast Michigan. Moving our matches each weekend from Canton to Troy, we were able to offer players plenty of singles and doubles play in a casual non-elimination format. Thank you to all of the facilities that allowed us to rent their courts, including Detroit Tennis & Squash, where the players got to try their skills on clay (a first experience for many). We look forward to offering this program again next year and growing numbers for maximum play opportunities in site variations as well as players! Thanks to all participants—we had a great time getting to know you.

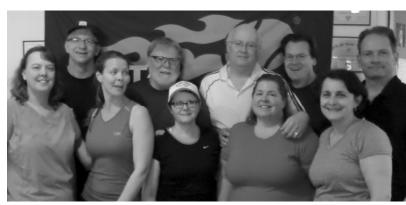




## Winter Mixed Doubles Champions wait their turn to battle for the State Championships in September.

Our Southeast Michigan Winter Mixed Doubles Championships were held May 2-3 at Wimbledon Racquet Club in St. Clair Shores. In 2014, our Adult League Committee made the decision to split out different divisions of both Winter and Summer Mixed Doubles in order to offer the 18 & Over age division a better distribution of play opportunities. The 6.0 & 8.0 Divisions in the 18 & Over and 7.0 & 9.0 Divisions in the 40 & Over compete during the Winter months. The opposite offerings compete during the Summer months. Winning teams from both leagues advance to the State Championships in September. District for Summer Mixed Doubles will be held later this month.

Congratulations to our winning Winter Mixed Doubles teams who advance to State Championships. Stay tuned for results in our next issue of the Court Reporter.



## 40&0 Mixed Doubles 7.0 Combined

Huron Valley Tennis Club Captain: Kelly Belcher

Back Row (I-r): Bruce Shields, Gus Meyers, Tom Belcher, Ken Cadigan, Tom Rhodes; Front Row (I-r): Deana Shields, Sarah Connor, Candace Meyers, Captain Kelly Belcher, Huda Fadel

Not Pictured: Roopa Gurm, Jim O'Connor, Brian Roberts, Diane Spillane, Richard Walter, Janet Zarlenga.

### 18&0 Mixed Doubles 6.0 Combined

Wimbledon Racquet Club Captain: Michael Mieszczak

Back Row (I-r): Angelo Maniscalco, Leon Niewoit, John Kelly, Robert Ang, Captain Michael Mieszczak; Front Row (I-r): Cres Ang, Lisa Roddis, Julie Henry, Heidi Weisel, John Schipper

Not Pictured: Jacqueline Canny, Susan Hoffman, Michael Pontello, Leann Pontello.



## 18&0 Mixed Doubles 8.0 Combined

Wessen Indoor Tennis Club Captain: Becky Tanguay

Back Row (I-r): Peter Fredericks, Rob Nagle, Dan Tanguay, Tim Harry; Front Row (I-r): Captain Becky Tanguay, Chris Wiegel, Patrick Dunn, Claire Baenen, Lora Kazanjian, Naoko McKelvy, Jeff Muhn

Not Pictured: Dana Heming, Trish Keranen, Kevin Madden, Susan Maisano, Bridget Swope, Ellen Tene.









## 40&0 Mixed Doubles 9.0 Combined

Livonia Family Y Captain: Rob Smith

Back Row (I-r): Leigh Formicola, Captain Rob Smith, Brian Bez, Lumi Varos, Tom Fargo, Paul Gill, Julie Brizard, Cesar Gonzalez, Shelley Boatright, Joy VanBuhler; Front Row (I-r): Robin Parker, Tamara Stiles, Suzy Crossley

Not Pictured: Paul Aris, Kent Roman, Christian Trumbull, Sherry Walker.

## STAY TUNED TO OUR NEXT ISSUE OF THE "COURT REPORTER" FOR A COMPLETE RECAP OF ALL THE USTA SUMMER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Your 2015 Fall USTA Season begins in September!

Play begins the weekend of September 25th. Team declarations and player minimums due August 24th. 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)

TODAY!







## Southeast Michigan Pilots 30U Mixer Series To Attract Young Adults to Tennis with a Social Component!

Over the course of six weeks our office hosted a tennis clinic/mixer called Love Tennis Under 30 © for those in the 20-30 age group. The event was open to all skill levels and tennis pros were on hand to provide help to new players. All events were free to participants, with balls, loaner racquets and water provided. The events were split evenly



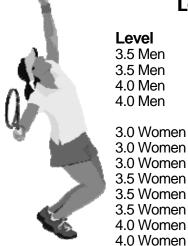
Royal Oak LoveTennisUnder30 Event held June 11th

with every other Thursday evening having the event hosted either in Ann Arbor or Royal Oak. These events took place every other Thursday in Royal Oak (Royal Oak Middle School) and Ann Arbor (UofM Palmer Field). We had great turn out averaging around 18-20 at the Royal Oak events and about 12-15 at the Ann Arbor events. We were hit with rain at our first Ann Arbor event, but managed to still get out and play and thankfully the weather behaved for the rest of our events. After tennis, those interested walked to a nearby establishment for food, beverages and conversation. The interest among this age group prompted us to start a new low cost recreational adult league open to players 18-35 in Royal

age group prompted us to start a new low cost recreational adult league open to players 18-35 in Royal Oak starting in August. With USTA membership optional and a low, one time fee of \$25, play is open to both men and women of any ability. Our first 4 week session began August 9th and we will be offering another session starting September 13th. We use a timed, no-ad format, where our goal is to mix up play while creating a positive social experience for all the participants - on the court and off.

If you are in this age demographic and are interested in joining this league, contact our District Office or visit our website: www.semich.usta.com, under "Adult Recreational Play" and meet up with us on the courts!

## 2015 Winter Team Singles Flight Winner Recap League Season January – April 2015



#### Facility

LifeTime Fitness—Rochester Huron Valley Tennis Club Sports Club W. Bloomfield Livonia Family Y

Peachtree Tennis Club
Liberty Athletic Club
Birmingham Racquet Club
Troy Racquet Club
Livonia Family Y
Birmingham Racquet Club
LifeTime Fitness—Rochester
Liberty Athletic Club

#### Captain

Tony Latos Mike Ferguson Prasad Challa Wayne Tetlow

Cheryl Hartel Julie Brilliant Christine Scott Linda Smith Joanne Trosell Kristi Klugness Noreen Connors Hanna Song









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## Have a Great USTA League Captain? Nominate them for a Southeast Michigan Award!

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

Visit our website (www.semich.usta.com) to submit your nominations. Deadline Oct. 1st!

### 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: 2014—Theodore Brassfield; 2013—Dionell (Janelle) Guanco; 2012—Rachel Ekizian; 2011 - Mike Sheridan; 2010 - Joe Arsenault; 2009 - Chris Greig

## Southeast Michigan Seniors Place Third in Lansing.

#### 2015 USTA/MIDWEST SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brief showers on Saturday morning didn't dampen spirits when 9 of the 13 Districts competed in the 2015 Midwest Senior Team Championships May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> on the MSU campus in East Lansing.

Southeast Michigan came in 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second year in a row. Chicago dominated with a total of 405 games won. Northwest Ohio clinched 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 376 and we were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 367.

A special **CONGRATULATIONS** to our age division winners: *Men's 65s* – Bill Barrett & Jay Schwalm!

Thank you to Men's Captain John Ryan and Women's Captain Wanda Spencer for your recruiting efforts and to all the players who represented our Southeast Michigan District!

We'll be back strong in 2016!

Men's 65s Champions Bill Barrett & Jay Schwalm

Southeast Michigan was represented by the following teams:

W45: W50: W55: W60: W65:	Julie Brizard & Tamara Stiles Sue Kaleel & Stacey Lareau Angela Bogan & Kathy Vandewege Betsy Behr & Wanda Spencer Kathy Green & Janet Remen Karen Caine & Leslie McGowan Julia Caprara & Ann Munro	M45: M50: M55: M60: M65:	Paul Gill & Eric Podgorny Andres Torres & Steve Wagel Kevin Collins & Steve Yorimoto Len Baziuk & Tim Loula Kim Degner & Gary Hoslet Bill Barrett & Jay Schwalm Harold Lollar & Ben Tasich
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### SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY & PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

Warm weather means outdoor tennis in Southeastern Michigan. Play Days, Jr. Team Tennis, Non-Elimination Tournaments, Adaptive/Wheelchair Tennis and milestones for players, both young and old. 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!





Participants of the Mt. Brighton Adaptive Tennis Program held at UofM Varsity Tennis Center.

Bryan Wilkinson and Mt. Brighton Adaptive Sports (with the help of a few friends and volunteers) initiated a Tennis For All Program, meeting every Tuesday this summer at the UofM Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor. Finally, it looks like we have a program fueled by a dedicated group of volunteers that will take hold in Southeast Michigan! While the program has a lot of people from the Livingston & Washtenaw Counties and surrounding areas, participants are also coming from as far away as Toledo. Special thanks goes out to Amy Shepherd, George Lowe (Michigan TSR), Lynn Bender, Peggy Jones (who also set up a pilot program in Mt. Clemens), Piotr Pasik, The MSU Sports and Recreation Program, and USTA Southeast Michigan for the use of their

tennis wheelchairs.

If you or someone you know might be interested, or would like to volunteer, please join the Mt. Brighton Adaptive Sports Facebook Page to learn more about the organization and up-coming events.

If you want to stay in touch with Wheelchair Tennis, download the Wheelchair App to your phone today! It's a great way to get connected and stay connected with players, fans, friends, and fun! "THIS IS THE WHEEL DEAL"









June 6th Adaptive Tennis Program organized by Peggy Jones and held on the L'Anse Creuse North High School High School Tennis Courts.







## Local Player Chosen to Represent US in 2015 55+ World Team **Championships...and Win Gold!**



The United States sent 24 athletes to represent the U.S. at the ITF Seniors World Team Championships, the senior equivalent of tennis' Davis Cup and Fed Cup competitions. The 24 American athletes competed against players from 29 other countries.

The ITF Seniors World Team Championships is the highest-ranked event on the ITF Seniors Circuit for male and female players in the age categories 50-60 and was held June 8-13 in La Baule,

Congratulations to our local player, Bill Godfrey on being chosen for the event in the Men's 55 & Over Division, and the team—who won Gold in a final match against Spain.

Austria Cup (55+M) Team Members included:

- 1. Vallis Wilder, Fort Worth, TX
- Michael Fedderly, Palm Desert, CA
   Michael Tammen, Portland, OR (Captain)
- 4. Bill Godfrey, Ann Arbor, MI

## Morgane Flournoy, Recipient of Tim & Tom Gullikson Scholarship



Morgane has played varsity tennis all four years at Grosse Pointe South High School. She was her team's Mŏst Valuable Player in 2014, named Conference All Team and Honorable Mention All State. In addi-tion to playing varsity high school tennis, Flournoy has participated in our USTA Junior Team Tennis program, USTA League Program and USTA tournaments throughout the Midwest.

Off the tennis court, Morgane received AP Scholar with Distinction honors. She is a member of the French Honors Society, French Culture Club, Key Service Club, and Literary Magazine Club. Morgane plans to double major in International Studies and French at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, this coming fall. She will also play collegiate tennis at Vassar College sar College.

The Gullikson Scholarship is awarded by the Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation and is named after the identical twin tennis playing brothers from Wisconsin (Tim is best remembered for coaching Pete Sampras). Congratulations Morgane!

Congratulations to Olivia Carlesso-Weiss for winning both the USTA National Selection Girls 12 Tournament Singles as well as the Doubles (partner Tyra Richardsön, IL) in Grand Rapids in February, 2015.



### 16U Zonals Team from Midwest Captures Championship!



The USTA Zone Team Championships is a five-day team competition emphasizing both singles, doubles and mixed doubles play against other Section teams with match results counting for National and Midwest Section rankings. The Midwest BG16s Zonal Team finished tops in their event held in Oklahoma City, OK July 2-6th. Congratulations to the following Southeast Michigan players on the team: Sasha Hartje, Marybeth Hurley, David Gandham, Benji Jacobsen, Denali Kitayama, Alex Matisse and Ian Yi.





## Summer Tennis Programs Keep On Growing in Southeast Michigan!



84 10U Players in Clarkston! (Liza & Larry Baylis and the Clarkston Community Tennis Association [CTA])

88 10U Players in Brighton! (Chase Ewert-Meyer & The SELCRA CTA)

21 10U Players in Oxford! (Gayle Bailey and the Oxford CTA)





Chandler Park in Detroit receives \$20,000 Grant from USTA to build tennis courts! Look for coverage of their ribbon cutting ceremony in the next Court Reporter. PINCKNEY
TOURNAME

Pinckney
Area CTA
hosts 2nd
Annual Tournament with
50 entrants!



Clintonwood Park in Independence Township adds new youth tennis courts and hosts a Play Day!

97 Players in Palmer Park including a new Jr. Team Tennis Team—the Pumas, pictured (right) with Coach Jerry & program work-a-holic Leonora King (photo-bomb)!

33 10U Players in Dearborn! (Grace Menna & The Dearborn CTA)





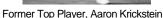




## Scott L. King Serving Aces for Sarcoma

7th Annual 10-18U Tennis Tournament, featuring Red, Orange, Green & Yellow Ball Divisions & A Pro Exhibition, Clininc and Silent Auction—All to Benefit the Fight against Sarcoma!







Players from the 2015 Scott King Aces for Sarcoma 10U Tournament

The 7th annual Scott King Serving Aces for Sarcoma Event is named for King, a local tennis player and promoter of tennis who died from Sarcoma in June of 2008. The three-day extravaganza consists of a Junior Tournament featuring 8U Red Ball, 10U Orange and Green Ball Events along with Yellow Ball 12U -18U Divisions for both boys and girls. Along with the junior tournament the event boasts a Pro Exhibition and All-American Pro Clinic featuring former top professionals Aaron Krickstein and Jimmy Arias as well as a Silent Auction to benefit the Scott L. King Endowment Fund for Sarcoma Research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Held at both Birmingham Racquet Club and Bloomfield Open Hunt, this special event continues to pack in the players and spectators! To donate, visit: servingacesforsarcoma.com today!

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

Southeast Michigan is looking for quality officiating at all our USTA Sanctioned Events. If you are over the age of 18 and have a basic knowledge of our sport, please consider becoming a USTA Official.

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

For more detailed information on becoming an official, Please contact the District Office (734) 421-1025 or email







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Southeast Michigan Jr. Team Tennis The largest Jr. Team Tennis Program in the Midwest is offering more play opportunities for the 2015-16 Season! See page 12 for details.

Ages 6-18 of Every Ability Level Eligible

Divisions of 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U— Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced!



Play starts in October.

Are you in?