



United States Tennis Association Southeastern Michigan District

Extensive Changes on Tap for the 2012 Southeast Michigan Muthig Jr. Qualifier, including outdoor play and limited draws!

Why outdoors? Our Jr. Competition Committee believes that our players advancing to the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championship would compete better by getting more outdoor play experience.

Why limited draws? Our Jr. Competition Committee believes the Qualifier is our Southeast Michigan District Championship for players 12-18 years in age, not to be entered by all, but rather to be achieved by year round tournament participation.

Here are some abbreviated details (please refer to the Tournament Home Pages for complete specifics):

> Boys weekend June 1-4th (Tournament ID#855750112)

Girls weekend June 8-11th (Tournament ID#850053912)

MAIN TOURNAMENT SITE: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Additional sites will be Schoolcraft College, Livonia Stevenson High School* and North Farmington High School*.

DRAWS WILL BE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS: B12s - 64 Draw G12s - 48 Draw B14s - 64 Draw G14s - 48 Draw B16s - 64 Draw G16s - 48 Draw G18s - 24 Draw B18s - 48 Draw

PLAYER SELECTION: Players will be selected based on the specified USTA/Midwest Section Standing List noted on the respective Tournament Home Pages. Players will be selected by the following:

- 1. Players from the top 50 of the most current USTA/ Midwest Section Standing List in next lower division based on the following draw sizes:
 - 64 draw top 8 players from the lower age group (exception: top 4 players from the 10s for the `Boys' 12s division).
 - 48 draw top 6 players from the lower age group (exception: top 3 players from the 10s for the Girls 12s division)
 - 32 draw top 4 players from the lower age group. 24 draw - top 2 players from the lower age group.
- 2. Remaining players will be selected from the specified USTA/Midwest Section Standing List in the current age division of the event. Remaining vacancies and/or alternates will be selected from the USTA/Midwest Section



Standing List in the division of the event. Alternates will be numbered and posted on tournament home page after tournament deadline.

SEEDING: Seeding will be done using the same USTA/ Midwest Section Standing List used for selection.

FORMAT: Main draw format will be two-out-of-three sets, with the third set played out in its entirety. (There is a mandatory 10-minute break between the second and third sets FOR ALL AGE GROUPS). Consolation draw format will be two-out-of-three sets, with a tie break in lieu of the third set. (There is a 3-minute break between the second and third sets FOR ALL AGE GROUPS). Main Draw will be played to completion, and Food In Consolation played to played to completion, and Feed-In Consolation played to the Quarterfinals.

First Round matches will begin as early as 4:00 p.m. Friday with Monday p.m. finals.

This tournament is open to Southeast Michigan District residents only. Entrant must be a legal resident of Hillsdale, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne, or Washtenaw county.

ENTRANTS MUST PROVIDE BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING: PROOF OF RESIDENCY and PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP.

For complete Muthig Jr. Qualifier details, please visit TennisLink at www.ŭsta.com with appropriate Tournament ID number listed.

*Boys Qualifier Sites only.

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Anyone interested in learning the basics of coaching and teaching tennis or seeking a refresher on more current methods and effective tools should attend a Recreational Coach Workshop.

Taught by specially trained, certified teaching professionals Mike Woody and Jorge Capestany, this six-hour workshop will cover:

- Games and Drills Every Coach Should Know
- Teaching Large Groups
- Running Effective Team Practices
- Tennis Technique Current Trends and Progressions

 Teaching using the "Games Approach"

 10 & Under Tennis and more!

Participants will receive lunch, CD of drills/games, low-pressure and large foam transition balls, Learn to Rally / Play and USA Tennis 1-2-3 Adult Program Guide, Coaching Youth Tennis online course description and registration form, as well as the opportunity for a USPTA or PTR Development Coach Certification.*

Saturday, May 19th From 11am-5:30pm at Dearborn Racquet & Health Club

First Time USTA Member Attendees are FREE!

\$44 for Non-USTA Members. No repeat attendees, please.

*With paid USPTA or PTR membership and completion of workshop.











Greetings from your new District President...

As the swallows return to Capistrano, so do the tan bellied snow birds, migrating up the I-75 corridor back to their home court advantage in Michigan. I too will be in that flock this spring, returning just in time for the rites of spring. This was the first year for me to migrate, and escape the winter of 2011-12 that never came. Timing is everything. One thing my wife and I did learn though, is that tennis is a universal sport and great tool for social networking. Some people communicate by Face-book or Twitter, but my wife sends a message up the alley with a two-handed backhand. Not bad for a 2.5 woman. If nothing else, she helped the economy with the discovery of a new source for skorts and tennis tops. Tennis is a great sport and people play for different reasons. Some play for exercise, some for the social aspect, some need the competition, some wonder why they play and often threaten to quite. While it appears the sport may be losing momentum in America, you would never know it in the Land of Sunshine. Adults of all ages are still hitting plenty of winners. We have an opportunity to change the tide with the introduction of 10 and Under Tennis in the US. Finally, the USTA has introduced a modified version of the sport with foam balls, smaller racquets, smaller courts and lower nets. Perfect for the little person. We all need this. Children today are more sedentary and do more with their thumbs on a small key board than they do with their legs. Childhood obesity is at record levels leading to diabetes as well as cardiovascular complications. Adults do less with their children. We need to get involved. We need to get our children interested in tennis and to grow the game. We can teach them eye-to-hand coordination, interpersonal skills, how to be fair, and how to compete – all before they are 11 years old!! Instead of progressing to increased morbidity and mortality, let's put them on the road to a competitive environment, social sports network, possible college scholarships and maybe produce a few professional athletes along the way. So get involved. Take your kids to a park or club and show them there is real tennis and not just virtual tennis – LET'S GROW THE GAME.

Mel Kropko, District President

Oooops!

We apologize for the error in our last edition of the "Court Reporter". We forgot to include the names of the Southeast Michigan Boys 18s District Cup Team: Andrew Cahn, Edward Covalschi, Joseph Dube, Brett Forman, Tyler Gardiner, Jay Joshi, Jeffrey Loduca, John Patrick Mullane, William Willson, and Douglas Zade.



Congratulations to Christopher Barnes from Royal Oak, Michigan who was the recipient of both the 2011 Tim and Tom Gullikson Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation Scholarship and the Dwight F. Davis Memorial USTA Serves Scholarship. Christopher played in our USTA Jr. Team Tennis program for several years at the Beverly Hills Club as well as Varsity High School Tennis including many

educational and extracurricular achievements.

USTA Serves scholarship applications are due February 1, 2013 and Midwest Tennis & Education scholarship applications are due March 1, 2013 (see www.usta.com and www.midwest.usta.com respectively for details and applications for Class of 2013.





Be a part of SE Michigan's Midwest Cup Teams!

On June 15th, 2012, Southeast Michigan will send their top players to compete against the other thirteen districts for bragging rights as the best of the Midwest Section. If you are a top player in Southeastern Michigan and would like to be considered for a spot on either the 12 & Under, 14 & Under or 18 & Under Midwest Cup Teams, you must sign up on TennisLink. Team members will be chosen from the top players registered after the deadline using the most current Midwest Standing List available from the appropriate age group (top players in the 16s *may* be considered for the 18 & U Cup Teams). Deadline for application is May 31, 2012. *The selection process will include (but is not limited to): current Midwest Standing* List, Code Violations and Sportsmanship.

12 & Under Team (co-ed)

Max. team size: 8 players (4 boys / 4 girls) TennisLink ID #855732112

Location: Kenyon College, Gambier, OH Player Entry fee: \$75

Team jacket included in entry fee. Hotel and travel expenses to and from event will be the responsibility of the player.

18 & Under Girls Team

Max. team size: 10 players TennisLink ID #855732312

Location: Urbana, IL (University of Illinois) Player Entry fee: \$150

Team jacket, room, board and travel expenses are included. Team players travel together with coaches to event. Players need to provide their own personal expenses

14 & Under Team (co-ed)

Max. team size: 8 players (4 boys / 4 girls) TennisLink ID #855732212 Location: Purdue University, IN Player Entry fee: \$75 Team jacket included in entry fee. Hotel and travel expenses

and from event will be the responsibility of the player.

<u> 18 & Under Boys Team</u>

Max. team size: 10 players TennisLink ID #855732412 Location: Kalamazoo, MI Player Entry fee: \$150 Team jacket, room, board and travel expenses are included. Team players travel together with coaches to event. Players need to provide their own personal



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR COLLEGE FINANCIAL assistance, apply for the

expenses.

On October 30, 1989, June and Bert Kaspers (formerly of Southeast Michigan) created a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors for college tuition and expenses. **The Kaspers' legacy lives through the past, present** and future accomplishments of the winners of this scholarship.

The schol arship is avail able for 2012 graduates.

Deadline for Applications is June 30, 2012

Kaspers' Scholarship Applications are available on our website: www.semich.usta.com, under "juniors"). 2011 Kaspers' Scholarship Recipients: Rachel Hubers and Matthew Hing (see "District Awards" on Page 26)

to \$10,000 in Assistar







DISTRICT

2011 Year End Junior Singles Ranking Lists Top District, Sectional & National Southeast Michigan Players

GIRLS 10s

MIDWEST Top 50 12 Chang, Olivia 14 Miller, Karina 15 Braun, Jessica Siguero-Campo, Alexia 29 Solomon, Mava 42 Gandham, Miriam 43 Solomon, Brooke 46 Olteanu, Alanna 49 Hartje, Elle

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Top 25 1 Miller, Karina 2 Braun, Jessica 3 Siguero-Campo, Alexia 4 Olteanu, Alanna 5 Chang, Olivia 6 Opalewski, Lauren 7 Solomon, Brooke 8 McConnell, Allison 9 O'Dell, Amber 10 Hartje, Elle 11 King, Whitney 12 Mukherjee, Tia

13 Sesi, Kátie 14 Narens, Madison 15 Gandham, Miriam 16 Barrett, Taylor

17 Karoub, Louisa 18 Muhammad, Jala 19 Kumar, Shanoli 20 Solomon, Maya

21 Murray, Isabella 22 Forméntin, Helana 23 Weiss, Olivia

24 Leonflann, Ana 25 Rahmani, Tara

GIRLS 12s

NATIONAL Top 100 27 Hurley, Marybeth

MIDWEST Top 50 6 Hurley, Marybeth 16 O'Dell, Amber 17 Hartje, Sasha 18 Karoub, Monique 23 Yutzy, Allonna 32 Shannon, Evangeline 38 Mukherjee, Tia

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Hurley, Marybeth

2 Karoub, Monique 3 O'Dell, Amber 4 Hartje, Sasha 5 Yutzy, Allonna 6 Chang, Olivia 7 Mukherjee, Tia 8 Solomon, Mava

9 Yarlagadda, Anika 10 Gjorgjioska, Ivona 11 Shannon, Evangeline 12 Allen, Caroline

13 Fadel, Sadina 14 Moreno, Hannah 15 Clem, Esperanza 16 Hartje, Elle

17 Kumar, Shanoli 18 Pinnu, Sahaja 19 Brooks, Taylor 20 Fox. Madelyn

21 Wang, Serena 22 Shaffer, Kate 23 Strome, Melissa 24 Gao, Joanne 25 Wolber, Katie

GIRLS 14s

NATIONAL Top 100 19 Vasile, Dominique 31 Nguyen, Davina 41 Huber, Tiffany 82 Abelson, Sophia

MIDWEST Top 50 2 Vasile, Domínique 7 Nguyen, Davina 13 Huber, Tiffany Spindler, Isabella 23 Neely, Raven 29 Hurley, Marybeth 31 Hyman, Halle

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25

1 Nguyen, Davina 2 Vasile, Dominique 3 Huber, Tiffany 4 Neely, Raven 5 Spindler, Isabella 6 Hurley, Marybeth 7 Hymán, Halle 8 Násh, Jeannie

9 Dunleavy, Kathryn 10 Selenica, Marina 11 Motea, Allison

12 Hartje, Sasha 13 King, Sydney 14 Kumar, Reeshma 15 Shannon, Evangeline 16 Brown, Eliza 17 Day, Erin

18 Guo, Amanda 19 Mukherji, Anika 20 Cimpeanu, Hannah

21 Jiang, Lucy 22 Lakin, Kyle 23 Mullins, Haley 24 Whall, Alexandra 25 Chang, Olivia

GIRLS 16s

NATIONAL Top 100 34 Najarian, Alexandria 96 Hanna, Mary

MIDWEST Top 50 6 Najarian, Alexandria 8 Hanna, Mary 15 Baylis, Lexi 19 Jordan, Christina

23 Huckleby, Adorabol 29 Nguyen, Davina 43 Moldovan, Bianca 47 Fox, Mollie

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25

Hanna, Mary 2 Najarian, Aléxandria 3 Baylis, Lexi 4 Huckleby, Adorabol 5 Moldovan, Bianca 6 Jordan, Christina 7 Fox, Mollie 8 Nguyen, Davina 9 Hŭ, Kerry

10 Karoub, Winifred 11 O'Brien, Colleen 12 Jankowski, Joy 13 Zheng, Isabel 14 Law, Kristen

15 Olsen, Dana 16 Pendleton, Aerielle 17 Abelson, Sophia 18 Hyman, Halle

19 Selenica, Marina 20 Sweeney, Alexa 21 Motea, Allison 22 D'Ascenzo, Alexandra 23 Olsen, Paige 24 Petrovska, Labina

GIRLS 18s

25 Moccia, Aimee

NATIONAL Top 100 44 Gardiner, Kasey 82 Crawford, Jacqueline

MIDWEST Top 50 1 Gardiner, Kasey 10 Crawford, Jacqueline 16 Brozovich, Katie 18 Baylis, Lexi 32 Spindler, Gabriella 36 Thurman, Alexandra 37 D'Ascenzo, Alexandra

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25

1 Gardiner, Kasey 2 Crawford, Jacqueline 3 D'Ascenzo, Alexandra 4 Brozovich, Katie 5 Baylis, Lexi 6 Thurman, Alexandra 7 Spindler, Gabriella 8 Moldovan, Bianca 9 Mitrache, Andreea 10 Sweeney, Taylor 11 Rivera, Andrea 12 Williams, Arielle 13 Ziecik, Jane 14 Ho, Jennifer 15 Ewell, Simone 16 Woods, Angelica

17 Hughes, Lauren

19 Wang, Abby

20 Karoub, Amabel

18 Pendleton, Aerielle

21 Dieters, Kelsey 22 Najarian, Alexandria 23 Paradiso, Bailey 24 Benda, Nancy 25 Dabrowski, Natasha

BOYS 10s

MIDWEST Top 50 8 Stafford, Joseph 10 Brown, Gabe 19 Meluta, Vlad 30 Tracy, JJ 35 Bickersteth, Jacob 41 Amarnath, Sidharth 44 Deenadayalu, Sahil

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Stafford, Joseph 2 Brown, Gabe 3 Meluta, Vlad

4 Tracy, JJ 5 Deenadayalu, Sahil 6 Amamath, Sidharth 7 Etterbeek, Jeffrey 8 MacKinnon, Alexander 9 Hemmrich, Constantin

9 Hemmich, Constant 10 Wong, Philip 11 Dillon, Daniel 12 Boksha, Mikhail 13 Cho, Hyunwoo 14 Khaykin, Jonathan 15 Bickersteth, Jacob 16 Liss, Jonah

17 Deshmukh, Cosmin 18 Tressler, Cameron 19 Deenadayalu, Nikhil

20 Shell, Ethan 21 Zhou, Henry 22 Chave, Nishant 23 Brodkey, Max 24 Mettler, Alexander

BOYS 12s

NATIONAL Top 100 26 Mukherjee, Josh 98 Winkler, Jack

MIDWEST Top 50 5 Mukherjee, Josh 17 Kitayama, Denali 21 Yi, lan 25 Winkler, Jack 32 Gandham, David 33 Mueller, Kobie 34 Adams, Christopher 41 Palmer-Hawkins, Colin 44 Hyman, Julian 49 Wen, Alex

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Mukherjee, Josh 2 Kitayama, Denali 3 Yi, lan 4 Winkler, Jack 5 Gandham, David 6 Hemmrich, Constantin

7 Mueller, Kobie 8 Betrus, John 9 Wen, Alex 10 Ciraci, Anthony 11 Hyman, Julian 12 Jácobson, Benji 13 Stafford, Joseph 14 Ilitch, Christian 15 Chen, Gilbert 16 Nettles, Jibril 17 Adams, Christopher 18 Palmer-Hawkins, Colin 19 Mukherji, Janak 20 Paduraru, Andrei 21 Mettler, Alexander 22 Nguyen, Donovan 23 Li, Joshua 24 Wong, Philip 25 Liss, Gabriel

BOYS 14s

MIDWEST Top 50 17 Wang, Timothy 23 Kerst, Jason 28 Johnston, Connor 41 Rakic, Ivan 46 Martin-Dyer, Jack

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Johnston, Connor 2 Wang, Timothy 3 Peery, Chase 4 Rakić, Ivan 5 Kerst, Jason 6 Wen, Alex 7 Martin-Dyer, Jack 8 Mertz, Griffin 9 Anderson, Maxx 10 Haselwanter, Alexis 11 Kondapi, Koushik 12 Rothstein, Kevin 13 Kitayama, Denali 14 Adams, Christopher 15 Garrett, James

16 Li, Oliver 17 Mettler, John 18 Reddy, Vinai 19 Runkle, Damian 20 Martell, Zach 21 Winkler, Jack 22 Gandham, David 23 Yi, lan 24 Wong, Davis 25 Mukherjee, Josh

BOYS 16s

NATIONAL Top 100 16 Covalschi, Edward 58 Fliegner, Maximilian 90 Murray, Jack

MIDWEST Top 50 3 Fliegner, Maximilian 12 Kranz, Sven 19 Dube, Michael 35 Forman, Brett 36 Covalschi, Edward 37 Murray, Jack 38 Renehan, Kevin 46 Petersen, Jack

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Fliegner, Maximilian 2 Kranz, Sven 3 Dube, Michael 4 Forman, Brett 5 Patel, Rishi

6 Covalschi, Edward 7 Murray, Jack 8 Kim, Alexander 9 Petersen, Jack 10 Massie, Tucker 11 Zhang, Richard 12 McCormick, Matthew 13 Saari, Kristoff 14 Navarre, Spencer 15 Peery, Gunnar 16 Wang, Timothy 17 Shanbrom, Max

18 Hemmrich, Maximilian 19 Renehan, Kevin 20 Gruskin, Alex 21 Hamaty, Jack 22 Rakic, Ivan 23 Stannard, Blaine 24 Sheeren, Thomas

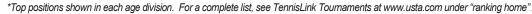
BOYS 18s

25 Hyman, Justin

MIDWEST Top 50 4 Covalschi, Edward 5 Murray, Jack 9 Dube, Joseph 25 Gardiner, Tyler 28 Mullane, John 42 Parker, Jordan 44 Cahn, Andrew

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN Top 25 1 Murray, Jack 2 Covalšchi, Edward 3 Dube, Joseph 4 Mullane, John 5 Gardiner, Tyler 6 Cahn, Andrew 7 Parker, Jordan 8 Woods, Christian 9 Joshi, Jay 10 Kaye, Michael 11 Zade, Douglas 12 Sheets, Cordaro 13 Renehan, Kervit 14 Halpert, Garrett 15 Fiaschetti, Nicholas 16 Willson, William 17 Hodges, Kevin 18 Saari, Kristoff 19 Smith, Matthew 20 Chang, Kevin

21 Navarre, Spencer 22 Chen, Evan 23 Loduca, Jeffrey 24 Dupret, Andre 25 Mertz, Michael







USTA Jr. Team Tennis Southeast Michigan District Championships

Flight winning teams from our 2011-12 Season in all divisions were invited to attend District Championships in hopes of being crowned Divisional Champions and advance to Sectional Championships in August. Our 18 Intermediate and Advanced Divisions competed at Wimbledon Racquet Club March 3 & 4th, our 12 & 14 Intermediate Divisions competed at Deer Lake Athletic Club April 14 & 15th. Congratulations to the following Champions and Finalists in their respective divisions:



18 & U Advanced DISTRICT CHAMPION Deer Lake Destroyers

Coached by Frank Rodriguez

Eligible players include: Lexi Baylis, Mackenzie Bedor, Katie Brozovich, John Budzinski, Matthew Dahl, Palmer Hatch, Abbey Hubregsen, Halle Hyman, Justin Hyman, Spencer Navarre, Davina Nguyen, Dana Olsen, Paige Olsen, Allyson Wilson, Monique Zentner.

18 & U Advanced DISTRICT FINALIST Franklin Ravens

Coached by Keith Robinson

Eligible players include: Tanguy Crosnier, Dillon Cumming, Julian Ernst, Simone Ewell, Maya Hicks, Maxwell Kohl, Akanksha Vaishnav, Alex Wen, Arielle Williams



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REMAINING 2011-12 FLIGHT WINNNING TEAMS WHO PARTICIPATED IN DISTRICT JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

12 & U Intermediate Division: Birmingham R.C. Smashers Bloomfield Open Hunt Chipmunks Deer Lake Dragons Eastside Fitness Smashers Northwest YWCA Commanders Sports Club Novi Nets Sports Club W. Bloomfield Balls of Fury

18 & U Intermediate Division: Beverly Hills Club Bombers
Birmingham R.C. Baseliners
Dearborn Health & Racquet Club Hawks Dearborn Health & Racquet Club Lakers Farmington Tennis Club Big Hitters Huron Valley Whirlwinds Motor City Smashers

14 & U Intermediate Division: Birmingham R.C. Topspinners Life Time Fitness Lobbers Life Time Fitness Lancers Livonia YMCA Acers Northwest YWCA Bangers Troy Wolverines

Eligible players include: Maxx Anderson, Gilbert Chen, Hannah Cimpeanu, Jakob Gahn, Ivona Gjorgjioska, Sasha Hartje, Adam Junn, Denali Kitayama, Andrei Paduraru, Brad Silverman, Melissa Strome

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE:

14 & U Advanced

West Bloomfield

Big Shots

DISTRICT CHAMPION

Coached by Marimar Alonso

Port Huron Tennis House Huskies I Sports Club Novi Slammers Sports Club W. Bloomfield E-Lemon-Ators Troy Racquet Club Top Spinners

18 & U Advanced Division: Huron Valley Hornets











18 & U Intermediate DISTRICT CHAMPION Port Huron Predators

Coached by Steve Pillon

Eligible players include: Sarah Barry, Francesca Basha, Andrew Cansfield, Michael Coleman, Luke Ingles, Connor Johnston, Ilina Krishen, Paul Leveille, Alexis Wirtz, Darren Wong

18 & U Intermediate DISTRICT FINALIST Liberty Mountain Wolves

Coached by Peter Pusztai

Eligible players include: Michael Dang, Caleb Gagnon, Samuel Gough, Zachary LeBlanc, Neil McLean, Danielle Mitroi, Anthony Quail, Nicholas Sandhu, Kirsten Sheets, Anjali Sood, Surina Sood, Emma St Pierre



14 & U Intermediate DISTRICT CHAMPION Bloomfield Open Hunt Alligators Coached by Francisco Leyva

Eligible players include: Marie Baenen, Nick Bellinson, Julie Boniface, Robert Connolly, Pierre Desmet, Alec Eisenshtadt, Jack Grady, Caroline Hinnant, Regan Patterson, Michelle Phillips, Hanna Reams, William Richmond, Marc Sable, Jordan Stone



14 & U Intermediate DISTRICT FINALIST Chippewa Servers

Coached by Craig Capelli

Eligible players include: Dale Apley, Charlie Butz, Kassie Chicoine, Hyunwoo Cho, Julia Friedman, Laura Hanselman, Sophia Kronick, Evan Seyhun, Veer Shetty, Tyler Stachler, Samuel Talsma









12 & U Intermediate DISTRICT CHAMPION Liberty Snapping Turtles

Coached by Marty Maehr

Eligible players include: Oliver Fuchs, Margaret Goldberg, Jack Harris, Conner Krager, Jared Kehn, Tobin Moore, Olivia Reyes, Katie Sesi, Evan Sood, Ian Sood, Jordan Tirico, Katie Wolber, Isabel Yi

12 & U Intermediate DISTRICT FINALIST Chippewa Warriors

Coached by Anju Caldwell

Eligible players include: Madison Caldwell, Beau Chicoine, Matthew Kelley, Aidan Kim, Vidhya Rajaprabhakaran, Tara Shetty, Sonaal Verma, Edward Wang.

2011 Team Tennis Sectional Championship Wrap Up

Seven of Southeast Michigan's Jr. Team Tennis Teams represented our District at Sectional Championships last August. Congratulations to all the players, parents and coaches who made the trip down to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Participating teams included:

12 & U Intermediate Division

- Liberty Snapping Turtles (pictured right)
- Troy Wolverines

14 & U Intermediate Division

- Dearborn Dominators
- Bloomfield Open Hunt Alligators

18 & U Intermediate Division

- Bloomfield Open Hunt Tigers
- Troy Top Spinners

18 & U Advanced Division

Dearborn FDSUs



MIDWEST SECTION CHAMPIONS

12 & U Intermediate LIBERTY SNAPPING TURTLES

Coached by Marty Maehr
Rostered Players include: Katie Wolber, Henry Fuchs, Jordan Tirico,
Chavez Rodriguez, Conner Krager, Alex Drain, Ian Sood, Evan Sood, Jack Harris,
Kara Dickinson, Olivia Reyes, Jared Kehn, Nicholas Faulkner, Emily Roopas







SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT

10 & Under Tennis "getting a grip" locally in Southeastern Michigan!

Since the rollout in January of 2011 of 10 & Under Tennis, Southeast Michigan facilities were quick to realize the growth potential of their junior programming in this age group by encompassing the transitional approach to teaching tennis. We now have more than 20 facili-

approach to teaching tennis. We now have more than 20 facilities that are official 10 and Under Tennis providers. Seven of our facilities have added blended lines to their existing courts

and two facilities have added permanent 36' courts! This success is contagious, as more outdoor programs in the Parks are

converting their programming to stay in step with the tennis revolution happening locally and across the country. With the USTA National Office extending the 10 & Under FREE Membership promotion for new members to our organization, we have seized the opportunity to send each one of our new young members a welcome letter, complete with available 10 and Under Tennis Provider listings, as well as a 10 & Under gift for some added fun. We also include a list of USTA programming options for every level of play, including Play Days, Jr. Team Tennis and Jr.

including Play Days, Jr. Team Tennis and Jr. Tournaments for the Novice, Intermediate and Advanced level player. Our goal is to give every new 10 and under tennis player an opportunity to participate in programming that fits their ability level; and a pathway to follow as their skills develop.



Four dedicated 36' Courts at Franklin Athletic Club.



Play Days are designed for various level players to participate in a fun, low pressure setting. A Play Day allows kids to have multiple matches with and against a variety of players in an informal, yet competitive venue without the threat of elimination.

Development and enhancement of skills in a fun atmosphere will increase their love of the game - not to mention snacks, beverages and prizes! USTA Membership not required. No to low cost registration fee.



6 Year Old Glenn Adrian Moore, Jr. enjoys himself at a Play Day at Dearborn Racquet & Health Club!



USTA Jr. Team Tennis is competition in a team setting. Kids play together on teams competing against other teams of similar ability. Jr. Team Tennis promotes social skills and important values by fostering a spirit

of cooperation and unity, as well as self-growth. Also, it's a fun environment for kids to learn that, whether they win or lose, succeeding is really more about how they play the game.

Participating in their official 10 & under programming inhouse, co-ed teams of 4-6 players were invited to a Team Invitational once a month (maximum of four teams per invitational) which included 2 hours of round robin tennis, snacks, beverage and participation ribbons for every player with a low per player cost of \$10-\$18. USTA Membership is required.



10 & Under Jr. Team Tennis Invitational held at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.







10 & Under Tennis continued...





10 & Under Novice Tournaments are played on a modified court (60') with the Orange-Stage Tennis Ball. 8 & Under Novice Tournaments are played on a 36' court with the Red-Stage Tennis Ball.

A USTA Junior Tournament is a great way for kids to enjoy the thrill of competition by getting on the court, playing a variety of styles and making new friends. Competing in Junior Tournaments will help kids determine their personal goals for tennis --high school, college or pro tennis. With a range of levels from novice to national competition, tournament participation encourages player development and advancement.

New for 2011-12 is the addition of 10 & Under Novice Tournaments. Offering a compass draw for continuous play, these events take place in 3 hours or less. Prizes are awarded to the top four finishers with an extra award for sportsmanship. Every match win, gets a participating player one point on our Southeast Michigan 10 & Under Tennis Recognition List (posted on our website). Low entry fee of \$38. USTA Membership is required. For more information on Junior Competitive Tournaments including our comprehensive Jr. Recreational and Competitive Handbook, visit our website: www.semich.usta.com.



Our District's Premier Tournament for 10 & Under Boys and Girls!

June 15-17, 2012

Enter online using "TennisLink" at www.usta.com (Tournament ID #855720312) Deadline: 6/11/12

See tournament homepage for complete details, or call the District Office (734) 421-1025.

District Level 1 Event for Points Per Round

Regulation-size Court Green-Dot Ball

Two out of three sets with tie-break in lieu of third

















Tennis at Travis Pointe Country Club features outstanding indoor and outdoor facilities, a professional staff and instructional, competitive and social programs for all ages and levels. Our tennis membership includes:

- NO indoor court fees
- · Indoor hard courts
- · Outdoor Har-Tru Clay Courts
- · Junior USTA Team Tennis
- · Adult USTA Team Tennis
- Fitness Center
- · Aerobics Room
- Racquetball Court
- · Indoor/Outdoor Pool
- Full-service dining year round
- · Full locker room facilities
- Programs for ages 3 to Adult

For more information please contact: Guy Guarino, General Manager







2012 USTA League Tennis Dates to Remember

April 15 Winter Mixed & Winter Team Singles Registration Closes

May 18-20 Winter Mixed Playoffs (site TBD)

May 14 Summer Leagues Start - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Senior Men & Women

May 21 Summer Leagues Start - Adults & Remaining Seniors & Super Seniors

June 1 Summer Mixed Doubles League Starts

July 27-29 Southeast Michigan Senior League Championships (site TBD)

August 3-5 Southeast Michigan Adult League Championships

Sites: U of M Varsity Tennis Center and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

August 10-12 Adult & Senior State Championships

Host: Western Michigan - Orchard Hills

August 16-19 Adult League Sectional Championships - Indianapolis August 24-27 Senior League Sectional Championships - Fort Wayne

September 7-9 Southeast Michigan Mixed Doubles Summer Playoffs and

District Championships (site TBD)

September 14-16 Mixed Doubles & Super Senior State Championships

Host: Northeast Michigan - Genesys Athletic Club

September 21-23 Mixed Doubles Sectional Championships - Fort Wayne September 28-30 Super Senior Sectional Championships - Indianapolis

We're gearing up for USTA Summer Leagues!

Summer League Start Dates by Playing Level

TennisLink is now open for player registration! Get your team number from your Team Captain or Facility Coordinator.

Mondays Day: 2.5 Women, 3.5 & 4.0 Sr. Women

Night: 3.0 Women, 4.5 Sr. Women, 3.0 Men, 4.0 Men, 7.0 & 9.0 Super Sr. Men

Tuesdays Day: 4.0 Women, 3.0 Sr. Women

Night: 4.0 & 5.0 Women, 3.5 Sr. Women, 5.0 Men, 3.5 & 4.5 Sr. Men

Wednesdays Day: 3.0 Women, 7.0 & 8.0 Super Sr. Women, 7.5 level Super Super Men (65 years+)

Night: 2.5, 3.5 & 4.5 Women, 3.0 Sr. Women, 2.5 & 4.5 Men, 3.0 & 4.0 Sr. Men

Thursdays Day: 3.5 Women

Night: 3.5 Women, 4.0 Sr. Women, 3.5 Men, 6.0 & 8.0 Super Sr. Men

Fridays Day: 6.0 Super Sr. Women, 7.0 level Super Super Women (65 years+)

Night: Mixed Doubles

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!









Introducing the usta - Leagues

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USTA League is improving its structure to enhance your playing experience starting with the 2013
Championship Season. Under the new structure, the USTA League will have two divisions – Adult and Mixed.
The Adult Division is broken down into 18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over and the Mixed will be 18 & Over.
For more information on this new structure logon to usta.com/league

What exactly is changing?

Previously, the USTA League was divided into Adult (18 & Over), Senior (50 & Over), Super Senior (60 & Over) and Mixed (18 & Over). The Adult Division was singles and doubles, while the Senior, Super Senior and Mixed were played as solely doubles matches.

The new structure will have just two divisions—Adult and Mixed. The Adult Division will be composed of 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over, the 18 & Over and the 40 & Over will feature both singles and doubles, while the 55 & Over will be solely doubles. The Mixed Division remains, competing in 18 & Over as before.

As before, participants will continue to compete at their NTRP level for each category.

Are the new Leagues in addition to the existing Leagues?

No. The previous Lesgue structure is being replaced with the new age realignment structure as per the divisions and age groupings detailed at right.

Why did the USTA make this change?

The decision to change the structure was made to better distribute USTA League participants among the three age catagories—previously, the vast majority of USTA League participants fell in the "Adult" category (18 & Over), with far fewer in the "Senior" (50 & Over) and "Super Senior" (60 & Over) categories—

and to better align participants with players their own age.

CURRENT Adult 18 & Over Adult Adult 2-Singles; 3-Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 18 & Over 18 & Over 1-Singles, 2-Doubles 25,5 Da** *Management of two 3.3 players on a 5.0 temporoster Adult 40 & Over Senior Adult 2-Singles; 3-Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+* 50 & Over 40 & Over Adult 55 & Over Super Senior Adult 3-Doubles 60,70,60,90 60 & Over Mixed 18 & Over Mixed Doubles Mixed 25,60.70,60, 90,100 18 & Over 18 & Over Mixed 40 & Over Senior Mixed Mixed 50 & Over 40 & Over

Existing data research, player surveys and player focus groups clearly indicated a need for age restructuring in order to provide more and better play opportunities, both for competitive and social reasons. Under the old model, players were of the same ability but not necessarily of the same playing style or fitness level. The restructuring guarantees more frequency of play opportunities at more appropriate age divisions.

What are the benefits of making this change?

Research indicates that age restructuring should provide the majority of players with additional play opportunities and produce more competitive match play, which will result in more accurate ratings. The changes also allow players to play in more homogenous groupings should they so choose. (That is, older players will retain the option of playing in the younger age levels while now also having a group reserved for those closer to their age.)

Southeast Michigan's USTA League Committee is currently reviewing the new league structure and how best to implement it on a local level. Stay tuned to the next issue of the "Court Reporter" for more details about the 2013 USTA League Season!





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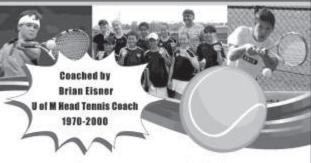
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Arizona-bound! Southeast Michigan USTA Adult League Teams Advanced to their National Championships

Congratulations to Captain Susan Schultz's 6.0 mixed doubles team from Liberty Athletic Club and Kendra Clark's 10.0 mixed doubles team from Chippewa. Both teams played at their National Championships November 18-20 at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson AZ.

This was familiar territory for several women on these two teams. Members of both teams were in the Palm Springs-area last year for Nationals for their respective adult teams. Kendra Clark's 5.0 women advanced to Nationals at Indian Wells. Over the very same weekend in 2010, in nearby Rancho Mirage, Susan Schultz was part of the Southeast Michigan 2.5 women's team that played for their National Championship.

6.0 Mixed Liberty Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Luis Gago, Bill Bowman, Karl Schultz; Back Row (L-R): Laura Gago, Jane Oxender, Sandy Timoszyk, Captain Susan Schultz.

Not Pictured: Bryan Oxender, David Porath, Michal Porath, Misha Moore, Philip Deloria, Scott Moore.





10.0 Mixed The Chippewa Club

Left to Right: Betsy Capelli, Amy Shepherd, Stefan Welch, Jay Mitchell, Chris McMican, Captain Kendra Clark, Craig Capelli; Not pictured: Anju Caldwell, Susan Courtright.

Super Seniors

Four teams from Southeast Michigan advanced to the Super Senior Sectionals in Indianapolis September 30-October 2. Congratulations to Larry Steenbergen's 8.0 Men's team from the Fairlane Club. They captured the Midwest Championship and advanced to their National Championships April 20-22 in Surprise, Arizona.

8.0 Super Seniors The Fairlane Club

Front Row (L-R): Bill Barrett, Roger Suter, Stan Madro, Tim Coleman; Back Row (L-R): Mike Kowal, Captain Larry Steenbergen, Richard Butykos, Richard Ostella.

> Not Pictured: Carl Adams, Ron Callison, David Pink, Claude Wilcox.









SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Eight Southeast Michigan Teams Advanced to Sectional Championships in Indiana!

The Northeast Michigan District hosted the 2011 State Championships at the Midland Community Tennis Center, where 15 Southeast Michigan teams competed for the State Championship. A total of five adult teams and three senior teams advanced to the Midwest Championships. Adult Teams advanced to Indianapolis August 19-21st; Senior Teams advanced to Fort Wayne August 26-28th.



2.5 Women Wimbledon Racquet Club

Front Row (L-R): Melissa Smythe, Julia Anderson, Jennifer Stafford; Back Row (L-R): Mary Jo Watson, Captain Erika Page.

Not Pictured: Joelle Maes, Sheila Shoup.



Front Row (L-R): Rachel Luedke, Julie Beaty, Deenie Urben, Analyn Mayo; Back Row (L-R): Captain Jennifer Jennings, Cyndi Israel, Fran Snider, Debbie Berger.

Not Pictured: Sari Akashi, Jamie Cohen, Yvette Diamond, Lila Jawad, Chris Swies.



3.5 Men Franklin Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Jerry Lewis, Lenny Waldman, Greig Patton, Corey Laber; Back Row (L-R): Brandon Rogers, Ryan Byrne, Zack Wagner, Captain Michael Rosko.

Not Pictured: Joseph Bartus, Manju Chikkanna, Jason Crozier, Keith Johnson, Ara Kazanjian, Jim Klunk, Michael Malecki.



Front Row (L-R): Captain Linda Jones, Wanda Spencer, Valorie Guthrie: Back Row (L-R): Patti Stein, Cathy Ross, Katie Thomas.

Not Pictured: Michelle Moccia, Clara Adams, Michelle Harden, Jodi Mertz, Sherri Glassman.









4.5 Men Dearborn Racquet & Health Club

Front Row (L-R): John McDonald, Kent Roman, Captain Jerry Escheck, Brian Adams; Back Row (L-R): Rocco Giorgi, Jon Groszek, Jason Beydoun, Mike Pernicano.

Not Pictured: Gino McCathney, Horia Neagos, Justin Toth, Christian Woods.

4.5 Senior Women Huron Valley Tennis Club

Front Row (L-R): Barb Lynch, Captain Marissa Pollick, Jolene Karls, Pam Cabot (not on team); Back Row (L-R): Angela Bogan, Kim Miller, Mary Jo Colonna, Sheryl Leicher. Not Pictured: Ann Hubbard, Deb Wood.



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4.5 Senior Men The Chippewa Club

Front Row (L-R): Mark Randolph, Kim Degner, Michael Reyes: Back Row (L-R): John Brusstar, Marty Maehr, Mickey Schmidt, Captain Jon Bowdler.

Not Pictured: Dave Bishop, Howard Frischman, Mike McCauley.

8.0 Mixed Doubles Eastside Tennis & Fitness*

Front Row (L-R): Kim Duchateau, Leslie Trudel, Gerri Gallant; Back Row (L-R): Captain Brian Kean, Eric Moore, Tony Taylor.

Not Pictured: Jennifer Blanzy, Beth Cassidy, Ariana Conti, Thomas Kolojeski, Jeff Lefebvre, Kevin Mayne, Kenneth Miller, Robert Palmer, Ana Sarcheck.

*District Finalist. Substituted for District Championship LlfeTime Team who was unable advance.









9.0 Mixed Doubles Franklin Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Cristina Rodriguez, Lora Kazanjian, Susan Bartelt; Back Row (L-R): Christ McMican, Chris Huston, Erin Sabo, Heather Enright, Scott Smith, Clay Bartelt, Captain Emily Radner.

Not Pictured: Michael Case, Hilary Hayden, Gorman Leung, Nathan Eddy, Eric Podgorny.



6.0 Super Senior Women Sports Club of Novi

Front Row (L-R): Jan Hankins, Captain Lois Housman, Brenda Krachenberg; Back Row (L-R): Karen Cundari, Gayle Zimmerman, Linda Herritage, Beverly Bastian.

Not Pictured: Mary Bevelheimer, Lynda Baca, Linda Aaron, Marcia Booth.

8.0 Super Senior Women Franklin Racquet Club

Front Row (L-R): Patti Vanslingerlandt, Jean Blievernicht, Co-Captain Ann Smith, Mimi Kibbey; Back Row (L-R): Gayle Early, Clara Adams, Pam Daily, Mary Roche, Jan Ash.

NOT PICTURED: Co-Captain Phyllis Mazure, Carol Warnicke, Anita Marcus.



No Team Photo: 9.0 Super Senior Men Wimbledon

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*Not an active member since December 31, 2010. Offer ends August 1, 2012





Local Teams Prove Themselves "Tops" in Southeast Michigan Local Play!

Our Senior and Adult League Championships were held on two separate weekends. Senior teams compete July 30-31st, followed by Adult teams August 5-7. Mixed Doubles were held September 10 & 11th. 22 Senior Teams and 78 Adult Teams battled it out to secure their spots at the State Championships. Congratulations to all of our District Champions! Thank you to all the volunteers and officials, as well as our host sites: Deer Lake Athletic Club, The Fairlane Club, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center; who make our events possible.

3.0 Senior Women Sports Club West Bloomfield

Front Row (L-R): Emiko Shiraishi, Mariko Coplin, Joan Fisher, June Takahashi; Back Row (L-R): Julie Blitz, Captain Carol Frankel, Linda Lublin, Terri Anstett.

> Not Pictured: Susan Davis, Beverly Feldheim, Janice Kasprzak, Michelle Verplanck, Michelle Weiss



3.0 Men Wimbledon Racquet Club

Front Row (L-R): John Ketterer, Herme Malabed, Gerard Rizarri, Reginald Atienza, Kevin Lim; Back Row (L-R): Brian Paul, Juan Sloan, David Holt.

Not Pictured: Jason Jones, Huawen Liang, Captain Hugo Law, Ian Magallanes, Ian Moss, Paul Mulier, Adam Perzanowski, Michael Salomeo.

3.5 Women Deer Lake Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Anne Cusser, Michelle Watson, Captain Lynn Schlickenmayer, Jennifer Godfrey; Back Row (L-R): Lynn Rahman, Megan Barnes, Graciela Debrand, Elizabeth Keller, Carrie Shanahan.

Not Pictured: Linda Gibbs, Carla Harris, Monica Padilla, Geraldine Parkison, Linda Scheffler









Welsame USTA Tournament Players

3.5 Senior Women Life Time Fitness Rochester

Front Row (L-R): Elizabeth Dzuris, Karen Swarbrick, Captain Sally Blankenship; Back Row (L-R): Carolyn Samuels, Nancy Almond, Diane Lindquist, Dianna Swenson, Natalie Morin.

Not Pictured: Rita Boruta, Cheri Dowdall, Barbara Harris, Denise Huntley, Elizabeth Maxwell.

3.5 Senior Men The Beverly Hills Club

Front Row (L-R): Jeff Shandler, Gary Schafer, Peter Preston; Back Row (L-R): Mark Reynolds, Gary Plochinski, Robert Anderson, Randy Alderson.

> Not Pictured: Robert Benson, Jack Davis, Kurt Neumann, Chris Parfitt.

4.0 Women Franklin Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Kanae Watanabe, Seiko Sato, Moki Mocorro, Chinhuey Chao, Carly Eckert; Back Row (L-R): Sonia Sheppard, Mihoko Horie, Ryuko Nakazawa, Kathy Murphy, Captain Ritsuko Nakano, Suzanne Nash, Wendy Lewis, Seny Dube.

Not Pictured: Manuela Dennis.



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4.0 Men Sports Club of Novi

Front Row (L-R): Bill Atkinson, Kyle McGuire, Ryan Bell, Yale Chen; Back Row (L-R): Captain Mike Tituskin, John Patry, Derek Darkowski, Greg Mercer, Brian Brizard.

> Not Pictured: Bill Barrett, Alex Brizard, Ranjit Gill.









4.0 Senior Men Bloomfield Tennis

Front Row (L-R): John Reilly, Howard Fretter, Douglas Dalton; Back Row (L-R): Herman Yee, Captain Rob Ross, Kevin Friesen, James Radabaugh, Jeff Forche.

Not Pictured: Jams Evola, Fun Ng, Paul Miller.

4.5 Women Bloomfield Tennis

Front Row (L-R): Alyssa Lucas, Barbara Friesen, Marion Matisse, Kristina Lucas; Back Row (L-R): Angela Trecola, Captain Mary Jo Colonna, Stacey Lareau, Stacey Cashen.

Not Pictured: Theresa Elder, Becky Freeman, Michele Kowalkowski, Naoko McKelvey, Heather Nantau, Mika Onoda, Robbie Risdon, Patricia Schimpke, Eleanore Stration.

7.0 Mixed Doubles Franklin Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Patti Stein, Amy Mindell, Analyn Mayo, Mike Kelley, Captain Mike Rosko; Back Row (L-R): Barbara Brown, Jerry Lelito, Keith Johnson, Jennifer Paillon, Manju Chikkanna.

Not Pictured: Stacey Bowen, Daryl Bruce, Corey Laber, Rachel Luedke, Brandon Rogers, Luminita Varos.



8.0 Mixed Doubles Life Time Fitness Rochester

Front Row (L-R): Diane Lindquist, Angela Trecola, Denise Batko; Back Row (L-R): Ryan Maganck, Tom Gray, Dave Pietrangelo.

Not Pictured: Nicholai Petrick, James Reid, Dan Tanguay, Rebecca Tanguay, Susan Williams.







2011 Combo Doubles and Senior Mixed

5.5 Combo Women Farmington Tennis Club

Front Row (L-R): Mitsuko Konishi, Ai Kimba, Alma Smith; Back Row (L-R): Captain Sneh Patel, Amanda-Lee Swart, Carla Mosson,

Not Pictured: Mary Lee Caruso, Mary Mathis



6.5 Combo Women - Liberty Athletic Club

Left to Right: Captain Susan Schultz, Theresa Herrmann, Jane Oxender, Maria Medina, Anne Fornell.

Not Pictured: Lisa Chalmers, Swati Dutta, Jennifer Franke, April Gago, Kelly Halpern, Thu Kehn, Debra Krager, Inge Miller, Marie Slottow.



6.5 Combo Men - Livonia Family Y

Front Row (L-R): Christopher Coyle, Noel Sagaral, Joe Buison; Back Row (L-R): Jim Markiewicz, Kevin Cook, Captain Mike Trosell.

Not Pictured: Ailton Cardoso, Frank Iaquinta, Darryl Ivory, Lance Thomason, Shen Xu.



7.5 Combo Women Sports Club of West Bloomfield

Front Row (L-R): Weiling Zhao, Faith Straton, Carol Cooper, Melissa Morris; Back Row (L-R): Patti Stein, Captain Jodi Mertz, Nicole Ryan.

Not Pictured: Trish Keranen, Miki Ota, Marion Matisse, Kristen Sucher.



7.5 Combo Men Deer Lake Athletic Club

Front Row (L-R): Robert Daudlin, Tim Harry, Christopher Tucker, Lewis Carter; Back Row (L-R): Captain Andy Herbert, Bill Thompson, Eric Fishtahler, Brad Kerin

Not Pictured: Steve Cupples, Daniel Dickerson, Stu Hastings, Patrick Hoolihan, David Huttenlocher, Douglas Keller, Paul Lobos.







8.5 Combo Men Sports Club of West Bloomfield

Front Row (L-R): Hiroaki Watanabe, Sota Koizumi, Hiroshi Harada, Kazuki Funakura; Back Row (L-R): Nan Jiang, Yoshiki Matsuzaki, Captain Ksuyoshi Kurosawa, Narihiro Agusa, Hirotaka Manabe, Shuntaro Tsukiyama.

Not Pictured: Takami Sato.



8.5 Combo Women Farmington Tennis Club

Front Row (L-R): Kanae Watanabe, Ritsuko Nakano, Yukari Manabe; Back Row (L-R): Mihoko Horie, Captain Miyuki Ochi, Tamami Gomizawa, Akiko Sugawara.

Not Pictured: Seiko Sato.



Front Row (L-R): Cinda Turner, Joan Bryant; Back Row (L-R): Julie Mileskly, Cheryl Ball, John Janowicz, Tami Janowicz, Henry Bryant, Captain Archie Powell, Mark Massie.

Not Pictured: Rick Ceccacci, Denise Kizy, Steverson Brooks, Gloria Moore.





8.0 Senior Mixed Farmington Tennis Club

Front Row (L-R): Mike Reyes, Tim Coleman, Kim Degner, Michelle Moccia, Patti Stein, Linda Jones, Captain Larry Steenbergen, Joan Kennedy, Marjeanne Camp, Howard Frischman, Roger Suter.

Not Pictured: Ted Brassfield, Didi Zamler.







2011 Fall Singles League Winners

Our Team Singles League continues to be a player favorite! We're in our 4th season with an average of 56 teams and 386 players in each session. Please join us for our Fall Season of Team Singles. Levels will be offered at 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5. This league requires players to play at their level. Team declarations will be due by September 5th with play starting the last weekend of September and ending in mid-December.

Our Fall 2011 Flight Winners are listed below by team captain and facility:

3.0 WOMEN Carmen Mollicone

Susie Moceri Yungi Hong Deer Lake Athletic Club Troy Racquet Club Chippewa Racquet Club

3.0 MEN Gary Chatell

Travis Pointe Country Club

3.5 WOMEN Jennifer Godfrey Joanne Trosell Noreen Connors

Deer Lake Athletic Club Livonia Family Y

Life Time Fitness -Rochester

3.5 MEN Mike Cool

4.0 WOMEN Kathleen Hanley Stephanie Debosch

4.0 MEN Jeff Forche Mike Dziama

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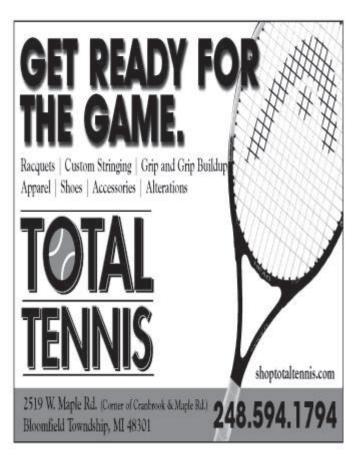
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Southeast Michigan's Crème of the Tennis Crop Honored at our 2011 District Awards Banquet

Last November at our Annual Awards Banquet, our District took time to acknowledge some of our young players and adults who exemplify the good in tennis.

THE HOXIE AWARD

The Jean and Jerry Hoxie Memorial Award is given to a young male and female tennis player in Southeast Michigan who has made a great contribution to the game of tennis through their good sportsmanship and achievements both on and off the tennis court.

2011 Female Hoxie Award Recipient: GABRIELLA SPINDLER

Gabriella (Gabby) is a three-year member of the Clarkston Varsity Tennis Team, where she has won All-State, All-Region, All-County and All-League every year. Starting her HS tennis career undefeated at #2 singles, she has played #1 singles since with an overall record of 60-6. Gabriella is a four star player on CollegeRecruit.com and has been recognized by the US Naval Academy and West Point Military Academy as an outstanding student and athlete, which has led to both academies recruiting her for their programs.

With a SEMTA #5, Midwest #33 and National #307 ranking, Gabby has consistently finished in the top tier of the SEMTA Muthig Jr. Qualifier, earning her a spot on the Girls 18s Midwest Cup Team the past two years.

Gabby holds a cumulative 3.9 GPA, is an active member of the National Honor Society and takes a complete AP class load. She volunteers her time in the community helping young tennis players at both Deer Lake Athletic Club & Genessee Valley Tennis Club as well as helping out at her doctor's office when needed. In her spare time, Gabby enjoys reaching, going to movies and hanging out with friends.

Gabby has accepted the offer to attend West Point Military Academy, who has made her their number one female (all sports included) recruit. She plans to pursue medicine and eventually, medical research.

Award was presented by Gabriella's High School Coach, Becky Freeman, and Private Coach, Gilbert Rincon.

Gabriella was also honored with the USTA Midwest Section's Helen Shockley Award at their Spring Awards Ceremony on April 21st. The Helen Shockley Award recognizes the outstanding 16 or 18-and-under age division female player for the highest standards of tennis accomplishments, character, conduct, sportsmanship and amateurism.

2011 Male Hoxie Award Recipient: ANDREW CAHN

Andrew attends West Bloomfield High School where he has played varsity tennis for four years. A 3-time allstate, 4-time all-regional and 4 time all-league player, Andrew cocaptained the team in his senior year and finished second in the state in No. 1 singles. These impressive tennis accomplishments earned Andrew the most coveted Michigan High School Athletic Association's "Mr. Tennis" award.



Andrew's achievements in USTA tournament play are equally impressive. He has held a top 5 SEMTA ranking as well as being top 200 in the nation and was a member of SEMTA's 2011 Midwest Boys' 18's Cup Team.

A 3.5 GPA honor roll student, Andrew has taken AP and honors classes with a focus on mathematics. His plans are to pursue a business degree in college and play tennis as well.

"The best thing about junior tennis is the people I've met, the friends I've made and the coaches who've helped me", says Andrew which shows how much tennis means to him.

Andrew assists with educational workshops for youth at his synagogue and has also volunteered at JARC (an organization that supports adults with disabilities) on a weekly basis for two years. Following his love of tennis, Andrew has also helped teach tennis at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

Award was presented by Andrew's high school coach, Larry Stark and private Coach: Chris Shaya.





THE WILLIAM F. BEYER AWARD

The William F. Beyer Award (named after one of the first SEMTA presidents) is given to an individual who has contributed Immeasurably and unselfishly to tennis.

2011 Beyer Award Recipient: MICHAEL C. WARE

Mike Ware is a tennis legend synonymous with the Competition Training Centers that have been in existence since the early 1990s. USTA's purpose of the Training Centers was to bring together the top competitive junior players (ages 13 and under) for a chance to work on their oncourt tennis skills without competitive pressure of tournament play

Clubs donated court time to host one of the Competition Training Center sessions which ran monthly from September through May. The selected participants were given an opportunity to work with different coaches in an array of drills and match play. There were also off-court sessions on fitness training, nutrition and sports science education.

Mike Ware was presented with an opportunity to serve as administrator of the Compétition Training Center program offered in Southeast Michigan and has held onto those reins for the past 18 years securing courts, setting the schedule, selecting the participants, hiring the coaches, seeking presenters...always trying to keep it fresh and exciting for the young, talented players. A lot has changed in 18 years: players travel across the country in pursuit of tournament ranking points, kids work with personal trainers and coaches to maximize their potential, there is pressure to stand out from the rest – aca demically and athletically. That hasn't stopped Mike. Each season Mike has been steadfast in identifying those players who show promise and offering them a unique opportunity of self-improvement in an environment that shapes them into better tennis players.

Mike's introduction to tennis came early – at age four, his tennis playing parents had him on the court! Throughout high school, tennis wasn't the only sport he enjoyed. He played baseball, soccer and basketball, too. He excelled in tennis which eventually landed him on the Men's Professional Tour in the late 1970's.

Mike, a University of Michigan graduate (PhD), is a

licensed clinical psychologist and the clinical supervisor of Outpatient Behavioral Services for the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. He is a member of the American Psychological Association and serves as coordinator of Sport and Performance Psychology Services frequently working with professional, collegiate and Olympic athletes.

Mike is also Tennis Director at Huron Valley Racquet Club in Ann Arbor. His philosophy is, "have fun" with tennis. He likes teaching tennis to young people as it "keeps him young". He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Lin, and their children, Mike Jr. and Alexandra and is a big fan of Michigan football.

Award was presented by Mike Graff, Past SEMTA President.

DARLEE TOWLER AWARD

The 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.

2011 Towler Memorial Award Recipient: USTA League Captain, (the late) MICHAEL SHERIDAN

Mike was born and raised in Dearborn Heights. He graduated from Catholic Central and the University of Detroit, majoring in business and receiving a master's degree in finance. He worked as a CPA in Livonia enjoying summers on his grandparent's farm in Boyne Falls.

Growing up, he loved playing baseball and enjoyed all sports, but did not begin playing tennis until

his late 40's. He joined the Farmington Tennis Club and started playing USTA League tennis in 1999. He Captained his first USTA League team in 2000. Since that time, he played on 29 USTA League teams, captaining six, nearly all of which made play-offs.

Mike had all the qualities possessed by successful Captains in terms of recruiting, organizing, strategy, team building, and putting his players in positions to succeed. He was smart, organized, and personable;





a success in life long before he discovered tennis. He attracted good players (and better people) to every team of which he was a part. Many of those that played on his early teams still play USTA Leagues and have gone on to Captain multiple teams themselves. His teammates were not junior champions or former college players, but rather family oriented, professional people with busy lives and careers who were fortunate enough to discover the great sport of tennis later in life.

When competing with Mike Sheridan, it was easy to get hooked. He was very fair, accepted losing as part of the game, and provided a great example – on and off the court. Those that played on his teams often became and remained active friends to this day.

Mike last Captained a 3.5 Senior team out of Farmington in 2010, but due to his battle with cancer, could not continue with his Captain's duties. He took private lessons last year to see if he could relearn to hit a tennis ball and at least play in Organized Practices. It bothered him greatly to lose his ability to play tennis, as he truly loved the game and the friends he made along the way.

Mike passed away in October of 2011, after battling glioblastoma. He leaves behind his wife, Karen, their two sons, Bennett and Steven, and a huge contingent of past teammates that will forever consider him a great friend.

2011 Kaspers' Scholarship Recipients:

MATTHEW HING

Matthew is a very well-rounded young man. He graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S. in the top 5% of his class with a 4.0 GPA while earning numerous accolades on the tennis court at the same time.

A recipient of the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, he is a three-time state semi-finalist and possesses many individual sportsmanship awards. A student council representative

and member of the National Honor Society, Matthew also volunteered his time to teach tennis to middle school students for the Ann Arbor Community Tennis Association.

Matthew learned many things from tennis, not the least of which is the value of teamwork and the "family" that develops as a team works together for a common goal.

Matthew's favorite tennis memory is of his senior year at the state tournament. The team came in second place and after the trophy presentation, the team huddled for the last time that season. For many of them, it was the last time as teammates of their high school careers. They quickly realized that all of the fun memories of the tennis season dwarfed any lingering disappointment of finishing second. Matthew says, "Our team became truly close over the year and the comfort and solace provided by that camaraderie is what comes to mind first when I think of tennis".

Matthew has taken his love of tennis and his outstanding academic achievements to Notre Dame where he is currently studying pre-med and playing tennis.

RACHAEL HUBERS

Rachael's exposure to the tennis world resulted in not only positive experiences on the court, but valuable life lessons as well. Rachael attended Cranbrook Kingswood. While there, she maintained an impressive 4.0+ GPA, ranking her in the top 5% of her graduating class. She played on the varsity tennis team and served as the captain in both her junior and senior years. In addition, Rachael was active in numerous volunteer experiences including the Horizons Upward Bound Summer Tennis Program, time donated weekly at William Beaumont Hospital and being involved in the band,

Rachae's fondest tennis memory is from the state championships her senior year. The meditations and reflections shared by teammates during a quiet time as a team, solidified her belief in the camaraderie of tennis teammates. "Just hearing each girl—each one of different ages and levels—coming together and voicing her emotions about that day and her excitement about how well the team did was so inspirational. As a captain, I was proud to see my teammates grow this close and be so supportive of one another."

school newspaper and her church

youth group.

Rachael is currently attending Southern Methodist University. She is playing on their club tennis team while majoring in business and pre-med.

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MEN's OPEN

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Arriaga, Jose 2 Basha, Michael 3 Bain, Mark 4 Sarnaik, Ajit 5 Sterrett, Rayshawn 6 Gray, Justin 7 Woods, Christian 8 Reyna, Joseph 9 Fisher, Daryl 10 Toth, Justin

MEN'S 35s

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Arriaga, Jose 2 Schmidt, Frederick 3 Polonski, Michael 4 Collins, Kevin 5 Lemanski, David 6 Bozzo, Michael

5 Lemanski, David 6 Bozzo, Michael 7 Mitchell, Darrell 8 Almudhegi, Nagi 9 Sheridan, Thomas 10 Adam, John

MEN'S 45s

MIDWEST TOP 25 3 Spencer, Bill 6 Boeker, Roberto 9 Collins, Kevin

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10

1 Spencer, Bill 2 Barpal, Ofer 3 Boeker, Roberto 4 Parker, Ronald 5 Collins, Kevin 6 Maloy, Kevin 7 Solano, David 8 Patry, John 9 Latala, Jaroslaw 10 Cleary, Jesse

MEN'S 50s

NATIONAL TOP 50 7 Ljungman, Mats 46 Maehr, Martin MIDWEST TOP 25

NIDWEST 10P 25
1 Ljungman, Mats
7 Akervall, Jan
10 Mitchell, Ernest
13 Siegel, Michael
14 Mondry, Mitchell
16 Frank, Jonathan
20 Franzen, Joseph
24 Cleary, Jesse

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10

TOP 10
1 Liungman, Mats
2 Jiungman, Mitchell
3 Akervall, Jan
4 Frank, Jonathan
5 Mitchell, Ernest
6 Siegel, Michael
7 Cleary, Jesse
8 Spencer, Bill
9 Franzen, Joseph
10 Lynch, Michael

MEN'S 55s

MIDWEST TOP 25 2 Schmidt, Frederick 13 Mikulec, Brian 20 Barpal, Ofer 23 Simcina, Mark

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Mikulec, Brian 2 Barnal Ofer

1 Mikulec, Brian 2 Barpal, Ofer 3 Schmidt, Frederick 4 Bozzo, Michael 5 Simcina, Mark 6 Chapman, Fred 7 Vaughn, John 8 Secrest, Paul 9 Sheridan, Thomas 10 Adam, John

MEN'S 60s

MIDWEST TOP 25 2 Panter, Larry 13 Jones, Fred 21 Gould, Bruce 22 Long, James

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Panter, Larry

2 Lundquist, John 3 Jones, Fred 4 Brooks, Millard 5 Kowal, Michael 6 Gould, Bruce 7 Long, James

MEN'S 65s

NATIONAL TOP 50 39 Hamilton, James

MIDWEST TOP 25 6 Lundquist, John 7 Hamilton, James 12 Pappas, Norman 15 Friedman, Robert 17 Diener, Don 20 Nowak, Thaddeus

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

TOP 10

1 Lundquist, John
2 Pappas, Norman
3 Vance, Lonnie
4 Hamilton, James .
5 Friedman, Robert
6 Diener, Don
7 Nowak, Thaddeus
8 Brooks, Millard

MEN'S 70s

MIDWEST TOP 25 5 Seputa, Vitalis 8 Bellinger, William 12 Saito, Kaz 13 Vance, Lonnie 14 Worobkevich, Leo 16 Pierce, Donald

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10

1 Seputa, Vitalis 2 Bellinger, William 3 Saito, Kaz 4 Smith, Arthur 5 Vance, Lonnie 6 Pierce, Donald 7 Worobkevich, Leo

MEN'S 75s

MIDWEST TOP 25 2 Elsman, James L. 8 Illich, Paul

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10

1 Elsman, James L. 2 Hunt, Kenneth E. 3 Evans, Johnny L. 4 Illich, Paul

MEN'S 80s

MIDWEST TOP 25 2 Hunt, Kenneth E. 3 Lieberman, David

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Hunt, Kenneth E. 2 Lieberman, David

WOMEN'S OPEN

MIDWEST TOP 25 7 Kennebrew, N Maxine 21 Sarcheck, Ana SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TOP 10 1 Sarcheck, Ana

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