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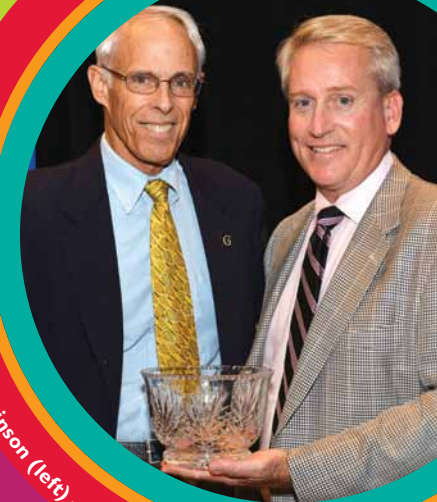
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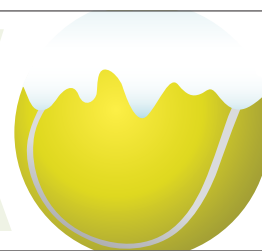


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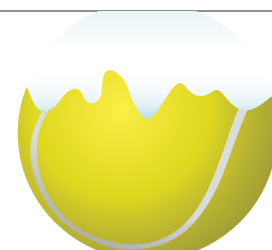
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Executive Director

Message



There have been so many wonderful tennis stories made, memories formed and growth of the game in USTA Northern over the years, and 2013 was no exception. The year came to a close with a bang as 15-year-old **Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) became the first junior girl from the Section to win a Level I National Tournament earning the 18s singles title and finishing second in 18s doubles at the USTA Winter Nationals in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her monumental win came on the heels of another history-making effort when she earned finalists honors at the 2013 Girls 16s International Orange Bowl Championships in early December.

Nelson's success added to an already impressive list of accomplishments for USTA Northern in 2013 as **Baseline Tennis Center** (Minneapolis, Minn.) was named the Municipal Facility of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine; **North Dakota State** (Fargo, N.D.) University was the 2013 USTA National Tennis on Campus Club of the Year; **Vyasachar Mohan** (Maplewood, Minn.) called lines at the United States/Serbia Davis Cup tie in Boise, Idaho, in April; **Alex Exsted** (Savage, Minn.) was one of 10 national winners of the Arthur Ashe Essay Contest while meeting First Lady Michelle Obama; **Hannah Dake** (Excelsior, Minn.) won the ITA/Arthur Ashe Junior Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship; **Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.) took home Sportsmanship Awards at the 16s Intersectionals and 18s National Clay Courts, while **Libby Rickeman** (Wayzata, Minn.) was honored at the Level I National Doubles Championships; **Ray Ranello** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Charles Supplee** (Bloomington, Minn.) won the gold medal in 90s Doubles at the 2013 Senior Games, while **Ruby Rott** (St. Paul, Minn.) won silver in the 80s singles; **Steve Wilkinson** (St. Peter, Minn.) was inducted into the USPTA National Hall of Fame; **Caitlyn Merzbacher** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **Hayley Haakenstad** (Chanhassen, Minn.) won a Level 2 National Open doubles title; and in September, USTA Northern celebrated the induction of four great tennis legends into its Hall of Fame with **Marcia Bach** (Bloomington, Minn.), **Charles Darley** (Rochester, Minn.), **Larry Dodge** (Fargo, N.D.) and **Susie Neet** (Minneapolis, Minn.).

The Section was guided once again in 2013 by its core values of Accountability, Commitment and Teamwork, Inclusiveness, Integrity and Service, and its strategic priorities remained Community Tennis, People/Resources/Structure, Fiscal Responsibility, Diversity and Inclusion and Player Development. Hoping to provide even more tennis opportunities to its members, USTA Northern introduced a new League structure with the addition of a third 10-week season of play in 2013 and new age categories (18 & Over Adult/Mixed; 40 & Over Adult/Mixed and 55 & Over). The Section saw



League participation grow 20 percent under the new structure, and in 2014, will focus on how to get more new and lapsed players into the fold with Parks and Recreation programming and the Millennial age group being primary targets.

USTA Northern also introduced more innovative adult tournament formats this year which focused on the social aspect of tennis and took place over shorter periods of time. These events were favorably received and the Section hopes to promote more of these offerings in 2014.

The Section had 14 junior players finish the year in the top 100 of the country for their age groups and youth tennis (10 and Under) participation saw more kids than ever playing tennis with modified balls and racquets on shorter courts. In 2014, Northern is looking to work with tennis providers in expanding Play Day opportunities so more kids can play competitive matches in a low-pressure environment. Tennis on Campus continues to grow in the Section as 13 teams from eight schools participated at the 2013 Section Championships and four teams competed at the National Championships – a first in Section history.

The USTA and USTA Northern provided over \$183,750 of support to organizations and individuals in the Section including \$13,400 in Community Tennis Grants, \$15,000 in Target Market Funding, \$3,850 in Tennis Development Workshop Scholarships, \$3,000 in Equipment Grants and additional dollars through USTA Serves. There are more than 780 youth-sized courts within USTA Northern and the Section helped seven facilities add blended lines in 2013. Also, 14 people from the Section received scholarships from the USTA and USTA Northern to attend the Tennis Development Workshop in November. The Section awarded over \$14,000 in youth scholarships from the Northern Tennis Foundation and the Nick Pappas Scholarship Fund, and new in 2013, it provided four sets of Family Camp scholarships to attend Tennis & Life Camp and four scholarships to attend the "I Have a Name Winter Retreat" in St. Peter, Minn.

I welcome all of our members to share your stories with us. Tennis is more than a game; it's a way of life for so many of us. We're here for you and hope we can help write your tennis stories and make memories for a lifetime!

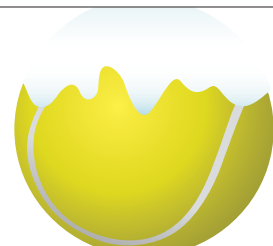
See you on the courts!

Mike Goldammer
Executive Director, USTA Northern

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President's

Report



As you may know, my mantra as your Section President is **"We are Northern."** Last year affirmed that mantra as the Northern community lived our Section's Mission Statement which is "To promote and develop the growth of tennis." Northern's directive to provide value to its members led to 150+ people attending three Membership Appreciation events at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, Baseline Tennis Center and the new Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks.

Following USTA National's initiative to identify future American tennis champions, Northern hosted two Regional Training Centers at the Rochester Athletic Club and Life Time Fitness - Lakeville with 24 Northern junior players attending. Northern celebrated the efforts of its members and CTAs, including **Baseline Tennis Center** being named *Tennis Industry* magazine's 2013 Municipal Facility of the Year; **North Dakota State University** as the 2013 USTA National Tennis on Campus Club of the Year; and **Marcia Bach, Charles Darley, Larry Dodge, and Susie Neet** being inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame. These are only a sample of our Northern members living the mantra I believe so apropos for our Section - **We are Northern!**

As we look ahead to 2014, we need to continue to strengthen and expand Northern's efforts to live its Mission Statement. With that in mind, I appointed a Strategic Directions Task Force in 2013, and it will continue its work to identify Northern's strengths, address its challenges and provide a dynamic outline for how Northern may utilize its resources of people, time and money in the coming years. I also sought, and the Northern Board agreed, to form a Task Force made up nearly exclusively of both members and non-members, and others who are interested in tennis who are not part of "The Silent Generation," "Baby Boomers," or "Gen X," to see how we can better engage them to be involved in tennis and USTA Northern. We will also continue our efforts to work with community and corporate partners to grow the sport through facility expansion, program implementation



and player development. These efforts, I believe, contribute to living the mantra that **We are Northern!**

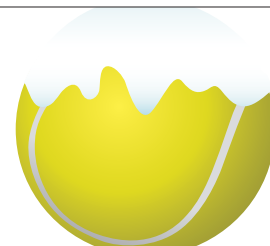
The national and sectional participation statistics say tennis has plateaued, or even worse, has declined. Well, I don't believe it. Northern has an amazing membership of over 12,500 and data shows our Section boasts over 350,000 people who say they play tennis. What that tells me is tennis is alive and well in Northern and that we have untapped opportunities to engage new players, or re-engage former players, to share in the sport we love.

And though we have one of the best Section staffs in the country, some of the best volunteers participating in Northern's leadership from our Board, to member CTAs, and national volunteers, we still need more hands helping to live Northern's

Mission. What I am asking is that you take a deep breath, reach out a hand, and invite someone new (or someone not so new) to join you in tennis. Whether it is a 2014 Membership Appreciation event, one of our four Holiday Mixed Doubles One-Day Play Events or just heading to the court to hit, this is another way, and perhaps the best way, to live the Northern Mission of promoting and developing the growth of tennis.

The year 2013 was great, but 2014 will be even better. I know what we can do together, and I hope you understand what your Section needs from you. So join me in saying even louder this year **"We are Northern."**

Roshan Rajkumar
USTA Northern President



USTA Northern, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is one of 17 regional offices of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) nationally. Founded on January 9, 1961, as the Northwestern Tennis Association, USTA Northern serves Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the Northwestern section of Wisconsin.

A Board of Directors governs USTA Northern and the day-to-day operations of the organization are managed by a staff who reports to the Executive Director, who in turn, reports to the President of the Board of Directors.

The USTA Northern administrative staff, with help from hundreds of volunteers, is responsible for rankings, adult and junior tournament sanctions and schedules, rules and regulations, sportsmanship standards, junior development opportunities, community tennis support, adult and junior tennis leagues and overall tennis growth within the Section.

For more information about tennis programming and opportunities within your community, or to start playing the game, please contact the USTA Northern office.



Mission Statement...

To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis

Vision ...

Provide access to tennis programming for all people in USTA Northern, and create opportunity to enjoy the social, physical and health benefits provided by the sport of tennis.

Core Values ...

USTA Northern Core Values constitute the fundamental beliefs of the organization. While goals present a clear direction, Core Values serve as our compass.

- 1) **Accountability:** USTA Northern staff and volunteers accept responsibility and accountability for how their actions support the USTA Northern mission.
- 2) **Commitment and Teamwork:** USTA Northern is committed to its mission and believes that mission can best be achieved through the efforts of volunteers, staff and strategic partners working as a team.
- 3) **Inclusiveness:** USTA Northern actively seeks to include all people who play, watch, support, and/or enjoy the game of tennis in its events, programs, membership, leadership and activities on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 4) **Integrity:** USTA Northern is committed to the highest standards of integrity, honesty and ethics.
- 5) **Service:** USTA Northern continually strives for excellence and is dedicated to providing outstanding service and value.

Strategic Priorities ... Community Tennis

USTA Northern at all levels will work to increase overall tennis participation in the Section, as well as participation in USTA

Northern flagship programs. Progress will be measured against annually pre-determined objectives.

1. Strengthen the tennis infrastructure and delivery system targeting facilities, coaches, teaching professionals, organizers and programs.
2. Develop consistent marketing communications that promote the benefits of tennis and increase the awareness of USTA Northern programs and services for the purpose of driving tennis participation and membership.
3. Ensure that USTA Northern programs, services and play formats are relevant and available to everyone.
4. Build strong collaborations with local communities, allied partners and local providers.
5. Increase diversity among players, providers, volunteers and staff.

People/Resources/Structure

USTA Northern must have a talented, fully engaged and focused volunteer and staff corps.

1. Attract and retain visionary volunteers, Board members and staff at every level.
2. Differentiate and respect the roles of volunteers and staff and create organizational synergy through volunteer and staff teamwork.
3. Require focused councils and committees with clear responsibilities that utilize the unique skills of the volunteers.
4. Create short-term, time-and-task specific opportunities to enable increased involvement for volunteers (young people, professionals, business executives) who have limited time to contribute.
5. Provide the risk-tolerant environment necessary to move into new areas best able to grow and promote tennis.



6. Develop a program to identify volunteer and member value-added contributions (e.g. through their day jobs).

Fiscal Responsibility

USTA Northern cannot achieve its goals without sound financial footing from day-to-day management to long-term planning that should be in line with the strategic planning process.

1. Ensure proper and updated financial controls and procedures are in place.
2. Ensure current and financial health of the Section.
3. Undertake a more inclusive and transparent budgeting processes to ensure broader buy-in from all volunteer leadership and staff.
4. Conduct periodic reviews of resource allocation.
5. Yearly reviews of current programming to ensure relevance against the mission and examine the effectiveness and value of every program.
6. Continuously monitor investments to protect our short-term and long-term reserves.

Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity allows us to touch “All of our Section” and Inclusion allows “All of our Section” to touch us. How we define Diversity is the collective mixture of our human and organizational assets characterized by our



similarities and differences. Inclusion is leveraging the power of diversity in a respectful environment that encourages all to participate and contribute to further our mission.

1. The Section will achieve diversity and inclusion in programs, volunteers, staff and membership that reflect the demographics of USTA Northern.
2. Encourage organizational members and partners to adopt diversity as a priority.
3. Expect that every Section leader include diversity objectives in their business planning process.
4. Build a culture that respects, values and celebrates diversity.
5. Serve as a model organization for all others who aspire to an inclusive environment.

Player Development

USTA Northern is committed to, and responsible for, the development of players to be champions at all levels.

1. Support and improve junior programs, tournaments and collegiate play.
2. In collaboration with Community Tennis, increase efforts to identify outstanding young athletes and encourage them to play tennis, and nurture more players to play more often.
3. Create and maintain strategic partnerships with coaches, teaching pros and facilities to help in further development of the junior competitive player.
4. Provide ongoing education for parents, coaches and players on the USTA Northern junior tennis pathway and future collegiate opportunities.
5. Provide a pathway for USTA Northern juniors from all backgrounds to achieve the highest level of success possible.

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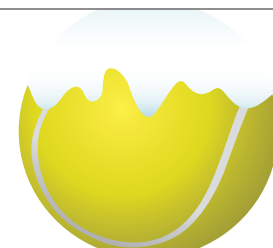
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Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center
Revolutionary Sports
Rosemount High School Boys Tennis Booster Club
Robbinsdale Elementary
Robbinsdale-Cooper High School
Rochester Athletic Club
Rochester Tennis Connection
Rocori Community Education
Rosemount Area Athletic Association
Rosemount Parks and Recreation
Roseville Park & Recreation
R-STEM School

S

Sabes Jewish Community Center
Shakopee Tennis Association

Shell Lake Elementary
Sheyenne High School
Shoreview Parks Recreation
Sibley Area Community Tennis
Sioux Empire Fitness
Sioux Falls Tennis Association
Skyhawks Sports
South Middle School
South St. Paul Tennis Booster Club
South St. Paul High School
Spearfish High School Tennis Team(s)
Spearfish Tennis Association
St. James Tennis Association
St. Michael Albertville
St. Paul Indoor Tennis
St. Paul Urban Tennis Program
St. Louis Park Recreation & Athletics
St. Paul Tennis Club
St. Peter Tennis Association
Sturgis Tennis Association
Swanson Tennis Center

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Tainter Elementary
Tennis and Life Camps
Tennis Center of the Black Hills
Tennis In Mankato
Tim Burke Tennis College
Town & Country Club
Twin City Jewish Community Tennis Association
Twin City Tennis Camps

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United South Central School
University of Minnesota-Baseline TC
University of Minnesota Youth & Community Programs
University of Sioux Falls
USTA Northern
UWRF Tennis Club

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Vadnais Heights Parks and Recreation
Valley City Parks & Recreation District
Valley City State University
Valley City Tennis Association

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Wahpeton Park and Recreation
Waseca Community Education
Waseca Community Tennis Association
Washburn Tennis Association
Watertown Tennis Association
West Fargo Parks & Recreation
Westonka Community Education
Williston Fitness Center
Williston High School
Williston Parks & Recreation
Willmar Community Education & Recreation
Winona Area Tennis Association
Woodbury Senior High School

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Yankton (SD) Parks and Recreation
Yankton Tennis Association

2013 USTA Northern

Hall of Fame

Over 150 people, including 21 current Hall of Famers, attended as USTA Northern inducted four new members into its Hall of Fame September 27 at The Minneapolis Club in Minneapolis including **Marcia Bach** (Bloomington, Minn.), **Dr. Charles “Chuck” Darley** (originally from Rochester, Minn., now living in Iowa City, Iowa), **Larry Dodge** (originally from Fargo, N.D., and now living in Berkeley, Calif.) and **Susie Neet** (Minneapolis, Minn.).

Marcia Bach

Marcia Bach has dedicated over 40 years of service in growing not only the game of tennis, but park and recreation programming around the United States. Bach started her career in 1970 as the Recreation Supervisor and Assistant Director for Bloomington Parks and Recreation in Bloomington, Minn. Her first ventures into tennis were developing tennis programming within the city of Bloomington and serving as the Tournament Chair for the National Public Parks Tennis Association in 1979, 1985, 1992 and 2001.

In 1982, she joined the USTA Northern Board of Directors, and in 1987, became the first full time paid Executive Director of the Section (1987-2003).

After USTA Northern, she went to work for USTA National as the National Park and Recreation Tennis Coordinator. She was the coordinator of the USTA Northern Tennis Festival of the North in 2010, and has served in a number of USTA volunteer positions.

Also, an avid player, Bach was a National Public Parks Tennis Championships Finalist in 2003 and has played in many USTA and Bloomington Tennis Ladder leagues.

Charles Darley

Charles “Chuck” Darley was one of the most accomplished players to come out of USTA Northern. He compiled a high school record of 72-0 at Rochester John Marshall, and is one of only three players to win three Minnesota High School Boys Singles Championships. He was ranked in the top 20 of the country from 1961-64, topping out at #4 in 18s doubles and #10 in 16s singles.

Darley played college tennis at the University of California-Berkeley where he was a two-time All-American. He was an NCAA singles quarterfinalist in 1967 and a singles and doubles quarterfinalist in 1968. He was a three-time Northern California Intercollegiate singles champion and two-time doubles winner.

In 1967, Darley was ranked #20 in the U.S. in singles and #5 in doubles. During the three years he played U.S. international-level tournaments, he faced 10 players ranked #1 in the world including Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith.



The 2013 USTA Northern Hall of Fame Class
(from l to r): Charles Darley, Marcia Bach,
Susie Neet and Larry Dodge.

After earning his PhD, Darley taught tennis in Northern California, served as a USTA National and Intersectional Coach and developed a free lesson program in East Palo Alto, Calif. In 1984, he was named Head Women's Tennis Coach at the University of Iowa and also served as Head Coach for the USTA Iowa Area Training Center.

Larry Dodge

Larry Dodge is arguably the best player to come out of North Dakota. He attended North Dakota State where he won the North Central Conference men's singles title in 1961. He won six consecutive North Dakota Closed singles and doubles titles from 1957-62 and won the Red River Valley Open five times in his career. He was ranked as high as #2 in the Section for men's singles in 1967.

After moving to California, Dodge won 11 national senior titles and eight silver balls. His highest national rankings were #1 in USTA Men's 60 Singles and 50 Doubles. He represented the United States on USTA Senior Cup and International Club teams and at ITF events around the world. He won the 1994 USTA National 55 Hardcourt singles title and the 2000 USTA National Grasscourt singles crown.

He was owner, architect and managing partner of La Madrona Swim and Racquet Club in Santa Cruz, Calif., from 1978-2012.

Susie Neet

Susie Neet has been a long-time player and volunteer within the Section for over 30 years. She has been a ranked tournament player, high school coach, USTA Jr. Team Tennis coordinator, USTA League Tennis player and captain and has given her time and energy to a number of tennis-related causes, especially involving youth.

On the court, Neet's USTA League teams advanced to seven national championships. She has captained 4.5 League teams during her career and was ranked #1 in USTA Northern in Women 35s in 1992-93. She also was ranked in Women Open Singles from 1983-85, 35 Singles from 1986-93 and 45 Singles in 1992.

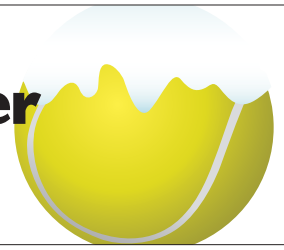
She was an assistant coach at Bloomington Jefferson when they won the state championships in 1993, 1995 and 1996, and served as a coach at Minneapolis Washburn and Minneapolis Southwest, where she is currently the varsity girls coach.

Off the court, Neet has been a long-time volunteer with many programs and was the first at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center starting both the Girls Squad and the after-school program for at-risk kids from Minneapolis schools. She also was the volunteer coordinator for the USTA Northern Women's \$50,000 Professional Tournament from 1999-2007.

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SD Hall of Fame & Baseline Tennis Center

Honored with Awards



Anne Craney Olson, Pat Rost Inducted Into SD Hall of Fame

Two players who made their mark in tennis playing out of Sioux Falls, **Pat Rost** and **Anne Craney Olson**, were inducted into the 2013 South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame on July 28 at McKennan Park Tennis Complex in Sioux Falls during the Asfora/Clayton SD Adult Open tennis tournament.

Craney, who now lives in Bloomington, Minn., was ranked #2 in the Section for her age group for many years and played in two USTA national tournaments. Craney won the women's singles title in 1968 at the SD Closed, plus four doubles titles between 1966 and 1975.

Rost, who now lives in San Diego, Calif., was a two-time state high school champion for O'Gorman (1978, 1980) and qualified for national tournaments all over the country, in addition to playing in international events such as the Easter Bowl, Fiesta Bowl and Orange Bowl junior tennis tournaments. Rost was ranked #1 or #2 in the Northwestern Section/USTA for his junior career, winning over 50 singles championships. He attained a ranking of #16 nationally as a 16-year-old.

Also, honored on July 28 was **Reid Hans** of Sioux Falls with the 2013 SD Tennis Achievement Award for contributions to grow the game of tennis over a 25-year span. Hans' tennis accomplishments include coaching at St. Cloud State, serving on the Board of Directors of the Northwestern Tennis Association and owning/managing tennis clubs in South Dakota.

Baseline Tennis Center Named 2013 Municipal Facility of the Year

The University of Minnesota's **Baseline Tennis Center**, under the direction of **John Pratt**, was named the 2013 Municipal Facility of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine. The facility was honored as part of the magazine's 2013 Champions of Tennis and becomes the first collegiate facility to win the award.

Home to the University of Minnesota men's and women's tennis teams since 2002, Baseline Tennis Center features 22 courts – 10 indoor and 12 outdoor - and has hosted Big Ten, NCAA and ITA events and championships.

It has also served as the site of the 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Training Center, the 2011 National Public Parks Tennis Championships, the 2004 Transplant Games of America, Division III and junior college programs, high school tournaments and many junior and senior events. It will also host the tennis competition for the 2014 Minnesota State Senior Games and the 2015 National Senior Games.

The facility is home to over 20 USTA tournaments, 170 USTA League teams and over 3,000 League matches a year. It also plays host to the US Open Northern Section Qualifying Tournament, the University of Minnesota Tennis On Campus program - who has won the last 10 USTA Northern Section Championships – and USTA Junior and Adult Tournament, USTA League and Jr. Team Tennis Section Championships.

Baseline Tennis Center was named the USTA National Organization Member of the Year in 2009 and was a USTA Outstanding Facility Award winner in 2008.



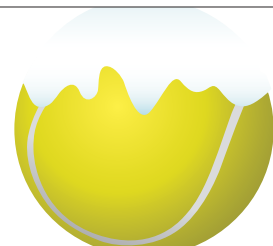
Reid Hans, Anne Craney Olson and Pat Rost.



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2013 USTA Northern Award Winners



Albert Teeter Adult Sportsmanship
Award: Aaron Rosenbery
(Lakeville, Minn.)



Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship
Award: Boys: Greg Wischer (Grand
Forks, N.D.); Girls: Sonya Das
(Arden Hills, Minn.)



Bob Larson Media Excellence
Award: Bruce Gullikson
(Burnsville, Minn.)



Rocky Rockwell Grassroots Official
Award: Tim Heck
(New Brighton, Minn.)



Jack Dow Adult Development
Award: Sheryl Warfield
(Rochester, Minn.)



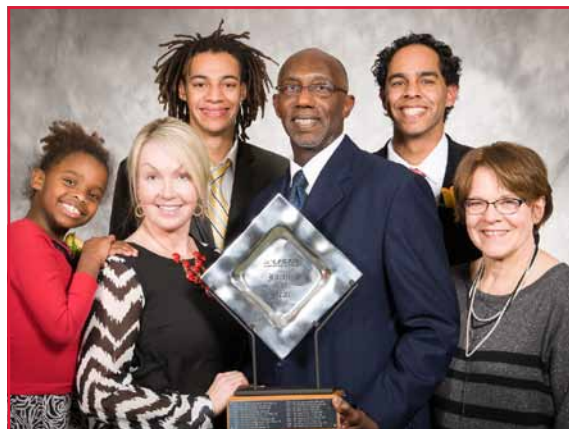
Ward C. Burton Junior Development
Award: Jenny Arnfelt
(Minnetonka, Minn.)



Jr. Team Tennis Organizer of the
Year: Sean Kangra
(Woodbury, Minn.)



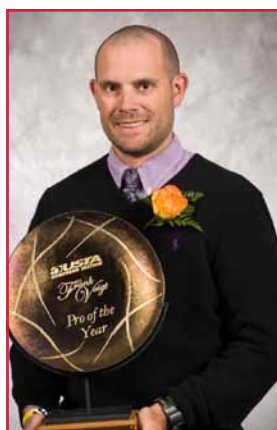
No-Cut Coach of the Year All-
Star Team Award: Ryan Hoag
(Minneapolis, Minn.)



Family of the Year:
The Stingley Family: Tony, Ronda, David, Marc, Lisa and Langston
(St. Paul, Minn.)



Wolfenson/Ratner Community
Service Award:
Les Zellmann
(St. James, Minn.)



Frank Voigt Pro of the Year Award:
Ryan Myhre
(Fargo, N.D.)



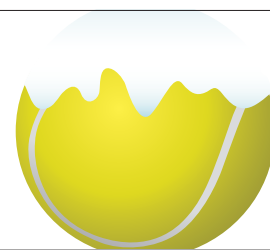
Member Organization of the Year
Award: Life Time Fitness – Lakeville
(Lakeville, Minn.)



USTA Northern Ace Award:
Pat Colbert
(Edina, Minn.)



USTA Northern President's Award:
Mike Goldammer
(Rosemount, Minn.)



Alexis Nelson Wins Winter Junior Nationals; Finalist At International Orange Bowl

Alexis Nelson, of St. Paul, Minn. won, the singles finals of the Girls 18s at the USTA Winter Nationals in Scottsdale, Ariz., in December, defeating top-seeded Chloe Ouellet-Pizer (Chapel Hill, N.C.) 6-3, 6-4 in the finals. With the win, Nelson became the first junior girl from USTA Northern to ever win a USTA Level I tournament.

En route to the championship, Nelson, who is only 15 years old, won seven matches. She opened the tournament defeating Lauren Pickens (Owasso, Okla.) 6-2, 6-0. Next, she beat Amber Park (La Canada, Calif.) 6-1, 6-3. In the third round, Nelson took out Erica Oosterhout (Tampa, Fla.) 6-2, 6-1, before beating Brienne Minor (Mundelein, Ill.) in the fourth round 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2. In the quarters, Nelson dropped the first set 7-6 (2) to Amy Lang (Alpharetta, Ga.), but Lang retired at 3-4 in the second set, allowing Nelson to move on to the semifinals. There, Nelson won another three-setter, defeating Emma Higuchi (Los Angeles, Calif.) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Nelson and partner Lauren Goodman (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) also advanced to the doubles finals where they lost a three-set heartbreaker to Alexis Pereira (San Gabriel, Calif.) and Ena Shibahara (Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

It was a magical December for Nelson as she also earned runner-up honors in the Girls 16s at the International Orange Bowl Tournament, becoming the first junior girl in USTA Northern history to advance that far in the tournament which features many of the best junior players from around the world.

Nelson, who was unseeded, lost a heartbreaker in the finals, falling to Charlotte Millette-Robillard of Canada 6-0, 1-6, 6-4 in the finals.

"She is a great player. She's a great competitor. She really fought well, and she's amazing. I wasn't surprised that she'd come back and play that well," Millette-Robillard said.

During Nelson's amazing run she defeated fourth seeded Lisa Ponomar of Germany in the semifinals 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. She opened



the tournament with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Fatima Bizhukova of Russia. She defeated Camila Romero of Ecuador 6-0, 6-0 and then beat Jaclyn Switkes of the United States 6-4, 6-3, before upsetting 12th-seeded Nandini Das of India 7-5, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

Nelson also advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the Orange Bowl.

Congratulations To Northern National Open and Regional Winners



Caitlyn Merzbacher and Hayley Haakenstad

- **Hayley Haakenstad** of Chanhassen, Minn., and **Caitlyn Merzbacher** of Eden Prairie, Minn., won the doubles title at the 2013 Girls 16s National Open in Lakeville, Minn., in November. Haakenstad and Merzbacher, seeded #2, upset top-seeded Cameron Corse (Baltimore, Md.) and Christina Zordani (Lake Forest, Ill.) 8-5 in the finals after being down 5-2 and winning the next six games.
- **Natalie Lorentz** of St. Louis Park, Minn., won the singles championship at the USTA Girls 14 Regional tournament in Grand Prairie, Texas, in July. Lorentz, who was the fourth seed, defeated sixth seed, Jacy Smith of Bryan, Texas 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the finals.



Natalie Lorentz

Congratulations to Northern National Sportsmanship Winners

- **Jessie Aney** of Rochester, Minn., went undefeated in singles at the Girls 16s Intersectionals in Shreveport, La., and earned the Girls Sportsmanship Award for the event. She then traveled to the 18s National Clay Court Championships in Memphis, Tenn., where she earned the Girls Sportsmanship Award. Aney was also named an individual day Sportsmanship Award winner in Memphis.
- **Alexis Nelson** of St. Paul, Minn., was named an individual day Sportsmanship Award winner at the 18s National Clay Court Championships in Memphis.
- **Libby Rickeman** of Wayzata, Minn., won the Sportsmanship Award at the Level I National Doubles Tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C.



Jessie Aney

Alex Exsted Wins USTA Arthur Ashe Essay Contest



Alex Exsted of Savage, Minn., was one of 10 winners nationally of the 15th annual USTA/NJTL Arthur Ashe Essay Contest. The 10 winners were selected out of 1,800 entries submitted and each winner received a New York City travel package in August. During the weekend, Exsted took a bus tour of NYC called The Ride, followed by attending Arthur Ashe Kids Day where they played points against the likes of professionals Sloane Stephens and Dmitry Tursinov before moving to the President's Box for the festivities. While in the President's Box, they were joined by First Lady Michelle Obama, First Daughters Sasha and Malia, Arthur Ashe's widow Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe and tennis legend Billie Jean King. They also attended a Mets game, visited the Hall of Science to see the Arthur Ashe exhibit and were honored at an awards luncheon hosted by former New York City Mayor and USTA Board Member **David Dinkins**, where the winners received an honorary plaque.

Hannah Dake Wins ITA/Arthur Ashe Award

Former Northern junior standout **Hannah Dake** of Minnetonka, Minn., and the Air Force Academy, was the winner of the 2013 Women's ITA/Arthur Ashe Jr. Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship. Dake was honored at the NCAA Championships in May and participated in Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the US Open.



Dake, a three-time co-captain at Air Force, was part of the first Air Force doubles pair to win a round at the ITA/Riviera Women's All-American Championships. She finished her career with a total of 85 doubles victories, the second most of any Air Force player. She is a two-time member of the Commandant's List and the Athletics' List. Dake served as a Squadron Superintendent, as well as a Squadron PEER.

During her career at Air Force she devoted her time to a number of community service efforts including organizing cadets to help out with the Skyway Elementary Halloween Carnival and the Starfit Kids 5K Race. She also spent time to help raise money for causes such as the March for Babies, which raises funds and awareness for premature babies, and the 5K Buddy Walk, which raises funds for children with Down Syndrome.

Steve Wilkinson Inducted Into USPTA Hall of Fame

Former Gustavus Adolphus Coach and USTA Northern Hall of Famer **Steve Wilkinson** joined the ranks of only 15 others when he was inducted into the USPTA Hall of Fame in September in Orlando, Fla. The Class of 2013 included Wilkinson, Nick Bollettieri and Vic Braden. Wilkinson was the head men's coach at Gustavus for 39 years and is the winningest coach in the history of men's collegiate tennis with 923 victories. He has coached 46 players to 87 all-America honors.



Steve Wilkinson (left)

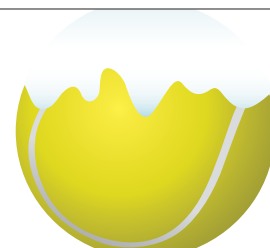
Vyasachar Mohan Works Davis Cup



USTA Northern official **Vyasachar Mohan** (Maplewood, Minn.), called lines at the Davis Cup tie against Serbia in Boise, Idaho, in April. Mohan, who worked the near side line during the event, became the seventh USTA Northern official to ever work a Davis Cup tie. Others include **Bruce Burton**, **John Carnahan**, **Rosemary Langley**, **Mark Lissick**, **Patrick Nicola** and **Nancy Sieda**.

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2013 USTA Northern Section Champions



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Boys' 18 Singles:

Elliott Sprecher d. Charlie Adams 60 60

Boys' 16 Singles:

Kavir Kumar d. Greg Wischer walkover (illness)

Boys' 14 Singles:

Jackson Allen d. Paul McCallie 63 64

Boys' 12 Singles:

Harry Neel d. Sam Dobbs 61 61

Boys' 18 Doubles:

Elliott Sprecher – Myles Tang d. Charlie Adams – T Connor Shives 84

Boys' 16 Doubles:

Nick Beaty – Greg Wischer d. Kavir Kumar – Luke Moorhead 85

Boys' 14 Doubles:

Jackson Allen – Kaleb Dobbs d. Jake Kuhlman – Sebastian Vile 84

Boys' 12 Doubles:

Sam Dobbs – Joe Mairs d. Michael Cao – Hunter Heck 81

Girls' 18 Singles:

Jessie Aney d. Alexis Nelson 16 64 62

Girls' 16 Singles:

Caitlyn Merzbacher d. Kylie Boyer 36 63 62

Girls' 14 Singles:

Catherine Lindsay d. Savannah Crowell 63 16 60

Girls' 12 Singles:

Monterey Knewtonson d. Cecelia Obetz 75 62

Girls' 18 Doubles:

Jessie Aney – Alexis Nelson d. Helen Klass – Warch – Kelly Yang 82

Girls' 16 Doubles:

Hayley Haakenstad – Caitlyn Merzbacher d. Katelyn Tarrolly – Taylor Tarrolly 81

Girls' 14 Doubles:

Zoe Klass – Warch – Libby Rickeman d. Margaux Boyer – Catherine Lindsey 82

Girls' 12 Doubles:

Monterey Knewtonson – Ellen Puzak d. Meredith Benson – Libby Nachtigal 85

ADULTS –

Men's Open Singles (Indoor):

Tony Larson d. Omer Abramovich 63 62

Men's 40 Singles (Clay):

Douglas Matuska d. Scott Link 60 60

Men's 50 Singles (Clay):

Glenn Britzius d. Brian Brown 63 75

Men's 55 Singles (Clay):

Jack Olwell d. Fred Budde 63 63

Men's 60 Singles (Hard):

Rick Picard d. Vern Larsen 63 63

Men's 60 Singles (Clay):

Jack Olwell d. John Shannon 63 60

Men's 60 Singles (Indoor):

Dave Spilseth d. Vern Larsen 64 36 64

Men's 65 Singles (Clay):

David Nash d. Dick Nelson 46 61 ret(ill)

Men's 70 Singles (Hard):

Douglas Brandt d. Jerry Artz 64 57 10(7)

Men's 70 Singles (Clay):

David Parker d. Tom Fridinger 61 62

Men's 70 Singles (Indoor):

Douglas Brandt d. Bob Busch 64 75

Men's 75 Singles (Clay):

William Robertson d. Joseph Emond 62 63

Men's 80 Singles (Clay):

Roger Avelsgaard d. Wayne Keplinger 64 64

Men's Open Doubles (Clay):

Omer Abramovich – Ishay Hadash d. Sidarth Balaji – Juan Pablo Ramirez 63 63

Men's Open Doubles (Indoor):

Tony Larson – Patrick Sinha d. Phil Brauer – John Brekken 62 63

Men's 35 Doubles (Hard):

Fred Budde – Kenneth Cychosz d. Timothy Butorac – John Trondson 64 62

Men's 45 Doubles (Hard):

Eric Ernst – Tom Olmscheid d. Thomas Boice – Tim Burke 64 62

Men's 50 Doubles (Clay):

Fred Budde – Kenneth Cychosz d. Mark Alevizos – Patrick Van Fleet 63 46 76

Men's 55 Doubles (Clay):

Fred Budde – Randy Crowell d. Thomas Boice – Tim Burke 62 63

Men's 60 Doubles (Clay):

Thomas Boice – John Shannon d. Tim Burke – David Mathews 63 63

Men's 65 Doubles (Clay):

Thomas Boice – Dick Nelson d. Tom McCune – Dave Spilseth 67 61 60

Men's 70 Doubles (Hard):

Douglas Brandt – William Robertson d. Bob Busch – Tom Fridinger 62 62

Men's 70 Doubles (Clay):

Merle Bryan – Rodney Smith d. Bob Busch – Tom Fridinger 60 63

Men's 70 Doubles (Indoor):

Daniel Pennington – Michael Nelson d. Bob Busch – Tom Fridinger 62 75

Men's 75 Doubles (Clay):

Richard Mills – William Robertson d. Michael Paparella – Donald Herrick 63 64

Men's 80 Doubles (Clay):

Ralph Lieber – Robert Tengdin d. Roger Avelsgaard – Wayne Keplinger 61 62

Women's Open Singles (Indoor):

Elena Gorbacheva d. Annie Burton 62 62

Men's 3.0 Singles (Indoor):

Jov Tuplano d. Prab Perera 75 64

Men's 3.5 Singles (Hard):

Olivier Haise d. Jerry Bruzek 61 64

Men's 3.5 Singles (Indoor):

Eric Bonde d. Daniel Holland 63 61

Men's 4.0 Singles (Hard):

Tim Zeiger d. Anantha Santhanam 62 61

Men's 4.0 Singles (Indoor):

Robert Hank d. Gabriel Horstman 63 62

Men's 4.5 Singles (Hard):

Mitchell Elofson d. Paul Bates 61 62

Men's 4.5 Singles (Indoor):

Dylan Sperry d. Kamran Ahrar 63 63

Men's Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Michael Larson – Andrew Pettus d. Gautam Erande – David Sullivan 62 63

Men's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Jerry Bruzek – Scott Fitzgerald d. Brian Heichert – Andrew Pettus 64 67 61

Men's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Hard):

Benjamin Ekstein – Dylan Sperry d. Dave Malek – David Marks 60 64

Men's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Joe Eiler – Robert Hank d. John Brekken – Michael Torres 75 62

Women's 2.5 Singles (Indoor):

Kelly Stordahl d. Beth Leaf 64 64

Women's 3.0 Singles (Indoor):

Christine Homsey d. Heather Musman 46 64 64

Women's 3.5 Singles (Indoor):

Brigitte Schiller d. Jessica Neu 61 62

Women's 4.0 Singles (Indoor):

Elena Gorbacheva d. Virginia Kuberski 46 64 63

Women's 4.5 Singles (Hard):

Kaelie Breiter d. Sidney Dirks 60 62

Women's Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Christine Homsey – Jill Sisk d. Heather Musman – Sandra Waryan 36 64 64

Women's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Carol Rothe – Trish Rothe d. Dayna Myos – Elizabeth Schaeffer 64 61

Women's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Elena Gorbacheva – Virginia Kuberski d. Lea Favor – Mary Koenig 60 64

Mixed Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Andrew Pettus – Kelly Stordahl d. Joy Cristobal – Jov Tuplano 64 63

Mixed Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor):

Leah Bower – Daniel Holland d. Rohit Agarwala – Elizabeth Schaeffer 60 62

Mixed Combined 9.0 Doubles (Indoor):

John Brekken – Katie Weissman d. Phil Brauer – Elena Gorbacheva 76 63

Father Son Doubles (Clay):

William Stark – David Stark d. Kenneth Cychosz – Samuel Cychosz 26 75 62

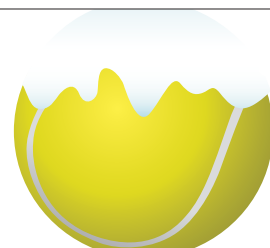
Parent Child Doubles (Indoor):

Shuman Lee – Erica Lee d. Adam Guldberg – Ryan Guldberg 75 62

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2013 Jr. Team Tennis

Section Champions



Congratulations to the following players who received Sportsmanship Awards at the 2013 JTT Championships

Advanced Sportsmanship Winners

18s Girls: Gina Nguyen, D Wilson
Tennis Academy

18s Boys: Tommy Entwistle, Sioux
Empire Fitness RAQ City

14s Girls: Katie Inderieden, St. Cloud
14s Boys: Josh Anderson, White Bear
Lake

Intermediate Sportsmanship Winners

14 Girls: Gabby Law - Life Time Fitness -
White Bear Lake

14 Boys: Collin Doffing - Hastings

18s Girls: Jen Fisk - Eagan

18s Boys: Colton Johnstontaylor -
Valley Athletic Association

12s Sportsmanship Winners

12s Advanced Girls: Brynn Heinert,
Sioux Empire Fitness

12s Advanced Boys: George Nottley,
Life Time Fitness - St. Louis Park

12s Intermediate Girls: Sara
Marawan, Eden Prairie

12s Intermediate Boys: Dominick
Warzecha, Hibbing

10 and Under Sportsmanship Winners

Sonia Baig - Life Time Fitness - St. Louis
Park

Savanna Smith - Brainerd

Jack Griffin - Wayzata Country Club



18 Advanced Champions
Life Time Fitness – Fridley



14 Advanced Champions
Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South



18 Intermediate Champions
Life Time Fitness – Fridley



14 Intermediate Champions
St. Paul Urban Tennis – Como



12 Advanced Champions
Sioux Empire Fitness



12 Intermediate Champions
Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South



10 & Under White Flight Champions
Shakopee



10 & Under Red Flight Champions
Life Time Fitness – St. Louis Park

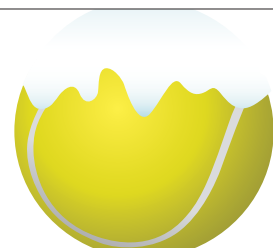
2013 Jr. Team Tennis National Championships

Life Time Fitness – Fridley was seventh in the Intermediate and **Sioux Empire Fitness** was 14th in the Advanced divisions at the JTT 18s National Championships in Cayce, S.C. **Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South** was fifth in Advanced and **St. Paul Urban Tennis – Como** was eighth in Intermediate draw at the 2013 JTT 14s National Championships, also in Cayce, S.C.

2013 Tennis

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Minnesota Wins 10th Straight Tennis On Campus Section Title

Minnesota B upset Minnesota A 22-21 in the finals of the 2013 USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Section Championships at Life Time Fitness - Lakeville in Lakeville, Minn. With the win, Minnesota won its 10th straight Tennis on Campus Section title and remains the only school in USTA Northern history to win a TOC crown.

South Dakota State and Gustavus Adolphus claimed the Team Sportsmanship Awards, while Carleton senior Dhillam Marasinghe and Valley City State senior Katie Paulson won the men's and women's Sportsmanship Awards, respectively.



2013 TOC Section Champions (l to r): Kelsey Tjornslund, Omar Shahed, Alex Miller, Sam Lillie, Jackson Farley and Allison Malmsten.

Four Teams Represent Northern At National Championships

For the first time in USTA Northern history, the Section had four teams qualify for the National Championships in Surprise, Ariz. Section champion **Minnesota**, Tennis On Campus National Club of the Year **North Dakota State** and first-time qualifiers **Valley City State** and **South Dakota State** all represented Northern in the desert. Minnesota finished 36th, while North Dakota State was 48th. South Dakota State was 58th and Valley City State was 63rd.

Matt Makis and North Dakota State Win Organizer & Club of the Year Award



Matt Makis (right)

Congratulations to **Matt Makis** of North Dakota State, and the Bison, who were named the 2013 USTA Northern Tennis On Campus Organizer and Club of the Year, respectively.

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North Dakota State Wins USTA Tennis On Campus Club of the Year

Congratulations to **North Dakota State**, who was named the 2013 USTA National Tennis On Campus Club of the Year and was honored at an awards banquet during the Tennis On Campus National Championships in Surprise, Ariz.

Building the program from the ground up in 2008, NDSU has amazingly qualified for the Tennis On Campus National Championships every year since the program's inception. In six short years, they now field an A, B and C squad as the team make-up relies heavily on local high school and Jr. Team Tennis programs. In fact, many of the current roster played high school tennis against each other, and in 2011, the team boasted five duos who had been doubles partners in high school.

The formula seems to be working as in the fall of 2012, NDSU played in six different Tennis On Campus tournaments and won the USTA Northern Fall Campus Championship Series for the first time in school history. The Bison also became the first team in Section history to defeat perennial power University of Minnesota in head-to-head competition at the Gopher Invitational. Quite an accomplishment considering the NDSU tennis courts were turned into a parking lot over the summer and the one and only indoor tennis club in Fargo had been under construction the majority of the academic year. Not to be denied, NDSU often times cattle-called 15 people on a single court and eventually carved in an extra practice time to accommodate the 20 additional players who wanted to be part of the action this season.

"To be as successful as we have been this year, with as little as

we have been given, is an outstanding statement in itself," senior **Kelly Rensink**, NDSU Club Team Treasurer, said.

The club also gives back countless hours to the community that has given it so much. Each year, the team serves as court monitors at the West Fargo Invitational — one of the largest high school tennis tournaments in North Dakota. While running the multiple sites, team members are actively recruiting potential club players for the future. Also, many of the NDSU players teach summer tennis lessons and are often on the court 10 hours a day, five to seven days a week, hoping to make an impression that will eventually lead those students to Tennis On Campus in the future.

"When we are out in the community, not only are we concentrating on the current year, but also planning for future years," Rensink said.

The program has also helped other start-up programs like North Dakota and Valley City State University take flight by organizing scrimmages and serving as mentors. But the ultimate community outreach project came in 2009 when the Bison received a wild-card invitation to the Tennis On Campus National Championships, but voted to stay home and help its hometown with 24-hour sandbagging efforts during the floods that ravaged the Fargo area that spring.

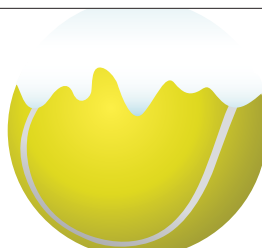
"The North Dakota State University club tennis team serves as a great ambassador not just for the Tennis On Campus program, but also for their school. They have shown exceptional student leadership and should be proud of their accomplishments," **Glenn Arrington**, National Manager of Tennis on Campus said.



North Dakota State University

USTA Section

League Champions



Congratulations to the following USTA Northern Section League Champions. They represented USTA Northern at the 2013 USTA League Tennis National Championships.

40 & Over Men



3.5 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Saul Selby, Eric Narvaez, Brad Struve)



4.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Jon Tretsven)



4.5 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Bruce Gullikson)

40 & Over Women



3.0 – Bismarck
(Captain: Sharon Beattie)



3.5 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Carol Thies)



4.0 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Kari Mack, Julie Woodstra)



4.5 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Helen Gunther, Elisabeth Hurlburt)

40 & Over Mixed



7.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: William Reuland)



4.0 Men – Twin Cities
(Players: Aaron Rosenbery, Jeff Jara, Michael Ewen, Larry Bach)



8.0 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Patti Horita, Dennis Morgan)



4.5 Men – Twin Cities
(Players: Jake Seltz, Jon Farnsworth, Tyler Krumholz, Kyle Olson)

NTRP Doubles



3.0 Men – Twin Cities
(Players: Craig Kuberski, William Schiller, Uday Anumalachetty, Tim Theobald)



3.0 Women – Twin Cities
(Players: Christine Homsey, Nancy Paulson, Kim Kyle)



3.5 Men – Rochester
(Players: Brian Davies, Adam Pike, Stephen Grinnell, Gary Hach)



3.5 Women – Fargo
(Players: Nancy Fidler, Mary Akason, Jodi Uecker-Rust)



4.0 Women – Rochester
(Players: Kelsey Jenson, Kris Allen, Kelly Krajnik, Vandessa King)



4.5 Women – Twin Cities
(Players: Colee Schroeder, Pam Sommer, Tory Borovsky, I Jin Lee)

55 & Over



7.0 Men – Twin Cities
(Captain: Jan Jachimowicz, Jim Vardaman)



8.0 Women – Twin Cities
(Captain: Linda Oberpriller)



8.0 Men – Twin Cities
(Captain: Paul Dalton)



7.0 Women – Twin Cities
(Captain: Carol Thies)

Not pictured: 9.0 Men – Twin Cities
(Captain – Fred Budde)

18 & Over Men



2.5 – Rochester
(Captain: Jason Betz)

18 & Over Men - Continued



3.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Carl Bigby)



3.5 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Richard Breitman, Lee Post)



4.0 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Aaron Rosenberg, Dennis Labajo)



4.5 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Bruce Gullikson)



5.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Adam Beduhn)

18 & Over Women



2.5 – Rochester
(Captains: Amy Witter, Roxann Pike)



3.0 – Rochester
(Captains: Kristin Heywood, Amy Crockett)



3.5 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Catherine Carney, Shirley Draz)



4.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Georgia Kaiser)

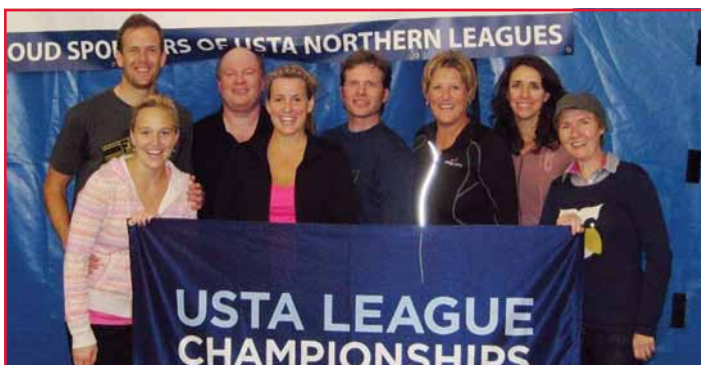


4.5 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Jennifer Wallace)

18 & Over Mixed Doubles



6.0 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Carl Bigby and Mark Schweich)



7.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Chris Homsey)



8.0 – Twin Cities
(Captains: Mike Padilla, Patrice Meger)



9.0 – Twin Cities
(Captain: Mike Johnson)

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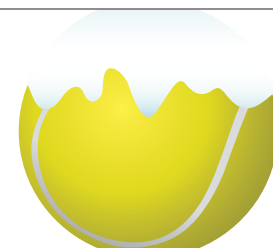
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2013 USTA Northern

Junior Tournament Rankings



NATIONALLY RANKED NORTHERN PLAYERS

GIRLS 18s

Alexis Nelson	St. Paul, Minn.	#7
Jessie Aney	Rochester, Minn.	#31

GIRLS 16s

Alexis Nelson	St. Paul, Minn.	#3
Jessie Aney	Rochester, Minn.	#18

BOYS 18s

Elliott Sprecher	Cadott, Wis.	#63
Charlie Adams	Maple Grove, Minn.	#89

BOYS 14s

Paul McCallie	Burnsville, Minn.	#55
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BOYS 12s

Hunter Heck	New Brighton, Minn.	#63
Max Zagrebely	Eagan, Minn.	#77

BOYS 18s COMBINED RANKINGS

1	Elliott Sprecher	Cadott	WI
2	Charlie Adams	Wayzata	MN
3	Jesse Sprinkel	Minneapolis	MN
4	Mohanad Khalid Al Houni	Golden Valley	MN
5	Zachary Ekstein	Eagan	MN
6	Joey Richards	Eden Prairie	MN
7	Maxwell Olson	Edina	MN
8	Toby Boyer	Ham Lake	MN
9	Manfred Barrios	Golden Valley	MN
10	Tommy Entwistle	Sioux Falls	SD
11	Joshua Gearou	Zimmerman	MN
12	Jason Dilly	Clear Lake	MN
13	Gabriel Steinwand	Moorhead	MN
14	Dustin Britton	Wayzata	MN
15	Samuel Gearou	Zimmerman	MN
16	Zachary Adkins	Maple Grove	MN
17	Ulrick Boyogueno	Shakopee	MN
18	Gregory Wischer	Grand Forks	ND
19	Chuck Tang	Rapid City	SD
20	Taylor Parr	Eden Prairie	MN

BOYS 16s COMBINED RANKINGS

1	Nicholas Beaty	Wayzata	MN
2	Gregory Wischer	Grand Forks	ND
3	Jackson Allen	Shakopee	MN
4	Brady Kenyon	Grand Forks	ND
5	Chuck Tang	Rapid City	SD
6	Luke Moorhead	Mound	MN
7	Samuel Hochberger	Maple Grove	MN
8	Aanik Lohani	Edina	MN
9	Kaleb Dobbs	Sioux Falls	SD
10	Jake Kuhlman	Grand Forks	ND
11	Jason Howard	Rochester	MN
12	Charlie Adkins	Maple Grove	MN
13	Anthony Rosa	Eden Prairie	MN
14	Mark Johnson	Hudson	WI
15	Aaron Goodman	Minneapolis	MN
16	Rajadurai Arul	Shakopee	MN
17	Nathan John Parsons	Saint Paul	MN
18	Floyd Penners	Burnsville	MN
19	Ben Ingbar	Minneapolis	MN
20	Anuraag Bukkuri	Woodbury	MN

BOYS 14s COMBINED RANKING

1	Paul McCallie	Burnsville	MN
2	Kaleb Dobbs	Sioux Falls	SD
3	Sebastian Vile	Rochester	MN
4	Nikita Snezhko	Plymouth	MN
5	Ben Ingbar	Minneapolis	MN
6	Davis Lawley	Fargo	ND
7	Jack Barker	Crosslake	MN
8	Tristan Fjelstad	Bloomington	MN
9	Alexander Exsted	Savage	MN
10	Chase Roseth	Lakeville	MN
11	Sean Kelly	Lakeville	MN
12	Sam Dobbs	Sioux Falls	SD
13	Anuraag Bukkuri	Woodbury	MN
14	Benjamin Wheaton	Excelsior	MN
15	Hunter Heck	New Brighton	MN
16	Petro Alex	Arden Hills	MN
17	Tanner Lundberg	Baxter	MN
18	Kevin Shan	Madison	SD
19	Nick Aney	Rochester	MN
20	North Knewtson	Fargo	ND

BOYS 12s COMBINED RANKINGS

1	Hunter Heck	New Brighton	MN
2	Maxim Zagrebely	Eagan	MN
3	Joe Mairs	Edina	MN
4	Gavin Young	Apple Valley	MN
5	Hunter Roseth	Lakeville	MN
6	Ryne Reger	Edina	MN
7	Varun Iyer	Rochester	MN
8	Michael Cao	Shoreview	MN
9	Nisal Liyanage	Eagan	MN
10	Joshua Christensen	Rochester	MN
11	Aashish Bharath	Rosemount	MN
12	Luke Little	Minneapolis	MN
13	Caleb Fridinger	Saint Paul	MN
14	Cade Damgaard	Sioux Falls	SD
15	Alec Sargent	Rochester	MN
16	Mark Pepperl	Eau Claire	WI
17	Logan Couillard	Minneapolis	MN
18	Alexander McEvoy	Wayzata	MN
19	Michael Yousef	Sioux Falls	SD
20	Tanner Parr	Eden Prairie	MN

GIRLS 18s COMBINED RANKINGS

1	Alexis Nelson	Saint Paul	MN
2	Jessie Aney	Rochester	MN
3	Summer Brills	Saint Paul	MN
4	Sonya Das	Arden Hills	MN
5	Kelly Yang	Plymouth	MN
6	Morgan Brower	Sioux Falls	SD
7	Caitlyn Merzbacher	Eden Prairie	MN
8	Helen Klass-Warch	Saint Paul	MN
9	Kylie Boyer	Rochester	MN
10	Zoe Lindbloom	Wayzata	MN
11	Jane Fraley	Edina	MN
12	Lori Ahuja	Lakeville	MN
13	Berkley Darr	Sioux Falls	SD
14	Victoria Barbetta	Wayzata	MN
15	Rachel Schneider	Bloomington	MN
16	Hayley Haakenstad	Chanhassen	MN
17	Malini Wijesinghe	Apple Valley	MN
18	Danielle Donahue	Eagan	MN
19	Caitlin Bakke	Bismarck	ND
20	Jenna Czarnecki	Sioux Falls	SD

GIRLS 16s COMBINED RANKING

1	Alexis Nelson	Saint Paul	MN
2	Jessie Aney	Rochester	MN
3	Hayley Haakenstad	Chanhassen	MN
4	Kylie Boyer	Rochester	MN
5	Zoe Lindbloom	Wayzata	MN
6	Kelly Yang	Plymouth	MN
7	Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie	MN
8	Libby Rickeman	Wayzata	MN
9	Jordan Kopfer	Eagan	MN
10	Natalie Lorentz	St. Louis Park	MN
11	Malini Wijesinghe	Apple Valley	MN
12	Zoe Klass-Warch	Saint Paul	MN
13	Isabella Lambert	Excelsior	MN
14	Jane Fraley	Edina	MN
15	Chloe Hall	Prior Lake	MN
16	Taylor Jackson	Minneapolis	MN
17	Haley Lickfold	Shakopee	MN
18	Taylor Tarrolly	Saint Cloud	MN
19	Samantha Ting	Long Lake	MN
20	Lori Ahuja	Lakeville	MN

GIRLS 14s COMBINED RANKINGS

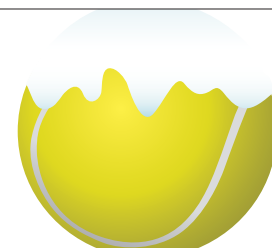
1	Natalie Lorentz	St. Louis Park	MN
2	Libby Rickeman	Wayzata	MN
3	Olivia Paradise	Saint Paul	MN
4	Savanna Crowell	Savage	MN
5	Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie	MN
6	Kylie Mullaney	Edina	MN
7	Lainey Axell	Plymouth	MN
8	Isabella Lambert	Excelsior	MN
9	Taylor Kopfer	Eagan	MN
10	Zoe Klass-Warch	Saint Paul	MN
11	Catherine Lindsay	Eau Claire	WI
12	Taylor Jackson	Savage	MN
13	Grace Goble	Rapid City	SD
14	Margaux Boyer	Edina	MN
15	Samantha Nichols	Saint Paul	MN
16	Meagan Brown	Becker	MN
17	Francesca Trella	Eden Prairie	MN
18	Evann Welty	Wayzata	MN
19	Madelyn Anderson	Thompson	ND
20	Allison Brzezinski	Eagan	MN

GIRLS 12s COMBINED RANKING

1	Monterey Knewtson	Fargo	ND
2	Cecilia Obetz	Minneapolis	MN
3	Nicole Snezhko	Plymouth	MN
4	Ellen Puzak	Minneapolis	MN
5	Lauren Ferg	Eagan	MN
6	Madeline Suk	Minnetonka	MN
7	Emily Norman	Rochester	MN
8	Karin Young	Apple Valley	MN
9	Libby Nachtigal	Sioux Falls	SD
10	Shaelyn Johnson	Grand Forks	ND
11	Nore Heinitz	Duluth	MN
12	Ashley Tarrolly	Saint Cloud	MN
13	Aili Hietala	Duluth	MN
14	Josefina Trella	Eden Prairie	MN
15	Taylor Gill	Wayzata	MN
16	Kate Inderieden	Saint Cloud	MN
17	Alexandria Von TerschPohrer	Minneapolis	MN
18	Lauren Splett	Mahtomedi	MN
19	Zoe Adkins	Maple Grove	MN
20	Nicole Copeland	Edina	MN

2013 USTA Northern

Adult Tournament Rankings



2013 USTA Northern Adult Tournament Rankings

The following criteria was used in determining the 2013 USTA Northern tournament rankings:

- All points earned in sanctioned tournaments in the 12-month period will be included in the points total
- In Men's Open Singles, players must play a minimum of four tournaments to be ranked;
- In all other divisions, two tournaments are required;
- In any division where there was only one tournament available, that tournament will be used for a ranking (with an asterisk noting such);
- Any division where all players listed on the ranking list have only played one event, those players will be included in the Year-End Ranking (with an asterisk noting such);

The cutoff point for yearbook listing will be determined by space limitations.

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

1 Mitchell Elofson	Saint Peter	MN
2 Tony Larson	Blaine	MN

MEN'S 35 SINGLES

1 Jason Thiner	Fargo	ND
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MEN'S 40 SINGLES*

1 Doug Matuska	Saint Paul	MN
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MEN'S 45 SINGLES

1 Darcy Hanson	Wildrose	ND
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MEN'S 50 SINGLES

1 Tim Theisen	Maple Grove	MN
2 Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie	MN

MEN'S 55 SINGLES

1 Fred Budde	Eagan	MN
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MEN'S 60 SINGLES

1 Vern Larsen	Darwin	MN
2 John Shannon	Orono	MN
3 John Choiniere	Stillwater	MN
4 Dave Spilseth	Wayzata	MN

MEN'S 65 SINGLES

1 Dick Nelson	Hopkins	MN
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MEN'S 70 SINGLES

1 Douglas Brandt	Mound	MN
2 Jerry Artz	Saint Paul	MN
3 David Parker	Minneapolis	MN
4 Tom Fridinger	White Bear Lake	MN
5 Bob Busch	Edina	MN

MEN'S 75 SINGLES*

1 William Robertson	Bloomington	MN
2 Joseph Emond	Farmington	MN

MEN'S 80 SINGLES*

1 Roger Avelsgaard	Bemidji	MN
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NTRP MEN'S 3.0 SINGLES

1 Jov Tuplano	Eagan	MN
2 Prab Perera	Eagan	MN
3 Christopher Gay	Saint Paul	MN
4 Michael Larson	Bloomington	MN
5 Craig Kuberski	Saint Paul	MN

NTRP MEN'S 3.5 SINGLES

1 Olivier Haise	Minneapolis	MN
2 Jerry Bruzek	Burnsville	MN
3 Jan Jachimowicz	Eden Prairie	MN
4 Craig Engelhart	Brainerd	MN
5 Eric Bonde	Minnetonka	MN

NTRP MEN'S 4.0 SINGLES

1 Tim Zeiger	Minneapolis	MN
2 Robert Hank	Minneapolis	MN
3 Michael Green	Minneapolis	MN
4 Jim Larson	Minneapolis	MN
5 James Frohardt	Crystal	MN

NTRP MEN'S 4.5 SINGLES

1 Kamran Ahrar	Lakeville	MN
2 Dylan Sperry	Scandia	MN
3 Cary Freeman	Brooklyn Park	MN

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

1 Omer Abramovich	Minneapolis	MN
Ishay Hadash	Minneapolis	MN
2 Josh Heiden	Rochester	MN
Nick Crossley	Rochester	MN
3 Mitchell Elofson	Saint Peter	MN
Alex Smith	Chanhassen	MN

MEN'S 35 DOUBLES

1 Fred Budde	Eagan	MN
Kenneth Cychoz	Apple Valley	MN
2 Scott Carew	Fargo	ND
Gopal Chemiti	Fargo	ND

MEN'S 45 DOUBLES

1 Fred Budde	Eagan	MN
Kenneth Cychoz	Apple Valley	MN

MEN'S 50 DOUBLES*

1 Fred Budde	Eagan	MN
Kenneth Cychoz	Apple Valley	MN
2 Patrick Van Fleet	Saint Paul	MN
Mark Alevizos	Minneapolis	MN

MEN'S 55 DOUBLES*

1 Fred Budde	Eagan	MN
Randy Crowell	Minneapolis	MN
2 Tim Burke	Minneapolis	MN
Thomas Boice	Wayzata	MN

MEN'S 60 DOUBLES*

1 John Shannon	Orono	MN
Thomas Boice	Wayzata	MN
2 David Mathews	Eden Prairie	MN
Tim Burke	Minneapolis	MN

MEN'S 65 DOUBLES*

1 Thomas Boice	Wayzata	MN
Dick Nelson	Hopkins	MN

MEN'S 70 DOUBLES

1 Bob Busch	Edina	MN
Tom Fridinger	White Bear Lake	MN
2 Daniel Pennington	Brooklyn Park	MN
Michael Nelson	Brooklyn Center	MN
3 Douglas Brandt	Mound	MN
William Robertson	Bloomington	MN
4 Wally Malewicz	Hamel	MN
Jerry Artz	Saint Paul	MN

MEN'S 75 DOUBLES*

1 Richard Mills	Edina	MN
William Robertson	Bloomington	MN
2 Frederick Gobel	Minneapolis	MN
Bruce Mikkelsen	Minneapolis	MN

MEN'S 80 DOUBLES*

1 Robert Tengdin	Minneapolis	MN
Ralph Lieber	Bonita Springs	FL

NTRP COMBINED MEN'S

6.0 DOUBLES

1 Michael Larson	Bloomington	MN
Andrew Pettus	Minneapolis	MN
2 Christopher Gay	Saint Paul	MN
Jov Tuplano	Eagan	MN

NTRP COMBINED MEN'S

7.0 DOUBLES

1 Jerry Bruzek	Burnsville	MN
Scott Fitzgerald	Saint Paul	MN
2 Andrew Pettus	Minneapolis	MN
Brian Heichert	Andover	MN
3 Jay Reuland	Burnsville	MN
Michael Schneider	Eden Prairie	MN
4 Craig Kuberski	Saint Paul	MN
Casey Peter	Otsego	MN

NTRP COMBINED MEN'S

8.0 DOUBLES

1 Aaron Rosenberry	Lakeville	MN
Joseph Abraham	Saint Paul	MN
2 Layne Otteson	Oak Grove	MN
Timothy Magnuson	Blaine	MN
3 Dave Malek	Anoka	MN
David Marks	Cologne	MN

NTRP COMBINED MEN'S

9.0 DOUBLES

1 David Schiltz	Lakeville	MN
Kamran Ahrar	Lakeville	MN

WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

1	Karen Moe	Fargo	ND
1	Melanie Yates	New Brighton	MN

NTRP WOMEN'S 3.0 SINGLES

1	Dawn Reidinger	Maple Plain	MN
2	Sandra Waryan	Minneapolis	MN

NTRP WOMEN'S 3.5 SINGLES

1	Vanessa Sexton	Lakeville	MN
2	Addie Lordemann	Saint Paul	MN
3	Trish Rothe	Minneapolis	MN
4	Yuliya Crevier	Minneapolis	MN

NTRP WOMEN'S 4.0 SINGLES

1	Virginia Kuberski	St. Paul	MN
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NTRP WOMEN'S 4.5 SINGLES

1	Kari Mack	Minneapolis	MN
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WOMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

1	Erin Swanberg	Bismarck	ND
	Hallie Jo Welk	Bismarck	ND
2	Melanie Yates	New Brighton	MN
	Sierra Halverson	Burtrum	MN

NTRP COMBINED WOMEN'S**6.0 DOUBLES***

1	Jill Sisk	Minnetrista	MN
	Christine Homsey	Minneapolis	MN
2	Heather Musman	Chanhassen	MN
	Sandra Waryan	Minneapolis	MN

NTRP COMBINED WOMEN'S**7.0 DOUBLES**

1	Trish Rothe	Minneapolis	MN
	Carol Rothe	Edina	MN
2	Corinne Hoffman	Plymouth	MN
	Leslie O'Brien	Blaine	MN
3	Lisa McGowan	Minneapolis	MN
	Brigitte Schiller	Brooklyn Center	MN
4	Jill Desanto	Minneapolis	MN
	Lisa Marek	Burnsville	MN

NTRP COMBINED WOMEN'S**8.0 DOUBLES**

1	Rexann Sachs	Rapid City	SD
	Debbie Fenske	Rapid City	SD
2	Kris Sheldon	Superior	WI
	Brenda Geisler	Superior	WI

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

1	Kitri Jo Boser	Eau Claire	WI
	Jon Pickett	Eau Claire	WI
2	Erin Welch	Eau Claire	WI
	Matthew Boughton	Eau Claire	WI

NTRP COMBINED MIXED**6.0 DOUBLES**

1	Michael Larson	Bloomington	MN
	Yuliya Crevier	Minneapolis	MN
2	Gautum Erande	Eden Prairie	MN
	Nicole Metz	Hopkins	MN

NTRP COMBINED MIXED**7.0 DOUBLES**

1	Daniel Holland	Columbia Heights	MN
	Leah Bower	Minneapolis	MN
2	Craig Kuberski	Saint Paul	MN
	Virginia Kuberski	Saint Paul	MN
3	Andrew Pettus	Minneapolis	MN
	Yuliya Crevier	Minneapolis	MN

NTRP COMBINED MIXED**8.0 DOUBLES**

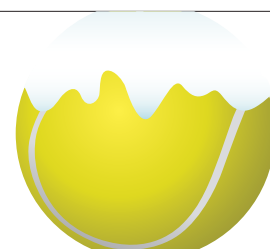
1	Chris Kawaters	Saint Paul	MN
	Jennie Kawaters	Saint Paul	MN

NTRP COMBINED MIXED**9.0 DOUBLES**

1	Courtney Norman	Minneapolis	MN
	Michael Johnson	Minneapolis	MN

2013 USTA Northern

Nationally-Ranked Adults

**MEN'S 35 SINGLES**

12	Eric Gleason	St. Paul	MN
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MEN'S 50 SINGLES

32	Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie	MN
41	Tim Theisen	Maple Grove	MN

MEN'S 50 INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES

32	Kenneth Cychosz	Apple Valley	MN
32	Fred Budde	Eagan	MN

MEN'S 50 TEAM DOUBLES

13	Kenneth Cychosz	Apple Valley	MN
13	Fred Budde	Eagan	MN

MEN'S 55 SINGLES

168	Brian Pederson	Bismarck	ND
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MEN'S 55 INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES

110	Brian Pederson	Bismarck	ND
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MEN'S 55 TEAM DOUBLES

60	Brian Pederson	Bismarck	ND
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MEN'S 60 SINGLES

92	Ron York	Eagan	MN
140	Timothy Butorac	Rochester	MN

MEN'S 60 INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES

104	Ron York	Eagan	MN
104	Timothy Butorac	Rochester	MN

MEN'S 60 TEAM DOUBLES

56	Ron York	Eagan	MN
56	Timothy Butorac	Rochester	MN

WOMEN'S 45 INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES

41	Lisa Conway	Winona	MN
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WOMEN'S 45 TEAM DOUBLES

24	Lisa Conway	Winona	MN
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FAMILY FATHER-DAUGHTER DOUBLES

25	Sophie Farmer	Eden Prairie	MN
	Chris Farmer	Eden Prairie	MN

FAMILY FATHER-SON DOUBLES

75	Christopher Johnson	White Bear Lake	MN
	Van Johnson	White Bear Lake	MN

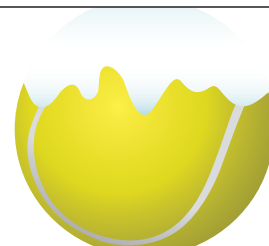
FAMILY SENIOR FATHER-SON DOUBLES

18	Matt Lundmark	Minneapolis	MN
	David Lundmark	Duluth	MN

2014 YEARBOOK

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Highlights



- USTA Northern had 12,577 members (5,200 juniors, 7,377 adults) and 236 organizational members as of December 31, 2013.
- Sponsorship revenue was up over 3%, including a whopping 19% for the Aquatennial Tournament, in 2013.
- There are 43 registered officials within the Section. In all, 87 tournament directors used certified officials in 2013 as 215 events and 954 assignments were made.'
- Four Northern officials worked the US Open including **Tim Kurtt** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Jan Schreier** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Ron Jacobus II** (Lakeville, Minn.) and **Vyasachar Mohan**.
- Over \$3,000 in equipment grants were given to 11 different communities for school and out-of-school time providers.
- Eight teacher workshops were held and seven school clinics were presented.
- USTA Northern was once again very active with its Diversity and Outreach Initiatives setting up interactive tennis activities at over 30 different events around the Section.
- The Section conducted wheelchair clinics and Play Days for Adaptive Programs around the Section.
- Over \$15,000 awarded in youth scholarships from the Section.
- Eight tennis camp scholarships, four "I Have A Name" 8th grade camp and four sets of Tennis & Life Camp Family Camp Scholarships were awarded.
- USTA Northern awarded over \$13,400 in Community Tennis Grants to five different organizations.
- St. Paul, Minn., completed its third year as a USTA 10 and Under Tennis Target Market. **St. Paul Urban Tennis** has received \$75,000 during that time.
- The USTA and USTA Northern awarded over \$180,000 in Public Facility Assistance to projects in 12 communities around USTA Northern.
- There are 780 known youth-sized tennis courts within USTA Northern. USTA Northern funded blended lines on seven different facilities in 2013.
- 14 community tennis leaders received scholarships to attend the Tennis Development Workshop in Denver, Colo., in November.
- There were 52 registered Community Tennis Associations in Northern.
- USTA Northern launched a new online clothing store (www.ustanorthernshop.com).
- **Baseline Tennis Center** hosted the US Open Northern Section Qualifying Tournament in June. Winners were Men's Singles: **Tony Larson** (Blaine, Minn.), Women's Singles: **Nicole Melichar** and Mixed Doubles: **Bryan Battistone** and **Melichar**.



Dave Vilhauer and his son Isaiah were one of four families to receive a scholarship to Tennis & Life Family Camp in 2013.





Sponsorship revenue for the Aquatennial Tournament was up 19 percent in 2013.



A Public Facility Assistance Grant helped Altoona, Wisc., resurface all of its courts, while adding a sixth court to its complex.

- The Section added a third 10-week USTA League season in 2013, as well as new league offerings in Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over and Mixed 40 and Over. Almost 10,000 players participated in at least one league season – up 23 percent for 2012.
- USTA Northern adopted a military troop in Kabul, Afghanistan, providing them protein powder, books, magazines, toiletries, snacks and tennis equipment.

In Memoriam

USTA Northern lost a number of people who made a tremendous impact on tennis in the Section and community including:

- **Doug Skanse, Bloomington, Minn., 77**, Doug Skanse passed away on July 25, 2015. He was a long-time tennis benefactor and volunteer in the Section. He was involved with InnerCity Tennis and other tennis programs in Minneapolis/St. Paul.
- **Joan Warner, Edina, Minn., 92**, USTA Northern Hall of Famer Joan Warner passed away June 20, 2013. She was a big supporter of athletics, especially for the University of Minnesota, her alma mater. As an active alumna, she was the chapter advisor for Gamma Phi society for decades. She was also a member of Woman's Club and was inducted into the

USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 1981.

- **Lee Wells Booth, Wayzata, Minn./San Diego, Calif., 55** – Lee Wells Booth passed away on May 14, 2013. She combined her love of teaching with her passion for tennis as she served on the boards of the Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center in St. Paul, Minn., and the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego, Calif., where she was chair of the education committee. In 2006, Lee and her husband Steve made a generous donation, providing the basis of funding for the construction of the Booth Education Center in San Diego, which opened in 2013. The Center, in cooperation with Youth Tennis San Diego, provides educational services for children and also includes a preschool, which she helped to design. She was the daughter of Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center founding benefactor **Fred Wells**.
- **Marvin Wolfenson, Minneapolis, Minn., 87** – Marvin Wolfenson died on December 21, 2013. He and business partner **Harvey Ratner** were the co-founders of the Northwest Athletic Clubs in the Twin Cities area and single-handedly brought indoor tennis to Minneapolis-St. Paul. He and Ratner were also the original owners of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves. A member of the USTA Northern Hall of Fame, the Section's community service award is named the Wolfenson/Ratner Community Tennis Award.



Tony Larson and Nicole Melichar won the 2013 US Open Northern Section Qualifying singles titles.



The Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Club received Public Facility Assistance in resurfacing its courts while also adding blended lines.

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