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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It was another banner year for USTA Northern. The Section was once again guided by our core values of accountability, commitment and teamwork, inclusiveness, integrity and service and strategic priorities of Adult/Senior Opportunities, Youth/Junior Opportunities, Community Tennis and People/Resources/Structure.

Junior Tournaments saw over 5,000 unique players participate. The Section ran six Competition Training Centers, two Sectional Training Camps and had 15 players ranked in the Top 100 nationally. Junior players **Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.) and **Hunter Heck** (New Brighton, Minn.) won the Girls 18s and Boys 12s doubles titles, respectively, at the 2014 USTA Winter Nationals, while **Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) was ranked #1 in the nation for Girls 16s in February, was invited to the US Fed Cup Development Camp and won the doubles title at the City of Orlando Professional Tournament. **Ingrid Neel** (Rochester, Minn.) won her first professional tournament singles title at Amelia Island, played in the US Open Junior Girls Tournament and was the 18s International Orange Bowl finalist in singles.

Team Tennis continues to grow in the Section as a record 2,807 players registered for Junior Team Tennis – a 10% increase from 2013. Overall, over 300 teams played around the Section, 185 participated at JTT Area Championships and 77 competed at the Section Championships. At the 2014 National Championships, **Benton Bourget** (Eau Claire, Wis.) won the 18U Intermediate National Sportsmanship Award. On the college level, the **University of Minnesota** won its 11th consecutive USTA Northern Tennis on Campus title.

Over 10,800 players competed in USTA Northern Leagues, with four teams finishing in the top four at the National Championships. USTA Northern introduced a Captain Appreciation Program and created all new marketing materials specifically branded for League Tennis. USTA Northern also had over 4,200 adult tournament registrations. Hoping to provide even more tennis opportunities to its members and non-members, USTA Northern offered more innovative adult tournaments with its Swingle & Mingle Series, focusing more on the social aspect of the game in a half-day format. The Section also reached out to the Millennial age group by running free Throwback Thursday events in local parks during the summer months.



The Section and USTA National provided over \$200,000 of support to organizations and individuals, including \$17,000 in Community Tennis grants, \$7,600 for 10 and Under Blended Lines, \$7,500 in Equipment Grants and over \$175,000 in Facility Assistance Funding. Over 110 Community Tennis leaders from 53 different organizations attended the USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop in November. Finally, the



Section awarded over \$12,500 in youth scholarships, nine tennis camp scholarships and \$3,400 in 10 and Under Tennis equipment grants to 12 communities.

USTA Northern also was recognized nationally as the **Stingley Family** (St. Paul, Minn.) was named the USTA Ralph W. Westcott Family of the Year. **Life Time Fitness – Lakeville** (Lakeville, Minn.) was named a USTA Outstanding Facility, while Life Time founder and CEO **Bahram Akradi** (Minnetonka, Minn.) was named the 2014 Person of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine. **InnerCity Tennis** (Minneapolis, Minn.) was honored by *Tennis Industry* as the 2014 CTA of the Year. **Mimi Rye** (Minneapolis, Minn.) was one of 10 national winners of the Arthur Ashe Essay Contest. **Andrea Erdman** (Mankato, Minn.), **Thu Nguyen** (St. Anthony, Minn.), **Alexandra Howard** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) and **Whitney Erickson** (Spring Valley, Minn.) received USTA Foundation College Scholarships and USTA Northern Board Member **Justin Gaard** (Minnetonka, Minn.)

raised over \$3,200 for the Section running the New York City Marathon.

On the court, **Caroline Ward** (Edina, Minn.) won the 2014 Division III Small College Doubles National Championships and **David Nash** (Bloomington, Minn.) won the 65s Super Seniors European Clay Court Doubles Championship and was a member of the United States Gordon Trophy and Presidents Cup teams. Northern was represented by officials **Ron Jacobus Jr.** (Lakeville, Minn.), **Tim Kurtt** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Vyasachar Mohan** (Maplewood, Minn.) at the US Open. Off the court saw the grand opening of the **North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame** at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks, N.D. and 17 communities or organizations make major facility upgrades.

For 2015, USTA Northern is looking to further develop its adult offerings with beginning tennis Park and Rec programming and more Millennial opportunities including a ONE Doubles League for those 39 and Under. The Section will continue to keep a laser-like focus on junior play with even more Play Days and new entry-level tournaments. Finally, the Section is looking to enhance its volunteer initiatives and its social media presence.

Thank you for your continued support of this great game. We look forward to serving you!

See you on the courts!

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# *We* ARE Northern!

That continues to be our mantra as I begin my term as USTA Northern Section President. Thanks to past-President **Roshan Rajkumar** for that rallying cry, as well as a number of initiatives he started during his term, and which I intend to carry forward during the next two years.

Recently, USTA Northern has refined its strategic priorities in helping support USTA Northern's mission of "To promote and develop the growth of tennis." Our areas of focus are Adult/Senior Play Opportunities, Youth/Junior Play Opportunities, Community Tennis and People/Resources/Structure.

With Adult/Senior Play Opportunities, USTA Northern will continue to focus on its flagship program of USTA League Tennis. In 2014, over 4,000 people played USTA League Tennis within the Section and we hope that number continues to grow with the introduction of new Park and Rec programming and Millennial play opportunities eventually feeding into the Leagues pipeline. We also are focused on alternative adult tournament formats, while still providing traditional "tournament warrior" events. USTA Northern is proud to be playing host to the US Open Section Qualifier (University of Minnesota, June 18-21), the National Public Parks Championships (Sioux Falls, S.D., July 22-26) and the 65 & Over Men's Category I National Championships (Eden Prairie, Minn., August 11-16) in 2015.

With our biggest growth opportunities being kids, USTA Northern continues to emphasize introducing tennis in the schools either through physical education classes or before- and after-school programming. We will train as many providers as possible in using shorter courts, smaller racquets and slower, lower-bouncing balls so kids can have FUN and experience success more quickly on the courts. Junior Team Tennis continues to emphasize skill development, teamwork and friendly competition. Last year, over 2,800 kids participated in USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis – a 10 percent increase from 2013. Finally, the Section is committed to the development of players to be champions at all levels through our Junior Tournaments and High Performance programs.

USTA Northern will focus on developing and enriching current relationships with key partners in regards to Community Tennis. The Section supports facilities, coaches, Community Tennis Associations, National Junior Tennis and Learning programs, teaching professionals and local organizers through on-and off-court trainings, resources and collaborations. The Section also provides financial assistance through



grants and individual scholarships.

Through our full-time staff, the Board of Directors and our committee members, USTA Northern strives to reach as many people as possible in growing the game, while being diverse, inclusive and fiscally responsible. We are also making a greater commitment in marketing and promoting the game and our programs through the many different media (social, electronic, print) available to us.

We are very fortunate to have so many people in our Section who are passionate about tennis and willing to volunteer their talents. Last year, we had a record-number of people apply for committee positions. I want to express appreciation for everything they do to as we forge ahead in our quest for tennis becoming more accessible to all ages and backgrounds, as well as promoting the game as a safe and healthy lifetime sport. We are always looking for more volunteers who can give of their time and talents. If you are interested in sharing your skills, please visit the new Volunteer section on [www.northern.usta.com](http://www.northern.usta.com) under "About Us" and complete a Volunteer Registration Form. We can and will use you!

As a recent member of the USTA's National Sport Science Committee, I saw research showing tennis is one of the best sports for extending a person's life expectancy as it exercises and challenges you both physically and mentally, in addition to the lasting friendships created through the game. We believe that in USTA Northern and hope all players, both frequent and new to the game, experience these great benefits every time they step onto the court.

The USTA's tagline is "Find Yourself in the Game." I hope it has a personal meaning for you. I have heard many wonderful stories of people discovering good things about, and for, themselves through tennis. I ask you to help me and the other volunteers in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin by encouraging others to pick up a racquet and "Find Themselves in the Game."

Kathy Lundberg,  
USTA Northern President

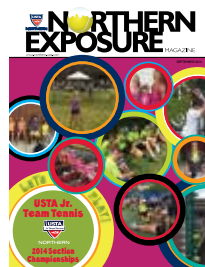
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## adult/senior opportunities

**USTA LEAGUE TENNIS** — USTA League Tennis is the largest recreational tennis league in the country and one of USTA Northern's flagship programs. Annually, over 4,000 unique people play League Tennis within USTA Northern.

**TOURNAMENTS** — USTA Northern offers a number of adult tournaments for players of all ages and ability levels. The Section is committed to encouraging more people to play tournaments by providing alternative play opportunities such as the Swingle & Mingle Mixed Doubles series.

**RECREATIONAL PLAY** — Encompassing a wide spectrum including beginners and occasional players.

## youth/junior opportunities

**10 & UNDER TENNIS** — 10 & Under Tennis sizes the game down for age and ability level by having kids play on shorter courts, with smaller racquets and slower, lower-bouncing balls. Kids experience success much faster thus encouraging them to stay with the sport.

**SCHOOLS** — USTA Northern provides training, equipment grants and opportunities to introduce students to tennis in physical education classes and organized out-of-school-time programs (i.e. — Kids Tennis Clubs) for all K-12 schools.

**JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS** — USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) is the largest youth tennis program in the country, helping girls and boys ages 6 to 18 get in the game and play as part of a team. The emphasis is on skill development, fun, teamwork and friendly competition. Almost 3,000 players participated in USTA Northern JTT in 2014.

**JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS/HIGH PERFORMANCE** — USTA Northern is committed to the development of players to be champions at all levels by offering a year-round schedule of junior tournaments. Play opportunities are either by skill level or age division and spread geographically throughout the Section. There are also opportunities for higher level players to further develop their game through national tournaments, training centers and much more. Over 4,700 unique players competed in USTA Northern Junior Tournaments in 2014.



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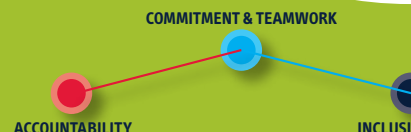
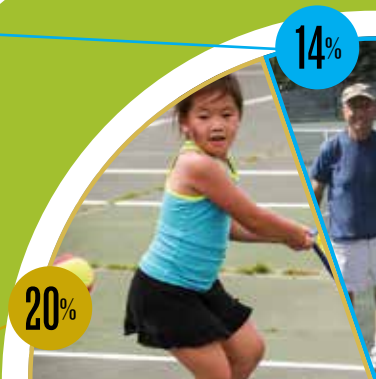


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## community tennis

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DELIVERY SYSTEM** — USTA Northern supports facilities, coaches, teaching professionals and local organizers through on- and off-court trainings, resources and strong collaborations.

**GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS** — USTA Northern provides a wide variety of financial assistance and opportunities through individual player scholarships and organizational grants for program support and facility improvements.

**COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS** — Community Tennis Associations (CTAs) are any incorporated, geographically defined, not-for-profit and volunteer-based organizations that support or provide programs which promote and develop the growth of tennis.

**NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS AND LEARNING (NJTL)** — NJTL is a network of local chapters which provide free or low-cost tennis, education and life skills programming.

## people/resources/structure

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION** — Diversity & Inclusion is a priority for USTA Northern. Diversity allows us to touch "all of our Section" and Inclusion allows "all of our Section" to touch us.

**FISCAL** — Fiscal responsibility is a priority for the Section as we strive for solid financial footing in both daily management and long-term strategic planning of the organization.

**MARKETING/OUTREACH** — USTA Northern uses different media (social, electronic, print) in promoting tennis and increasing awareness of USTA Northern programs.

**STAFFING** — USTA Northern has a full-time staff, who perform the day-to-day operations of the Section, while also relying heavily on its volunteer Board of Directors, Committee members and others who serve the organization in various capacities.



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- I** InnerCity Tennis  
International Spanish Language Academy  
ISD 110 Community Education  
ISD 196-Diamond Path Elementary  
ISD 2184 Luverne Public School  
ISD 2753
- J** Jamestown Parks and Recreation  
Jamestown Tennis Association  
Jefferson High School Boys Tennis Booster  
John Paul II Catholic School
- K** Kids Team Tennis LLC
- L** Lakeville North Boys Tennis Booster Club  
Lakeville South High School  
Lakeville Tennis Association  
Life Time Athletic -St. Louis Park  
Life Time Athletic-White Bear Lake  
Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South  
Life Time Fitness-Crosstown  
Life Time Fitness - Eden Prairie  
Life Time Fitness - Fridley  
Life Time Fitness-Lakeville  
Life Time Fitness-Oakdale Village
- M** Macalester College  
MACCRAY Public School  
Madison Tennis Association  
Mahnommen Public School
- Maple Grove Crimson Tennis Association  
Marcy Open School  
Medina Golf and Country Club  
Mendota Heights Parks  
Menomonie High School  
Milaca Community Education  
Milbank Area Community Tennis Association  
Minneapolis Parks & Recreation  
Minnetonka Tennis Club  
Minot Area Tennis Association  
Mission Township Tennis  
Mitchell Parks & Recreation  
MLK Tennis Buffs  
Montevideo Community Education  
Mounds View High School  
MSHSTCA
- N** New Brighton Parks and Recreation  
New Ulm Tennis Association  
North Dakota Tennis Association  
Northfield Public Schools  
Northfield Tennis Association  
North Metro Tennis Association  
North Oaks Tennis Association  
Nyceshot Tennis
- O** Oak Grove Middle School  
Orono Community Education  
Owatonna Parks and Recreation  
Owatonna Tennis Association
- P** Park Rapids Tennis Association  
Pierre Tennis Association  
Pine City Community Tennis Association  
Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department  
Prior Lake High School/Middle Schools  
PublicIndoorTennis.com
- Q** Quad Cities Tennis For All
- R** Rapid City Recreation Division  
Reed Sweatt Family Tennis Center  
RHS Boys Tennis Booster Club  
Robbinsdale-Cooper High School  
Rochester Athletic Club  
Rochester Tennis Connection  
Rocori Community Education  
Roosevelt High School  
Rosemount Area Athletic Association  
Rosemount Parks and Recreation
- S** Senior Tennis Players Club  
Serving Youth Tennis Foundation  
Shakopee Tennis Association  
Shoreview Parks Recreation  
Sibley Area Community Tennis  
Sioux Falls Tennis Association  
South Middle School
- South St. Paul High School  
South St. Paul Tennis Booster Club  
Spearfish High School Tennis Teams  
Spearfish Tennis Association  
St. James Tennis Association  
St. Louis Park Recreation Athletics  
St. Michael Albertville  
St. Paul Indoor Tennis  
St. Paul Tennis Club  
St. Paul Urban Tennis Program  
St. Peter Tennis Association  
Sturgis Tennis Association  
Swanson Tennis Center
- T** Tennis and Life Camps  
Tennis Center of the Black Hills  
Tennis In Mankato  
TENNIS WEST Ltd.  
Thief River Falls Parks & Recreation Dept.  
3M Tennis League  
Town and Country Club  
Transformation Athletics  
Twin City Jewish Community Tennis Association  
Twin City Tennis Camps
- U** United South Central School  
University of Minnesota-Baseline Tennis Center  
University of Northwestern - St. Paul  
University of Sioux Falls  
USTA Northern  
UW-River Falls Tennis Club
- V** Vadnais Heights Parks and Recreation  
Valley City Parks & Recreation District  
Valley City State University  
Valley City Tennis Association
- W** Wahpeton Park and Recreation  
Waseca Community Education  
Waseca Community Tennis Association  
Washburn Tennis Association  
Washington-Kosciusko  
Washington Technology Magnet  
Watertown Tennis Association  
West Fargo Parks & Recreation  
Westward Ho Country Club  
White Bear Lake GTO  
William Byrne Elementary School  
Williston Fitness Center  
Williston Parks & Recreation  
Willmar Community Education & Recreation  
Winona Area Tennis Association  
Woodbury Senior High School
- Y** Yankton (SD) Parks and Recreation  
Yankton Tennis Association





*The Stingley Family (L to R): Langston, Lisa, David, Tony, Marc, Ronda.*

The **Stingley Family** (Tony, Ronda, David, Marc, Lisa and Langston) of St. Paul, Minn., received the Ralph W. Westcott USTA National Family of the Year Award at an awards banquet on March 16, as part of the 2014 USTA Annual Meeting in Carlsbad, Calif.

Tony has worked with community tennis and diversity and inclusion at USTA Northern since 1997. Before joining the staff, Tony served on the USTA Northern Multicultural Participation and Junior Tennis Councils. In addition to being the Pied Piper of tennis for USTA Northern, Tony is a certified tennis teaching professional with the PTR and a member of the USPTA, a PTR National Tester and a USTA National On-Court Trainer. He has also served as a tennis official and trainer for over 20 years working the US Open, professional, college and junior events. He volunteers his time as a board member of St. Paul Urban Tennis, InnerCity Tennis and has been Secretary of the MLK Tennis Buffs for 18 years. He has run tournaments for the MLK Tennis Buffs and the Kankakee Tennis Association, is an active USTA League Tennis player, winning the 9.0 Senior Mixed Doubles National Championship in 2011. He also works with a number of organizations and groups who serve diverse and underserved populations to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Wife, Ronda, is also an active volunteer in the community serving as site directors for USTA League Section championships and 10 and Under events. She has volunteered with St. Paul Urban Tennis, the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, Special Olympics, the USTA Northern \$50,000 Women's Professional tournament and the MLK Tennis Buffs. She has attended a USTA 10 and Under Training, provided transportation to those in need for USTA Junior tournaments and served as a "Tennis Mom" for over 20 years. She is an active USTA League and tournament player and has played in a number of National Championships. A dietitian by trade, she developed a nutrition curriculum for the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center's Tennis2College program.

Youngest son, David, has volunteered with the junior program at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center since 2006 and was an intern in the USTA Northern office in 2012. He has been part of the junior program staff at the Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center since 2012 and has served as a mentor for kids at both Eau Claire and Fred Wells. He is a multiple-time Special Olympics State and Area Championships volunteer and served as a ball kid for many years at the USTA Northern

# Stingleys

Named USTA National

# Family of the Year

Women's Professional Tournament and other events in the area. He advanced to the state tournament in high school and played college tennis at UW-Eau Claire where he was the Most Valuable Player in 2013. He has played USTA Junior and Adult Tournaments, USTA Leagues and Jr. Team Tennis. He also was the winner of the Kevin Ales Community Service Award in high school.

Oldest son, Marc, has been a member of the USTA Northern Collegiate, Jr. Team Tennis and Junior Competition Councils since 2003. He has volunteered for Special Olympics, St. Paul Urban Tennis, InnerCity Tennis and Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center events over the years. He served as a tennis instructor for St. Paul Urban Tennis for eight years, was a collegiate coach for four years and is the girls coach at The Blake School. He is a USTA Northern Tournament Director and ran the Section's first-ever 10 and Under Tournament. He has coached 12 USTA Northern junior Zonal teams, has hosted countless USTA events at both the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center and Life Time Fitness and oversaw the completion of the first permanent 60-foot court in the Section. Marc was a top-ranked junior player in the Section and played college tennis at Winona State. He has played adult tournaments and USTA Leagues and was a member of the 2009 4.5 Men's National Champions. He is one of only 30 people in the world who holds a PTR Master of Tennis Certification and was named the 2008 PTR Member Minnesota Member of the Year, the 2009 USTA Northern Jr. Team Tennis Organizer of the Year and the 2009 Ward C. Burton Junior Development Coach of the Year.

Marc's wife, Lisa, was a transportation and player host for the USTA Northern Women's Professional Tournament for seven years. She has volunteered for Tennis & Fitness Camps and organized Pro-Ams and other special events at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center. She was the Silent Auction Coordinator for the Minnesota Tennis Challenge and has assisted for St. Paul Urban Tennis fundraisers. She has played USTA League Tennis since 1998 and has served as a captain since 2005. She served as the coordinator of the Women's Daytime League at Fred Wells, has volunteered for USTA Northern and played both Daytime League and Adult Tournaments.

Marc and Lisa's daughter, Langston (7), is a beginning tennis player and always willing to lend a hand at the variety of tennis events she attends with her family.

The Stingleys are the sixth USTA Northern Family to win the Ralph W. Westcott Award following in the footsteps of the **Huether Family** in Sioux Falls, S.D. (2011), the **Walz Family** of Aitkin, Minn., (2009), the **Champlins** of Wayzata, Minn. (1998), the **Gregor Family** of Wayzata, Minn. (1996), and the **Riley Family** of Edina, Minn. (1995).



## LIFE TIME FITNESS - LAKEVILLE WINS USTA *Outstanding Facility* AWARD

**Life Time Fitness – Lakeville** in Lakeville, Minn. was one of 12 winners of the 33rd Annual USTA Facility Awards Program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country. Life Time Fitness – Lakeville was honored August 30 at the USTA Semi-Annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

An industry leader in both junior and adult tennis, Life Time Fitness – Lakeville hosts 22 USTA tournaments annually, and was one of the first private clubs to paint blended lines on all 12 courts. Just five years old, Life Time Fitness - Lakeville was also named the USTA Northern Member Organization of the Year in 2013.

"Life Time Fitness – Lakeville has embraced many of our initiatives, including youth tennis utilizing 36- and 60-foot courts, introducing thousands of new players to the sport each year," said **Kurt Kamperman**, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "It is outstanding tennis facilities like Life Time Fitness – Lakeville that help us grow the game at the grassroots level, and for that reason and so much more, we are



proud to recognize Life Time Fitness – Lakeville for its ongoing impact and contribution to the sport of tennis."

To be considered for an award, facilities must be under the jurisdiction of a parks and recreation department, an educational institution, a non-profit corporation, or private or commercially owned and operated facilities that offer both USTA and public programming designed to help grow tennis.

Facilities were judged upon the following criteria: overall layout and adaptation to site; excellence of court surface and lights; ease of maintenance; accommodations for players, spectators and press/officials; aesthetics; graphics (including the use of signs and landscaping); amenities such as casual seating for spectators, food services and social areas; and the facilities' participation in USTA programs. Each of the winning facilities was praised for implementing USTA initiatives like youth tennis utilizing 36' and 60' courts.

## Bahram Akradi and InnerCity Tennis Honored By *Tennis Industry Magazine*

**Bahram Akradi**, the founder, president and CEO of the Life Time Fitness chain of clubs, was named Person of the Year and InnerCity Tennis earned Community Tennis Association of the Year for 2014 by *Tennis Industry* magazine as part of its "Champions of Tennis Awards," which honors people, businesses and organizations dedicated to improving the sport and business of tennis.

Life Time Fitness, which is based in Chanhassen, Minn., currently operates 113 fitness facilities in the U.S. The company went from \$1 million in revenues in 1992 to \$1.3 billion today, says Akradi. Importantly for tennis, Life Time Fitness has more than 200 courts at 20 locations, including 128 indoor courts, making it the largest operator of indoor tennis courts in the U.S.

"Under Bahram Akradi's leadership, Life Time Fitness has been extremely committed to helping the sport of tennis grow," says **Peter Francesconi**, the editorial director for *Tennis Industry*, the world's largest tennis trade magazine ([www.tennisindustrymag.com](http://www.tennisindustrymag.com)). "The company has been investing in tennis for years, and it's hit on a formula that provides top-notch facilities, amenities and programs for its tennis players. Mr. Akradi considers the sport to be an important component for a healthy and fit lifestyle, and that's a key to growing tennis in the U.S."

"I love the sport," says Akradi, who plays a few times a week. Akradi

says he's hoping to work more with the U.S. Tennis Association "to build a program where we can sponsor and pay for kids on a regular basis. I really want Life Time to impact tennis in America in a big way."

Founded in 1952, **InnerCity Tennis** initially helped young people with limited means thrive physically, emotionally and socially within the game of tennis. More than 60 years later, the program is still going strong, as ICT serves nearly 4,000 youngsters with free and low-cost programming, using tennis as a vehicle to develop world-class citizens.

ICT delivers a wide variety of tennis and academic programming, including summer tennis at 23 city parks; free indoor lessons during the winter; Academic Creative Engagement (ACE), an accredited out-of-school time curriculum for grades 3-5 supporting academic achievement, health/wellness and social/emotional skills; adaptive tennis; and Cities Academy, a comprehensive tennis training system for kids of all ages and abilities. In recent years, ICT has expanded its focus in serving the entire tennis community after the purchase of the Reed Sweatt Family Tennis Center, servicing an average of 3,500 adults and juniors a week.

"InnerCity Tennis offers opportunities for all players, both on and off the court," says **Maiysha Warren**, USTA National Manager of Community Tennis Associations. "It is a model organization and continues to grow the game by positively impacting the lives of all it touches."





# 2014 *Award Winners*



**Albert Teeter**  
**Adult Sportsmanship Award**  
*Barb Livick (New Brighton, Minn.)*



**Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award**  
*Boys: Colton Johnson Taylor (Apple Valley, Minn.)*  
*Girls: Jessie Aney (Rochester, Minn.)*



**Family of the Year**  
**The Fridinger Family (White Bear Lake & Woodbury, Minn.)**  
*(Tom, Ellen, Steve, Beth, Evan, Caleb, Luke)*



**Bob Larson Media Excellence Award**  
*Implex's Qwikcast.TV*  
*(Minneapolis, Minn.)*



**Rocky Rockwell**  
**Grassroots Official Award**  
*Tony Stingley (St. Paul, Minn.)*



**Jack Dow**  
**Adult Development Award**  
*Brian Davies (Rochester, Minn.)*



**USTA League**  
**Captain of the Year**  
*Paul Dalton (St. Paul, Minn.)*



**USTA League**  
**Captain of the Year**  
*Kelly Stordahl (Shakopee, Minn.)*



**Ward C. Burton**  
**Junior Development Award**  
*Danny Kantar (Minneapolis, Minn.)*



**Wolfenson/Ratner**  
**Community Service Award**  
*Jessie Daw (Aberdeen, S.D.)*



**USTA Northern President's Award**  
*Jeff Baill (Wayzata, Minn.)*



**USTA Northern Ace Award**  
*Cory Haugen (Savage, Minn.)*



**Frank Voigt**  
**Pro of the Year Award**  
*Glenn Allsop (Minnetonka, Minn.)*



**Member Organization of the Year Award**  
*InnerCity Tennis (Minneapolis, Minn.)*



## THE NEW North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Unveiled

### South Dakota Hall of Fame Inducts Two

The North Dakota Tennis Association inducted seven inaugural members into its newly-created North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 21, at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks, N.D. Choice Health and Fitness is the permanent home of the new Hall.

The seven distinguished members making up the Class of 2014 included long-time coach and community tennis leader **Robert "Bob" Cordova** (Bismarck, N.D.), tennis playing legend **Larry Dodge** (Fargo, N.D.), tennis advocate **Warner McNair** (Fargo, N.D.), tournament player and high school coach **Sandy Wald-Clooten** (Bismarck, N.D.), standout competitor **Phil Wooledge** (Fargo, N.D.) and coaching legends **Tim Wynne** (Grand Forks, N.D.) and **Tom Wynne** (Grand Forks, N.D.).

- ▶ **Robert "Bob" Cordova** has been a tennis leader in the Bismarck and Mandan communities for many years serving as a player, coach, teacher, volunteer and community tennis organizer.
- ▶ **Larry Dodge** is arguably the best player to come out of North Dakota before relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area in the late '60s. 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.
- ▶ **Warner McNair** and his family were involved in Fargo and North Dakota tennis for well over 80 years and the Island Park Tennis Courts in Fargo are dedicated in his name.
- ▶ **Sandy Wald-Clooten** is a local league and adult tournament player. She has been ranked number one in USTA Northern and has represented North Dakota in many national tournaments including the National State Games of America where she brought home nine gold medals.
- ▶ **Phil Wooledge** of Fargo was the 1929 North Dakota State High School Champion at Fargo Central High School before winning the Northwestern Interscholastic Championship at the young age of 15 in 1930. He was the youngest champion ever of the tournament and was the first non-Minnesotan to take home the title. He won the event again in 1931, and finished the year as the No. 1-ranked junior player in the Section and 10th nationally.
- ▶ **Tim Wynne**, a native of Grand Forks, has been playing tennis for over 45 years. He began his high school career playing for Grand Forks Central, where he placed second in doubles at the North Dakota State High School Tournament. Wynne played collegiately at the University of North Dakota and was a four-year letterwinner from 1974-77. Wynne is currently the Tennis

The North Dakota Hall of Fame celebrated its ribbon cutting on June 21, 2014.



Coordinator and Head Teaching Professional at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks where he has been the head pro for 30-plus years.

- ▶ **Tom Wynne** was a four-year tennis letterwinner at the University of North Dakota. He was the North Central Conference's No. 1 singles champion in 1976, and was runner-up in 1975 and 1977. He also qualified for the NCAA national tournament in 1977. After graduating in 1978, Wynne became UND's men's and women's tennis coach and is a tennis professional at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks.

### Jordre and Fishback Inducted Into South Dakota Hall of Fame

Aberdeen's **Terry Jordre** and **Bob Fishback** of Brookings were inducted into the 2014 South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Sunday, July 27, at the McKennan Park tennis complex in Sioux Falls during the Asfora/Clayton SD Adult Open tennis tournament.

Jordre (left) is one of the top all-around athletes ever to be inducted. A top prep basketball and tennis player out of Corona, S.D., Jordre won every conference singles and doubles tennis title at Northern State in Aberdeen. He and partner **Gerald Sayler** formed one of the top tennis doubles teams in S.D. for 47 years.

Fishback is well known for his commitment to playing and supporting tennis throughout South Dakota, but particularly in Brookings. Still actively competing at age 78, Fishback's leadership and contributions in Brookings led to the construction of the Hillcrest Courts tennis complex during the 1970's.

The 2014 SD Tennis Achievement Award went to two long-time high school tennis coaches who together served their schools for over 50 years; **Gayle Klein** of Mitchell High School and **Tim Mulhair** of Yankton High.







## 2014 A YEAR TO REMEMBER FOR ALEXIS NELSON

After winning the USTA Girls 18s Winter Nationals in Arizona and earning finalist honors at the Girls 16s International Orange Bowl Tournament in Plantation, Fla., in December of 2013, **Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) was on top of the world. That feeling continued throughout 2014, when on February 1 she became the No. 1 ranked 16-year old in the United States and the first junior girl from USTA Northern to hold that distinction.

She then was one of six junior girls nationwide invited to the USTA Player Development Fed Cup Camp February 5-9 in Cleveland, Ohio. The camp was held in conjunction with the 2014 Fed Cup tie against Italy and was led by USTA National coaches **Kathy Rinaldi** and **Jamea Jackson**. Nelson had the opportunity to drill, watch the



matches and interact with the United States Fed Cup team.

In March, Nelson (right) teamed with **CiCi Belles** to win the doubles title at the Orlando Open, her first professional win. The duo won four matches en route to the title defeating **Sally Peers** of Australia and **Natalia Pluskota** of the United States in the finals 6-2, 0-6, 11-9.

Nelson also claimed many local titles including the women's crown at the 2014 Aquatennial and Lakeville Opens, as well as winning

the singles and the doubles title at the 2014 USTA Girls 18s Open Regional at Baseline Tennis Center in Minneapolis. She also earned finalist honors in singles at the 2014 US Open National Qualifier at Baseline Tennis Center.

## Eric Butorac Earns Finalist Honors At Australian Open; Becomes ATP Players Council President

Rochester native and former Gustavus Adolphus player **Eric Butorac**, and his partner **Raven Klaasen** of South Africa, earned finalist honors at the 2014 Australian Open Men's Doubles championships. The duo lost to **Lukasz Kubot** of Poland and **Robert Lindstedt** of Sweden 6-3, 6-3 in the finals, after defeating the Bryan Brothers in the third round.

Butorac and Klassen continued their winning ways in Memphis, Tenn., defeating the Bryan Brothers again, and Stockholm, finishing 2014 with a 33-25 record and a No. 9 world ranking in doubles. Individually, Butorac was 20<sup>th</sup>, equaling his previous year-end high ranking in 2011.

Butorac also took over as the President of the ATP Players Council in 2014, serving on the council since 2008.



Romania, when **Gallovits-Hall** had to retire at 4-4 in the first set. She also won nine matches and earned finalists honors in the Girls 18s draw at the prestigious 2014 International Orange Bowl Tournament in Plantation, Fla., in December.

## Jessie Aney, Hunter Heck Win Doubles Titles At Winter Nationals

Congratulations to **Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.) and **Hunter Heck** (New Brighton, Minn.), who won doubles titles at the 2014 USTA Winter Nationals in Scottsdale and Tucson, Ariz., respectively. **Aney** won the Girls 18s division with partner **Christina Rosca** of Princeton, N.J. **Aney** and **Rosca**, who were the No. 3 seed, defeated **Samantha Hampton** (Vancouver, Wash.) and **Bess Waldrum** (Portland, Ore.) in the finals 6-2, 6-4. **Heck** (left) and partner **Karl Lee** (Los Gatos, Calif.) won six matches en route to the Boys 12s doubles crown. **Heck** and **Lee**, who were the third seed, overcame **Billy Suarez** (Huntington, N.Y.) and **Aidan Mayo** (Roseville, Calif.) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the finals. **Heck** also was fourth in the Boys 12s singles event, while **Aney** took home the consolation title in Girls 18s.



## Ingrid Neel Wins First Professional Tournament

**Ingrid Neel** (Rochester, Minn.) won the WTA's \$10,000 Amelia Island Women's Championships Singles title – her first professional title – in September defeating former WTA touring professional **Edina Gallovits-Hall** of





## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

### David Nash Wins European Senior Clay Court Title; Leads U.S. In Presidents Cup, Gordon Trophy

**David Nash** (Bloomington, Minn.) and partner **Richard Johnson** (St. Louis, Mo.) won the 65 doubles title at the European Super Senior Clay Court Championships in Portshcach, Austria, defeating third-seeded **Peter Markstorfer** of Germany and **Horst-Dieter Van De Loo** of Germany 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (1).

**Nash** also represented the United States at the 2014 Gordon Trophy in London, Ontario, helping lead the United States over Canada 31-9 by going undefeated in play. He later played in the Presidents Cup against France. The United States won 14-9, led by **Nash's** two victories in doubles in Nice, France.

Northern's **Curtis Wright** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) also played in the Gordon Cup, winning all three of his matches in the men's 50s division.



*David Nash (l) and Richard Johnson*



### Benton Bourget Wins 18s Intermediate National Sportsmanship Award

**Benton Bourget** (Eau Claire, Wis.) was named the overall winner of the 18s Intermediate Sportsmanship Award at the 2014 Junior Team Tennis National Championships in Cayce, S.C. Bourget followed in the footsteps of his sister, **Devon**, who won the 14s Intermediate Sportsmanship Award at Nationals in 2012.

### Mimi Rye Wins Arthur Ashe Essay Contest

**Marion "Mimi" Rye**, 12, of Minneapolis, Minn., and the InnerCity Tennis program, was one of 10 winners of the 16th Annual NJTL **Arthur Ashe** Essay Contest sponsored by the USTA Foundation. The 10 winners were selected out of close to 2,600 entries submitted.

Rye received a round-trip airfare to New York City for her and her mother; a two-night stay at the Grand Hyatt 42nd Street; tickets to New York's critically acclaimed theatrical show "THE RIDE"; a Circle Line Liberty Cruise sightseeing tour where she saw the Statue of Liberty; and VIP status in the President's Box during the 2014 **Arthur Ashe Kids' Day** at the USTA **Billie Jean King** National Tennis Center where she met Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe.

The weekend wrapped up with an awards luncheon, hosted by former New York City Mayor and USTA board member **David Dinkins**, where she received an honorary plaque.







## JUNIORS

**Boys' 18 Singles:** Charlie Adams d. Mohaned Al Houni 62 64

**Boys' 16 Singles:** Nick Beaty d. Kaleb Dobbs 75, 63

**Boys' 14 Singles:** Sebastian Vile d. Jack Barker 63 63

**Boys' 12 Singles:** Gavin Young d. Joe Mairs 60 64

**Boys' 18 Doubles:** Manfred Barrios - Greg Wischer d. Joey Richards - Noah Sprinkel 98 (5)

**Boys' 16 Doubles:** Charlie Adkins - Chuck Tang d. Rajadurai Arul - Sujit Chhugani 82

**Boys' 14 Doubles:** Nick Aney - Sebastian Vile d. Jack Barker - Ben Wheaton 82

**Boys' 12 Doubles:** Joe Mairs - Gavin Young d. Alec Sargent - Josh Christensen 81

**Girls' 18 Singles:** Alexis Nelson d. Jessie Aney 62 63

**Girls' 16 Singles:** Isabella Lambert d. Hayley Haakenstad 63 36, retired (inj.)

**Girls' 14 Singles:** Meghan Brown d. Francesca Trella 61 61

**Girls' 12 Singles:** Nore Ann Heinitz d. Karin Young 64 26 10(10)

**Girls' 18 Doubles:** Jessie Aney - Alexis Nelson d. Kylie Boyer - Kelly Yang Walkover (ill.)

**Girls' 16 Doubles:** Natalie Lorentz - Sophia Reddy d. Samantha Czarnecki - Chloe Hall 84

**Girls' 14 Doubles:** Meghan Brown - Anna Letto d. Lauren Ferg - Monterey Knewtson 86

**Girls' 12 Doubles:** Nore Ann Heinitz - Karin Young d. Taylor Gill - Aili Hietala 84

## ADULTS

**Men's Open Singles (Hard):** Wyatt McCoy d. Jesse Ruder-Hook 62 60

**Men's Open Singles (Indoor Summer):** Tony Larson d. Raoul Schwark 62 61

**Men's Open Singles SF (Indoor Winter):** Adrians Zguns d. Tony Larson 61 64

**Men's 50 Singles (Clay):** Curtis Wright d. William Prest 63 61

**Men's 50 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Tim Theisen d. Lan Vu 62 64

**Men's 60 Singles (Hard):** Jack Olwell d. Dave Spilseth 26 64 10(8)

**Men's 60 Singles (Clay):** Vern Larsen d. Bruce Westrum 63 62

**Men's 60 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Rick Picard d. Mark Osborne 60 61

**Men's 65 Singles (Clay):** Dave Spilseth d. Todd Meltzer 61 62

**Men's 70 Singles (Hard):** Jerry Artz d. Bob Busch 75 64

**Men's 70 Singles (Clay):** Steve Champlin d. Jerry Artz 64 64

**Men's 70 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Jerry Artz d. David Parker 64 64

**Men's 75 Singles (Indoor Summer):** William Robertson d. Hamlet Peterson 63 60

**Men's Open Doubles (Clay):** Nick Crossley - Kevin Whipple d. Mohaned Al Houni - Nicholas Edlefsen 36 75 75

**Men's Open Doubles (Hard):** Nick Crossley - Josh Heiden d. John Kauss - Mark Tiu 75 75

**Men's Open Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Tony Larson - Grant Leisner d. Mohaned Al Houni - Mitchell Elofson 61 36 75

**Men's Open Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Farris Gosea - Sam Sweeney d. Omer Abramovich - Ishay Hadash 61 64

**Men's 35 Doubles (Hard):** Brian Brown - Neil Radermacher d. Fred Budde - Kenneth Cychosz Wo(inj)

**Men's 45 Doubles (Hard):** Martin Barba - Fernando Zuliani d. Fred Budde - Kenneth Cychosz 64 57 64

**Men's 50 Doubles (Clay):** William Prest - Curtis Wright d. Fred Budde - Randy Crowell 62 64

**Men's 55 Doubles (Hard):** Fred Budde - David Pettengill d. Timothy Butorac - Kent Stadum 61 64

**Men's 60 Doubles (Clay):** Thomas Boice - John Shannon d. Tim Burke - David Mathews 63 64

**Men's 70 Doubles (Clay):** Bob Busch - Tom Fridinger d. Jerry Artz - Wally Malewicz 46 75 10(7)

**Men's 70 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Bob Busch - David Parker d. Jerry Artz - Wally Malewicz 75 61

**Women's Open Singles (Hard):** Jessie Aney d. Alexis Nelson 63 75

**Women's Open Singles (Indoor Summer):** Sidney Dirks d. BriAnn Anderson 60 61

**Women's Open Singles (Indoor Winter):** Alexis Nelson d. Heather Nobler 63 62

**Women's 45 Singles (Clay):** Pam Boorsma d. Andrea Candlin 64 63

**Women's Open Doubles (Hard):** Kelsey Frechette - Ingrid Neel d. Suzie Heideman - Kathryn Monson 62 63

**Women's Open Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Madeline Johnson - Alexis Nelson d. Kara Johnson Bender - Marina McCollom 61 62

**Men's 3.0 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Kyle Syverson d. Craig Kuberski 75 63

**Men's 3.0 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Robert Stuart d. Joe McRae 46 63 10(7)

**Men's 3.5 Singles (Hard):** Kartik Srikumar d. Mark Christiansen 61 36 10(6)

**Men's 3.5 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Daniel Holland d. Ryan Pietsch 63 61

**Men's 3.5 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Aaron Johnson d. Keith Hill 60 61

**Men's 4.0 Singles (Hard):** John Janssen d. Michael Long 64 64

**Men's 4.0 Singles (Indoor Summer):** John Janssen d. Brandon Kuether 75 62

**Men's 4.0 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Abhik Mitra d. Michael Green 63 60

**Men's 4.5 Singles (Hard):** Michael Stahl d. Anantha Santhanam 75 57 10(8)

**Men's 4.5 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Josh Knutson d. Michael Stahl 61 76(5)

**Men's 4.5 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Dylan Sperry d. Kamran Ahrar 63 63

**Men's Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Jeffrey Ek - Andrew Pettus d. Taras Karkoc - Stefan Lucyk 63 67(3) 63

**Men's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Jerry Bruzek - Scott Fitzgerald d. Daniel Holland-Michael Torres 64 64

**Men's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Don Crofut - Jon Tretsvan d. Doug Brown - David Sullivan 62 60

**Men's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Brandon Kuether - David Kuether d. John Brekken - Michael Torres Wo(inj)

**Men's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Scott Quiring - Steven Quiring d. Dennis Labajo - Jeff Olmsted 62 64

**Men's Combined 9.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Tom Olmscheid - Aaron Rosenbery d. Charlie Klein - David Schiltz 67(5) 64 10(6)

**Women's 3.0 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Galena Rosenberg d. Lindsay Stang 64 63

**Women's 3.5 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Jane Mills d. Linette Ramsay 62 64

**Women's 3.5 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Linette Ramsay d. Jane Hill 64 61

**Women's 4.0 Singles (Indoor Summer):** Kelly Bergen d. Mia Robillos 46 63 64

**Women's 4.0 Singles (Indoor Winter):** Mia Robillos d. Vanessa Sexton 61 62

**Women's Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Christine Horton - Michelle Nauertz d. Heather Legris - Brittany Price 61 61

**Women's Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Ronna Johnson - Melonie Sebring d. Jennifer Kelly - Elizabeth Olig 63 36 10(7)

**Women's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Laura Abraham - Jane Mills d. Stephanie Ness - Linette Ramsay 64 75

**Women's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Corinne Hoffmann - Jessica Tillotson d. Laura Abraham - Michelle Brennan 64 60

**Women's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Virginia Kuberski - Jill Thompson d. Corinne Hoffman - Jessica Tillotson 62 61

**Women's Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Jane Mills - Vanessa Sexton d. Shannon Brinkman - Tammy Tegler 64 16 10(3)

**Mixed Open Doubles (Hard):** Nick Crossley - Ingrid Neel d. Josh Heiden - Christin Tiegs-Heiden 61 62

**Mixed Open Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Michelle Schwark - Raoul Schwark d. Sidney Dirks - Mitchell Elofson 61 61

**Mixed Open Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Joel Kielbowicz - Heather Nobler d. Omer Abramovich - Hayley Haakenstad 63 64

**Mixed Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Barb Brown - Doug Brown d. Michele Fredrickson - Jov Tuplano 76(2), 67(4) 63

**Mixed Combined 6.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Aaron Johnson - Ronna Johnson d. Amy Sullivan - David Sullivan 62 62

**Mixed Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Craig Kuberski - Virginia Kuberski d. David Cross - Elizabeth Schaeffer 64 64

**Mixed Combined 7.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Andrew Pettus - Jessica Tillotson d. Eric Johnson - Janice Ring 64 62

**Mixed Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Corinne Hoffmann - Dennis Labajo d. Daniel Holland - Jessica Tillotson 76(3) 62

**Mixed Combined 8.0 Doubles (Indoor Winter):** Corinne Hoffmann - Dennis Labajo d. Eric Johnson - Lynn Sosnowski 46 62 10(11)

**Father Son Doubles (Clay):** William Stark - David Stark d. Drew Fernelius - Hunter Fernelius 46 61 63

**Parent Child Doubles (Indoor Summer):** Brandon Kuether - David Kuether d. Annika Elvestrom - Sheryl Elvestrom 61 60



The 2014 USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Section Championships were July 28-August 1 at the Baseline Tennis Center on the University of Minnesota campus. The event opened with the 14s Advanced and Intermediates July 28-29, followed by the 18s Advanced and Intermediates on July 30-31 and the 10s and 12s on August 1. In all, 78 teams participated at the JTT Section championships and over 700 kids. Congratulations to all the team and individual winners.

### 14s Advanced and Intermediate Championships

**Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** repeated as Section Champions in the 14s Advanced division. **Bloomington South** finished the round-robin flight with 145 total games won. **Los Casamenteros** from Baseline Tennis Center was second with 141 total games.

**Life Time Fitness - Fridley** won the 14s Intermediate title defeating **Life Time Fitness - White Bear** in the finals 34-24.

**Bloomington South** and **Fridley** advanced to the JTT National Championships October 16-19 in Cayce, S.C.



14 Advanced Champs: LifeTime Fitness – Bloomington South



14 Intermediate Champs: Life Time Fitness – Fridley



18 Advanced Champs: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center



18 Intermediate Champs: Twin City Tennis Camps

## JTT SECTION *Champions & Sportsmanship* WINNERS

### 18s Advanced and Intermediate Championships

**Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** and **Twin City Tennis Camps** won the 18s Advanced and Intermediate titles, respectively. Both teams advanced to the 2014 JTT National Championships in Cayce, S.C., in October, along with **That One Team** from the Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center, who won the True 2nd title in the Intermediate Division and received a wildcard.

**Fred Wells** defeated **Twin City Tennis Camps Gold** in the Advanced finals 32-17, while in the Intermediate Division, **Twin City Tennis Camps** defeated the **St. Paul Urban SPUTniks** 34-30. In the True 2nd match, **Eau Claire** beat the **SPUTniks** 40-24.

### 10s and 12s Championships

**St. Paul Urban Tennis** won the 12s Advanced, while **GreatLife Woodlake** took home the Intermediate title at the 2014 USTA Northern JTT 12s Section Championships. **SPUT** defeated **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** in the finals 28-23, while **GreatLife** beat **East Ridge** 31-14 in the intermediate draw.

In the 10s Division, **Life Time Fitness - White Bear** and **Wayzata Country Club** won their individual brackets.





12 Advanced Champs: **St. Paul Urban Tennis**



12 Intermediate Champs: **GreatLIFE Woodlake**



10 and Under Champs: **Life Time Fitness – White Bear**



10 and Under Champs: **Wayzata Country Club**

**Sportsmanship is a big focus at the Junior Team Tennis Section Championships and these individuals were recognized by other coaches and players for being the best of the best both on and off the court:**

**18s Advanced:** **Olivia Keelin** (Fargo), **Mark Johnson** (Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center)

**18s Intermediate:** **Rachel Rosemore** (Team Speed), **John Webb** (Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South)

**14s Advanced:** **Luke Hietala** (Longview), **Meredith Benson** (GreatLife Woodlake)

**14s Intermediate:** **Katie Mulvey** (Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center), **Raef Eddins** (St. Paul Urban)

**12s Advanced:** **Riley Eddins** (St. Paul Urban), **Vunissa Vu** (St. Paul Urban)

**12s Intermediate:** **Peyton McConkey** (Brainerd), **Ben Hoyt** (Wayzata Country Club)

**10s:** **Elliott Gage** (Wayzata Country Club), **Julia Swanson** (White Bear Yacht Club)



*Olivia Keelin*



*Peyton McConkey*



*Luke Hietala*



*Katie Mulvey*



*Vunissa Vu & Riley Eddins*



*Raef Eddins*



*Mark Johnson*



*Elliott Gage*



## Minnesota Wins 11th Straight Tennis On Campus Title



The **University of Minnesota** won its 11th straight title at the 2014 USTA Northern Tennis On Campus Section Championship March 2 at Life Time Fitness in Lakeville, Minn. Minnesota is the only team to ever win the USTA Northern Tennis on Campus title.

**Minnesota A** defeated **Minnesota B** in the finals 27-19, but it was the semifinals which almost ended **Minnesota's** streak. The Gophers narrowly defeated **North Dakota State B** 24-19. **NDSU** was leading 15-12 after women's doubles, but **Minnesota** won men's singles 6-1 and mixed doubles 6-3 to pull out the win. Members of the **Minnesota A** squad included Alex Miller, Jessie Edwards, Allison Malmsten, Omar Shahed, Matt McNutt, Ugonna Ojajuku, Subi Katie, Dan Cooper, Jeff Adolf and Katie Mattson.

**North Dakota State A** finished third after defeating **NDSU B** 30-14. The Bison also earned a bid to the Tennis on Campus National Championships for the eighth consecutive year. Members of the **North Dakota State** team at Nationals included Taylor Ronnei, MacKayla Headlee, Brett Hultgren, Jaden Wirrenga, Erin Swanberg, Ben Uecker, David Russell and Zoe Houle.

**Winona State** won the consolation title 30-12 over **Valley City State**, while **Gustavus Adolphus** was the Team Spirit winner.

## Minnesota Places 29th and NDSU 54th at Nationals

The **University of Minnesota** placed 29th, while **North Dakota State** was 54th at the 2014 Tennis on Campus National Championships in Surprise, Ariz. Minnesota finished pool play 2-1, advancing to the Silver bracket, while NDSU was 0-3 and played in the Copper draw. In bracket play, Minnesota was 1-3, falling to Boston College, Cornell and Oklahoma and defeating Western Washington. North Dakota State was 2-2 in bracket play after defeating Saginaw State and James Madison and losing to Delaware and Gonzaga.

## Kyle Ballard Wins Organizer of the Year for Getting River Falls Program Started

Congratulations to **Kyle Ballard** of Wisconsin-River Falls as he was named the 2014 USTA Northern Tennis On Campus Organizer of the Year. Ballard, a senior, was the main person behind getting the first-year program off the ground.

"It feels really good to be recognized for all the work I did getting the club started," Ballard said. "I really appreciate being honored by the USTA (Northern)."





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# NATIONAL Championships

Congratulations to the following teams who placed in the Top Four at USTA League National Championships. The Northern **Men's 18 and Over 5.0+** team and the **Men's 55 and Over 7.0** team placed third, while the **55 and Over 6.0** squad and the **9.0 18 and Over Mixed** team finished fourth.

The **5.0+ men**, captained by **Adam Altepeter**, finished third at the 2014 USTA League National Championships in Indian Wells, Calif. Northern opened the tournament by going 4-0 in round-robin play, defeating Southern California Wildcard 2-1, Southern 2-1, Florida 2-1 and Mid-Atlantic 3-0, winning two third-set match tiebreakers. Northern then fell in the semifinals to the Southern Wildcard team 2-1, before defeating Intermountain 2-1 for third place. The Southern team that Northern defeated in round-robin play went on to win the championship, defeating the wildcard team from Southern 2-1. Members of Altepeter's team from Baseline Tennis Center in the Twin Cities included former Gophers **Raoul Schwark, Julian Dehn, Sion Wilkins, Mikey Kantar** and **Michael Sicora** and **Hamish Weerasinghe, Danny Kantar, Eduard Svenda** and **John Kuntz**.

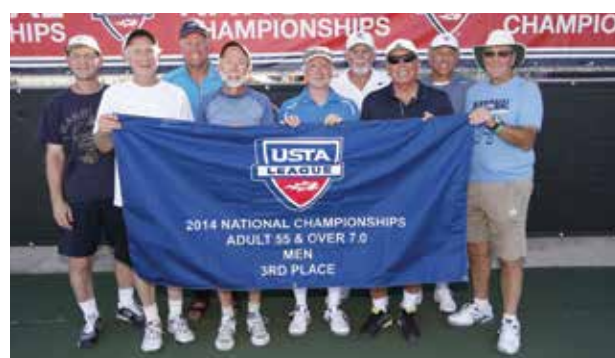
The **7.0 55 and Over** men from St. Paul Academy in the Twin Cities, captained by **Eric Narvaez** and **Peter Haan**, finished third overall at the 2014 USTA League National Championships in Surprise, Ariz.. Northern won its flight 2-1 after taking the matches-won tiebreaker 7-6 against Middle States and 7-5 versus Caribbean. Northern beat Caribbean 3-0, then lost to Middle States 2-1 before beating Mid-Atlantic 3-0. In the semifinals, Northern lost to eventual champion Southern 2-1. In the third-place match, Northern defeated Southern California 2-1, winning a third-set match tiebreaker in the deciding match. Members of the team included **Narvaez, Haan, Thomas Peterson, James Drahos, Mark Holte, Cary Bowers, Richard Iverson, John Jerlow, Gary Simpson, Daniel Whalen, Randy Sanders, Robert Lang, William Reuland** and **Don Conroy**.

The **55 and Over 6.0** men, also captained by **Narvaez** and **Haan**, finished fourth overall after winning its round robin 4-0. Northern defeated Northern California, Pacific Northwest and Southern California 3-0 and Intermountain 2-1. In the semifinals, Northern fell 2-1 to Florida, losing a third-set match tiebreaker at the #2 doubles position. In the third-place match, Northern lost two more third-set tiebreakers in falling to Pacific Northwest 2-1. Members of the team included **Narvaez, Haan, Drahos, Joseph Spolidoro, Steven Schwartz, Robert Ehrich, Mark Duthow, Holte, Petersen, Jeffrey El, Jeff Sutphen** and **Richard Branstner**. Florida beat Southern for the championship 2-1.

The **9.0 18 and Over** mixed doubles team captained by **Megan Cooper** and **Marti Estey** from St. Paul Indoor Tennis Center in the Twin Cities, placed fourth at the USTA League National Championships in Tucson, Ariz. Northern went 3-0 in its round-robin flight, defeating Eastern, Caribbean and Hawaii 2-1. Northern then lost to Intermountain 2-1 in the semifinals and fell 3-0 to Mid-Atlantic in the third-place match. Members of the team included **Cooper, Estey, Erin Humphrey, Steve Warch, Carl Engstrom, Amanda Hiatt, Jane Booth-Tobin, Paul Spors, Victor Kovac, Nicole Love, Patrick Van Fleet, Michelle Olson, Helen Klass-Warch, Maalik Konop-DeFreitas** and **David Warden**. Southern California defeated Intermountain 2-1 for the championship.



*Men's 18 and Over 5.0+*



*Men's 55 and Over 7.0*



*Men's 55 and Over 6.0*



*Mixed Doubles 18 and Over 9.0*





## LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS

### 18 and Over Adult



2.5 Women – Rochester (Captains: Emily Eiten, Magdalena Geske)



3.0 Men – Twin Cities Captains (Jov Tuplano, Michael Larson)



3.0 Women – Rochester (Captains: Sara Gettman, Finola O'Sullivan)



3.5 Men – Rochester (Captains: David Schaffner, Steve Soltis)



3.5 Women – Twin Cities (Captain: Kathleen Geherin, Katie Hollerman)



4.0 Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Dominick Bush)



4.0 Women – Twin Cities (Captains: Karen Wick, Patrice Meger)



4.5 Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Neil Radermacher)



4.5 Women – Twin Cities (Captain: Dana Beck)



5.0+ Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Adam Altpeter)





## 40 and Over Adult



3.0 Women – Rochester (Captain Sharon Chambers)



4.0 Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Dave Malek)



3.5 Women – Twin Cities (Captain: Carol Thies)



4.5+ Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Neil Radermacher)



4.0 Women – Twin Cities (Captains: Terri Blando, Becky Johnson)



7.0 Women – Twin Cities (Captains: Carol Rothe, Linda Burns)



4.5+ Women – Twin Cities (Captain: Ann Eliason)



8.0 Women – Twin Cities (Captain: Deborah Day)



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



6.0 Men – Twin Cities (Captains: Eric Narvaez, Peter Haan)





## LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS



7.0 Men – Twin Cities (Captains: Eric Narvaez, Peter Haan)



8.0 Men – Twin Cities (Captain: Paul Dalton)



9.0 Men – Twin Cities (Blake Skarnes)

### 18 and Over Mixed Doubles



6.0 Mixed – Twin Cities  
(Captain: Carl Bigby)



7.0 Mixed – Twin Cities  
(Captain: Sarah Foley)



8.0 Mixed – Twin Cities (Captain: Tyler Krumholz)



9.0 Mixed – Twin Cities (Captains: Megan Cooper, Marti Estey)

### 40 and Over Mixed Doubles



6.0 Mixed – Twin Cities (Captains: Eric Narvaez, Carol Thies)



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



7.0 Mixed – Twin Cities (Captain: Jeanne Ewen)



9.0 Mixed – Twin Cities (Captains: Elizabeth Hurlbert|Greg Garrity)





## ONE Doubles



3.0W - Twin Cities  
(Nikki Piersak, Linette Ramsay, Julie Damico, Laura Bellendier)



3.0 M - Twin Cities  
(Taras Karkoc, Stefan Lucyk)



3.5 W - Washburn  
(Betty Swiston, Elizabeth Erickson)



3.5 M - Twin Cities  
(Eric Narvaez, Dan Whalen, Noah Lipschultz, Fadil Dobraca)



4.0 W - Rochester  
(Kelsey Jenson, Kelly Krajnik, Amy Cass)



4.0 M - Twin Cities  
(Dominick Bush, Mark Ciccarella, Brad Reichuber)



4.5 W - Twin Cities  
(Megan Newbauer, Erin Humphrey, Paige Stradley)



4.5 M - Twin Cities  
(Justen Seim, Rick Slachta)



## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### Girls 12s

Aili Hietala	Duluth, Minn.	89
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### Girls 14s

Kylie Mullaney	Edina, Minn.	83
Meagan Brown	Elk River, Minn.	94

### Girls 16s

Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie, Minn.	48
Isabella Lambert	Excelsior, Minn.	74

### Girls 18s

Jessie Aney	Rochester, Minn.	4
Alexis Nelson	St. Paul, Minn.	31

### Boys 12s

Hunter Heck	New Brighton, Minn.	9
Gavin Young	Apple Valley, Minn.	20
Joe Mairs	Edina, Minn.	30

### Boys 14s

Sebastian Vile	Rochester, Minn.	63
Davis Lawley	Fargo, N.D.	94

### Boys 16s

Jackson Allen	Shakopee, Minn.	86
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### Boys 18s

Charlie Adams	Wayzata, Minn.	90
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9	Kevin Shan	Madison, SD
10	Varun Iyer	Rochester, MN
11	Hunter Roseth	Lakeville, MN
12	Petro Alex	Arden Hills, MN
13	Kevin Daniel	Rochester, MN
14	Wil McDowell	Sioux Falls, SD
15	Ryan Frost	Eden Prairie, MN
16	Michael Cao	Shoreview, MN
17	Karthik Papisetty	Plymouth, MN
18	Nick Aney	Rochester, MN
19	Cade Damgaard	Sioux Falls, SD
20	Mark Pepperl	Eau Claire, WI

### Boys 16s Combined Rankings

1	Jackson Allen	Shakopee, MN
2	Kaleb Dobbs	Sioux Falls, SD
3	Jake Kuhlman	Grand Forks, ND
4	Charlie Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
5	Ben Ingbar	Minneapolis, MN
6	Samuel Hochberger	Maple Grove, MN
7	Carter Mason	Eden Prairie, MN
8	Nikita Snezhko	Plymouth, MN
9	Sahil Chhugani	Rochester, MN
10	Ben van der Sman	Woodbury, MN
11	Rajadurai Arul	Shakopee, MN
12	Alexander Exsted	Savage, MN
13	Austin Anderson	White Bear Lake, MN
14	Elliot Hartwig	Sioux Falls, SD
15	Aanik Lohani	Edina, MN
16	Sean Kelly	Lakeville, MN
17	Davis Lawley	Fargo, ND
18	Jack Barker	Crosslake, MN
19	Jake Trondson	Vadnais Heights, MN
20	Jason Howard	Rochester, MN

### Boys 18s Combined Rankings

1	Charlie Adams	Wayzata, MN
2	Nicholas Beaty	Wayzata, MN
3	Gregory Wischer	Grand Forks, MN
4	Toby Boyer	Ham Lake, MN
5	Jesse Sprinkel	Minneapolis, MN
6	Zachary Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
7	Nathaniel Ackert	Sioux Falls, SD
8	Joshua Gearou	Zimmerman, MN
9	Aaron Goodman	Minneapolis, MN
10	Alexander Exsted	Savage, MN
11	Brady Kenyon	Grand Forks, ND
12	Joey Richards	Eden Prairie, MN
13	Jackson Allen	Shakopee, MN
14	Chuck Tang	Rapid City, SD
15	Brady Ballweber	West Fargo, ND
16	Eshan Varma	Eagan, MN
17	Mohanad Al Houni	Golden Valley, MN
18	Jonah Salita	Minnetonka, MN
19	Zachary Ekstein	Eagan, MN
20	Daniel Wheaton	Excelsior, MN

### Girls 12s Combined Rankings

1	Aili Hietala	Duluth, MN
2	Karin Young	Apple Valley, MN
3	Nore Ann Heinitz	Duluth, MN
4	Nicole Snezhko	Plymouth, MN
5	Liv Hovde	North Oaks, MN
6	Ashley Tarrolly	St. Cloud, MN
7	Taylor Gill	Wayzata, MN
8	Lauren Splett	Mahtomedi, MN
9	Arlina Shen	Eden Prairie, MN
10	Shaelyn Johnson	Grand Forks, ND
11	Isabelle Exsted	Savage, MN
12	Vunnisa Vu	Maplewood, MN
13	Josefina Trella	Eden Prairie, MN
14	Alexandria Von TerschPohrer	Minneapolis, MN

15	Johana Brower	Sioux Falls, SD
16	Zoe Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
17	Nicole Ridenour	Minneapolis, MN
18	Ava Leonard	Sioux Falls, SD
19	Sonia Baig	Minneapolis, MN
20	Sonya Ramesh	Rosemount, MN

### Girls 14s Combined Rankings

1	Kylie Mullaney	Edina, MN
2	Meagan Brown	Elk River, MN
3	Lainey Axell	Plymouth, MN
4	Madeline Suk	Minnetonka, MN
5	Ellen Puzak	Minneapolis, MN
6	Samantha Nichols	St. Paul, MN
7	Francesca Trella	Eden Prairie, MN
8	Eesha Varma	Eagan, MN
9	Jessica Marmorstein	Rochester, MN
10	Lauren Ferg	Eagan, MN
11	Anna Letto	Excelsior, MN
12	Allison Brzezinski	Eagan, MN
13	Monterey Knewtson	Fargo, MN
14	KatelynTarrolly	St. Cloud, MN
15	Taylor Jackson	Savage, MN
16	Olivia Paradise	St. Paul, MN
17	Abbie Kelm	Bemidji, MN
18	Cecilia Obetz	Minneapolis, MN
19	Grace Riermann	Stillwater, MN
20	Meredith Benson	Sioux Falls, SD

### Girls 16s Combined Rankings

1	Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie, MN
2	Isabella Lambert	Excelsior, MN
3	Libby Rickeman	Wayzata, MN
4	Zoe Klass-Warch	St. Paul, MN
5	Jordan Kopfer	Eagan, MN
6	Savanna Crowell	Savage, MN
7	Natalie Lorentz	St. Louis Park, MN
8	Lainey Axell	Plymouth, MN
9	Grace Goble	Rapid City, SD
10	Kylie Mullaney	Edina, MN
11	Taylor Jackson	Minneapolis, MN
12	Taylor Tarrolly	St. Cloud, MN
13	Samantha Czarnacki	Sioux Falls, SD
14	Catherine Lindsay	Eau Claire, WI
15	Lexy Ronning	Sioux Falls, SD
16	Olivia Paradise	St. Paul, MN
17	Francesca Trella	Eden Prairie, MN
18	Samantha Nichols	St. Paul, MN
19	Meagan Brown	Elk River, MN
20	Mia Davis	Burnsville, MN

### Girls 18s Combined Rankings

1	Jessie Aney	Rochester, MN
2	Alexis Nelson	St. Paul, MN
3	Caitlyn Merzbacher	Eden Prairie, MN
4	Summer Brills	Mounds View, MN
5	Hayley Haakenstad	Chanhassen, MN
6	Malini Wijesinghe	Apple Valley, MN
7	Jane Fraley	Edina, MN
8	Zoe Lindbloom	Wayzata, MN
9	Kelly Yang	Plymouth, MN
10	Kylie Boyer	Rochester, MN
11	Taite Drews-Jones	Minneapolis, MN
12	Lori Ahuja	Lakeville, MN
13	Mical Johnson	Canton, SD
14	Morgan Brower	Sioux Falls, SD
15	Taylor Jackson	Minneapolis, MN
16	Jordan Kopfer	Eagan, MN
17	Berkley Darr	Sioux Falls, SD
18	Annika Teske	Elk River, MN
19	Taylor Tarrolly	St. Cloud, MN
20	Sophie Farmer	Eden Prairie, MN

## USTA NORTHERN RANKINGS

### Boys 12s Combined Rankings

1	Hunter Heck	New Brighton, MN
2	Gavin Young	Apple Valley, MN
3	Joe Mairs	Edina, MN
4	Bjorn Swenson	North Oaks, MN
5	Justin Bobo	Rochester, MN
6	Sujit Chopuri	Minneapolis, MN
7	Luke Little	Minneapolis, MN
8	Ryne Reger	Edina, MN
9	Jonathan Nudler	Plymouth, MN
10	Christo Alex	Arden Hills, MN
11	Alec Sargent	Rochester, MN
12	Joshua Christensen	Rochester, MN
13	Luke Westholder	Edina, MN
14	Michael Yousef	Sioux Falls, SD
15	George Nottley	Lake Elmo, MN
16	Tharun Inturi	Shakopee, MN
17	Sean Martin	Chippewa Falls, WI
18	Kevin Turlington	Rochester, MN
19	Gage Gohl	Sioux Falls, SD
20	Michael Yousef	Sioux Falls, SD

### Boys 14s Combined Rankings

1	Sebastian Vile	Rochester, MN
2	Sam Dobbs	Sioux Falls, SD
3	Davis Lawley	Fargo, ND
4	Gavin Young	Apple Valley, MN
5	Hunter Heck	New Brighton, MN
6	Maxim Zagrebely	Eagan, MN
7	Joe Mairs	Edina, MN
8	Tristan Fjelstad	Bloomington, MN





### The following criteria was used in determining the 2014 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.

## SECTION

### Men's Open Singles

- |   |               |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Wessel Kemp   | Maple Grove, MN |
| 2 | Grant Leisner | Andover, MN     |
| 3 | Eric Gleason  | Saint Paul, MN  |

### Men's 35 Singles

- |   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Darcy Hanson | Wildrose, ND |
|---|--------------|--------------|

### Men's 45 Singles

- |   |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Robert Cordova | Mandan, ND   |
| 2 | Darcy Hanson   | Wildrose, ND |

### Men's 50 Singles

- |   |             |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Tim Theisen | Maple Grove, MN |
|---|-------------|-----------------|

### Men's 55 Singles

- |   |            |           |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 1 | Fred Budde | Eagan, MN |
|---|------------|-----------|

### Men's 60 Singles

- |   |              |               |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Vern Larsen  | Darwin, MN    |
| 2 | Mark Osborne | Shoreview, MN |

### Men's 65 Singles

- |   |               |                |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dave Spilseth | Wayzata, MN    |
| 2 | Todd Meltzer  | Eagan, MN      |
| 3 | Jerry Artz    | Saint Paul, MN |

### Men's 70 Singles

- |   |              |                 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Jerry Artz   | Saint Paul, MN  |
| 2 | David Parker | Minneapolis, MN |
| 3 | Bob Busch    | Edina, MN       |

### Men's 75 Singles

- |   |                   |                 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | William Robertson | Bloomington, MN |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|

### NTRP Men's 3.0 Singles

- |   |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Jov Tuplano     | Eagan, MN      |
| 2 | Christopher Gay | Saint Paul, MN |
| 3 | Craig Kuberski  | Saint Paul, MN |

### NTRP Men's 3.5 Singles

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|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Jerry Bruzek  | Burnsville, MN  |
| 2 | Andrew Pettus | Minneapolis, MN |
| 3 | Blake Luer    | Lakeville, MN   |

### NTRP Men's 4.0 Singles

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|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Michael Long  | Savage, MN      |
| 2 | John Janssen  | Edina, MN       |
| 3 | Michael Green | Minneapolis, MN |

### NTRP Men's 4.5 Singles

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|---|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | Michael Stahl | Minneapolis, MN  |
| 2 | Kamran Ahrar  | Lakeville, MN    |
| 3 | Josh Knutson  | Eden Prairie, MN |

### Men's Open Doubles

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|---|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Raoul Schwark      | Edina, MN |
|   | Hamish Weerasinghe | Edina, MN |

### Men's 35 Doubles

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|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Fred Budde         | Eagan, MN | Kenneth Cychosz | Apple Valley, MN |
| 2 | Christopher Morris | Hugo, MN  | Tony Walz       | West Fargo, ND   |

### Men's 45 Doubles

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|---|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Fred Budde | Eagan, MN | Kenneth Cychosz | Apple Valley, MN |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|

### Men's 50 Doubles\*

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|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | William Prest | Minneapolis, MN | Curtis Wright | Eden Prairie, MN |
| 2 | Fred Budde    | Eagan, MN       | Randy Crowell | Minneapolis, MN  |

### Men's 55 Doubles\*

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|---|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | David Pettengill | Rochester, MN | Fred Budde  | Eagan, MN      |
| 2 | Timothy Butorac  | Rochester, MN | Kent Stadum | Saint Paul, 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 70 Doubles

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|---|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | Wally Malewicz | Hamel, MN | Jerry Artz | Saint Paul, MN |
|---|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|

### NTRP Combined Men's 6.0 Doubles

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|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Michael Larson | New Prague, MN  | Jov Tuplano  | Eagan, MN       |
| 2 | Taras Karkoc   | Minneapolis, MN | Stefan Lucyk | Minneapolis, MN |

### NTRP Combined Men's 7.0 Doubles

- |   |               |                      |                   |                 |
|---|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Jerry Bruzek  | Burnsville, MN       | Scott Fitzgerald  | Saint Paul, MN  |
| 2 | Gautam Erande | Eden Prairie, MN     | Dennis Labajo     | Farmington, MN  |
| 3 | Dan Holland   | Columbia Heights, MN | Michael Torres    | Minneapolis, MN |
| 4 | David Cross   | Minneapolis, MN      | William Robertson | Bloomington, MN |

### NTRP Combined Men's 8.0 Doubles

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|---|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Timothy Magnuson   | Blaine, MN    | David Wareham  | Elk River, MN        |
| 2 | Phoukhine Soundara | Lakeville, MN | Robert Yeates  | Minneapolis, MN      |
| 3 | Morgan White       | Plymouth, MN  | Daniel Holland | Columbia Heights, MN |



## NTRP Combined Men's 9.0 Doubles\*

1	Aaron Rosenbery	Lakeville, MN
	Tom Olmscheid	Lakeville, MN
2	Charlie Klein	Prior Lake, MN
	David Schiltz	Lakeville, MN
3	Jon Tretsven	Maplewood, MN
	Nathan Tretsven	Maplewood, MN
3	Stan Walker	Minnetonka, MN
	Phil Brauer	Minnetonka, MN

## Women's Open Singles

1	Alexis Nelson	Saint Paul, MN
2	BriAnn Anderson	Waite Park, MN
3	Sidney Dirks	Madison Lake, MN

## Women's 35 Singles\*

1	Anita Henderson	Detroit Lakes, MN
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## Women's 45 Singles\*

1	Pam Boorsma	Minneapolis, MN
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## NTRP Women's 3.0 Singles

1	Heather Legris	Minneapolis, MN
2	Christine Horton	Prior Lake, MN
3	Kim Wolson	Golden Valley, MN

## NTRP Women's 3.5 Singles

1	Jane Mills	Minneapolis, MN
2	Linette Ramsay	Lakeville, MN
3	Laura Miller	Minneapolis, MN

## NTRP Women's 4.0 Singles

1	Mia Robillos	Minneapolis, MN
2	Virginia Kuberski	Saint Paul, MN
3	Jane Mills	Minneapolis, MN

## NTRP Women's 4.5 Singles

1	Kari Mack	Minneapolis, MN
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## Women's Open Doubles

1	Jamie Stoppler	Bismarck, ND
	Courtney Brackin	Bismarck, ND
1	Caitlin Cordova	Mandan, ND
	Cayla Cordova	Mandan, ND

## NTRP Combined Women's 6.0 Doubles\*

1	Jennifer Kelly	Minnetonka, MN
	Barb Brown	Hopkins, MN

## NTRP Combined Women's 7.0 Doubles

1	Jane Mills	Minneapolis, MN
	Laura Abraham	Lakeville, MN
2	Laura Espinosa	Minneapolis, MN
	Laura Meyer	Minneapolis, MN
3	Trish Sieh	Minneapolis, MN
	Carol Rothe	Edina, MN

## NTRP Combined Women's 8.0 Doubles

1	Virginia Kuberski	Saint Paul, MN
	Jill Thompson	Saint Paul, MN
2	Corinne Hoffmann	Plymouth, MN
	Jessica Tillotson	St Louis Park, MN

## Mixed Open Doubles

1	Michelle Schwark	Edina, MN
	Raoul Schwark	Edina, MN
2	Jaden Wirrenga	Bismarck, ND
2	Alicia Beck	Bismarck, ND

## NTRP Combined Mixed 6.0 Doubles

1	Doug Brown	Hopkins, MN
	Barb Brown	Hopkins, MN
2	Michele Fredrickson	Minneapolis, MN
	Jov Tuplano	Eagan, MN
3	Jennifer Kelly	Minnetonka, MN
	Michael Larson	New Prague, MN

## NTRP Combined Mixed 7.0 Doubles

1	Craig Kuberski	Saint Paul, MN
	Virginia Kuberski	Saint Paul, MN
2	Andrew Pettus	Minneapolis, MN
	Jessica Tillotson	St Louis Park, MN
3	Daniel Holland	Columbia Heights, MN
	Leah Bower	Minneapolis, MN
4	Andrew Pettus	Minneapolis, MN
	Yuliya Crevier	Minneapolis, MN

## NTRP Combined Mixed 8.0 Doubles

1	Corinne Hoffman	Plymouth, MN
	Dennis Labajo	Farmington, MN
2	Lynn Sosnowski	Eden Prairie, MN
	Eric Johnson	Victoria, MN
3	Daniel Holland	Columbia Heights, MN
	Jessica Tillotson	St Louis Park, MN

## NTRP Combined Mixed 9.0 Doubles\*

1	Nathan Parkin	Rapid City, SD
	Tsende Parkin	Rapid City, SD
1	Courtney Norman	Minneapolis, MN
	Mike Johnson	Minneapolis, MN
2	Kitri Jo Boser	Eau Claire, WI
	Matt Sem	Eau Claire, WI

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## Men's 35 Singles

50	Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN
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## Men's 35 Doubles

32	Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN
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## Men's 50 Singles

91	Tim Theisen	Maple Grove, MN
161	Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN

## Men's 50 Individual Doubles

33	Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN
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## Men's 65 Singles

24	David Nash	Bloomington, MN
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## Men's 65 Individual Doubles

26	David Nash	Bloomington, MN
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## Women's 65 Singles

42	Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN
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## Women's 65 Individual Doubles

60	Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN
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## Women's 65 Team Doubles

35	Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN
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## Family Father-Son Doubles

88	Christopher Johnson	White Bear Lake, MN
	Van Johnson	White Bear Lake, MN
88	Kent Stadum	Saint Paul, MN
	Peter Stadum	Mahtomedi, MN





## Awards

► **Thomas Krueger** of Lincoln H.S. in Sioux Falls, S.D., was one of 14 high school coaches nationally named to the USTA's No-Cut All-Star team. Other finalists from the Section included **Terry Grove** (Roosevelt H.S., Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Suzie Heideman** (East Ridge H.S., Woodbury, Minn.), **Chad Larson** (Mitchell H.S., Mitchell, S.D.), **Jason Olson** (Stevens H.S., Rapid City, S.D.), and **Koua Yang** (Harding H.S., St. Paul, Minn.)



Thomas Krueger



Jenny Arnfelt

- **Jenny Arnfelt** (Minnetonka, Minn.) of the Shakopee Tennis Association was named the 2014 USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year.
- **Vic Youngs** (Fargo South H.S., Fargo N.D.) was one of five finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year Award.
- **Mickey Maule** (Wayzata, Minn.) was inducted into the 2014 Southern Illinois University Hall of Fame.
- USTA Northern League Player and long-time Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center volunteer **Jo Batty-George** (Minneapolis, Minn.) received the 2014 Breaking Barriers Award as part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.
- **Whitney (Paluch) Hanley** (Rapid City, S.D.) and **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, Wis.) were named the PTR South Dakota Member of the Year and USPTA Wisconsin Pro of the Year, respectively.
- USTA Northern Assistant Executive Director and Director of Junior Competition **Pat Colbert** celebrated 25 years with the organization on April 10.
- USTA Northern Board Member **Jessie Daw** (Aberdeen, S.D.) received the 2014 SDAHPRD Honor Award.
- USTA Northern Director of Community Tennis **Christine Nickels** was named the Positive Coaching Alliance of Minnesota's All-Star of the Month for December.

- **Ellie Puzak** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Lainey Axell** (Plymouth, Minn.) won the doubles championship at the Girls 14s Closed Regionals at Life Time Fitness - Lakeville.
- **Nick Beaty** (Wayzata, Minn.) won the Boys 18s singles title and **Jackson Allen** (Shakopee, Minn.) and **Kaleb Dobbs** (Sioux Falls, S.D.) won the Boys 16s doubles championships at the USTA Open Regionals in St. Louis, Mo.
- USTA Northern officials **Ron Jacobus Jr.** (Lakeville, Minn.), **Tim Kurtt** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Vyasachar Mohan** (Maplewood, Minn.) worked the 2014 US Open.
- Gustavus Adolphus' **Motasen Al Houni** (Golden Valley, Minn.) won both the singles and doubles titles at the USTA/ITA Men's Midwest Regionals in St. Peter, Minn.
- Former Edina High School player and current Claremont-Mudd Scripps sophomore **Caroline Ward** won the Small College Division III National Championship with partner **Katie Kuosman** and earned finalist honors in the National Super Bowl of Champions.
- **Wyatt McCoy** (Shoreview, Minn.) and **Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.) won the men's and women's singles titles, respectively, at the 2014 US



Wyatt McCoy



Jessie Aney

## On The Court

- **Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.) won a bronze ball at the Girls 18s National Clay Court Championships in Memphis, Tenn.
- **Paul McCallie** (Burnsville, Minn.) won both the singles and doubles championships at the 2014 USTA Boys 14s Closed Regional at Life Time Fitness - Lakeville. **Ben Ingbar** (Minneapolis, Minn.) was his doubles partner.



Ellie Puzak and Lainey Axell



## SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Open Northern Qualifying Championships at Baseline Tennis Center June 19-22 on the University of Minnesota campus. In mixed doubles, the team of **Heather Nobler** and **Zach Northey** (both of Lincoln, Neb.) won the championship. At the National Qualifying Tournament in New Haven, Conn., **Aney** lost to former touring pro **Jennifer Elie** in the first round and McCoy could not play due to injury.

- ▶ **Tony Larson** (Fridley, Minn.) and **Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) won the singles titles at the 2014 Canadian Pacific Aquatennial Tennis Classic presented by Lipton Tea & Honey in downtown Minneapolis. **Katie Wessman** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Nitooli Wilkins** (Burnsville, Minn.) won the women's doubles crown and **Wilkins** also claimed the mixed doubles title with her brother **Nazhone** (Burnsville, Minn.). In men's doubles, **Julian Dehn** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Reven Stephens** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) won.



*Tony Larson (right) won his third straight Aquatennial title and his sixth in the past seven years.*



*Former Gophers Reven Stephens and Julian Dehn earn their first men's doubles crown.*

- ▶ The **Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center** finished 11th in the Advanced Division, while **Twin City Tennis Camps** was ninth and the **Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center** was 10th in the Intermediate Division at the 18U Junior Team Tennis National Championships. At 14s Nationals, **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** placed seventh, while the **Life Time Fitness - Fridley** was 13th in Cayce, S.C.

**ko** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Nikita Snezhko** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Summer Schepper** (Princeton, Minn.), **Chuck Tang** (Rapid City, S.D.), **Taylor Jackson** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Taite Drews-Jones** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Oheneba Boateng** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Brianna Dorr** (Princeton, Minn.), **Kelsey Dorr** (Princeton, Minn.), **Brandon Schenck** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Jordan Schenck** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Ryan Schenck** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Kou Kevin Hang** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Brian Yang** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **La Vang** (St. Paul, Minn.).

## Volunteer Accolades

- ▶ Former USTA Northern President and Hall of Famer **Joan Baker** (Shorewood, Minn.), was once again named a Member At Large to the USTA National Board. USTA Northern Section Delegate **Roshan Rajkumar** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) and former President **Greg Lappin** (Chanhassen, Minn.) were named to USTA National Nominating Committee.
- ▶ The following USTA Northern volunteers were named to USTA National Committees for the 2015-16 term: **Margie Champlin** (Wayzata, Minn.) - Awards; **Carolyn Riley** (Minnetonka, Minn.) - Volunteer Development Council (Chair); **Marcia Bach** (Bloomington, Minn.) - Public Parks; **Joan Baker** (Shorewood, Minn.) - Budget; **Jeff Baill** (Wayzata, Minn.) - National Grievance (Vice Chair); **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, Wis.) - Junior Team Tennis; **Liz Hamburg** (Rapid City, S.D.) - Local Play & Competition; **Sue Gregor** (Wayzata, Minn.) - Membership (Chair); **John Niedfeldt-Thomas** (St. Paul, Minn.) - Leagues; **Tim Kurtt** (St. Paul, Minn.) - Officials; **Mike Goldammer** (Rosemount, Minn.) - Sportsmanship Task Force, Adult Implementation Group.
- ▶ Board Member **Justin Gaard** ran the NYC Marathon raising over \$3,200 for USTA Serves and USTA Northern as part of the "Run for the Cause."



*Justin Gaard*

## Scholarship Winners

- ▶ **Andrea Erdman** (Mankato, Minn.), **Thu Nguyen** (St. Anthony, Minn.), **Alexandra Howard** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) and **Whitney Erickson** (Spring Valley, Minn.) received USTA Foundation college scholarships. Erdman and Nguyen won \$8,000 USTA Serves College Education Scholarships, while Howard won the \$2,500 Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship and Erickson was honored with the \$1,000 College Textbook Scholarship.
- ▶ **Jill and Ella Langer** (Maple Plain, Minn.), **Rick and Noah Velasquez** (Owatonna, Minn.) and **Aparna Pemmaraju** and son **Anirudh Vadrevu** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the Mother's and Father's Day Tennis & Life Family Camps contests, winning scholarships to attend camp in July.
- ▶ The following junior players received scholarships from the Northern Tennis Foundation: **Evan Haglund** (Valley City, N.D.), **Christos Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Petros Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.); **Nicole Snezh-**

## Section Highlights

- ▶ USTA Northern had 11,751 members (4,737 juniors, 7,014 adults) and 215 organizational members as of December 31, 2014.
- ▶ USTA Northern had 10,848 League players in 2014. The Section also introduced a new Captains Reward program for League Captains in 2014.
- ▶ USTA Northern placed 614 people looking to play League tennis on teams, a 97% placement rate.
- ▶ USTA Northern had 4,284 total Adult Tournament and over 13,000 Junior Tournament registrations in 2014.
- ▶ USTA Northern developed the Swingle & Mingle Mixed Doubles Social Series with five events administered by the Section office staff.
- ▶ USTA Northern created a Millennial Task Force and ran five events specifically targeting those in the 18-35 years of age range.
- ▶ USTA Northern gave a total of \$17,032 in Community Tennis Grants, \$40,000 in Facility Assistance Grants, \$10,900 in equipment grants to schools and communities and \$2,546.25 in 10 & Under Blended Line





*Richfield H.S. was one of four schools who received a \$1,000 Adopt-A-Court Grant.*

Grants. USTA National awarded \$140,838.50 in Facility Assistance as well.

- ▶ 2,807 total Junior Team Tennis play registrations were processed in 2014 – an all-time high – and a 10 percent increase from 2013.
- ▶ 157 Kids' Tennis Clubs were registered in 2014.
- ▶ Sponsorship was up 3.3% in 2014.
- ▶ The Northern Tennis Foundation hosted its first Adopt-A-Team fundraiser, collecting over \$4,000 for the cause which was awarded to four high school teams in the Section.
- ▶ There are 43 registered officials in USTA Northern with over 800 assignments made in 2014.
- ▶ There are 45 Community Tennis Associations registered within the Section.
- ▶ Over 110 community tennis leaders, representing 53 unique organizations, attended the USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop, November 21-22 in Bloomington and St. Paul, Minn., to learn, share and be inspired about ways to grow tennis in their local communities. The theme of the workshop was "Play Your Way" and featured presentations from prominent speakers, including London-based 10 and Under Tennis expert **Mike Barrell** with evolve9, cooperative roundtable discussions, the Section Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, a Play It Forward Mixed Doubles social and much more.
- ▶ An anonymous benefactor donated \$5,000 to the **Park Rapids Tennis Association** in the memory of **John Mueller**. In addition to supporting the boys high school team, the gift will also be used to expand existing tennis programming in the area, as well as develop programs for those from lower income neighborhoods or with special needs.
- ▶ USTA Serves, the national charitable foundation of the USTA, awarded \$15,000 to InnerCity Tennis in Minneapolis, Minn., \$25,000 to St. Paul

Urban Tennis in St. Paul, Minn., and \$17,500 to the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center in St. Paul, Minn.

- ▶ The city of Williston, N.D., celebrated the grand opening of its new \$78 million, 236,000 square-foot recreation center – **Williston A.R.C.** – on March 28. The facility has four indoor tennis courts.
- ▶ **InnerCity Tennis** in Minneapolis was one of 10 NJTL programs nationwide to receive a \$10,000 grant from the USTA Foundation and the Coca-Cola Foundation for the implementation of the ACE (Academic Creative Engagement) Curriculum.
- ▶ **InnerCity Tennis** and **St. Paul Urban Tennis** were accepted into the USTA NJTL Capacity Building Program.
- ▶ **Crosslake, Minn.** celebrated the Grand Opening of its four new courts in June.
- ▶ **Golden Valley Park and Rec** in Golden Valley, Minn., added blended lines to the courts at Brookview, Lions and Wesley Parks in June.
- ▶ **Community Indoor Tennis Center**, now called the Huether Family Match Pointe, in Sioux Falls, S.D., celebrated its groundbreaking on September 16.



*Huether Family Match Pointe broke ground on its new facility in September*

- ▶ **PublicIndoorTennis.com** in Spring Lake Park, Minn., celebrated its Grand Re-opening on September 2. As part of the renovations, PublicIndoorTennis.com is only the third facility in the nation to have a skylight in their dome.



*USTA Northern Director of Community Tennis Christine Nickels helps open four new courts in Crosslake, Minn.*

- ▶ **GreatLIFE Woodlake Athletic Club** in Sioux Falls added 10U Blended Lines to their courts.
- ▶ **Glencoe-Silver Lake High School** (Minn.) celebrating their beautiful new 12-court tennis complex which includes lines for two additional stand-alone 36' courts that opened in September.



USTA Northern lost a number of passionate tennis people who helped promote and develop the game of tennis each and every day. They all served in different ways to grow tennis and will be greatly missed.

## Sha-Kym Adams, Minneapolis, Minn., 15

Sha-Kym Adams died by drowning on August 6, 2014. He was played football and tennis at Minneapolis South and was a long-time Tennis-2College participant at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center.

## Marmie Ankeny, Minneapolis, Minn., 99

Long-time tennis player and supporter **Marmie Ankeny** died April 12, 2014. Ankeny played tennis for over 95 years and was a member of the Senior Tennis Players Club and Minikhada Tennis Club. She played tennis three or four days a week well into her 90s. She was a tennis counselor at Lyman Lodge during her teenage years and a longtime supporter of her tennis-playing children and grandchildren.

## Adam DeGrood, Lakeville, Minn., 16

**Adam DeGrood** passed away on September 24, 2014. He played Junior Team Tennis and was a member of the Lakeville South High School team.

## Don Grebin, Sioux Falls, S.D., 82

USTA Northern Hall of Famer **Don Grebin** died on February 11, 2014 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Grebin was known as the "Godfather of Tennis in South Dakota." A champion tennis player in high school and college, he graduated from Washington High in 1950, and after completing his military service in 1953, attended Augustana College, graduating in 1956. He taught at Axtell Park Junior High for 36 years and coached tennis at Washington High for 12 years. He served as the city tennis director for 17 years, was co-director of the South Dakota Open for 15 years and was the pro at Westward Ho Country Club in the 1970's. He won 25 sanctioned amateur men's doubles titles, including nine state doubles titles and was named to the South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame in 1992, USTA Northern Section Hall of Fame in 2002 and Washington High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He also received Augustana's Lefty Olson Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

## Nancy Hart, Fargo, N.D., 65

Player and supporter **Nancy Hart** died on December 10, 2014. She was a member of the FM Tennis Patrons in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

## John Lilleberg, St. Paul, Minn., 54

Former Lilydale tennis pro and club manager, **John Lilleberg** played high school tennis at Henry Sibley H.S., played on the Normandale College nationals team before competing and coaching at Bethel College.

## Matthew Little, Minneapolis, Minn., 92

Long-time tennis player **Matthew Little** died January 26, 2014. He was a lifelong tennis player and a member of the Senior Tennis Players Club and the Martin Luther King Tennis Buffs. He was a leader of the NAACP and worked with political leaders and government agencies. He was elected five times to the Minnesota State Executive Committee, four times to the Democratic National Convention and another four times as an elector from Minnesota as part of the U.S. Electoral College. He received the Human Rights Award from the Minnesota Human Rights Commission, the Democratic Party's Hubert Humphrey Award and the Urban League Outstanding Civic Service Award. He received an honorary Doctorate Degree of Law from the University of Minnesota. He was married to **Lucille Bryant Little**, also an avid player and supporter of tennis.

## John Mueller, New Hope, Minn., 65

Renowned tennis player, coach and volunteer **John Mueller** passed away on January 9, 2014, after a long battle with diabetes. Mueller played number one singles at Augsburg College, before serving in the Army and then coming back to play in the top spot at St. Cloud State. He started his teaching career as the Tennis Director at Golden Valley Country Club, and later served as a tennis pro tennis director at the Northwest Athletic Clubs. He also was the boys and girls tennis coach at Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minn. He took tremendous pride in being the unofficial historian for the USTA Northern Hall of Fame, spending countless hours researching tennis players from the Section. He was a three-time chair of the Hall of Fame Committee and responsible for inducting a long-list of deserving male and female tennis players men and women from around the Section into the Hall.

## Lynda Schweich, Lakeville, Minn., 55

Passionate league player and captain **Lynda Schweich** succumbed to cancer on January 29, 2014. A 3.5 player, Schweich and her husband, Mark, played and captained on numerous adult, senior and mixed teams over the years, many winning Section championships and advancing to Nationals. She and Mark also played adult tournaments in the Twin Cities area.

## Patrick "Patches" Towle, Watertown, S.D., 53

Tennis supporter **Patrick M. "Patches" Towle**, passed away on April 27, 2014, in Fargo, N.D. Pat's passions in life were his wife, **Louise**, his boys and grandchildren, his brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews. He loved spending time with his friends, golfing, playing racquetball, basketball, tennis and boating.

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