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ON THE COVER

It was a year to celebrate as USTA Northern was named the 2017 USTA Section of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine.

President's Message



Looking back on my first year as President of USTA Northern, I see tremendous growth, achievement and change for our organization. We made great strides in fulfilling our mission of promoting and developing the game of tennis in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Northwestern Wisconsin for players of all ages and ability levels looking to find themselves in the game.

Several new initiatives were introduced in 2017 including the Stars & Trophies 10U Youth Progression Pathway, Team Northern, World Team Tennis, Net Generation, Tennis In Your Parks and a massive overhaul of our presence in the digital space with a new website (www.usta.com/northern) and a more personalized user experience through single sign-on capabilities. These new projects, in addition to continued success and growth with our core programs – USTA Leagues, Junior Tournaments and Section Infrastructure – led to USTA Northern being named the 2017 USTA Section of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine. We might be small in size, but we are mighty in what we can accomplish together, and I would personally like to thank our Board of

Directors, USTA Northern staff, volunteers, providers, members and others who make up our tennis “family.” It is because of you, and your commitment to the game, that we received this prestigious honor.

We are also in a period of organizational change with the departure of three key staff members for new opportunities last fall. We have already promoted **Rumeal Setts** to our new Manager of Officials, and are thrilled to announce the hiring of **Becky Cantellano** as the new Executive Director/CEO. Cantellano, who was the Director of Community Tennis for the Section from 2003-12, comes back after serving as the Executive Director of Saint Paul Urban Tennis the past six years. Still on the docket is the hiring of a new Director of Community Tennis in the spring. Please take a moment to welcome and share your thoughts with Rumeal and Becky.

With change comes opportunity, and we are excited about what the future holds with these new Section leaders in making Northern even stronger on a local, Section and National level.

See you on the courts!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Hamburg".

Liz Hamburg, USTA Northern President

DID YOU KNOW...

- Over 12,480 players competed in USTA Northern Leagues, a 6.3% increase from last year's record numbers. The Twin Cities was up 4% in 2017 and Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Bismarck and Rochester all saw impressive growth in their programs. ONE Doubles continued to attract new participants as 966 players played in gender-specific leagues - a 16% increase from 2016 – and another 260 played mixed leagues, up 20% from last year. Northern also enjoyed its highest League retention rate in history at 76% and placed over 827 new players on teams in 2017 through its Matchline service.
- The Tennis In Your Parks adult beginner program expanded from two to eight communities within the Twin Cities and had 279 people find themselves in the game - up 116% from last year. Northern trained 17 instructors and developed its own curriculum for the program, while branding and marketing the program to new audiences on social media.
- Continuing to fortify its junior pathway, USTA Northern introduced Stars & Trophies events, World Team Tennis and Team Northern.
 - ◆ Specifically for kids ages 7-10, 380 unique players participated in 127 Stars and Trophies events in 2017 earning virtual stars and trophies in preparation for the junior tournament circuit.
 - ◆ Northern boasted 5,500 unique junior tournament players in 2017 and had 12 kids ranked in the Top 100 of the country.
 - ◆ Team Northern featured 21 of the best 11-14 year olds in our Section who met eight times throughout the year and embarked on a three-day training trip at the USTA National Campus in Orlando where they learned from the nation's best coaches and Team USA professionals.
 - ◆ Team Tennis was enhanced with the introduction of World Team

Tennis to complement Junior Team Tennis. Over 116 teams – 68 which played at the Section Championships - and 1,179 players took part in the inaugural season of WTT, which allowed beginning and intermediate players ages 12-18 compete in a low stress environment with their friends. Junior Team Tennis had 111 teams and over 1,200 players participate, with Life Time Fitness – Fridley's 14U Advanced team placing fifth at Nationals.

- The Section and USTA National provided over \$115,000 of support to under resourced organizations and individuals including \$16,360 in Community Tennis grants, \$2,000 for blended lines, \$6,000 in equipment grants, over \$64,000 in Facility Assistance Funding and \$30,000 in youth scholarships. USTA Northern also continued its partnership with Youthprise, raising funds for the Urban Youth Tennis and Education Fund, while the Play It Forward campaign exploded with the Section donating over 500 racquets, 100 pair of shoes, clothing, grips, balls and more to underserved high school programs. New for 2017 was Northern's partnership with Twin Cities in Motion in sponsoring a running team at the Twin Cities Marathon and raising over \$10,000 for the Serving Up Love initiative, and the creation of the Tony Stingley Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship.
- Northern solidified its infrastructure by doing 15 on-court trainings for over 220 tennis deliverers and participated in 10 different diverse festivals. The Section also ran a wheelchair tennis program, held tennis clinics at the VA Medical Center and ran the Special Olympics Area and State Games. For the second consecutive year, Northern delivered its Tennis Para Todos Hispanic/Latino program in schools and parks in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Richfield, Minn.

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USTA Northern Named 2017 Section of the Year



USTA Northern was named the USTA Section of the Year for 2017 by *Tennis Industry* magazine in the publication's January 2018 issue as part of its 17th annual "Champions of Tennis" awards which honors people, businesses and organizations dedicated to improving the sport and business of tennis.

Several new programs were introduced for all ages and ability levels within USTA Northern in 2017, beginning with the Stars & Trophies 10U Youth Progression Pathway for ages 7 to 10. Team Northern was a new high performance program for ages 11 to 14, while World TeamTennis gave beginning and intermediate youth ages 12 to 18 more competitive opportunities with their friends. Tennis in Your Parks offered lessons for beginning adults or those returning to the game, while Matchline has placed 827 new players in USTA League teams over the past three years. Outreach events included Girls & Women in Tennis and Net Generation Forums.

"We are honored to be recognized as the 2017 USTA Section of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine," USTA Northern president **Liz Hamburg** said. "We might be small in size, but we are mighty in what we are able to do in growing and developing the game of tennis with all people in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and NW Wisconsin."

Ajay Pant Named 2017 Person of the Year

Life Time National Tennis Director **Ajay Pant** was named the 2017 "Person of the Year" by *Tennis Industry* magazine. Pant, who is based at Life Time's headquarters in Chanhassen, Minn., oversees the tennis and racquet sports business. Currently, of Life Time's 129 locations, 26 offer tennis, but that number is expected to increase in 2018. The company is the largest operator of indoor tennis facilities in the United States.



Ajay Pant

Pant's history and influence in the sport runs deep. He is one of only 10 tennis teaching professionals in the world designated as a Master Professional by the two main teaching organizations, the Professional Tennis Registry and the U.S. Professional Tennis Association. A sought-after industry presenter, he also is a longtime volunteer with the USTA and has been instrumental in key developments for bringing more youngsters into tennis.

Izabella Edin Named PTR Newcomer of the Year

Izabella Edin, of Staples, Minn., was named the 2017 Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) National Newcomer of the Year. The high school senior joined the organization as a PTR on Campus Member in 2016 and was certified in two PTR education pathways — a feat she accomplished in just four days.



Izabella Edin (Middle)

"We see a great future ahead for Izabella," said PTR CEO **Dan Santourm**. "We are proud she chose PTR for her tennis coaching education and certification."

The PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,600 members in 127 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such organization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

Jackson Allen and Isabella Lambert Named To USTA National Leadership Team

Jackson Allen (Shakopee, Minn.) and **Isabella Lambert** (Minnetonka, Minn.), were two of 32 juniors nationwide named to the USTA National Junior Leadership Team which recognizes America's finest junior tennis players who exhibit leadership, sportsmanship and character on and off the court. Former Northern player **Paul McCallie**, now of Norcross, Ga., was also named to the team.



Isabella Lambert and Jackson Allen

Allen is a multiple-time Section champion and had been ranked #1 in USTA Northern for all age groups. He was a doubles semifinalist at the Boys 16s in Kalamazoo, Mich., won the Minnesota Class AA Boys Singles Championship in 2016 and currently plays at the University of Minnesota. Allen gives back to the game on multiple levels including working as a Junior Team Tennis intern at USTA Northern, an instructor at the Shakopee Tennis Association and as a Team Northern mentor.

Lambert finished her career ranked #2 in the Section and in the top

Awards

100 nationally after winning the 2016 Minnesota Class AA Singles Championship and the Girls 18s Section title in 2017. She has been ranked in the top 10 of the Section her entire junior career and won the USTA Northern Girls 16s Section Championship in 2014. She won the Girls USTA Northern Level 4 Sportsmanship Award for Girls 18s in January. She has played Junior Team Tennis over the years and is currently playing at the University of Minnesota. Academically, Lambert has been a member of the A Honor Roll and volunteers at a local homeless shelter.

Huether Family Match Pointe Named USTA Facility of the Year



Lydia Healy accepts the USTA Outstanding Facility Award on behalf of Huether Family Match Pointe.

Huether Family Match Pointe in Sioux Falls, S.D., was one of 12 winners in the 36th annual USTA Facility Awards program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country. Huether Family Match Pointe was honored at the Next Generation: A Tennis Innovation Workshop in Orlando, Fla.

The Huether Family Match Pointe facility boasts six indoor tennis courts in one location, something the Sioux Falls community of 175,000 has not had in more than 20 years. As the only public, non-profit facility in the area, no membership is required in order to use the courts or participate in the facility's programs. Huether Family Match Pointe attendees span a wide range of ages, offering youth lessons, adult lessons and drills, leagues and tournaments while also hosting collegiate matches, high school matches, youth play days and youth outreach programming.

"Great tennis facilities like Huether Family Match Pointe help us to grow the game at the grassroots level, and we are proud to recognize them for their ongoing impact on the sport of tennis," said **Kurt Kamperman**, USTA Chief Executive Community Tennis and the USTA National

Campus. "Huether Family Match Pointe has embraced many of our tennis initiatives and kept the sport at the forefront of its community each year."

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

Dan James Named USOC Paralympic Coach of the Year

Former head coach for Team USA's Paralympic tennis team and wheelchair tennis ambassador **Dan James** of St. Paul, Minn., was honored by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) for his outstanding contributions made to the sport of tennis at the 2017 US Open. James had served as the head coach for the Paralympic tennis team for the last 17 years, and most recently coached professional wheelchair tennis players **David Wagner** and **Nick Taylor** to medal finishes at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Wagner earned a bronze in quad singles, and the duo took home the silver in quad doubles. A native of Northfield, Minn., who now is the Executive Director of the Positive Coaching Alliance in Seattle, became the USTA's national manager of Wheelchair Tennis in 2003, and served as tournament director for the US Open Wheelchair Competition starting in 2005. During his career, James has coached five U.S. Paralympic teams and was an integral part in exposing wheelchair tennis to a wider audience. His passion for the game brought him to more than 30 countries, coaching teams on six continents. James has also served on the International Tennis Federation's Wheelchair Tennis Advisory Panel for 11 years. He was named the Wheelchair Champion of the Year by *Tennis Industry Magazine* in 2016 and was named the ITF Coach of the Year in 2011.

"Dan James' work with wheelchair tennis players, as an administrator and a coach, has made the sport more visible in the U.S.," said **Martin Blackman**, USTA Player Development General Manager. "He has inspired hundreds of wheelchair athletes not only around the country, but the world."



2017 USTA Northern Award Winners



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Marit Swenson, North Oaks, Minn.
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Albert Teeter
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Kamran Ahrar, Lakeville, Minn.



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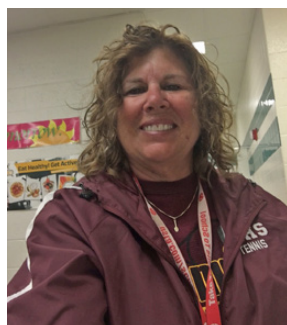
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Community Service Award
Neal Hagberg, Minneapolis, Minn.



Junior Team Tennis
Organizer of the Year Award
Clay Sollenberger, Fred Wells Tennis &
Education Center, St. Paul, Minn.



USTA Northern Member
Organization of the Year
Mission Township, Minn.



USTA No-Cut Coach All-Star Team
Wendy Hastings, Menomonie High
School, Menomonie, Wis.



ACE Award
Christine Nickels
St. Louis Park, Minn.



President's Award
Kathy Lundberg
Minneapolis, Minn.

Timothy Burke, Brent Frueh Selected to USTA Northern Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Timothy Burke** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Brent Frueh** (Rochester, Minn.), who were inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame on November 17 at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, Minn. The duo became the 107th and 108th members of the Hall of Fame which is housed at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center.

Timothy Burke Minneapolis, Minn.

Originally from Rochester, Minn., Burke, who started teaching tennis at age 16, earned finalist honors in doubles at the state tournament for Mayo High School. He played two years at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., where he was the MIAC singles and doubles champion in 1970. Burke then transferred to the University of Minnesota and played for the Gophers in 1972.

After graduating from the U, Burke joined the Peace Corps as an English teacher in Africa. Burke was named the National Tennis Coach for Nigeria, leading them to a gold medal at the All-African Games in 1973.

He returned to the Twin Cities, serving as the Director of Adult and Junior Camps at Carleton College and the Minneapolis Tennis Club before becoming co-director at the Richfield Teaching Center with current USTA Northern Hall of Famer **Greg Lappin**. There he created a program called Adult STP, similar to today's Cardio Tennis, offering pre- and post-performance testing for its participants.

During this time, Burke started wheelchair tennis in the Section,

coaching 30 players between 1983-93. He was the head of wheelchair tennis for both the USPTA Northern Division and USTA Northern and served as Twin Cities National Wheelchair Team head coach, as well as the personal coach of nationally-ranked player **Scott McNiese**. He was the tournament director of the wheelchair division at the National Public Parks Championships and won a gold ball in the Stand-Up/Sit-Down Division. He still works today with USTA Northern's wheelchair programs at Sister Kenny in Minneapolis.

Burke has served as the head pro at Normandale Tennis Club and Minnesota Tennis Camps at Baseline Tennis Center and was an assistant coach at Bethel University from 2008-12. He also worked with former Minnesota state high school champions **Dusty** and **Toby Boyer** and has been a volunteer coach at Harding and Humboldt High Schools in St. Paul and Minneapolis Southwest High Schools. Currently, he is a teaching professional at Life Time Fitness Fridley and Assistant Girls Varsity coach at Minneapolis Southwest High School with fellow USTA Northern Hall of Famer **Susie Neet**.

A member of the USTA for over 50 years and the USPTA, Burke served as a USPTA Northern Division Board Member for 35 years, including as President, and was a member of the USPTA National Nominating Committee. He was named the USPTA Northern Division Pro of the Year in 2004 and led the USTA Northern "Tennis Across America" campaign in the 90s.

An avid USTA League and Adult Tournament player and captain, Burke has won six League section championships and was a member of the USTA Northern 50 & Over League National Championship team in 2004. He won the National Public Parks doubles title in 1984 and 1990, the USTA Northern 35s Doubles Section title (1985), as well as a gold medal in doubles and a silver medal in singles at the 2015 National Senior Games.

Burke's reach is still worldwide as he returned to Cape Town, South Africa, in both 2012 and 2015 teaching tennis to four different low-income townships in the area and donating tennis racquets to these communities. He is a published author and accomplished speaker, penning *The Strategy Circle*, and presenting at a number of conferences in the Section.

Burke and his wife, **Shelia Hickey** of South Bend, Ind., have two daughters, **Anna** and **Maggie**, and two grandsons **JJ** and **Charlie**.

Brent Frueh Rochester, Minn. (originally from Minot, N.D.)

Frueh was born and raised in Minot, N.D., where he started playing tennis as a sophomore in high school. He played collegiately at Minot State University before transferring to the University of North Dakota in 1987, where he walked on the team. He finished his collegiate career, winning conference championships in singles and doubles, as well as leading his team to the conference title in 1989.



Brent Frueh and Timothy Burke

After graduation, Frueh moved to Bismarck, N.D., where he worked as the Facility Manager at Capital Racquet and Fitness Center and also was responsible for the tennis program for Bismarck Parks and Recreation. While at Capital Racquet and Fitness, tennis participation exploded with over 400 kids playing in summer tennis programming. Frueh introduced a United States Tennis Association (USTA) pilot program called Rallyball and designed the first "mini tennis court" in the United States at Sertoma Tennis Courts in Bismarck, putting the city on the tennis map nationally and well before the 10 and Under Tennis phenomenon hit the United States. He also ran a tennis carnival with over 200 participants annually and organized the tennis community to march in the Annual Band Day Parade. For the parade, Frueh created a moving tennis court that went down the streets of Bismarck while volunteers handed out free tennis racquets with directions on where to find tennis programming to kids along the parade route.

He also coached the girls tennis team at Bismarck Century High School from 1990-2001. During that time, they became a powerhouse in the West Region of the state and were a regular fixture at the state championships. Century won state titles in 1997 and 2001 and had a 115-match western North Dakota dual match winning streak before Frueh left in 2001.

A USPTA and PTR certified coach and a USTA High Performance

Coach, Frueh moved to the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn., in 2001, and was promoted to the facility's General Manager in 2012. In his career, he has coached over 20 junior players to state championships in both Minnesota and North Dakota.

He also has been a long-time volunteer with USTA Northern, serving on its Board of Directors from 1995-2012. In 2009-10, he was the Section's President. He has served on the USTA National level where he completed four terms on the Junior Competition Committee and has been a member of three USTA Presidential Task Forces.

For his efforts, Frueh was a four-time North Dakota High School Coach of the Year and a national finalist for High School Tennis Coach of the Year in 2001. He also earned the USTA National Eve Kraft Community Service Award and the USTA Northern Community Service Award in 1999. In 2002, Frueh and the Rochester Athletic Club staff received the USTA Northern Ward Burton Junior Development Award. He was named the PTR Newcomer of the Year Award (2000), the USPTA Northern Division Community Service Award winner (2004) and USPTA Pro of the Year (2009). He was inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame in 2016.

Frueh is married to **Shari** and they have two children, **Emily** and **Eric**. Eric played tennis at the University of Minnesota and was a member of the 2015 Big Ten Championship team.

ND & SD Halls of Fame Induct New Members



David Geatz

David Geatz, originally of Grand Forks, N.D., and **Terry Paukert**, also of Grand Forks, N.D., were inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Saturday, June 24, at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks as part of the China Garden Open.

Geatz, who is currently the head coach at the University of Pennsylvania, was born and raised in Grand Forks. He played tennis at Red River High School from 1972-75, where he was a member of the state championship team in 1973. He also won the state doubles title with partner **Rich Dahlen** that year and was the North Dakota state singles champion in 1974 and 1975. He finished his high school career with a 104-3 record, with the three losses coming his freshman season. The next three years, he won 90 straight matches and was named to *Sports Illustrated's* Faces in The Crowd in 1975. He was later inducted into the Grand Forks Red River High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

He went on to play college tennis at the University of New Mexico where he earned all-conference honors in 1979, and won the conference doubles title with partner **Jess Bec-Mueller** that same year. After college, he played professionally in Europe where he won eight tournaments.

After earning his degree in University Studies from New Mexico in 1981, Geatz returned to his alma mater as the head men's tennis coach from 1983-88, leading his team to a Top 20 ranking and

earning Western Athletic Conference and NCAA Regional Coach of the Year honors.

Geatz then served as head coach of the University of Minnesota men's program from 1988-2006. During his tenure, the Gophers won five Big Ten championships and compiled a 45-match winning streak in conference play. He was a three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year and earned NCAA Regional Coach of the Year accolades once. His teams appeared in 12 straight NCAA Championships, and were



Terry Paukert

ranked as high as #10 nationally. He also coached All-American **Harsh Mankad**, who was ranked #1 in the nation in singles.

After leaving the Gophers, Geatz served as the Director of Tennis at the Hong Kong Country Club in Hong Kong, before returning to the collegiate ranks as the Associate Head Coach at Ohio State in 2007-08. He was then hired as the men's head coach at Cornell in 2008, and in 2009, coached both the men's and women's teams at Cornell until being hired as the Albert G. Molloy Head Coach of Men's Tennis at Penn in 2011.

A USTA League and tournament player throughout his career, Geatz was a member of the USTA Northern 5.5 National Championship team in 2004.

Also a native of Grand Forks, Paukert played both high school and college tennis in North Dakota - at Grand Forks Central and the University of North Dakota, respectively, where he was the doubles partner of fellow North Dakota Tennis Hall of Famer **Tim Wynne**.

After college, he began his long and storied career as a high school tennis coach which spans over 40 years including time at East Grand Forks (1978-97, 2004, 2006 and 2012-13), Grand Forks Central (1999-2008) and Grand Forks Red River (2011, 2015-current). He has been part of two North Dakota team championships, coached two doubles champions and four singles titlists, including two wins by his son, **Charlie**, at Grand Forks Central in 2003 and 2004.

Paukert has coached both boys and girls in his illustrious career. He served as a board member of the Community Tennis Association which built the Register Tennis Complex in Grand Forks. Throughout his career, he has organized free tennis programs in the city for all high school students to grow their tennis knowledge and skills, while offering free individual lessons and racquet stringing to those who would not otherwise be able to play tennis.

He was named the Minnesota State High School Coach of the Year in 1992, and was honored in 2006 with the Ward C. Burton Junior Development Award presented to an individual or organization who

has promoted the growth of tennis for juniors and served the junior tennis community in USTA Northern. In 2013, he was inducted into the Grand Forks Central High School Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 2016, received the Thomas J. Clifford Award given to an University of North Dakota alum who serve as an athletics coach at the high school or collegiate level and has been notably successful in their respective sport.

South Dakota

Two of the top tennis players ever to come out of South Dakota, **Jim Sorrell** from Sioux Falls and **Duke Paluch** of Rapid City, were inducted into the South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 23, at McKennan Park during the Asfara/Clayton SD Adult Open.

Sorrell was one of the first players from South Dakota to play national tournaments and won three state singles titles for Sioux Falls O'Gorman from 1981-83. He also won four consecutive doubles titles and led the Knights to four straight South Dakota team championships starting in 1980. Dr. Sorrell is a gastroenterologist in Lincoln, Neb.

A high school singles finalist in 1978 for Rapid City Stevens, Paluch claimed his first state singles title the following year. He earned All-American honors, playing for legendary coach **Steve Wilkinson** at Gustavus Adolphus, where he was inducted into that school's athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. Paluch has been a teaching professional, club owner and manager in Boulder, Colo., the past 30 years.

Also honored were longtime tennis player, coach and school administrator **Tony Simons** and the **"Pioneers of SD Tennis, early 1900's to 1950's,"** who received South Dakota Tennis Achievement Awards. Simons excelled at Madison High School and led his team to conference titles while at Dakota State University, where he is part of that school's Hall of Fame. The "Pioneers of SD Tennis, early 1900's to 1950's" recognized dozens of players who made a significant mark on tennis, either as players, coaches or contributors.



Duke Paluch (left) and Jim Sorrell (right)

Section Champions

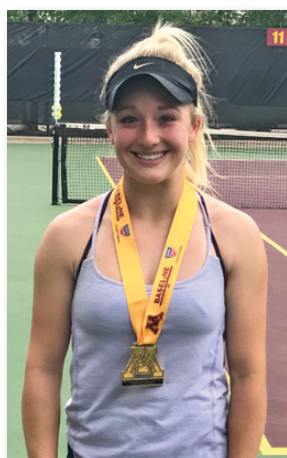
Girls Singles

18s: Isabella Lambert (Minneapolis, Minn.) def. Sophie Reddy (Eden Prairie, Minn.) 6-2, 6-1

16s: Nicole Copeland (Edina, Minn.) def. Karin Young (Apple Valley, Minn.) 6-2, 7-6 (8)

14s: Vunnisa Vu (St. Paul, Minn.) def. Aili Hietala (Duluth, Minn.) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1

12s: Amanda Diao (Blaine, Minn.) def. Annika Munson (Stillwater, Minn.) 6-3, 6-1



Isabella Lambert

Girls Doubles

18s: Sophia Reddy (Eden Prairie, Minn.)/Libby Rickeman (Wayzata, Minn.) def. Kylie Mullaney (Edina, Minn.)/Francesca Trella (Eden Prairie, Minn.) 8-2

16s: Delaney Schurhamer (Woodbury, Minn.)/Nicole Snezhko (Plymouth, Minn.) def. Cecelia Obetz (Minneapolis)/Young 8-5

14s: Nore Heinitz (Duluth, Minn.)/Vunnisa Vu (St. Paul, Minn.) def. Zoe Adkins (Maple Grove, Minn.)/Annika Elvestrom (Wayzata, Minn.) 8-4

12s: Reagan Mullaney (Edina, Minn.)/Annika Munson (Stillwater, Minn.) def. Amanda Diao (Blaine, Minn.)/Emmeline Wang (Hamel, Minn.) 8-2



Vunnisa Vu

Boys Singles

18s: Sebastian Vile (Rochester, Minn.) def. Jackson Allen (Shakopee, Minn.) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3

16s: Varun Iyer (Rochester, Minn.) def. Gavin Young (Apple Valley, Minn.) walkover-injury

14s: Sujit Chopuri (Minneapolis, Minn.) def. Bjorn Swenson (North Oaks, Minn.) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2

12s: Tygen Goldammer (Rosemount, Minn.) def. Max Exsted (Shakopee, Minn.) 6-4, 1-6, 1-0 (6)



Sebastian Vile

Boys Doubles

18s: Jackson Allen (Shakopee, Minn.)/Kaleb Dobbs (Sioux Falls, S.D.) def. Jake Kuhlman (Grand Forks, N.D.)/Nikita Snezhko (Plymouth, Minn.) 8-5

16s: Joe Mairs (Edina, Minn.)/Gavin Young (Apple Valley, Minn.) def. John Kasner (Orono, Minn.)/Hunter Roseth (Lakeville, Minn.) 9-8 (2)



Hank Trondson

14s: Sujit Chopuri (Minneapolis, Minn.)/Bjorn Swenson (North Oaks, Minn.) def. Sam Skanse (Edina, Minn.)/Luke Westholder (Edina, Minn.) 8-1

12s: Emmanuel Alex (Arden Hills, Minn.)/Hank Trondson (St. Paul, Minn.) def. Max Exsted (Shakopee, Minn.)/Tygen Goldammer (Rosemount, Minn.) 9-7

2017 Adult Section Tournament Champions

Men's 50 Singles (Hard): Greg Nations (Edina, Minn.) d. Riley Washington (St. Paul, Minn.) 6-1, 6-4

Men's 60 Singles (Hard): John Shannon (Orono, Minn.) d. Bruce Westrum (Austin, Minn.) 6-1, 6-1

Men's 3.5 Singles (Hard): Michael Streater (Sunfish Lake, Minn.) d. Josh Blanc (Minneapolis, Minn.) 6-2, 6-3

Men's 4.0 Singles (Hard): Andrew McIntyre (St. Paul, Minn.) d. Derek Beiningen (Mound, Minn.) 7-5, 0-6, 1-0 (7)

Men's Combined 7.0 Doubles (Hard): Derek Fermstad (Burnsville, Minn.)/Lucas Tesh (Lakeville, Minn.) d. Michael Torres (Minneapolis, Minn.)/Kyle Syverson (Big Lake, Minn.) 6-3, 7-6 (3)

Women's 4.0 Singles (Hard): Virginia Kuberski (St. Paul, Minn.) d. Mia Robillos (Minneapolis, Minn.) 6-3, 6-4

Father Son Doubles (Clay): Drew Fernelius (New Hope, Minn.)/Hunter Fernelius (New Hope, Minn.) d. William Stark (Minneapolis, Minn.)/David Stark (Minneapolis, Minn.) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2



Hunter and Drew Fernelius won the Father/Son Clay Doubles Section Championship.

Hunter Heck Wins USTA National Level 3 Championship In Las Vegas

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.) won the Boys 16s singles title at the USTA National Level 3 in Las Vegas, defeating **Alexander Kiefer** (The Woodlands, Texas) 7-5, 5-7, 1-0 in the finals. He also earned finalists honors in doubles.

Fargo's Vic Youngs Named 2017 National High School Coach of the Year Finalist

Vic Youngs (Fargo, N.D. and South H.S.) was a finalist for the 2017 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year.

St. Cloud Native Brian Boland Hired As USTA National Head of Men's Tennis

Brian Boland, originally of St. Cloud, Minn., was named USTA Player Development Head of Men's Tennis. In his new role, he oversees all training and coaching of male junior, collegiate and pro players by USTA Player Development, and manages all USTA national coaches on the men's side.

Alex Exsted Named Boys Sportsmanship Award Winner In Tucson

Alex Exsted (Shakopee, Minn.) was the Boys Sportsmanship Award winner at the USTA National Level 3 Tournament in Tucson, Ariz.

Top Juniors Participate In Team USA At Rochester Athletic Club

Twenty-five of the Section's best junior players participated in the USTA Northern Team USA Camp at the Rochester Athletic Club. Led by USTA National Coach **Brian Wilson**, the camp themed "All-In," focused on movement, serve and return, the next shot, volley and transition and professionalism. There was also an information session for all parents and personal coaches of the athletes. Invited players included **Zoe Adkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Christo Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Emmanuel Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Jack Allaben** (Mahtomedi, Minn.), **Julia Baber** (Rochester, Minn.), **Sujit Chopuri** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Amanda Diao** (Blaine, Minn.), **Maxwell Exsted** (Savage, Minn.), **Matthew Fullerton** (Edina, Minn.), **Tygen Goldammer** (Rosemount, Minn.), **Allen Gong** (Eagan, Minn.), **Noah Hong** (Minneapolis, Minn.),

Annika Munson (Stillwater, Minn.), **Nolan Ranger** (Edina, Minn.), **Nicole Ridenour** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Sarah Shahbaz** (Ham Lake, Minn.), **Erik Smith** (Edina, Minn.), **Ingrid Smith** (Edina, Minn.), **Isabella Suk** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Hank Trondson** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Kevin Turlington** (Rochester, Minn.), **Vunnisa Vu** (Maplewood, Minn.), **Emmeline Wang** (Hamel, Minn.), **Sydney Wolpert** (Hopkins, Minn.) and **Karin Young** (Apple Valley, Minn.). Coaches included **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Scott Boyer** (Rochester, Minn.), **Jaime Gaard Chapman** (Hopkins, Minn.), **Craig Gordon** (Farmington, Minn.), **Ben Maes** (Rochester, Minn.), **Jon Pickett** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Steve Tacl** (Rochester, Minn.) and **Mark Vellek** (Sioux Falls, S.D.).

Isabella Suk Receives Professionalism Award

Isabella Suk (Minnetonka, Minn.) received the Professionalism Award from **Brian Wilson** at the Team USA camp.

Grace Zumwinkle Named National Girls Hockey Player of the Year

Two-time Minnesota Class A Doubles Champion **Grace Zumwinkle** (Excelsior, Minn.) was named the All-USA Girls Hockey Player of the Year by *USA Today*.

Nick Bollettieri and David Wheaton Dedicate New Courts In North Minneapolis

InnerCity Tennis Foundation and Hospitality House Youth Development -- with the help of legendary tennis coach **Nick Bollettieri** and Minnesota's own former top ATP Tour player **David Wheaton** -- hosted a ribbon-cutting event April 28 at the Hospitality House in Minneapolis and dedicated new outdoor tennis space and programming for kids in North Minneapolis.

Ruby Rott Wins Silver Medal At National Senior Games

Ruby Rott (St. Paul, Minn.) won the silver medal in the women's 80s draw at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Ala. Rott lost a heartbreaker to **Ann James** (Pataskala, Ohio) 6-2, 2-6, 12-10 in the gold medal match.

Karin Young Invited To Team USA National Camp

Karin Young (Apple Valley, Minn.) participated in the Team USA National Camp at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Ingrid Neel Clinches NCAA Team Title For Florida

Freshman **Ingrid Neel** (Rochester, Minn.) won the clinching match as the University of Florida took home the 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Team Championship. Neel defeated Stanford's **Taylor Davidson** 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 at the #3 singles position, giving Florida the title.



Ruby Rott (left)

Tygen Goldammer Wins Boys 12s Level 2 Doubles Title

Tygen Goldammer (Rosemount, Minn.) won the doubles title at the USTA Boys 12s Level 2 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Goldammer and partner **Aiden Kim** (Milbank, Mich.) defeated **Michael Mascarin** (St. Clair, Mich.) and **Daniel Stojanov** (Novi, Mich.) 6-2 in the finals.



Minnesota Wins Iowa/Minnesota Border Battle

Team Minnesota defeated Team Iowa, 4-1, at the first-ever Alex J. Kuhn Invitational at the All Iowa Lawn Tennis Club in Charles City, Iowa. Members of the Minnesota team included **Amanda Diao** (Blaine, Minn.), **Annika Munson** (Stillwater, Minn.), **Sarah Shahbaz** (Ham Lake, Minn.), **Vunnisa Vu** (Maplewood, Minn.), **Matthew Fullerton** (Edina, Minn.), **Nolan Ranger** (Edina, Minn.) and **Hank Trondson** (St. Paul, Minn.) **Scott Courter** (St. Paul, Minn.) served as the coach.

Tony Larson Wins Ninth Aquatennial Tennis Classic Title

Tony Larson (Glenbrook, Ill.) won his ninth Aquatennial men's singles championship with a 6-2, 6-3 win over **Alejandro Valarezo** (Ecuador), while **Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) took home her third title with a 6-4, 6-0 win over **Diana Bukajeva** (St. Paul, Minn.). The doubles duo of **Andres Osorio** (New Hope, Minn.) and **Sion Wilkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.) won their fourth Aquatennial men's doubles title with a 6-1, 6-1 win over **Nick Crossley** (Rochester, Minn.) and **Kevin Whipple** (Minneapolis, Minn.) while **Sarai Flores Diaz** (Mexico) and **Blanka Szavay** (Hungary) beat **Julia Courter** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Tasha Pintusava** (Bloomington, Minn.) 7-5, 7-5 in women's singles. **Nick Beaty** and Nelson won their first doubles titles together with a 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (8) victory over the brother-sister pairing of **Jessa Richards** and **Joey Richards**.

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Jessie Aney/Jack Hamburg Win Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic

Jessie Aney (Rochester, Minn.) and **Jack Hamburg** (Minneapolis, Minn.) won the Open Division at the 2017 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic, while **Larissa Mavros** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Kevin Werwie** (Lakeville, Minn.) won the Masters and **Susan Rudd** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Dan Shannon** (Minnetonka, Minn.) claimed the Grand Masters title. The tournament raised almost \$300,000 for Children's Hospitals and Pediatric Oncology research.

Caitlyn and Chuck Merzbacher Win Gold Ball At Father/Daughter Grasscourts

Caitlyn and **Chuck Merzbacher** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the 2017 USTA National Father/Daughter Grasscourt National Championships at Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Merzbachers won five matches including defeating third-seeded **Peter** and **Erica Krisan** (Marietta, Ga.) 6-1, 6-4 in the finals.

University of Minnesota Hires Catrina Thompson and Litchfield, Minn., native Brian Ward

The University of Minnesota hired **Catrina Thompson** as its new head women's head coach and Litchfield, Minn., native **Brian Ward** as the assistant coach. Thompson was a three-time All-American at Notre Dame as was an assistant coach there the past three years. Ward played at Georgetown and was an assistant coach the past two seasons under former Gopher men's coach **David Geatz** at Penn.

14U Zonals Team Wins Sportsmanship Awards

USTA Northern's 14s team received the Team Sportsmanship Award at the 2017 Zonals event in Kalamazoo, Mich. Members of the team included **Zoe Adkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Sonia Baig** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Sujit Chopuri** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Joshua Christensen** (Rochester, Minn.), **Alex Christo** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Annika Elvestrom** (Deephaven, Minn.), **Allen Gong** (Eagan, Minn.), **Tiannah Gu** (West Fargo, N.D.), **Aili Hietala** (Duluth, Minn.), **Tharun Inturi** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Emily Jurgens** (Excelsior, Minn.), **Ava Leonard** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Luke Little** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Andrew Liu** (Eagan, Minn.), **Nicole Ridenour** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Alec Sargent** (Rochester, Minn.), **Sam Skanse** (Edina, Minn.), **Ingrid Smith** (Edina, Minn.), **Selah Stibbons** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Bella Suk** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Bjorn Swenson** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Kevin Thomas** (Minnetonka, Minn.) and **Luke Westholder** (Edina, Minn.). Coaches were **Sion Wilkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.) and **Danny Kantar** (Minneapolis, Minn.).

Reegan Mullaney and Philip Wisniewski Win Sportsmanship Awards

Reegan Mullaney (Edina, Minn.) and **Philip Wisniewski** (Rochester, Minn.) earned Sportsmanship Awards at the 12s Zonals in Omaha, Neb.

Three Win USTA Foundation \$10,000 College Scholarships

Kevin Tran (St. Paul, Minn.), **Joshua Carlberg** (Aitkin, Minn.) and **Michael Heile** (Prior Lake, Minn.) were three of 31 students to receive college scholarships from the USTA Foundation, the national charitable arm of the USTA. Tran received the Rosalind Walter Scholarship Award, presented to high school seniors who are academically achieving students of good character and who share Walter's belief in always putting forth one's best effort and in giving back to one's community to make it a better place. Carlberg and Heile earned the USTA Foundation College Education Scholarship given to high school seniors who have excelled academically, demonstrated community service and participated in an organized tennis program. All received \$10,000.

USTA Foundation Essay Contest

Congratulations to the Section winners of the USTA Foundation essay contest.

Boys 10s: Alvin (Jongho) Lee, InnerCity Tennis

Girls 10s: Julia Lynch, InnerCity Tennis

Boys 12s: Anthony Scheglowksi, InnerCity Tennis

Girls 12s: Lily Thom, Huether Family Match Pointe

Boys 14s: Luke Fridinger, Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center

Girls 14s: Maura Walsh, St. Paul Urban Tennis

Boys 16s: Ji Hong Ni, Columbia Heights Tennis

Girls 16s: Meadow Kinder, Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center

Boys 18s: Anuraag Bukkuri, InnerCity Tennis

Girls 18s: Samantha Thao, InnerCity Tennis

Ingrid Neel Earns Finalist Honors At US Open

Ingrid Neel (Rochester, Minn.) earned finalist honors at the American Collegiate Invitational at the 2017 US Open. Neel fell in the finals to **Francesca Di Lorenzo** of Ohio State 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.



Ingrid Neel

Hunter Heck Wins ITF Junior Tournament

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.) won an ITF Junior Circuit singles title with a 6-4, 6-2 win over **Veudy Villar** of the Dominican Republic in Austin, Texas

Eight Players, Two Coaches Selected For USTA Regional Training Camp in Tulsa

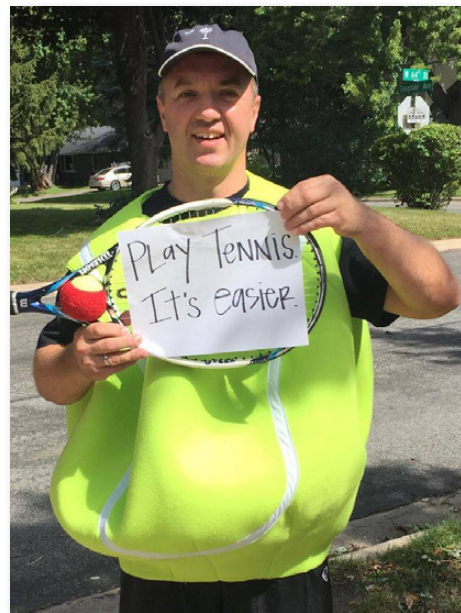
The following Northern players and coaches participated in the USTA Regional Training Center in Tulsa: **Reegan Mullaney** (Edina, Minn.), **Zoe Adkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Annika Munson** (Stillwater, Minn.), **Vunnisa Vu** (Maplewood, Minn.), **Max Exsted** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Emmanuel Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Hank Trondson** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Tygen Goldammer** (Rosemount, Minn.) and coaches **Danny Kantar** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Viet Pham** (St. Paul, Minn.).

Gustavus Senior Mohaned Al Houni Wins Division III Oracle Cup

Gustavus Adolphus senior and former USTA Northern junior player **Mohaned Al Houni** (Golden Valley, Minn.) won the Division III Singles National Championship at the Oracle Cup with a 6-4, 6-4 win over **Daniel Levine** of Carnegie Mellon.

Serving Up Love Running Team Raises Over \$10,000

Thank you to all of the runners who participated on USTA Northern's Serving Up Love Running Team at the Twin Cities 5K, 10 Mile and Marathon including marathoners **Steve Brum** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Amy Lamparske** (Tonka Bay, Minn.), **Christine Nickels** (St. Louis Park, Minn.), **Vanesa Sexton** (Lakeville, Minn.), **Tom Nickels** (St. Louis Park, Minn.), **Jenny Arnfelt** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Kari Seurer** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Susan Furtney** (Apple Valley, Minn.), **Lisa Proepper** (Apple Valley, Minn.) and **Jenny Gaard** (Minnetonka, Minn.); 10 Milers **Kara Kreutzer** (Lakeville, Minn.), **Becky Cantellano** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Dave Brenner** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Kelley Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Jenny Paxton** (St. Louis Park, Minn.), **Michael Russell** (Andover, Minn.), **Tina Spurr** (Mendota Heights, Minn.), **Sammi Jo Coryell**, **Matt Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Brian Jacobsen**, **Megan Burke**, **Kelly Bolin** (Portland, Ore.), **Nate Kabat** and **Taylor Reiners** (Hastings, Minn.) and 5K runners **Alex Scheglowksi** (Lakeville, Minn.) and **Anthony Scheglowksi** (Lakeville, Minn.). Runners raised over \$10,000 for the USTA Northern Serving Up Love campaign which supports all giving opportunities within the Section including grants, scholarships, the Urban Youth Tennis & Education initiative and Play It Forward high school equipment donation program.



Baseline Tennis Center Hosts Level 1 Junior Nationals

The University of Minnesota's **Baseline Tennis Center** played host to the USTA Girls 16s National Level 1 Championships in November, marking the first time USTA Northern has hosted a Level 1 Junior National Championship.

2017 Section Highlights

6.0 55 & Over Men Win League National Championship... Again!

Congratulations to captain **Eric Narvaez** and the 6.0 55 & Over men's team, who won its second USTA League National Championship in the past three years. Northern lost its first match to long-time rival Southern California 2-1, as all three matches went to third set tiebreakers. Northern then rebounded defeating Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and Intermountain 3-0 to finish second in its flight. The team received a wild card into Sunday's semifinals after winning 73% of its total-games played compared to only 63% percent of the other second-place teams in the three flights.

Northern faced Texas in the semifinals, winning all three matches – losing only nine total games – and set up a return match with Southern California for the title. The Northern team of **Peter Haan** and **Gary Bilbrey** won easily at #3 doubles 6-1, 6-1, giving Narvaez's team an early 1-0 lead. The other two matches saw So Cal take the first set, but Northern stormed back on both courts, taking the second set by identical 6-3 scores. The Northern #1 team of **George Kimball** and **Thanh Pham** and the #2 duo of **William Boyes** and **Tu Van** both prevailed in the match tiebreaker, giving Northern the title.

"We knew we had a good team, but it was a real surprise to pull it out in the finals," Narvaez said. "Being able to come back and beat them 3-0 after losing to them in the opening match was definitely the highlight of the weekend. The Southern California team advanced to the finals of the 7.0 55 & Over championships as well this year which shows how fortunate we were to win."

Members of the team included Van, Pham, Boyes, Kimball, Narvaez, Bilbrey, and **Eric Goodwin**.



6.0 55 & Over Men League National Champions

Fargo's Davis Lawley Appears In Sports Illustrated

North Dakota state high school singles champion **Davis Lawley** (Fargo, N.D.) appeared in the November 13 edition of *Sports Illustrated's* Faces in the Crowd.



Northern Hosts Girls In Tennis Event

USTA Northern hosted its inaugural Girls in Tennis Event at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center in November for middle school and high school students. The event included on-court tennis games with female leaders in the tennis industry followed by engaging discussion around being a female athlete, current/future play opportunities and tennis career information.

Community Tennis Grants

Community Tennis Grants

- **Bismarck Parks and Recreation (Bismarck, N.D.)** – Added tennis at five existing BLAST after-school program sites.
- **Southdale YMCA (Edina, Minn.)** – Added tennis to their sports offerings starting with a new summer tennis lesson program.
- **Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center (St. Paul, Minn.)** – Created a new TennisWorks STEM Camp in partnership with Macalester College.
- **Hastings Tennis Association (Hastings, Minn.)** – Supported participation in the USTA Foundation Capacity Building Program.
- **Crystal Community Center (Crystal, Minn.)** – Started a POP Tennis program.
- **Princeton High School Booster Club (Princeton, Minn.)** – Supported organizational start-up costs and basic tennis facility needs at Princeton High School.
- **Owatonna Tennis Association (Owatonna, Minn.)** – Supported beginner and intermediate adult programming



- **Cook County Tennis Association (Grand Marais, Minn.)** – Launched POP Tennis for all ages
- **Black Hills Tennis Association (Rapid City, S.D.)** – Supported USTA senior adult league travel

Facility Assistance Grants

- **Willmar Community Recreation (Willmar, Minn.)** – Supported new construction to redo two existing courts and build four new courts at Miller Park that will include blended lines, LED lighting, new fences and upgraded walkways.
- **City of Thief River Falls (Thief River Falls, Minn.)** – Reconstruction of existing courts
- **Rochester Parks and Recreation (Rochester, Minn.)** – Reconstruction of existing courts at Kutzky Park
- **Mission Township (Minn.)** – Resurfacing of existing courts
- **LeSueur-Henderson Public Schools (LeSueur, Minn.)** – Resurfacing of existing courts at the high school.

High School Facilities Equipment Grant

- **Harding High School, St. Paul, Minn.**
- **Mankato Public Schools, Mankato, Minn.**
- **Sleepy Eye High School, Sleepy Eye, Minn.**
- **Menomonie High School, Menomonie, Wis.**
- **Valley City Public Schools, Valley City, N.D.**

Blended Line Grants

- All of the Facility Assistance Grant recipients include blended lines as part of their projects
- **Boeckman Middle School, Farmington, Minn.**

Urban Youth Tennis and Education Campaign

USTA Northern is continuing to partner with Youthprise, an innovative out-of-school time intermediary, to support an Urban Youth Tennis and Education Fund. Below are 2017



initiatives that were supported by the fund.

- **Fort First Fridays** – Series of play events for tennis players from urban high schools on the first Friday of every month from October – May. Event consists of 60 minutes on-court followed by food and fellowship with an occasional speaker.
- **Series of Level 8 tournaments** on the third Saturday of every month to provide free match play opportunities for under-resourced youth and to introduce them to competition.
- **A St. Paul Pathway Manager** position to ensure youth in St. Paul are aware of and understand how to navigate programming opportunities being offered by NJTL chapters. This temporary position ended in July 2017.
- **Shared bus contract** to transport players on Saturdays to tennis and leadership opportunities in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- **Free clinic and match day experience** for over 40 under-resourced youth as part of a Gopher Women's Division I tennis match against Wisconsin.
- **Third party evaluation** was completed by Sida Ly-Xiong Consulting to evaluate the collaborative and create individual organization profiles.
- **A joint video** from the youth perspective is being produced to highlight the impact of tennis and education programs.

Serving Up Love

- The "Play it Forward" initiative helped underserved high school tennis programs meet the equipment needs of their players by collecting gently used or new racquets, tennis shoes and over-grip from our members to distribute to disadvantaged high school tennis teams or communities. In 2017, we had requests from 41 high schools/communities and we donated over 451 racquets, 95 pairs of shoes, 292 grips and boxes of tennis clothing.
- Partnered with Twin Cities in Motion as a charity partner to raise funds for Serving Up Love through the Twin Cities Marathon. Our 26 member running team consisted of 10 marathon runners, 14 10-mile runners, and two 5K participants. The team raised a total of \$10,696.

Bill Clayton Sioux Falls, S.D.

A local attorney, Clayton was instrumental in growing tennis in Sioux Falls, S.D. After playing college tennis at UCLA and Washington and Lee for former Wimbledon champion **Fred Perry**, Clayton returned to Sioux Falls where he was instrumental in making McKennan Park the epicenter of tennis in the community where one only had to pay \$.25 for 30 minutes of lighting at night. He was the President of the Sioux Falls Tennis Club and served as Regional Vice President of what was then the Northwestern Tennis Association (now known as USTA Northern) in 1953. From 1954-62, he was Section ranked in doubles and served as an official. He and his wife, **Sally**, raised five kids – all tennis players – and they were named the NWTa Family of the Year in 1966. He and Sally were inducted into the South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame in 1995. Clayton was 93.



Bill Clayton

Rogina Cusic Bismarck, N.D.

An avid tennis player and coach, Cusic coached high school tennis in Bismarck and was a long-time promoter of adult league tennis in the area. She served as a captain and worked with other rural communities within the Section in creating additional USTA League



Rogina Cusic



opportunities for players in both North and South Dakota. She was named the USTA Northern Jack Dow Adult Development Award winner in 2017.

Bill Kuross Minneapolis, Minn.

A college tennis player, Kuross was nationally-ranked in doubles and won many state open titles. He was the founder of the Minikahda Invitational in Minneapolis, which **Andre Agassi** won as a 15 year old, and raised money for inner city tennis programs in the area. He was one of seven inaugural members of the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 1979.



Bill Kuross

Jerry Nachtigal, Sioux Falls, S.D.

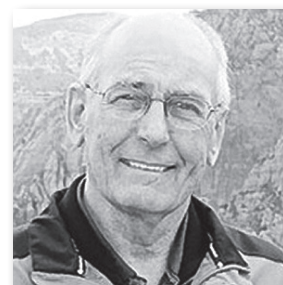
A long-time banking executive and local philanthropist, Nachtigal was influential in securing the financing for Huether Family Match Pointe Indoor Tennis Center in Sioux Falls which opened its doors in 2015. While not an avid player, he understood the significance of bringing more recreation options to the community and the economic impact that comes with hosting tournaments and bringing in visitors to the region. Just after his death, HFMP was named one of 12 facilities nationwide to receive the USTA Outstanding Facility Award in 2017.



Jerry Nachtigal

Paul Stormo Edina, Minn.

A successful businessman, who was also an avid athlete, Stormo became a tennis teaching professional in his 50s and taught novices, seniors, and underprivileged youth through InnerCity Tennis and the Senior Tennis Players Club in Minneapolis.



Paul Stormo

In July, teammates and friends of the late Rogina Cusic honored her memory by continuing a tradition Cusic started three years ago of playing a weekend series against a team of ladies from South Dakota with the winner advancing to the USTA Northern League Section Championships in August.

Team Tennis

Life Time Fitness Bloomington South Wins Both 18U Advanced And Intermediate JTT Divisions

Congratulations to Life Time Fitness Bloomington South who won the 18U Advanced and Intermediate Divisions at the 2017 Junior Team Tennis Championships at Baseline Tennis Center. The Advanced team defeated **Twin City Tennis Camps (MIT)** 39-16 in the finals, while the Intermediate squad beat **Saint Paul Urban Tennis** 35-24. Members of the winning Intermediate team include: **Allison Agerland, Benjamin Anderson, Benjamin Schriener, Brendon Sebring, Duncan Hohenstein, Isabella Lynch, Jack Ouyang, Jessica Ip, Kyle Scislow, Lexi Bauman, Luke Wyly, Maggie Buechler, Nicolette Keller,**

Rachel Saxen and coach **Spencer Jones**. Team members of the Advanced team are **Allen Gong, Cole Weitzel, Derek Davis, Erik Beckers, Evann Welty, Harrison Tuttle, Henry Smith, Isabella Lambert, Jake Swanson, Kathryn Mulvey, Lexi Lehman, Luke Haddorff, Nisal Liyanage, Savanna Crowell, Yelena Hallman** and coaches **Craig Swanson** and **Spencer Jones**.

Congratulations to the following Sportsmanship winners: **Tommy Peterson** of Eau Claire, Wis., **Simon Grow Hansen** of St. Paul Urban Tennis and **Megan Larson** of Rosemount, Minn.



Life Time Fitness Bloomington South: 18U Intermediate Champions



Life Time Fitness Bloomington South: 18U Advanced Champions



Burnsville Gold: 14U Intermediate Champions



Life Time Fitness Fridley: 14U Advanced Champions

Sportsmanship Winners



Tommy Peterson - Eau Claire YMCA



Megan Larson - Rosemount Gold



Allen Gong - Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



Vunnisa Vu - Saint Paul Urban Tennis



William Matzak - Hastings



Brooke Beier - Foley



Simon Grow Hansen - Saint Paul Urban Tennis

Life Time Fitness Fridley, Burnsville Gold Win 14U JTT Titles

Congratulations to **LifeTime Fitness – Fridley** and **Burnsville Gold** who took home the 14U Advanced and Intermediate championships, respectively, at the 2017 USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Sections at Baseline Tennis Center.

Life Time Fitness - Fridley defeated **St. Paul Urban Tennis** in the Advanced finals 40-18, while Burnsville beat the **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** 40-20 in the Intermediate finals. Members of the winning team from Fridley include: **Aili Hietala, Amanda Diao, Bjorn Swenson, Grace Kalan, Johnny Yue, Matthew Fullerton, Rohan Harle, Sujit Chepuri, Zoe Adkins** and coach **Brian McCoy**. Winning team members from Burnsville included: **Aaron Beduhn, Addie Bowlby, Aidan Suarez, Brooke Haddorff, Collin Beduhn, Hannah Lake, Henry McCormick, Josh Robb, Mara McMahon, Samantha Bowlby, Tyler Haddorff** and coach **Ryan Haddorff**.

Congratulations also to our Sportsmanship winners including: **Vunisa Vu** of St. Paul Urban Tennis (14U Advanced Girls), **Allen Gong** (Life Time Bloomington South (14U Advanced Boys), **Brooke Beier** of Foley (14U Intermediate Girls) and **William Matzak** of Hastings (14U Intermediate Boys).

JTT Nationals

At JTT Nationals at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla., the 14 Advanced team from Life Time Fridley was fifth, while the Intermediate squad from Burnsville was 14th. In the 18 division, the Life Time Bloomington South Advanced team was 16th and the Intermediate team was ninth.

First Year of World Team Tennis A Huge Success

Over 1,200 kids participated in USTA Northern's new World Team Tennis program, an alternative team play opportunity to the traditional Junior Team Tennis program. The program aimed at getting players of similar ability levels on teams and competing against other squads of a comparable skill level in a fun, but competitive atmosphere. The program offered play for intermediate level players from ages 10-18, as well as an advanced division for kids 12s and under.

Teams consisted of two girls and two boys who did not have to be USTA members. It also used an alternative play format which allowed substitutions, overtimes and power-up points. All teams advanced to a Section championship at the end of the season, but were not eligible for National Championship play.

Over 70 teams competed in the inaugural World Team Tennis Section Championships at four locations (Lakeville North High School, Lakeville South High School, Century Middle School and Life Time Fitness - Lakeville) in Lakeville, Minn. Congrats to the winners and finalists.

10U Advanced: Twin City Tennis Camps MIT Blue

10U Intermediate: InnerCity Tennis

12U Advanced: Life Time Athletic White Bear def. Huether Family Match Pointe (Sioux Falls)

12U Intermediate: Fargo def. Hastings Blue 22-20

14U Intermediate: Hibbing Rangers def. Huether Family Match Pointe 22-18

18U Intermediate: Fargo def. Eden Prairie Black 28-10



Life Time Athletic White Bear: 12U Advanced Champions



Fargo: 12U Intermediate Champions



Hibbing: 14U Intermediate Champions



Fargo: 18U Intermediate Champions

Minnesota Places Fourth; NDSU 63rd At Nationals

The **University of Minnesota** placed fourth and North Dakota State 63rd at the 2017 Tennis On Campus National Championships at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla. The fourth-place finish marked the second time in the last three years the Gophers have advanced to the Final Four. They placed second in 2015.

On Day 1, Minnesota finished 3-0 in pool play and qualified for the Gold Bracket after defeating UC-Santa Barbara 21-18 in the total-games-won format followed by South Carolina 28-18 and the University of Texas-Austin 30-19. Minnesota then opened bracket play by edging Penn State 27-24 in the round of 16. The Gophers followed that with a 27-24 win over Central Florida, sending them to the semifinals where they lost a heartbreaker to UC-Ir-

vine 23-21. Minnesota closed out the tournament losing to UCLA 30-8.

Minnesota's roster included captain **Salam Bachour, Sofia Terzic, Kate Rosenow, Ryan van de Linde, Anthony Rosa, Olivia Hultgren, Chloe Hall, Zoe Lindbloom, Elena Cattaneo** and **Luke Conboy**.

North Dakota State, competing in its 11th consecutive Tennis on Campus Nationals, finished 0-3 in pool play falling to Georgia 30-2, Arizona 30-8 and Maryland 26-11. Qualifying for the Copper Bracket, the Bison then lost to Georgetown 30-15, Iowa State 25-17 and Texas-Arlington 26-22 before defeating Binghamton 27-



21 for 63rd place.

Members of the NDSU team included captain **Brett Hultgren, Trevor Kleineschay, Dan Ginderson, Jaden Wirrenga, Joe Jones, Erica Hanson, Kristen Hanson, Gorgan Grinsteiner** and **Makenzie Marson**.

Minnesota Wins 14th Consecutive Tennis On Campus Title

The **University of Minnesota** remained the only team to win a USTA Northern Tennis On Campus Section Championships, claiming its 14th consecutive championship at the 2017 USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Sectionals at Life Time Fitness – Lakeville.

The Gophers defeated **North Dakota State** 30-8 in the finals. In the third-place match, **Carleton A** defeated **Winona State** 30-7. The Silver bracket championship saw **Minnesota B** beat **North Dakota State B** 30-7, while the **Carleton B** defeated **Wisconsin-River Falls** 25-12 for third place.

Kudos also to **Gustavus Adolphus**, who received the Team Spirit Award.



University of Minnesota



North Dakota State

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Boys 18s

Jackson Allen Shakopee, MN 31

Boys 16s

Hunter Heck St. Paul, MN 28
Varun Iyer Rochester, MN 82

Boys 14s

Sujit Chopuri Minneapolis, MN 57
Bjorn Swenson North Oaks, MN 58

Boys 12s

Tygen Goldammer Rosemount, MN 33
Max Exsted Shakopee, MN 59
Emmanuel Alex Arden Hills, MN 96

Girls 18s

Isabella Lambert Minnetonka, MN 96

Girls 14s

Karin Young Apple Valley, MN 96

Girls 12s

Annika Munson Stillwater, MN 91

USTA NORTHERN RANKINGS

Boys 12s

1 Tygen Goldammer Rosemount, MN
2 Maxwell Exsted Savage, MN
3 Emmanuel Alex Arden Hills, MN
4 Ashton Adesoro Saint Paul, MN
5 Nolan Ranger Edina, MN
6 Tej Bhagra Rochester, MN
7 Ashish Thotakura Eden Prairie, MN
8 Carter Magstad Stillwater, MN
9 Anirudh Vadrevu Eden Prairie, MN
10 Will Lieberman Mahtomedi, MN
11 Hugh Perrill Wayzata, MN
12 Collin Beduhn Maple Grove, MN
13 Drew Gohl Sioux Falls, SD
14 Samuel Wolden St. Louis Park, MN
15 Kaushik Bukkuri Woodbury, MN
16 Samuel Leslie Minneapolis, MN
17 Sam Rathmanner Dellwood, MN
18 Jack Allaben Mahtomedi, MN
19 Owen Skanse Edina, MN
20 Alexander Lupu Sioux Falls, SD

Boys 14s

1 Sujit Chopuri Minneapolis, MN
2 Bjorn Swenson North Oaks, MN
3 Kevin Thomas Hopkins, MN
4 Luke Westholder Edina, MN
5 Otto Schreiner Edina, MN
6 Zachary Leslie Minneapolis, MN
7 Kevin Turlington Rochester, MN
8 Luke Little Minneapolis, MN
9 Sam Skanse Edina, MN
10 Allen Gong Eagan, MN
11 Ojas Bhagra Rochester, MN
12 Luke Fridinger Saint Paul, MN
13 Tygen Goldammer Rosemount, MN
14 Tharun Inturi Shakopee, MN
15 Oskar Jansson Minneapolis, MN
16 Andrew Liu Eagan, MN
17 Riley Eddins Minneapolis, MN
18 Matthew Fullerton Edina, MN
19 Matias Maule Wayzata, MN
20 Kareem Kamel Fargo, ND

Boys 16s

1 Hunter Heck Saint Paul, MN
2 Varun Iyer Rochester, MN
3 Gavin Young Apple Valley, MN
4 Joe Mairs Edina, MN
5 Maxim Zagrebely Eagan, MN
6 John Kasner Orono, MN
7 Matthew Kregness Wayzata, MN
8 Hunter Roseth Lakeville, MN
9 Sujit Chopuri Minneapolis, MN
10 Nisal Liyanage Eagan, MN
11 Karthik Papisetty Plymouth, MN
12 Sam Dobbs Sioux Falls, SD
13 Josh Christensen Rochester, MN
14 Bjorn Swenson North Oaks, MN
15 Jonathan Nudler Plymouth, MN
16 Aidan Nguyen Sioux Falls, SD
17 Michael Cao Shoreview, MN
18 Sourabh Terakanambi Apple Valley, MN
19 Charlie Prest Minneapolis, MN
20 Caleb Fridinger Saint Paul, MN



Sujit Chopuri

Boys 18s

1 Jackson Allen Shakopee, MN
2 Sebastian Vile Rochester, MN
3 Kaleb Dobbs Sioux Falls, SD
4 Alexander Exsted Savage, MN
5 Conner Olsen Maple Plain, MN
6 Jack Barker Minneapolis, MN
7 Nick Aney Rochester, MN
8 Ben van der Sman Woodbury, MN
9 Benjamin Wheaton Excelsior, MN
10 Davis Lawley Fargo, ND
11 Nikita Snezhko Plymouth, MN
12 Maxim Zagrebely Eagan, MN
13 Elias Ramirez Woodbury, MN
14 Ian Altenburg Chaska, MN
15 Sam Dobbs Sioux Falls, SD
16 Wil McDowell Sioux Falls, SD
17 Tristan Fjelstad Bloomington, MN
18 Matthew Christensen Rochester, MN
19 John Kasner Orono, MN
20 Frank Stich Minnetonka, MN

Girls 12s

1 Annika Munson Stillwater, MN
2 Sarah Shahbaz Ham Lake, MN
3 Amanda Diao Blaine, MN
4 Karina Elvestrom Wayzata, MN
5 Emmeline Wang Hamel, MN
6 Ashwika Thotakura Eden Prairie, MN
7 Niyathi Bhupatiraju Eden Prairie, MN
8 Tianna Houske Savage, MN
9 Ancele Dolensek Rochester, MN
10 Tasha Piyabongkarn Plymouth, MN
11 Allyson Jay Edina, MN
12 Claire Loftus Rochester, MN
13 Sami Hankinson Edina, MN

14 Emilija Medziukaite St. Louis Park, MN
15 Elisabeth Langhus Minneapolis, MN
16 Ryann Witter Rochester, MN
17 Alexandra Repplier Minneapolis, MN
18 Aarti Prochnow Saint Paul, MN
19 Karianna Lien Excelsior, MN
20 Greta Holmes Maple Grove, MN

Girls 14s

1 Nore Ann Heinitz Duluth, MN
2 Karin Young Apple Valley, MN
3 Aili Hietala Duluth, MN
4 Vunnisa Vu Saint Paul, MN
5 Zoe Adkins Maple Grove, MN
6 Annika Elvestrom Wayzata, MN
7 Nicole Ridenour Minneapolis, MN
8 Selah Stibbins Minneapolis, MN
9 Sarah Shahbaz Ham Lake, MN
10 Paige Sargent Rochester, MN
11 Tiannah Gu West Fargo, ND
12 Sonia Baig Minneapolis, MN
13 Isabella Suk Minnetonka, MN
14 Lillian Langhus Plymouth, MN
15 Reagan Mullaney Edina, MN
16 Ashwika Thotakura Eden Prairie, MN
17 Ingrid Smith Edina, MN
18 Johana Brower Sioux Falls, SD
19 Annika Munson Stillwater, MN
20 Julia Baber Rochester, MN

Girls 16s

1 Nicole Copeland Edina, MN
2 Arlina Shen Eden Prairie, MN
3 Madeline Suk Minnetonka, MN
4 Delaney Schurhamer Woodbury, MN
5 Lauren Ferg Eagan, MN
6 Ellen Puzak Minneapolis, MN
7 Kathryn Mulvey Woodbury, MN
8 Aili Hietala Duluth, MN
9 Nore Ann Heinitz Duluth, MN
10 Rapelang Sebata Sioux Falls, SD
11 Karin Young Apple Valley, MN
12 Nicole Snezhko Plymouth, MN
13 Monterey Knewtonson Fargo, ND
14 Cecilia Obetz Minneapolis, MN
15 Lauren Splett Mahtomedi, MN
16 Rachel Kelly Minnetonka, MN
17 Charlotte Bowles Prior Lake, MN
18 Taylor Trondson Saint Paul, MN
19 Alexandra Welty Wayzata, MN
20 Jessica Ip Edina, MN

Girls 18s

1 Sophia Reddy Eden Prairie, MN
2 Isabella Lambert Minneapolis, MN
3 Meagan Brown St. Cloud, MN
4 Francesca Trella Eden Prairie, MN
5 Kylie Mullaney Edina, MN
6 Lainey Axell Plymouth, MN
7 Madeline Suk Minnetonka, MN
8 Lauren Ferg Eagan, MN
9 Izabella Edin Staples, MN
10 Anna Stutz Dellwood, MN
11 Ellen Puzak Minneapolis, MN
12 Eesha Varma Eagan, MN
13 Libby Rickeman Wayzata, MN
14 Samantha Nichols Saint Paul, MN
15 Kathryn Mulvey Woodbury, MN
16 Sydney Rott Sioux Falls, SD
17 Sierra Auleta Eau Claire, WI
18 Sam Stephenson Plymouth, MN
19 Andrea Jansson Minneapolis, MN
20 Natalie Lorentz St. Louis Park, MN

2017 USTA Northern Top 100 Nationally-Ranked Adults

Men's 35 Singles

Eric Gleason St. Paul, MN 82

Men's 50 Individual Doubles

Tom Olmscheid St. Paul, MN 60

Men's 50 Team Doubles

Tom Olmscheid St. Paul, MN 28

Men's 55 Individual Doubles

Glenn Britzius Eden Prairie, MN 64

Men's 60 Individual Doubles

David Pettengill Rochester, MN 19

Men's 60 Team Doubles

David Pettengill Rochester, MN 7

Men's 65 Team Doubles

John Wilcox Edina, MN 52

Greg Lappin Chaska, MN 52

John Choiniere Stillwater, MN 52

Vern Larsen Darwin, MN 52

Women's 30 Singles

Jody Lintjer Woodbury, MN 19

Women's 50 Singles

Barbara Maas Bemidji, MN 74

Women's 50 Team Doubles

Lisa Conway Winona, MN 67

Women's 70 Singles

Cammy Johnson Excelsior, MN 54

Women's 70 Individual Doubles

Sally Bublitz Winona, MN 56

Cammy Johnson Excelsior, MN 67

Women's 70 Team Doubles

Sally Bublitz Winona, MN 38

Cammy Johnson Excelsior, MN 44

Women's 80 Singles

Sally Bublitz Winona, MN 31

Family Super Senior Father-Son Doubles

Greg Nations Edina, MN 11

George Nations Kapolei, HI

David Lundmark Duluth, MN 24

Matt Lundmark Minneapolis, MN

Family Father 80 & Over-Son Doubles

James Robertson Bloomington, MN 13

William Robertson Bloomington, MN

Erik Peterson Golden Valley, MN 18

Hamlet Peterson Rochester, MN

Family Mother-Daughter Doubles

Jody Lintjer Woodbury, MN 16

Susan Davis San Diego, CA

Family Senior Mother-Daughter Doubles

Jody Lintjer Woodbury, MN 9

Susan Davis San Diego, CA

Family Husband-Wife Doubles

Brendan Anderson Plymouth, MN 10

Callee Conda Hibbing, MN

Family Father-Daughter Doubles

Caitlyn Merzbacher Eden Prairie, MN 3

Charles Merzbacher Eden Prairie, MN

Ginger Valentine Delano, MN 25

Daniel Brown Delano, MN

Sophie Farmer Eden Prairie, MN 57

Christopher Farmer Eden Prairie, MN

Killeen Wareham Elk River, MN 57

David Wareham Elk River, MN

Family Senior Father-Daughter Doubles

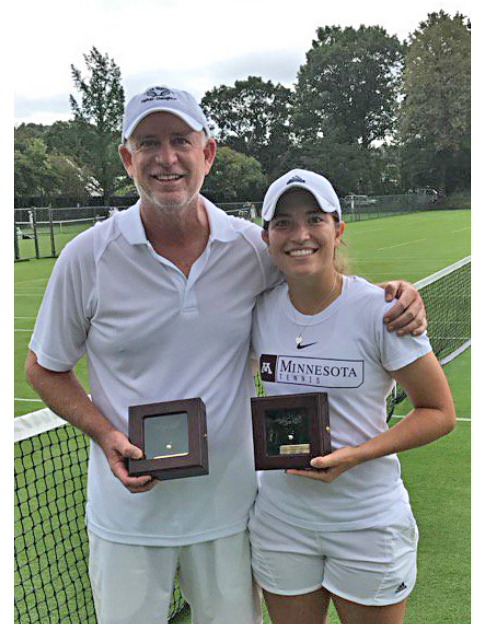
Savanna Crowell Savage, MN 15

Randy Crowell Minneapolis, MN

Family Grandfather-Grandson Doubles

Tom Fridinger White Bear Lake, MN 17

Caleb Fridinger St. Paul, MN



Chuck and Caitlyn Merzbacher won a gold ball at the 2017 Father/Daughter Grasscourt National Championships.

2017 USTA Northern Adult Tournament Rankings

The following criteria was used in determining the 2017 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.

Adult Rankings

Men's Open Singles

1 John Janssen	Minneapolis, MN
2 Matt Hokanson	Bemidji, MN
3 Paul Christen	Mandan, ND

Men's 35 Singles

1 Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND
2 Wade Nagel	West Fargo, ND

Men's 45 Singles

1 Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND
2 Darcy Hanson	Wildrose, ND
3 Jason Thiner	Fargo, ND

Men's 50 Singles*

1 Greg Nations	Edina, MN
2 Riley Washington	Saint Paul, MN

Men's 55 Singles*

1 Lee Nagel	Wahpeton, ND
2 Wes Michaelson	Dakota Dunes, SD

Men's 60 Singles*

1 John Shannon	Orono, MN
2 Bruce Westrum	Austin, MN

NTRP Men's 3.0 Singles

1 Jeffrey Nelson	Burnsville, MN
2 Ronald Filstrup	Saint Paul, MN
3 Sergiy Yurchak	Hugo, MN

NTRP Men's 3.5 Singles

1 Paul Kotz	Saint Paul, MN
2 Michael Streater	Sunfish Lake, MN
3 Michael Senn	Eden Prairie, MN
4 Derek Fermstad	Burnsville, MN

NTRP Men's 4.0 Singles

1 Chad Latour	Edina, MN
2 Andrew McIntyre	Saint Paul, MN
3 Tim Theisen	Maple Grove, MN

NTRP Men's 4.5 Singles*

1 Nathan Wierzba	Falcon Heights, MN
1 Dylan Sperry	Scandia, MN
2 Felix Diehn	Rochester, MN
2 Colan Surratt	Blue Earth, MN

Men's Open Doubles

1 Isaac Toivonen	Red Wing, MN
David Youngs	Fargo, ND
2 Matt Hokanson	Bemidji, MN
Brandon Schuchard	Sartell, MN
2 Jordan Boehm	Mandan, ND
Paul Christen	Mandan, ND
3 Alexander Reinke	Rapid City, SD
Chuck Tang	Rapid City, SD

Men's 35 Doubles*

1 Tony Keelin	Fargo, ND
Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND

1 Erik Kringlie	Valley City, ND
Matthew Nielson	Valley City, ND
1 Edgar Oliveira	Mandan, ND
Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND
1 Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND
Jason Thiner	Fargo, ND

Men's 45 Doubles*

1 Paul Thibedeau	West Fargo, ND
Chris Toussaint	Excelsior, MN

NTRP Combined Men's 7.0 Doubles

1 Derek Fermstad	Burnsville, MN
Lucas Tesh	Lakeville, MN
2 Kyle Syverson	Big Lake, MN
Michael Torres	Minneapolis, MN

NTRP Combined Men's 8.0 Doubles

1 Derek Beiningen	Mound, MN
Andrew McIntyre	Saint Paul, MN
2 Simon Guzan	Minneapolis, MN
Michael Torres	Minneapolis, MN

NTRP Combined Men's 9.0 Doubles*

1 Thomas Chiu	Sioux Falls, SD
Joshua Brower	Sioux Falls, SD

Women's Open Singles

1 Diana Bukajeva	Saint Paul, MN
1 Julia Geske	Rochester, MN

NTRP Women's 3.5 Singles*

1 Carissa Dice	Sioux Falls, SD
1 Lisa Bennett	Rapid City, SD

NTRP Women's 4.0 Singles

1 Kaitlyn Dennis	Minneapolis, MN
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NTRP Women's 4.5 Singles*

1 Mia Robillos	Minneapolis, MN
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Women's Open Doubles

1 Olivia Keelin	Fargo, ND
Andrea Rognilien	Fargo, ND

Women's 35 Doubles

1 Kerri Lee	Fargo, ND
Angela Summers	Fargo, ND

NTRP Combined Women's 7.0 Doubles

1 Jeanne Wagner	Rapid City, SD
Carolynn Biven	Rapid City, SD

NTRP Combined Women's 8.0 Doubles

1 Yuliya Grassby	Rapid City, SD
Tsende Parkin	Rapid City, SD

Mixed Open Doubles

1 Jamison Pffingston	Rapid City, SD
Cindy Pffingston	Rapid City, SD
2 Chase Johnson	Golden Valley, MN
Ellen Puzak	Minneapolis, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 6.0 Doubles

1 Amy Sullivan	Bloomington, MN
David Sullivan	Bloomington, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 7.0 Doubles

1 Beth Hank	Brooklyn Center, MN
Robert Hank	Brooklyn Center, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 8.0 Doubles

1 Addie Lordemann	Saint Paul, MN
Jon Kruse	Arden Hills, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 9.0 Doubles*

1 Thomas Chiu	Sioux Falls, SD
Christine Dummermuth	Sioux Falls, SD



Diana Bukajeva

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18 & Over



2.5 Women: Captained by coach **Boris Gonikman** and **Molly Kerr**; Minnetonka Tennis Club



3.0 Women: Captained by **Claire Schreiber** and **Amy Czaplewski**; Rochester Tennis Connection



3.5 Women: Captained by **Carol Thies** and **Michele Weddle**; Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



4.0 Women: Captained by **Julie Ouyang** and **Michelle Stein**; Life Time Athletic Oakdale Village



3.0 Men: Captained by **Jeffrey Nelson**; Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



3.5 Men: Captained by **Mike Torres** and **Morgan White**; Baseline Tennis Center



4.0 Men: Captained by **Trev Fenner**; Baseline Tennis Center



4.5 Men: Captained by **Ken** and **Sam Cychosz**; Life Time Athletic Eden Prairie



5.0 Men: Captained by **Ken Cychosz**; Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



6.0 Mixed: Captained by **Carl Bigby** and **Kelly Stordahl**; Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



7.0 Mixed: Captained by **Larry Miller**; Aquila Park, St. Louis Park

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8.0 Mixed: Captained by *Sharon Lorentz and Marti Estey*;
Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center



9.0 Mixed: Captained by *Greg Garritty*;
Life Time Athletic, St. Louis Park

40 & Over



3.0 Women: Captained by *Ruth Eliason and Tara Swanholm*;
Minnetonka Tennis Club



3.5 Women: Captained by *Elizabeth Olig*;
Life Time Athletic Oakdale Village



4.0 Women: Captained by *Jodi Carman Kortsha and Wendy Richards*;
Life Time Athletic St. Louis Park



4.5+ Women: Captained by *Linnea Benson*;
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



3.0 Men: Captained by *Carl Bigby*;
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South



3.5 Men: Captained by *Eric Narvaez and Brad Struve*;
St. Paul Academy High School



4.0 Men: Captained by *Bill Henney and Tim Theisen*;
Golden Valley Country Club



4.5+ Men: Captained by *David Komula*;
Minnetonka Tennis Club



6.0 Mixed: Captained by *Carl Bigby*;
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South

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7.0 Mixed: Captained by *Carol Thies* and *Eric Narvaez*;
St. Paul Academy and Summit School



8.0 Mixed: Captained by *Dana Hansen*;
InnerCity Tennis

55 & Over



6.0 Women: Captained by *Kelly Stordahl*;
InnerCity Tennis



7.0 Women: Captained by *Shirley Draz* and *Cathy Carney*;
Life Time Fitness Lakeville



8.0 Women: Captained by *Carol Seaberg* and *Mary Rolston*;
Life Time Athletic Eden Prairie



6.0 Men: Captained by *Eric Narvaez*;
St. Paul Academy and Summit School



7.0 Men: Captained by *Eric Narvaez* and *Peter Haan*;
St. Paul Academy and Summit School



8.0 Men: Captained by *Paul Dalton*;
Baseline Tennis Center



9.0 Men: Captained by *Ken Cychosz*;
Life Time Athletic Eden Prairie

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18 & Over 5.0 Women
Captained by *Kelsey Frechette*
and *Jessa Richards*
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South

9.0 40 & Over Mixed
Captained by *Greg Garrity*
Life Time Athletic St. Louis Park

6.0 65 & Over Men:
Captained by *Patrick Ledray*, *Eric Narvaez*
St. Paul Academy & Summit School

6.0 65 & Over Women
Captained by *Dyanne Kerr*, *Julie Weisser*
Twin Cities

7.0 65 & Over Men
Captained by *Eric Narvaez*, *Patrick Ledray*
St. Paul Academy & Summit School

7.0 65 & Over Women
Captained by *Carol Thies*
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South

8.0 65 & Over Women
Captained by *Sue Stedman*
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South

8.0 65 & Over Men
Captained by *Tom Boice*
Life Time Athletic Eden Prairie

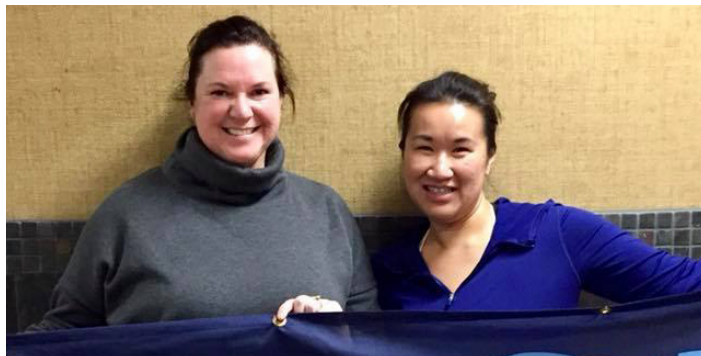
9.0 65 & Over Women
Captained by *Joan Baker*, *Cammy Johnson*

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3.0 Men - Ray Matthews, Sai Tong (Twin Cities)



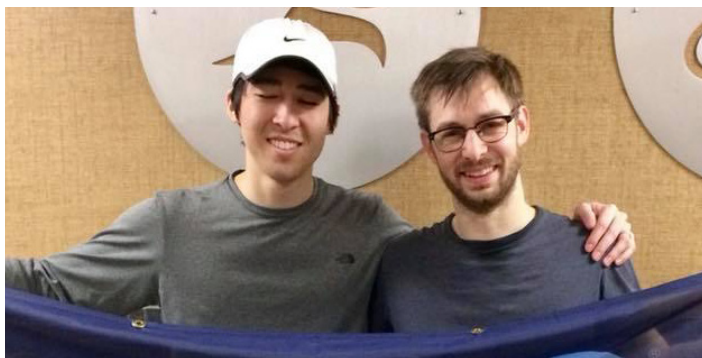
3.0 Women - Melonie Sebring, Jenny Kor, Amy Loveless and Tasha Flikeid (Twin Cities)



3.5 Men - Paul Bonnie, Nathan Moseley (Twin Cities)



3.5 Women - Nicole Multhauf, Michele Seeman, Ann Hayes, Jenna Southard (Eau Claire)



4.0 Men - Paul Jilek, Alex Chin, Matt Seiler (Twin Cities)



4.0 Women - Stephanie Barton, Cindy Pfingston (Rapid City)



4.5 Men - Oliver Summers, Adam Gustad, David Youngs (Fargo)



4.5 Women - Kristine Paul, Leslie Gale, Astrid Perez (Twin Cities)



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