



WISCONSIN TENNIS ASSOCIATION 2011 WINTER NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



For many of us, the glow from the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl victory is still with us and for me it brings to mind many tennis related experiences – sitting in the USTA president's box watching the U.S. Open, cheering on my daughter during the state high school championships, playing in my first adult tournament back in Phoenix...in 105 degree heat, and

picking up a racquet for the first time at age 13 to hit against a rickety backboard at a public park. Ah, the memories.

Now that I'm getting closer to being a "Super Senior," my priorities are changing a bit. I'm now less interested in competing at tennis and more interested in enabling participation. I still get excited about watching Roger Federer, "Rafa" and Caroline Wozniacki on the court, but I grin ear-to-ear when I help a 6-year old with a junior racquet bounce-hit a foam ball over a Quick Start net.

Tennis is a passion for me as well as tens of thousands of players across the country. With some, it starts at a very young age. With others such as my wife, the "tennis bug" doesn't bite until past age 30-something. And whether you enjoy its social, physical or competitive aspects, it's a game you've just got to share. That's what the WTA is all about – creating opportunities to play tennis for all ages and abilities. It's a game that makes for great memories. Help the WTA create some memories by introducing someone to our programs.

The WTA – We've Got *GAME!*

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Dates to Remember:

ADULT LEAGUES:

February, March, April-Team Intent forms due

May-Adult play begins

August 5-7-Local League playoffs

August 12-14-Wisconsin District playoffs

Jr. TEAM TENNIS:

April, May-Registration

July 22-24-Wisconsin District Jr. Team Tennis Championship

August 5-7-USTA Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis Championship



2011 USTA ADULT LEAGUE SEASON

The Wisconsin Tennis Association welcomes Charlene (Charlie) Kordus as the new USTA Wisconsin District League Coordinator. Charlie has been a Local League Coordinator for Milwaukee Men and brings a wealth of

experience, dedication and enthusiasm as the new District League Coordinator. Contact Charlie at ckordus@wisconsin.usta.com or 847-623-0340 for all league information.

Remember leagues are forming now and are available to all adults 18 and over at all levels of play in Men's, Women's, Senior, Super Senior, Tri-Level, Mixed and Combo Leagues.

Wherever you live in the state of Wisconsin, there is a league opportunity and local league coordinators ready to bring tennis to you and your community.

Great Lakes, GLL-Welcome NEW League.

Milwaukee, GML

Madison, MALT

Northeast League, NEL

Southeast League, SEL

North Central League, NCL

La Crosse League, LAL

Northwoods



WTA OFFERS FLEX LEAGUES

The Wisconsin Tennis Association is excited to bring USTA Flex Leagues to Wisconsin District to help players fit tennis in to your busy life. The Flex League format groups players of similar ability in an organized 7-10 week league for singles or doubles at your convenience.

USTA Flex Leagues will be offered in the following communities in 2011:

Metro Milwaukee, Metro Madison, Central Wisconsin, Fox Valley, Northern Wisconsin

For more information and to bring Flex Leagues to your community contact Judy Velloff at jveloff@wisconsin.usta.com or visit www.ustaflex.com.

TennisLink Takes on a New Look!

The USTA has recently launched an improved Tennis Link interface. Watch for single sign on, ease of navigation, My Tennis Page, My League Page, Self-rate ability, streamlined registration and more!



Attention Junior Players!

The Wisconsin Midwest Qualifier (closed) will be held June 3-5 (all girls + boys 10) and June 9-14 (boys 12-18). Register now at www.wisconsin.usta.com/juniors or contact nmassart@wisconsin.usta.com

Did you know?

Wisconsin Tennis Association awards over \$15,000 annually to communities to implement and grow tennis programs.

Wisconsin Tennis Association supports Wheelchair and Adaptive Tennis.



Wisconsin Tennis Association annually funds Multi-cultural and Diversity tennis programs



USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS

The Wisconsin Tennis Association is ready to bring USTA Jr. Team Tennis to junior players ages 12-18 at all levels of play to youth in your community. USTA Jr. Team

Tennis is the largest junior recreational tennis league in the country and the Wisconsin District has enjoyed unprecedented growth in participation with a 9% increase last year.

Jr. Team Tennis is available in the following communities in Wisconsin:

Fond du Lac, Fox Valley, Green Bay, La Crosse, Lake Country, Lodi, Madison, Milwaukee, North Central, Racine/Kenosha, Sheboygan, South Central, Sun Prairie, Waukesha, Wausau.

For more information and to bring USTA Jr. Team Tennis to your community, contact Christy Etten at etten@wisconsin.usta.com.

WISCONSIN JUNIORS PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNIOR PATHWAY FOR YOUTH AGES 10 AND UNDER



The Wisconsin Tennis Association is introducing the new 2011 USTA Midwest Section Junior Tennis Pathway to the Wisconsin District. All 10 and under competition and training is organized using slower red, orange and green balls with age sized racquets and court size.

Communities interested in Midwest Youth Team Tennis and the junior pathway can contact Erika Wentz-Russell at Erika@midwest.usta.com or 317-333-3556.

WTA HONORS AWARD WINNERS

At its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, the WTA announced the following award winners:

Member Organization: Le Club, Milwaukee
 Frank Parker Junior Award: Jennifer Winston, Milwaukee
 Frank Parker Junior Award: Brandon DeBot, Stevens Point
 Rollie Mueller President's Award: Kip Whitlinger, Neenah
 Dick Arnold WTA Award: Bill Van Lieshout, Oshkosh
 Bill Letwin Award: Lloyd Cook, Marinette
 League Player Award: Karen Drecktrah, Appleton
 League Player Award: Jack Fahser, Racine

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WTA-We've Got *GAME!*

Remember: All **new** participants in USTA Adult or Junior League Tennis are eligible for a WTA-We've Got *GAME!* t-shirt. Find the t-shirt application on our web site.

The Wisconsin Tennis Association is the governing body of all USTA League Tennis in The Wisconsin District. Join in the fun.

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WTA CONGRATULATES WISCONSIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The WTA acknowledges the many volunteers, communities, tennis professionals and leaders who contribute to the success and growth of tennis in the Wisconsin District.

USTA Midwest Youth and Tennis Education Foundation Awards
Milwaukee Tennis and Education Foundation-\$5000
Western Kenosha County Tennis Association-\$2500
Coulee Region Tennis Association-\$2500
South Suburban Milwaukee Community Tennis Association-\$2500
Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh-\$1850
Sun Prairie Tennis Association-\$1650

USPTA High School Coach of the Year—Jackie Egelhoff, WTA Wheelchair and Adaptive Tennis Chair
USPTA Fay Tooley Memorial Award—Chip Liefert, WTA Junior Development Chair
USPTA WI State Professional of the Year—Scott Ficks
USPTA Men's 45 Player of the Year—Bill Kirsch

WTA-We've Got *GAME!*

The Wisconsin Tennis Association invites you to play USTA Adult or Jr. Team Tennis in 2011. **ALL NEW USTA LEAGUE PLAYERS MAY RECEIVE A FREE WE'VE GOT *GAME!* T-SHIRT.**

Join a team. Sign up now.

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