



USTA Northern Highlights

October 2016

Membership Numbers

USTA Northern Individual Memberships

	Juniors	Adults	Total
September 2016	4,555	6,755	11,320
August 2016	4,588	6,775	11,363

USTA Northern Organization Memberships

	Clubs	CTAs	Park & Recs	Schools	Service Orgs	Total
September 2016	25	64	48	86	23	246
August 2016	24	63	49	91	24	251

USTA Northern News & Notes

Deadline To Apply For USTA Northern Committee Is October 21

Applications are being accepted to serve on USTA Northern committees for 2017-18. USTA Northern has 15 committees which oversee the majority of our priority programs and services including: Adult Leagues, Adult Leagues Medical Review, Adult Leagues Self-Rate Appeal, Adult Leagues and Tournament Grievance, Awards, CTA/NJTL, Diversity and Inclusion, Grants, Hall of Fame, Junior Competition, Junior Player ID, Junior Team Tennis, Serving Up Love, Officials and Officials Disciplinary. More specific details about the committees and their charges are available at northern.usta.com. To apply for a committee, [click here](#). **The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 21. A reminder, if you are currently serving on a committee, you must reapply for consideration on the same committee.** For questions, contact [Mike Goldammer](#).

Halloween Mixed Doubles Swingle Event October 29

USTA Northern is hosting a Halloween Mixed Doubles Swingle event Saturday, Oct. 29, at Life Time Athletic St. Louis Park from 6-10 p.m. Come enjoy food, drinks, a costume contest and prizes. Play will be at the 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 levels and players are guaranteed three matches. Cost is \$30 for USTA members and \$35 for non-members. Registration deadline is October 26. If a USTA member, register by [clicking here](#). Not a USTA member or need a partner? No problem. Contact [Lisa Mushett](#) at mushett@northern.usta.com or at 952-358-3282 to register.



Congratulations USTA Northern Award Winners

Congratulations to the following people and organizations who will be honored November 18 at the USTA Northern Annual Awards Banquet at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, Minn. Tickets are \$40 and can be ordered by contacting [Lisa Mushett](#).

Ward Burton Junior Development Award – Adam and Sarah Doll (Mankato, Minn.)
Frank Voigt Pro of the Year – Steve Tacl – (Rochester Athletic Club, Rochester, Minn.)
Family of the Year – The Erik, Susan, Hale and Kai Kringlie Family (Valley City, N.D.)
Wolfenson/Ratner Community Service Award – Steve and Kathy Haug (Alexandria, Minn.)
Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award - Boys – Colby Zak (Hastings, Minn.); **Girls** – Katie Mulvey (St. Paul, Minn.)
Albert Teeter Adult Sportsmanship Award – Jake Seltz (St. Paul, Minn.)
Jack Dow Adult Development Award – Chad Larson (Mitchell, S.D.)
Member Organization of the Year – East Ridge Raptor Youth Tennis (Woodbury, Minn.)
Rocky Rockwell Grassroots Official Award – Joe Boyer (Rochester, Minn.)

Text Messaging

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Thank You USTA Northern Sponsors and Partners



Join USTA & lululemon At Private Member-Only Event November 13

Join USTA Northern and lululemon for an exclusive member event Sunday, Nov. 13 at lululemon's Mall of America location in Bloomington, Minn. USTA Northern members, family and friends are invited to a private shopping experience from 10-11 a.m. prior to the store opening to the general public. Snacks and beverages will be provided and selected items will be marked down 20% throughout the store. lululemon has something for the entire family as men, women and juniors are encouraged to attend this exclusive opportunity. Prior to the shopping experience, lululemon professionals will offer a tennis-specific yoga class from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Cost for the specialty yoga class is \$20 with all proceeds benefitting the Urban Youth Tennis and Education Fund and being matched dollar-for-dollar by Youthprise. Pre-registration is required for the yoga class. Space is limited. [To register for the yoga class, click here.](#) Registrations are accepted until Wednesday, Nov. 9 or until the event fills. Individuals can also pre-register for the free private shopping experience. Anyone who registers prior to November 9 will be entered into a drawing for a FREE lululemon clothing item! *Note: Registrations for members and their guests must be completed by a USTA Member with a valid membership number.*

Save the Dates: USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop November 18-19

Save the date to attend the COMMUNITY Tennis Workshop on November 18-19, 2016, to be inspired, form connections, and equip yourself with the knowledge and tools needed to make tennis grow in your community. The CTW will be held Friday at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington and Saturday at Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center. There will be opportunities to network, share best practices, learn from industry leaders on and off the court, and PLAY tennis! Keynote speakers are former ATP Players Council President **Eric Butorac**, USTA National Director of Junior Play and Competition **Craig Jones** and USTA General Manager of Community and Youth Tennis **Craig Morris**. While in town for the Community Tennis Workshop, be sure to attend the USTA Northern Annual Meeting and Section Awards banquet on Friday evening and the Play It Forward Tennis Swingle event on Saturday night.



Cost for the entire workshop is \$100, which includes admission to everything both days, but the Mixed Doubles Swingle on Saturday night (only \$30 more). Single-day passes can be purchased for Friday (\$35) and \$50 (Saturday).

To register for the workshop, visit www.ctw.ezregister.com. The deadline to register is November 15, 2016. Scholarships and small travel grants are available for USTA Northern Organizational Members by contacting [Christine Nickels](#) at (952) 358-3290. The deadline to redeem a scholarship is October 24, 2016. For those attending from outside the Twin Cities, a block of rooms has been reserved at the new Hyatt Regency Bloomington-Minneapolis. Room rates are \$98 plus tax. To reserve a room, call (952) 922-1234 and mention USTA Northern or register [online](#). Hotel deadline for this special rate is November 3, 2016.

Magnus Norman Coming To Twin Cities For Public Workshop

Magnus Norman, coach of US Open Champion **Stan Wawrinka**, will do an off-court clinic on October 23 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South. Norman will touch on developing world-class players and mental toughness, in addition to effective training and what defines a good coach. The clinic is open to the public and cost is \$25 (cash/check only...no credit cards). To attend, please contact [Christin Thurston](#). USPTA members can attend the clinic for free.

Junior News



Player Applications Being Accepted For Team Northern Junior Training Program

USTA Northern is accepting applications for its Team Northern program for junior players born in 2003-06. Team Northern is the newest step on the Junior Development Pathway, working in conjunction with the already existing Early Development Camps and Team USA programs through the USTA and USTA Northern. The team will consist of 24 players selected through a collaboration process with section coaches, staff, the USTA Northern Player ID Committee and the Manager of Team Northern. There will be a heavy emphasis on the player recommendations required in the application process. To apply, [click here](#). **Applications are due by October 28.** For more information, contact [Pat Colbert](#).

Team Northern Looking For Coaches

Applications are being accepted for both the Lead Coach and Assistant Coaches for Team Northern. Responsibilities include developing and planning curriculum for Team Northern, running camp practices, attending all coaches and player meetings during camps and other duties as assigned. To apply, [click here](#) and indicate on your application if you would like

to be considered for the Lead Coach position. Coaches are paid per day worked and must submit to a full background check as mandated by the USTA Northern SafeSport Handbook. Applicants must have experience working with and coaching high performance junior players. For more information, please contact [Pat Colbert](#) or (952) 358-3283.

Apply For A Team Northern Scholarship

Apply now for a Team Northern Scholarship. [For an application, click here.](#) Recipients will be determined on a per need basis by USTA Northern and the Serving Up Love Committee. Scholarships range from \$250-\$1,000. Application deadline is December 9 and recipients will be notified in late December before the first training camp. Criteria for selection includes: financial need, tennis involvement with past success and potential, academic achievement and sportsmanship both on and off the court. You must include a current report card and an itemized list of anticipated tennis expenses for 2017. Note: MSHSL has restrictions regarding scholarships. Please check with you athletic director. Questions? Please contact [Tricia Moorhead](#).

Jessie Aney Wins ITA All-American Doubles Title

Jessie Aney of Rochester, Minn., and the University of North Carolina, and partner **Hayley Carter** won five matches en route to the doubles titles at the 2016 Riviera/ITA Women's Tennis Championship, held at the Riviera Tennis Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Aney (right) and Carter battled Pepperdine's fifth-seeded team of **Luisa Stefani** and **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** in the finals, winning 6-1, 2-6, 1-0 (9).



Northern Teams Headed To JTT Nationals

Good luck to the all of the teams that will represent USTA Northern at the 2016 Junior Team Tennis National Championships in Cayce, S.C. The 14s played October 13-16 and the 18s will follow October 20-23. In 14s, Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South placed ninth and **Life Time Fitness - Fridley** 10th in the Advanced division, while **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** was eighth in the Intermediate tournament. **Life Time Fitness - Fridley** and **Fargo** will represent Northern in the 18s Advanced and Intermediate tournaments, respectively.

Adult News

15 Coaches Honored On National Coaches Day

USTA Northern recognized 15 coaches October 6 on National Coaches Day including: **Joan Bachmeier** (Eau Claire North High School, Eau Claire, Wis.); **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center, Eau Claire, Wis.), **Paul Christen** (Mandan H.S., Mandan, N.D.), **Boris Gonikman** (Williston Tennis Center, Minnetonka Tennis Club, Armstrong H.S., Minnetonka, Minn.), **Wendy Hastings** (Menomonie Public Schools, Menomonie, Wis.), **Ryan Hoag** (Washburn H.S., Minneapolis, Minn.), **David Kahl** (Stillwater H.S., Stillwater, Minn), **Jon Pickett** (Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center, Eau Claire, Wis.), **Felicia Raschiatore** (Williston Tennis Center, Minnetonka, Minn.), **Matt Sem** (Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center, Eau Claire, Wis.), **Oliver Summers** (Minnesota State Moorhead, Courts Plus Community Fitness, Fargo, N.D.), **Jeanne Wagner** (Rapid City Christian H.S., Rapid City, S.D.), **Dave Wolden** (Williston Fitness Center, Minnetonka, Minn.), **Jessica Worden** (TWIG Tennis, Grand Lake Township, Minn.) and **Mike Zerr** (Brandon Valley H.S., Brandon, S.D.).

Randy Crowell and Fred Budde Win Bronze Ball At Grasscourt Nationals

Congratulations to **Randy Crowell** of Prior Lake, Minn., and **Fred Budde** of Eden Prairie, Minn., who took home a bronze ball in doubles at the USTA National 60 Grasscourt Championships in Pontiac, Mich.

Community Tennis News

Apply Now To Be A USTA Northern Premier Provider

Applications are being accepted for the USTA Northern Premier Provider Program. The Premier Provider Program recognizes organizational members that offer many USTA Northern play opportunities for all ages and ability levels including Play Days, Play Events, Junior Team Tennis, Junior Tournaments, Adult Tournament, Adult Leagues, Adult Recreational Play, 36- and 60-foot court Blended Lines, Coach Youth Tennis Training and USTA Organization Membership. To apply, [click here](#). **Deadline to apply is October 21.** For more information, contact [Sandy Smith](#).

Four Communities Receive Community Tennis Grants

Congratulations to the following organizations who all received Community Tennis Grants from USTA Northern in September.

- \$1,000 to **Osseo (Minn.) Senior High School** to provide marketing support for a series of free tennis clinics aimed at middle school students.
- \$1,300 to **Prior Lake (Minn.) Athletics for Youth (P.L.A.Y.)** to support expansion of tennis programming and necessary equipment purchases.
- \$1,550 to the **Eau Claire (Wis.) YMCA Tennis Center** to support staff/volunteer training, travel to school sites, and a new Saturday Play Day program.

- \$3,000 to **St. Paul (Minn.) Urban Tennis** to support rebranding efforts and a new web site.

Ellsworth (Wis.) and Park Rapids Receive Facility Funding Grants

The **Ellsworth (Wis.) Community School District** received \$12,000 and the **Park Rapids (Minn.) Community Tennis Association** \$3,500 from the USTA Facility Funding program. Ellsworth is building four new tennis courts at Summit Hill Park, while Park Rapids is resurfacing 8 courts, adding blended lines and windscreens at Depot Park.

Thinking Of Adding Blended Lines? USTA Will Pay For Them

USTA National is offering 100% reimbursement for blended line projects submitted before **October 31, 2016**. To get started, submit an inquiry form by visiting <http://ct.usta.com/pfa/> and select 36- and 60-Foot Lines for Question #4. Lines must be completed by December 15, 2016. For more information, or for a list of contractors to perform the work, please contact [Christine Nickels](#).

Donate Today To The Urban Youth Tennis & Education Campaign And Have Your Donation Matched

USTA Northern and Youthprise have joined forces to support tennis and education programs targeting underserved youth in the Twin Cities through the Urban Youth Tennis & Education Campaign. This initiative directly supports the collaborative efforts of local partners (InnerCity Tennis, Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center and St. Paul Urban Tennis) that bring tennis to underserved youth and use the sport as a channel for emotional, physical and academic development. Youthprise has pledged to match all donations, up to \$125,000!

Contributions collected since the start of the campaign are making an impact this school year by funding a series of free indoor tennis nights, a Level 8 tournament series, shared bus transportation to tennis and leadership programs and a new pathway manager position.

[Click here and donate today](#). Or you can send a check, payable to Youthprise, and note in the memo line: Urban Youth Tennis & Education Fund to Youthprise, 615 First Avenue NE, Suite 125, Minneapolis, MN 55413.



Donate Gently Used Equipment To High School Programs

USTA Northern has started a new initiative, "Play it Forward," as part of its Serving Up Love campaign. We are collecting gently used racquets, tennis shoes, grip and cases of tennis balls to distribute to high school tennis teams in need throughout the year. Please bring your donations to the USTA Northern office at 1001 W 98th Street, Suite 101, Bloomington or contact [Sandy Smith](#). If you know of a high school team in need, please complete the following [request form](#).

Org Referral Program Back; Receive \$5 For Each New Member You Recruit

Want to grow the game of tennis and be rewarded? USTA Northern is offering a Member Referral Program to our Organizational Members. For every new adult or junior USTA member you recruit, USTA Northern will reward you \$5. [Click here for a bulk membership form](#).

New FREE USTA Marketing Resources Site

The USTA has introduced a new Marketing Resources site that is much more robust and easier to use. The site has two areas – Learn and Promote. Through the Learn area of the site, many video and workbook resources are available on a variety of topics including Rules and Regulations, Sales, Tips/Videos/Drills, USTA Program How-To and more. The Promote side offers FREE marketing tools such as posters, flyers, press releases and more. To take advantage of the site, visit www.usta.com/marketingresources.

Want To Volunteer With USTA Northern? Register In Our Volunteer Network

Are you passionate about tennis and interested in giving back to the game you love? Then you've come to the right place. USTA Northern has a rich history of dedicated volunteers, all of whom share the same fundamental drive that gives them the passion to volunteer: they all love tennis. Prior volunteer experience is not required! [Fill out a volunteer form today](#). For additional information, please contact [Sandy Smith](#) at 952-358-3288.

Other USTA Northern Notes, Special Offers and Promotions

Stay Connected To USTA Northern Via Social Media

Stay up-to-date on the latest information regarding USTA Northern through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Photobucket or our Web site.

Web Site: www.northern.usta.com

Facebook: "Like Us" at www.facebook.com/ustanorthern

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ustanorthern

YouTube: www.youtube.com/ustanorthern

Instagram: www.instagram.com; Keyword: USTA Northern

Text Message: [Click here](#) to opt-in and receive text messages and emails.

FREE USTA Membership For Kids 10 and Under For 2016

The USTA is offering a free 1-year membership to all first-time members who are 10 and under between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. To register your child, please visit www.usta.com/membership and enter source code **FYF16CNS** or call (800) 990-8782.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

For a list of junior tournaments coming up in USTA Northern, [click here](#). For a list of adult tournaments, [click here](#). For a calendar of Section events, [click here](#).

For more information about USTA Northern information and events, please contact **Lisa Mushett** at mushett@northern.usta.com or at (952) 358-3282.