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USTA Northern Highlights

November 2016

Membership Numbers

USTA Northern Individual Memberships

	Juniors	Adults	Total
October 2016	4,545	6,775	11,320
September 2016	4,555	6,755	11,310

USTA Northern Organization Memberships

	Clubs	CTAs	Park & Recs	Schools	Service Orgs	Total
October 2016	25	65	49	87	22	248
September 2016	25	64	48	86	23	246

USTA Northern News & Notes

USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop November 18-19

The USTA Northern CommUNITY Tennis Workshop is November 18-19, 2016, at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington (Friday) and the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center (Saturday). 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.

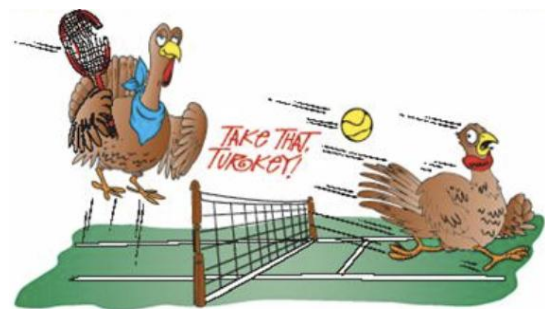
Cost for the entire workshop is \$100, which includes admission to everything both days, but the Mixed Doubles Swingle on Saturday night (only \$30 more). Single-day passes can be purchased for Friday (\$35) and \$50 (Saturday).

To register for the workshop, visit www.ctw.ezregister.com. The deadline to register is November 15, 2016.



Former ATP Pro Eric Butorac Presenting On November 19

Come see former Australian Open finalist and ATP Players Council President **Eric Butorac** Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center in St. Paul, Minn. The event is open to the public and is \$15. Butorac, who won 14 ATP doubles titles in his career and was a finalist at the 2014 Australian Open, will be leading two sessions from 2:15-4:30 p.m. The first is a session on youth development and Butorac's personal journey to playing on the pro tour. That will be followed by a question and answer session about life on the ATP Tour and his term as the Players Council President. For more information, contact [Lisa Mushett](mailto:Lisa.Mushett@usta.org). To register for the event, visit www.ctw.ezregister.com.



Play It Forward Mixed Doubles Swingle Event November 19

USTA Northern will host the Play It Forward Mixed Doubles Social on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center from 5-10 p.m. This team-based event will be at the 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 levels. Come enjoy food and drink at this FUN event which includes music, games, prizes and much, much more. Cost is \$30 (includes food and drink) for USTA members and \$35 for non-USTA Members. Note: If you are not a USTA member, but would like to play, please contact [Lisa Mushett](mailto:Lisa.Mushett@usta.org) or at 952-358-3282 to register. USTA members [click here](#) to register. USTA Northern will also Play It Forward as we are working with the Serving Up Love initiative to bring in new or gently used tennis items (racquets, balls, clothes, grips, etc.) to donate to high school programs in our Section. All people who bring in a donation will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Up Love, or if you need a partner, contact **Lisa Mushett**.

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Give To The Max Day November 17

Please support USTA Northern's charitable initiative Serving Up Love on Thursday, Nov. 17 as part of "Give To The Max" Day! [Click here](#) anytime on November 17 and donate to Serving Up Love which supports all of the giving opportunities for USTA Northern including grants, scholarships, the Urban Youth Tennis & Education Campaign and Play It Forward. That day an individual donor will be randomly chosen every hour to have \$1,000 given to the charity that received the donor's original donation - and two people that day will receive a \$10,000 "Golden Ticket."



Magnus Norman Visits USTA Northern

Magnus Norman, coach of US Open Champion **Stan Wawrinka**, did both an on-court and off-court clinic in front of over 100 people October 23 at Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South. If you missed the sessions, you can still view them on the USTA Northern Facebook page as both sessions were recorded. Visit www.facebook.com/ustanorthern.

Tennis Magazine Heroes Of Tennis

Congratulations to the following individuals who were named their respective state's hero in the *Tennis - The Heroes Issue* including **David Sommer** (Minnesota), **Grand Forks Red River High School** (North Dakota), **Mike and Cindy Huether** (South Dakota) and former St. Paul resident **Dan James** (Washington).

Text Messaging

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Junior News

Fargo Wins Team Spirit Award At JTT Nationals; Northern Teams Do Well

Congratulations to all of the teams who represented USTA Northern at the 2016 Junior Team Tennis National Championships in Cayce, S.C.

18s Intermediate

The 18 Intermediate team from Fargo finished ninth overall and was named the championship's Team Spirit Award winner. Coached by **Oliver Summers**, who was the 2016 USTA National Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year, Fargo was third in its round-robin flight sending them to the 9th-12th bracket. Mid-Atlantic was first with 168 total games, followed by Caribbean (158), Northern (135) and Texas (44).

Fargo beat Southern 57-38 in its first bracket-play match, and then overcame Middle States 52-40 in the 9th/10th-place contest. Members of the Fargo team included **Anna Steinwand, Chessa Jones, Damien O'Donnell, Joseph Beske, Lauryn Andre, Nathan Young, North Knewtson, Preeti Chemiti** and **Trevor Jacklitch**.



18s Advanced

Life Time Fitness - Fridley placed ninth overall in the 18s Advanced division. Northern was third in its round-robin flight with 106 total-games won. Mid-Atlantic was first with 163 games, Texas second (162), Northern and Hawaii Pacific (86).

In bracket play, Northern defeated New England, 54-34, and Missouri Valley, 59-19, for ninth place. Members of the team included **Alexandra Kopiecki, Charlie Adkins, Jake Trondson, Meagan Brown, Nikita Snezhko, Olivia Paradise** and **Samuel Hohenshell**. The team was coached by **John Trondson**. Mid-Atlantic went on to win the championship, defeating Southern in the finals.

14s Advanced

Northern was represented by **Life Time Fitness - Fridley** and **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** in the Advanced division. Bloomington South was ninth overall and Fridley 10th. Fridley finished third in its round-robin flight with 85 total-games won. Southern was first with 178, followed by Caribbean (143), Northern and Middle States (65). Members of the

Fridley team included **Aili Hietala, Bjorn Swenson, Christo Alex, Courtney Kallas, Hank Trondson, Jonathan Nudler, Justin Bobo, Sarah Shahbaz, Sujit Chopuri, Tomas Jay** and **Zoe Adkins** and were coached by **Sion Wilkins**.

Bloomington South finished fourth in its flight but advanced to the 9th-12th place division because another team had the incorrect number of eligible players. Mid-Atlantic was first with 174 games, followed by Midwest (143), Missouri Valley (95) and Northern (48). Members of the BLS team were **Allen Gong, Gwendolyn Kelly, Isabelle Lynch, Jessica Ip, Nicolette Keller, Nisal Liyanage, Tharun Inturi** and coach **Spencer Jones**.

Fridley and Bloomington South then faced off in the 9th-10th match where BLS defeated Fridley 57-35. Mid-Atlantic won the championship.

14s Intermediate

In the Intermediate division, **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** finished eighth overall. In round-robin play, BLS was second with 138 games. Middle States was first with 168, while Southern California had 94 and Texas 72. In bracket play, BLS lost to eventual champion Eastern and Midwest. Members of the team included **Allison Agerland, Amisha Kshetrapal, Andrew Liu, Anirudh Vadrevu, Ashish Thotakura, Jack Ouyang, Kelly Wu** and **Sonya Ramesh**. They were coached by **Spencer Jones** and **Brady Shannon**.

Koua Yang Named To USTA National No-Cut All-Star Team

Koua Yang of St. Paul, Minn., and **Harding High School** was named to the USTA No-Cut Coach All-Star Team which recognizes 10 exceptional middle- and high-school coaches throughout the nation who implement a "no-cut" policy which welcomes all interested students to be a part of their school's tennis team.

Yang began coaching right out of college in 1999. He has led the no-cut tennis program at Harding High School in St. Paul the last 11 years, developing the program from an annual number of 20 players to more than 90 and sustaining that number. The team has won nine boys tennis conference championships and five girls conference championships.



Mahtomedi and Blake Win Minnesota State Tournament

Congratulations to **Mahtomedi**, who won its first-ever Minnesota Class AA Team championship, and **The Blake School**, which won its second straight title at the 2016 Minnesota State Girls High School Tournament at Baseline Tennis Center and Reed Sweatt Family Tennis Center, respectively. Mahtomedi defeated **Eagan** in the finals 5-2 for its first-ever team championship, after upsetting **Edina** 4-3 in the semifinals. Edina had won the last 19 straight Minnesota Class AA team championships and held the longest team winning streak of any sport in the nation. Blake had a much easier time, defeating **Rochester Lourdes** 7-0 in the finals.

In the individual competition, Minnetonka's **Bella Lambert** won her first-ever Class AA singles title after defeating Edina's **Sophie Reddy** 6-0, 7-5 in the finals. Bella follows in the footsteps of big sister **Aria** who won the singles title in both 2008 and 2009 and later went on to play at the University of Minnesota. In Class A, Blake's **Libby Rickeman** won

her second straight singles championship with a 6-2, 6-4 win over teammate **Arlina Shen**. Rickeman and partner **Jane Fraley** also won the Class AA doubles title in 2014.

In doubles, the AA team of **Savanna Crowell** and **Taylor Jackson** of Prior Lake took home their first state championship with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over St. Cloud Tech's **Taylor Tarrolly** and her sister **Katelyn**. In Class A, Blake's **Lainey Axell** and **Sophie Skallerud** won their first crown defeating defending champions **Grace Zumwinkle** and **Lauren Kozikowski** of Breck 6-1, 6-3.

Grand Forks Red River Wins North Dakota

Grand Forks Red River is back on top after sweeping the team, singles and doubles championships at the 2016 North Dakota Boys State Tennis Tournament at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks. Red River, who had won 17 straight titles before losing to **Fargo South** last year, defeated **Bismarck Legacy** in the finals 3-2.

Jake Kuhlman won his first state singles title with a 6-2, 6-0 win over West Fargo's **Joe Beske**, while the doubles team of **Daniel Pierce** and **Kaden Johnson** beat Legacy's **Brian Swanberg** and **Michael Janes** 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the final. Swanberg was also named the Senior Player of the Year.

The All-State team included Kuhlman, Pierce and Johnson of Red River; **Logan Strand, Ben Swanson** of Fargo North; **Damien O'Donnell** of Fargo Shanley; **Davis Lawley** of Fargo South (who could not defend his 2015 state singles title after hurting his knee); Beske of West Fargo; **Cameron Cook, North Knewton** of West Fargo Sheyenne; **Eric DeBoer** of Jamestown; **Casey Beck, Janes** and **Swanberg** of Bismarck Legacy and **Tyler Tweten, Connor Wieland** of Mandan.

Bismarck Legacy coach **Scott McPherson** was named the Coach of the Year.



Danielle Sebata Wins Second Consecutive Titles In South Dakota

Sioux Falls Lincoln won the team title at the 2016 South Dakota Girls State Tennis Tournament in Rapid City, S.D. Lincoln finished with 646 points, followed by **Rapid City Stevens** with 582 points and **Sioux Falls O'Gorman** with 513 points.

In the individual finals, sophomore **Danielle Sebata** of O'Gorman won her second straight Flight 1 singles title, defeating **Grace Goble** of Stevens 7-6 (1), 6-1. In South Dakota, six singles champions are crowned - one per flight - and three doubles winners.

Samantha Czarnecki of O'Gorman won her second Flight 2 crown and fifth state singles championship with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win over **Meredith Brown** of Lincoln. **Ava Leonard** of Lincoln won the Flight 3 title with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over **Ingrid Anderson** of Stevens. **Emily Whitney** of Lincoln won the Flight 4 position with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over **Halle Vanderwerff** of Stevens. **Johana Brower** of Lincoln won the Flight 5 title this year with a 6-1, 6-3 win over **Peyton Forney** of Stevens. In Flight 6, **Jaden Elliott** of Stevens beat **Brook Lovrien** of Lincoln 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles, Sebata and Czarnecki took the Flight 1 title again with a 6-2, 6-3 win over **Sidney Brower** and **Benson** of Lincoln. It was the fourth state championship in doubles for Czarnecki. Vanderwerff and Forney won the Flight 2 title 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (2) over Leonard and Brower. In Flight 3, Whitney/Lovrien def. Anderson and Elliott 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Kara Brusven of Pierre was the winner of the 2016 Spirit of Max Award, while **Pierre** won the Team Sportsmanship Award. The All-Tournament Team was **Brooke Lovrien**, **Meredith Benson**, **Sydney Brower**, **Emily Whitney** and **Ava Leonard** of Sioux Falls Lincoln; **Grace Goble**, **Peyton Forney**, **Halle Vanderwerff** of Rapid City Stevens and **Samantha Czarnecki** and **Danielle Sebata** of Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Regis Second; Memorial In Top Four In Wisconsin

Eau Claire Regis earned finalist honors in Division I, while **Eau Claire Memorial** advanced to the semifinals in Division 2 at the 2016 Wisconsin State High School Girls Tournament in Madison, Wis. Regis lost to Edgewood 7-0 in the finals, while Memorial fell to Neenah.

In the individual tournament, Memorial's **Catherine Lindsay** finished in the Top 8 in singles and **Devon Bourget** and **Emily Pepperl** were fourth in doubles.

Adult News



7.0 55 & Over Win National Championships

Congratulations to the men's 7.0 55 and Over team, captained by **Eric Narvaez** and **Peter Haan** out of St. Paul Academy High School, who won the 2016 USTA League National Championship in Surprise, Ariz. Team members included Narvaez, Hahn, **Randy Sanders**, **George Kimball**, **Brad Struve**, **William Boyes**, **Van Dickerson**, **Robert Lang**, **Dave Hofeldt**, **Francois Nguyen**, **Ron Ingalls**, **Michael Schneider**, **Gary Simpson** and **Bill Jamieson**.

Northern won its flight 3-0, defeating Mid-Atlantic, Florida and Midwest all by the same 2-1 scores. In the semifinals, Northern took out New England 3-0 and won the championships by defeating Southern California 2-1 as Northern won at the #1 and #3 doubles positions.

Congrats Other League National Top 4 Finishers

In addition to the 7.0 55 and Over Men, Northern has had three other teams finished in the Top 4 including the 55 and Over 6.0 Men's team captained by **Eric Narvaez** (third), the 4.5 18 and Over Women captained by **Mary Beth McDonald** (fourth) and the 4.5 40 and Over Men captained by **Ken Cychosz** (fourth).

ONE Doubles Section Championships Dec. 2-4

Seventy-eight teams have dreams of Indian Wells at the 2016 ONE Doubles Section Championships Dec. 4-6 at Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South. The winners of the 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 men's and women's division qualify for the national Tri-Level Championships in Indian Wells, Calif., in March during the BNP Paribas Classic.

Community Tennis News

North Dakota Tennis Association Meeting November 19

The **North Dakota Tennis Association** is having its Annual Meeting November 19 at 8 a.m., during the Community Tennis Workshop. For more information, please contact [Carolyn Kramer](#).

Ten Named USTA Northern Premier Providers

Congratulations to the following tennis facilities and organizations for being named to the USTA Northern's Premier Provider list for 2016 including second-year recipients **Sioux Falls Tennis Association** (Sioux Falls, S.D.); **Eau Claire YMCA**

Indoor Tennis Center (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** (St. Paul, Minn.); **Courts Plus Community Fitness** (Fargo, N.D.) and **Baseline Tennis Center-University of Minnesota** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and first-time honorees **Williston Fitness Center** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **St. Paul Urban Tennis** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Hastings Tennis Association** (Hastings, Minn.), **Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South** (Bloomington, Minn.) and **Life Time Athletic White Bear** (White Bear Lake, Minn.).

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.

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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.