



# USTA Northern Highlights

## December 2014

### Membership Numbers

#### USTA Northern Individual Memberships

	Juniors	Adults	Total
November 2014	4,776	6,999	11,775
October 2014	4,810	6,967	11,777

#### USTA Northern Organization Memberships

	Clubs	CTAs	Park & Recs	Schools	Service Orgs	Total
November 2014	27	65	45	52	26	215
October 2014	28	66	44	53	26	217

### USTA Northern News & Notes

#### USTA Northern Announces New Board Of Directors

Congratulations to the following members who have been named to the Executive Committee of the 2015-16 USTA Northern Board of Directors, including new President **Kathleen Lundberg**. All begin their two-year term on January 1, 2015.

**Kathleen Lundberg** is the new President of USTA Northern. Lundberg, of Minneapolis, has been a member of USTA for over 20 years and is in her fifth term on the USTA Northern Board. She has supported a variety of events such as the Boston Scientific Pro Women's Tennis Classic and the Aquatennial Plaza Tennis Classic for a number of years. She also has been very active in the Corporate Tennis Challenge, WorldTeam Tennis and has played on many USTA League teams. Lundberg also served as a volunteer with Urban Tennis (now InnerCity Tennis). Now a consultant, Lundberg had been with the Guidant Corporation and Boston Scientific for over 20 years as the Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer.

Other members of the Executive Committee include: Section Delegate **Roshan Rajkumar** (St. Louis Park, Minn.); First Vice President **Liz Hamburg** (Rapid City, S.D.); Vice President **Scott Boyer** (Rochester, Minn.); Secretary **Susan Kringlie** (Valley City, N.D.) and Treasurer **John Wilcox** (Edina, Minn.).

Twelve additional people have been selected to serve as At-Large Members for 2015-16 including **Susan Allen** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Mehdi Benyebka** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Jessie Daw** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **David Fishbaine** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Justin Gaard** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Dan Halvorsen** (Sunfish Lake, Minn.), **Tim Kurtt** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Brian McCoy** (Shoreview, Minn.), **Lars Ranger** (Edina, Minn.), **Mike Vidmar** (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Julie Whitaker** (Dellwood, Minn.).



**2015-16 USTA Northern Board of Directors**

#### Over 53 Unique Communities Attend USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop

Over 110 community tennis leaders, representing 53 unique organizations, attended the USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop, November 21-22 in Bloomington and St. Paul, Minn., to learn, share and be inspired about ways to grow tennis in their local communities. The theme of the workshop was "Play Your Way" and featured presentations from prominent speakers, including London-based 10 and Under Tennis expert **Mike Barrell** with evolve9, cooperative roundtable discussions, the Section Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, a Play It Forward Mixed Doubles social and much more. To see all the presentations from the workshop, [click here](#).

#### ACE Travel Pros offers travel discounts to USTA Northern Members

Looking to go on an amazing tennis vacation?! Check out USTA Northern's new tennis travel partner, ACE Travel Pros, which runs group tennis trips to all-inclusive resorts and professional tennis tournaments. Check out all the tennis trips on their [website](#) and register for your 5% discount available to all USTA Northern members! For more information, [click here](#).



## Thank You USTA Northern Sponsors and Partners



## McEnroe, Roddick, Chang & Blake To Play At Target Center In Minneapolis on April 29

Tickets are now on sale for the Champions Shootout featuring tennis legends **John McEnroe, Andy Roddick, Michael Chang** and **James Blake** April 29 at the Target Center in Minneapolis. To order tickets, [click here](#).

## Junior News

### Alexis Nelson Wins USTA Girls 18s Open Regional

**Alexis Nelson** (St. Paul, Minn.) won both the singles and the doubles title at the 2014 USTA Girls 18s Open Regional at Baseline Tennis Center in Minneapolis. Nelson won three matches with partner **Victoria Flores** (Ft. Dodge, Iowa) defeating **Stephanie Johnson** (Richmond Hills, N.Y.) and **Caroline Monahan** (Chevy Chase, Md.) in the first round 8-3. In the semifinals, they defeated **Josephine** and **Katherine Cao** (Overland Park, Kan.) 8-4 before defeating **Marybeth Hurley** (Novi, Mich.) and **Sophia Reddy** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) 8-1 for the doubles title.

Nelson, the top seed, then played Flores in the singles final and defeated her 6-2, 6-0. Nelson won five matches en route to the title including defeating **Anne Marie Emme** (Glenview, Ill.) in the opening round 6-2, 6-0. She then beat Reddy 6-1, 6-1 before handling Katherine Cao 6-0, 6-0. In the semifinals, she defeated **Lexi Keberle** (West Bend, Wis.), before taking out Flores.

### Nick Beaty, Jackson Allen & Kalen Dobbs Win Titles In St. Louis

Congratulations to **Nick Beaty** (Wayzata, Minn.), who won the Boys 18s singles title, and **Jackson Allen** (Shakopee, Minn.) and **Kaleb Dobbs** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), who took home the Boys 16s doubles championships, at the USTA Open Regionals in St. Louis, Mo. Beaty, who was seeded seventh, won five matches en route to the title in which he defeated **Toby Boyer** (Ham Lake, Minn.) in the all-Northern finals 6-3, 6-3. Beaty opened the tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over **Braden Davis** of Missouri Valley and followed that with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over **Daniel Langston** also of Missouri Valley. In the quarterfinals, Beaty took out **Hunter Tubert** 6-4, 6-2 and then upset #2 seed **Michael Lorenzini** 6-3, 6-4 to meet Boyer in the finals.

Boyer, who was seeded sixth, beat **Joseph McAllister** in the first round 6-1, 3-6, 6-0 and then **Joseph Thomas** 6-1, 6-0. In the quarters, Boyer upset top-seeded **Daniel Ray** 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 before dispatching of **Spencer Richey** 6-4, 6-4 in the semis. Beaty and **Jesse Sprinkel** (Minneapolis, Minn.) also earned finalist honors in doubles, winning two matches before falling to **Daniel Boussom** and **Connor Johnston** in the finals 8-4.

In the Boys 16s doubles draw, Allen and Dobbs won three matches to secure the win. The duo first beat **Jiung Jung** and **Vineel Mallavarapu** 8-4, before handling **Robin Engel** and **Nicholas Williams** 8-5. In the finals, Allen and Dobbs beat **Hunter Li** and **Victor Spolidorio** 8-4.



### **2015 Junior Tournament Information Now Available**

Information regarding 2015 Junior Tournaments is now available. [Click here](#) for more information. Questions? Contact [Pat Colbert](#).

### **USTA Northern Looking For Facilities Or Organizations To Host Entry-Level 8 Tournaments**

USTA Northern is looking for facilities and/or organizations to play host to the new Level 8 tournaments. Level 8 tournaments are beginning, entry-level tournaments that are non-ranking, non-eliminating, half-/one-day events and no USTA Membership is required. These events are for 12U and 14U and will be played with the green ball. To learn more, please contact [Pat Colbert](#).

### **USTA Northern Junior Sectional Has New Dates for 2015**

The Girls and Boys Level 3 will be June 12-15, 2015. The girls will play at Baseline Tennis Center, while the boys will be at Lakeville South High School in Lakeville, Minn.

## **Adults/Seniors News**

### **2014 USTA League Tennis Year-End Ratings Available**

2014 Year-End Ratings have been published to TennisLink. To find your rating, [click here](#). A reminder, all appeals can only be online through TennisLink. Any other questions, please contact [Nancy Lundberg](#).

### **Twin Cities Winter Team Registration Deadline Is December 12**

Registration for the USTA Northern Twin Cities Winter League Season is going on NOW! Deadline to create your team in TennisLink is Friday, Dec. 12. Captains are required to get confirmation from their Home Court Facility prior to creating a team in TennisLink. Looking for a Team or Players? Contact [Matchline@northern.usta.com](mailto:Matchline@northern.usta.com).

### **Mixed League Registration Open in SE Minnesota**

Mixed Doubles League Registration is open in Southeast Minnesota. For more information, [click here](#). To see a 2015 calendar of USTA League activities in Southeast Minnesota, [click here](#).

### **9.0 Mixed Doubles Places Fourth At USTA League Nationals**

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

### **ONE Doubles Champions**

Congratulations to the following teams who claimed USTA Northern ONE Doubles Section Championships Dec. 5-7 at Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South. The 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 male and female winners qualify for the 2015 Tri Level National Invitational in Indian Wells, Calif., as part of the BNP Paribas Classic.

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

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

**3.5 W - Washburn (Betty Swiston, Elizabeth Erickson)**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Tennis On Campus Fall Series Results**

The University of Minnesota won the USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Fall Series and therefore receives an automatic bid to the 2015 Tennis On Campus National Championships in April.

### **2014 USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Fall Series Final Standings**

1. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities	300
2. North Dakota State	235
2. Valley City State	235
4. University of North Dakota	160
4. South Dakota State	160
6. Gustavus Adolphus	130
7. Winona St. University	85
8. University of Minnesota – Duluth	35

8. University of Wisconsin – River Falls	35
10. University of Wisconsin – Superior	20
11. University of South Dakota	10

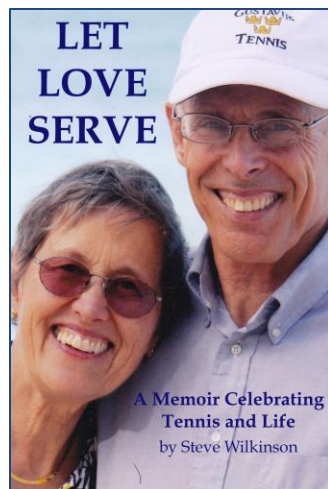
## **Community News**

### **Apply Now To Attend Winter Tennis & Life Camp**

USTA Northern in conjunction with the Tennis & Life Camps is offering four (4) scholarships (2 boys and 2 girls) to support juniors that are interested in attending the Tennis & Life Winter "I Have A Name" Tennis Camp January 16-18, 2015, at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Applicants can be male or female and in the 8th grade. Only juniors that could not afford to attend a tennis camp without financial assistance should apply. Applications for financial support must include the following:

- Completed application form, including a 300-word essay.
- One letter of recommendation from a coach or individuals who are familiar with the athlete other than a parent or guardian.

Tennis & Life Camp Scholarship applications are due to the Section office no later than December 19, 2014. For an application, [click here](#).



### **Support Tennis And Life Camps With Purchase of Steve Wilkinson's Book**

"Let Love Serve," a memoir by **Steve Wilkinson**, Gustavus tennis coaching legend, NCAA and USPTA Hall of Famer, and co-founder of Tennis & Life Camps, is being offered from November 25- December 19, 2014 for a special holiday price of \$19.99 (free shipping is also available for a limited time) with 100% of book proceeds go to support Tennis & Life Camps (a non-profit organization) scholarships for kids and families who are underserved.

### **Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Grants Applications Available; Due January 7**

The 2015 USTA Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Grants applications are now available [online](#). Deadline to apply is January 7. For more information, please contact [Tony Stingley](#).

### **Jugar al Tenis ... Check Out This New Hispanic Tennis Video**

USTA Northern is encouraging Hispanics to get into the game. [Check out this great video](#) produced by the USTA Northern Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

### **The Asian Community Loves Tennis Too! See Why In This New Video**

USTA Northern is also encouraging players of Asian/Pacific Islander descent to get into the game. See why tennis is quickly becoming a sport of a lifetime for this community [in this video](#) produced by the USTA Northern Diversity & Inclusion Council.

### **Interested In Learning More About Being An Official in USTA Northern?**

USTA Northern is looking for more officials. If you are interested in learning more, contact [Kristi Bushinski](#). Also, [click here](#) to read the latest USTA Northern Officiating Newsletter Overrules.

### **2015 Community Tennis Guides Available NOW**

The 2015 USTA Northern Community Tennis Guide is available NOW. All USTA Organizational members will receive a free copy via mail. The guide is also accessible online by [clicking here](#). If your organization needs additional copies, please contact [Christine Nickels](#).

### **10 and Under Tennis Line Grants Still Available**

Matching funds (up to 75% of cost) are available through USTA and USTA Northern for creating permanent courts/lines for 10 and Under Tennis. For more information, contact [Christine Nickels](#).

## **Other USTA Northern Notes, Special Offers and Promotions**

### **Visit The USTA Northern Online Store**

Looking for USTA Northern branded apparel? Then visit the [USTA Northern online store](#). There are plenty of selections available for adults and juniors with your choice of the USTA Northern, USTA Junior Team Tennis or USTA League logos.

### **FREE USTA Marketing Materials Available**

USTA has developed an ad customization system where you can design marketing materials for use in your community for things such as USTA Junior Team Tennis, USTA League Tennis, 10 and Under Tennis, Youth Registration Night and much, much more. To use this FREE system, please [click here](#).

### **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](http://www.northern.usta.com)

**Facebook:** "Like Us" at [www.facebook.com/ustanorthern](http://www.facebook.com/ustanorthern)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/ustanorthern](http://www.twitter.com/ustanorthern)

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/ustanorthern](http://www.youtube.com/ustanorthern)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com); Keyword: USTA Northern

**Photobucket:** [www.photobucket.com/ustanorthern](http://www.photobucket.com/ustanorthern)

### **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](mailto:mushett@northern.usta.com) or at (952) 358-3282.