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USTA Northern Highlights

March 2017

Membership Numbers

USTA Northern Individual Memberships

	Juniors	Adults	Total
February 2017	4,577	6,897	11,474
January 2017	4,566	6,841	11,407

USTA Northern Organization Memberships

	Clubs	CTAs	Park & Recs	Schools	Service Orgs	Total
February 2017	25	62	47	81	22	237
January 2017	24	64	47	82	22	239

USTA Northern News & Notes

USTA Northern Hires Rumeal Setts As New Junior Teams Assistant

Welcome to **Rumeal Setts**, who has been hired as the new Junior Teams Assistant for USTA Northern. Setts will work with the Junior Team Tennis and Tennis on Campus programs starting March 21. He can be reached at setts@northern.usta.com.

USTA Northern Hiring Summer Interns: Application Deadline March 24

USTA Northern is looking for interns to work with Junior Team Tennis. For the job posting, [click here](#). Deadline to apply is March 24.

NOW HIRING



Izabella Edin Named PTR National Newcomer of the Year

Izabella Edin (Staples, Minn.) has been named the 2017 Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) National Newcomer of the Year. Edin (left), who is a senior in high school and one of the top junior players in the Section, was honored in February at the PTR International Symposium at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Issac McBroom Named Minnesota PTR Member of the Year

Isaac McBroom (Excelsior, Minn.) has been named PTR Member of the Year for Minnesota. This award is presented to a PTR member who has shown dedication and diligence in promoting and supporting tennis and PTR. McBroom joins **Mark Vellek** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), who was named the South Dakota PTR Member of the Year from USTA Northern.

Next Member Appreciation Event April 23

USTA Northern will play host to a FREE Member Appreciation event on April 23 as the Gopher men play Indiana at 12 Noon at Baseline Tennis Center. **The match will most likely be played**

outdoors so please dress accordingly. FREE Cardio Tennis kicks off the day with two sessions indoors from 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-12 Noon. Food and prizes will be provided following Cardio Tennis. To RSVP, please contact [Sandy Smith](#) at (952) 358-3288 and let her know what Cardio Tennis session you will be attending and your NTRP level.

Thank You USTA Northern Sponsors and Partners



Junior News



Get Better This Summer By Attending Nike Tennis Camps

Registration is now open for the Nike Tennis Camps at University of Minnesota this summer. [Click here](#) for the latest camp details, coaching tips and more. Get in on the action today!

Learn More About New Team Tennis Offerings

It's New, It's Different, It's For Everyone! In addition to traditional Junior Team Tennis, USTA Northern is offering a new, different and fun Team Tennis offering in 2017 called World Team Tennis. All you need are 2 courts, 2 girls, 2 boys and 90 minutes for this fast-paced format played at any level. There are no individual match requirements, organizers do not have to use TennisLink, and best of all - IT IS EASY & INEXPENSIVE TO ADMINISTER. Also...No USTA Membership is required. To learn more, contact [Brandon Jackson](#) at (952) 358-3291.

Join Us For Summer JTT/WTT Information Forums Scheduled Around The Section

USTA Northern will be hosting a series of forums to learn more about the summer offerings for JTT and WTT Team Tennis. If you would like to receive information on the major changes, get your 2017 regulation questions answered or learn how to better prepare for the upcoming season, please join us and connect with your fellow organizers!

March 27 - Sioux Falls, 12 Noon

Huether Family Match Pointe
4210 Bobhalla Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
Please RSVP by March 24, 2017

March 28 - Bismarck/Mandan, 4:15 PM

Perkins – Gateway Mall
1100 East Interstate Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503
Please RSVP by March 25, 2017

March 29 - Fargo/NW Minnesota, 4:30 PM

Village Inn
3140 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58103
Please RSVP by March 27, 2017

April 1 - Greater Twin Cities, 3:30-5:30 PM

Rojo Mexican Grill
1602 West End Boulevard
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
Please RSVP by March 27, 2017

To RSVP or learn more, contact [Brandon Jackson](#) at (952) 358-3291.

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Questions?
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or at (952) 358-3291.

POW!

Registration Open for Twin Cities Spring Girls Team Tennis

Registration is now open for the Twin Cities Spring Girls Team Tennis League at InnerCity Tennis. Dates of play are April 23, April 30 and May 7. Cost is \$30 a player and participants will be placed on a team or can request to play with other friends registered. Divisions are based on Junior NTRP Ratings. Register [HERE](#) by April 19, 2017. For more information, contact [Brandon Jackson](#) at (952) 358-3291.

Stars & Trophies 10U Youth Progression For Kids Ages 7-10

USTA Northern is mandating a new system of play for kids ages 7-10 years called the Stars & Trophies 10U Pathway. Designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis, the Stars & Trophies 10U Pathway rewards kids for competing and inspires them to play more often. The mission is to clear each level by collecting a combination of 20 virtual participation stars and/or trophies. Players are able to collect stars and trophies through Play Days, Stars & Trophies 10U Orange and Green Ball Tournaments and 10U Junior/World Team Tennis. To learn more about the Stars & Trophies 10U Pathway, to register for your FREE Player account and to see how your child can earn stars and trophies, [click here](#). For a schedule of events around the Section, [click here](#). Questions? Contact [Tricia Moorhead](#) or [Pat Colbert](#).

USTA Northern Coaches & Players Represent At National Team Championships

Congratulations to USTA Northern coaches **Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Jon Pickett** (Eau Claire, Wis.) and **Scott Boyer** (Rochester, Minn.) on their selection to coach teams at the National Team Championships in Mobile, Ala., and Tucson, Ariz. The following Northern players participated in the event including **Alex Exsted** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Hunter Heck** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Nore Ann Heinitz** (Duluth, Minn.), **Emmanuel Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Sarah Shahbaz** (Ham Lake, Minn.), **Annika Munson** (Stillwater, Minn.) and **Hank Trondson** (right) (St. Paul, Minn.) whose team placed first. Way to go Hank!



Team Northern Holds Second Training Camp

USTA Northern held its second training camp for Team Northern March 4 at the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn. Thank you to all the coaches who worked with our elite high performance program including head coach **Scott Boyer**, **Matt Boughton**, **Ben Maes**, **Jon Koenigs**, **Felicia Raschiatore**, **Steve Tacl** and **Jaime Gaard Chapman**. Also a special thank you to our mentors who worked with the players including former Gophers **Michael Sicora** and **Jack Hamburg**, former DePauw player and Rochester native **Ben Kopecky** and top junior player **Alex Exsted**.

USTA National To Host All-American College Combine

USTA Player Development will host the inaugural USTA All-American College Combine – the first-ever national collegiate scouting event for American juniors – and USTA/ITA Collegiate Coaches Workshop June 14-16 at the USTA National Campus at Lake Nona in Orlando.

- Eligible Participants: American Prospective Student-Athletes; boys and girls ages 13-18
- Visit the TennisLink page to register by [clicking here](#).
- Cost: \$349
- Skills to be evaluated:
 - o Tennis: Serve speed, serve accuracy, groundstroke accuracy.
 - o Fitness Testing
 - o Psychological self-assessment.

Adult News

Registration Open For Summer Leagues In The Twin Cities

Registration is now open for summer leagues in the Twin Cities! Team registration deadline is April 7, with play starting the week of May 5. For more information, contact [Kelley Okerman](#). Looking for more players to fill out your roster? Use the USTA Northern Matchline at matchline@northern.usta.com.

ONE Doubles SOLD OUT In Twin Cities

Thanks to everyone who registered to play ONE Doubles this spring in the Twin Cities. We are completely SOLD OUT – even after adding a third location of play this Spring! Awesome!

Minnesota Wins Tennis On Campus Section Title

The **University of Minnesota** won its 14th consecutive championship at the 2017 USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Sectionals at Life Time Fitness - Lakeville, defeating **North Dakota State** 30-8 in the finals. The Gophers and North Dakota State both earned bids to the Tennis on Campus National Championships at the new USTA National Campus in Orlando in April. In the third place match, **Carleton A** defeated **Winona State** 30-7. The Silver bracket championship saw **Minnesota B** defeat **North Dakota State B** 30-13. Congratulations also to **Gustavus Adolphus** as they were the Team Spirit Award winners.



ONE Doubles Champions Compete At Indian Wells

Good luck to the USTA Northern team at the Tri-Level National Championships in Indian Wells, Calif. Members of the team include **Jodi Kruse** (Rochester, Minn.), **Pam Sinicrope** (Rochester, Minn.), **Kristen Yuan** (Rochester, Minn.), **Ron Ingalls** (Center City, Minn.), **Eric Narvaez** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Gary Simpson** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Peter Haan** (Hastings, Minn.), **Joy Mancini** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Addie Lordemann** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Miranda Ebner** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Chandha Duwearatchi** (Bloomington, Minn.), **Craig Ballentine** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Justin Long** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Brian Jacobsen** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Brady Radermacher** (Eagan, Minn.), **Dipu Rahman** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Neil Radermacher** (Eagan, Minn.), **Chris Thornton** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Denise Thoen** (Bloomington, Minn.), **Astrid Perez** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Tory Borovsky** (Northfield, Minn.) and **Lennae Grah** (Rosemount, Minn.).

Community Tennis News

North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Hosting A Fundraiser March 31 In Fargo

The North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame is hosting a social and fundraiser on March 31 from 6-9 p.m. at Courts Plus in Fargo. Come enjoy tennis games, tropical drinks and more. Cost is \$15 and you must be 21 and over to attend. Please RSVP to [Carolyn Kramer](#) at (701) 238-1515.

Schedule Your Rally The Family Event For May or June

USTA Northern is encouraging all organizations and providers to host a FREE Rally The Family Event for your community in May or June. This initiative focuses on introducing tennis to all ages and ability levels using modified equipment in a family setting. There are marketing grants available for those providers running an event for the first time. You can also complete a donation request form if you are in need of a visiting pro, prizes, etc. Please let the Section office know your date so we can add it to our master list of events that will be promoted throughout the spring, by contacting [Lisa Mushett](#) at (952) 358-3282.

Next Community Tennis Grant Deadline May 1

The next deadline for Community Tennis Grants is May 1. For more information, [click here](#) or contact [Christine Nickels](#) at (952) 358-3290.

Org Member Discount T-Shirt Program Back

Org Members ... the popular Discount T-shirt Program is back in 2017. T-shirts are only \$6. Bulk order forms must be completed by April 14, May 26 or June 16. For an order form, [click here](#). For more information, please contact **Sandy Smith** at ssmith@northern.usta.com.



Looking For More Donations For Play It Forward Campaign

USTA Northern members are Playing It Forward in a big way as we recently collected 64 racquets, 10 racquet bags, 5 pairs of shoes, 107 overgrips, 35 t-shirts and several sets of string and distributed it to high school players in need within our Section. But we can use more! Please bring any 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](#).

Set Up A Tennis Trainings Today

USTA Northern offers many low-cost tennis training opportunities for teachers, coaches, parents and others interested in growing the game. For more information about bringing a training to your school or community, [click here](#) or contact **Christine Nickels** at (952) 358-3290.

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.

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](#).



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.

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.

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 2017

The USTA is offering a free 1-year membership to all first-time members who are 10 and under between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. To register your child, please visit www.usta.com/membership and enter source code **FYF17CNS** 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.