



USTA Northern Highlights

September 2016

Membership Numbers

USTA Northern Individual Memberships

	Juniors	Adults	Total
August 2016	4,588	6,775	11,363
July 2016	4,608	6,721	11,329

USTA Northern Organization Memberships

	Clubs	CTAs	Park & Recs	Schools	Service Orgs	Total
August 2016	24	63	49	91	24	251
July 2016	25	62	49	91	24	251

USTA Northern News & Notes

Apply Now To Serve On A USTA Northern Committee

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](#).

Tricia Moorhead Named New Manager of Team Northern

USTA Northern staffer **Tricia Moorhead** is the new Manager of Team Northern. Moorhead will handle all administrative aspects with the Team Northern Junior Development program including selecting players, planning yearly calendars, securing facilities, organizing team camps and more. Moorhead, who previously was the Junior Teams Assistant, starts her new position September 20.

Nominate Deserving Individuals and Organizations For USTA Northern Annual Awards

Nominate deserving individuals and organizations for the USTA Northern Annual Awards. For the Awards Directory which has the criteria for each award and shows past winners, [click here](#). To nominate an individual or organization for an award, [click here](#). Deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 23.



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.

USTA Northern Introduces SafeSport Handbook

USTA Northern has introduced a SafeSport Handbook to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all players involved with tennis. The Handbook contains policies and procedure in how to deal with various cases of abuse — including sexual, physical and emotional violations, as well as bullying, threatening behavior and hazing. The new policies bring to light areas where this misconduct can occur including the rapidly growing area of social media and electronic communications. It also addresses reporting abuse concerns and the processes used for investigating allegations, while recognizing and respecting the importance of confidentiality. USTA Northern has engaged the services of an experienced investigator, who also works with Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey in the same capacity. Lastly, it describes the consequences when violations of the policies happen.

By combining all of these elements into a comprehensive program, USTA Northern intends to reduce the risk of potential abuse and create the safest possible environment for everyone involved in the game. In recent months, we have put the zero-tolerance philosophy into action and have followed the processes described in the Handbook. We know they work, and will continue with training, communicating and reducing circumstances for potential abuse in the future.

To access the SafeSport Handbook, please visit www.northern.usta.com or call (952) 887-5001 for a hard copy.

Oliver Summers Named 2016 Janet Louer JTT National Organizer of the Year

Oliver Summers of Fargo, N.D., was honored as the 2016 Janet Louer USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) National Organizer of the Year at the USTA Semiannual Meeting September 4 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. Summers (right with daughter **Sofia** and **Billie Jean King**) is the first person from USTA Northern to ever win the award which is given to an individual who positively influences children's lives and substantially impacts their community.



FREE Orange/Green Ball Workshop October 7 At Life Time Fitness – Lakeville

Life Time Fitness - Lakeville is hosting a Coaches Orange Ball/Green Ball workshop October 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Tracy Lawson**, USTA National Faculty Coach/Trainer, will be conducting the workshop which focuses on skills and drills to train junior players on the orange and green ball. The workshop, which will also provide information on Early Development Camps, is FREE and lunch is included. This workshop is open to all coaches and pros, facility managers, community recreational tennis coordinators and anyone who is interested in learning more about training juniors on orange and green balls. [To register for the workshop, click here.](#) Registration deadline is October 3. For more information, contact [Pat Colbert](#).

Text Messaging

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Bethanie Mattek-Sands Wins US Open Women's Doubles

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who grew up in Rochester, Minn., won the Women's Doubles championship at the 2016 US Open as she and partner **Lucie Safarova** defeated **Caroline Garcia** and **Kristina Mladenovic** 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Mattek-Sands and Safarova have won three of four Grand Slam titles, only missing Wimbledon.



Dan James and Jon Rydberg Represent Team USA At 2016 Paralympics Games

Dan James (formerly of St. Paul, Minn.) and **Jon Rydberg** (Woodbury, Minn.) represented the United States at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. James served as the squad's head coach for the fifth consecutive Games, helping **Nick Taylor** and **David Wagner** claim a silver medal in quad doubles in Rio. Rydberg, who is the head girls tennis coach at East Ridge High School in Woodbury, Minn., played in his fourth Paralympics Games. In Rio, he lost in the second round of singles to fourth seeded **Nicolas Peifer** 6-2, 6-2 and the first round of

doubles with partner **Steve Baldwin** to **Stefan Olsson** and **Dan Wallin** of Sweden 6-3, 6-2.

Eric Butorac Retires After US Open; Featured Speaker at USTA Northern CommUNITY Tennis Workshop

Eric Butorac (Rochester, Minn.) played his final professional match, retiring after the 2016 US Open. Butorac, who played at Gustavus Adolphus College won 18 ATP doubles titles in his 14-year career and was a finalist at the 2014 Australian Open. He also served on the ATP Players Council for seven years and was President in 2015-16. He will now join the USTA National office as Director, Professional Tennis Operations and Player Relations starting in October and will be the featured speaker November 19 at the 2016 USTA Northern CommUNITY Tennis Workshop at the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center. Those sessions are open to the public. Cost is \$15 to attend.

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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.

Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Nominations Due October 7

Nominate someone for the USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award. The section winner is also nominated for the USTA National Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award. To nominate someone, [click here](#). Nomination deadline is October 7.

Hunter Heck Wins National Doubles Title

Hunter Heck (New Brighton, Minn.) and **Alex Lee** (Oak Brook, Ill.) won the Boys 14s at the USTA National Doubles Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C. Heck and Lee, the third seed, won five matches, including defeating fourth seeded **Andrew Dale** (Leesburg, Va.) and **Benjamin Kittay** (Potomac, Md.) 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 in the finals.

Hunter Heck Hits With Olympic Gold Medalist Monica Puig

Junior player **Hunter Heck** (New Brighton, Minn.) was asked to hit with 2016 Olympic Gold medalist **Monica Puig** of Puerto Rico during a training session in Florida.



Adult News

Congratulations League Section Champions

Congratulations to the following teams for winning their respective USTA Northern League Sectional titles. Each team will represent USTA Northern at the National Championships September, October and November and various locations around the country. To see a list of National Championship dates and locations, [click here](#).

18 & Over Men

- 3.0 – **Jeff Nelson** and Robert Stuart; Life Time Fitness Bloomington South
- 3.5 – **Mike Torres** and **Morgan White**; Baseline Tennis Center
- 4.0 – **Tim Magnuson**; Public Indoor Tennis
- 4.5 – **Bruce Gullikson**; Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South
- 5.0+ – **Adam Altepeter**; Life Time Fitness-Fridley

40 & Over Women

- 3.0 – **Jennifer Beaudion** and **Laura Robbins**; Life Time Athletic-Eden Prairie
- 3.5 – **Carmen Callies** and **Kathleen Geherin**; Life Time Athletic-Eden Prairie
- 4.0 – **Sarah Foley** and **Julie Ouyang**; Life Time Fitness-Oakdale Village
- 4.5+ – **Helen Gunther** and **Ann Eliason**; Williston Fitness Center

Mixed Doubles – 18 & Over

- 6.0 – **Carl Bigby**; Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South
7.0 – **Diane Madden**; Life Time Fitness-Fridley (right)
8.0 – **Dennis Morgan** and **Patti Horita**; Life Time Fitness-Fridley
9.0 – **Sara Humann**; Life Time Athletic-St Louis Park

Mixed Doubles – 40 & Over

- 6.0 – **Carl Bigby**; Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South
7.0 – **Chris Homsey** and **Trent Waite**; Life Time Athletic-St Louis Park
8.0 – **Dana Hansen** and **Morgan White**; Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South
9.0 – **Greg Garritty**; Life Time Athletic-St Louis Park



Register For ONE Doubles in Sartell, Minn.

USTA Northern and Fitness Evolution in Sartell, Minn., announce the formation of a USTA Women's ONE Doubles League at the 3.5 and 4.0 NTRP levels. League play begins Thursday, Oct. 6, and will be played every Thursday at either 6:00 or 7:30 p.m. For additional information or to register, contact [Becky Lee](#) at (804) 892-9868 or [Nancy Lundberg](#) at (952) 358-3286.

Community Tennis News

Recognize Great Coaches On National Coaches Day

Nominate a coach to be recognized October 6 on National Coaches Day. For more information and to find the short nomination form, [click here](#).

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](#).

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.