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District To Hosts 3 FREE 10 & Under Play Days! Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

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Northwest Ohio Tennis Association Goes FREE!!!!!!

In an effort to increase our 10 & under junior base, the NWOTA Board of Directors voted to host three (3) FREE Play Days for the second consecutive year. The events will be 60 minutes of on court play using the smaller nets, smaller racquets and foam or decompressed balls. By the end of the 60 minutes everyone will have had success. It is the vision of the USTA that putting junior s10 years and younger on smaller courts, using appropriate sized racquets and foam or decompressed tennis balls that these younger players will have immediate success, and therefore, want to come back to play more tennis.

After the 60 minutes of play the players will enjoy pizza and drinks to sit and talk with friends and

family. Watch for flyers being delivered at various elementary schools in the district and local businesses. The first event will take place at Shadow Valley Central location. Run by Amy Beaver-son and a staff of teaching pros the students will be placed on age appropriate courts. The second event will be at Perrysburg Tennis Center and the third at Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club .

The USTA is promoting a Free One Year USTA Junior memberships to all new 10 & under players. This will be in effect through Dec. 31, 2012 and is the second year of the 10 & Under membership promotion.

The three dates for the Free Play Days are: Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and Friday, March 30.

NWOTA would like each of our members to invite a junior that has not played tennis to attend the event with their family. It is great fun and a wonderful start to playing tennis!

If you would like more information, or would be interested in volunteering to help at one or all of the events, please contact the district office via email at: nwota4birch@buckeye-express.com.

This is a great way to get the entire family playing tennis!

USTA Membership Dues

Beginning January 1, 2012, the USTA raised membership dues. Below are the rates for a 1 year, 3 year and 5 year membership. Please keep in mind that is cost effective to buy multiple years and also family memberships. Even as a couple the family membership will save you money.

As a Northwest Ohio member, we have additional benefits available to us. They are: all members are able to join the Champion Credit Union—they have 3 locations: King & Sylva-

nia Ave., Laskey Ave., and Detroit near Glendale. They offer discounted tickets to events, Sprint, and amusement parks to name a few. Coming in 2012 we will have discounted tickets for Walleye Games. Watch our email blasts for more upcoming information.

The USTA memberships are as follows:

- Adults: 1 year—\$44
- 3 year—\$119
- 5 year—\$176

- Junior: 1 year—\$20
- 3 year—\$54
- 5 year—\$80
- Family: 1 year—\$72
- 3 year—\$195
- 5 year—\$288

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New USTA League Tennis,
Jr. Team Tennis &
Tournament fees for 2012.

Attn: All adult and junior
players. The USTA
Midwest Section will be
adding new fees to the
2012 league program and
Jr. Team Tennis program of
\$3. The tournament player
will see an additional \$1
added on to their
tournament fee when
registering. One hundred
percent of this money will
come back to the district
for growing tennis. While
we understand the struggle
of the economy, we will do
everything we can to
continue to maintain the
level of service we provide
our members. We plan to
use the money for growth
and marketing. Watch for
our upcoming commercial!

USTA League Tennis—Captain 's Meetings

Thank you to all returning 2011 Captain's and new 2012 Captain's . Our captain's meetings are mandatory. We will be hosting the Ohio State Championships for Adults and Seniors in August, 2012 and Combo and Senior mixed the first weekend in March. The Combo and Sr. Mixed Championships will be held at the Perrysburg Tennis Center.

Those of you who cannot attend one of the meetings, will need to send a team representative and then read all information provided by Amy Beaverson. There are a few new rules for 2012, and misinterpretation of rules is not an excuse.

All meetings will be held in the Laurel Hill Club Room at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately 60-75 minutes.

March 8 March 12 March 20

Watch for a district survey regarding the new 2013 league structure and age groups that will be offered.

USTA League App Available

Need to check stats, standings, schedules and scores while on the go? Now, there's an app for that and much more! Download the USTA League app for your iPad™, iPhone®, iPod touch® devices at the iTunes store and get USTA League information anywhere at any-

Congratulations Combo and Senior Mixed Winners!

Thank you goes out to all combo and senior mixed participants! It was a great season! The winners will be advancing to the Ohio State Championships on March 3-4 at the Perrysburg Tennis Center. Congratulations and good luck to our teams!

The 5.5 Combo W Darah team, 6.5 Combo M Sanderson team, 6.5 Combo W Moses/Norr, 7.5 Combo M Norr/Lewis team, 7.5 Combo W Allen/Sturt team, 8.5 Combo M Wagner team, 7.0 Sr. Mixed Rush team, and the 8.0 Sr. Mixed Korsnack team that

will represent NWO at the Ohio State Combo and Senior Mixed event 3/3-4/12 at the Perrysburg Tennis Center. Come out to cheer on our Northwest Ohio teams and watch the best of the best in Ohio compete.

Adult and Junior Tournament & Event Schedule

- 2/18/12 USTA/Midwest Section Level 3 Tournament—February B12s Tournament ID# 850019312
- 2/24/12 Perrysburg Tennis Center's Junior Winter Classic BG 10-14 Tournament ID# 856605412
- 3/2/12 Baywinds Spring Junior Open BG 10-18 Tournament ID# 850043612
- 3/10/12 LH Level 7 Green Ball Tournament—March BG12s, RR Tournament ID# 850021612
- 4/7/12 Future Stars Grand Prix II—QuickStart format Tourn ID # 850020612
- 4/21/12 USTA/Midwest Section Level 5 Tournament B(14s) Tourn ID 850019612
- 4/28/12 USTA/Midwest Section Level 4 East Championships BG 10 78'court/green ball Tourn ID 850044112
- 5/11/12 LH Spring Open—Level 6 Midwest BG 10-18 Tournament ID # 856604512

We are looking for volunteers to help with our summer District and State Championships this coming August. Our District Championships are Aug 3-5, and we are hosting the Ohio State Championships the very next weekend, Aug. 10-12, 2012. Please let Amy Beaverson know via email if you are able to help during those times. We greatly appreciate it!

Junior Pathway

In an effort to create a true Junior Tennis Pathway, several changes occurred and will continue in 2012.

1. Boys' and Girls' 8 Division: Midwest PPR Level 7 (red) All USTA sanctioned 8 and under tournaments **must** use the QuickStart Tennis format. The Midwest Section web site is

www.midwest.usta.com for more information. In addition to tournament play, it is recommended that players participate in the Midwest Youth Team Tennis Program (www.midwestteamtennis.com)

2. Boys' and Girls' 10 Division QuickStart Tournaments: Midwest PPR Level 7 (orange) All USTA sanctioned 10 and under tournaments must use the QuickStart and will be used for Midwest PPR Level 7 events. Again refer to the Junior Tennis Pathway at the Midwest

Section web site for more information. In addition to tournament play, it is recommended that players participate in the Midwest Youth Team Tennis Program. In addition to tournament play, it is recommended that players participate in the Midwest Youth Team Tennis Program (www.midwestteamtennis.com)

3. Boys and Girls 10 Divisions (Green) NEW - All USTA/Midwest Section sanctioned 10 and under tournaments for 2011 that are designated in the USTA/Midwest Sections PPR Ranking Program as a Level 1,2,3,4,5,6 will be held using the following requirements:

A. Court: The court shall be a 78 ft. court

B. Ball: The ball shall be stage 1 Green ball

C. Racket: The racket shall not exceed 29 inches (73.7) in overall

length, including the handle.

E. Draw Format: The draw format will remain as indicated in the USTA Friend at Court;

F. Results will be used for USTA/Midwest Section Points per Round Ranking Program.

In addition to tournament play, it is recommended that players participate in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Program (www.midwestteamtennis.com)

4. Boys and Girls 12, 14, 16, 18 Level 7 Events (New): (YELLOW) USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Level 7 tournaments are aimed to provide an appropriate level of play for junior players that are just getting started into the game. Players in the 12,14,16 and 18 under age divisions are only eligible to participate in USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Level 7 tournaments if they have USTA/Midwest Section Standing List points of 100 or less in the age division of the tournament. Seeding and Selection Criteria for Level 7 tournaments in the 12, 14, 16 and 18 under age divisions will be based on the most current USTA/Midwest Section Standing List as of the entry deadline to the tournament.



Zepf Center Event March 16

Join the Zepf Center for it's 5th Annual "Serve Up an Ace" tennis fundraiser on Friday, March 16 at Laurel Hill from 7pm-11pm. The fundraiser will include tennis for all levels with local tennis pros, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction, door prizes, a \$2500 cash raffle, and much more! Admission is \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and 60% is tax deductible. For tickets contact Christina Baskey at 419-841-7701 ext. 2209 or register online at www.zepfcenter.org.

Welcome New Board Members!

We have 3 new additions to the NWOTA Board: Paul Vrzal, VP Jason Abodeely, VP and Jan

Fraunfelder, Delegate. In the remaining 3 newsletters we will tell you a little about them—a

"Get to know the NWOTA Board" Paul Vrzal will be the first. Look for his info in

the end of May/beginning of June Newsletter!

Junior Team Tennis

Junior Team Tennis is a great way to introduce match play for the young beginner player and to provide team atmosphere for the older players.



10 and Under Northwest Ohio Grants

The Northwest Ohio Tennis Association will be awarding grants to help district facilities with their 10 & under programs. Please visit our website for grant information. Northwest Ohio substantially increased the amount of money we are offering to orgs and facilities to help in whatever way we can to build a stronger community of tennis players. Let's work together to make 2012 the best tennis year ever!



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Our mission is to promote and develop the game of tennis.

ATTENTION Officials, and those interested in becoming an Official for the NWO district. There will be an officials training on Saturday & Sunday, March 3-4. Location: Laurel Hill Swim & Tennis Club, 2222 Cass Road, Toledo, OH

Please contact Jerri Banks, NWOTA Head Official via email: banksjvl@embarqmail.com. for more details. Sharon Wright will be the National Trainer for the certification classes.

Visit our website:

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.usta.com

March 18 Toledo Walleye Event. NWOTA invite you to bring NEW "tennis" friends to the Walleye game—all USTA members will receive a discount off tickets. The game is 4:00 p.m. , March 18. Hope to see you there. We will have a table on the concourse and a "Tennis Wheel of Fortune" for kids with a few surprises! Don't miss out on all the fun!



Happy New Year! I am so excited about 2012 and all the events we have in store for members and those thinking of playing tennis. We have the 2nd largest retention rate in the 5 state, 14 districts of the USTA Midwest Section at almost 80% which is 5% above the goal of 75%! It is exciting to be involved in tennis growth!

This year I encourage and challenge all of you to introduce a friend, a family member or neighbor to tennis! With the continuation of the 10 & Under program and free 10 & under jr. memberships to new players, we have a great opportunity to grow the game of tennis for virtually all ages 5—95+, not to mention the health and social aspects of the sport! What other sport can say that! Kids, get your friends and parents out there, adults get your friends and family on the tennis courts! Let's all "Get Fit" in 2012!

Sheryl Birch, NWOTA Executive Director

Make Your Job Easy—Tape Applicator

A tape applicator that can be used to apply the thick blue painters tape to tennis courts for temporary 36'/60' lining. The link to the applicator is below:

http://www.globalindustrial.com/p/safety/warning-tapes/warnings/tape-applicator-up-to-3-wide-tape?utm_source=google_pr&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Tapes-Flags-Warnings-google_pr&infoParam_campaignId=T9F

Safety Tape Applicator-----
Tape can be changed to vinyl

tape that does not pull up paint on the hard court surface.



For grant information for 10 & Under programs, please email the district office: nwota4birch@buckeye-express.com, or visit our website!

The USTA is in its' second year of offering a FREE junior membership to all NEW 10 & under players! Please spread the word...what a great opportunity to get our youth on the tennis courts!