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Who Do You Think We Are?

MTEF May Be One of Milwaukee's Best Kept Secrets



Tom Lynn

MTEF has been providing outreach programming for many years.

Who do you think you are? That question can be applied to an organization just as easily as to a person. And when it comes to the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation, we may be one of Milwaukee's best kept secrets.

The fact that we've been providing outreach programming to Central City children since 1995 aside, if you were to walk down Wisconsin Ave. at high noon and ask 10 people if they've heard about MTEF, odds are 99% will answer "no." Then again, you just might run into one of our board members, many of whom work Downtown.

But that can change and you, our readers, can help us in that effort. Once you learn who we are, you'll realize that we're part of the good news in these days when negativity and divisiveness seems to be spreading faster than melted butter on a hot plate.

We're not just about tennis, you see. We are about children and guiding them on their journeys to becoming well-rounded, successful, empathetic human beings. They are, after all, a new generation and it will be up to *them* to make the critical decisions that will impact the ways their lives will evolve. Our

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Havin' a Ball

Pfister Proved to Be a Grand Venue for MTEF Fundraiser

The 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball was, in two words, simply GRAND!

The Ball's move downtown to the opulent Grand Ballroom of the historic Pfister Hotel turned out to be a superb choice. The venue was a stunning one. The gourmet dinner was outstanding. An evening-ending performance by Jason Warrior, a Top-10 finalist on season 11 of *The Voice* was, exciting, energetic and totally entertaining. (To say this young man has pipes would be an understatement!)

As the 280 attendees perused the silent auction items, attendees were treated to an array of passed appetizers – tandoori chicken satays with lime-cilantro crème fraiche, Hawaiian coconut fried shrimp with pineapple ginger coulis and strawberries stuffed with roasted apples and cream cheese.

For the entrée, horseradish-crusted beef filet was paired with lemon-cream sauced salmon and sided with garlic-thyme risotto, roasted tomatoes and asparagus and carrots.

The dessert was delightfully light – strawberry chiffon cake

with layers of strawberry and vanilla bean mousse, decorated with a white chocolate straw.

The program, which included remarks by MTEF President Beth Horneffer and Executive Director Mike Levy, was at its best when Marissa Jones, a middle-schooler involved in the

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Patti Lock (right) purchases a raffle ticket from Kennedy Young as Richard Balistreri looks on.

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The foundation currently is in need of tutors for our High Performance TEAM participants.

Monetary donations are always helpful in providing our programming, especially that offered to MTEF's High Performance TEAM participants.

Some examples of costs are:

- \$20 provides a child with a USTA junior membership.
- \$35 pays the entry fee for a rookie tournament.
- \$65 enables a child to enter a USTA-sanctioned junior tournament.
- \$100 provides for six hours of indoor court time.
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- \$1,000 covers the cost of the HP program at Marquette University for one participant.
- \$20,000 covers the cost of operating a TEAM site for the summer.

Did you know that MTEF accepts donations of publicly-traded stock (ask your CPA or financial advisor about possible tax advantages). For instructions on how to donate stock, contact MTEF directly at (414) 442-8195 or mtef4tennis@sbcglobal.net.

Also, please consider continuing your tennis legacy and support the foundation by including MTEF in your estate planning. (See item on Page 12.)

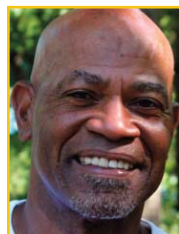
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Building a TEAM That Works

MTEF Programming Seeks to Create a Community Mindset

We see the value found in teamwork in all we do every day.

Because MTEF is attempting to raise the consciousness of better teaming dynamics through our TEAM programming, we offer a doorway to a unity consciousness for our youngsters. TEAM represents the calling of this organization, simply stated: Tennis Education and Mentoring to improve the lives of urban youth.



Michael Levy, Sr.
Executive Director's Message

Through our new programs with EM (Expanded Mentoring) we are exposing TEAM youngsters to experiences that strive to build not only well-rounded young people but, more importantly, a strong foundation upon which to build a community mindset.

The organizational vision is clear: *MTEF strives to create opportunities for children in Milwaukee, especially those from low-income families and communities, to learn a lifetime sport and, more importantly, develop into healthy, well-rounded, well educated, tolerant and compassionate human beings who will contribute to making their community and the world a better place.*

We are very busy adhering to this vision to the benefit of our broader community of young minds. MTEF seeks to continue presenting to these deserving young people the values of integrity, responsibility, inclusiveness, perseverance, accountability, learning and growth.

We are truly committed to building a culture that genuinely represents the best in each of these youngsters and young adults. I'm hopeful that we are on the way toward reshaping how MTEF has addressed the

value statements to our TEAM mission in the past: *To build the lives of Milwaukee's youth through tennis and education.*"

In 2018, MTEF would like to actively pursue the following goals with our student athletes:

- Review improvements in a group of general knowledge categories for each;
- Offer evaluations in their pre- and post-Tennis Knowledge skill sets;
- Provide routine opportunities to review the impact of our programming on their daily lives.

As we enter this autumn time of year, I am genuinely grateful to have worked thus far with a handful of amazing people to help achieve these goals.

From our past Assistant Director Diana Miramontes through our growth change with a new Program Director Tina Grubor who has embraced her role in a positive way to the great direction *Continued on Page 9*

Summertime, Summer TEAM...



Participants and staff gathered for a photo at the 2017 MTEF/NJTL Regional Rally on July 28.

-Tom Lynn

Highlights Included Return of Programming to South Side

MTEF's summer TEAM programming returned to Milwaukee's South Side in 2017. Although it was a part-time effort involving youngsters from Summit Educational Foundation, MTEF was pleased that it could again offer tennis in that area of town after a hiatus of several years.

Programming continued at Milwaukee's Merrill Park, Rufus King High School, Sherman Park and at Brown Deer High School.

The Summit programming operated out of two parks, Kosciuszko and Pulaski where MTEF worked closely with Summit's Summer Olympics staff to offer tennis as a sports option. The goal was to provide participants with a fun introduction to the game.

"Attendance was excellent," said Mike Levy, MTEF's executive director. "We could always depend on 200 youngsters daily."

The Summit girls played at Kosciuszko on Mondays and Wednesdays; the boys at Pulaski on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We saw a great reception of the tennis programming by the campers," Levy said.

MTEF's Merrill Park site, the summer home of the Bortz High Performance Program for the last four years, once again

was limited to intermediate and advanced participants and featured more rigorous training geared toward tournament play.

"The staff was excellent with some [former] MTEF kids working as coaches this year," Levy said. Among them, he noted, was Sydan Parker.

Merrill fielded one Jr. Team Tennis (JTT) team in the 14 Minors.

Beginner and intermediate players comprised the group of participants at Rufus King, under the guidance of longtime site director Sara Kemp, who was assisted by Julian Loera, another former MTEF participant.

King fielded a JTT 12-Novice team.

Programming in Brown Deer also targeted beginner and intermediate youngsters in a tennis-only format as the program there is run in cooperation with the Brown Deer Parks and Recreation Department and the Brown Deer Public Schools.

Levy described the site as "phenomenal" as the Novak Fieldhouse provided access to classroom space and the gymnasium in addition to the outdoor courts.

The Sherman Park site continued its focus on 10-and-Under Tennis in close cooperation with the Mary *Continued on Page 10*



Tom Lynn

Left: Concentration was the name of the game for this rally participant. **Above:** Youngsters worked on an art project at the Merrill Park event.

TEAM Cup 2017

Weather Didn't Dampen Spirits



Gary Porter



Turquoise Welch Loera

Trophies and medals awaited the winners of MTEF's annual TEAM Cup tournament. **Left:** Keeping your eye on the ball was important for Ito Igoni as she prepared to hit a forehand in the Girls 16s finals.

Right: It was quite a stretch for Antwan Williams in what appeared was going to be a solid connection with the ball. Williams won the Boys 12s.



Gary Porter

The tournament and picnic that ends MTEF's summer season always is a popular and competitive event that gathers participants from all of the foundation's seasonal sites.

This year's tournament was held from July 31 to August 3 at Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St.. Because of inclement weather, the trophy presentations and picnic were held indoors at the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club in Sherman Park. Trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up as well as to the most valuable player, most improved player and most spirited player from each site. More than 50 youngsters from MTEF's summer sites were joined by participants from other local tennis programs in this year's tournament. Tournament winners and other awards are below.

Coed

10-and-under: 1) Caleb Hernandez 2) Jaiten Knighten

Boys

18-and-over (coaches): 1) Caleb Schifano 2) Joel Rodriguez.
3) Sydan Parker 4) Julian Loera

18-and-under: 1) Shadaab Bhamla 2) Idris Badani

14-and-Under: 1) TaDarion Perkins 2) Izayah Briggs

12-and-Under: 1) Antwan Williams 2) Adam Turner

10-and-Under: Sebastian Ordonez 2) Kaleb Whitley

Girls

16-and-Under: 1) Destiny Klinkhammer 2) Itu Igoni

14-and-Under: 1) Samayah Braylock 2) Brielle Wade

12-and-Under: 1) Marissa Jones 2) Madison Strickland

Most Valuable Player:

Brown Deer: Keegan Moglowsky

Merrill Park: Jonny Carbajal

Rufus King: Joshua Lyons

Summit (Kosciuszko Park): Nayere Hernandez

Summit (Pulaski Park): Alex Sancez Munoz

Most Improved Player

Brown Deer: Sarah Hiland

Merrill Park: Adam Turner

Rufus King: Caleb Hernandez

Summit (Kosciuszko Park): Maria Ramirez

Summit (Pulaski Park): Martin Rizo

Most Spirited Award

Brown Deer: Elise Peltonen

Merrill Park: McKenzie Russ

Rufus King: Olivia Patterson

Summit (Kosciuszko Park): Yamilet Padilla

Summit (Pulaski Park): Joshua Ratoni Mejia

BE A FRIEND, DONATE NOW!



Over the past 16 years, MTEF's programming has touched the

lives of more than 40,000 underserved Milwaukee youngsters with tennis instruction and mentoring plus academics, life skills and fitness/ nutrition education.

The USTA Foundation designated MTEF as a 4-Star NJTL chapter – one of only 19 out of more than 400 in the entire United States. MTEF was recognized as the National NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2006 and the Midwest NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2004, 2005 and 2009 and the national No. 2 First Serve chapter in 2010.

But MTEF, like all non-profit organizations, needs the generosity of Friends like you to sustain and grow its programming. You can make a big difference in a child's life with even a small donation that you may designate for a specific intention. Donations can be made by check, credit card or a gift of appreciated stock.

Friends will be recognized in the spring issue of The Match. Here are some ways you can help:

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Tennis Ball Served Up Super Attendance

From Page 1 foundation's new Expanded Mentoring Program (EMP) brought down the house with a zinger-filled recollection of her experiences as a mentee and participant in the High Performance TEAM program.

Honorary Chair Danny Westerman did not disappoint as he recalled his journey from his first tennis lesson in an NJTL summer camp in West Hollywood, CA to his current post as head men's tennis coach at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"My parents came to the United States from Russia with \$200 and a suitcase," Westerman said. "They settled on a street across from a park that was the center of the Russian community.... That was my summer camp."

A teaching pro named Harvey encouraged Westerman to try tennis.

"I loved everything about it," he said.

As he progressed in the game and started playing junior tournaments, he went to another park where the tennis program where he and other kids from the neighborhood were coached by Steve and Marissa Katz.

"Those two people changed the whole neighborhood," he recalled, producing about 10 collegiate players from among their students.

While still in high school, he met Steve Lovett, who played tennis both at Nicolet High School in Glendale and the University of Wisconsin. The two hit frequently at Lovett's club in Los Angeles and Lovett encouraged Westerman in his pursuit of the game.

"He asked me where I was being recruited," Westerman said, "and told me about Wisconsin."

Lovett soon made a phone call to Pat Klingelhoets, then the UW men's coach, and asked him to give Westerman a look.

Lovett must have been persuasive because Klingelhoets gave Westerman a partial scholarship.

"He'd never seen me play," Westerman said, "but he believed in Steve. It changed my life."

Because of these mentors, Westerman said, he went into coaching as a way to give back; a way to help other young people in the way that he had been helped.

He encouraged those in the audience, the tennis community, to do the same; to give up even one Saturday to help kids with the game or with life or to donate even a small amount to a youth tennis program such as MTEF.

"You supporters are doing an amazing job," he concluded.

Near the evening's end, R&B/soul artist Jason Warrior burst upon the scene, wireless mike in hand, buzzing through the tables before alighting on the stage to join his band.

A Chicago native, Warrior showed the stuff that allowed him to advance to the late rounds of *The Voice*. It was too bad the young entertainer didn't have an opportunity to describe his musical journey from Chicago kid to rising star. It's as compelling as his music and much like what MTEF aspires to create for the kids it serves.

Debbie Schifano, who chaired the Tennis Ball committee, was enthusiastic about the event.

"In my three years chairing," she said, "I think this was the most well-attended. I honestly have not had so many people contact me telling me how much fun they had, how much they loved the Pfister and that they can't wait to come back next year."

She said she had to laugh as people actually were texting her at dinner from other tables about the new venue.

Schifano also credited her husband, Chris, for his work and support in staging the Ball.

"I couldn't have done it without him," she said.

The Ball netted approximately \$56,000 to support MTEF programming.



Mary Fran Cahill

Honorary Chair Danny Westerman during his remarks at the Tennis Ball.



Mary Fran Cahill

Jason Warrior and his band provided after-dinner entertainment at the 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball.

Tennis Ball Sponsors and Supporters



Mary Fran Cahill

Joanne Williams (from left), Mike Levy, Julie Hanson-Levy, Joan Denver and Essie Herron at the 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball. **Right:** Artwork, and collectables were among the items displayed on one of the silent auction tables.

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Chris Schifano, Diane Veenendaal

Honorary Chair: Danny Westerman

Emcee: Steve (the Homer) True

Centerpieces: Diane Veenendaal

Posters: John Jensen

Greeters and Raffle Assistants: MTEF TEAM kids;
volunteers from Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation

Tennis Ball Sponsors and Supporters



Mary Fran Cahill

Douglas and Elizabeth Feldman looked over the Tennis Ball program during the cocktail hour. **Above:** Marissa Jones spoke about her experiences in the mentoring program as Victor Perez and Idris Badani waited their turns to speak. **Right:** The entree and dessert were not only lovely to look at, they were delicious.

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First and Foremost

Badani to Play on Inaugural MATC Team

When Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) announced on June 1 that it would field an independent tennis team in the 2018-2019 academic year, MTEF had no idea that one of its own would be a member of the inaugural men's team.

But that's exactly what will occur when Idris Badani, a High Performance TEAM participant, starts college at MATC.

Now a senior at Eastbrook Academy, Badani had been looking at MATC as a college option and was disappointed the school did not have a tennis team. But in talking with MTEF Executive Director Mike Levy, he learned not only of the school's future plans but of its Promise program, which pays tuition and fees for eligible high school graduates who enroll there.

"These two crucial points set my future college in place," Badani said.

He learned even more about MATC during the MTEF/MTC Adult/Junior tournament in September when he had an opportunity to talk with Rick Monroe, who will coach the MATC men's and women's teams, and Chas Mulcahy, president of Milwaukee Tennis Classic, Inc. Bringing tennis to MATC had been a yearlong project of student athletes involved in MTC's Life After Tennis program at Marquette University.

"They were quite informative about all the opportunities that MATC has to offer and that convinced me to go there," Badani said.

Monroe said the MATC women will start play in the fall of 2018, while the men's action will begin in the spring of 2019.

Although the teams will participate on the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III level, most of the schools they'll face, Monroe said, are Division II competitors – including Prairie State College, College of Lake Country, College of DuPage, Oakton Community College, Sauk Valley Community College, Waubesa Community College, McHenry County College and Moraine Valley Community College, all of which are located in northern Illinois.

Monroe added that he believes that MATC tennis will be the only "no cut" college tennis program in Wisconsin.

Badani plans to prepare for a career in baking and pastry arts.



Gary Porter

Idris Badani (left) and Mike Levy shook hands after Badani's second-place finish in the TEAM Cup.



File Photo

MTEF programming, including Expanded Mentoring, seeks to build bonds and a sense of community among the participants.

Executive Director's Message

From Page 2 provided by MTEF Board President Dr. Elizabeth Horneffer, the organization is on the move in a powerful way now.

More importantly, we are happy to have the privilege to perform good work toward a fantastic mission: *To improve the lives and futures of Milwaukee youth through tennis, education and mentoring.*

Let me add that MTEF does this one child and family at a time. This clearly defined mission of MTEF speaks to the need of a broader outreach and diversity inclusion to our Milwaukee community.

Let's have fun in this leg of our journey!

Grants and Gifts

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Success Stories Demonstrate Effect of MTEF Programming

From Page 1 job is to make this evolution a positive process.

How do we do this?

Our outreach program is called TEAM (Tennis, Education and Mentoring). So we focus not only on tennis but also on academics, life skills and nutrition/fitness along with values such as honesty, sportsmanship, teamwork, inclusiveness, perseverance and accountability.



Parker

years.

We may never know the impact of our programming on those we met only briefly. We can measure our successes among those

In the last 16 years alone we have touched the lives of more than 40,000 youngsters, some briefly, others for most of their childhoods and teenage

who embraced our efforts over the years.

A recent example is Sydan Parker, who became an MTEF participant when he was 6 years old. Parker recently graduated from Homestead High School where he played varsity tennis and twice made it to the doubles competition at the WIAA Boys State Tournament in Madison. After the unrest in the Sherman Park neighborhood in 2016, Parker became determined to be a shining light in his neighborhood by teaching others about the game and overcoming the odds. This past summer, he served as an MTEF instructor. He currently is a freshman at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN.

Another is Charlee Goodman, a straight-A graduate of Rufus King IB High School, who went on to play varsity tennis at McKendree University in Lebanon, IL on full scholarship. After two years, she transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she is set to graduate in 2018 with a

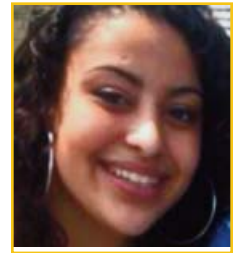
B.S. in biology. She plans to choose a dental school later this year.

There are many more stories like these in MTEF's history and there surely will be many more in the years to come.

Now that you are more aware of who we are and what we do, please visit our website, www.mtef.com, to learn more. You also can arrange a visit to one of our TEAM sites and see our programming in action.

Then spread the word to your family, friends, co-workers, classmates – anyone really – that MTEF is an organization that works very hard to help youngsters stay healthy, dream dreams, set goals and then accomplish them.

That's great news, isn't it?



Turquoise Welch Loera

US Army Command Sgt. Maj. (ret.) Frank Parker spoke with Summer TEAM participants on a PatriotismWednesday.

Patriotism Wednesdays Added in 2017

From Page 3 Ryan Boys & Girls Club, which is located in the park.

"Attendance was excellent," Levy said, with 15 to 22 youngsters participating in each of the two-hour sessions offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout the summer.

For the third consecutive summer, MTEF continued its partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library's Super Reader program at its Milwaukee sites. Each summer MPL drops off a bin of books at each of the sites and youngsters work toward specific goals of books read.

Mentor Mondays and Board Thursdays, initiated in 2016, continued as well. A new addition was Patriotism Wednesdays.

Mentor Mondays feature lunchtime speakers from many different occupations who provide TEAM participants with information on various careers. Board Thursdays offer board members the opportunity to visit the sites along with potential donors. Patriotism Wednesdays offer lessons on American history and government. A highlight of the summer program was the annual MTEF/NJTL Regional Rally, held July 28 at Merrill Park. More than 200 youngsters gathered for the event, which featured a variety of fun drills, games and off-court activities.

By tradition, Summer TEAM programming ended with the annual MTEF Cup tournament. (See related story on Page 4.)

Drop Shots

MTEF recently hired Tina Grubor as program manager. She has taken over the duties formerly handled by Diana Miramontes.

Grubor, a Milwaukee native, has a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and earned her teacher's certification from Alverno College.

She is married and has a daughter.

Grubor was a teacher at Milwaukee's Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts, worked as a volunteer at Dixon Elementary School and most recently was employed at Pius

XI High School, where her daughter is now a junior.

"I was lucky enough to be a stay-at-home mom for most of her childhood," Grubor said in an email.

Grubor said she is excited to be taking on her new position. "I have been a lifelong tennis player and fan of the sport," she said.

Impressed by the way in which MTEF impacts the lives of the children it serves, she says, "I look forward to helping MTEF continue to make a difference in the lives of Milwaukee youth through tennis."



Grubor

A Weekend to Remember



Tina Grubor

It had to be exciting for MTEF youngsters participating in the finals of the 1st Annual Adult/Junior tournament to look up and see themselves on the jumbotron at the UWM Panther Arena. **Left:** A group of MTEF TEAM participants travelled to the Town Club in Fox Point to take in some of the women's quarter and semifinal matches at the 42nd Annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic.

The 42nd Annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic provided many MTEF participants with what might be described as somewhat of a whirlwind weekend.

For a number of years now, it's always been fun as it involved a bus trip to the Town Club in Fox Point to view the collegiate matches and enjoy lunch courtesy of Cousins Subs. Opportunities to talk with the players and get autographs on T-shirts and tennis balls were a plus for the youngsters.

A new element was added in 2017 that gave eight MTEF kids a chance to vie for the Big Time – playing under the lights at the UWM Panther Arena in the finals of the 1st Annual MTEF/MTC Adult Junior Tournament, which were held just prior to the start of the collegiate finals on Sept. 24.

The event began a week earlier with two rounds of play at the Paley Tennis Center in Glendale where the youngsters were paired with alumni collegiate players, many of whom had, at one time, participated in MTC competition.

The teams consisted of: Idris Badani, a senior at Eastbrook Academy and Dusan Medan, Marquette University, 2007-2010; Brielle Wade, an eighth grade student at Wedgewood Park Middle School and Christina Ruiz, Marquette University, 2007-2011; Camille Cruise, a senior at Prairie School and C.J. Armbrust, Marquette club team, 2013-2017; TaDarion Perkins, an eighth grader at Rufus King Middle School and Jose Gutierrez, Marquette University, 2009-2013; Tatyana Lynn, a senior at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School and Tim Corwin, DePaul University, 2013-2017; Shadaab Bhamla, a senior at Hamilton High School and Krystiyan Trukov, Marquette University, 2013-2017; Samiyah Braylock, a freshman at Pius XI High School and Ana Pimienta, Marquette University, 2011-2015 and Izayah Briggs, an eighth grader at Golda Meir Middle School and Vukasin Teofanovic, Marquette University, 2011-2015.

At afternoon's end, it was Perkins/Gutierrez and Bhamla/Trukov who earned their way into the limelight. Perkins/Gutierrez won the finals.

It is hoped that the 2nd Annual Adult/Junior Tournament in 2018 can be expanded from eight to 16 teams and be staged as a fundraiser for MTEF programming.



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Krystiyan Trukov (from left), Shadaab Bhamla, TaDarion Perkins and Jose Gutierrez posed with their trophies. Perkins and Gutierrez won the Adult/Junior competition. Trukov and Blamla were the runners-up.

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Happenings

Subject to Change

Jan. 19: 2016-2017 HP TEAM program resumes.
April 9: USTA NJTL Essay Contest begins.
May 21: TEAM Site Directors' Meeting. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. Time TBD.
May 26: TEAM Coaches Workshop. Sherman Park, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June 13: TEAM Volunteers Orientation. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club. 3 - 4 pm
June 18: Summer TEAM program begins. Multiple sites, TBD.
June 20: USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Runs through August 7.
July 6: Entry deadline for USTA NJTL Essay Contest.
July 27: 16th Annual NJTL Regional Rally. Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St.. 1 - 3 p.m.
July 30-31: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Early Rounds. Merrill Park. All day.
August 1: 4th Annual Orange Ball 10 & Under and Coaches Tournament. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m..
August 2: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Finals. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. Followed by awards ceremony at 11 a.m. and picnic at noon.
Oct. 12: Fall HP TEAM program begins. Multiple sites. Time TBA.
Oct. 13: Fall USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Moorland Tennis and Pickleball Club, 2900 S. 163rd St., New Berlin.
Oct. 27: 20th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball. TBA. 6 p.m.-midnight.
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