



MIDWEST USPTA “DAY OF EDUCATION”

3630 Tennis Court * Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085 * 269-429-2101

9 am

Steve Bender

“Lots of Players, But Not Many Courts? No Problem!”

Coach Bender is a 38 year veteran of coaching high school & college sports with a current tennis record of 303-32. In 2003 Steve led the Buchanan High School Boy’s Tennis Team to the Michigan D4 State Title having only 4 courts and 40+ kids. In his presentation, Steve will demonstrate (***with 40 + players here!***) how to run effective, efficient practices when space is limited.

10:10 am

Mark Ficks

“But I Thought I Was supposed to Recover to the Center?!” (and other misconceptions)

Mark has been a USPTA Professional since 1996 and has twice been honored with the USPTA’s Michigan Pro of the Year award. He now serves as the Michigan USPTA President while working as the Director of Tennis at South Shore, and coaching the boy’s and girl’s teams at Bridgman High School. Mark’s topic will discuss common technical and strategic misconceptions that many players and coaches have about tennis. He’ll demonstrate how to “prove” to your players the correct ways to play tennis.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MARK’S PRESENTATION

12 noon

David Brooks & Dave Zimmermann

“Fun-Technician Training”

The “Daves” are both USPTA Certified Professionals who are an integral part of the “South Shore Way”. These guys not only know how to teach young kids to play tennis, but they also understand how to “entertain” too, which is the absolute best way to keep little ones playing. You’ll walk away from this presentation with loads of tennis games, drills, and even fun footwork/agility activities for kids. They will show you how to not only work with very young beginners, but also advanced 7 – 11 year olds.

1 pm

Scott Ficks

“Drop-shots, Lobs, Angles (and probably some other stuff...)”

Scott comes to us from Milwaukee, WI, where he has been the Director of Tennis at the Moorland Tennis & Pickleball Club since 2005. He’s been certified with the USPTA since 1997, earning the Wisconsin USPTA Professional of the Year honor twice, and he has also been a high school head coach. In an extremely creative fashion, Scott will present fun ways to improve a player’s “touch”, and control.

Michigan’s USTA Tennis Service Representative, George Lowe, will also be on hand with information about USTA resources that are available to clubs, coaches, players, and Community Tennis Associations.