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The Mick and The Bob: 2019 Winter Tennis Tournaments

ACME, Mich., January 8, 2019 --- This winter, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is proud to host two tennis tournaments celebrating legends of the Northern Michigan tennis community—Chris Michalowski and Bob Swanson.

The Mick: January 25-26, 2019

The field is set for the 2nd annual “The Mick” tennis tournament, which features top high school players from Northern Michigan. The tournament is named after Chris “Mick” Michalowski to recognize all he has done—and continues to do—for tennis in Northern Michigan. Mick coached hundreds of junior tennis players during his years at the Resort, resulting in 25 state champions. He was also named Michigan’s Tennis Professional of the Year on multiple occasions.

The Mick is a mixed competition in which a male and female player are on a combined team and represent their respective high schools. The format is similar to the Hopman Cup, a team tennis event of the International Tennis Federation. Each match-up between the two teams consists of one women’s singles match, one men’s singles match, and one mixed doubles match.

Players are invited to participate based on their skill ability and for displaying a high level of sportsmanship. Returning are last year’s inaugural Mick Champions: Paige Fischer and Alex Gerling (Traverse City West). The field is rounded out by Sophie Jackson and James Turner (Traverse City Central), Lexi Lewis and Adam Chittle (St. Francis), Regan O’Connor and Ryan O’Connor (Traverse City Central), Elyse Olivier and Alec Olivier (Marquette), and Lucy Chamberlin (Harbor Springs) and Jack Fischer (Traverse City West).

The first round begins Friday, January 25, at 6 p.m. at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Play resumes Saturday, January 26, at noon, with the championship round scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Bob: February 22-24, 2019

Now in its 20th year, [The Bob Swanson Memorial Scholarship Tournament and Fundraiser](#) was formed to commemorate the memory of Bob Swanson, a great friend and husband, team player, and true champion of the game of tennis.

The tournament features men’s, women’s, and mixed divisions at 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and Open levels. Divisions are open to intermediate and advanced high school and adult players, and high school seniors participating in the tournament are also eligible to apply for the [Bob Swanson Memorial Scholarships](#). The scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who are actively involved in

competitive tennis in the Northern Michigan district of the United States Tennis Association Midwest Section.

Play will begin on Friday, February 22, at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, and the championship matches will be held on Sunday, February 24. An entry fee of \$60 per player per division includes a T-shirt and entrance to the Saturday night BOB BASH (also at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa). To register, visit the [USTA Tournament website](#).

About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is located near Traverse City, MI, along Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay. The 900-acre property is one of the Midwest's finest year-round resorts featuring nearly 600 guest rooms, 54 holes of championship golf including courses designed by Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, a full-service spa, and upscale dining and shopping. "Michigan's Premier Resort Experience." For information about the Resort, lodging packages, and to make reservations, call 800-236-1577 or visit grandtraverseresort.com.