



# Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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## Success for the STPC great get-together

By Dorothy Rossing

The day of Sept. 8 was sunny, warm and just perfect for a picnic and tennis at Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie. What a great substitute for that cold, rainy day of three



weeks earlier that had been the original plan. Thanks to Marv Schneider for convincing the Park Board that we could get another date for the picnic. There are 8 courts available, and all were used by the 68 members and friends that showed up starting at 8:30. People could play for one set, or more, and the courts were being used all day. Some people even said they played too much, and ached all over for the next few days.

The potluck lunch was ready by 11:30 so some who had to leave early could eat; others played tennis until they were hungry and ate later. Joanne Swartz and her committee took care of the organization, but everyone had a great lunch in the nearby pavilion. The club provided balls, water, plates and utensils so it was an easy way to spend the day while doing some playing, some talking, some eating, some fun.

Plan to come to the picnic next year and see old friends and meet some new ones. If you don't enjoy socializing just come for the tennis. If you love to meet new people, come for the food and schmoozing. Plan to bring a friend who might be interested in joining the STPC. Don't miss the great get-together next year.

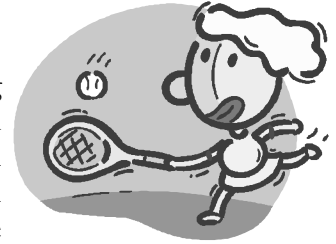
## Tennis schedules

Our "final" fall/winter tennis schedule was published in the September newsletter. However, we continue to get changes. Publishing monthly change updates has always been difficult, and confusing to understand. With so many of our members having Internet access, we suggest you simply go to our website, [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com), to get the latest. If you don't have a computer, ask a friend to do it for you.

## Beginning tennis players

By Fred Jurewicz

Senior Tennis Players Club is interested in helping beginners and inexperienced players to improve the level of their game. In addition we are looking for people interested in joining STPC in order to learn how to play tennis.



There are a number of current members who never played the game until they were in their 50's or 60's. Some of those players are now rated 3.0 to 3.5. So who said you can't teach an "old dog" new tricks???

Percy Hughes, STPC's Director of Training, would like to develop a program and personally be involved with people who are interested in this kind of experience. If you are interested, please get in touch with Percy either by e-mail ([percyhjr@msn.com](mailto:percyhjr@msn.com)) or telephone (612-866-1102).

## Good tennis, good friends

Last May, Shirley and Rita's Wednesday Reed-Sweatt group celebrated the end of the fall/winter season with a luncheon at the St. Paul Town and Country Club.

After each Wednesday of play, the group goes for lunch near Reed-Sweatt. But for the end of the season, more was needed. Fortunately, one of the players is a member of Town and Country and arranged for a private room. Wonderful menu too! What a way to end the year with such good friends after many weeks of fun tennis.

*(Shirley and Rita group—continued on page 6)*

## Upcoming Events

October 27, 2007

Halloween Social

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Quarter page (3.7x4.9).....60/40  
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free, then \$5/issue.

### Membership information changes, newsletter delivery problems, etc.,

can be made by writing Senior Tennis Players Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343 or [currentmembers@seniortennismn.com](mailto:currentmembers@seniortennismn.com)

Membership total: 1492  
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**Letters to the Editor are wanted!**  
*This is your space to express an opinion or relate an interesting experience.*

I just started playing tennis. I absolutely love the game. I am a terrible player. It is not very often that you find something that is good for you that you like to do. I wish I would have started playing years ago when I was younger. When I was a kid the only people who played tennis were the rich kids. At my age it is hard to learn and I am not as fast or physical as I used to be. Hopefully I will improve. The \$25 membership fee I spent to join Senior Tennis is the best \$25 I ever spent in my life. Not only am I playing tennis but I have met some of the nicest people. If you hear of a battery operated ball server, please have them contact me.

– Phil Tenenbaum

*Editor says: Way to go Phil! Besides drills and playing, you can work on your game by using a back-board (I know of good ones in Richfield), and by getting together with another member who also wants to improve - you can devise your own drills. Hit groundies, hit volleys, serves, etc. Work together, and you'll both benefit.*

At the annual picnic, I was at net and opponent hit a good shot at me. It bounced off my forearm, bounced on the net cord and dribbled over! Whose point?

– Marv Schneider

*Editor says: Of course Marv knows the answer. It's the opponents' point, since by rule 24 "The point is lost if ... the ball in play touches the player or anything that the player is wearing or carrying, except the racket...." Note that the point was lost as soon as the ball struck Marv's forearm—anything after that doesn't matter.*

**As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts.**



### Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the STPC is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and older for their mental, physical, and social well-being; and to support the growth of tennis.

### Newsletter Submissions

To help make the newsletter as correct as possible, please submit all items in writing only, by mail or email. The deadline is the 17th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

**Send your submissions to:** David Sommer, 3657 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407-2805.  
Email: [editor@seniortennismn.com](mailto:editor@seniortennismn.com).

We need help and input from writers, artists, and photographers.

# Percy's tennis rhythms



## By Percy Hughes

Well, dedicated players, and those new to the game—plus those new to our club and our lessons—were you able to watch at least some of the **US Open**? It's hard to believe the Open went all the way without

one rain-out. That was very unusual, what with the country having had much rain everywhere but at the US Open area. I picked **Federer, Henin, and Venus Williams**—not too bad, two out of three winners. I favored the first two for sure, but I thought Venus might be able to pull an upset.

Indoor tennis has started for the fall/winter season, and we're off to a pretty slow start for the lessons classes. I realize weather is a factor, **but**, better to bring your game (especially if you're a new player) to the

**professionals** before you form bad habits—try to learn this great game with proper instruction. Our pros are all nice, capable instructors—you'll enjoy their teaching approach. We've been trained to teach every student with the **brotherly love approach**, and if that's not so with someone teaching for us, **call me** quickly: 612-866-1102.

A few of the same old reminders I throw at you: 1) are your strings fresh; 2) is the frame still good; 3) are your shoes still in good shape; 4) do you remember to have a bottle of water (no vodka); 5) If able, have an extra racquet; 6) have a small **medical kit** in your bag, (bandaids, etc); 7) For the indoor lessons, have \$5.00 which helps pay the club's court-time fees our lessons accrue. Remember, our outdoor lessons are **free!** Mean time, **No foot faults!**

PERCY

## Percy's birthday

Some of Percy's many admirers presented him with a cake for his 119th birthday. Always the pro, he's using the racquet on the cake to illustrate proper ground stroke technique. Way to go Percy!

## Want ads

These two-liner want ads are available to all STPC members. Your ad is free for three issues. After that, there is a charge of \$5 per publication. Your check should be payable to STPC and sent to David Sommer with instructions.



**Interested in Head racquets & clothing?** Consult Percy Hughes 612-866-1102 for what's best for you.

**Expert Racquet service.** Fred Jurewicz (952) 496-1018 (H); (612) 250-3185. *10% STPC discount.*

**Two Greek homes,** 3BR/2.5BA furn., near Nafplio, €785/wk, [www.greekhomes.net](http://www.greekhomes.net). Sally 612-340-9706.

**Branson, MO** biannual timeshare FOR SALE. 1<sup>st</sup> \$1500 or more by 12/07. Cris 612-508-2722.

**Carefree, AZ fully furnished townhouse** available to rent Sept-Dec, free tennis. 651-631-1044.

**Rent Villages, FL.** Free golf and nightly entertainment. Activities for everyone. Available Dec. 2007 and May through Dec. 2008. 2BR, 2BA, den, nice house.



\$2700/month. 952-935-5670.

**Cancun vacation** for 6, Feb 9-16. Gorgeous penthouse with tennis, all amenities. \$1700. 952-935-4674.

**Rent Marco Island, FL** Jan 18-25, 2008, \$225/night 2BR 2BA on the beach, **free** tennis. Gary 763-545-4998

**Prince PBM405 ball machine** \$495, Bob Clark, Edina, 952-944-1315.

**For rent** Nov-Mar. 1200 sq ft mobile home, 2BR, 2BA, Texas Room. Gated senior community, Mercedes, TX. Amenities include golf and tennis. \$1200/mo + gas and electric. No smoking, no pets. Glenn 763-588-0464.

**Please donate decent used racquets** for at-risk high school students at Lincoln Hills Education Center. Call Marsha Jarvela (763)971-8997/(612)790-1246, [marshajarvela@yahoo.com](mailto:marshajarvela@yahoo.com).

**●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●**

Some court locations are subject to change during the season. No reservations necessary.

| Location  | Day | Time                           | Skill | Cost   | Instructor      | Phone        |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b><br>4005 Nicollet Ave S<br>Minneapolis<br>612-825-6844 | Mon | 1:30-3:00 PM                   | All   | \$5.00 | Dilcia Pederson | 612-825-6844 |
|   |     |                                |       |        | Duncan Welty    | 952-933-8592 |
|   | Mon | 10:00-11:00 AM<br>"Owies"      | All   | \$7.50 | Roger Boyer     | 612-825-6844 |
|   | Thu | 8:30-10:00AM                   | All   | \$5.00 | Percy Hughes    | 612-866-1102 |
|   |     |                                |       |        | Paul Stormo     | 952-944-6286 |
| <b>Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center.</b> 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis                 | Tue | 11:00-12:30<br>Start October 2 | All   | \$5.00 | Tom Bauman      | 651-738-6726 |
| <b>Williston Fitness &amp; Sports</b><br>14509 Minnetonka Drive<br>Minnetonka 952-939-8370    | Tue | 5:30-7:00PM                    | All   | \$5.00 | Duane Ryman     | 612-865-9517 |

**Free or low-cost lessons\*** are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them. After twelve lessons, you will receive a free can of balls and a certificate of accomplishment and congratulations from the STPC president. You should notify your instructor when you have completed twelve lessons.

\* Lessons are free during outdoor season; they cost \$5 when indoor (to pay for court time). You may continue taking lessons as long as you are a member of the club.

**●● Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members ●●**

| Location   | Day        | Cost   | Time          | Phone                                 |
|--|------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center*</b><br>4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis | Tue<br>Thu | \$7.50 | 9:00-10:00 AM | 612-825-6844<br>Call for reservation. |

**\*Additional classes for all skill levels available, open to seniors and younger players.**

## Players wanted!

### Working adults

Senior Tennis Players Club would like to better serve those who are working and find our typical play hours impractical. We'll organize some groups early morning, late afternoon, evening, or weekend if we find sufficient interest. We'd like to hear from both members **and potential members**. Contacts Marty Plitnick 612-247-7412, [martyplitnick@comcast.net](mailto:martyplitnick@comcast.net) or David Sommer 612-276-1313, [dsommer7@earthlink.net](mailto:dsommer7@earthlink.net).

### Men, women 3.0-3.5

Men and women for Tuesdays, 11:30am -1:00pm, 3.0, regular and sub, at Williston Center, Minnetonka, MN. Also, men wanted for Thursdays, 8:00am - 9:30am, 3.0-3.5, regular and sub. If interested please call Fred

Wright, 952-938-1242. Or [f.b.wright@worldnet.att.net](mailto:f.b.wright@worldnet.att.net)

### Women 3.5-4.0

3.5-4.0 women's group meeting Monday mornings at Fred Wells (formerly Fort Snelling) from 9:30-11:00 needs subs. Mary Lund 952-929-8075.

### Women 2.5-3.0

Reed-Sweatt, Tues. 11:00-12:30. Need regulars & subs. Norma Johnson 612-374-2460, [nomaj@juno.com](mailto:nomaj@juno.com)

### Men, women 2.5-3.5

Play Thursday 12:30-2:30, Reed-Sweatt. Please call Cee Pautz, 952-944-5920.

### Men, women 3.0-3.5

Wooddale, in Woodbury, Wed. 7-8:30 AM. Call Connie Alt, 651-450-4580. [conniealt@yahoo.com](mailto:conniealt@yahoo.com)

# Fred Wells Halloween Social

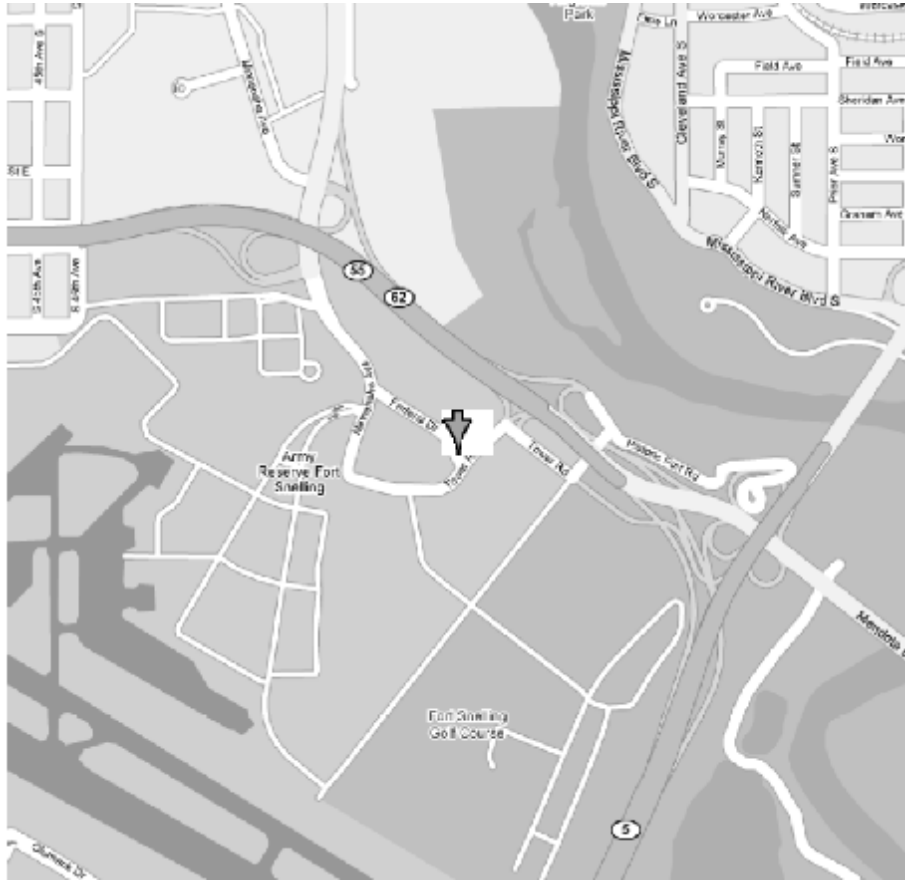
**Open to singles and couples. Mixed doubles. Rotating partners. 64 players only! You do not need a partner.**

**Time: Saturday October 27. Play 4-7 PM; 7-8 PM refreshments, taco bar.**

**Place: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center (formerly Fort Snelling...)**

**Cost: \$16/person; taco bar only - \$8 per person for guest/spouse not playing.**

**Limited to first 64 who sign up. No refund for no-shows.**



## Halloween Tennis Party Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level:  1-1.5     2-2.5     3-3.5     4.0

Send check, payable to STPC, and this form **by October 13** to:  
Joanne Schwartz, 4141 Parklawn Ave #218, Edina, MN 55435

All players must sign the Release Form below:

### RELEASE FORM

I agree that any participation by me in the activities of, or sponsored by, the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC), a non-profit organization, including, but without limitation, activities such as tennis lessons, clinics, drills, rating sessions, camps, trips, playing in or attending tennis games, tournaments, groups or social events, shall be at my sole risk; and I hereby release and hold harmless STPC and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, tennis pros, tennis clubs, courts and facilities used or licensed by STPC, and all independent contactors with STPC (all being "Associated Others") for all claims of damage, whether due to injuries to person or property; to any direction, conduct, scheduling or claimed discrimination, nonfeasance or malfeasance, or otherwise, arising out of, or occurring in connection with, any such activities or conduct of STPC or such Associated Others.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Shirley and Rita group—continued from page 1)*

Here's some pictures of the celebration.

From left to right: Rita Welch (co-captain), Shirley Pratt (captain), and Jane Hawkins.



Marilyn Anderson, Ann Thompson, Mary Fabry, and Susan Willis.



Marge Melby, Carolyn Eklen, Peggy Swanson, and Aida Taniguchi.

## Match Point Tennis Center

The future Match Point Tennis Center of Lakeville will hold an informational Open House

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:00-9:00 pm

Bracketts Crossing Country Club

17976 Judicial Road

Lakeville

Please call with any questions: Pam 612-850-4746