



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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Charlie Boone at annual meeting

By Fred Jurewicz, STPC President

Charlie Boone will be the featured speaker at the 25th annual STPC meeting. A lifetime member of Senior Tennis Players Club, Charlie is an avid tennis player. He is perhaps best known and remembered as one of the most successful partnerships in Minnesota radio—with Roger Erickson. The Boone and Erickson show was aired on WCCO radio from 1961 to 1998. When he was asked to be a speaker at the luncheon his response was, "I'd be delighted; tennis is such an important part of my life." Charlie is an extremely talented and funny personality. He will certainly be entertaining as he will have plenty of stories and anecdotes to share about STPC. Be sure to get your reservations in for what is expected to be a great event. Percy Hughes and his trio will also be performing. You won't want to miss this very special event. A reservation form is on page 8.

Tennis events

By Bob Busch

Mark Calendars

Don't forget to sign-up for our annual mens, womens and mixed play club tournament scheduled for May 5 to 8 at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center. This is not a USTA-sanctioned tournament and therefore a USTA membership is not required. We normally register over 100 players for the popular Jack Dow Doubles Tournament. Signup on page 6.

Also be sure to reserve the dates of August 9 to 15 for

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Preliminary summer schedule inside!

In this edition is the preliminary schedule. **CAPTAINS!** Be sure to check the schedule for accuracy. Inform Thue Rasmussen (St. Paul area) or Tom Waki (Minneapolis area) of any corrections or additions.

Percy Hughes wins USTA National Senior Service Award

From a USTA Northern Section release

Percy Hughes was named the winner of the 2007 USTA National Seniors' Service Award announced today. This award, selected by the USTA National Adult/Senior Competition Committee, recognizes career service to senior tennis. Hughes will be honored as part of the 2008 USTA Annual Awards Banquet Sunday, April 13, in Naples, Fla.

The 85-year-old Hughes did not start working with tennis until he was well into his 60s. Among his many contributions is serving as one of the founding fathers of the Twin Cities Senior Tennis Players Club, which is the largest organized group of senior tennis players in the United States. After becoming a USPTA certified teaching pro well into his 60s, Hughes has taught weekly lessons for the Senior Tennis Players Club the past 20 years, while also organizing tennis tournaments and social outings for the group.

Enduring three hip surgeries himself, one of Hughes' greatest offerings is teaching senior players how to work with their existing bodies and showing them how to deal with the limitations they have. This allows seniors the opportunity to play the game longer.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

May 3, 2008

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Jack Dow Round Robin

May 5-8, 2008

Mens, Womens, Mixed doubles, 2.5-4.0

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Bolger Clinic

June 2, 2008

Mark your calendar!

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Membership total: 1337

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SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB

Letters to the Editor are wanted!

This is your space to express an opinion or relate an interesting experience.

Over-rated?

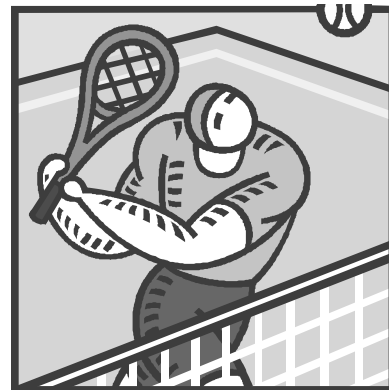
I noticed, and unfortunately someone else already noticed that I have a 4.0 rating in the Roster. Perhaps I checked the wrong box when I thought I was checking 3.5 or there was a translation error somewhere else, but of course there is nothing you can do about it in 2008, I suppose. A retraction in the Newsletter, just kidding?

Well, its a good goal for me to try to get to a 4.0 by the end of the year. We are not the only ones who overrate ourselves. I played in a group in San Miguel that considered themselves 3.5 and while they would be 3.5 in STPC they would be 3.0 in USTA. My sense is that out of ego and obstinateness seniors rate

ourselves at the highest level they ever had, even if that was when they were 25 years old.

Marty

Editor's note: correction to Marty's rating appears in this newsletter—see the "Membership new, renew, change." We're glad to adjust ratings for any of our members who may have "over-reached."



Typical 4.0 player

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.

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

Percy's tennis rhythms



By Percy Hughes

Hi, all members of this great Senior Tennis Club. Nationally, we're recognized as the greatest in the nation—something we are very proud of, right? Fortunately our director of Tennis Training is **Roger Boyer**, none better in this whole country. I'm very proud to be his assistant director. Every so often a problem "pops up" in the teaching program, where Roger has to be called in. We have a case at the moment that has to be addressed. I was a great friend of **Mr. Jack Dow**, and a member of his club since 1982. We had great common ground, that being: 1) friendliness and 2) kindness to all members, be they experienced players, or just beginning to learn

the game by taking lessons. I've truly believed that all of our hired pros understand this form of working with, and making a new sport for seniors pleasant to learn. I've been a certified teaching pro for 25 years, and I'm mostly proud of the many people I've made happy having learned the game gently, with no anger from any of our instructors. This was the way Jack Dow wished it, and I found no problem with doing the teaching with kind statements—never needing to raise my voice. I was very fortunate—most of my learning to teach was with our mentor, Roger Boyer. Thanks, Rog.

Please, please, please call me, Percy Hughes, 612-866-1102. We're going to stop any cruel happenings in our lessons. Just call me, hear?

Perc Remember: **No foot faults!**

Players wanted

Regulars and subs for **men's 3.0-3.5 group** at the new Match Point Tennis Center in Lakeville, 9913 214th Street West, Lakeville. Tuesdays 8:30-10:00 A.M. Call Bruce Abrahamson 952-461-2617.

Women, men 3.5-4.0. Looking ahead to **summer** in the southwest Minneapolis/Edina/Eden Prairie areas, Monday thru Friday, 7am-9am/7:30am-9:30am/8am-10am. Based on number of responses for each of the areas, days of the week, and times, I will choose the most in each category. Contact Marty Plitnick at martyplitnick@comcast.net, 612-247-7412.

Subs needed, both men and women at the 3.0 and 3.5 levels to sub, **free of charge**, through April, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00-9:00 AM at the Saint Paul Indoor Tennis Club. If interested, please contact Krueg at 651-917-3551.

Volunteers for Twins games

Volunteers needed to hand out promotions for Twins Games. Season starts March 31st. Money paid by the Twins goes to benefit the National Alliance for Mental Illness. If you would like to be on the list you can email me at jeanmurdock@aol.com or phone 612-825-5826.

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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.



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.*

For sale: WWII in pictures & descriptive narration. 3 vol. collector books (750p) \$50. 952-935-6656.

Racquet exchange? Did you get mine? Mine has white grip; yours black. Same Head cover. 612-823-0046.

2 Greek homes 3 BR 2.5 BA near Nafplio, €780/wk.

MN owned. Details Sally Howard 612-340-9706.

For sale: SAAB 900SE, 42,000 miles, new tires, perfect condition. \$5,000. 952-927-7430.

For sale: ladies golfset, Calloway, 2 woods, 9 irons, with bag. \$200. 952-927-7430.

Lake Superior condo for rent. Three bedroom, on the lake, at Two Harbors. Ron Schmidt 952-831-0880.

Wanted: good used portable ball machine. Call Phil 612-819-6188, email genrlphilx@isp.com.

"Economic Democracy: Ending the Corporate Domination of Our Lives," by Scott Raskiewicz. \$14.95. 651-695-1535.

Timeshare for rent, 1 week, 2BR, 2BA, kitchen, 5 star, Sleeps 6, \$1000; Use US or international. 763-544-9757.

Tennis desk—part-time position with perks. Bearpath Country Club. Jay Pathy 952-949-0889.

Wanted to buy: Used foreign car, fair to good condition. Call Art @ (763) 784-9716.

●● 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
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis 612-825-6844	Mon	1:30-3:00 PM	All	\$5.00	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
					Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
	Mon	10:00-11:00 "Owies"	All	\$7.50	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
	Thu	8:30-10:00AM	All	\$5.00	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286	
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis	Tue	11:00-12:30	All	\$5.00	Tom Bauman	651-738-6726
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370	Tue	5:30-7:00PM	All	\$5.00	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592

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
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center* 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue	\$8.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844
	Thu			Call for reservation.

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

Making calls

By Steve Keefe

Editor's note: Steve has written a fine article. I regret that due to a shortage of space, I've had to spread it over four pages. There is a direct link on the STPC website (click Links) to The USTA Code, a "Players' Guide for Unofficial Matches." It is only seven pages long and well worth the time to read. Although instances of bad faith seem rare, the Code is not always followed in our matches, presumably because not everyone is familiar with all its details. This is the first article highlighting the Code's application to situations that occur frequently in Senior Tennis matches.

Probably the most sensitive issue addressed in the Code, and the longest section is: **"Making Calls."**

The key rule in the Code for making calls is found in

rule **"6. Opponent gets benefit of doubt"**:

"...There is a subtle difference between player decisions and those of an on-court official. An official impartially resolves a problem involving a call, whereas a player is guided by the unwritten law that **any doubt must be resolved in favor of the opponent...**" (emphasis added).

Also, *"A player in attempting to be scrupulously honest on line calls frequently will find himself keeping a ball in play that might have been out or that the player discovers too late was out. **Even so, the game is much better played this way.**"* If everyone does it, erring on the side of keeping the ball in play means more points won with winners, rather than outcalls.

The rest follows from rule 6 and the familiar rules of

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Shirley Pratt wins Dow Award

Editor's note: Shirley supplied the following about herself. It's so eloquent that I'm printing it nearly "as is." Congratulations to Shirley—the award is well deserved. The formal presentation of the award will be at the annual meeting.

Let me introduce myself. I am Shirley Pratt and I wish to tell you how I was introduced to Senior Tennis. Back in 1986 my husband, Dick, and I heard an ad on the radio by Jack Dow telling about the Senior Tennis organization. We thought it sounded great and decided to join. We did, but did not do a thing for one whole year and then we said let's find out about what we signed up to do. So Dick went first to observe a group and then we started to go to drills. We went to Nicollet Tennis Center, Williston, Wooddale, St. Paul Indoor, and some Northwest Clubs. We attended summer camps at Mankato and River Falls. I was working still, but had time to go to drills and play, after work (at the Fridley School's Nurses offices). Summer play was at many different places in the metropolitan area. Being new to tennis and learning, I was willing to captain a group of seniors for the USTA. We actually had a win! I played in Super Seniors, which was organized by Dick. I was secretary for STPC for three years. I was active in Roger Boyer's Inner City groups for kids. I worked in the summer with a group of Junior High girl's students for the Minneapolis Park Board. I attended many of the men's and women's matches at the "U". These were good learning experiences. I attended and helped Percy Hughes and Ginny (formerly) Owens to host and plan



tennis parties for STPC. I coordinated the Women's "Hit 'N Giggle" 2.5 League for many years. This summer group is still playing under the name "WOW" at the present time. I tried to be encouraging to others to get in the great game of tennis and continue to play in this lifetime sport. I have been on the STPC Board as Membership chairman for the past three years. I've not played much this past year but am getting back to playing and have been able to continue to captain a group at Reed/Sweatt family Tennis Center which I have been doing for several years. One year (1996) I filled in as a handicapped player at Tennis on The Plaza during the Aquatennial and had another opportunity to play in the rotunda at the MOA.

I would like to say please don't misunderstand me—I am just explaining the opportunities one finds in this great organization. And I would encourage anyone from personal experience—you can recover from knee replacement (I've had three), open heart surgeries (two), and other situations and still play tennis!

Oh yes, my first tennis experience was playing at Nicollet Park on Sunday afternoons while in high school—that was called "batting the ball around!" So after **many** years one **can** learn the game! I owe a great debt of appreciation to all the instructors I have had, to all the wonderful friends and teammates, players and coaches and their everlasting encouragement. Thank you!

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tennis.

"8. Ball that cannot be called out is good..." i.e., promptly and loudly! Hesitating is considered evidence of doubt and requires giving the opponents the call. Rule 18 adds:

"18. Prompt calls eliminate two chance option. *A player shall make all calls promptly after the ball has hit the court. A call shall be made either before the player's return shot has gone out of play or before the opponent has had the opportunity to play the return shot. Prompt calls will quickly eliminate the "two chances to win the point" option that some players practice. To illustrate, a player is advancing to the net for an easy put away and sees a ball from an adjoining court rolling toward the court. The player continues to advance and hits the shot, only to have the supposed easy put away fly over the baseline. The player then claims a let. The claim is not valid because the*

player forfeited the right to call a let by choosing instead to play the ball. The player took a chance to win or lose and is not entitled to a second chance."

"13. Player calls own shots out. *With the exception of the first serve, a player should call against himself or herself any ball the player clearly sees out regardless of whether requested to do so by the opponent..."* An important exception is the first serve which the receiver may choose to return:

"26. Service calls by serving team. *Neither the Server nor Server's partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the Receiver may be giving the Server the benefit of the doubt. But the Server and the Server's partner shall call out any second serve that either clearly sees out".* I have lost points because I relaxed, thinking my first serve was quite long. (I actually caught a weak return the other day!) That is also why it is considered rude to

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Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

Jack Dow Annual Senior Tennis Round Robin

May 5-8, 2008, 8am-4pm

Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center
4005 Nicollet Ave. S. • Minneapolis, MN 55409 • 612-825-6844

Round Robin Rules

- **Fee:** \$8 per event, per person
- Round-robin format—you will play *at least* three regular sets, or two 8-game pro sets.
- Divisions 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.
- No partner substitution after first set.
- No participant may play in more than 2 events. If in 2 events, one must be Mixed Doubles.
- A first place winner in an event in 2007 automatically jumps to the next rating or *must* change partners.
- Those unable to find a partner *must* state that on the application.
- All entrants *must* be members of STPC.
- **All entrants must be rated** by an STPC professional or have a current USTA rating. Those rated in 2007 need not be rated again in 2008. **Rating questions**—call Percy Hughes at 612-866-1102.
- **Rating Sessions at Reed-Sweatt:** Mondays 1:30: March 24, 31 and April 7; Thursdays 8:30: March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10.
- **Please check in for your match at least 15 minutes early.**

- **Cancel after close date—lose entire fee.**
- **Schedule:** This table gives the schedule for each division. Number in bold (4, 8, or 16) is the *maximum* number of teams permitted in that division. You **must** appear on the first date shown.
- **More info:** Percy Hughes 612-866-1102 or Ronnae Wagner 952-938-5785.

	Men's	Women's	Mixed
2.5	4 Tue 11:30-2:30	4 Tue 11:30-2:30	4 Thu 11:30-2:30
3.0	8 Wed 8:30-11:30 Thu 8:30-11:30	8 Mon 11:30-2:30 Thu 8:30-11:30	16 Tue 8:30-11:30 Thu 11:30-2:30
3.5	16 Mon 8:30-11:30 Thu 8:30-11:30	8 Mon 11:30-2:30 Thu 8:30-11:30	16 Wed 11:30-2:30 Thu 11:30-2:30
4.0	8 Wed 8:30-11:30 Thu 11:30-2:30	4 Thu 11:30-2:30	4 Tue 11:30-2:30

IMPORTANT! Keep upper part; send only Application!

Application

Two players may use this form. Entries close April 21, 2008. All players must **sign below**.

Event	Name (print)	Rating	Amount enclosed	Phone with area code
Men's Doubles	1.			
	2.			
Women's Doubles	1.			
	2.			
Mixed Doubles	1.			
	2.			

Partner needed? ___yes, at ___rating

Send Application and Check payable to STPC for \$8 per event, per person to:
Ronnae Wagner • 5326 Rogers Drive • Minnetonka, MN 55343 • 952-938-5785

NOTE: you will be asked to sign a release form upon check-in at the tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____

In Memory...



Irma Brink

Brink, Irma Marie Lorentz age 82, of Minneapolis. Irma's unique soul gently departed this earth on Saturday, March 1, in presence of her beloved family, including her husband, daughter, grandchildren and members of her husband's family and friends. Irma is survived by her husband, David Ryrie Brink; daughter, Jennifer Lorentz Bong; granddaughter, Kysa Lorentz Hall; and grandson, Evan Douglas Hall, all of Minneapolis; and many other loving relatives and friends. Irma was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. Irma had been honors student, actress, model, fashion plate and fashion advisor to many, world traveler, avid theater, ballet and concert goer, and amateur photographer specializing in sunsets. Irma had been a competitive swimmer and a fine swimming teacher. She loved tennis and had a host of friends in the local tennis community, especially the Senior Tennis Players Club, of which she was a lifetime member since 1986. Sue Larson remembers Irma: "She would say 'Hit the balls hard and remember the backhands are mine.' Her favorite tennis partner was her husband David."



Chuck Supplee also remembers Irma: "She was one of the Villa Way people who helped guide and encourage Jack Dow in the Senior Tennis Club. She was always the number one supporter of the Senior Tennis camps, both at Mankato and at River Falls, WI. Most of the summers she participated in two or three camps. She encouraged our tennis pros and instructors at the winter camps several years in Arizona and many years at San Antonio, Texas.

"Irma participated in many yearly Minnesota Senior Games and qualified to go to the national Senior Games, which is held every other year. She always

qualified both in tennis and swimming!"

James Duffey

It is with heavy hearts that we write this formal obituary. James touched the lives of many and modeled courage, resilience, passion and strength. James Duffey attended Mechanic Arts High School in St. Paul, MN. He was raised by his biological mother Evelyn Lancaster. James Duffey was a member of the U. S. Army Paratroopers in his youth. His youth was filled with adventure and excitement. In 1976 James earned his PhD in Education from the University of Minnesota. James was an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota and he worked for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. James loved playing tennis and was a member of Senior Tennis since 1997. James Duffey was also a talented artist and patron of the visual arts. James enjoyed print making with his close friends at the University of Minnesota and attending various functions at the Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis Institute of Art at the University of St. Thomas. James Joseph Duffey is survived by his lovely wife Maureen Olivia Sullivan-Duffey; Son Kevin Charles Duffey; Daughter Shannon Maureen (nee Duffey) Nicoloff; and many loving relatives and friends.



Elsebeth Kozar

Kozar, Elsebeth M. Age 76, of Eden Prairie, MN. Born Aug. 23, 1931, Ringkobing, Denmark; died Feb. 6, 2008. Survived by husband Robert Kozar, brother Erik (Inga) Andersen, Kalundborg, Denmark, sons Paul (Robin) Kozar, Thomas (Irina) Kozar, Peter (Vesna Hampel) Kozar, daughter Karen (Ulises) Carreon, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews Elsebeth will be fondly remembered and greatly missed for her caring, generous, and loving, compassionate nature, her hospitality, good will, good humor, quick wit, and lifelong devotion to the profession of Nursing. Elsebeth joined STPC in 1987.



Gopher tennis, free!

The best tennis in town is yours **free** at the beautiful Baseline facility on the U of M campus. Parking is **easy**—see map on our website (click Schedules).

Gopher Men at Baseline		Gopher Women at Baseline	
Date, time	Opponent	Date, time	Opponent
Apr 04, 3:00	Michigan State	Apr 12, 11:00	Wisconsin
Apr 18, 3:00	Illinois	Apr 13, 11:00	Northwestern
Apr 20, noon	Purdue	Apr 13, 2:00	Carleton

25th STPC Annual Meeting

All Members Welcome

Includes Captain's Recognition Luncheon and

Jack Dow Trophy Award

Door Prizes! Entertainment!

Saturday, May 3, 2008, 11:00am-2:30pm

Town & Country Club

300 Mississippi River Boulevard

St. Paul, Minnesota



Schedule of Events

- 11:00 am Social Hour
- 12:00 pm Luncheon
- 12:15 pm The Percy Hughes Trio
- 1:15 pm Annual Meeting, Introduction of new Board members, and Jack Dow Trophy award.
- 1:45 pm Guest speaker Charlie Boone
- 2:20 pm Door prizes

Luncheon Menu

Maui Chicken Salad – Grilled Chicken with Fresh Pineapple, Strawberries, and Toasted Coconut on Crisp Romaine with Island Citrus Vinaigrette

Sherbet with Butter Cookie

Regular or Decaf Coffee, and Hot or Iced Tea Available Upon Request

Directions to Town & Country Club

From 94 East: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn left (south) onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.

From 94 West: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn right (south) onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.

Send reservation form by Monday April 28 with check for \$18 payable to STPC to:

Mary Kaminski • 3300 East Gate Road • St. Anthony, MN 55418 • 612-781-3271

Reservation cancellations accepted up to 24 hours prior to event.

Please call to cancel if unable to attend.

Captains: you will receive a mailed invitation—**do not use this reservation form!**

**STPC Luncheon Reservation form for Non-Captains and guests only
Saturday, May 3, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Cost: \$18 per member or guest**

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

The Sweat Equation

By Bill Cosgrove (cont. from March NL)

Author's note: The following top four of the ten best, most successful combinations of sweatsmanship and tennis success reverse everything about #5 Ivan Lendl. These four have almost implausibly mellifluous marquee names (Was Mickey Mantle's name really Mickey Mantle?) and such good looks that they might have stepped out of a movie designed to promote/populate tennis with fashionable, marketable, athletic leading men.

4. Boris Becker. Boris the German *wunderkind* was the first of a small group of world-class players who actually looked good when they sweated. But not too good. In fact, he almost qualifies for the losers bracket comprised of players who never appeared to sweat at all. Except for his red hair. The then-teenage Teutonic boomer with the physique of a tight end revealed his sweat quotient in only a slight darkening and flattening of his ruddy Germanic hair. His habitual blowing on his hand, too, especially after a particularly devastating put away, showed his conscious success at dealing with the sweat factor.

That Becker was acutely aware of and wanted to improve his sweatsmanship was clearly revealed in his performance at Wimbledon in 1989. While waiting to be interviewed on TV immediately after his defeat of Stefan Edberg in the finals, he ran his hands repeatedly through his hair in a vain attempt to make his tonsorial sweat quotient work for him on camera rather than against him. But it was hopeless because no one could hope to match the superb sweatsmanship of Stefan Edberg, who was being interviewed just ahead of him (more of which later).

3. Andre Agassi. The then-heir apparent to American men's tennis when he first emerged on the world-class scene in 1987 was also the hair apparent. His long, '60s-vintage hair made him as much money as his racket did. Having it cut and frosted, in fact, may have cost more than his rackets. And as he sweated during play his gloriously glistening locks appeared to make as many good shots as he did. He may have thrown his towels, rackets, shirts, and even his shorts on at least one occasion into the crowd after a match, but what his groupies really wanted was his scalp, or some part of it.

When Agassi was grooved, he could blow many opponents off the court; when he was not, he could play flat, mechanically, and uninspired. But his sweat quotient was always high, winning or not, and his

modified punk hairdo set the tonsorial standard among the late 80's world-class tennis players. It helped, of course, to have youthful good looks, a flamboyant personality, and a bankable mystique, but the rest of us should have looked so good sitting still.

2. Bjorn Borg. Maybe the first master of the sweat equation and longhaired splendor in the open era of tennis. The stoical Swede taught us all how to wear headbands for sweat control and provided the benchmark for turning sweat and stubble into assets on and off the court. Long before a TV show called "Miami Vice" and Don Johnson made two-day stubble into a status symbol, a hirsute Bjorn Borg added a whole new dimension to the fine art of sweatsmanship with his spotty stubble and flowing, near-shoulder length hair. As his lithe, lean, whippet-thin body streaked across tennis courts all over the world in the '70s, Borg personified the long-haired hippie look ala court. And even as his leonine mane of sweat-enhanced hair made him the king of the tennis jungle, it established him as the darling of the media as well.

An essential part of all this was Borg's incredible sweat quotient. The more he sweated the better he looked and the better he played. It seemed to be that simple. Here was a Swedish Prince Valiant wielding a tennis racket sword, a blond Sir Lancelot, with a stiletto of catgut knifing passing shots and winners from all over the court. As his hair flew out from his striped headband with sweat snapping off its flowing ends, the air fairly crackled with electricity and an aura seemed to glisten about the man in a veritable halo of sweat, splendor, and success. Tennis as well as hirsute history was in the making in his hands.

And the best, most successful combination of sweatsmanship and tennis success:

1. Stefan Edberg. Hands down the most striking sweater in world class competitive tennis a generation or so ago. As the direct opposite of his long-haired competitors Borg and Agassi, Edberg was as neatly trimmed, shaved, and coiffured as your everyday young businessman in a three-piece suit and Gucci loafers. He was straight out of *GQ* or the casting room for a youth-oriented TV sitcom—too good looking to be true. And as that silly ninny Fate would have it, he who already has God's plenty, gets more—Edberg looked even better when he sweated.

The thing about Edberg's sweat quotient is that there were no gimmicks involved: no long flowing hair, no headband, no obtrusive wristbands, no sawdust, no

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stubble, nothing. He appeared to sweat like everyone else, but then to save it somehow and reinvest it in precisely controlled and devastatingly consistent groundstrokes. No blowing on his hand, no plucking at sweating eyelashes, not even any sweat beads snapping off his glistening hair; just sweat that shimmered with Swedish sun and good health and hair that looked like a Hollywood hairdresser worked on it between sets.

If Stefan Edberg has the best Sweat Equation of all these open era players from a generation ago, why didn't he win more majors? Wimbledon, say, in 1989, when he lost to Becker in the finals, as above. Well, in that year while demolishing John McEnroe in the semi-finals, Edberg was the paragon of perspiration. He couldn't have played or sweated any better. But when he got into the final against Becker neither his game nor his sweat quotient was up to his usual standard. Edberg simply did not play as brilliantly because he didn't sweat as effectively as he was accustomed to in the finals at Wimbledon that year.

Becker's power was simply too much for Edberg's usually imperturbable game as well as his usually unflappable sweat quotient. Edberg was visibly wilting around the edges during that match as his hair began to mat down like an ordinary mortal's. In fact, armed with this Sweat Equation, one could see evidence of his vulnerability in his sweatsmanship before it showed in his tennis game. In the last two sets of their three-set match, Edberg's sweat quotient was no better than Becker's.

The post-game interview was a different matter, though. As was customary, the loser was interviewed briefly on TV before the winner by the inimitable Bud Collins immediately after the match. (Let us say nothing about the issue of Collins' sweat quotient). In that short

time Edberg's superior sweat game had reasserted itself. In fact, it must be grudgingly admitted that, tonsorially speaking, Edberg looked like the winner.

And the best visual evidence of this fact was Becker's ineffectual efforts to spruce up his sweat quotient as he stood behind Edberg waiting to be interviewed. Look closely at the video replay of this post-game interview, if you ever get the chance, and see Becker in the background running his hands through his hair trying to match the relaxed sweatsmanship splendor of the on-camera Edberg in the foreground. A lost cause. Becker won the 1989 Wimbledon but lost the sweatsmanship sweepstakes.

You may have noticed that this list of the ten best sweaters in world-class tennis of a generation ago is all males. I've not gotten the formula sufficiently mastered yet to hazard the delicate issue of female tennis players sweating, past or present. When I do, certainly Steffi Graf, Chris Evert, Pam Shriver, Gabriela Sabatini, Carling Bassett, and Martina Navratilova would be serious contenders for the list of early open era women players with high sweat quotients.

But you can apply the sweat equation to your own favorite sport and athletes other than tennis to predict winners and losers. Simply put, the ones who sweat most effectively, most picturesquely, most photogenically should prevail. I suspect, however, that this formula won't work for some tennis players from the past who appeared not to sweat at all, such as Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Miloslav Mecir, and Ramesh Krishnan, just as it won't work for all sports equally well. For example, I'm afraid it would never work for bowling or golf. After all, when was the last time you saw a golfer sweat from physical exertion unless he had to carry his own clubs?

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return a first serve fault if you can avoid it (see "28. **Obvious faults**").

"14. Partners' disagreement on calls. *If one partner calls the ball out and the other partner sees the ball good, they shall call it good...*" A discussion between partners about whether an opponents shot was out means it should be called good. Some pairs seem to use it to agree to call it out, like "I'm not sure, can you call it out?" If there is no doubt, why the discussion? If either partner saw it clearly out he should have said so loudly and promptly.

That also implies a duty to speak up if you see a ball good that your partner calls out. Everybody makes honest mistakes but even if your seeing it good was the

mistake, which it could be, the opponents should get the point.

Not all partners take a disagreement over a line call kindly. But, from the code: "...*It is more important to give your opponents the benefit of the doubt than to avoid possibly hurting your partner's feelings. The tactful way to achieve the desired result is to tell your partner quietly of the mistake and then let your partner concede the point...*"

"16. Opponent's calls questioned. *When a player genuinely doubts an opponent's call, the player may ask: "Are you sure of your call?" If the opponent reaffirms that the ball was out, the call shall be accepted. If the opponent acknowledges uncertainty, the opponent loses the point. There shall be no further*

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Hughes was inducted into the Senior Tennis Players Club Hall of Fame in 1989, and the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 2003. He was the 1988 and 2004 recipient of the USTA Northern Jack Dow Senior Development Award and he writes a monthly column called Percy’s Tennis Rhythms for the Senior Tennis Times newsletter.

Besides his tennis contributions, Percy is a national jazz legend, having his own band called the Ellington Echoes. He has played with such jazz greats as Duke Ellington and Count Basie. He is also a member of

both the Minnesota Jazz and Minnesota Music Halls of Fame.

“I was never a great tennis player,” Hughes said. “I wasn’t a strong groundstroker, but I took pride in learning the game and playing it correctly.”

“Percy is a wonderful coach, mentor and volunteer with a tremendous passion for tennis,” former USTA Northern Executive Director Marcia Bach said. “You won’t find anyone with a bigger heart than Percy Hughes. Just the mention of his name brings a smile to everyone’s face. He’s one of the greatest people I’ve ever known.”

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the Mens InnerCity Tennis Benefit Tournament at Bearpath Country Club. This tournament offers singles and doubles play in the 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 brackets. This clay court tournament will be a USTA-sanctioned tournament and therefore all participants must be USTA members.

USTA Recognizes Wilkinson

Steve Wilkinson, the men’s tennis coach at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota received the 2008 USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award. Steve has developed one of the strongest Division III men’s tennis programs in the nation.

In addition, Steve and his wife direct the very successful Tennis and Life Camps at Gustavus. Each summer since 1977 the Wilkinsons have offered a program that emphasizes the total person, not just their tennis skills. The camps serve approximately 1,800 youngsters and adults annually.

Wilkinson’s involvement with tennis intramurals at Gustavus offers tennis instruction and competition for non-varsity players. Steve shares his tennis expertise with the members of his college team and other members of the Gustavus and St. Peter communities.

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Note: The following statistics were reported by Sarah Thurmond in the March/April issue of Tennis Magazine. It is interesting to note that two of the top five men and four of the top five women are from Russia and the small country of Serbia.

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delay or discussion.” Both opponents should take the request seriously. Sometimes it’s better to say, “Boy, it was pretty close. Let’s give it to them.”

Most of the people I have played with in Senior Tennis honor these rules most of the time. By our age most have learned that winning is overrated but honor and

courtesy are not. All but a few are aware that we play for fun. This is not Wimbledon. And even there they quote Kipling on maturity,

“...If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same...”

Pro Rankings

2008

	Men	Women
1	Roger Federer	Justine Henin
2	Rafael Nadal	Ana Ivanovic
3	Novak Djokovic	Svetlana Kuznetsova
4	Nickolay Davydenko	Jelena Jankovic
5	David Ferrer	Maria Sharapova

1984

	Men	Women
1	Ivan Lendl	Martina Navratilova
2	John McEnroe	Chris Evert Lloyd
3	Jimmy Connors	Andrea Shriver
4	Mats Wilander	Pam Shriver
5	Yannick Noah	Hana Mandikova

Prize money—all-time leaders

	Men	Women
1	P. Sampras – \$43.3 M	S. Graf – \$21.9 M
2	R. Federer – \$38.7 M	L. Davenport – \$21.9 M
3	A. Agassi – \$31.2 M	M. Navratilova – \$21.6 M
4	B. Baker – \$25.1 M	M. Hingis – \$20.0 M
5	Y. Kafelnikov – \$23.9 M	J. Henin – \$19.0 M

2008 Spring/Summer Court Schedule—Senior Tennis Players Club

Play is usually May-August. Check with captains for start/end dates
Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Como Park Horton Avenue, west of Lexington	Mon	8:00-10:00 am	4	2.5-3.0	Anne Carchedi	651-494-9050
	Wed				Lois Nedoroski	651-645-2368
Irondale High School Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	4	3	Jim Vint	651-636-0071
Marthaler Park 1625 Humboldt Ave (across from Police and Fire Depts.), West St. Paul	Tue Thu Sat	9:00-11:00 am	2	2.5-3.0	Jack Wallin	651-457-2266
North Valley Park Hwy 52 So to 70 th , left ¼ mile Inver Grove Heights	Mon Wed Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5-3.5	Jan Machacek	651-455-5236
Roseville Middle School Cty Rd 82, 2 blocks East of Rice Roseville	Mon	4:30-6:30 pm	6	3.0-3.5	Shirley Kresko	651-399-9431
	Mon Wed Fri	8:00-10:00 am	6	3.0 M	Dan Nedoroski	651-645-2368
Shawnee Park 6515 Scheel Dr (Upper Afton Rd to Martha North to Scheel), Woodbury	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-11:00 am	4		Need captain(s)	
Skillman Courts East of Cleveland on Skillman Roseville	Tue Thu	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.0	Richard Thompson	651-645-1478
3M Tartan Park 20 th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to end of road.	Mon	8:00-10:00 am In May & Sept, 9:00- 11:00 am	6	3.0-3.5	Loren Miller	715-381-3524
	Wed				Walt Lewis	651-735-8287
	Fri				Darlene Moynagh	651-436-8927
Valley View Park Marie & 35E, Mendota Heights (Call first, no walk-ons)	Fri	7:30-9:00 am	2	3.0-3.5	Bob Kelly	651-344-2438
Walton Park 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale	Tue Thu Sat	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.0-3.5	Barbara Rooney	651-777-7399
White Bear Lake High School Cty Rd E and McKnight Rd White Bear Lake	Wed	6:00-8:00 pm	7	3.0-3.5	Need captain(s)	

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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Augsburg Park 72 nd and Blaisdell, Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	7:30-9:30 am Start June	5	Open	Kathy Sewall	952-835-4005
Bryant Park 85 th and Bryant, Bloomington	Tue Thu	8:30-10:30 am	4	All levels	Chuck Supplee	952-884-2575
Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	6	2.5 – 3.5	Chuck Supplee	952-884-2575
					Dick Brandt	763-533-0579
Carpenter Park W 31st St and Raleigh Av S in St. Louis Park	Mon	June-August: 9:00-11:00 am May, Sep, Oct 10:00 am-noon	3	2.5 – 3.5	Julie Richmond	952-920-7157
	Tue				Mel and Millie Warnert	763-588-1887
	Wed				Barb Webb	612-922-0757
	Thu Fri				LaVerne Wilger	952-929-8120
Central Park in Ramsey 161st Ave NW & Armstrong Blvd	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	4	2.5 – 4.0	David Matasovsky	763-274-1338
					Ken Thomas	763-753-4971
Central Park in Hopkins	Fri	8:00-10:00 am	3	3.0-3.5	Captain needed	
Century Junior High, Lakeville 185 th St between Dodd and Ipava	Mon	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Lester Drankwalter	952-432-7218
	Mon	6:30-8:30 pm	8	All		
	Wed	8:30-10:30 am	8	All		
	Fri	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
Donaldson Park 75 th and Humboldt Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	7:30-10:00 am	4	3.0+	No captain needed, just show up	
Dred Scott Park West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon thu Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	Open	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
Eden Prairie Middle School, Technology Drive and Wallace Rd	Sat Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	7	3.0+	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
Fridley High School 61st Ave & 7th St (park behind Community Ed Building)	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	6	3.0 - 4.0	Connie Metcalf	763-571-3596
Hopkins Central Not drop-in! Call!	Thu	9:00-10:30	4	3.0+ W	Roz Bernstein	952-938-7698
Holasek Park Call first – subs may be needed	Mon	8:00-9:30	4	3.0-3.5 W	Sharon Engel	763-383-0575
Holy Family School 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria	Tue Thu	8:00-11:00 am	8	Open	Steve Nelson	952-443-2989
New Hope Park 4300 Xylon Ave N (behind swimming pool), New Hope	Mon thu Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	2.5 – 3.5	John Malerich	763-537-5595
Terrace Oak Park ½ mile E of Cty 11 on Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville	Tue Wed	9:00-10:30 am	2	3.0+ W	Ann Listug	952-890-9643
Parkers Lake Cty Rd 6 7 Niagara Lane Plymouth	Mon thu Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5 – 3.5	Ed Fischer	763-550-9770
Valley View Park 90 th St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington	Mon thu Fri	7:00-9:30 am	4	3.0+ MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073

Valley View park, Bloomington Call first (not drop in), subs needed	Wed	9:00-10:30 am	2	3.5+ MW	Rosemary Rockwell	952-831-1461
Wayzata Bell Courts Minnetonka St 1 block north of Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata	Wed Fri	9:00-11:00 am	3	2.5-3.0	Marilyn Thorne	952-471-9813
Team Tennis Organized team play at various west metro locations. Contact coordinator Marv Schneider or any of the team captains for information.	Tue	9:00-11:00 am	20	3.5+ MW	Roger Junker	952-890-5370
					Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
					Ken Lucas	952-474-5676
					Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
					Bob Ziomek	952-470-0736
Women On Wednesday June-August team play. Courts in New Hope and Golden Valley.	Wed	Call	6	2.5+ W	Rose Sanders	763-428-1739
					Jane Tischbein	952-938-9348
					Rita Welch	952-926-5789
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STPC new members, renewals, and changes

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Senior tennis forum

By Scott J. Raskiewicz

As a United States Professional Tennis Association Pro 1, I am dedicated to using my unique set of experiences to help people of all ages improve their tennis. That improvement may come in the form of improved technique, strategy, conditioning or playing opportunities.

I've had some success as a player, including winning State and U.S. Sectional Singles Championships, albeit when the draws were not as strong as they could have been. But that is not unique. My thirty plus years as a teaching pro are unique, in part, because during the past ten years I've lost two teaching jobs when the clubs where I taught were closed and sold to real estate

developers. I was deeply disappointed to lose jobs I enjoyed so much, jobs where I felt I was of help to others.

As a writer and philosopher focusing on matters of political economy I understood why the clubs closed. I know that the dominant force in America society is the profit motive. Or, to borrow an eighty year old presidential quote, "The business of America is business." The business of America is not health or community or democracy or anything else. "The business of America is business."

This reality must change if America is to reach its potential as a just, humane, sustainable and democratic society. And for tennis to reach its potential it must be

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viewed by all of us, especially industry leaders, as more than just business.

Tennis must be viewed as a public good, a way to improve the physical, emotional and social health of communities and individuals living in our communities. The benefits of playing tennis on a regular basis are undeniable. These numerous benefits are too important to leave to so-called “market forces.”

Some will say that our local, state and national governments do not have the money to build and operate the indoor public tennis centers I envision and promote. But we must always remember: the United States is not a poor nation. We are a nation of great wealth. The problem is that most of that wealth is maldistributed and misspent. In brief, the American economic model is rigged to benefit the few at the

expense of the majority.

For instance, every year billions of our tax dollars are spent providing extravagant profits for military contractors. Part of the burden and joy of being a philosopher is that the question, “What if?” runs incessantly through my consciousness. And so, What if the lavish profits taken year after year by military contractors were scaled back and the money used to promote the common good, including building publicly owned and operated indoor tennis facilities?

This and other questions, along with playing and training tips and a plan for building a senior tennis center, will be covered in a community tennis forum I am hosting April 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Richfield Community Center, 7000 Nicollet Ave S. While the forum will focus on senior tennis all ages are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Captains

By Tom Waki

On May 3rd, Senior Tennis Players Club is having the 25th STPC Annual Meeting. At which time all 2007 spring/summer and 2007 fall/winter captains are recognized for their contributions. To be recognized as

a captain, your name must be listed in one of the schedules, which are always on the STPC website: www.seniortennismn.com. Please take a moment to review the schedule and notify David Sommer at 612-276-1313 if you are not on the list but should be. Please help by informing us promptly of any changes to the schedules.