



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

June-July
2008

Biggest-yet annual meeting

By David Sommer

215 members and guests arrived at the beautiful Town and Country Club Saturday morning to the sound of the **Percy Hughes** trio playing their great jazz stylings of old favorites.

After an hour of socializing with good friends, we sat down to a delicious luncheon. Then the formal annual meeting was called to order by **Fred Jurewicz**. The main order of business was a treasurer's report by **Marv Schneider**. The finances of the club are in good shape, with expenses closely matching revenues. We do have total assets of a little over \$100,000, which to some may seem excessive. The Board has increased giving to tennis-related charities: InnerCity Tennis, Urban Tennis, and Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. Marv pointed out that our enviable financial condition is mainly due to generous gifts from USTA Northern Section and some corporate and individual benefactors. We do not expect such gifts to continue to the extent we saw in the past.

Fred then introduced the current board members, and recognized the retiring board members: Jack Baloga, Gladys Murray, Shirley Pratt, Thue Rasmussen, and Joanne Schwartz. All received gift certificates as a

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Women trounce men!

By David Sommer

Sheila Bjore and Jo Rolling rolled over Larry LaLonde and KARE11's **Eric Perkins** by a score of 8-1. With the score only 4-1, Perkins said "On behalf of KARE11, I want to apologize for my p!\$\$-poor performance!" Senior Tennis' Larry LaLonde, 88, held

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Winners Rolling & Bjore, with good sport Perkins



Eric tries to handle Sheila's down the line shot

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Membership total: 1387

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Letters to the Editor are wanted!

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

Cussing and complaining

Generally the senior tennis group is very much in line, polite, good team work, etc.

However, I have encountered a couple of incidents which do not belong. I am not a religious person, but am distressed by swearing by other players.

Talk on the court between partners should be constructive, like pros do: strategy, etc. It helps the team to

play in synch.

I encountered the opposite with two persons, who criticized me loudly. We all make unforced errors. We don't choose to do so! I was even criticized for complimenting the opposite team!

Good team play, and I emphasize **team**, is a joint venture. Partners cover each other. They should poach if possible, move up together and backwards. We are not **rocks of Gibraltar**.

Let's clean up our act! Thanks...

Uwe E. Habeck

On the inside...

By David Sommer

Bob Busch's informative column **Tennis events**, is often on page 1, but due to the annual meeting and battle of the sexes stories, we had to put it inside, on page 9.

Captains! Read the **Tennis captains's guidelines** on page 9.

We print this every few years. I'm an experienced captain, but I always learn something new when I read it.



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: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

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

Percy's tennis rhythms



By Percy Hughes

Well, friends, all the good things are beginning to happen this Spring, along with better weather for our outdoor tennis play. You know, there's more physical work for a tennis instructor, who must carry the necessary equipment for outdoor lessons, but I honestly enjoy giving lessons outside, over indoor lessons or play. Hmmm, that's a

good question to ask our Pros. (Ha)!

The **Jack Dow Round Robin** is over, and the **Battle of the Sexes** is also over. In this newsletter is all the information, wins and losses, pictures, etc.. It was a great tournament, plus a great staff running it.

I ask all loyal members to encourage new players to join our club. Summer lessons are free and usually we run into new members during summertime. We want everyone to become members of our great club.

Thanks, and **no foot faults!** Perc

Protest! Or not?

By David Sommer

A gentleman playing in the Jack Dow Round Robin said after his mixed doubles that he was thinking of protesting the match. Here's the situation, slightly disguised: his opponents served first, and went on to win the first set 6-4. (The male opponent was the first server.) Then the male opponent served to start the second set. The grounds for the possible protest was that it was the turn of the **female** opponent to serve at the beginning of the second set.

The gentleman was wrong for two reasons.

First, a doubles team can elect to start the second (or any set) with whichever server they want! It's good tactics to start a set with your stronger server, which in this case was the male player. See rule 14: "In doubles, the team due to serve in the first game of each set shall decide which player shall serve for that game."

Second, **even if someone served out of turn**, rule 27.c. says "If a player serves out of turn during a

standard game, the player who was originally due to serve shall serve as soon as the error is discovered. However, **if a game is completed** before the error is discovered the order of service shall remain as altered." To understand the many details of correcting errors, it is well to remember that Rule 27 states this general principle: "when an error in respect of the Rules of Tennis is discovered, all points previously played shall stand."

The Tennis Channel

By David Sommer

The Tennis Channel has excellent coverage of many tournaments, including the French Open. On Comcast, it costs only an added \$12 per month. I have Basic cable (\$14/month) and was delighted to discover that Comcast would add the Tennis Channel to Basic cable for just \$12. That makes my total Comcast bill \$26/month. Not too bad! By the way, the Tennis Channel comes in a "package" with several other sports channels, all for that \$12 cost.

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.



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.*

2 Greek homes 3 BR 2.5 BA near Nafplio, €780/wk. MN owned. Details Sally Howard 612-340-9706.

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. Ramon Jayapathy 952-949-0889.

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

Rent: Villages FL. Activities for everyone. 2BR 2BA house \$1200/mo & up. Avail. May-Dec 952-935-5670.

For sale, spacious Carefree AZ townhouse 2BR, 2½BA, dbl gar, furnished, pool, spa, free tennis 651-631-1044.

Wanted to buy: Good used car, low miles, reasonable. Call Jane at 952-932-9586.

"Mark Twain: 15 Minutes of Trouble," by Bill Cosgrove, + 5 plays, June 13-15, tickets 612-724-8392.

Olds Cutlass Sierra, '90 44,427 miles, excellent condition, not driven in winter. \$3,500. Marge 612-243-1300.

●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●

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

Location	Day	Start	Time	Instructor	Phone
Aquila Park Mtka Blvd & Aquila Ave St. Louis Park	Thu	5/8	8:30-10:00 AM	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
Bryant Courts 85 th and Bryant Ave. S. Bloomington	Wed	6/4	8:30-10:00 AM	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
Breck School 123 Ottawa Ave. Golden Valley	Tue	5/6	5:30-7:00 PM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
McKnight Field North St. Paul High School N.E. corner Hwy 36 and McKnight Rd. NOTE: in May, we'll use Oakdale Park.	Tue	5/6	9:00-10:30 AM	Tom Bauman	651-738-6726

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.**

Players wanted

Spring Lake Park, fall/winter

I (Gladys Murray) am recruiting STPC members who wish to play at the Spring Lake Park Indoor Tennis, commencing fall 2008.

I will be the Captain for the less experienced players. The schedule is Thursday, 10:30-noon, starting the first Thursday in September. We will use three courts. We will register 12 regular players and as many substitutes as want to register. We will have drills every Friday from 1:00-2:30 for regulars and substitutes. To register, call Gladys Murray at 651-483-2850 or cell 651-231-1399.

Mike Schleeter is captain for experienced players (3.5+). Reach Mike at 651-274-2011 or 651-631-2482 at the Spring Lake Park Public Indoor Tennis. Schedule is Thursday 9.00-10.30. Mike will register 12 regular

players and as many substitutes as want to register. If this group desires drills, Mike will work with Percy Hughes to get a schedule.

Baseline, fall/winter 3.5+

I'm looking for a few good players, men or women, to join our terrific Monday and Thursday groups. We play 10:00-noon. David Sommer 612-276-1313.

Singles at Eden Prairie, Sunday evenings

Kate Tucker invites all skill levels to come play at Eden Prairie Middle School, June 8 to September 28, Sundays 6:30-7:30. This is **singles** play! Place: Tennis courts behind Central Middle School, Eden Prairie, at the intersection of Technology Drive & Wallace Road. Contact: Kate Tucker at kate7462@hotmail.com or 612-810-6694.

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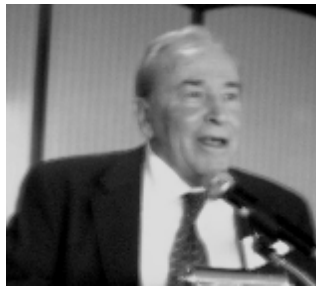
token of appreciation for their services. Fred also recognized the two advisors to the board: Mary Kaminski and David Sommer.

Jean Murdock, last year's Dow Trophy winner, presented the award to the 2008 winner **Shirley**



Pratt. Shirley has contributed in many ways to the club, most recently a three-year stint as New Members chair. Shirley was most appreciative of the honor, saying that it was wonderful to have the trophy back on her mantle. (Her late husband Dick Pratt was a Dow Trophy winner several years ago.) Her services to the club have not ended—she is working at the Jack Dow all four days May 5-8. She thanked the club for the award, and a gift certificate, and said that serving on the Board was “a good thing, and pleasurable too.” Finally, Shirley introduced several members of her family who were with her to celebrate her achievement.

Keynote speaker **Charlie Boone** then entertained us with great tennis stories. He confessed that he wasn't much of an athlete, and was



always “last to be chosen.” He played golf for a while, but when **Roger Erickson** built a court on his property for his “Kiwi wife,” Charlie decided to learn the game. It became a passion. “The greatest thing is playing tennis with friends.” In recent years Charlie has had some health challenges which have interrupted his play, but tennis has been the goal for which he's worked hard on recovery. It's always been “when I get back.”

Charlie remembered Jack Dow's incredible ability to promote anything. Jack said “I'm going to get the greatest tennis people in the world to come to Minneapolis!” Apparently the media didn't believe him, but he succeeded—one snowy day **Jack Kramer, Don Budge, Pancho Segura, Frank Parker** and **George Mikan** all arrived for a special event.

President Jurewicz then called on Jim Dow, son of Jack. Jim shared more about his father—Jack started InnerCity Tennis. He was legally blind in his later years, but stilled played tennis. How? He'd played so much that just the fuzzy image and the sound of the bounce told him enough about where the ball was! Jim

presented Senior Tennis with a \$1,000 donation from the Dow family, with the hope that it would go towards our work with young people, such as the InnerCity program.

Percy Hughes spoke briefly about the USPTA-certified pros who run our lessons. Jean Murdock recognized the captains, saying that without their efforts STPC could not exist. Vince Barton spoke briefly about the good work of InnerCity Tennis.

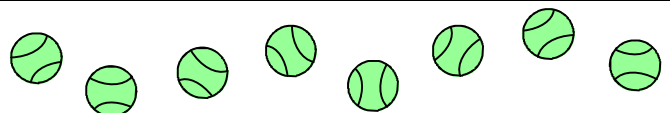
Last, Jo Rolling entertained us while giving away the door prizes:

- Two free racquet stringings, by Fred Jurewicz
- Two Volkl tennis racquets, strung and grip-sized, from Michael Lynne's Tennis Shop
- 1.5 hours court time at Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center
- Tennis visor and hat, from Matchpoint
- 1 hour private lesson, at Reed-Sweatt
- Enrollment fee for a couple at Lifetime Fitness
- 2 packages of chiropractic care at Northwest Chiropractic
- 1 hour private lesson with Roger Boyer
- 1 racquet stringing, from Twin City Tennis
- 1 hour of court time, at Public Indoor Tennis
- 2 STPC T-shirts, from Senior Tennis

Thanks to all those who contributed these door prizes!



From Percy's archive. Left to right: Don Budge, Mrs. Budge, George Mikan, little Percy, Jack Kramer, and Frank Parker. Percy says, “Here's a ‘pic’ taken during the days of a young Jack Dow—he really made things happen.”



(Battle of the sexes—continued from page 1)

up his end, but the youngster Perkins just couldn't handle the power and consistency of Bjore and Rolling. Before the match, Jo Rolling pointed out that the sum of the women's ages was **greater** than that of the men! Next year we'll find another octogenarian to partner with Larry to exact revenge!

Perkins was a good sport, despite the humiliation. He accepted a medal, a certificate of appreciation and an STPC T-Shirt from president Fred Jurewicz.

2008 Jack Dow

By Ken Landro and Jean Murdock, co-chairs

The four-day Jack Dow Round Robin came off with only a few hitches climaxing the 2008 indoor season. The tournament included 102 players, 59 teams playing a total of 20 events. Things went smoothly until Wednesday when strong play resulted in six tiebreak matches, extending playing time by 1½ hours. A second unique event occurred in the 3.5 Men's Division when 3 of the 4 teams in the finals tied in sets won and games lost. To our knowledge, this has never happened before and indicates how even the competition has become.

Thanks to the volunteers that run the tournament: Dottie Gardner for the Dow poster and coffee starter. Daily recorders at the desk: Bill Sturm, Virginia Morse, Ginny Bergman, Thue Rasmussen, Bob Hokanson, Fred Jurewicz, David Sommer, Karron Busch, Julia French, Marv Schneider, Carol Hall and Lois Nedoroski. Teaching pros on hand to help: Percy Hughes, Duncan Welty, Bob Busch and Paul Stormo.

A special thanks to Roz Bernstein who has been the "core" of the tournament for six years, setting up

the entire schedule of matches, court assignments, recording sheets, rules and daily upgrades of new matches and changes; and to Ronnae Wagner who received all the entries, answered dozens of questions and with Roz checked all

the players in. All players need to call them both with a "Thank You!"

Pictures of winners (to left) and finalists (right) follow.



Women's 2.5: Helen Palmer, Margret Prawdzik, Carrie Howes, Phyllis Klatt



Mixed 2.5: Louise Halverson, Larry Brown, Florence Halverson, Lee Warner



Men's 3.0: Lee Peterson, Willie Prawdzik, Lester Drankwalter, Ross Taylor



Women's 3.0: Ronnae Wagner, Bobby Bloom, Polly Penney, Anice Flesh



Mixed 3.0: Willie Prawdzik, Polly Penney, Lemetric Clardy, Lawrence Clardy



Men's 3.5: Three-way tie! John Kinny, Dave Fridgen, Bob Fridgen, Jim Dale, Ron Werner, Fred Biederman



Women's 3.5: Ruby Rott, Randi Hogan, Annette Adam, Becky Beck



Mixed 3.5: Larry Nelson, Jan DuBois, Fran Mankowski, Gary Schulz



Men's 4.0: Duane Hoecherl, Don Harnish, Lowell Gillette, Frank Segerstrom



Mixed 4.0: Duane Hoecherl, Jo Rolling, Sheila Bjore, Don Harnish

13th Annual Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin

Saturday, July 19, 2008

9 AM—Noon

Valley View Courts

Nicollet & 90th St., Bloomington



Here's an opportunity for you to play tennis with your grandchild, share time together, and most of all, have fun!

Only \$4 per person. Deadline for reservations is July 11th.

Send this reservation form with your check for \$4 per person, made out to STPC, to:
Harlan Sween, tournament director
6560 Harborview Circle NE
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Grandparent _____ Phone # _____

Grandchild _____ Age _____

Grandchild's level: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

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 contractors 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, non-feasance 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 _____

Thank you!

By Joanne Schwartz

On behalf of the STPC board of directors, I would like to thank all the members who participated in our successful 2008 annual luncheon at the Town and Country Club!

I want to thank our committee members for their dedication and hard work: Vince Barton, Bill Connell,

Dottie Gardner, Percy Hughes (and his trio associates), Fred Jurewicz, Mary Kaminski, Darlene Moynagh, Jean Murdock, Shirley Pratt, Thue Rasmussen, Jo Rolling, Dorothy Rossing, Marv Schneider, Bev Sinniger, David Sommer, Ronnae Wagner, Tom Waki, and our guest speaker, Charlie Boone.

We want to thank James and Patty Dow for their \$1000 contribution to STPC for the advancement of youth tennis! Your generosity is so appreciated!

Celebrate Summer

At the *free* annual STPC Picnic

When: Saturday, August 16, 8:30am to 3:30pm, rain or shine.

Where: Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie

Reservations? None needed. This event is for STPC members and spouse or friend only.

Cost? Zero! Your club is paying the reservation fee, and supplying tennis balls, H₂O, charcoal, plates & utensils.



Eat at noon. Bring your own beverages and a dish to share.

What's to do? We'll have tennis, volleyball, and cards.

Get this on your calendar and come for a fun day! Questions, call Marv Schneider 952-975-1895.

Directions: from I494 in Eden Prairie, go west about 3 miles on Hwy 5. Turn right on Eden Prairie Rd (Hwy 4) for about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Valley View Rd. Park is on your left with several large parking lots.

Save the earth—less plastic

By Dorothy Rossing

As good citizens we are all encouraged to do our small part to protect the environment. One way of helping is to refrain from buying bottled water. The bottle is made from petroleum and can be recycled but rarely is. Better to prevent the waste in the first place. There is a cost factor also. The Star Tribune ran an article that 14 restaurants have pledged to refrain from selling bottled water to their customers, but will offer

tap water instead. A Minneapolis resident can refill a bottle 2850 times from the tap for the price of a 79 cent bottle of water. Transportation of the bottles also wastes energy compared to the ease of opening the water tap and this too can be avoided. The Board of STPC has decided to discontinue offering bottled water at sponsored events like parties, the Dow tournament and the picnic. Most tennis players bring water with them when they play, and water fountains are readily available at all the venues. We encourage using refillable bottles.

Players pool

Players pool is where you can find STPC tennis players wanting to play tennis over and above the programs STPC supports. To get into the pool, all you have to do is call Tom Waki at 612-388-7879 or email him at

tamisan2@comcast.net. Give him your name along with information such as your skill level, singles, doubles, morning, afternoon, evening, outdoor, indoor, club membership, etc. Tom will provide you with a list of people in the pool.

Tennis Events

By Bob Busch

Dow Tournament

Over 100 senior players participated in this annual STPC doubles tournament. Many excellent matches were enjoyed by the gallery of fans in attendance. Thanks to Jean Murdock and Ken Landro, tournament co-chairs, and their supportive committee for another fine tournament.

Bolger Clinic

This annual event is scheduled for June 2 under the direction of Ronnae Wagner at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center. Roger Boyer and teaching assistants will provide an excellent opportunity for STPC members to improve their skills. In recent years this clinic and lunch have sold out.

Grandparent / Grandchild

Harlan Sween, tournament director, has scheduled this event for Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 A.M. to noon at the Valley View courts in Bloomington. Be sure to start hitting the ball with your grandchild and register for this fun event. This will be the 14th annual Round Robin Tournament.

Senior Men's Clay Tournament

InnerCity Tennis is again sponsoring this USTA Northern Sectional tournament at Bearpath Country Club. Bearpath is hosting this 7th consecutive tournament as a benefit for the InnerCity Tennis

Foundation. A portion of the entry fee and all donations are considered to be tax deductible. Play begins on Saturday, August 9 and will be completed by Friday, August 15. Please complete the application included in this newsletter.

Other Local Tournaments

Start Date	Location	Tournament
June 20	U of M Baseline Tennis Center	USTA Northern Sectional Hard Court
June 27	Golden Valley Country Club	USTA Minnesota State Clay

Nash Wins Again

David Nash, a highly ranked local senior player, won both singles and doubles titles in St. Petersburg, Florida in March. Nash defeated Robert Litwin in the singles final and teamed with Neely defeated Kirk and Thomson.

High School Tennis

Two of the top Class 2A teams met in mid-May. Mounds View defeated number 1 ranked Edina 4-3. The deciding point was won at number 3 doubles. Look forward to an exciting state high school tournament in early June when these two teams could meet again. As of mid-May Mounds View in Class 2A and Blake in Class 1A are ranked number 1.

Tennis captain's guidelines

- A. Team captains' knowledge and skill in dealing with people are the keys to the success of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. activities.
- B. The STPC board hosts an annual "thank you" meal for captains.
- C. Some successful STPC captains have implemented practices similar to the following (for indoor and outdoor play):
 1. Start the group on time, break at agreed upon time, and end on time.
 2. Arrive early so that you can check the courts before play starts.
 3. Check courts after play is complete to be sure courts are left as they were when you arrived.
 4. Divide players up for play. There are several commonly used ways to do this. Some methods that are used are charts; random numbers; by

ability (skill) level; at each period of play winners move in one direction and losers move the other direction; playing cards.

5. Leave the courts at the proper time.
6. In case of difficult people, section 9.5 of the STPC bylaws may provide some help. The wording of section 9.5 follows: "in all activities of the club, including tennis play, tournaments, drills, parties, social events and club meetings of every kind, members shall conduct themselves in accordance with customary standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, decency, decorum and tennis etiquette and shall abide by the bylaws and policies of the club, rules of other clubs and facilities used by the club, rules, regulations and codes governing tennis play of the USTA and other tennis organizations, and all applicable

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local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations. The board shall have the right to investigate, hear, and rule on alleged violations of such standards and shall have the power to impose appropriate discipline on violators including but not limited to censure, warnings, withdrawal of privileges of membership or conditional or unconditional revocation of club membership.”

7. Ask all players if they are a current STPC member. Check current roster and if not listed in roster, latest copies of *Senior Tennis Times*. Also, a current list of members is on our website—click Membership. Inform them that participation in STPC programs requires that all players be current members. Provide non-member with telephone number to call to get information about joining STPC.
 8. Check that the *Senior Tennis Times* newsletter contains correct information about your group. Contact schedule coordinator if entries are not correct.
- D. Some successful captains have implemented practices similar to the following (for indoor play):
1. Invite regular players to play according to criteria specified. Examples of criteria follow: men only, women only, mixed, rating or level of play expected.
 2. Compile substitute list for regular players to call for a substitute.
 3. Alert regular players about the date play will start and the date it will end. Also the cost per play time.
 4. Provide regular players with a telephone list of regular players and substitutes.
 5. Do everything possible to avoid no-shows by regular players or substitutes.
 6. Suggest methods of selecting substitutes, especially new players. Substitute is responsible for contacting regular players regarding reimbursement of playing fee.
- E. Some successful captains have implemented practices similar to the following (for outdoor play):
1. Have all players sign in.
 2. If weather gets bad get players off courts.
- F. Working with the indoor facility where play occurs:
1. Confirm time and day of play each year with

facility coordinator and inform the STPC schedule coordinator for the *Senior Tennis Times*. Call St. Paul or Minneapolis schedule coordinator for current information.

2. Confirm the dates play will start and end.
 3. Confirm the cost per regular player.
 4. Alert proper contact person regarding problems relating to facility.
 5. Thank contact person for allowing our group to use their facility.
 6. Ask contact person if there are any concerns the captain should know about.
- G. Tennis balls:
1. Good balls to use on the type of courts we use: check with assistant director of training or one of the instructors.
 2. Purchase balls for your group (for indoor play) if that is the wish of your group and is acceptable to you.
 3. Tennis balls purchased for club use are not subject to Minnesota sales tax—contact a board member for more information.
 4. Number of times to use new tennis balls is usually no more than twice.
- H. How to improve the tennis player's experience:
1. Greet new walk-on players—ask them to return.
 2. Come early to courts; check that courts are clear and ready for playing.
 3. Have regular indoor players select their own substitute and communicate this to you. This is a major concern because indoor players do not like it when all courts do not have four players.
 4. For outdoor play, captain can bring wrench and measuring tape so that net can be adjusted if not set at proper height.
 5. For outdoor play captain could bring a broom and/or squeegee for use in getting courts ready for play.
 6. Encourage players to bring drinking water for themselves.
 7. Let players know you are the captain—they like the feeling that you are in control and know what you are doing.
 8. For indoor substitutes tell them the cost to play and where to check in. Also ask them to be early.

USTA Northern Men's Senior Clay Court Championships

A Benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation

What: An event sanctioned by the USTA.

Where: Bearpath Country Club, 18100 Bearpath Trail (off Dell Road), Eden Prairie.

When: Saturday, August 9, 2008 through Friday, August 15, 2008.

(Weekday matches will start at noon, and when possible, all matches in the 50, 55 and 60 age groups will be scheduled after 4:00 p.m.)

Who: All men 50 and above with divisions at 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85.

How much: \$45 for singles and \$80 for a doubles team payable to InnerCity Tennis.

Additional contributions to help InnerCity Tennis are greatly appreciated!



REGISTRATION FORM

- Entries must be received by Monday August 4, 2008.
- Draws and match times will be posted on USTA's Tennis Link for the tournament ID# 555111708 by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008.

____ Men's 50 Singles	____ Men's 50 Doubles
____ Men's 55 Singles	____ Men's 55 Doubles
____ Men's 60 Singles	____ Men's 60 Doubles
____ Men's 65 Singles	____ Men's 65 Doubles
____ Men's 70 Singles	____ Men's 70 Doubles
____ Men's 75 Singles	____ Men's 75 Doubles
____ Men's 80 Singles	____ Men's 80 Doubles
____ Men's 85 Singles	____ Men's 85 Doubles

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ USTA Number _____

My Doubles partner is: _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ USTA Number _____

Waiver: I, hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the InnerCity Tennis Foundation, the USTA, and Bearpath Country Club, and/or their respective agents, representatives, successors and assignees for any participation in this event.

Signature(s) Required:

____ Date _____

____ Date _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

1. Register and pay online with USTA's Tennis Link access to the tournament at www.northern.usta.com. The tournament ID # is 555111708.

2. Complete the form and mail with payment to:

ICT Clay Court Tourney
5229 Duggan Plaza
Edina, MN 55439

Format:

Best two out of three sets will be played with regular scoring. There will be a first match consolation bracket unless division play is a round robin. A 12-point tiebreaker will be used at 6 games all in each set. The 15-minute default rule will be strictly followed. Scores must be reported immediately after each match.

Gift and Awards:

Your entry fee includes certificates redeemable at Bearpath Country Club and a gift from InnerCity Tennis. Prizes will also be awarded to finalists in all divisions.

Restrictions:

All entrants must be USTA members.

To enroll call: 1-800-990-8782. Please contact Tournament Director Bob Busch with any questions at 952-941-1204.



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

●● St. Paul Area ●●

For corrections or changes for St. Paul and suburbs call the Area Director:
Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net

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	3.0	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	4:00-6:00 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	9:00-11:00 am May & Sept	6	3.0-3.5	Loren Miller	715-381-3524
	Wed				Walt Lewis	651-735-8287
	Fri	8:00-10:00 am June-Aug			Darlene Moynagh	651-436-8927
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 After May, ask Shirley for time	7	3.0-3.5	Shirley Kresko	651-399-9431

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●● MINNEAPOLIS AREA ●●

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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
					Ray Ranallo	612-827-8066
Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	6	2.5 – 3.5	Aldean Cummings	952-474-1731
					Lou Ann Scherer	612-384-9942
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 and 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 185th 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		
	Tue	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Wed	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Lester Drankwalter	952-432-7218
	Thu	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Fri	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
Donaldson Park 75 th and Humboldt Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0	Margret and Willie Prawdzik	612-869-1989
Dred Scott Park West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	Open	Captain needed	
Eden Prairie Middle School, Technology Drive and Wallace Rd	Sat Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	7	3.0+	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
	Sun	6:30-7:30 pm	8	All. Singles	Kate Tucker	612-810-6694
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 first.	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 thru 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 Fri	9:00-10:30 am	2	3.0+ W	Ann Listug	952-890-9643
Parkers Lake Cty Rd 6 7 Niagara Lane Plymouth	Mon thru Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5 – 3.5	Ed Fischer	763-550-9770

Utley Park , Wooddale & 50 th St, Edina	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Marty Plitnick	612-247-7412
Valley View Park 90 th St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington	Mon thru Fri	7:00-9:30 am	4	3.0+ MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073
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. Call Jane Tischbein or Al Simcoe.	Wed	9:00 am	6	2.5-3.5 W	Al Simcoe	763-315-0647
					Jane Tischbein	952-938-9348
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(Tennis captain's guidelines—continued from page 10)

9. If regular indoor player or a substitute does not show, be sure to contact them and find out what happened. Let them know that you and the other players do not appreciate it when a regular or substitute does not show or is late.
10. Keep an eye out for other players that could replace you at some future date or that could be captain when you are not able to attend.
11. If possible have cell phone available for use in case of events such as an emergency, and calling no-shows.
12. For new players, you may want to make it a point to play tennis with them. You can help them feel more comfortable with the group, help them learn how to play better, encourage them to return, encourage them to take free tennis lessons through STPC, etc.
13. For outdoor play, you should try to not have players playing for an extended period of time with two or three players on a court. These people should be allowed to join a group of four players during some of their play time.
14. Bring an extra tennis racket in case a player breaks their racket or strings.
15. Bring tennis balls in case players forget to bring

tennis balls.

16. Handy tools for a captain include a USTA rule book, whistle, etc.
 17. Bring extra copies of regular and substitute players list in case regular player or substitute needs a copy.
 18. On handout with regular and substitute players listed you may want to indicate when substitutes plan to travel, if they can be called on short notice, email address, etc.
- I. How captains can get help:
1. Regarding rules, call assistant STPC training director.
 2. Regarding player behavior, unpaid dues, or other program issues, call one of the STPC officers listed in the current issue of *Senior Tennis Times*. If a player wants to voice a complaint regarding another player, the complaint needs to be written down with specifics of the incident (day, time, location, person or persons involved, etc.) It should then be sent to the STPC president.

We celebrated among the flowers!

By Shirley Pratt, captain

This year our tennis group of 10 women who play a good competitive game Wednesdays 10:30-12:00 celebrated the end of the indoor season two weeks early at Bachman's Lyndale Store, among the flowers, with a delicious lunch and good camaraderie.

We have two courts at Reed/Sweatt and we have four players who rotate weeks. We'd like to thank the subs who have been willing to play when needed. Our sub list has been long and that has been a great help even with our very faithful regular players. Rita has been a wonderful co-captain, kudos to her! Thanks also to the staff at Reed-Sweatt!



Players left to right: Rita Welch, Jane Hawkins, Shirley Pratt, Aida Taniguchi, Susan Willis, Carolyn Eklin, Ann Thompson and Marge Melby. Not shown are Marilyn Anderson, Peggy Swanson and Julie Richmond, who was a long-term sub for Mary Fabry.