



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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Pershing courts opened

Support The Courts dedicated the four new courts at Pershing Park (Chowen Ave S & 48th St) for all tennis players and especially the kids. This is their fourth project; the others are Kenwood, Webber, and Powderhorn parks. The courts are already being used by InnerCity Tennis, and will be home courts for Southwest, Edison and South high schools. Ellen Doll, president of Support The Courts, recognized the many people who contributed money and time to the \$900,000 project. Among those generous folks was Ron Cornwell, shown cutting the



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Help Wanted!!

By Bruce Abrahamson

Your club needs your help and it needs it now. Recently it has come to my attention that several of our captains have retired and no one has stepped forward to take their turn. The last couple of years I have been a club officer and board member. Through this experience I've learned that having enough good captains is essential to our club's future success. In elementary school we all learned it is important to take turns. Is it time you took your turn as captain? If our club is going to continue to be successful we must all give more than the \$25 dues each year. Please take your turn; it will be greatly appreciated by your fellow club members. Also, please remember to take time to thank your captains for the important role they play.

Tennis Events

By Bob Busch

Senior Men's Clay Tourney

Don't delay!! Register today on the form included in this newsletter (page 8). All entries must be received by Monday, August 4.

For the 7th consecutive year this tournament will be held at Bearpath Country Club in Eden Prairie. Play begins on Saturday August 9th and will be completed by Friday, August 15th. See the enclosed registration form for further details or call 952-941-1204 with questions.

A portion of the entry fee is a deductible contribution to the InnerCity Tennis Foundation. ICT programs serve over 5,000 youth annually.

Wimbledon

Rafael Nadal ended Roger Federer's five year winning streak at Wimbledon in an all-time classic match lasting almost five hours. Score 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7. No one had beaten the 26-year-old Federer at Wimbledon or on grass since 2002. Federer recorded 65 consecutive victories on grass.

Nadal, the 22-year-old Spaniard, became the first man to complete the French Open / Wimbledon double since Bjorn Borg in 1980.

Federer has been ranked #1 for 231 weeks. But he has won only one minor tournament during the 2008 season. He lost to Andy Roddick, Mardy Fish, Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Radek Stepanek. Federer won only four games in losing the French Open final against Nadal.

Williams Win

Sister Venus topped Serena 7-5, 6-4 in the Wimbledon

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Upcoming Events

Men's Senior Clay Court Championships

August 9, 2008—Signup on page 8

Annual Senior Tennis picnic

August 16, 2008—details on page 6

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inside!**

**Captains! Please report any
changes.**

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can be made by writing Senior Tennis Players Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343 or email to Ronnae Wagner: howard5326@aol.com

Membership total: 1419

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Letters to the Editor are wanted!

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

No letters this month!

So your editor will use this space to clear his mind of a few troubling thoughts.



Benefit of the doubt: Yes, you've heard it before, but we still hear partners say things like "Maybe it was out. What do you think?" Or "I'm not sure. Let's play a let." From The Code: "6. Opponent gets benefit of doubt. When a match is played without officials, the players are responsible for making decisions, particularly for line calls. 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. 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."

Courtesy: we must always maintain the highest level of courtesy to our partners and opponents. Examples:

- Do not criticize your partner, even "constructively," unless you are very good friends. Doing so usually results in poorer, not better, play.
- Do not question opponents calls. Although The Code permits a polite "Are you sure of your call?", it is better not to do so.
- And **never** taunt opponents!

To review The Code, visit the Links page of our website.

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

Two wonderful members of our great club are former President, **Dick Lidstone**, and his wife **Ginny Owens Lidstone**. Ginny was one of our finest USPTA teaching pros. They spend their winters in Florida, and their summers in the Park

Rapids area. Ginny has continued teaching, until recent arthritis slowed her down, hopefully just for a short time. Possibly a good doctor can help her get back on court. Good luck to you Ginny, you were one of our finest and most respected teaching pros, as well as your neat husband, Dick Lidstone, having been one of our most popular and respected Presidents. It was my honor to play my Saxophone at their wedding some years ago. Good luck and health, Ginny and Dick, and

before summer has left us, remember, my wife Dee and I have a luncheon date with you two.

By now, The **French** and **Wimbledon Tournaments** are a thing of the past, and we have been exposed to the highest quality of tournament tennis, with more to come. There's so much to watch and learn from televised tennis—every phase of tennis is there for you. Watch these tournaments, even write down questions for your teaching pro to answer. Yes, let your pros “earn their keep”. We should be able to answer most all questions concerning tennis

Have you noticed the many, many, new color combinations on the new racquets? Whatever, please keep **fresh strings** in your racquet. Do that, and you'll do fine against your opponents—who are players at your level. Meanwhile, **no foot faults!**

Percy

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ribbon. Others from left are Bob Fine, Minneapolis parks commissioner; Jeffrey Williams, Southwest HS player and Ron Cornwell's grandson; and an enthusiastic tennis kid.

Support The Courts still needs to raise \$37,000 to finish paying the contractor. After that, if funds are available, more courts will be done. Senior Tennis has

contributed \$1,000. The Board urges member to make individual contributions to Support The Courts, 1955 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55405. You can visit their website supportthecourts.net. Questions? Call Ellen Doll 612-377-1789 or email edoll10075@aol.com.



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 schedule drills with an STPC pro.

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.

Reed-Sweatt, Tuesdays 3.5 men

We are a group of four men who are searching for two men (rated 3.5) to play from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Tuesdays. We rotate to play four out of every six weeks. Call Bill Sampson at 763-566-4085 if you have an interest in joining us. If I am not available, as I am sometimes difficult to catch, call Ken Anderson at 651-762-4727 for details and to discuss the arrangement.

●● 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
3M Tartan Park 20th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo. Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to end of road.	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 Thu	\$8.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844 Call for reservation.

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

Reed-Sweatt additional courts available!

RSFTC has made additional courts available for Senior Tennis play. If interested, contact Mike Vidmar at 612-825-6844. Here are the available courts:

- Tuesday, 1:30-3:00, 2 or 3 courts
- Wednesday 9:00-10:30 AM, 3 courts
- Thursday noon-3:00 PM, 2 courts

These available courts are also listed in the fall/winter schedule printed in this newsletter.

Reed-Sweatt mid-day singles leagues

This is a new program. RSFTC has many singles leagues, but these are the first in the middle of the day. Players will be placed in a league based upon their rating. Leagues start September 11 or 18. For details, stop by Reed-Sweatt or go to www.rsftctennis.com.

League	Day	Time	N.T.R.
Women	Thursday	12:15-2:00	2.5, 3.0
Men	Thursday	12:15-2:00	2.5, 3.0, 3.5

In Memory...



Leonard Christensen

Christensen, Leonard Wilbur. Age 86, passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 2008. Proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Preceded in death by his parents, Eaner (Popsie) and Martha, and brother, Walter. Survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary; children, Jeff (LeAnne), Toby (Doug) Jensen and Jill (Mark) Winger; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

From Marv Schneider: "I only knew Len Christensen for the last few years, but he was a great friend and

an avid tennis player. He moved here a few years ago after many years in Arizona and his BRR auto license plate told us what he thought of Minnesota weather. He told me that since he was retired, sometimes when he got up in the morning, he would have nothing to do all day, and by the end of the day, he would only have it half done. But his tennis was very well done; while at age 86, his feet did not move as fast anymore, he still hit some fantastic tennis shots. He always liked to play with the **heavy hitters** at Dred Scot. And although he was generally not an early riser, he was always on time for my 7:00 AM Wednesday morning tennis ladder at Lifetime (Flagship) in Eden Prairie. He was wonderful proof that tennis is a sport for all ages. He will certainly be missed by many members of the Senior Tennis Players Club."

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singles final and the Williams sisters won their 7th doubles title three-and-a-half hours later, beating Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-2, 6-2.

It has been 5 years since the U.S.-born Williams sisters played in a Grand Slam final against each other. The victory gave Venus her fifth singles title and left Serena with two titles.

David Wheaton

Wheaton of Minnetonka played over-35 doubles at Wimbledon for the first time in two years. He was a member of a doubles team that won the championship in 2004 and was a finalist in 2005 and 2006.

Henin Retires On Top

Justine Henin shocked the tennis world by announcing her retirement from professional tennis shortly before the French Open in May. The Belgian tennis star previously won the past three French Open titles and four overall and continued to be ranked #1 by the Women's Tennis Association. The 25-year-old Henin became the first woman to quit the sport while ranked #1. Her retirement came a day after golf great Annika Sorenstam announced her retirement at the end of the golf season.

Wimbledon was the only Grand Slam title that eluded Henin, although she was a finalist in 2001 and 2006. She won the Australian Open in 2004 and the US Open in 2003 and 2007.

Boys' High School Tournament

St. Paul Academy defeated Rochester Lourdes 6-1 to

win the Class 1A State Title. Edina, a team that lost to Mounds View a few weeks earlier, defeated the #1 seed Mounds View 5-2 in the final of Class 2A.

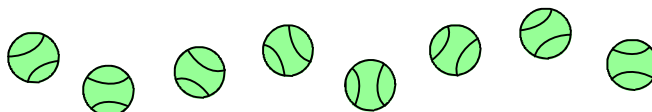
Michael Sicora, a senior from Buffalo, defeated Class 2A singles champion Wyatt McCoy of Mounds View in individual singles semi-final play. McCoy, as an 8th grader, defeated Sicora in the 2007 State Tournament Individual play. Sicora went on to win the 2008 final with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Paul Swanson of Blaine.

It was very satisfying for InnerCity Tennis and Urban Tennis volunteers to see former participants of the city programs compete at a very high level of play in the State High School Tennis Tournament. It is estimated that five or six participants of these inner city programs competed at the state tournament level in 2008.

Local Player Recognition

NCAA Division III recently recognized Andy Bryan as Senior Tennis Player of the Year. Bryan, an Edina High School graduate, recently completed his senior year at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Whitney Taney, another Edina graduate, has been named to the All Big Ten Conference team. Taney, who won a number of state tennis championships, is a freshman at the University of Michigan.



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.

2008 Bolger Clinic

By Rosalyn Bernstein

The 2008 Bolger Clinic was held on June 2, 2008 with a slightly changed format from previous years. This clinic was devoted to several different types of tennis drills and the playing sessions were discontinued. Seventy-five STPC members and guests signed up for the Clinic and these participants rotated between the different drills.

Court 1 was designated as the Clinic Court where Bolger participants formed teams and earned points for winning shots against the opposing teams. Roger Boyer and Duncan Welty along with well-qualified pro helpers directed the teams.

The rest of the courts were devoted to other types of tennis drills and were led by Roger Boyer's competent staff of tennis pros: Mike Vidmar, Brody McCoy, Abdul Idi, Doug Matuska, Dilcia Pederson, Spencer

Jones, Paul Vang, Nancy Akpan and Chris Babekuhl.

As in the past, the Clinic included lunch at the end of the drills, which was well-received by the energy-depleted Bolger attendees.

InnerCity Tennis staff was in charge of the entire clinic and lunch. The Senior Tennis Players Club as represented by Ronnae Wagner, Rosalyn Bernstein and Marv Schneider was responsible for the registration of players and collection of the fees, setting out the food, helping with the set-up of the facilities and clean-up.

Many favorable comments were received about the drills and lunch and Bolger participants appeared to be well satisfied with the clinic whose success was due to Roger Boyer and his staff. Where else could a tennis player get almost three hours of instruction and advice from a tennis pro, not to mention a delicious lunch for a very low fee? The Clinic, staffed by InnerCity Tennis pros, can accommodate up to 96 participants, so be sure to reserve a day early next June for the 2009 Clinic.

Kids & seniors tennis chaos

By Felix Perry

Every year in late Spring, Mrs. Joanne Cosgrove (daughter of Barbara & Felix Perry) has a tennis event with her Richfield Centennial Grade School second-grade class. Typically, for Centennial, the class demographics are 85 percent minority kids. The "senior tennis athletes" that coached the kids are listed below the photograph. When Willie interrogated the group, all seven-year-olds, most raised their hands to indicate that they had never touched a tennis racket before. The class was divided, evenly, into groups and assigned to a senior on a rotating basis for training on a specific tennis technique. When Willie demonstrated how to volley at the net, Felix listened and then won a point in a match the next day using the technique. When tennis balls began flying in all

directions, Willie, who is notable for his Teutonic sense of discipline, was dismayed at the difficulty of organizing hyper-active seven-year-old kids. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the event...as compared to sitting in a school room on a nice day.



Coaching Seniors (L to R): Herman Swanson, Willie Prawdzik, Florence Halverson, Barbara Perry, Margret Prawdzik, and teacher Joanne Cosgrove. (Not shown: cameraman Felix Perry.)

Virginia, MN tennis

By David Sommer

Louise Halverson and I played in this beautiful new 4-court facility. Former STPC member George Erickson devoted many hours and \$\$\$ to this project. Check out the website www.quadcitytennisforall.com.



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.



Prawdzik (Donaldson) courts

By Ann Barten

Remember how wet the month of May was? Well, thanks to the hard work of their co-captains, Willie and Margret Prawdzik, the players at Donaldson Park have not missed a day since outdoor play started. They not

only keep the rain away during play, but also keep the courts in excellent condition by rolling them dry and sweeping up the debris. Willie fills the cracks to prevent further deterioration. They even provide chairs for the comfort of the players and a clock with thermometer. Now everyone knows when it is time to stop play and enjoy congenial conversations over breakfast.



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.

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

Sale/rent, spacious Carefree AZ twnhse 2BR, 2½BA, dbl gar, furnished, pool, spa, free tennis 651-631-1044.

For sale: Lovely 1BR, 1BA Richfield Condo. Near nature center. Screen balcny. Security. Barb 952-884-2677

For sale: 2004 Kia Amanti sedan. 48000 miles. Beige w/black leather interior. \$9500. Roy 952/922-8587.

Garden handyman help in Bloomington and surrounding areas. Contact Lee Peterson 952-835-4253.

Fall/winter schedule 2008-2009

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

Want to find a place to play? Here's what you do:

- Locate one or more locations, times, and skill level that you'd like.
- Call the captains responsible and ask if they have any regular or sub positions available.
- If this doesn't accomplish what you want, call Facility Coordinators for places you'd like to play. They may be able to help you get a new group together. If no Facility Coordinator shown, call the Area Director.

●● ST. PAUL AREA ●●

Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates

**For corrections 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
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul Facility Coordinator Jack Wallin 651-457-2266	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Krueg Krueger	651-917-3551
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Krueg Krueger	651-917-3551
White Bear Lifetime Fitness 4800 White Bear Avenue White Bear Lake Facility Coordinator David Howard 952-525-2252	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252
	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	2.5-3.5 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury Facility Coordinator: Darlene Moynagh 651-436-8927	Mon	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0+ MW	Ken Simmons	651-436-8857
	Tue	1:30-3:30 PM	2	3.5 MW	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Wed	11:00-1:00 PM	2	3.0+ MW	Connie Alt	651-450-4580
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Deane Rechow	651-738-6593
	Thu	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Earl Hall	651-731-5127
	Fri	12:00-2:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.0 + MW	Marlys Howells Ken Simmons	651-739-6132 651-436-8857

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●● MINNEAPOLIS AREA ●●

Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates

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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis 612-625-1433 Facility coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075	Mon	10:00-12:00	3	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
	Wed	10:00-12:00	3	3.5+	Lee Smelzer	952-303-5107
					Rich Naistat	952-929-3235
		10:30-12:00	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson Catherine Robinson	612-722-7132 651-487-4189
	Thu	10:00-12:00	3	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
		10:00-11:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Brenda Zimmerman	651-645-1662

Baseline Club (continued)	Fri	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Rod Johnson	763-588-2107
Crosstown Lifetime Club 6233 Baker Rd, Eden Prairie Facility Coordinator: Susan Rosenberger 952-473-7939	Mon	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 W	Sharon Engel	763-383-0575
					Susan Rosenberger	952-473-7939
	Tue	8:00-9:30 PM	1	3.25 MW	David Houghton	612-220-6780
Daytona Club 14740 Lawndale Lane Daytona. Facility Coordinator: Donna Mueller 763-421-8436	Mon	11:30-1:30	2	2.5-3.5 MW	Lee Carlson	763-571-6862
	Tue	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	Donna Mueller	763-421-8436
	Thu	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	John Malerich	763-537-5595
Eden Prairie Lifetime Athletic 755 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie. 952-941-2000 Facility Coordinator Marv Schneider 952-975-1895	Mon	7:30-9:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Herb Bacal	952-945-3104
	Tue	7:30-9:00 AM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Rick Van Doeren	952-941-5322
	Wed	7:30-9:30 AM	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
	Fri	7:30-9:30 AM	5	3.0-3.5MW	Fred Jurewicz	952-496-1018
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis 612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator David Sommer 612-276-1313	Mon	8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
		8:00-9:30	1	3.5 W	Clare Eldredge	651-454-5501
					Marion Knox	651-454-2054
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandy Loewenstein	651-454-3699
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lund	952-929-8075
		9:30-11:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Jim Hanson	651-430-1464
		11:00-12:30 PM	3	3.5+ MW	Don Oseth	651-457-4642
	Tue	8:00-9:30	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Carrie Howes	651-406-9583
					Bernice Dougherty	651-454-1353
		8:00-9:30	1	3.5+ M	Bob Burow	651-454-8505
		9:30-11:00	1	4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094
		9:30-11:00	1	3.5-4.0 M	Frank Klein	651-686-9375
		9:30-11:30	1	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Rice	952-435-8485
		11:30-1:00	1	4.5 M	Tom Costello	952-927-9366
	Wed	8:30-10:00	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jerrice Barrett	651-457-1801
		8:30-10:00	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
		10:00-11:30	2	3.5 MW	Rosemary Rockwell	952-831-1461
		1:00-2:30	1	3.5-4.0 W	Georgia Mroska	612-724-4909
	Thu	9:00-10:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 M	Frank Klein	651-686-9375
		9:00-10:30 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandy Loewenstein	651-454-3699
		9:00-10:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Rice	952-435-8485
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.5+ MW	Roger Johanson	952-831-5507
		12:30-2:00	1	4.0 M	Dennis Barrett	651-457-1801
	Fri	8:30-10:30	2	3.0-3.5 M	Jim Hanson	651-430-1464
		9:00-10:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
		10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.5 MW	Gordy Manaige	651-429-4046
		12:00-1:30 PM	1	4.5 M	Tom Costello	952-927-9366
	Sat	9:30-11:00 AM	1	4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094

Hopkins North Junior High 10700 Cedar Lake Road Minnetonka	Sat	4:00-6:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
Lakeville Lifetime Fitness 18424 Dodd Blvd Lakeville, 952-232-1390 Facility coordinator: Lester Drankwater, 952-432-7218	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	All	Lester Drankwater	952-432-7218
		7:00-8:30 PM	2	All	Marty Alterman	952-435-6394
	Fri	8:30-10:00 AM	2	All	Mary Alterman	952-435-6394
Match Point Tennis Center 9913 214th Street W, Lakeville. Directions 612-850-4746	Tue	8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Thu	8:00-9:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Fri	8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
Oakdale Lifetime Fitness 1201 Ford Road, Minnetonka Facility Coordinator: Bill Jacobs 952-473-2084	Tue	8:00-9:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Eudice Gallop	952-595-8357
	Wed	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Bill Jacobs	952-473-2084
	Fri	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Bill Jacobs	952-473-2084
PublicIndoorTennis.com 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Facility Coordinator: Gladys Murray 651-483-2850	Mon thru Fri	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM (except see Thu below)	4	Time available – call Gladys	Gladys Murray	651-483-2850
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.5+ MW	Mike Schleeter	651-274-2011
	Thu	10:30-noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Gladys Murray	651-483-2850
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Avenue S Minneapolis 612-825-6844 Facility Coordinator Tom Waki 612-388-7879	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	3	2.5-3.0 W	Joan Petroff	952-893-9149
		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 MW	Lois Bunday	952-831-7677
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	David Kopf	612-340-0287
					Hansel Hall	612-332-2685
		11:30-1:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 M	Ken Landro	763-544-9757
					Thue Rasmussen	651-917-0075
	Tue	7:00-9:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.0 M	Don Pirner	612-377-9125
		9:00-11:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Bob Williams	763-488-9986
		10:30-12:00 PM	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Norma Johnson	612-374-2460
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Jean Murdock	612-825-5826
		1:30-3:00 PM	2-3	Any	Courts available!	Contact Mike Vidmar at RSFTC 612-825-6844
		2:00-3:30 PM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Counter Nitze	952-933-1570
					Miriam McCreary	651-454-9465
	Wed	9:00-10:30 AM	3	Any	Courts available!	Contact Mike Vidmar at RSFTC 612-825-6844
		9:30-11:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
		9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 W	Joanne Schmid	952-474-6022
					Alverda Simcoe	763-315-0657
		10:30-12:00 PM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Shirley Pratt	651-291-1493
					Rita Welch	952-926-5789

Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center (Continued)	Wed	11:30-1:30 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Larry LaLonde	612-922-1780
					Jo Rolling	651-777-3773
		11:30-1:30 PM	1	3.5 M	Bill Sampson	763-566-4085
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Jackson	763-550-1369
	Thu	7:00-9:00 AM	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		8:30-10:30	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Linda Wright	952-895-1142
					Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
		10:30-noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Corrine Lee	612-922-1333
		Noon-3:00 PM	2	Any	Courts available!	Contact Mike Vidmar at RSFTC 612-825-6844
	Fri	8:30-9:30 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Florence Halverson	952-835-5999
		9:00-10:30 AM	5	2.5-3.5 MW	Bob Hokanson	952-929-1152
					Mary Lou Bowen	612-869-9438
		9:00-11:00 AM	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0 MW	Roy Rincon	612-724-4623
					Amy Rincon	612-724-4623
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	Joel Anderson	952-881-5510
				Gerry Ludwig	763-522-9376	
	Sun	2:00-3:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Mary Kay Ulness	651-227-4667
Williston Fitness and Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka Facility Coordinator Ed Fischer 763-550-9770	Mon	10:30-12:00	2	3.0-3.5	Frank Locke	952-937-9394
					Harold Krantz	952-935-6656
		2:30-4:00 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992
					Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Tom Shillock	952-475-2199
		11:30-1:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Fred Wright	952-938-1242
	Wed	10:30-12:00	2	3.0-3.5	Frank Locke	952-937-9394
					Harold Krantz	952-935-6656
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Dwane Billbe	952-938-5016
	Thu	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Fred Wright	952-938-1242
		11:30-1:00	2	2.5-3.5 W	Jeannie Rose	763-537-2455
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992
					Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015
	Fri	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 M	Fritz Weber	763-732-1605
	98th Street Racquet and Swim 1001 West 98th Street Bloomington. Facility Coordinator: Caryl Minnetti 952-884-5136	Mon	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ken Gjerde
Wed		8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Joyce Hermann	952-890-0877
					Caryl Minnetti	952-884-5136
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Racket rules

By David Sommer

Are there any limits on the size of a tennis racket? Many players believe “whatever you can handle is OK.” Not true! The Rules of Tennis in Appendix III, The Racket, specify maximum dimensions, as shown in this table. For comparison, I give the dimensions of my racket, a typical midsize.

When did limits on racket size become part of the rules? Edward Tenner’s book When Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences sheds light on this: “By the standards of professional sports, tennis officials once were casual about equipment... well into the 1970s they left racket design and dimensions to the imagination of athletes and manufacturers... Howard Head, an engineer who made millions developing and producing laminated skis, saw that many amateur tennis players were frustrated by their inability to hit the ball consistently with conventional rackets... Head realized that the absence of official specifications created a unique opportunity.

Dimension in inches		
	Rules	Mine
Total length	29	27½
Frame width	12½	10½
Length hitting surface	15½	13¼
Width hitting surface	11½	9⅝

A patent issued in 1974 for his aluminum model (marketed as the Prince in 1976) gave him a legal monopoly on oversized rackets. The original Prince has a surface of 130 square inches, nearly twice the area of conventional models.”

Eventually the International Tennis Federation responded by limiting racket size. In 1978, the rules simply stated “The frame may be of any material, weight, size or shape.” But in 1982 a completely new statement: “The frame of the racket shall not exceed 32 inches (81.28 cm) in overall length, including the handle and 12½ inches (31.75 cm) in overall width. The strung surface shall not exceed 15½ inches (39.37 cm) in overall length, and 11½ inches (29.21 cm) in overall width.” That’s the same as current dimensions, except for total length, which was finally amended in 1997 to the current value: “For **professional** play, the frame of the racket shall not exceed 29 inches (73.66 cm) in overall length, including the handle.” Finally in 2000, that maximum length dimension applied to non-professional play as well.

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.